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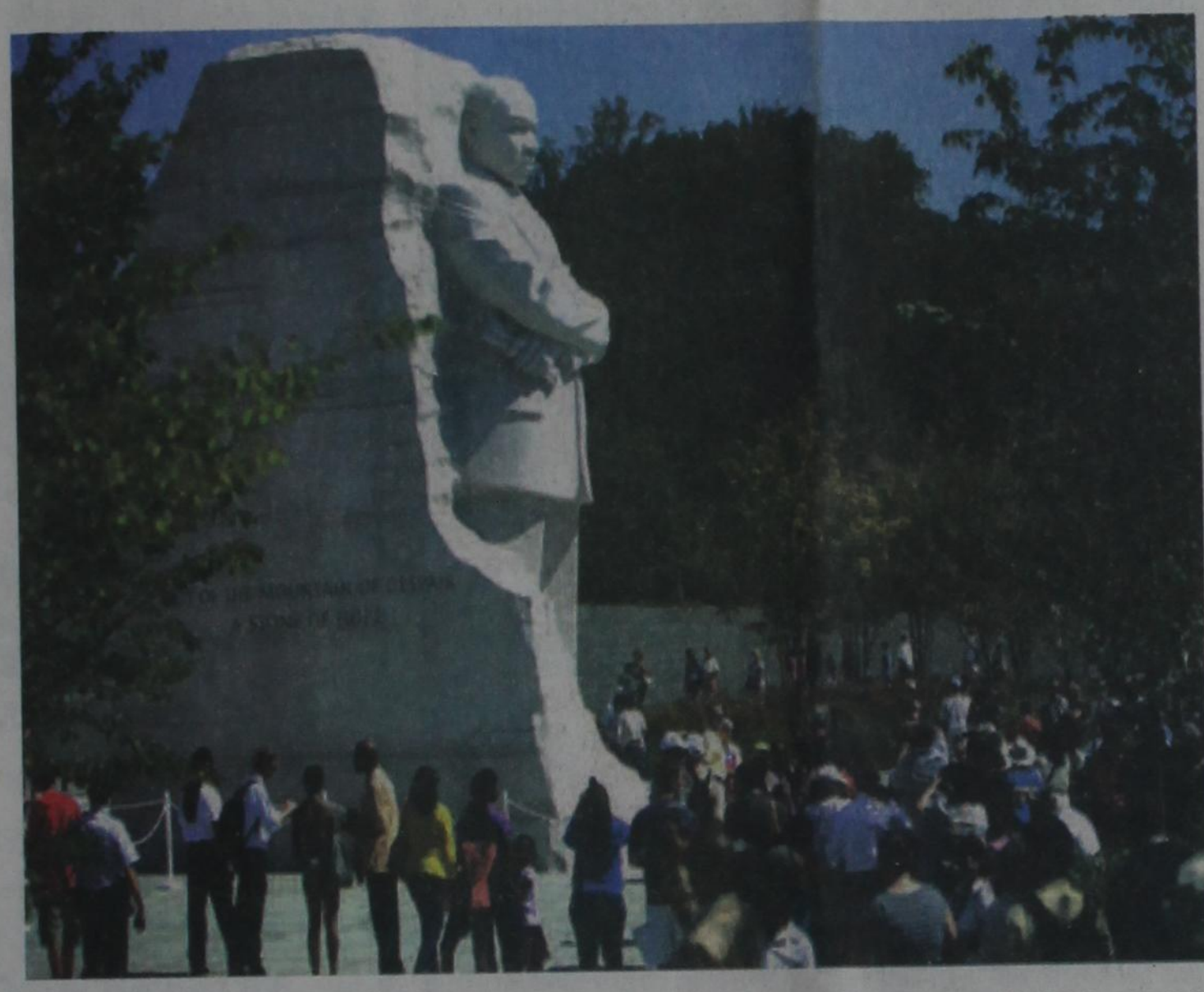
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### Community Meetings

- \* 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 Yellowhouse 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.
- \* The Unified Juneteenth Commission of Lubbock meets at Mae Simmons Community Senior Citizens Center every Monday at 6:00 p. m.
- \* 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.

## Martin Luther King, Jr. National Memorial Opened August 28, 2011



The Martin Luther King, Jr. National Memorial officially opened last week at the National Mall in Washington, D.C. The 28-foot tall granite statue is the first monument at the National Mall built in honor of an African American and a non-president. Hundreds of Washington area residents began visiting the memorial prior to the official dedication, exactly 48 years after Dr. King delivered his "I Have a Dream Speech" and three years after Barack Obama received the nomination to become president. "I am ecstatic," said Harry Johnson, Sr., president and CEO of the MLK Memorial Foundation and member of the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, about this opening. "This is a gathering place at the Mall for everyone to see what Dr. King meant to our country and to the world," Johnson continued.



Gladys Hardaway is shown accepting a pair of Lusk boots from Kimball Brown of Texas Tech University for the new Cavieil African-American Museum and Cultural Arts Center

## Lusk Boots Donated To Museum

Kimball Brown, the photography lab manager for Texas Tech University Art Department, recently presented a pair of Willie Lusk boots to Gladys Hardaway, board secretary for Roots Historical Arts Council. The boots will be included in the upcoming Cavieil African-American Museum and Cultural Arts Center. Upon presenting the gift, Brown told Hardaway he received the Lusk boots from his father as a high school graduation present in 1969. Eric Strong, the volunteer director of the Roots Council, said, "It's an honor to have a pair of Lusk boots for the museum collection. I remember watching *The Tonight Show with Johnny Carson* one night quite a few years ago, when Johnny raised his pants leg and talked about how well made his pair of Lusk Boots from Lubbock, Texas were made. A lot of people don't know it, but Willie Lusk made boots for Shirley Temple, Roy Rogers, Chill Wills, Gene Autry, and other celebrities and notables from around the world. It was said that on the giant screen, where cowboys and outlaws died for a living, it was an honor to die with your Lusk boots on." Hardaway added, "The museum and arts center project is coming along nicely; we anticipate making an announcement about the renovation of the Cavieil Building very soon. Our goal is still to open in the spring of 2012."

## Unidentified Hero Is Identified As Lee Ferrell

There was another hero in getting the 72 year lady out of her last Wednesday afternoon, August 24, 2011. He was Lee Ferrell, who is known by many in Lubbock as "Billy". According to our sources, he initiated the effort and was joined by the Dunbar Instructor, Jason Skelton, who dragged 72 year old Danielle Anderson from her burning home in the 1800 block of East 26th Street on Wednesday at 3:30 p. m. "My dad is very modest, humble, and somewhat shy, but has a big heart," said his daughter, LeAndrea Ferrell. She continues, "He does not like to be the center of action, so I wasn't surprised to see he refused to interview for the press. Yet, no good deed goes unnoticed. I am so proud of his courage! Thank God for him and Mr. Skelton and their brave sacrifice in saving this woman's life." Dunbar Middle School Principal, Brian Yearwood and fire officials praised both men for what they have done to save the life of this Lubbock woman. It shows the character of citizens of Lubbock.

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Lee Ferrell Identified Hero

## Mother Catherine McCormick Celebrates 99th Birthday

Rev. D. A. Smith and members of Smith Temple Community Church honored one of their dedicated members, Mother Catherine McCormick, as she celebrated her 99th birthday on Sunday, August 28th. One member noted that her



Mother McCormick

## New Program Underway For Lubbock Teens

Dr. Daniel Kinney, Executive Director of a Come By Faith Ministry, which was established in 2000, preaches that this ministry was organized/established to significantly reduce the teen pregnancy rate and sexually transmitted diseases by providing Lubbock, Texas teens with effective education, skills training, entertainment and family values needed to develop

productive citizens. Dr. Kinsey's primary goal is to implement this program for both teens who have never been pregnant and/or had a sexually transmitted disease and those who have. More outings are scheduled for the East Lubbock community in the very near future. Dr. Kinsey wants Lubbock teens to know they can make it!



Pictured above are some of those who attended the "I'm Better Than That" program held Saturday morning, August 13, 2011, at the 2318 Zenith Avenue. It is an affective faith ministry under the direction of Dr. Daniel Kinsey, Executive Director and Founder.

birthday is on the same day of the month of August when the late slain civil rights leader, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., made his historical speech, "I Have a Dream," in Washington, D. C. where more than 250,000 were in attendance. It has been called the March on Washington!" Mother McCormick has contributed much to her family, church and community. She was a longtime member of Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church of Lubbock. As 'Mother' of Smith Temple for 23 years, she does what she can to encourage church members to continue working for their church. "You know it's remarkable when you are able to honor a person of the age of Mother Catherine McCormick. It's remarkable and only God is responsible for this to happen" said Pastor Smith. She is the mother of a daughter, Maxine McCormick; and two grandsons, Ralph and John. Assistant Pastors Charles and Ruthie Planks of Smith Temple were appreciative of this effort.

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# Chatman Hills Corner

By Doris Reynolds

Join the Lubbock Municipal Garden and Arts Center for the 41st Annual Arts and Crafts Festival, a one-day arts and crafts fair, to be held on Saturday, September 17, 2011 from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. The Fall Festival is a family-oriented event that includes more than 80 vendors selling handmade craft items and fine art. The event features live entertainment, art demonstrations, concession booths and children's activities and has traditionally attracted thousands of visitors annually. This year's

new feature is Collectable Corner. Several vendors from the West Texas area will be selling one of a kind antiques and collectable items. A Park and Ride Trolley service will run throughout the festival from parking lots at Hodges Community Center, 4011 University, and Clapp Pool, 46th and Avenue U, to the Garden and Arts Center.

The Lubbock Municipal Garden and Arts Center is located at 4215 University Avenue. For more information on classes or reservations at (806) 767-3724.

### 2011 Women's Conference Set At St. John Baptist Church

The 2011 Women's Conference of the St. John Baptist Church, 1712 East 29th Street, will be held Saturday morning, September 10, 2011, beginning at 8:30 a. m. The theme is: "The Struggle Is Over."

Guest speaker will be Barbara Daniels of Beaumont, Texas.

On-site registration is \$20 per person which will include the following: Continental Breakfast, Workshop Sessions, Key Note Speaker, and Luncheon.

For additional information, contact Minister Geraldine Thompson at (806) 787-8418. Pastor S. E. Fields.

### FASHION FUN with Shirley Roberson Sheer Animal Print Leggings!

Ladies, it's the sheer sexiness of it all. Animal print leggings are taking over the fashion runways and although leggings have been around for

some time, it seems as if everyone continue to layer leggings with just about everything.

Everyone feels free to show a little more legs, by wearing shorter skirts. Leggings are emerging in beautiful colors, and they are designed to take your breath away. The most popular print is zebra and leopard.

**LET THE WILD**



**COME OUT!! PICK UP A PAIR. THEY ARE EVERYWHERE.**  
Fashion tip: Always wear a Smile!

### Happy Birthday, Laqueena!



Laqueena Skief

Happy Birthday, Laqueena Skief!

September 7, 2011!

May God Continue

to Bless You in all

that you do in Life!

Your Mother, Barbara Johnson

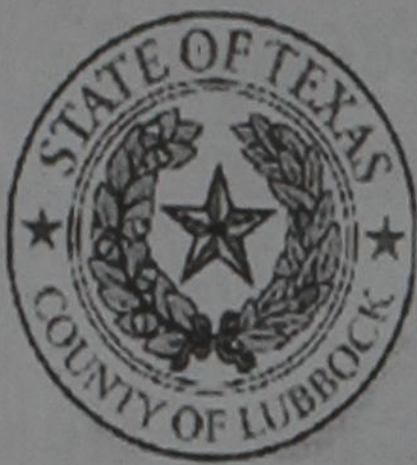
### Parkway Elementary to Host Parent Meeting

Parkway Elementary School will host a Parent Night on Tuesday, September 13 at 6:00 pm. The focus of the meeting will be to welcome parents and introduce our new school-wide discipline plan. It is our hope that our new discipline plan

will create a positive environment and increase the academic success of our students.

The meeting will be held in the cafeteria and child care will be provided in the gym for students in grades kindergarten through 5th. A "light meal" will be provided immediately following the meeting.

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# Church News



From the Desk of Davron D.A. Smith  
**The Next U. S. President:  
 Rick Perry?**

At one time this writer thought the possibilities of Rick Perry becoming president of the United States was null and void. However, in my catalogue of possibilities I did not consider the number of people whose intellect did not fall in the realm of the normal or those who lack the common sense to know they were being penetrated by Perry's political shaft. I believe if these people knew the real Perry and how he operates they would hid their face in shame knowing that they have been made a fool of by King Rick Perry.

The New York Times published the following in an editorial on August 24, 2011 entitled "Gov. Perry's Cash Machine."

The exchange of campaign contributions for government contracts, favors or positions is all too common in Washington and around the country. It has been developed to an especially high art—or more to the point, a low art—by Gov. Rick Perry in Texas. For a presidential contender who insists that big government is the country's biggest problem, it is particularly cynical.

There are nearly 600 boards, commissions, authorities and de-

partments in Texas, many of which are of little use to the public and should have long been shut down or consolidated. They are of great use to the governor, who more than any predecessor has created thousands of potential appointments for beneficent backers and several pro-business funds that have been generous to allies.

Since 2001, more than a fifth of the \$83 million that Mr. Perry has raised for his gubernatorial campaigns has come from people he appointed to state boards and commissions, according to a study by Texans for Public Justice, a watchdog group. Just 150 individuals and couples gave him \$37 million of the total, and nearly half received substantial tax breaks, business contracts or appointments from Mr. Perry, The Los Angeles Times reported.

Mr. Perry insists on unquestioned political loyalty in exchange for his patronage, no matter how inappropriate or out of place. In 2009, two members of the Board of Regents of Texas Tech University said the Perry administration pressured them to resign because they supported Mr. Perry's challenger in the gu-

bernatorial race, Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison. One regent, Windy Sitton, told the Austin American-Statesman that she was given a choice to disavow Senator Hutchison or resign; when she refused, she was replaced. Mark Griffin, the other regent, said he was told by Perry's chief of staff that the governor "expects loyalty out of his appointees and if you can't be loyal, it's probably not best to be on the team."

Money seems to talk even louder. The governor set up two state funds, intended to promote business growth, that have given tens of millions to companies that returned the favor with political contributions. An analysis by The New York Times found that more than a quarter of the companies that have received grants from the Texas Enterprise Fund in the last year, or their executives, had made contributions to Mr. Perry's campaigns dating back to 2001 or to the Republican Governors Association since 2008, when Mr. Perry became its chairman.

The Texas Emerging Technology Fund, which has provided \$200 million in seed money to



*We Thank God for Jesus*  
**Preachers Do Love Money!!**

Written by Evangelist Billy "B.J." Morrison, III - Your brother in Christ Jesus always.

**Matthew 28:19-20a** — Jesus said, Go you therefore, and teach all nations, Baptizing them in the name of the Father, and the name of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you.

Many Pastors started out; wanting to do **GOD'S WILL**. But the Devil offered them a **THRILL; AND THEY MAKE A DEAL!!!**

**Matthew 4:8** — The Devil took him (JESUS) up into a exceeding high mountain, and showed him all the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them; and said, All these things will I give you, if you will fall down and worship me. Jesus used the word of **GOD**; to keep the Devil at bay.

**IT'S** the same **WORD OF GOD; PREACHERS ARE TO USE TODAY!!!**

**Psalms 119:11-12** — Your word I have hid in my heart, that I might not sin against you. Blessed you are, O Lord: teach me your statutes. Many Pastors take their eyes: off the **LORD THEIR GOD. CADILLACS AND MERCEDES; ENTER THEIR HEARTS!!!**

**John 21:15b** — Jesus said,

Simon, son of Jonas, lovest you me: more than these?

**\*\*\* PREACHERS DO YOU LOVE MONEY AND CARS; MORE THAN GOD???**

**Luke 9:62** — Jesus said, no man, having put his hand to the (GOSPEL) plough, and looking Back, is fit for the kingdom of God.

(The Big Car Preachers remind me of the Drought in TEXAS, there is Green Grass everywhere **OTHER PEOPLE'S MONEY'S SPENT**. Churches, Courthouses, School yards, and Parks. **ITS NOT YOUR MONEY; IT'S THE PEOPLE'S!!!** . **WILL A FORD, CHEV OR DODGE DO???**—On your Regular **JOB, TEACHING OR MANAGING AT BURGER KING. WHAT WOULD YOU BE DRIVING???**—**THE FORD, CHEV OR THE DODGE???**) Pastors want **THE BIG CROWDS AND MONEY; AND LET EVERYTHING GO ON. GOD'S HOUSE IS FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD; OTHER THINGS ARE WRONG!!!**

**Matthew 23:25** — Jesus said, Woe (cursed) unto you scribes

and Pharisees, Hypocrites! For you make clean the outside of the cup and platter, but within they are full of extortion and excess.

Pastors want **DIAMOND RINGS AND GOLD CHAIN**: to make them **LOOK RICH. THEY DON'T CARE ABOUT SIN IN THE CHURCH; IT NEED TO QUIT!!!**

**Luke 19:46**, — Jesus said, it is written, My house is the house of prayer: but you have made it a den of thieves.

**\*\*\* PASTORS DO YOU ROB GOD!!!!**

**Matthew 15:7-8** — Jesus said, you hypocrites, well did Esai'as prophesy of you, saying this people draw near unto me with their mouth, and honors me with their lips; but their heart is far from me.

Many Pastors are like Jonah: **KNOW GOD'S WILL AND WHAT TO DO. THE DEVIL GOT THEM DOING; WHAT HE TELLS THEM TOO!!!**

**Malachi 1:6, 7** — (THE LORD SAID,) A son honors his father, and a servant his master: if then I be a father, where is mine honor? And if I be a mas-

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## St. Matthew's Baptist Church News

Church services were well attended last Sunday morning, August 28, 2011, at the St. Matthew Baptist Church, 2020 East 14th Street, where the devoted pastor is Rev. Edward Canady.

Services got underway with Sunday School beginning at 10:00 a. m. with our Superintendent Sister Shirley Davis presiding. Teacher for the morning was Sister Susie Davis. Pastor Canady reviewed this lesson.

The subject of the morning

lesson was "Caring For One Another." The Unifying Topic was "Respecting Community Standards," with the lesson passage being Ruth 4:1-10.

There were several lesson text, namely; "Boaz Calls for a Community Court," Ruth 4:1-4; "The Kinsman Refuses to Redeem Ruth," Ruth 4:5-6; and "Boaz Expresses His Intention to Marry Ruth," Ruth 4:7-10.

The devotional was conducted by Deacon Edward

Williams and Minister John Wilkerson.

Pastor Canady entered the sanctuary with the song, "Because Of Who You Are."

The St. Matthew Baptist Church Choir sang the following: "The Presence of the Lord," "No Weapon," "Give Me A Clean Heart," and "Search Me Lord."

The morning sermon was preached by Minister Marie Hubbard of Midland, Texas. Her subject was "It's Already Done."

Her scripture text was Mark 5:8-13. The key verse was Romans 12:3.

The song of inspiration was "Last Mile of the Way."

St. Matthew Baptist Church

held their Men & Women's 7th Annual program am on Sunday afternoon, August 21, 2011, with guest pastor, J. Jerome Johnson, Jr. of The Levites, The Los Praise Center. The St. Mark Senior Choir was in attendance. Our speaker of the hour was our

very own, Minister John Wilkerson. What a wonderful time in the Lord.

Our visitors last Sunday were Minister Marie Hubbard of Midland, Texas and Rev. Perry Clark and family of Lubbock.

Our prayer list includes Sister Betty Titus. Let continue to pray for our community and those who desire to get out but are unable to do so.

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 Brother Dennis Saunders is a patient in VA Hospital in Amarillo, Texas. Also Brother Ronald Hereford, patient at University Medical Center.  
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**Thought For The Week:**  
*"When Christians are at peace with one another, the world can more clearly see the Prince of Peace."*

**May God Bless Each of You!!**

## Outreach Prayer Breakfast

Warfare is a part of the Christian's lifestyle. Ephesians 6:12.

For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of the world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.

The Christian life is a warfare. When you come into the knowledge of the fulness of the word of God, the Satan wedges and all out war against you.

If you let him, he will use your body, sickness, disease, or sex. He will try to hinder your Christian walk and render you inoperative. He will attempt to put you in bondage, and under a denomination. Anything that will quite you in terms of sharing the word of God, he will use it. If you understand his tactics, then you are better able to wedge the war. Often times, Christians fall into situations where they make a mistake, which is no big deal.

We all have made mistakes, we all have messed up at one time or another, but Satan wants you to dwell on that mistake, so he constantly reminds you of it. How are you going to tell someone about Jesus when you are all bound up in condemnation??

If Satan is successful in keeping you in a state of self condemnation then he will silence your witness for Christ. That is his ultimate goal, that is why Jesus said "Be ye Holy." I Peter 1:16.

Satan is working day and night to keep you unholy. You are involved in a struggle against him. It is a major battle, but the good news is that Jesus has given youth Victory. You already have won because Jesus defeated Satan more than two thousand years ago. Still, as the body of Christ we need to know why and how the enemy operates in this world. If we know his game plan, then we will

know how to respond. Our weapons are mighty through God. The weapon is his word, and we have to use it. The word just can't sit on a table, it has to be in our hearts and in our mouths. We have the Victory, but we have to take it by force (Period). Let's go for it.

God Bless you. Keep doing the right thing. Read and study your Bible. It's very good brain therapy.

Why not read and study these scriptures: **II Chronicles 7:14 and Mark 11:22-26.**

**II Chronicles 7:14** — "If my

people who are called by my named humble themselves, and pray and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land."

**Mark 11:22-26** — "And Jesus answered them. 'Have faith in God. Truly I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, be taken up and cast into the sea, and does not doubt in heart, but believes that what he says will come to pass, it will be done for him. Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask in prayer, be-

lieve that you have received. It, and it will be yours. And where ever you stand praying, forgive, if you have anything against any one; so that your Father also who is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses."

**Thought:** "The hardest Secret for a man to keep is his opinion of himself."

Let us not forget those who are on our sick and shut-in list. God is able, and He knows how much we can handle!

Sister Dorothy Hood, president; Sister Christene Burleson, vice president; and Sister Elnora Jones, teacher.

May God continue to bless each of you is our prayer!



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# Obsequies

## Sue K. Everidge

**Hobbs, New Mexico** -- Funeral services for Sue K. Everidge were held Saturday afternoon, August 20, 2011, at the St. Roxanna's Church of Christ in Hobbs.

The Rev. Willis L. Evans will officiate under the direction of Griffin Mortuary & Funeral Home of Lubbock.

Everidge, 65, of Hobbs, N.M. was born April 21, 1946. The Lord called her home Tuesday, August 16, 2011 in Lubbock Texas.

She was born and raised in Hobbs N.M. where she worked for Lea Regional Hospital for several years until she retired.

Sue is survived by five sons, Thomas Haynes, Douglas Haynes, Christopher Haynes, Delbert Haynes and Curtis



Haynes; a sister, Patricia Green; two brothers, Gary and Soup Campbell; 14 grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; several nieces and nephews; and a host of family and friends.

## Kenneth Wayne James "Hoagie"

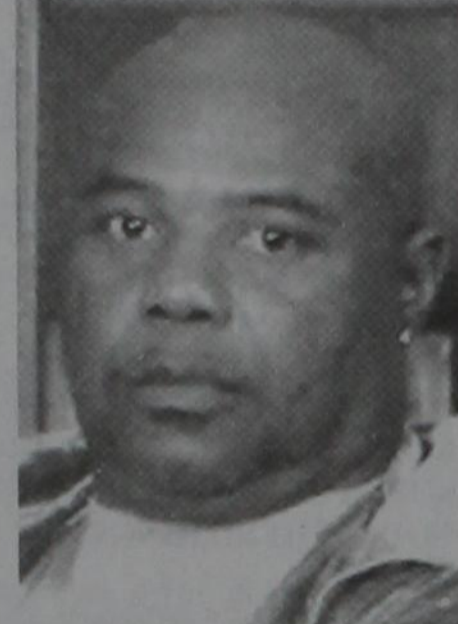
Funeral services were held for Kenneth Wayne "Hoagie" James Saturday morning, August 20, 2011 at First Progressive Baptist Church with Rev. Shaun Avery, pastor, officiating.

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

James "Hoagie", 52, of Lubbock passed away Saturday, August 13, 2011.

He was born November 25, 1958 to Claude Ivory and Mary Lou James. He attended Dunbar High School where he graduated and went on to attend Texas Tech University.

He leaves to cherish his wife, Carlett Hunter James; three sons, Kenneth Evans, Kendrick James and Jonathan James; three stepsons, Keshawn Johnson, Kevin Hunter and Chris Hunter;



three daughters, Arlett James, Krystal James and Kristy James; four sisters, Bernice Chesholm (Bobby), Melva Smith (Ronnie), Virginia Avery (Butch) and Loretta Dial; one adopted sister, Lola Shelby; four brothers, Burnes Johnson, Bernard Lewis, Patrick Lewis (Rhonda) and Curtis Draper; five grandchildren; and a host of other relatives and friends.

## Hammick Thomas, Jr.

Funeral services were held for Hammick Thomas, Jr. Saturday morning, August 20, 2011 in Griffin Mortuary Chapel.

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

Thomas, Jr., 88, of Lubbock passed away Sunday, August 14, 2011.

He was born in Mexia, Texas on July 22, 1923 to Moseley Thomas and Hammick Thomas, Sr. He served his country during World War II in the U. S. Navy and was honorably discharged.

He leaves to cherish his memory; his son, Bobby Thomas; one daughter, Jacqueline Thomas Lenord (James);



one granddaughter, Jocelyn Lenord; one brother, Samuel O. Thomas; and a host of other relatives and friends.

## Johnnie Mae Franklin

**Austin, Texas** -- Funeral services were held for Ms. Johnnie Mae Franklin on Monday morning, August 15, 2011, at the All Faith Funeral Home of Austin.

Pallbearers were Albert Slaughter, Edward Slaughter, Jontae Slaughter, Arice Pittman, Ralph Hodge, and Kelvey Foster.

Honorary pallbearers were Mike Martine, Brandon Slaughter, Ralph Hodge, Sr., Johnny E. Slaughter, Jr., and Albert Clark

Ms. Franklin was born March 3, 1916 to Mr. Johnny Scott and Mrs. Elsie Bennett in Washington County, Texas. Both preceded her in death.

Six children were born to her. They were Johnny E. Slaughter, LeRoy Franklin, Jr., Robert Burton, Larry Franklin,



Elsie Marie Franklin-Hodge and Wilma Carthern.

Those who preceded her in death: LeRoy Franklin, Jr., Robert Burton, Elsie Marie Hodge, and Wilma Carthern.

Ms. Franklin moved from Austin to Lubbock in 1946.

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## Nick Ashford, of Motown Hitmaker Duo Ashford & Simpson, Dies at 70



**NEW YORK** -- Nick Ashford, one-half of the legendary Motown songwriting duo Ashford & Simpson that penned elegant, soulful classics for the likes of Diana Ross and Marvin Gaye and funk hits for Chaka Khan and others, died Monday at age 70, his former publicist said.

Ashford, who along with wife Valerie Simpson wrote some of Motown's biggest hits, died in a New York City hospital, said publicist Liz Rosenberg, who was Ashford's longtime friend. He had been suffering from throat cancer and had undergone radiation treatment, she told The Associated Press.

Though they had some of their greatest success at Motown with classics like "Ain't No Mountain High Enough" and "Reach Out

And Touch Somebody's Hand" by Ross and "You're All I Need To Get By" by Gaye and Tammi Terrell, Ashford & Simpson also created anthems for others, like "I'm Every Woman" by Khan (and later remade by Whitney Houston). Ashford & Simpson also had success writing for themselves: Perhaps the best-known song they sang was the 1980s hit "Solid As A Rock."

"His music is unmatched in terms of great songwriting," Verdine White of Earth, Wind and Fire said after learning of his friend's death.

"They had magic and that's what creates those wonderful hits, that magic," White added. "Without those songs, those artists wouldn't have been able to go to the

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# In Cinque

By Renetta Howard

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There seems to be something in the air or the political atmosphere which causes an individual to become corrupt once they have succeeded in being elected to a public job or career with some form of government. One only needs to pick up a newspaper or watch the news on television or the internet to find that several elected officials have been accused or indicted for some kind of criminal activity, too often involving lewd activities with a member of the opposite or same sex or taking and using money which they have no right to.

It would appear that once elected to a public office that one would have the good conscience if not common sense to realize that the life of a public official is similar to being in a fish bowl. Everyone either can see what you are doing or are working hard to try to see what you do not want seen.

When citizens in good faith, vote to elevate one to a public office, they expect that person to be honest and upright. There are, however, a few public officials who do their best to keep their constituents happy and believing in them. Consequently, they are elected over and over again until they no longer desire the position. This does not mean that they are angels and do no wrong. It means that they are in church with others and have established a reputation for supporting the good for all. They have learned how to swim in the fish bowl.

Our federal government officials make a lot of money and can purchase just about anything their hearts desire, but it appears that they have desires for things which are forbidden to them and it becomes a 'must have' item. Too often, the 'must have' item is a mistress or a 'down-low' friend and it will take money to



keep this out of the eyes of the public and their wives or significant others. Some borrow money and some just outright steal it. Certainly, there has got to be a better way for our elected officials to conduct themselves.

There must be a test of some kind which has been developed which can be administered to potential candidates for public office to determine if they have the integrity to be a successful, honest public officer. Top psychiatrist and psychologist have developed all kinds of test for job candidates in other areas of job performance, so why not one for the people who are leading our country, states, counties and municipalities? These people are paid to lead and help to make life more accommodating for their constituents. If we notice, life generally becomes more accommodating for the public officer. It is time for us to get 'in cinque' and be more careful about the people we choose to empower and make rich, too often at our expense.

## Annual Choir Day Set At The Greater St. Luke Baptist Church

The Greater St. Luke Baptist Church's Senior Choir will have its Annual Choir Day on Sunday afternoon, September 18, 2011, beginning at 3:00 p. m.

The public is invited to attend this annual day. Rev. J. H. Ford is pastor.

# THIS 'N' THAT

by T.J. Patterson

**BLACKS VERY UNHAPPY OVER LACK OF REPRESENTATION OF BLACKS ON UNITED WAY COMMITTEE!! THIS N THAT** ..... has received input from the ..... **BLACK COMMUNITY** ..... about the lack of sensitivity of ..... **BLACKS** ..... on the ..... **LOANED EXECUTIVE DIVISION** ..... of the United Way of Lubbock.... Really .... it begs the question as why this organization .... which has done a lot to help all citi-

zens ..... leave out the opportunity of making sure there was representation of Blacks on this viable committee... There were ..... **53 LUBBOCK VOLUNTEERS** ..... appointed to this board .... As ..... Amber Dean said .... "The Loaned Executive program provides area organizations and their employees a way to get involved in and benefits their community." ..... **BLACKS** ..... wondering why they were not considered a part of the Loaned Executive program....It could be a .....**COMMUNICA-**

**TION PROBLEM** ..... which needs to be corrected..... It appears as though this is the lack of sensitivity.... Anyway ..... what has happened ..... has happened.... **THIS N THAT** ..... is hoping this can be taken care of the benefit of the City of Lubbock ... There were ..... **FOUR HISPANIC NAMES** ..... with the remainder being .....**ANGLO**.....

**WELL SAID, MAGGIE TREJO! THIS N THAT** ..... was glad to hear former city councilwoman ..... **MAGGIE**

**TREJO** ..... suggesting to the Lubbock City council last Monday evening in a ..... **PUBLIC HEARING** ..... relating to cutting the ..... **CITIBUS SERVICES** ..... from 30 minutes to one hour..... She made known that only a ..... **PENNY** ..... would bring in approximately \$1.2 Million Dollars.... This would solve the financial crunch..... Thanks ..... **MAGGIE TREJO** ..... for stepping up to the microphone with a house filled City Council Chamber.. Hope they heard you!

## Chanze Pringler Convicted For Pimping 16 Year Old Girl



A federal jury Wednesday, August 24, 2011, deliberated for about 30 minutes before convicting a Lubbock man of advertising and selling a 16-year-old girl for sex.

Chanze Lamount Pringler, 25, was found guilty of conspiracy to commit sex trafficking of a child, following a two-day trial.

U.S. District Judge Sam Cummings ordered a presentence investigation for a sentencing date yet to be scheduled.

Young Black Brothers, you don't have to do what this brother has done. There's no amount of money worth what he has been convicted of doing.

We will publish his sentencing once received. The **Southwest Digest** doesn't uphold these kinds criminal acts.

Dear Editor:

As I sat and listened to those man and women who attended the July 19th meeting at the Patterson Library, I pondered and agreed on a question relevant to the unoccupied strip located near the Dollar General on Parkway Drive. Mr. Williams raised a very important question to the gentleman representing LEDA. Why was a "field of dreams" facility built and no occupants occupying this facility? Did the board members sit by idol and think that "if you build it, they will come?" Rigomortis has not set in! Rigomortis means "no" movement, like in the word "dead." What movement in our East Lubbock is happening? What direction is our community moving?

Are we moving forward, backward, or sideways? How do we tell? Is it measurable and observable? Are you happy with the state of our community? If you said yes, you are insane, and if you said yes, it means that you have lost your mind!! If you love funk more than you love decency, you are a criminal and you have lost your mind! If you said yes, it means you are a "gate keeper," or a modern day

"witch doctor." If you said no, it means that you're an "agent of change."

This is our reality in East Lubbock!! May our One Creator continue to bless you. May our One Creator continue to increase your faith in Him. May our One Creator help us to understand the problems, so that we will know what to do. "No" community has the problems of the African-American community. It's because we lack "no" vision, or one can say that it's because we have "know" vision. It means that since have "no" collective vision, we follow the vision of "anyone" that we think that just might "know."

This is our reality in education, business, in the criminal justice system, and this is our reality in the political arena by the one who sits and represents East Lubbock!!! I'm very sorry to say, but this is also our reality in most religious institutions in East Lubbock. What does "religion" mean? Religion means to "realign." Most of us "know" what happens to a car that's out of align. We say that it wears out our front tires, and it gives a bumpy ride and it cost extra money to keep buying tires.

What happen to a life out of alignment? The person's life becomes bumpy, and the person's life will even "back fire." The person's life will even "miss", and the person's life will even use a lot of oil and they will not understand why.

People will ever die, and be killed without understanding why. All of this "trauma" right in the middle of all of this "religion." What's wrong? Part of the problem is most of our Preachers, Rabbis and most of our "handkerchief head" Deacons. Go to the religious service and see for yourself. Too many people go to church for the same reason that they go to the "club." They go to get a "fix" and they go to pass out. They go to be worked into a "spell." We must call most of our glorified pimp preachers out!! Most of them are blood suckers and money. They continue to push your emotional button, knowing that most of you are going to pass out. He continues to push your emotional button until you pass out and faint. He knows that you want a "fix". In most cases, this is the preacher who is preaching a "big" offering. Dear Religious

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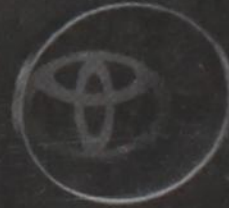
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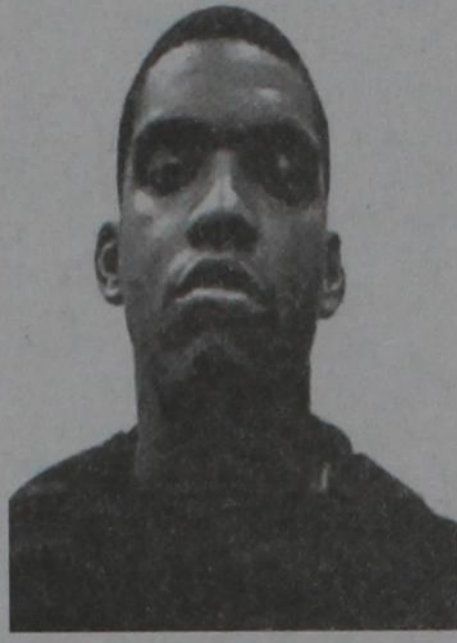
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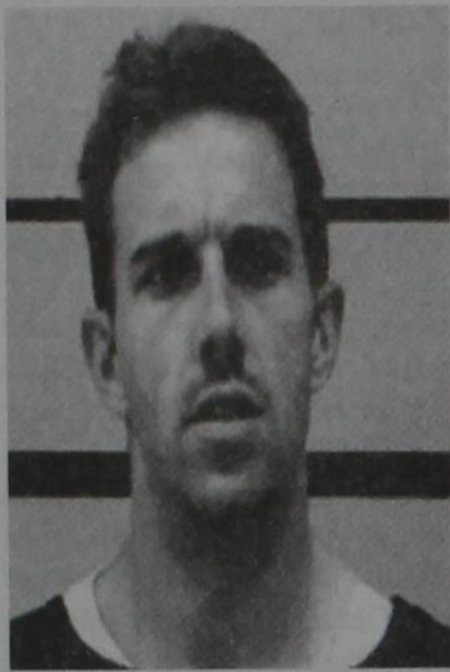
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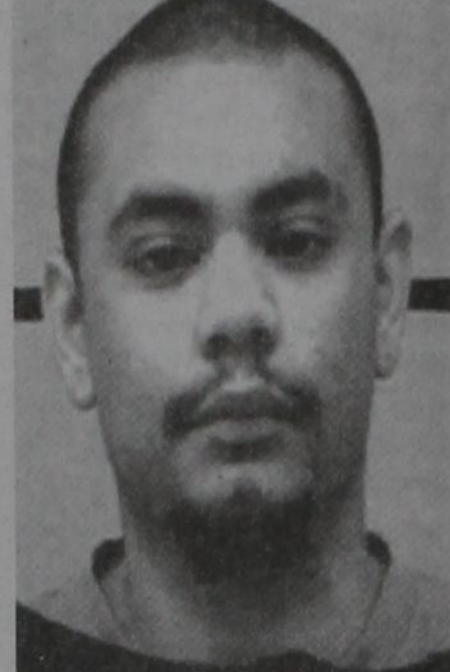
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 Warrant #- 2009422322

## Parson Smith

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high-tech start-ups since 2005, could have turned over it grant-making to independent experts, as most of the other 20 states with similar agencies do. That is not how Mr. Perry works. His office makes the decision on which companies should receive the money, according to The Dallas Morning News, which found that more than \$16 million had gone to campaign

donors. Though he gets the recommendations from an advisory committee he appoints, they are not binding. The committee operates in secret, and some of its members are also Perry contributors. On a national level, Mr. Perry says he wants to make government "inconsequential." In Texas, he has made government very consequential—for his political career. The people of Texas have not fared nearly as well.

This New York Times writer has opened the eyes of many Texans who were once too blind to see!

## Thank God For Jesus

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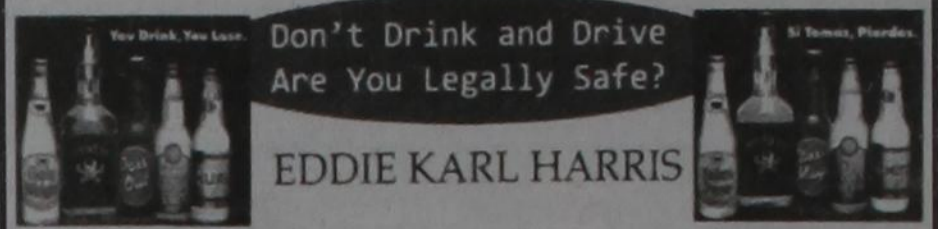
ter, where is my fear? Said the Lord of host unto you, O Priests, that despise my name. And you say, wherein have we despised your name? You offer polluted bread upon my altar; and you say, wherein have we polluted you? In that you say, The table of the Lord is contemptible.

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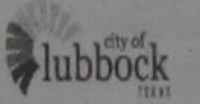
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### Hunger Among Seniors In Our Community Is Growing

Take a Few Simple Steps To Help Someone You Know Stay Healthy and Independent

Byline Article by Lisa Carson, RN, Comfort Keepers® of Lubbock owner

Hunger is a serious threat facing over five million seniors in the United States. In fact, we all have a grandparent, parent or friend who may be suffering in silence. It is estimated that one in nine seniors is at risk of hunger or "food insecurity," the inability to obtain sufficient food for their household. Older adults face many obstacles to getting healthy food, and those challenges can lead to malnutrition.

In response to this growing epidemic, Comfort Keepers® across the nation have launched STOP Senior Hunger, a campaign to raise visibility for the tremendous need for overarching senior nutrition programs, education, family detection and support.

"September is Hunger Action Month, so it is a good time to shed light on this growing epidemic facing many across America," said Kelley Pitts, Marketing Director for Comfort Keepers of Lubbock. "Through STOP Senior Hunger, we are educating others about the importance of helping seniors maintain healthy, independent lives, like Comfort Keepers do

everyday through Interactive Caregiving™."

Hunger Can Affect Seniors of Any Income.

It is estimated that 50% of seniors at risk of hunger live over the poverty level. Among the reasons for hunger: limitations to chewing due to dental problems or dentures; a general lack of interest in eating due to loneliness or depression; and physical or health limitations that prevent seniors from making healthy food.

For seniors, the implications are serious and could mean the potential for increased hospital stays, increased health complications, early entry into assisted living facilities or premature death.

Seniors Face Obstacles to Get Healthy Food.

Purchasing nutritious foods can be difficult for seniors for many reasons:

- **Poverty or Fixed Incomes.** Not all seniors qualify for government food assistance programs, and those who do are sometimes limited to the types of foods they can purchase. Thirty percent of senior households served by Feeding America reported choosing between food and medical care.

- **Difficulty Planning, Traveling or Shopping.** Seniors face difficulty when it comes time to plan, purchase and prepare nutritious meals. Grocery store trips can be problematic with small aisles, limited convenient parking and cumbersome packages. Seniors who use public transit may find it

- **Particularly hard to transport heavier groceries like milk or canned goods.** Lack of transportation and personal mobility can reduce a senior's desire to shop, and prevent them from getting the nutritious foods they need.

- **Living Alone.** Nutrient-rich food items like seasonal produce often go bad before seniors eat it. Some seniors don't know how to cook for one and may face difficulty if cooking for the first time, a phenomenon common in senior men. Those who once cooked for large families now may feel unmotivated to cook for themselves.

**What You Can Do to Help**  
Here are some things family caregivers can do to stop senior hunger every day:

- Offer your help. By asking a senior adult if they need help something like grocery shopping, you are offering support. "Help" is not always monetary.

- Be an advocate. Whether you are caring for an aging parent, relative or family friend, you can be an advocate for them. Learn to detect the signs of malnutrition and hunger

in your older loved ones. Pay attention to their eating habits, keep them company during meal time or invite them for a family meal. When you take your loved one for a doctor visit, be sure to discuss their changing nutritional needs with their doctor.

- Find out where to get assistance. Your local Comfort Keepers is a great starting point. Not only can they help seniors prepare meals and offer other companion care services, but they may also be able to help you locate local and federal programs which can help seniors obtain nutritious food, including the Commodities Supplemental Food Program (CSFP), Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) and the Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Program. Also, check out Meals on Wheels Association of America or Feeding America® to see if there is a senior food distribution program in your neighborhood.

- Understand what good nutrition means. Seniors can improve their quality of life and preserve their independence longer by making dietary changes. About 30 million older Americans live with chronic diseases for which nutrition therapies can be effective in managing and treating, according to the American Dietetics Association.

To learn more about senior nutrition and how to participate in the Comfort Keepers® STOP Senior Hunger campaign benefiting Lubbock Meals on Wheels, visit [comfortkeepers.com/lubbock-tx](http://comfortkeepers.com/lubbock-tx) today.

Check out a senior nutrition blog, get WATCH details and see Stop Senior Hunger 2010 Foxnews.com coverage here: <http://blog.comfortkeepers.com/category/senior-nutrition/>

### Johnny Mae Franklin

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While residing in Lubbock, she worked as a domestic worker for the Ross McWhorter family, Jo Ann Garden, for 40 years.

She leaves to mourn her homegoing a host of many fifteen grandchildren, great grandchildren, other family members and many friends.

## Bill Gates Announces 2012 Scholarship Program For Low-Income Minority Students

-- Gates' non-profit organization is giving away 1,000 scholarships for the 2011-2012 school season --

**Nationwide** -- The Gates Millennium Scholarship Program (GMS) will select 1,000 talented students next year to receive a good-through-graduation scholarship to use at any college or university of their choice.

Scholars will also be provided with personal and professional development through their leadership programs, along with academic support throughout their college career.

The program, funded by a grant from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, was established to provide outstanding low income minority students with an opportunity to complete an undergraduate college education in any discipline area of interest. To date, the program has given scholarships to more than 15,000 students.

Continuing scholars may request funding for a graduate degree program in one of the



**Bill Gates**  
Founder of Gates Foundation

following discipline areas: education, engineering, library science, mathematics, public health or science.

The deadline for submitting an application is Wednesday, January 11, 2012.

To apply, visit [www.blackstudents.com/billgates](http://www.blackstudents.com/billgates)

### Nick Ashford, of Motown Hitmaker Duo Ashford & Simpson, Dies at 70

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next level."

Others in the music industry also mourned the loss. On Twitter, Alicia Keys wrote, "I'm so sad that he's gone. ... So many of the greatest are going to a greater place ... what a legacy of infectious music ... man!"

Ashford and Simpson's relationship stretched more than four decades. They met in 1964 in a New York City church. Ashford, a South Carolina native, had come to the city to pursue a dance career. Simpson was a music student, and after connecting with her, they decided to start to write songs together.

"They were always comfortable with each other and they made all of us comfortable, because they were comfortable," White said.

Their first major success occurred when they came up with "Let's Go Get Stoned" for Ray Charles. The bluesy, gospeling song became a huge hit for Charles, and soon, they came to the attention of Motown Records and began penning hits for their artists.

They started out writing soulful, romantic works for the duo of Gaye and Terrell that would become instant classics, like "Your Precious Love," and "Ain't Nothin' Like The Real Thing." In fact, "Ain't No Mountain High Enough" was originally their hit, until Ross later rerecorded it with a new arrangement that had sweeping pop grandeur and made it her signature song.

Ross may have been their greatest muse: With her, they

had some of their biggest songs and helped give her career-defining hits that would distinguish her solo career apart from The Supremes. Among the songs Ross made hits were "Reach Out and Touch," "The Boss," "My House," and "Missing You," a tribute to the late Gaye and others. They also composed some of the music for "The Wiz," the movie musical that starred Ross and Michael Jackson.

In an industry where marriages and partnerships are fleeting, Ashford and Simpson stood the test of time.


"The thing is they were married and working together, that was what was special about them. Everybody admired that," White said.

The duo, married for 38 years, helped sell millions of records for several artists. They also had success as their own entity, but despite "Solid As a Rock," their songs were dwarfed by those they penned for others. They continued to craft hits even into the new millennium: They are credited as co-writers on Amy Winehouse's "Tears Dry On Their Own."

In recent years, the pair continued to perform. They also were owners of the New York City restaurant Sugar Bar, where many top names and emerging talents would put on showcases.

In 2002, Ashford & Simpson were inducted into the Songwriters Hall of Fame.

Ashford is survived by his wife and two daughters.



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