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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, Mac 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 Community Baptist Church every Monday at 7:00 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.
- * If you have an announcement about your organization, please advise by calling (806) 762-3612 or e-mail swdigest@sbcglobal.net.

The Congressional Black Caucus Meeting With President Obama



Washington, DC - Last week, the Congressional Black Caucus held their first full Caucus meeting with President Obama. The CBC emphasized the importance of innovative job and wealth creation, especially for the African American community, which is the hardest hit by the recession. President Obama and the CBC discussed a myriad of issues, but jobs were the primary focus including ways to address the conditions of the long term unemployed. The CBC commended President Obama on the successful military action taken by the Administration and our armed forces in capturing Osama bin Laden. Additionally, the CBC acknowledged the importance of Assistant Leader, Jim Clyburn's significant role in the budget deficit and debt ceiling discussions.

The CBC expressed to the President the importance of immediately identifying resources available for investment for critical programs that serve vulnerable communities. The Caucus proposed the idea of youth jobs through aid and clean up of the recent tornado and flood ravished areas. President Obama expressed his commitment to short and long term strategies to ensure economic growth thereby creating a more prosperous America. The President also assured the Caucus of their critical role as a partner in addressing the economic woes of our time. President Obama expressed his goal to create a robust economy that will generate jobs for those in the African American community and for all Americans. The Congressional Black Caucus is committed to continuing its work with the Obama Administration to get America back to work.

Congressman Emanuel Cleaver (D-Mo) is Chairman of the Congressional Black Caucus.



Meet Mr. & Miss Estacado High School

The Estacado Coronation Court was nominated by teachers and administrators. Students then voted to select Mr. and Miss EHS. The 2010-11 Mr. EHS is Kevin Wagner, and the 2010-11 Miss EHS is Deirdre Foree.

14th Annual Kids' Fishing Derby

On Saturday, June 4, 2011, from 7:00 a. m. until 2:00 p. m., the 100 Black Men of West Texas, Inc., in conjunction with the Texas Game Warden's Association,

will present the 14th Annual Kids' Fishing Derby. This event will be held at Mae Simmons Park, located at MLK Blvd. and Canyon Lakes Drive.

The Kids' Fishing Derby is held on the first Saturday in June of each year, since this is the day anyone can fish in the state of Texas without a fishing license.



Chasney Christeine Clemons Graduated From Wiley College

In Lubbock, there is a grandmother is very happy over the accomplishments of her granddaughter, Chasney Christeine Clemons, who graduated from Wiley College in Marshall, Texas on Saturday, May 7, 2011. She majored with a B. B. A. in Hospitality and Tourism. A 2007 graduate of Longview High School in Garland, Texas. She is the daughter of Edward and Bobbie (Turner)

Clemons of Wylie, Texas. Her grandparents are Johnny and Florence Turner of Lubbock. Chasney will tell you it was a very educational experience at Wiley College. "I will never forget all of the many experiences I was able to be a part of at the Historical Black College. The Southwest Digest wishes her the very best. Congratulations!!

Largest Attendance Of Redistricting Meeting

If you would add the fifteen members of the Lubbock Redistricting committee, there were 110 citizens of District Two in attendance of the last of six meetings Monday evening, May 16, 2011, at Alderson Middle School.

This year Lubbock must balance the borders of its six council districts to account for the 3009 new residents over the past decade.

There were several speakers who told the committee they were very much concerned about the Black vote becoming diluted, thus making it difficult for a Black to be elected in District 2.

The committee will meet Tuesday evening, June 6, 2011, to make final plans for their presentation to the Lubbock City Council.

Congrats, Sister!



UNEXPECTED GUEST - U. S. Marine Corporal Abel Cantu traveled to Levelland from Afghanistan to attend the graduation ceremony of his sister, Maegan Cantu, of Lubbock. She received an Associate of Science degree in Surgical Technology during the 53rd Annual Commencement Ceremony held Friday, May 13, 2011, at the Texan Dome. (SPC Photo/Adrian Mellberg)

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Vacation Bible School will be held at the Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church, 2202 Southeast Drive, June 13 through 17, 2011, beginning at 6:00 p. m. until 8:00 p. m.

Sister Elurd Devenport, Director of Christian Education, is the director of the annual program. For more information, call 744-7552. Rev. Sonia J. Scott is pastor.

On Saturday evening, June 11, 2011, a special program, Dessert Contest and Spaghetti

Dinner, will be held. It will also have an auction for a person's favorite dessert.

The public is invited to attend either of these events.

Church services were well attended last Sunday morning, May 15, 2011, at the New Hope Baptist Church, where the proud pastor is Rev. B. R. Moton.

Services got underway with the Praise Team at their post of duty singing God's grace. What a time! The morning scripture

and prayer were offered by ministers. The New Hope Choir sung two selections.

The morning sermon was delivered by Pastor Moton. His subject was "Stop Crying And Be A Witness For God". His scripture was Psalm 137:1-4.

After an invitation to discipleship, the morning announcements were read by Sister Pamela Moton. Sister Glenda Mooney-Tobe welcomed all visitors to the morning services.

Let us continue to pray for those who are on the sick and shut-in list. Why give them a telephone call, send them a card, or if permissible, visit someone on the sick and shut-in list.

Greater St. Mark Baptist Church's Ministry Lunch
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FASHION FUN with Shirley Roberson EMBELLISHED CHURCH SUITS

Women of color are extremely excited, designers are returning the embellished church suits to the fashion scene.

For a while the embellished look took a back seat,

less and less embellishments shown on designer suits and dresses, fashions were softer and quieter. But now the embellish look is back, stronger than ever and with its beauty it's bringing the longer length jacket.

NOW YOU TELL, HOW GREAT IS THAT.

The beautiful long jacket conceal a multitude of sins. Two things to look for.. embellishments and of course longer suit jackets.

Fashion Tip..always



wear a smile!!

Fashion..just for the fun of it!!

New Light Baptist Church News

On Sunday morning, May 15, 2011, church services got started at New Light Baptist Church, 3013 Idalou Road, where Rev. Kenneth O. Jackson is the pastor.

Church School started at 10:00 a.m. with Rev. Jackson teaching the lesson entitled: "Where We Look In Time Of Trouble" and its printed text coming from Revelation 7:9-17. Sister Rochelette Hood taught the lesson for the youth. Breakfast was served to those in attendance afterward.

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

Rev. L. C. Lee led the pulpit devotion. The Senior Choir marched to the choir stand singing "O' I Want To See Him"

The responsive reading came from Psalm 27:1-14 was read by Rev. Lee. The altar prayer was led by Rev. Jackson with the choir singing "Lord, Bless Me."

Sister Hood read all the announcements and told of all the up coming events that will be taking place. There was the pastoral period that was held by the pastor and then the offering was taken up.

The choir sang "The Reason I Live This Life," led by Sister Linda Green and "Home Over The Mountain" led by Sister Angela Mosley. The theme song of the church "Amazing Grace" was sung before the sermon. Rev. Jackson preached the sermon entitled: "Where Is Your Faith?" and its printed text coming from Matthew 17: 14-20. "Bye And Bye" was sung after the sermon.

There was the invitation to discipleship that was extended and several went up for prayer.

protection around us daily. **SCRIPTURE FOR THE WEEK:** Let not your heart be troubled ye that believed in God believe also in me "JOHN 14:1 Continue on Page 7

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Church News



From the Desk of Parson D.A. Smith
Leaving Children Behind!

We Thank God for Jesus
"God Is Upset With America!!"
 Written by Evangelist Billy "B.J." Morrison, III - Your brother in Christ Jesus always.

I would encourage the readers of the Southwest Digest to further enlighten your mind by reading "The New York Times." Reading this paper will move your mindset far beyond those who listen and act out the wishes of the ultimate conservative Koch brothers who have their own agenda as it relates to the growth and enrichment of the American agenda and dreams of its entire people.

Let me share with you some of the thoughts of Paul Krugman (one of the Times contributors) as it relates to the education of children in our present environment.

Mr. Krugman writes...Will 2011 be the year of fiscal austerity? At the federal level, it's still not clear: Republicans are demanding draconian spending cuts, but we don't yet know how far they're will to go in a showdown with President Obama. At the state and local level, however, there's no doubt about it; big spending cuts are coming.

And who will bear the brunt of these cuts? American's children.

Now, politicians—and especially, in my experience, conservative politicians—will always claim to be deeply concerned about the nation's children. Back during the 2000 campaign, then-candidate George W. Bush, touting the "Texas miracle" of dramatically lower dropout rates, declared that he wanted to be the "education president." Today advocates of big spending cuts often claim that their greatest concern is the burden of debt our child will face.

In practice, however, when advocates of lower spending get a chance to put their ideas into practice, the burden always seems to call disproportionately on those very children they claim to hold so dear.

Consider as a case in point, what happening in Texas, which more and more seems to be where America's political future happens first.

Texas likes to portray itself as a model of small government, and indeed it is. Taxes are low; at least if you're in the upper part of the income distribution (taxes on the bottom 40 percent of the population are actually above the national average). Government spending is also low. And to be fair, low taxes may be one reason for the state's rapid population growth, although low housing prices are surely much more important.

But here's the thing: While low spending may sound good in the abstract, what it amounts to in practice is low spending on children, who account directly or indirectly for a large part of government outlays at the state and local level.

And in low-tax, low-spending Texas, the kids are not all right. The high school graduation rate, at just 61.3 percent, puts Texas 43rd out of 50 in state rankings. Nation-

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Hosea 4:1b -- The Lord had a controversy with the inhabitants of the land, because there is no truth, nor mercy, nor knowledge of God in the land.

America was like the story in the Bible where the man made a **Great Country**. And let it out, and said, **BRING THE GOOD FRUIT TO ME!!!**

Matthew 21:33 -- Jesus said, there was a certain householder, which planted a vineyard, and hedged it round about, and digged a winepress in it, and built a tower, and let it out to husbandman, and went into a far country.

America started out with the Bible as her guide **TO THE GOOD WAY OF LIFE**. Then she got **PROUD**, and said: **WE DON'T WANT GOD IN OUR LIFE**.

Isaiah 58:1 -- The Lord said, Cry aloud, and spare no, lift up your voice like a trumpet, and show my people their transgressions.

America **WAS** blessed with: **GOLD, OIL, WHEAT, COTTON, & CATTLE IN HER LAND**. She thinks she did it

HERSELF - GOT THE BIG HEAD LIKE A PROUD MAN!!!

Jeremiah 9:23-24a -- The Lord said, let not the wise man glory in his wisdom, neither let the mighty man glory in his might, let not the richman glory in his riches. But let him that glory, glory in this, that he understands and knows Me.

But as America became **PROUD, AND LEFT GOD'S WORD: HER COURT HOUSES, SCHOOL HOUSES, (SOME CHURCHES), GOD'S WORD IS NOT HEARD!!!**

Hosea 2:8 -- The Lord said, she did not know that I gave her corn, wine, oil, multiplied her silver and gold, which they prepared for **BA'AL (THE DEVIL'S)**.

****** YES, AMERICA IS ROBBING GOD!!! ******

AMERICA thinks **SHE'S FREE. HER PEOPLE ARE IN PRISON AS THEY LIVE. THEY'RE HOOKED ON MONEY, ALCOHOL, SELF LOVE & COCAINE. AND NOTHING TO GIVE!!!**

Isaiah 51:17 -- Awake, awake, stand up. O'Jerusalem, which has drunk at the of the Lord the cup of his fury. You have drunken the drugs of the cup of trembling, and wrung them out.

America, at one time, did as the **BIBLE SAID: LOVE THY NEIGHBORS AS YOURSELF**. But now she's like a **GREEDY DOG OVER MONEY & CARES FOR NONE ELSE!!!**

I Timothy 6:10 -- For the love of money is the root of all evil, which while some coveted after, they have erred from faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.

In Lubbock, Texas, the **DOGS HAVE A 5 MILLION DOLLAR HOUSE TO LIVE IN!!!**

****** WHERE IS LOVE-FOR MANKIND???** ****

America started our **VERY POOR, BUT THE LAND HAD PLENTY OF LOVE**. As the people **PROSPERED, THEN CAME HATE AND BLOOD!!!**

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Two Choices ☐☐ Here - So What Will You Do? Would you have made the same choice? ☐☐

At a fundraising dinner for a school that serves children with learning disabilities, the father of one of the students delivered a speech that would never be forgotten by all who attended.

After extolling the school and its ☐☐ dedicated staff, he offered a question: ☐☐ "When not interfered with by outside influences, everything nature does, is done with perfection. ☐☐ Yet my son, Shay, cannot learn things as other children do. He cannot understand things as other children do. ☐☐ Where is the natural order of things in my son?" ☐☐ The audience was stilled by the query. ☐☐

☐☐ The father continued. "I be-

lieve that when a child like Shay, who was mentally and physically disabled comes into the world, an opportunity to realize true human nature presents itself, and it comes in the way other people treat that child." ☐☐

Then he told the following story: ☐☐ ☐☐ Shay and I had walked past a park where some boys Shay knew were playing baseball. Shay asked, "Do you think they'll let me play?" I knew that most of the boys would not want someone like Shay on their team, but as a father I also understood that if my son were allowed to play, it would give him a much-needed sense of belonging and some confidence to be

accepted by others in spite of his handicaps. ☐☐ ☐☐

I approached one of the boys on the field and asked (not expecting much) if Shay could play. The boy looked around for guidance and said, "We're losing by six runs and the game is in the eighth inning. I guess he can be on our team and we'll try to put him in to bat in the ninth inning." ☐☐ ☐☐

Shay struggled over to the team's bench and, with a broad smile, put on a team shirt. I watched with a small tear in my eye and warmth in my heart. The boys saw my joy at my son being accepted. ☐☐ In the bottom of the eighth inning, Shay's

team scored a few runs but was still behind by three. ☐☐ In the top of the ninth inning, Shay put on a glove and played in the right field. Even though no hits came his way, he was obviously ecstatic just to be in the game and on the field, grinning from ear to ear as I waved to him from the stands. ☐☐ In the bottom of the ninth inning, Shay's team scored again. ☐☐ Now, with two outs and the bases loaded, the potential winning run was on base and Shay was scheduled to be next at bat. ☐☐ ☐☐ At this juncture, do they let Shay bat and give away their chance to win the game? ☐☐ Surprisingly, Shay was given the bat. Every-

one knew that a hit was all but impossible because Shay didn't even know how to hold the bat properly, much less connect with the ball. ☐☐ However, as Shay stepped up to the ☐☐ plate, the pitcher, recognizing that the other team was putting winning aside for this moment in Shay's life, moved in a few steps to lob the ball in softly so Shay could at least make contact. ☐☐ The first pitch came and Shay swung clumsily and missed. ☐☐ The pitcher again took a few steps forward to toss the ball softly towards Shay. ☐☐ As the pitch came in, Shay swung at the ball and hit a slow ground ball right back to the pitcher. ☐☐ ☐☐ The game would now be over. ☐☐ The pitcher picked up the soft grounder and could have easily

thrown the ball to the first baseman. ☐☐ Shay would have been out and that would have been the end of the game. ☐☐ ☐☐ Instead, the pitcher threw the ball right over the first baseman's head, out of reach of all team mates. ☐☐ Everyone from the stands and both teams started yelling, "Shay, run to first!" ☐☐ "Run to first!" ☐☐ Never in his life had Shay ever run that far, but he made it to first base. ☐☐ He scampered down the baseline, wide-eyed and startled. ☐☐ ☐☐ Everyone yelled, "Run to second, run to second!" ☐☐ Catching his breath, Shay awkwardly ran towards second, gleaming and struggling to make it to the base. ☐☐ By the time Shay rounded towards second

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Outreach Prayer Breakfast

This article was published September 2, 2006 about a very inspirational meeting held in the home of the late Sister Lula Spence, who was a hardworking lady with the Outreach Prayer Breakfast. The devotion was led by the Ladies. What a time they had praising God!

The morning scripture lesson was taught by Sister Elnora Jones, our teacher, who did another outstanding job as usual. Her scripture text were I Corinthians 12; St. John 7:38; Psalm 22:14 and 5:15; and Revelation 22. Her subject was "Stuck In A Dry Place, Only For A Season With A Wilderness Mentality."

Were you there? We had

many friends and guests at this Saturday morning meeting. You should have come and heard this spirit filled teacher speak the word. She said, "Every believer is a member of Christ's body. With a definite ministry, true ministry is the exercise of spiritual gifts. There are diversities of gifts, but the same spirit. There are differences of ministries, but the same **Lord**. And there are diversities of activities, but it is the same God who works all in all. Ministry gifts must be exercised in love. **God's people, let's not get stuck in a dry place.** This lesson was truly a blessing to all in attendance.

"Let's Pray For Health And Healing"

Father, in the name of Jesus, we confess your word concerning healing. As we do this, we believe and say your word will not return to you void, but will accomplish what it says it will. Therefore, we believe in the name of Jesus that according to I Peter 2:24 in your word, Jesus, himself, took our infirmities and bore our sickness. Therefore, with great boldness and confidence, we say on the authority of that written word that we're redeemed from the curse of sickness, and refuse to tolerate its symptoms.

Satan, we speak to you in the name of Jesus and say that your principalities, powers, your spirits who rule the present darkness

and your spiritual wilderness in heavenly places are bound from operating against us in anyway. We're the property of Almighty God and we give you no place in us, God's people. We abide, remain stable and fixed under the shadows of the Almighty whose power no foe can withstand.

Now Father, because we reverence and worship you. We have the assurance of your word that the angels of the Lord encamp around about us, and de-

livers us from every evil work. No evil shall befall us, no plague or calamity shall come near our dwelling. We confess the word of God abides in your people to deliver to perfect soundness of mind and wholeness of your people's touch!" AMEN

Read and believe we can

move mountains, In Jesus' name.

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

May God Bless each of you!!

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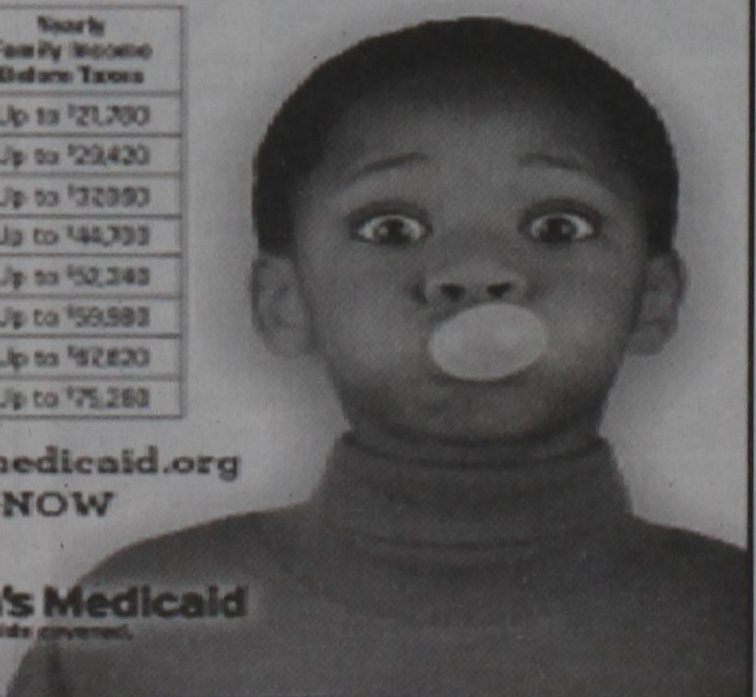
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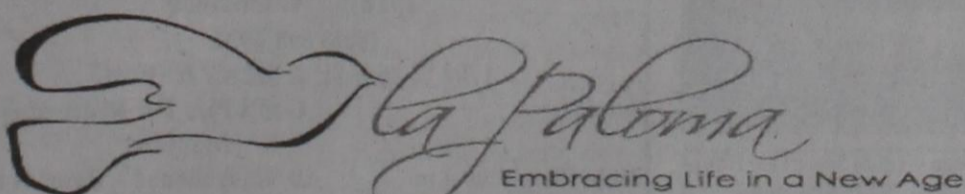
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Obsequies

Carrie Emma Russell

Funeral services for Carrie Emma Russell were held Thursday afternoon, May 5, 2011, at Hope Deliverance Temple, with Elder Charles Tanner, pastor, officiating.

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

Russell, 64, of Lubbock passed away at University Medical Center.

She was born on August 26, 1946, and was the 5th child born to the proud parents of Sam Wright and Myrtle Wright. On September 26, 1965, Carrie united in holy matrimony with Bura "Yogi" Russell and to this union were added two daughters. Carrie was a member of the Church of the Living God until her health no longer permitted her to attend.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Sam and Myrtle Wright; husband, Bura Russell "Yogi"; one grandson, Baby Bura Cleveland; and one sister, Minnie Bell Travenia.

She was a wonderful loving wife, daughter, mother, grandmother, aunt, and friend to many and will be greatly missed.

She leaves to cherish her memory two daughters, Terri Ann



Cleveland (Stafford) and Shana Russell-Brown (Marcus); two brothers, O. Wright (Linda) and Biff Wright (Cynthia); two sisters, Naomi Johnson and Ruth Jean Howard (Troy); two grandchildren, Candice Cleveland and Stafford Cleveland, Jr.; one great-grandson, Keshone McKnight; and very special family friend, Richard Taylor "Big 6"; and a host of other relatives and friends.

ATTEND CHURCH ON SUNDAY!!

Bible Believers?

The Bible Believers Class meets every Thursday from 1:00 p. m. until 2:00 p. m. at Mae Simmons Community Center.

The teacher of the class is Pastor Jimmie Brown. Mother Mae Thomas is the Assistant Instructor. Brother Jerrell Nathan was ordained as Deacon on Thursday, March 24, 2011.

The classes are taught strictly from the Holy Bible. Only the Word of God is taught. There is no social teachings - only the True Word.



Rev. Brown is also the director of the Dateview Apartments, 2310 Date Avenue. Vacancies Are Open.

The Lubbock Community is invited to attend. Donations are accepted! We help those who are in need!

James Petties

Funeral services were held for James Petties Thursday morning, May 11, 2011 at Hope Deliverance Temple with Elder Charles Tanner, pastor, officiating.

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

Petties, 63, of Clovis, N.M. passed away Friday, May 6, 2011 at Covenant Medical Center.

He was born April 7, 1948 in Littlefield to Jesse and Donnie Petties.

He was preceded in death by his parents Jessie and Donnie and three brothers, Richard, Walter, and Windell.

He leaves to cherish his memory; one daughter, Donna Petties; two grandsons, Bobby and Ricky; four sisters, Frances Henry, Gussie Allen, Lovie Hatchett, and Rosa Lee Wash-



ington; two brothers, Wayne Petties and Frank Petties; companion, Gloria Jones; extended family, Vickie, Derek, Erick, and Leslie; two special aunts, Minnie Adams and Patsy Tyson; one uncle Johnnie Robinson; and a host of other relatives and friends.

Charles L. Reed

Memorial Services for Charles L. Reed were held Tuesday morning, May 17, 2011, at Griffin Mortuary Chapel. Disposition was held in Seagraves, Texas under the direction of Griffin Mortuary & Funeral Home of Lubbock.

Reed, 56, of Lubbock passed away Friday, May 13, 2011 at Vista Care.

He was born in Seagraves, Texas on October 21, 1954 to the late Frank Reed and Ruby Mae McDaniel. Charles attended Seagraves Public School and enlisted in the Military.

He worked at Monahans Nipple Up Oilfield in Monahans, Texas for 12 years. He worked for the City of Lovington, N.M. The last six years of his life he worked as a security guard in Phoenix, Ariz.

He leaves to cherish his memory, his wife of nine years, Carol Reed; mother, Ruby Mae McDaniel; three sons, Ivan



Christopher Davis, DeMatrius Davis, and Darius Davis; two daughters, Ivory Lureatia Reed and Nicole RaNire; one granddaughter, Deantae Davis; three aunts; two uncles; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

He always enjoyed talking about "Those Days."

Maggie Stiggers

Funeral services were held Monday morning, May 16, 2011, for Maggie Stiggers at the Monday afternoon, May 16, 2011, at Greater Saint Mark Baptist Church with Dr. Leon Armstead, pastor, officiating.

Burial was held in the City of Lubbock Cemetery under the directions of Ossie Curry Funeral Home of Lubbock.

Stiggers, 94, of Lubbock died Wednesday, May 11, 2011 at VistaCare Lubbock.

Maggie Stiggers was born in Rising Star, Texas, to Effie and Shirley Guess. She lived in Lubbock more than 70 years.



She is survived by one grandson, Lester Miller of Lubbock.

Longtime Resident: Mrs. Dorothy Kinner Passes

The funeral services for Mrs. Dorothy Kinner will be held Saturday morning, May 21, 2011, 11:00 a. m. at the New Hope Baptist Church with Rev. B. R. Moton, pastor, officiating.

Mrs. Kinner was a retired educator. She passed away Saturday, May 14, 2011.

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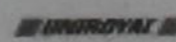
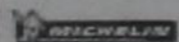
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EDITORIALS-COMMENTS- OPINIONS



THIS 'N' THAT

by T.J. Patterson

A VERY GOOD TURNOUT!! THIS N THAT was very excited over the large turnout of those in attendance of the last of **SIX MEETINGS** of the **REDISTRICTING COMMITTEE** last Monday evening May 16, 2011 at the **ALDERSON MIDDLE SCHOOL**..... It was a very good meeting and hopefully was said by those in attendance will not go on deaf ears..... There were **110 CITIZENS** present. Among those who were in attendance were very much concerned about whether the redrawing of the **BOUNDARIES** in order to balance the six district boundaries.....The **LUBBOCK CITY COUNCIL**..... appointed a 15 member c committee to study the maps by meeting in a **PUBLIC BUILDING** in each of the districts..... **MANY EAST LUBBOCK RESIDENTS** who live and vote in District Two are **WORRIED ABOUT THE BLACK VOTE DILUTING**

THEIR VOTE..... The information of the meeting was to be presented to the **LUBBOCK CITY COUNCIL** June 7, 2011..... When the seating Lubbock City Council decides which maps will be increased because of the 3,009 new residents in Lubbock during the past decade.... A reply will come from the **CIVIL RIGHTS DIVISION OF THE U. S. DEPARTMENT OF THE JUSTICE** within 60 days and if there is needed information the Lubbock City Council will have another 60 days to correct the problem if there is one..... Regardless of what take place this process becomes a reality every **TEN YEARS**..... by local political sub-divisions..... Hopefully those citizens who attended the meeting on May 16th will be pleased with the outcome..... but if they are not they have the rights to appeal to the Civil Rights Division of the U. S. Justice Department.....

IF BLACKS ARE UNHAPPY, MAYBE A CHAR-

TER CHANGE COULD BE USED TO ENLARGE CITY COUNCIL! THIS N THAT wonders what the outcome if there were enough citizens wanted a **CHARTER CHANGE** which would allow an opportunity to increase the **LUBBOCK CITY COUNCIL** from **SIX CITY COUNCIL DISTRICTS TO NINE**..... It would be something to think about..... At least this is the way some citizens are thinking as well as **THIS N THAT**.....

100 BLACK MEN OF WEST TEXAS, INC., THANKS!! THIS N THAT ants to say a special **THANKS** to the **100 BLACK MEN OF WEST TEXAS, INC.** for their sponsoring the **14TH ANNUAL KIDS' FISHING DERBY** which will be held at the Mae Simmons Park on Saturday morning June 7, 2011..... They are expecting more than **1,000 YOUTH** and more than **600 ADULTS**.... This is **GREAT** and **THIS N THAT** wishes the **100 BLACK MEN OF WEST TEXAS, INC.** much success.....

BLACK CHURCH STATEMENT WOULD HAVE BEEN GREAT!! THIS N THAT was hoping a **BLACK CHURCH STATEMENT** would have been **GREAT** for the **REDISTRICTING COMMITTEE** to determine how the **BOUNDARY LINES** which would enhance for **BLACKS TO BE ELECTED** to the Lubbock City Council..



THINK ABOUT IT!!

"Yes I Can!"

by Eddie P. Richardson

"Yes, I Can, was the title of a book written by the late Sammy Davis, Jr. after his release from the military service with a bad taste of the military after receiving some bad experiences before President Harry S. Truman integrated the U. S. Armed Forces.

This still holds true today as there are always obstacles and stumbling blocks. A person can do or be anything he or she wants to be if they are willing to work hard and pay the price. Nothing or anything as well as anybody can keep us, Black People, from succeeding if we want the end results to be positive for us.

Look back in history and

check the record, and you will see so many of our forefathers of all races, cultures and backgrounds who had to overcome huge odds to become successful. They, no doubt, had faith and believed in themselves, worked harder, gave more because they believed in themselves.

One of our major problems today is we, Black Folk, want someone to give it to us. Really, I'm not talking about you, just talking about what they, others, are talking about. Some of us want to see success without paying the price. We want to take the elevator and ignore the stairs. Even if we take the elevator, we do not know what's down below. You can't really lead where you

don't go. Can't teach what you don't know.

A good example of "Yes, I Can." is the speaker for the first ever Juneteenth Fundraising Banquet in October, 2003, Anthony A. Williams, Mayor of Washington, D. C., who came from an average Black family who served as a dishwasher, a waiter, and is now is in his second term of the Capitol City of the United States of America. Mayor Williams graduated with honors from not just one, but two Ivy League institutions, i. e., Harvard and Yale. He has held numerous high level positions before becoming Mayor. Lubbock was honored to

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HAVE WE BLACKED OUT?

by BROTHER ASKARI

I'm asking this question to the children, grand children and great grandchildren of the great men and women of and East Lubbock who accomplished all that we are letting go to waste NOW! Queen City had businesses and a community life that represented Strong efforts made by the people who lived there to have their own as well as provide a service for the people living in east Lubbock that highlighted Black Progress! Queen City has now been re-



duced to nothing but unoccupied land. The Flats was a community with homes apartments and businesses reduced to unoccupied land. The land by the gran-

aries was occupied by homes, apartments and businesses now reduced to unoccupied land. The Mae Simmons park was once a big Dump Ground and now it's combine with a lake and the most beautiful land in Lubbock Texas. The reason I am asking HAVE WE BLACKED OUT is because the only construction happening for us a Senior Citizen Apartment Complex for our Elders and Prisons for our Young!!!! I am saying to The 100 Black Men organization that

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By Renetta Howard

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There are mixed signals about our economy leading up to election 2012. Some candidates want to make sure that you, the electorate, have good reasons to elect them or elect them to public office. President Obama has already begun his campaign to keep his office and the opposition party, the Republicans, have had one of their candidates to drop out of the race. The field was becoming rather crowded. They apparently realized that having so many contenders that it will be very difficult to select a viable candidate to run against President Obama.

Of course, the waters are being stirred as we speak. President Obama's coup in capturing Osama Bin Laden has put a feather in his cap, but the Republicans and Obama haters are doing their best to make sure that the score is erased. The moment that the news broke that Bin Laden had been found and annihilated, the stories that it was not true began to circulate in the media. The next thing that followed through was the 'fact' that something terrible involving the loss of life to a large segment of the United States was going to take place as revenge. Then the story that Bin Laden's son would take up the sword where his father left off in an attempt to get the United States out of the Middle East.

These are never ending sagas to put fear into the minds of the American public by the anti-Obamas in an attempt to thwart his success to becoming a two term President of the United States. The large number of Republicans who want to run for president is an indication of the frustration with a Black man being President of the United States.



This is the Twenty-first Century and it is about time that the people of the United States realize that this country became a county because the people who settled here wanted freedom; freedom from a number of things. Since its inception, however, there are those of us who wish to make sure that the freedom does not include some of us; that equality is not equality for some of us. But when our young people are carted off to war in foreign lands, everyone is free to fight and die for this country whether or not you understand what you are fighting or dying for.

We need to realize that we are all in this struggle together and fighting each other for whatever reason weakens the country. This is a strategy known to Americans for years, divide and conquer. We also know that this was one of the greatest characteristics reasons for the fall of the Roman Empire; fighting in too many places and fighting within the country. It could not stand. The United States needs to take inventory and prevent the 'fall.'

Citizens of all walks of life need to realize that love and toleration will keep this country strong. We need to 'accentuate the positive, do away with the negative and leave Mr. in-between alone,' then get 'in cinque' and follow through.

African-Americans and the Devastation Caused by Tobacco

by Adolphus "AC" Cleveland Tobacco Prevention Specialist

The "Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids" presents some startling information. Each year, approximately 45,000 African-Americans die from smoking-related illnesses. Smoking-related illnesses are the number one cause of death in the African-American community. This surpasses all other causes of death including AIDS, homicide, diabetes, and accidents. Other statistics show disproportionate harm to African Americans from smoking.

In 2007, there were 7,387 African-American homicide victims in the United States. This figure shows that cigarette-related deaths exceed weapon-related deaths by over 37,600.

The devastation that tobacco inflicts on African-American teens and adults is a crisis that cannot be ignored.

For more information, call Mr. Cleveland at (806) 780-8300, ext. 205 or adolph.cleveland@mccaod.com.

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Parson Smith

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ally, the state ranks fifth in child poverty; it leads in the percentage of children without health insurance. And only 78 percent of Texas children are in excellent or very good health, significantly below the national average... But things are about to get much worse.

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Of the superintendents with the highest salaries in Texas, we were able to track down enough information to calculate nearly complete totals for Melody Johnson of the Fort Worth school district (No. 4 in TEA's salary rankings) and Grier of the Houston district (No. 6 in salary).

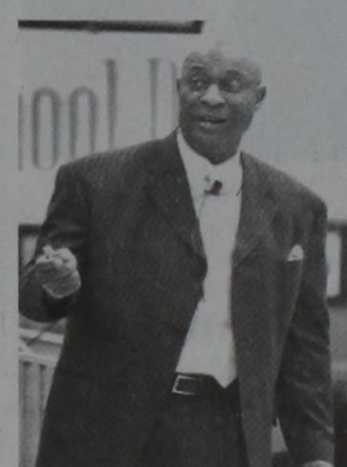
Johnson, whose district has about 80,000 students, earns an annual salary of \$328,950 and receives an automobile allowance of \$600 per month. According to district spokesman Clint Bond, the district also pays \$1,426 per year in membership dues to a professional organization, \$4,475 for an annual disability insurance premium and \$2,940 for health insurance.

Johnson's total: about \$345,000. In addition to his \$300,000 salary, Grier receives \$1,200 per month for an automobile allowance and \$400 per month for a cell phone, according to his contract. The district also pays \$2,485 annually for dues and fees to professional and civic organizations, and this year, Grier will get \$21,150 in supplemental salary payments. In January, the district paid \$30,000 into a special retirement account for Grier, in addition to awarding him a performance-based bonus of \$18,001 for the 2009-10 school year.

Grier's total, without health insurance: about \$391,000.

Our research also indicates that the total compensation package of Dallas school district Superintendent Michael Hinojosa is likely bigger than that of Thomas. Hinojosa's salary of \$332,832 — in a district that serves more than 150,000 students — ranks third on the education agency's list of superintendent salaries. Add to that \$450 per month for his cell phone, \$23,464 in extra payments to the Teacher Retirement System of Texas and a \$15,000 annuity, and you get more than \$376,000.

That doesn't count profes-



Dr. Carroll "Butch" Thomas, Superintendent, BISSD

sional dues, annual premiums for disability and professional liability insurance, performance-based bonuses, and health insurance — all benefits noted in Hinojosa's contract. We requested that information from the district but had not received any answers as of press time.

In the Austin school district, which has about 86,000 students, Carstarphen's benefits include \$12,000 a year for automobile allowance, a \$15,000 annuity and \$5,377 in health insurance. The district also pays \$9,953 per year for a long-term disability insurance policy and \$1,046 for a life insurance policy. And in August, Carstarphen was awarded a bonus of \$41,500 for meeting performance goals for the 2009-10 school year. (She has waived any bonus tied to this school year.)

Her total: about \$368,000.

Readers may note that none of these compensation packages approaches the \$443,000 high-end figure mentioned by Barrett; we're still awaiting information that would confirm which district is spending that amount.

We checked in with lawyer Neal Adams, who, according to the Tribune's March 25 story, has negotiated most superintendent contracts in the state since 1987 as general counsel for the Texas Association of School Administrators. When we asked him whether he knew of any superintendents with higher compensation packages than



State Rep. Stefani Carter, (R.- Dallas)

Thomas', he said he didn't have specific numbers but that there were probably some.

So, where does that leave us? On the Tribune panel, Carter said the Beaumont schools chief was the highest-paid in Texas. He does have the highest salary, although Carter misquoted the exact figure.

But additional perks are a significant portion of superintendents' compensation and cannot be ignored. In terms of total compensation, Thomas is among the highest-paid, but our research indicates that at least a couple of superintendents get more.

We rate Carter's statement Half True.

UPDATE, noon, April, 14, 2011: After our item was published, we received information from the Fort Bend school district, in the southwestern suburbs of Houston, about the 2010 compensation package of Superintendent Timothy Jenney. It exceeded that of the Beaumont schools chief. According to the TEA data, Jenney's salary of \$260,339 ranked No. 24 in the state. In addition to that, according to his contract, he received \$9,600 a year for a car allowance and \$4,200 for a cell phone and other technology. The district paid about \$35,000 that year for Jenney's life insurance and disability income protection insurance. For the year, Jenney received a performance-based

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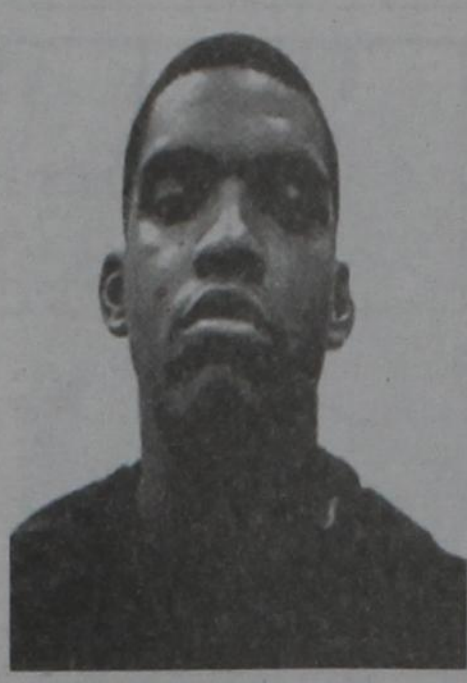
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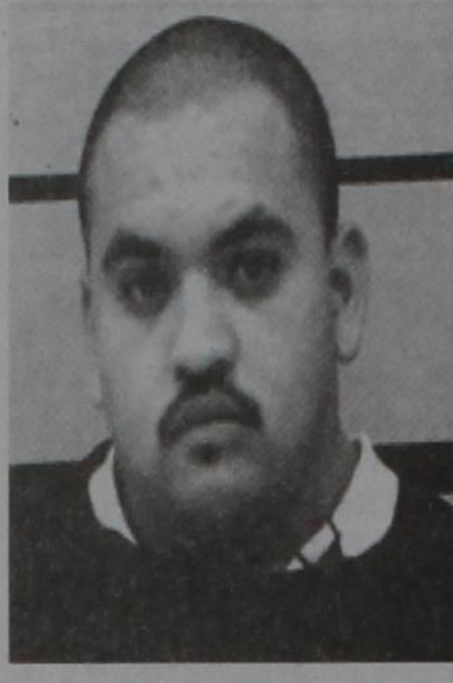
Nicole Blaylock has been arrested, and is replaced by Laronda Johnson.



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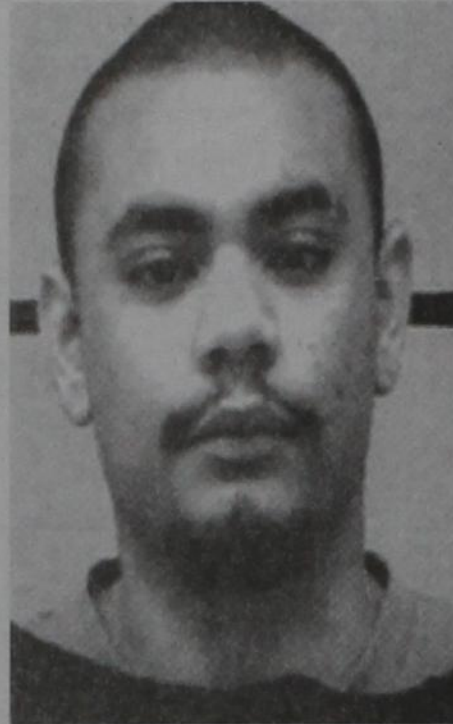
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No bail for Houston man who decapitated best friend

Houston — A Houston man accused of using a chainsaw to decapitate the body of his best friend and roommate after shooting him in the head will continue to be held without bail, a judge ruled today.

Dressed in an orange jail uniform, Noe Morin, 32, appeared before state District Judge Herb Ritchie, charged with murdering Marlon Thomas.

Police found Thomas's body Sunday after Noe asked neighbor Adrian Bias to help him fix his chainsaw, then led him to the backyard of the Fifth Ward duplex Morin shared with his best friend.

Morin told Bias to look through a hole in the fence into the backyard of a vacant home next door.

Bias peeked through the opening and saw a headless body.

Morin said the body belonged to "Marlo," a nickname for Thomas.

"That is what I do when peo-

ple steal from me," he told Bias. In court today, prosecutor Lisa Collins repeated the phrase for the judge.

She said Thomas' mother identified her son's body before authorities filed charges.

Ritchie today appointed attorney Steven Greenlee to defend Morin. Greenlee said he is in the initial stages of investigating the allegations.

He said Morin is concerned about getting his prescription medication while behind bars. He said the medicine is for a physical impairment not a mental health problem.

Greenlee said he was not aware of Morin's health history for Morin.

Morin was charged Monday with killing 35-year-old Thomas, his best friend of two decades. He has denied killing Thomas, police said.

Neighbors say Morin had accused Thomas of stealing drugs and money from him.

Police from Sunday found Thomas's body covered by debris in the backyard of a vacant house at 4611 Coke, next door to the duplex where Morin and Thomas lived at 609 Schweikhardt.

Think About It!!

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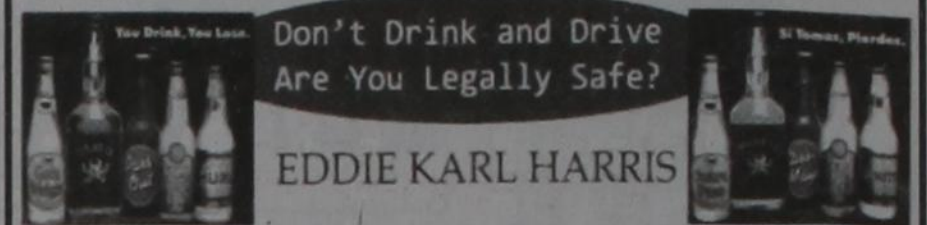
have had this gentleman on Saturday evening, October 18, 2003. This writer continues to encourage Lubbock and surrounding areas to encourage this kind of community activities.

Closing Thought: "You can't beg and bargain at the same time. You have to find a team and play on it, and keep in mind you can't play on both."

This is the beginning of articles written by co-publisher, Eddie P. Richardson, who passed away December 19, 2010. He will be seen from time to time on this page. He was our friend and yours! Nuff Sed!!

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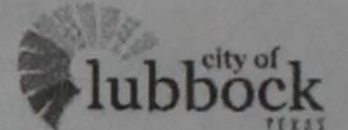


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putting fish in the Mae Simmons Park Lake is not enough! I'm saying to 19th of June Committee that once a year Parades are not enough! I'm saying to the School Reunion Committees that Class Reunions are not enough! I'm saying to our different community group that if you all truly believe that unity is the key to our success as a community of people you know have been disenfranchised then make the first move to UNITE! I'm saying to the Streets if you are sick and tired of BITING THE DUST, get your money off the dirt road and

Invest in Ifie's Paved Road!!! I'm saying to the Church Congregations that if Sunday is God's day of rest then it makes good sense for the other 6 days to be days that we all strive to make our community be the BEST!!!!!! All of you who know our EAST-SIDE HISTORY know that the Graves, The Priestleys, The Browns, The Scotts, The Roberts, The Williams, The Davis, The Struggs, The Jamisons, The Sedberrys, The Chatmans, The Evans, The Holmes, The Haynes, The Huemans, The Kings, The Lovings,

The Caviels, The Kenneths, The Richardsons, The Herfords, The Gants, The Gambles, The Moores, The Hoopers, The Prices, The Berrys, The Pattersons, ect.... All of these family of all walks of life Built us a Beautiful community and laid the foundation for us to develop our community into what it suppose to be **A GREAT COMMUNITY!!!!!! OUR BLACK OUT IS CAUSING US TO BE LEFT OUT!!!!!! AND SOME OF US HAVE GOTTEN SO MESSY ALL WE DO IS LOOK FOR ANOTHER BLACK, MAN, WOMAN OR CHILD TO CROSS OUT!!!!!! NOW AIN'T THAT A BS@%!T**

LISD adjusts bell schedule for 2011-12: instructional time increases

School start and end times will be slightly adjusted for the 2011-12 school year in Lubbock ISD. With 57 campuses in the system, the start and end times have varied slightly among campuses. The change to a unified school day for elementary and a consistent start and end time for secondary schools will improve the efficiency of transportation systems, provide additional time for instruction, facilitate daily recess/PE in the elementary grades and ease parent communication. The only exception to

the schedule is Lubbock High School, which will continue to operate on an alternative bell schedule tailored for the magnet school.

A survey of area and similarly sized districts revealed the school day in LISD was slightly shorter than many other districts. The addition of 25 minutes to the elementary school day provides more than two additional hours of available instructional time each week. The expanded time will make room for students to receive individual inter-

vention and enrichment opportunities within the school day. Bus routes and communication will also be more efficient with consistent start and end times. Elementary campuses will also gain more flexibility in providing physical education and recess.

The tardy bell for elementary students will ring at 7:50 a.m. and school will dismiss at 3:20 p.m. Secondary schools will begin classes at 8:35 a.m. and dismiss at 4:05 p.m.

Kids' Fishing Derby

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ing area. The Kids' Fishing Derby has become one of the most consistent, popular, and fastest growing mentoring program events in Lubbock. With the assistance of UMC and the presentation of the prost ate health screening reenings, fathers and interested men have yet another good reason to come out to the park on June 4th. For more information including ding Fishing Derby pre-registration, log on to www.100bmtwecbly.com or call (806) 744-0213

Two Choices

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base, the right fielder had the ball. The smallest guy on their team who now had his first chance to be the hero for his team. He could have thrown the ball to the second-baseman for the tag, but he understood the pitcher's intentions so he, too, intentionally threw the ball high and far over the third-baseman's head. Shay ran toward third base deliriously as the runners ahead of him circled the bases toward home. All were screaming, 'Shay, Shay, Shay, all the Way Shay' Shay reached third base because the opposing shortstop ran to help him by turning him in the direction of third base, and shouted, 'Run to third!' Shay, run to third!' As Shay rounded third, the boys from both teams, and the spectators, were on their feet screaming, 'Shay, run home! Run home!' Shay ran to home, stepped on the plate, and was cheered as the hero who hit the grand slam and won the game for his team. 'That day', said the father softly with tears now rolling down his face, 'the boys from both teams helped bring a piece of true love and humanity into this world.'

If you're thinking about forwarding this message, chances are that you're probably sorting out the people in your address book who aren't the 'appropriate' ones to receive this type of message. Well, the person who sent you this believes that we all can make a difference. We all have thousands of opportunities every single day to help realize the 'natural order of things.' So many seemingly trivial interactions between two people present us with a choice. Do we pass along a little spark of love and humanity or do we pass up those opportunities and leave the world a little bit colder in the process? A wise man once said every

| | Current Schedule | 2011 - 12 School Year |
|-------------------------|--|---|
| Elementary Schools | 7:55 a. m. - 3 p. m. for most campuses | 7:50 a. m. - 3:20 p. m. for all campuses |
| Middle and High Schools | 8:30 a. m. - 4 p. m. for most campuses | 8:35 a. m. - 4:05 p. m. |
| Lubbock High | 8:30 a. m. - 4:15 a. m. Monday - Thursday 8:30 a. m. - 1 p. m. Friday | 8:25 a. m. - 4:30 p. m. Monday - Thursday 8:25 a. m. - 1:35 p. m. Friday |

society is judged by how it treats its least fortunate amongst them. You now have two choices:

- 1. Delete
- 2. Forward

May your day be a Shay Day!!!

MAY GOD BLESS EVERYONE WHO DECIDES TO PASS THIS ON IN MEMORY OF SHAY!!!

New Light Baptist Church News

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Our 100 Women in White celebration was held this evening and it was a very spirit felt program. All that was in attendance had a glorious time.

Thank God For Jesus

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Hosea 4:2 -- The Lord said, by swearing and lying, killing, stealing, and committing adultery, they break out, and blood touches blood.

**** THE DEATH PENALTY IS GOD'S WAY!!! ****

America is now PRAYING BECAUSE OF TORNADOS, WILD FIRES, AND HIGH GROCERIES, & GAS. HER PRAYER IS LIKE THE 911 PRAYER. FOR A SHORT TIME, IT WON'T LAST!!!

James 5:16 -- Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that you may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.

AMERICA is a CURSED COUNTRY, LIKE THE REST OF THE WORLD. MAYBE THE WORLD'S WORSE AMONG MEN., WOMEN, BOYS & GIRLS!!!

Luke 55:8-9 -- The Lord said, for my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, aid the Lord. For the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.

Shay didn't make it to another summer. He died that winter, having never forgotten being the hero and making me so happy, and coming home and seeing his Mother tearfully embrace her little hero of the day!

AND NOW A LITTLE FOOT NOTE TO THIS STORY

We all send thousands of jokes through the e-mail without a second thought, but when it comes to sending messages about life choices, people hesitate. The crude, vulgar, and often obscene pass freely through cyberspace, but public discussion about decency is too often suppressed in our schools and workplaces.

Dr. Thomas' Salary Highest In Texas

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contribution of \$36,000 to a retirement plan and a \$26,000 supplemental salary payment, plus a \$20,000 annuity payment. Sum total: about \$390,000.

Work For Your Horse Rides!!!

Free Horseback Riding: Come and Help US clean our Streets in Yellowhouse Canyon!

We will be clean ing up the Inlet Street, from 9:00 a. m. until 12 Noon, on May 22 and May 28, 2011.

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- (2) Work two hours and ride for 1 hour.
- (3) Work three hours and ride 1 hour & 1/2.
- (4) Work 4 hours and ride 2 hours.

Rides will be on a 30 minute at a time rides. Come have fun working with friends and family members.

Parents are Welcome!! Rides will be earned, and not given!!! Teaching Children to be responsible!!!

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Javonte Bibbs Sings Well In Cactus Competition

Seventy-eight hopefuls turned out in at the Cactus Theatre Courtyard on Saturday, May 14, 2011 for the X Factor Audition Pass contest. Seventeen year old, Javonte Bibbs along with 3 others won the singing competition in Lubbock which guarantees an audition in Dallas on May 26th for Simon Cowell's new Fall show THE X FACTOR.



Javonte Bibbs

Javonte began singing at an early age singing in the Sunshine Band at church, family weddings and school plays. He currently sings on the Praise Team at church.

His 9th grade year, he received 1st Chair Honor in UIL competition in Tenor section. Last year, Javonte tied for first in Lubbock's Got Talent competition and received an honor of being chosen Male Youth Vocalist of the Year in Martin Luther King Jr. celebration held at the Civic Center.

He is a Junior at Friendship High School where he is involved in Choir and Basketball. Javonte has a passion for singing. Please pray for him as he pursues his singing career and reaches for the stars!! WITH GOD ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE. Matthew 19:26 Javonte is the son of Johnny and Sonya Bibbs.

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