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Community Meetings

* African American Chamber of Commerce, Lubbock meets on the 3rd Wednesday of each month, from 12:00 - 1:00 pm at the Chatman Hill Restaurant, 512 East 23rd Street.

* Lubbock Area Client Council meets on the 2nd Saturday, 1:00 pm at the Patterson Branch Library, 1836 Parkway Drive.

* Hub City Kiwanis meets 1st & 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7 p. m., Mt. Vernon UMC, East 23rd & Cedar Avenue

* Dunbar Alumni Association meets 2nd Saturdays, 4:00 pm.

* Booker T. Washington American Legion, Post 808, meets every 2nd Tuesday at 7:30 pm, American Legion Building in Yellow-house Canyon.

* Forgotten West Riders meets on the 1st & 3rd Mondays, 7:00 pm, Patterson Branch Library.

* East Lubbock Chapter AARP meets every 1st Thursday at 1:00 pm, Mae Simmons Senior Citizens.

* Lubbock Chapter of Black Alumni meets every 3rd Tuesday, 5:30 pm, TTU Market Alumni Center.

* Dunbar Manhattan Heights Neighborhood Association meets every 1st Thursday at 7:00 pm and every 4th Thursday at 7:00 pm at the Dunbar Manhattan Heights Neighborhood Outreach Center, 1301 E. 24th Street.

* West Texas Native American Association Pot Luck Supper meets on alternating months prior to meeting, meetings held on 2nd Saturdays of each month at 7:00 pm, Educational presentations and demonstrations.

* Texas Juneteenth Cultural & Historical Commission - Lubbock Affiliate meets at Patterson Branch Library, every 3rd Thursday at 7:00 pm.

* West Texas Chapter of 100 Black Men of West Texas meets 3rd Monday evenings at 7:00 pm at Lanier Center, 2nd Floor, TTU Law Center.

* The Parkway & Cherry-Point Neighborhood Association meets the 3rd Tuesday evenings, 7:30 pm at Hunt Elementary School.

* Chatman Hill Neighborhood Association meets 2nd Thursday of every month at 6:00 pm at Iles Elementary Cafeteria.

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Estacado Matadors Will Play Cooper Pirates Tonight At Lowrey Field



The Estacado High School 2010 Matadors

The Estacado High School Matadors will play the Cooper High School Pirates tonight, Thursday, November 4, 2010, to determine who will be the 2-3A District Champions, beginning at 7:30 p. m. at Lowrey Field.

The Matadors defeated Levelland High School 63-0, bringing their record to 8-1, and 4-0 in 2-3A District play. On the other hand, the Pirates defeated Shallowater High School Mustangs last week by a score of 45-7. Their record is 7-3, and is 4-0 in 2-3A District play.

Your support would be of great significance to these young Estacado Matadors. Just to see Lowrey Field filled to capacity would mean so much for both teams. Will you be a participant for our youth?

Rapper T.I. Ordered Back To Prison For 11 More Months

ATLANTA (AP) — Federal authorities have ordered the rapper T.I. to report directly to a federal prison in Arkansas by November 1, 2010 to start serving his 11-month prison sentence.

U.S. Marshal Beverly Harvard on Tuesday ordered T.I., whose real name is Clifford Harris Jr., to report to the Forrest City low-security prison where he served parts of an earlier 10 month stint on federal weapons charges.

A federal judge in Atlanta

sentenced the rapper this month to serve another 11 months in prison for breaking his federal probation after he was arrested on September 1, 2010 in Los Angeles on drug charges.

Prosecutors in Los Angeles said Monday they will not file a felony drug charge against the rapper.

T.I. also submitted to a drug test after his arrest and tested positive for opiates, according to reports, leaving the judge little choice but to lock him back up.



Rapper T.I

Church of the Nations Recognized 20 Men Named "Men of Distinction"

A Rainbow of Color was seen Saturday evening, October 23, 2010, at the Catholic Diocese when twenty Lubbock men were placed on the "Men of Distinction" More than 400 people witnessed this event.

Prior to the presentation of the "Men of Distinction", Rev. Roy Paschal Davis, pastor and one of the honorees, delivered a dynamic message to the men who were present. Speaking to the men being honored, he said, "These men are all defiant and the champion of others. They live a principled life underpinned by a strong sense of right and wrong. I believe that they are men that have never stepped back from a challenge; to let something wrong stand unchallenged and cared enough to act - to take stand. That is why we call them Men of Distinction."

The Men of Distinction are Field Bennings, Ron Betenbough, Dr. J. Michael C Callmes, Elroy Carson, Rev. Roy Paschal Davis, Steve Doles, Darrell Ellison, Lacy Garcia, James O. Gibbs, Willie L. Griffin, Jr., Eddie Karl Harris, Supt. W. David Haynes, Rocky Moore, T. J. Patterson, Sr., Jay Bernard Reed, Robert Snell, Tom Sprawls, Eddie Tate, Woody Van Dyke, and Quincy White.

Mrs. Linda Davis, Chairperson, thanked those in attendance and all who supported this event. "We thank God for all He has done to make this another grand event," she said.

A brief biography of each of the Men of Distinction was read by presenters.



2010 TABLE EXTRAVAGANZA WINNERS: They are, from left to right: Mykala Callmes, Melinda Vargas, Kathryn Gharate, Dawn Winterrowd, and Dorsita Tate.

"We just wanted to do the best thing for these men, because they are very special to all of us," continued Mrs. Davis.

Each Men of Distinction received a glass plaque with their name on it. "It was just a small token for each of these men to remember this evening, October 23, 2010," concluded Mrs. Davis.

The presenters were Linda Williams and Maurice Williams, Louise Wilson and Sharnice Wilson, and DeeDee Williams and Leonard Jones.

The Table Winners were First Place -- Mykala Callmes; Second Place -- Melinda Vargas; Third Place -- Dorsita Tate; Fourth Place -- Dawn Winterrowd; and Fifth Place -- Kathryn Gharate.

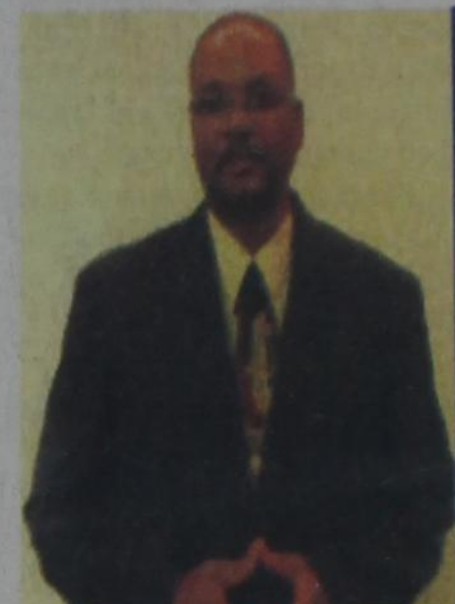
The Judges were: Margaret Randall, Garrard Cagle, and Leslie Rhodes.

The People's Choice Award



PEOPLE CHOICE AWARD WINNER: Ms. Shirley Cleveland was the proud winner, and thanks God for such an outstanding evening visiting with friends and family members at the Third Annual Table Extravaganza.

winner was Ms. Shirley Cleveland, who was very excited about receiving this award. She said: "Praise God!"



Eddie Karl Harris



Larry "Buck" Rodgers

HFWF Sponsors Conference: "Excon-Vention" Here

With more than 1,000 former incarcerated men and women released to the Northwest Texas area each month, the His Free World Fellowship (HFWF) has been organized. It is a faith base ministry formed to share the love of Christ and to help give a second chance to those formerly incarcerated and their families.

One of the hard dedicated workers, Eddie Karl Harris, says a conference will be held in Lubbock, and it will be called "Excon-Vention."

This conference will be held Saturday, November 13, 2010, from 1:00 p. m. until 5:00 p. m. at the Broadway Church of Christ, 1924 Broadway Avenue.

According to Larry "Buck" Rodgers, President and Founder, "This promises to be a fun, entertaining, and free educational conference."

"We invite those interested in learning more about prison ministries; especially those formerly incarcerated and their families, current prison ministry participants, and those interested in participating in prison-related ministries to attend," says Mr. Rodgers.

"It is our hope that we can utilize our local community by pooling together the necessary resources we have to help assist formerly incarcerated men and women," said Mr. Harris.

The "Excon-Vention" conference will have worship music, testimonies, refreshments, door prizes, speeches by local officials, and Ministry organizations.

There will be ministry booths set up to allow participants to gather additional information.

"We invite you to join us and partner with us reaching this needy group of God's people," continued Mr. Harris. We encourage prison-related ministries to come and network, and distribute your information," he continued.

"Remember HFWF exists to help the formerly incarcerated to make their transition back into society a lasting one. This vision was given to me after my experience with transition. No longer can a concern as great as this be ignored, hushed or not be addressed," says Mr. Rodgers.

"The Excon-Vention was born out of the need to bring together all the necessary resources to assist in aftercare. This conference and ministries will continue as long as there is a need," says Mr. Rodgers.

"I am greatly honored to be apart of HFWF. Under the guidance of Mr. Rodgers, and as a humble servant, my desire is to be an example as we, HFWF, visits the prisoners in whom are part of society," says Mr. Harris.

Under Mr. Buck's directions, we strive to become Kingdom Builders to men and women in which of need in transition back into society. We thank each and everyone of you, other Ministries, both individual and collectively in advance for co-laboring with us in word, prayer, and deeds, support. Excon-Vention conferences allow us to take part as a Community, being visible in society, networking together and to God be all the Glory and Honor!

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Totsey Bass 2010 Employee of the year Lubbock Regional MHMR Center



Pictured from left to right are: State Rep. Warren Chisum of Pampa, Totsey Bass, Bethel Lawson, State Rep. Joe Heflin of Crosbyton. All wished Mr. Bass the very best.

Totsey Bass Named 2010 Employee of the year Lubbock Regional MHMR Center

Bass is a two and a half years member of the Assertive Community Treatment Team at Lubbock Regional MHMR.

He is an active member of the 100 Black Men of West Texas Chapter, a national mentoring organization and has role-modeled boys through Community In Schools, National Adopt-a-School Initiative and the Boys and Girl's Club's

Passport to Manhood.

He is the "unofficial official photographer for LRMHMR". He is active at New Hope Baptist Church, and a 30 year Army veteran.

He is married to 1/Lt. Shawnda Bass and has two daughters, Samiah and LaToya. Totsey is an inspiration at our center and our community. Photo courtesy of Samiah Walker.

Photo Courtesy of Samiah Bass, daughter of Totsey Bass.



All Vietnam Veterans are invited to attend a Veteran's Day Extravaganza on Thursday evening, November 11, 2010, at Wheatley Elementary School, beginning at 7:00 p. m. in the school cafeteria.

Also, a reception will be held in the school cafeteria from 6:30 p. m. until 7:00 p. m.

Ms. Margaret Randle is principal.

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For more information please call Lisa Howe, Education Coordinator, at 806.775.3560 or 806.775.3567.

The community is invited to attend the Annual Harvest Fest at the Smith Temple Community Church, 6508 Avenue P on Sunday afternoon, November 21, 2010, beginning at 3:00 p. m.

With the theme, "A Very Present God In A Sin-Sick World," Rev. Edward Williams, pastor of the Baker Chapel A.M.E. Church of Big Spring, Texas, will be guest speaker.

"Give thanks to the Lord, for

he is good, his love endures forever." Psalm 106 NIV.

Continue to pray for those who are sick and shut-in.

Lubbock Library Schedules

The Groves Branch Library, 5520 19th Street, will host a Scrabble night on Monday, November 8 at 7 p.m. Bring a Scrabble board if you have one, or just join a game. Adults and teens welcome. For more information, please call 767-3733.

Bluebonnet Book Club at the Mahon Library

Students in grades 3 through 6 are invited to a book club based on this year's Texas Bluebonnet Award nominees at the Mahon Library, 1306 9th Street, on Tuesday, November 9 at 4 p.m. Refreshments will be served. For more information, call the library at 775-2838.

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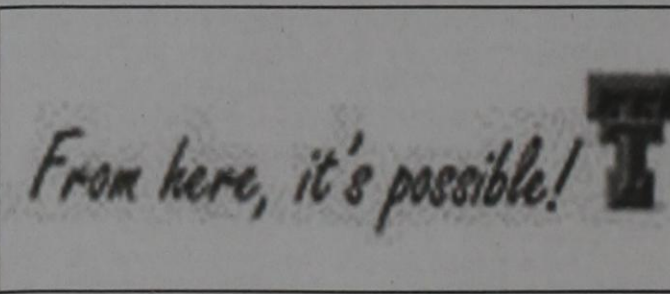
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Church News



From the Desk of Parson D.A. Smith
"Tell It Like It Is!"

We Thank God for Jesus
"THE LORD TRULY IS OUR SHEPHERD"
 Written by Evangelist Billy "B.J." Morrison, III - Your brother in Christ Jesus always.

There was an article from Satan published in the Minneapolis Star-Tribune by Lily Coyle of Minneapolis in January of this year that I thought was amusing.

The letter was from the Devil to the great evangelist Pat Robertson, in response to his comment that Haiti's persistent troubles, including the earthquake, are due to a pact the nation made with Mephistopheles (Mep-h-i-s-t-o-p-h-e-l-e-s). Mephistopheles is the chief devil in the Faust legend. Faust is a magician of German legend who enters into a compact with the devil.

The letter was actually written by Lilly Coyle who wrote in the very persona of the Evil One saying:

Dear Pat Robertson, I know that you know that all press is good press, so I appreciate the shout-out. And you make God look like a big mean bully who kicks people when they are down, so I'm all over that action. But when you say Haiti has made a pact with me, it is totally humiliating. I may be evil incar-

nate, but I'm no welcher. The way you put it, making a deal with me leaves folks desperate and impoverished.

Sure, in the afterlife, but when I strike bargains with people, they first get something here on earth—glamour, beauty, talent, wealth, fame, glory, a golden fiddle. Those Haitians have nothing, and I mean nothing. And that was before the earthquake. Haven't you seen "Crossroads"? Or "Damn Yankees"?

If I had a thing going with Haiti, there'd be lots of banks, skyscrapers, SUVs, exclusive night clubs, Botox—that kind of thing. And 80 percent poverty rate is not my style. Nothing against it—I'm just saying: Not how I roll.

You're doing great work, Pat, and I don't want to clip your wings—just, come on, you're making me look bad. And not the good kind of bad. Keep blaming God. That's working. But leave me out of it, please. Or we may need to renegotiate your own contract.

Best, Satan

How about that to a Holy-than-Thou, on the way to Heaven old white male preacher who condemns poor black Haitians who lost what they had in an earthquake not of their making which was much-to-nothing compared with Americans standard of living.

We thank Lily Coyle for exposing the hypocrisy of a lying preacher who collects money by allegedly playing holy-than-thou!

Another serious issue facing all people of West Texas is the need to be counted by the U. S. Census Bureau.

By the time you read this article you should have received a questionnaire by the U. S. Census Bureau a 10-question form for you as a United States citizen to fill out. Please fill this form out and mail it back.

Enrique Rangel of the A-J Austin Bureau noted "The federal government wants as accurate as possible population count because the data are used to apportion count because the data are used to apportion congress

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Psalm 105:1 -- O GIVE thanks unto the Lord; call upon his name: Make known his deeds among the people.

Psalm 23 -- 1, The Lord is My Shepherd, I shall not want. I have a Relationship with Him; and to want I DON'T!!!

John 10:1-4 -- Jesus said, **VERILY,** verily, I say unto you, He that enters not by the door into the sheepfold, but climbs up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber. But He that enters in by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. To him the potter opens; and the sheep hears his voice; and he calls his own sheep by name, and leads them out. And when he put forth his own sheep, he goes before then, and the sheep follow him: for they know not the voice of strangers.

HE makes me to lie down in **GREEN PASTURES.** Where He stills the **WATER; BECAUSE HE IS THE MASTER.**

Psalm 40:1-4 -- I WAITED patiently for the Lord; and he inclined unto me, and heard my cry. He brought me up also out

of an horrible pit, out of the miry clay, and set my feet upon a rock, and established my goings. And He put a new song in my mouth, even praise unto our God: many shall see it, and fear, and shall trust in the Lord. Blessed in the man that makes the Lord his trust, and respect not the proud, nor such as turn aside to lies.

HE restores My Soul, and lead me in the **RIGHT PATH. For HIS NAME SAKE: JEHOVAH-ELOHIM; WILL ALWAYS LAST.**

Isaiah 26:4 -- Trust in the Lord for ever: for in the Lord **JEHOVAH** is everlasting strength.

***** ARE YOU TRUSTING IN THE LORD; OR MR. PRESIDENT OBAMA??? *****

Yes, when I walk in the **VALLEY OF THE SHADOW OF DEATH.**

I Fear no **EVIL; BECAUSE HE CARRIES ME IN HIS CHEST!!!**

Isaiah 40:11 -- He shall feed his flock like a shepherd: he shall gather the lambs with his arm, and carry them in his

bosom, and shall gently lead those that are with young.

HIS Rod and **HIS** Staff, **THEY CONFORT ME.**

HE have prepared a **DELICACY TABLE; IN THE PERSENE OF ALL MY ENEMIES!!!**

Psalm 6:9-10 -- The Lord has heard my supplication; the Lord will receive my prayer. Let all my enemies be ashamed and sore vexed: let them return and be ashamed suddenly.

HE have Annoined **MY HEAD; WITH A SPECIAL OIL!!!**

My cup is **RUNNING OVER; I LOVE SERVING THE LORD!!!**

Psalm 91:10-11 -- There shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any plague come near your dwelling. For he shall give his angels charge over you, to keep you in all your ways.

SURELY GOODNESS AND MERCY SHALL FOLLOW ME ALL MY LIFE; I WILL DWELL IN THE HOUSE OF THE LORD; WITH JEFFOTHEL; MY

St. Matthew's Baptist Church News

It was another inspirational day of services at the St. Matthew Baptist Church, 2020 East 14th Street, last Sunday morning, October 31, 2010, where the pastor is Rev. Edward Canady.

Sunday School started at 10:00 a. m. with Sister Shirley Davis, Superintendent, in charge.

The teacher of the morning lesson was Sister Barbara S. Johnson. It was reviewed by Pastor Canady.

The subject of the morning lesson was "Filling Our Empti-

ness," with the Unifying Topic being "God's Presence Comforts And Assures." The scripture text was Psalm 63.

The lesson text included: "Thirsty For God," Psalm 63:1-5; and "Clinging To God," Psalm 63:6-11.

The main thought was Psalm 63:1, KJV.

The Sunday morning devotional was coordinated by Sister A. Jackson and Sister Barbara Johnson. Continuing in prayer was done by Sister Johnson.

When Pastor Canady entered

the song was "Because of Who You Are."

The St. Matthew Baptist Church Choir sang three selections: "While i'm On My Mission," "I'll Fly Away," and "Glory, Glory Hallelujah."

The morning sermon was delivered by Pastor Canady. His subject was "The Mission Of The Church." His scripture text was Matthew 28:19-20; and Mark 16:15-16. His key verse was Mark 16:15-16.

The song of inspiration was "Lord Remember Me."

The St. Matthew Baptist

Church Mission Ladies held their Annual program last Saturday morning, October 30, 2010, beginning with a breakfast at 8:00 a. m. The theme was "Now Should You Pray?" Guest speaker was Sister Barbara Johnson of St. Matthew Baptist Church, First Lady Baldwin of The Church of The Living God, and Sister B. Harris of St. Luke Baptist Church.

St. Matthew Baptist Church says thanks to the speakers and those who were in attendance.

The Sunday School Annual

program will be held the third Sunday, November 21, 2010, beginning at 3:00 p. m. Guest speaker will be Minister Michael Menton of Divine Love Baptist Church.

We were very happy to have as visitors to our church last week. They were Sister Carolyn Jackson, a member of the Tree of Life Church, Elder R. Caro, pastor; and the sister of Sister Barbara Johnson.

Let us not forget those who are sick and shut-in t his week. Among them include the nephew of Sister Barbara Johnson, Terrence Shelby.

Pray for the community and nation.

The weekly meetings are: Mission meets on Wednesdays, 5:00 p. m.;

held by the pastor and then the offering was taken up.

The Senior Choir song "Do You Know Him?" and "When I

Brotherhood, Wednesdays, 5:00 p. m.

Bible Study meets on Wednesdays at 6:00 p. m.

Choir Rehearsal is held on Friday evenings at 5:00 p. m.

Usher Meeting is held on Saturday mornings at 11:00 a. m.

Thought For The Week: "We are saved not by what we do, but by trusting what Christ has done."

If you are looking for a Church Home, then come and visit with us on any Sunday morning. God is able. Shall we see you in the near future?

For any information, call our First Lady, Sister Shirley Canady at 744-2445, or Sister Barbara Johnson for news information at 544-1469.

See Jesus" "Amazing Grace was sung before the sermon. Rev. Jackson preached the ser-

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Outreach Prayer Breakfast

The members of the Outreach Prayer Breakfast invite you to read t he following scriptures: II Chronicles 7:14, Genesis 18:20-33, Numbers 16:22, Hebrews 10:22 and Isaiah 3:9.

Chronicles 7:14 -- In chapter 8, Solomon asked god to make provisions for the people when they sinned. God answered with four conditions for forgiveness.

They were: (1) humble yourself by admitting your sins, (2) pray to God, asking for forgiveness; (3) search for God continually, and (4) turn from sinful habits.

True repentance is more than talk. It is changed behavior whether we sin individually, as a group or as a nation, following those steps will lead to forgiveness.

Did Abraham change God's mind? Of course not. Our prayers may not change God's mind, but they may change ours. Just as Abraham's prayer changed his. Prayer is the means through which we can better comprehend the mind of God.

God knew there were not ten righteous people in the city, but he was merciful enough to allow Abraham to intercede. He was also merciful enough to help. Let's get out of Sodom before it is destroyed. God does not take pleasure in destroying the wicked, but h e must punish sin. He is both just and merciful. We must be thankful that God's mercy extends to us. God gave a fair test to the men of Sodom. He was not ignorant of all the wicked things going on, but in his fairness and long suffering gave the people of Sodom one last chance to turn to him, God

is still waiting with the hope all people will turn to him. The wise will t urn to him before his patience wears out. Repent, Repent, Repent today! If he checks Lubbock today, could He find ten **RIGHTEOUS PEOPLE???** Think about it!

God Bless all of you for reading this article.

Thought for the Week: "We cannot pray for nobody until we love everybody." Think about it!

Keep smiling and loving all men and women and you will make a difference. Do your drive by prayers on your way to work, before you leave home, on your way to your job, in your child's room. Anoint that weird sounding music, do a spiritual ritual check of their room while praying.

Our young people really need us today. There is so much distractions in this world, and only God can help us overcome what is hindering us. Most of all, let these precious young people now how much we love them.

Let them know that they can't do it by themselves, because they need the Lord. As long as He is with us, things will

be alright!

It's just a blessing to know who is in control.

Love all of you out there! Sister Dorothy Hood, president; Sister Christene Burleson,

New Light Baptist Church News

On Sunday morning, October 31, 2010, church services got started at New Light Baptist Church, 3013 Idalou Road, where Rev. Kenneth O. Jackson is the pastor.

Church School started at 9:45 a.m. with Rev. Henry Edom teaching the lesson entitled: "Fulfilling The Empitness" Breakfast was served afterwards.

Morning Worship started at 11:00 a.m. with the devoted praise team leading the way.

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For additional information, call either Rodgers at (806) 632-5398; Glenn Lowrance, Vice President, (806) 577-6889; Ted Zobec k, SAM President, (806) 928-8345 or Mr. Harris at (806) 559-9464.

vice president; and Sister Elnora Jones, teacher.

May God continue to bless each of you and your family. He is able!

Rev. L. C. Lee led the pulpit devotion. The Senior Choir marched in the choir stand singing "O I Want To See Him" The responsive reading came from Psalm 19:1-14 and was read by Rev. Lee. The altar call was led by Rev. Jackson with the choir singing "Where He Leads Me."

Sister Rochelete Hood read all the morning announcements and told of all the upcoming events that will be taking place. There was the pastoral period

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Funeral services were held for LaTorsha Hawthorne Saturday afternoon, October 23, 2010 at New Hope Baptist Church with Rev. B. R. Moton, pastor, officiating.

Interment followed at City of Lubbock Cemetery under the direction of Griffin Mortuary & Funeral Home of Lubbock.

Hawthorne, 50, of Lubbock passed away Monday, October 18, 2010 at her residence. She was born July 7, 1960 in Lubbock to James and Ira Joyce Hawthorne.

She attended her first years of elementary school in Mt. Calm, Texas, and later moved to Lubbock and finished her education. She received her Medical Technician License from American Commercial College and later received her cosmetology license. She was employed at Hillcrest Country Club for eight years until her health failed.

She was preceded in death by her parents, James and Ira Joyce Hawthorne; one daughter,



Kecia; and one son, Steven Hawthorne.

She is survived by her son, Stevie; one daughter, Anna Joyce; stepmother, Louella Young Hawthorne; 12 sisters, Carla Fields, Tammie, Kimberly, Andrea, Loretta, Charlie Mae, Dee Ann, Felita, Savoyne, Tonya, Donesha and Alicia; three brothers, James, Bryant and Derrick Hawthorne; 18 grandchildren; one great-grandchild; longtime friend, Sandra Quigley; and a host of other relatives and friends.

Lee Lockett

Funeral services were held for Lee Lockett on Tuesday morning, October 26, 2010 in Griffin Mortuary Chapel.

Interment followed at Peaceful Garden Memorial Park under the direction of Griffin Mortuary & Funeral Home of Lubbock.

Lockett, 61, of Lubbock passed away Monday, October 18, 2010.

He was born September 22, 1949 to Julius Tipton and Mozell Jackson in Lubbock. He graduated from Dunbar High School in 1968.

He leaves to cherish his memory five children, Todd Linzey, Tasha Linzey Jackson, Mark



Stoglin, Brad Battle and Alma Lockett; one son-in-law, Adolph Jackson; 12 grandchildren; and a host of other relatives and friends.

Mrs. L.V. Jackson

Funeral services were held for Mrs. L. V. Jackson on Tuesday morning, October 26, 2010 at Camino del Sol Memorial Center, Oxnard, Calif.

Interment followed at Ivy Lawn Memorial Park, Ventura, Calif. under the direction of Griffin Mortuary & Funeral Home of Lubbock.

Jackson, 82, of Lubbock passed away Saturday, October 9, 2010.

She was born November 27, 1927 in Lucy, Tennessee. She moved to Memphis, Tenn. where she met and married Leon T. Jackson, Sr. who preceded her in death on December 20, 1982. She moved to Lubbock six months ago, where she lived with her oldest daughter, Dorothy, until her death.

She was preceded in death by her parents; one aunt, Mrs. Savannah; one grandson, Roderick Jackson; and one sister, Marcelle Currie.

She leaves to cherish her memory, Dorothy Jackson and James Driver of Lubbock; DeLois Anderson, Savan and Tommy English all of



Cartersville, Ga.; Leslie and Craig Breland of Wiggins, Miss.; Debra and Vance Riley of Okinawa, Japan; Wanda and Andre Moore of Belleville, Ill.; Leon Jr. and Lisa Jackson, Roland and Rebecca Jackson all of Cartersville, Ga.; 20 grandchildren; 36 great-grandchildren; great-great grandchildren; a special friend, Ms. Rose L. McCoy; and a host of other relatives and friends.

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way Drive, on Thursday, November 11 at 4:30 p.m. Materials will be provided. Call 767-3300 for more information.

Funeral Services Held For Albert Harper

Post, Texas -- Funeral services were held for Albert Harper, 85, of Post on Saturday afternoon, October 23, 2010 at the First Baptist Church with Rev. Arthur Kelly officiating.

Burial was held in Terrace Cemetery under the direction of Hudman Funeral Home.

He died Thursday, October 21, 2010 in Post.

He was born in Gonzales, Texas on December 27, 1924 to A. B. and Mable (Price) Harper. He married Delores Hicks on March 18, 1945 in Dilworth, Texas. She preceded him in death on November 10, 2009. Prior to his retirement he worked in highway construction.

Survivors include three daughters, Doris Johnson of Lubbock, Pat and husband Marion Cruse of Post and Wam Dee



Lewis of San Antonio; one son, Charles and wife Terrence Harper of Lubbock; one daughter-in-law, Emma Harper of Lubbock; 21 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; and four great-great grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by a son, Alvin Harper in 2010.

Mt. Zion Baptist Church Celebrates 97th Year!

Crosbyton, Texas -- The Greater Mt Zion Baptist Church, located at 411 N Front Street, will be celebrating its 97th Church Anniversary on Sunday, November 7, 2010 at 3:30 p. m.

Rev. Charles Hankson, pastor of Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church of Lorenzo, Texas, will be the guest speaker.

Also, on Saturday evening, November 6, 2010, beginning at 6:30 p. m will be their annual Mother Dorothy R. Terrell Memorial Banquet/Pageant.

The guest speaker for this wonderful occasion on Saturday will be Pastor Gloria Moore of Pleasant Grove Baptist Church in Tahoka, Texas..

For banquet information please contact: Rev Ruby Price, Pastor, at (806) 675-0414; Minister Deborah M Hutchinson, Associate Pastor at (806) 747-6591 or Mollie M. Thomas at (806)675-7014 or (806) 781-4104.

Pastor and members of the Greater Mt. Zion Baptist Church would love for you to be in attendance with us on both days, to help us in celebrating God's continued blessings. Shall we look forward for you to be present at either one? Hope so!

Parson Smith

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sional seats to states. In addition, Congress uses census numbers to allocate more than \$400 billion a year to state and local governments for basic needs such as schools and roads.

Thank God For Jesus

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LOVELY WIFE!!!
Joshua 24:15a,c, -- And if it seem evil unto you to serve the Lord, choose you this day whom you will serve; wheather the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side, But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.

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Funeral services were held Saturday afternoon, October 30, 2010, for Clarence Earl Willard at St. James Baptist Church with Rev. J. Harris, pastor, officiating.

Interment followed at City of Lubbock under the direction of Griffin Mortuary & Funeral Home of Lubbock.

Willard, 48, of Lubbock passed away Saturday, October 23, 2010 at Covenant Medical Center.

He was born October 13, 1962 in Lubbock, Texas, to the late Collie B. Willard and the late Ella Jewel Willard. Clarence graduated from Dunbar High School and later attended Texas Tech University.

Clarence was preceded in death by his parents; a sister, Viola Serna; and one brother, Johnny.

He leaves to cherish his memory by his loving wife, Gwen Conwright; nine daughters, Shenia, Latrice, Andrea, Serna, Clarissa, Destiny, Kaleigh and LaToya all of Lubbock, Texas, and Taraine of Ar-



lington, Texas; eight sons, Terrence, Corey, Deondra, Clarence, Jr., Devanta, Dequan, Devonta and Rayvin, all of Lubbock, Texas; four brothers, R. C. (Dora), Don (Brenda), Royal (Beartice), and Carl (Kaykay); five sisters, Mary Ruth (Floyd), Seral (Noe), Patsy (Torrey), Mildred and Brenda; loving mother-in-law, Mary Conwright; four aunts, Minnie, Pat, Lonnell and Thelma; five sisters-in-law, Rundia, Louise, Sherri, Sonja and Rochell; two brothers-in-law, Ken ad Cedric; 18 grandchildren; and a host of other relatives and friends.

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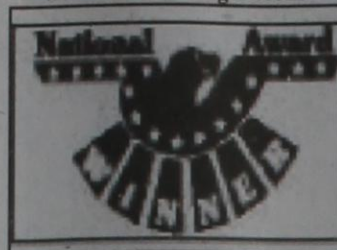
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EDITORIALS-COMMENTS-OPINIONS



THIS 'N' THAT

by T.J. Patterson

LET'S C CONTINUE TO SUPPORT OUR MATADORS! THIS N THAT is asking as many as can to SUPPORT our ESTACADO HIGH SCHOOL MATADORS ... as they play the COOPER HIGH SCHOOL PIRATES for the 2-3A DISTRICT DIVISION CHAMPIONSHIP at Lowrey Field beginning at 7:30 p. m. With your presence in the place these Matadors will do their very best... If we would continue to encourage these YOUNG PEOPLE who are playing football by the rules there is no telling how far they will

travel in life.... So let us continue to HELP THEM when we can..... No matter the outcome of the game tonight we want the ESTACADO HIGH SCHOOL MATADORS to know we are behind them.....

EXCON-VENTION CONFERENCE SHOULD BE OUTSTANDING! THIS N THAT is excited about an upcoming program which is called THE EXCON-VENTION CONFERENCE which will be held SATURDAY November 13, 2010 from 1:00 p. m. until 5:00 p. m. at the BROADWAY CHURCH OF CHRIST

..... 1924 Broadway Avenue..... It will be a conference which will help give a SECOND CHANCE ... to the formerly incarcerated and their families..... Sponsored by the HIS FREE WORLD FELLOWSHIP (HFWF) which is a FAITH BASE MINISTRY to share the love of Christ and to help..... According to LARRY "BUCK" RODGERS founder this organization grew out of MINISTRY EXPERIENCE with prisoners and the need to be obedience to the scriptures in John 3:38..... For more information about the conference call Mr. Rodgers at (806) 632-5398..... THIS N THAT wishes this effort MUCH SUCCESS!!!

FREE LEGAL CLINIC FOR TEXAS VETERANS & THEIR FAMILIES! THIS N THAT is proud to know that the Lubbock Bar Association in collaboration with Legal Aid of Northwest Texas Equal Justice Volunteer Program will present a FREE LEGAL CLINIC for TEXAS VETERANS & THEIR FAMILIES on Thursday November 11, 2010 from 4:00 p. m. until 6:00 p. m..... at the Disabled America Veterans Building (DAV) Chapter #44.....

PENNY HASTINGS THE BARBER SAYS: "If you TELL THE TRUTH you don't have to WORRY about anything."

DID YOU VOTE TUESDAY NOVEMBER 2, 2010? HOPE SO!!!

Letter to the Editor

Dear Parents:

We, the members of Eta Delta Omega Chapter, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. are planning our major fundraiser, "Little Miss Fashionista and Mr. Fashion". This scholarship contest will be held on April 16, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. This letter is to seek your help in our fundraising efforts by allowing your child in grades 6th - 8th to participate in our contest. Registration for each participant will be \$250.00 dollars. The contestants that raise the most money over \$250.00 will be crowned Miss Fashionista and Mr. Fashion. You may generate registration cost by selling tickets and/or soliciting donations and ad sells. The money generated will be used to fund scholarships and community service projects throughout the city of Lubbock. In the past, our chapter has sponsored coat drives, a Little League baseball team, provided special gifts for the sick and elderly in nursing homes and food baskets during Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Please meet with us on November 13, 2010 from 4:00pm to 6:00p.m. at Patterson Library. The purpose of this meeting is to distribute the tickets and share general information concerning the contest. If you will not be able to attend the meeting, you can learn more information about this contest by emailing etadeltaomega@gmail.com with any questions you may have. You may also call 787-3791 or 928-0202.

Thank you in advance for your participation and interest in this event, which will ultimately help us serve and enrich our community. We look forward to seeing you at the meeting.

Sincerely,
Nettie Edwards
Eta Delta Omega, President

Margaret Randle
Fundraiser Chairperson



President Obama Is President of the United States!

by
Eddie P. Richardson

Barack Obama, a first term state Illinois senator, announced in front of the Illinois State Capitol he was running for President of the United States. Many people took this as a novelty. Many said it just a waste of time, but on the other hand just a few, Illinois believers took it very serious and longed ahead. They did not let non believers and doubters detour them. Then along came Iowa and a strong grass roots effort, and every thing changed. Then after that a snowball effect from a small beginning. The race was on as Hillary, McCain and others went all the way to the White House.

The most overwhelming factor was Obama did not run as a Black president, but as a president who happened to be Black

and never denied the fact that he was Black. But that was just a part of the program. Some tried to deny him but our president did not deny or try to deny his heritage which is American and none of us are a pure race in America. Check your family tree really truly. Check it a lot of you will truly be surprised. There is so much more Blackness than most of you would believe.

Every Vote Does Count!

Tuesdays election, November 2, 2010, showed that each vote does count with the LISD bond election. For one of the first times in history, a part of the package favored the so called minority or depressed community with a much needed minority community. There is no

doubt about it, a needed new building is needed and the \$198 bond issue will make it happen. There were those in the community were out to make it fail, but the people who really counted voted for it. Those voters know it can and will work. It did pass, may be by only 693 votes, it is a very important victory. Just think, it will make it possible for a new elementary school to be constructed.

If your candidate or candidates won congratulation! If they lost, better luck next time as voting is the key to everything. If you vote you have a say; if you don't vote shut the heck upas you have no right to complain. Like it or not we have two four more years of Perry as Governor of Texas! Lets support our Governor!

America's Wire Releases Exclusive Article Assessing The State of Affirmative Action in America

The American Association for Affirmative Action Notes *EEOC Received More Than 9,000 Employment Discrimination Complaints Last Year*

Washington, DC (BlackNews.com) -- America's Wire today released a Q & A with Shirley J. Wilcher, Director of the American Association for Affirmative Action, who maintains that the more than 90,000 employment discrimination complaints filed at the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission last year clearly demonstrates that affirmative action is still needed in the United States

In an exclusive interview with Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist Kenneth J. Cooper, Ms. Wilcher criticized ill-defined diversity programs at some colleges and companies, urged federal investigations of employers that have stopped advertising jobs in minority-oriented publications and rejected proposals to limit affir-

mativ action to native-born African-Americans or low-income members of minority groups.

"Clearly, there have been attacks on affirmative action so much that people are even afraid to even use the term anymore," Ms. Wilcher says. "We've even had debates within my group, the American Association for Affirmative Action - should we change the name? So far, the group view is we will not change the name because it has somehow fallen out of favor."

Adds Ms. Wilcher: "Some [employers] now are assuming that if you went to an Ivy League school and you are African-American, you were admitted through affirmative action and you're not as good. So you're still a victim if you graduated from Harvard or Penn or Yale. Somehow they can't quite believe you're good enough even though nobody [else] takes your

exams." Furthermore, she notes that the George W. Bush administration had prohibited civil rights officials from using the term "affirmative action."

The article on Ms. Wilcher is available at www.americaswire.org. In a special introductory offer, America's Wire is offering free 30-day trial subscriptions to media outlets - mainstream newspapers, community newspapers, news wires, ethnic publications and websites. During the trial period, media outlets can download and publish our articles for free.

"The Wilcher article exemplifies the type of coverage of issues related to structural racism in America that are rarely covered in the mainstream media," said Michael K. Frisby, president of America's Wire. "We want stories from our wire service to complement the news coverage"

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Excon-Vention Will Meet Saturday, November 13th

Dear Friend of His Free World Fellowship, Simple Acts Ministry:

His Free World Fellowship is a faith base ministry formed to share the love of Christ and to help give a second chance to the formerly incarcerated and their families. HFWF grew out of our ministry experiences with prisoners and the need to be obedience to our scriptures in John 8:38: "so if the Son set you free, you shall be free indeed, HFWF is hosting a conference to bring together the formerly incarcerated and those associated with prison ministries in and around Lubbock and West Texas. We are calling this conference the "Excon-Vention." The Excon-Vention is a networking of ministries, organizations, and the local community pooling together the necessary resources to help assist formerly incarcerated men and women. Our goal is to make their transition back into society more productive and lasting, thus reducing crime, recidivism, and restoring families.

Statistics show within three years of r release, 1 out of 3 parolees return to prison. It is mainly due to lack of employment, substance abuse, and accountability. While no prison ministry, organization, or individual have what it takes to keep this from happening, working together we can have a greater chance at success.

The Excon-Vention promises to be a fun, entertaining, and free educational conference. We invite those interested in learning more prison ministries. We will have worship music, testimonies, refreshments, door prizes, speeches by local officials - and Ministry organiza-

tions. We also will have ministry booths set up to allow participants to gather further information. We invite you to join us and partner with us in reaching this needy group of God's people. An advertisement is on this page for your information. Please share this invitation with others you feel may be interested. The Ex con-Vention will take place on Saturday, November 13, 2010, from 1:00 to 5:00 p. m. at Broadway Church of Christ, 1924 Broadway, Lubbock, Texas. We encourage prison-related ministries to come and network, and distribute your information. Call Larry (Buck) Rodgers, Glenn Lowrance, or Ted Zobeck for more info and to confirm a booth for this year's conference. Don't miss this opportunity to make a

difference in someone's life, and make our community a better place. Please pass this on to your outreach or ministry leaders.

Sincerely,
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By Renetta Howard

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I just celebrated a long awaited birthday. It should not be difficult to figure out my age, because those of you, whom have been reading my column for the past seventeen years and read about some of my first hand experiences, can relate them to history and make the connection. I decided to take inventory.

As I browsed through my past, I looked at some of the highlights of my life. I was first blessed with a wonderful family which attempted to instill in me the values and morals of a well rounded wholesome individual. Perfection was never attained, but my mother felt that it was close enough for her not to feel like a failure.

I learned to be as happy as possible with whatever material wealth or lack of it that I had, without being concerned about the possessions of others. Jealously was not an option. I learned to do the best that I could in whatever I was involved. My mother's words were, "Make as many A's as you can and let the B's fall where they may."

As a very shy child, I learned to reach out to others, though there have been some very hurtful moments as a result. My true friends say that I have a 'high melting point, but once I get to know you, everything is alright.' I cannot disagree. The friends that I have lost over the years have been due to attrition: death. At this stage of life, the bell tolls all too frequent, all too soon.

I have learned that friends are indeed God's gifts to us. Too often our families are either gone or just not the supporters that we wish them to be, but our friends, not acquaintances,



but friends will be with us through thick and thin. When everyone else thins out, our friends will be with us.

I have learned that when trials and tribulations beset us, we need a friend. We need someone to talk to and someone to listen to us. We need someone who cares about us to help us to make sound decisions when the ability to reason evades us. We need a shoulder to cry on and to lean on and an arm to help to keep us upright and steady.

I have learned that as we progress through life, that there will be rain, thunder, lightning and storms of various forms that will make us learn to love our enemies, keep our friends and trust in God. From time to time, we all need to get 'in cinque' and take inventory of our lives.

The Right Word
Let everything you say
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Ephesians 4:29

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Speak tenderly.
Love fervently.
Unknown

Mogul brothers offer rich advice in tough times

(CNN) — Michael and Steven Roberts are business moguls navigating the global recession, but they say the lessons they have learned could be applied to any business owner.

"We've had to do the entrepreneurial shuffle," says Michael, chairman and CEO of the Roberts Cos., based in St. Louis, Missouri.

The two African-American brothers and business leaders estimate their current holdings -- from hotels to TV stations -- are worth \$1 billion. Now, in a time of economic uncertainty, their billion-dollar empire is vulnerable.

"As we began to get hit hard [by] the recession, we looked at what are the better assets for us to sell in order to create liquidity, and this year we sold our communications tower company for about \$90 million," Michael says. "Your businesses are like your children. As you grow them and mature them, at some point you may feel you have to let them go."

For Michael and Steven (who takes on president and COO duties at the company) doing well in the recession is relative. Michael says, "If you want to say we've survived and done well, yes, but had there not been a recession we probably would have done exceptionally well."

They're immensely successful, but they say for the rest of black America to follow suit people need to be exposed to



Michael and Steven Roberts

more examples of black entrepreneurial excellence.

"Black folks need legacy," Michael says. "Our own so-called black history only talks about civil rights and slavery and completely ignores capitalists who happen to be of African-American descent ... the type of history that would generate a level of confidence to our black students to think, 'Maybe I can start a business.'"

The brothers got their business start in a historically black neighborhood in St. Louis. There, they grew their business from a one-room office to an empire of commercial real estate, TV stations, telecommunication companies and more.

The brothers like to share their story as encouragement for people to chase their dreams. (They

shared their early days with CNN in 2009).

"We tell folks, learn it, get your hands dirty -- you know, a little sweat equity," Steven told CNN last year. "For that college student, for that future entrepreneur ... we're saying understand what your passion is and understand what your product is, too."

There will be times, Michael says, when you will stumble, but don't let those hiccups get you down -- even in a major economic downturn. "We are in a time like no other time. ... It's the best time to start a business."

Michael says he believes this is especially true for black Americans. "Black folks cannot fall off the bottom. If there is a downfall in the economy... that means it's a leveling of the playing field for us."

\$1 Million to \$10,000 Grants Available for Those Helping Veterans

AUSTIN — Today the Texas Veterans Commission announced the availability of grants from \$10,000 to 1 million dollar in size to be awarded from the Texas Veterans Commission Fund for Veterans' Assistance.

The grant application process has been simplified to make the process easier and quicker for grant applicants.

Grant funds are being provided to help recently separated veterans and their families adjust to civilian life and to help all Texas veterans facing challenges. Services to be funded include transportation to medical facilities, counseling for Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), housing assistance for homeless veterans, and family and child services.

"We help over 150,000 Texas veterans a year get jobs, disability compensation and educational benefits," says Thomas Palladino, Executive Director of the Texas Veterans Commission.

OJ Simpson's Appeal Is Denied By Nevada Supreme Court

LAS VEGAS (AP) — The Nevada Supreme Court refused Friday to overturn O.J. Simpson's armed robbery and kidnapping convictions, rejecting a claim that prospective jurors were dismissed because they were black.

Simpson attorney Yale Galanter planned to take Simpson's appeal to federal court after his 2008 conviction in the gun-point heist in a Las Vegas hotel room was upheld.

"This is but the first step in a very long line of appeals that Mr. Simpson has before him," Galanter said.

Galanter was trying to reach Simpson in prison but had not yet spoken to the former NFL hall-of-famer, actor and advertising pitchman.

"I'm extremely disappointed," added Malcolm LaVergne, another Simpson lawyer. "I thought we had a very strong appeal."

The court said all eight separate issues raised in the appeal — some alleging misconduct by prosecutors and the judge — were without merit.

"We felt that we were on solid legal ground and that Judge Glass made appropriate decisions during the trial," Clark County District Attorney David Roger said.

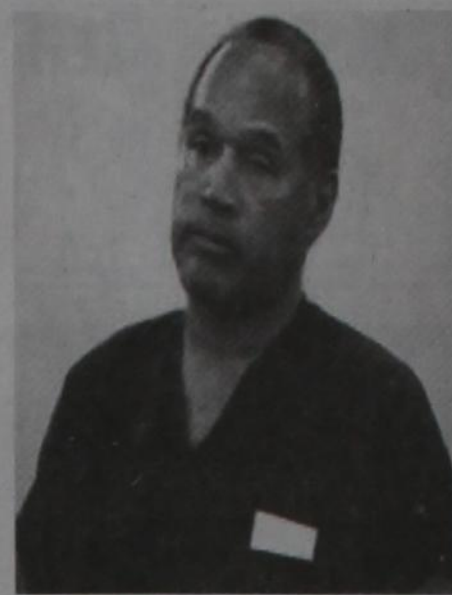
Separately, the court ordered the conviction of Simpson's co-defendant Clarence "C.J." Stewart to be reversed and a new trial held. Stewart's lawyers successfully contended that Simpson's notoriety had a fair trial.

"This is no disrespect to O.J., but O.J. kind of made his own bed over the years," said attorney Brent Bryson, who repre-

sents Stewart. "My guy was kind of taken along for the ride."

Bryson planned to meet with Clark County prosecutors to determine the next legal steps while trying to get Stewart released from prison. Roger said his office would decide how to proceed in the next few weeks.

Simpson, 63, is serving nine to 33 years at a state prison in Nevada.



O. J. Simpson

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Estacado High School News

Jim Weiss made a presentation to Estacado students. Mr. Weiss records books on tape and is a national award winning storyteller. He has told stories in living rooms, libraries, schools, and at the White house. Thanks

Affirmative Action In America

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verage already available from various media outlets. The nation needs to be better informed about the impact of structural racism that still exists in America."

The American Association for Affirmative Action is based in Washington, D.C., and has 1,000 members. During the Clinton administration, Ms. Wilcher ran the Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs, a Labor Department agency that enforces a legal mandate that government contractors practice affirmative action. Her experience in civil rights law extends back three decades to summer internships at the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund when she was a student at Harvard Law School.

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to a grant from The CH Foundation, Jim Weiss was able to share his talents with students at Estacado. He first told a true story about Bill Russell and how he maximized individual players' talents in order to win 11 NBA championships while with the Boston Celtics. He then told a story involving a poor woman, a baker and King Solomon. The presentation was informative and entertaining.

Another Speaker At Estacado

Don Smarto spoke to Estacado creative writing and English classes about writing. Don Smarto has won awards for filmmaking and is the author of ten books. He shared portions of his latest book, Heart of the Young Gladiator. This included photos of juvenile prisoners and their poetry, which was composed during creative writing sessions with Mr. Smarto. The students discussed the meaning of the various poems. Mr. Smarto also talked about developing writing ability and working to accomplish personal goals.

Student comments:

Tishina Hopes-I liked the poems that he read to us because the poems were people's feelings.

Shavia Curry-Mr. Smarto gave the boys a way to explain their problems. He was probably the only person who cared about them. Everything starts with a writer. Everyone can write. The boys he talked about showed that.

Brandon Holmes-I thought it was important when he said don't let anybody tell you that you can't.

Troy Mendez-The most important thing I heard was that you can come from a bad childhood and still become something great.

Tori Palomo-He told us don't let anyone tell you that you can't do it. Put your mind to it and believe you can achieve.

Kevandre Boyd-Mr. Smarto said we should follow our dreams, and don't give up.

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At this time, the Texas Historical Commission has recognized the Mary & Mac Private School to be designated as a Historical education facility. Hopefully, in the very near future a press conference will be called about this exciting development.

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