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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

* 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.

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Estacado Mock Trial Team Members Qualified For Regional Finalist



REGIONAL FINALIST: The Estacado Mock Trial Team qualified for the Regional Final with the team from Lubbock High School. It was Estacado's first time to advance to the Regional Final in school history. It was a close finish with a 2-1 judges decision for Lubbock High. However, the Estacado team members received many of the individual honors. Kiante Harris and Janis Christophe earned Outstanding Witness honors and Chris Alford and Victor Gomez II earned Outstanding Advocate (attorney) honors in the early rounds. Briney Dawn and Janis Christophe earned Outstanding Witness and Kevin Mathis and Victor Gomez II earned Outstanding Advocate honors in the regional final.

Incumbents Announce For Offices: School Board & City Council

Two incumbents of the Lubbock Independent School Board of Trustees, Vernita Woods-Holmes, District Two, and Mayor Pro Tem Floyd Price announced they will be vying for their positions for the Tuesday, May 12, 2012 City & School Elections.

Woods-Holmes announced Tuesday, January 31st, that she will run for a fourth term on the Lubbock ISD Board of Trustees. Woods-Holmes said "Having served as teacher, principal, parent and grandparent of LISD students, I have a well rounded perspective of the needs of our schools and community. We face very complex problems with the State increasing testing and decreasing funding for our schools. I am well versed in the issues and have been part of the solution as the LISD administration and school board have met



Vernita Woods-Holmes
School Board Member

these challenges head-on."

Mayor Pro Tem Price announced in a press conference Tuesday morning, February 7th, he is running again. "I want to finish what I started," he said.

"North and East Lubbock has finally took off, and it's looking real good," he continued.



Floyd Price
Mayor Pro Tem

"We've got some new businesses and properties that are being developed, so I'd just like to have another term to this finished."

The deadline for candidates to file for either school board or city councilman is March 5.

This will be Price's third time to run for office, and will give him 12 years as a city councilman.

He made it known that the freeway, stretching from Southwest Lubbock to Northwest Lubbock is in its final stage and should be completed in April.

The Lake Alan Henry Resupply project is a series of pipes, pumping stations and a water treatment plant designed to bring water to Lubbock.

The project should provide Lubbock with 18 percent of its water supply next year and is slated for completion at the end of summer.

Woods-Holmes has served the people of District 2 as their school board representative. During that time, two bond elections have provided a boost to facilities in the district, especially in District 2. The new spectator gymnasium and other improvements at Estacado High School from the 2004 Bond totaled more than \$7 million dollars. Another addition to District 2 during Woods-Holmes tenure on the board, is the Talkington School for Young Women Leaders a college-preparatory and leadership school for young-women opening in 2008. The 2010 Bond will provide a new \$17 million dollar school in Dis
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State Choir Qualifier



Congratulations to Meshaelon Bryant for earning a "1" rating and 5th chair at the regional choir solo and ensemble competition. Her performance qualified her to advance to the State competition in Austin this May! Other Estacado singers earning strong ratings at the competition included Kaheem Robinson, Dominique Gonzales, Jasmine Manzay and Danielle Smith.



Mary Jo Wilson

Lubbock Educator; Musician Honored

A retired educator and musician, Mary Jo Wilson, was honored Saturday evening, February 4, 2012, by the Texas Tech and Texas Tech Health Sciences Center Black Faculty and Staff Association. she was honored for her 45 years of service in public education and music during its 11th Annual Black History Month Opening Ceremony at the Texas Tech University School of Law.

Her career expands from Booker T. Washington High School in Clarkton, North Carolina; Columbus County Schools in Whiteville, North Carolina; New York City Public Schools in Brooklyn, New York to Lubbock Independent School District in Lubbock. Mary Jo retired from public school education in 1998, after 45 years. She then went back to work for another ten years, and retired again in 2008.

She received her education from Dunbar High School in 1957, in Lubbock, and graduated from Langston University in 1963, located in Langston, Oklahoma. Her certifications include: State of Oklahoma Lifetime Certification, 1963; North Carolina State Certification, 1963; State of Texas Lifetime Certification, 1971; New York State Certification, 1974. Mary Jo pursued further studies at City College, New York, 1973, and Texas Tech University, 1985.

She has been a member of several professional organiza-

tions: National Education Association, Texas State Teachers Association, Texas Music Educators Association, Texas Band Directors Association, and Texas Orchestra Directors Association.

Her numerous awards and recognitions include: The Dunbar High School Award, 1983; The MLK Arts Image Award, 1987; Dunbar High School Service Award, 1989; Lubbock Independent School District Teacher of the Year, 1998; Texas Tech College of Education, 1998; Friend of Dunbar Award, 1998; Baylor University Alumna By Choice, 1998; Dunbar Junior High School Team Award, 1998; Estacado High School Award of Appreciation, 2001; Dunbar Junior High School Service Award, 2002; Delta Sigma Theta Community Service Award, 2002; Who's Who Among America's Teachers, 2002; African-American Chamber Educators Hall of Fame, 2007; MLK Individual of Distinction, 2007; Alderson Middle School Living Legends Award, 2009.

Mary Jo has been a church musician for more than thirty-five years. Among churches include: Greater St. Luke Missionary Baptist Church, Lyons Chapel Missionary Baptist Church, and St. John Missionary Baptist Church.

She is a former member of Lubbock Meals On Wheels, and the Arts Alliance.

Congratulations, Mary Jo Wilson!!

MLK Baseball Tryouts Set Here

The Martin Luther King Little League will be hosting its annual baseball tryouts this Saturday, February 18, 2012, at the MLK baseball fields, 1901 Aspen Avenue.

Also during this time, MLK

will be conducting walk-up registration for those who have not registered. If you will be registering, bring three proofs of residency and a copy of birth certificate.

All are welcome!

The Concerned Citizens Presents Scholarship



LaMadric with his Mother and Sister

On February 5, 2012, The Concerned Citizens presented LaMadric Frazier with the 2012 \$500.00 Clarence and Gwen Denso Scholarship. LaMadric is a 2011 graduate of Monterey High
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Mae Simmons

Community and Senior Centers

What's Happening This Month!



BEIGNET MAKING CLASS

Monday, February 20, 2 pm

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South Plains Obedience Club Set

The South Plains Obedience Training Club of Lubbock, Inc. will be hosting 2 American Kennel Club All-Breed Dog Obedience ad Rally Trails at the South Plains Fairgrounds, Merchants Building, February 25th and 26th.

Over 100 purebred dogs from 6 surrounding states will be judged at this event from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm each day. Many of the top obedience trained dogs in the country will be competing.

Each exhibitor and dog team will be judged at one of the three different levels of competition; Novice, Open or Utility. Those dogs will be demonstrating their proficiency in such exercises as heeling, high jumps, broad jumps, retrieving and scent discrimination. The dogs are working towards various AKC obedience titles, obedience trail championship points and national rankings.

The newest approved AKC obedience sport, Rally, will be held at this trail. Rally exhibitors will be competing at 3 different levels of difficulty; Novice, Advanced and Excellent. Each dog and handler team competing in Rally will complete a routine filled with a variety of modified obedience exercises which includes 360 and 270 degree turns, jumps, heeling backwards, serpentine heeling and more. Each routine is new and different each day.

There is no admission fee charged for this fun filled and educational event. For more in-

ENCORE Remembers Internationally Beloved Actress and Music icon, Whitney Houston

Beverly Hills, Calif. -- Whitney Houston -- GRAMMY® Award-winning artist, Emmy® Award-winning actress, philanthropist and global icon -- will be remembered on ENCORE, Friday, February 17 beginning at 8:00 p.m. (et/pt).

ENCORE's celebration of Houston's life will showcase her starring film roles in *Waiting to Exhale* at 8:00pm and *The Preacher's Wife* at 10:05pm.

Waiting to Exhale (1995) chronicles the narratives of four successful African-American women who endure the ups and downs of modern love in this witty, often hilarious film based on the best-selling novel. The film is directed by Forest Whitaker and stars Angela Bassett, Whitney Houston, Lela Rochon, Loretta Devine, Gregory Hines, Leon, and more. (USA, Rated R)

The Preacher's Wife (1996) tells the story of angel who comes to earth on a mission to restore a young preacher's faith and save his dying church. He unexpectedly falls for the preacher's wife. The film is directed by Penny Marshall and stars Denzel Washington, Whitney Houston, Gregory Hines, Loretta Devine, Lionel Richie, and more. (USA, Rated PG)

New Light Baptist Church News

On Sunday morning, February 12, 2012, church services got started at New Light Baptist Church, 3013 Idalou Road, at 9:45 a. m. a. m. where Rev. Kenneth O. Jackson is the pastor.

Church school started at 9:50 a.m. with Rev. Jackson teaching the lesson entitled: 'Freed From' and its scripture came from Galatians 3: 1-14.

Breakfast was served to those in attendance.

Morning worship started at 11:000 a.m. with Sister Ambra Jackson & Sister Alvera Johnson leading the devotion.

Rev. Jackson led the pulpit devotion. The responsive reading was read by Rev. Jackson and it came from Psalm 51: 1-11. The altar prayer was also led by Rev. "I Need Thee" being sung.

Sister Linda Green read all the morning announcements and told of all the upcoming events

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Real"that were sung by the

choir. The theme song of the church was sung before the sermon. Rev. Jackson preached the sermon entitled: "Get Pass Distractions" and its printed text came from Mark 8:12-21.

There was a song "I Got A Robe" and "Yes God Is

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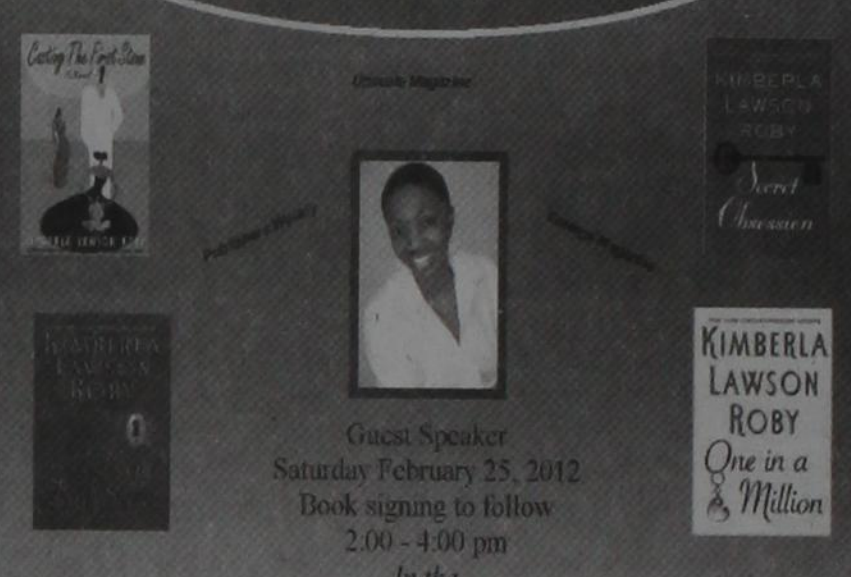
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2:00 - 4:00 pm
In the
Mildred Deo Community Room

*Kimberla Lawson Roby has published 16 novels which include SECRET OBSESSION, LOVE, HONOR, and BETRAYAL, BE CAREFUL WHAT YOU PRAY FOR, A DEEP DARK SECRET, THE BEST OF EVERYTHING, ONE IN A MILLION, SIN NO MORE, LOVE & LIES, CHANGING FACES, THE BEST-KEPT SECRET, TOO MUCH OF A GOOD THING, A TASTE OF REALITY, IT'S A THIN LINE, CASTING THE FIRST STONE, HERE AND NOW, and her debut title, BEHIND CLOSED DOORS, and which was originally published through her own company, Lotus Press. For more of Kimberla's bio, please visit her website at kimrobby.com

Barnes and Noble will be onsite with selections of Mrs. Roby's book for purchase! There will be door prizes as well as refreshers available.

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Church News



From the Desk of Parson D.A. Smith An Old Black Man That Kisses Up To Racist White Folks

Doug Anderson wrote on December 12, 2009 the following: I know something about bad guys has to be likable. I would imagine I could even find something about Dick Cheney that is likable if I actually met him—although I don't want to meet him: I prefer to judge him by his actions. I'm afraid of being charmed. But writing about bad guys is touch for me. I have them prejudged. I know they're scumbags before I start out, and this sometimes gives me trouble. I'm thinking of characters written by great writers that fail in this regard: Don John in Much Ado About Nothing; he's the most uninteresting character Shakespeare ever wrote. When this writer read the writing of Walter E. Williams (An old educated black man over 70 years of age who appears to be an Uncle Tom for the majority race in America) it makes me want to digest a tablespoon of anti-racial laxative. In a sense I can understand an uneducated Uncle Tom's but an educated Uncle Tom in our present environment has to be far less worth than what the "Who Bird" left on the limb. Williams' latest column "Obama's Racial Politics" to-

ward those who have different opinions than his makes this black racist fertilizer far less potent than those whose mentality and thought process are likened to a high nutrient fertilizer for all Americans regard to race, creed, or color. A 50-lb bag of 10-10-10 contains a total of 15 lbs of nutrients: 5lbs of nitrogen, 5 lbs of phosphate and 5 lbs of potash. The remaining weight is filler, usually sand or granular limestone. Williams stuff is not even filler in today's society. Williams' wrote the following: There's been a heap of criticism placed upon President Barack Obama's domestic policies that have promoted government intrusion and prolonged our fiscal crisis and his foreign policies that have emboldened our enemies. Any criticism of Obama pales in comparison with what might be said about the American people who voted him in to the nation's highest office. (Is this piece of Black fertilizer saying that all the people who voted for President Obama were deranged, lackeys, lacking in judgment or prudence, jerks, jackasses or nincompoops?) Williams' wrote: Obama's presidency represents the first time

in our history that a person could have been elected to that office that had long-standing close associations with people who hate our nation. I'm speaking of the Rev. Jeremiah Wright, Obama's pastor for 20 years, who preached that blacks should not sing "God Bless America," but "God damn America." Then there's William Ayers, now professor of education at the University of Illinois at Chicago but formerly a member of the Weather Underground, and anti-U.S. group that bombed the Pentagon, U. S. Capitol and other government buildings. Although Ayers was never convicted of any crime, he told a New York Times reporter, in the wake of the September 2001 terrorist attack, "I don't regret setting bombs....I feel we didn't do enough." Obama has served on a foundation board, appeared on panels, and even held campaign events in Ayers' home, joined by Ayers' former-fugitive wife, Bernadine Dohrn. Bill Ayers' close association with Obama is reflected by his admission that he helped write Obama's memoirs, "Dreams from My Father." Many Americans thought that

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We Thank God for Jesus "Are You Free At Last -- In Jesus?"

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Galatians 5:1 -- STAND fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ has made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage. **JESUS SAID,** go and **PREACH THE GOOD NEWS;** unto the **DYING WORLD.** But **THE CHURCH** didn't do that; **NOW LOOK AT THE SICK MEN, WOMAN, BOYS AND GIRLS!!!** **Galatians 6:7 --** Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man sow, that shall he also reap. **(AMERICA IS REAPING!!!)** **THE CHURCH** didn't do **GOD'S WILL;** but wanted to give out **MAN'S RIGHTS.** **JESUS** wanted the world to know; **I'M THE WAY, AND THE TRUTH TO ETERNAL LIFE!!!** **John 8:31-32, --** Jesus Said, If you continue in my word, then are you my disciples indeed; and you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free. ***** ARE YOU FREE IN JESUS; OR BLACK RIGHTS???** **THE CIVIL RIGHTS MARCH;** was the beginning of

DISOBEDIENCE IN THE LAND. **NOW AMERICA IS REAPING WHAT SHE SOWED; DISOBEDIENCE IS AT HAND!!!** **Isaiah 55:8-9 --** For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, said the Lord, for as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts. ***** YES THE CHRISTIANS DID ROB GOD!!!**** Out of that **CIVIL RIGHTS THING;** CAME NO **PRAYER IN SCHOOLS.** **NOW IN THERE: IS KILLINGS, DRUGS, AND SEX; I ASK WHO'S THE FOOLS???** **Romans 1:21-22-23a --** Because that, when they **(THE CHRISTIANS)** knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imagination **(DREAMERS),** and their foolish heart was darkened. Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools, and changed the glory of the incorruptible God into and image made like to corruptible man **(M.L.K.)**

THE WORLD wanted their rights: **TO DRUGS, ALCOHOL, DIAMONDS, CARS AND CLOTHES.** And gets it at **ANY COST; NOT CARING FOR THE HUMAN SOULS!!!** **(THE RIGHTS FROM THE DEVIL AND CIVIL RIGHTS; BLACK MAN'S SUICIDE RIGHTS, SAME SEX MARRIAGE RIGHTS, KILL AND EAT THE GIRLFRIEND RIGHTS; WOMAN RIGHTS, BLACK RIGHTS, WHITE RIGHTS, CHILD MOLESTATION RIGHTS, CLONING RIGHTS, NO SPANKING RIGHTS, ABORTION RIGHTS, ROAD RAGE KILLINGS RIGHTS, KILL THE FAMILY RIGHTS, KILL THE ABORTION DOCTOR RIGHTS, KKK RIGHTS, THROW MY FOUR CHILDREN OFF THE BRIDGE RIGHTS, DRIVE BY SHOOTINGS RIGHTS, TEACHERS MOSLESTING STUDENTS RIGHTS, RIGHT TO PUT PRESIDENT OBAMA'S FACE ON A MONKIE'S BODY RIGHTS; AND MANY MORE DEVIL'S RIGHTS).**

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St. Matthew's Baptist Church News

Church services were very inspirational last Sunday morning, February 12, 2012, at the St. Matthew Baptist Church, 2020 East 14th Street, where the proud pastor is Rev. Edward Canady. What a time in the Lord. Services got underway with Church School, beginning at 10:00 a. m. with Sister Shirley Davis, Superintendent Sister Shirley Davis presiding. The morning teacher was Minister John Wilkerson. The morning

lesson was reviewed by Rev. Canady. The morning lesson was "The Place of Ultimate Trust." The Unifying Topic was "Freed From Law Through Christ." The Lesson Passage was Galatians 3:1-14. The Background Passage was the same. The lesson text were "Paul's Appeal," Galatians 3:1-5; "Abraham Was Justified By Faith," Galatians 3:6-9; "The Cruse of the Law," Galatians 3:10-14. The main thought was

found in Galatians 3:14. ******** The Devotional Period was conducted by Deacon Williams and First Lady Sister Shirley Canady. Pastor Canady made his entrance with the singing of "Because Of Who You Are." The St. Matthew Baptist Church Choir sung the following selections: "Lift Every Voice," "Go Tell It on the Mountain," "Amen, Amen, Amen," and "Softly and Tenderly."

Pastor Canady delivered a dynamic sermon entitled "What Is The Seed, The Word?" His scripture text was Matthew 13:1-9. His key verses were Matthew 13:9 and Luke 8:9. The song of inspiration was "Just As I Am." Black History Month is February. Sister Shirley Davis presented Madam C. J. Walker, 1867 - 1919. It was done February 5, 2012; and First Lady Sister Shirley Canady presented Dr. Daniel Hale Williams, 1856 - 1931. This special presentation

was done February 1, 2012. More Black History: Ethel Waters, 1896-1977, by Sister Susie Davis; and Dr. Rebecca J. Cole, 1846-1922. Presented by Sister Barbara Johnson. ******** Our sick and shut-in include the following: Sister L. Conaway and Brother Albert Wilborn. Let us continue to pray for our sick and shut-in. ******** **Thought For The Week:** "We make excuses for not obeying God, but He still calls it disobedience."

********* **Weekly Meetings:** Mission, Wednesdays, 5:00 p. m.; Brotherhood, Wednesdays, 5:00 p. m.; Bible Study, Wednesdays, 6:00 p. m.; Choir Rehearsal, Saturdays, 12:00 p. m.; and Usher Meeting, Saturdays days, 11:00 a. m. ********* Announcing Clerk is First Lady Sister Shirley Canady; and news is submitted by Sister Barbara Johnson. In order to submit news call her at (806) 831-462. **.God is good !!**

Outreach Prayer Breakfast

"Putting On The Armour of God" The following is a **PRAYER** to help Christians war against the devil according to Ephesians 6:10-20 for **Victory,** begin each day by praying: Dear Lord, in Jesus' name I commit this day to YOU. I die to myself today. I wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, powers and rulers of darkness of the world, and spir-

itual wickedness in high places. Thank you, Lord, for **Your** armour. By **FAITH** (not Feeling) I put on **Your** armour right now! **LORD - GIRDLE OF TRUTH:** First, I put on the loin Girdle of Truth to stand against all devices of Satan and his demons. I know they are out to rob, steal, defile, torment and destroy. But I know that, "**greater is He that is in me than he in the world.**" Father, please give

me divine knowledge, wisdom and discernment to detect the devil at work with his lies and secret workings. Help me hunger and follow only after truth. Help me not yield to the devil's deceptions, even when he appears as an angle of light. **BREASTPLATE OF RIGHTEOUSNESS:** Next, I put on the Breastplate of Righteousness. Thank you that it is **Your** Righteousness. I know I have none of my own. Any sin in my life I now forsake and confess to you Lord in Jesus' name and now accept your com-

plete forgiveness. It is the righteousness of my Lord and Savior, Jesus who continually cleanses me from all sin and who faithfully forgives me. Thank you that I am not only "**justified**" but actually made "**righteous**" by the shed blood of Jesus. I have truly been bought with His blood. Thank you now that there is no condemnation for failure, for I have been forgiven even as I also forgive all who have sinned against me. **SHOES OF peace:** Now, Lord, I put on the Shoes of Peace. I plant my feet firmly on

the Lord Jesus who is the Rock of my salvation. I accept your peace that passes all understanding. You have not given me "**the spirit of fear, but of love and power, and a sound mind.**" I stand against the demon powers and their thoughts of worry, fear,

unrest, bitterness, rejection failure, disappointment, discouragement, unlovable, undeserving, depression, hopeless, etc. **(Whatever you are battling in your mind).**

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Obsequies

Courtland Whitmore

Funeral services were held for Courtland Whitmore Saturday afternoon, February 4, 2012 at 20th and Birch Church of Christ.

Interment will follow at Lubbock Cemetery under the direction of Griffin Mortuary & Funeral Home in Lubbock.

Whitmore, 68, of Lubbock, passed away, Sunday, January 29, 2012.

He was born on August 29, 1943 to the late Clarence Jim and Inolia Whitmore in Center Point, AK. He married the former Ruby Jean Brown on August 7, 1964 in Lubbock, Texas. Courtland worked for United Medical Supply for 15 years then at Casters of Lubbock for 11 years until he retired.

Courtland was preceded in death by his parents; a sister, Neva J. Burrell; and one brother, Gabriel "J.R." Donaldson.

He gave his life to Christ at an early age. He was a member of Manhattan Heights Church of Christ for 49 yrs until his passing.



Survivors include his loving wife of 47 years, Ruby Jean Whitmore; one daughter, Stacey E. Ray (Michael) of Goose Creek, South Carolina; one son, Jerome Courtland Whitmore of Austin, Texas; one brother, Ralph Whitmore of Chicago, Ill.; five sisters, Helen Harris of Mineral Springs, Ark.; Dorothy Shields of Cleveland, Ohio; Evelyn Keels (Charles) of DeQueen, Ark.; Bonnie Mosley of Chicago, Ill.; and Harriet Little also of Chicago, Ill.; and a host of other relatives and friends.

Essie Mae Rogers Collins

Funeral services were held for Essie Mae Rogers Collins on Saturday afternoon, February 4, 2012, at First Progressive Baptist Church in Lubbock with Rev. Shaun Avery, pastor, officiating.

Burial was held in the Smyer Cemetery under the direction of Ossie Curry Funeral Home of Lubbock.

Collins was born February 21, 1947, to Herman Rogers and Dorothy Manners Clark in Lubbock, Texas.

Survivors include one son, Ronald Collins Jr. of Lubbock; two brothers, Willie Rogers of Lubbock and Glenn Rogers of Dallas; and three sisters, Lawana Davis of San Antonio, and



Kathy Howard and Deborah Seales of Dallas. She was preceded in death by her mother, father, brother, sister and grandparents.

Don Cornelius, 'Soul Train' Creator, Is Dead at 75



Don Cornelius was the first to cater to the music tastes of black teens. He brought black music, fashion and culture to a mainstream audience with "Soul Train." (Chris Haston / Associated Press / November 7, 1994)

The idea was simple — but groundbreaking: Create a live showcase for black music, modeled on "American Bandstand." Don Cornelius pulled \$400 from his own pocket to launch the dance show on a local Chicago TV station in 1970. As host and executive producer of "Soul Train," he was soon at the throttle of a nationally syndicated television institution that was the first dance show to cater to the musical tastes of black teenagers and also helped bring black music, dance, fashion and style to mainstream America.

In the process of presenting the soul, funk and R&B of the day, the Afro-haired, dapper Cornelius became a TV icon, his sonorous baritone welcoming viewers to "the hippest trip in America."

Cornelius, 75, was pronounced dead at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center in Los Angeles Wednesday, February 1, 2012, after a family member found him in his home in Encino with a gunshot wound to his head, according to law enforcement sources. The wound appeared to be self-inflicted, but the death was being investigated by police. Friends say he had been in poor health.

On Wednesday, those who knew Cornelius recalled his impact on American culture.

"Don was a visionary and giant in our business," producer and composer Quincy Jones said in a statement. "Before MTV there was 'Soul Train'; that will be the great legacy of Don Cornelius. His contributions to television, music and our culture as a whole will never be matched."

Aretha Franklin said Cornelius "united the young adult community single-handedly and globally."

"With the inception of 'Soul Train,' a young, progressive brother set the pace and worldwide standard for young aspiring African American men and entrepreneurs in TV — out of Chicago," Franklin, who appeared on the show, said in a statement. "He transcended barriers among young adults. They became one."

"Soul Train," which moved to Los Angeles and entered national syndication in 1971, fea-

ured other legendary artists, including James Brown, Marvin Gaye, the Jackson 5 and Barry White.

With its catchy introduction featuring an animated, psychedelic smoke-spewing locomotive, "Soul Train" became destination TV for teenagers across America in the '70s.

Magic Johnson was one of them. "Every Saturday morning I looked forward to watching 'Soul Train,' as did millions of other people," Johnson, chairman of Soul Train Holdings, said in a statement. "Soul Train taught the world how to dance! Don's contribution to us all is immeasurable."

Beyond the music and the artists featured on "Soul Train," much of its popularity was attributed to the young dancers on the show.

Cornelius' teen dance party featured the talents of some of the best young dancers in the area, and one of the show's most popular features was the "Soul Train" line, with dancers going down the line and showing off their best moves.

Among those who went on to later fame are actress Rosie Perez, singer Jody Watley, rapper MC Hammer and Jeffrey Daniel, who taught Michael Jackson how to moonwalk.

In his 1996 book "Funk: The Music, the People and the Rhythm of the One," Rickey Vincent called "Soul Train" the "most undiluted showcase of black sexuality in the country" and "a cultural mecca for the entire decade of the '70s."

That there was a need for such a show was obvious to Cornelius, who had launched his career in radio only a few years before the show's debut.

"It was a period when television was a very white medium, and that didn't make sense to me," he told Billboard magazine in 2005, the year he received the Trustees Award from the Recording Academy for lasting contributions to culture as the creator of "Soul Train."

"I wanted to bring more of our African American entertainment to not only the black [niche] viewers but to the crossover viewers as well," he said.

Robert Santelli, executive producer of the Grammy Museum in Los Angeles, told The Times on Wednesday that "Soul Train" was to soul music what 'American Bandstand' was to early rock 'n' roll, and Don Cornelius was like a black Dick Clark.

Shemika Williams



Funeral services for Shemika Williams were held Monday afternoon, February 6, 2012, at Community Baptist Church with Rev. Larry Brooks, pastor, officiating.

Interment followed in Resthaven Memorial Park under the direction of Griffin Mortuary & Funeral Home of Lubbock.

Williams, 32, of Lubbock, passed away Saturday, January 28, 2012, at University Medical Center.

She was born November 15, 1979, to Gwendolyn Davis and Melvin Williams in Lubbock.

She leaves to cherish her memory her daughter, Shemisha Tipton; two sons, Shamardric Tipton and Billy Price; her mother, Gwendolyn Joiner (John); father, Melvin Williams (Belinda); three sisters, Denise Williams, Monica Joiner Huges and Tammie Weatherspoon; two brothers, Rodrick Davis and Melvin Williams III; grandmother, Ruby Davis; grandfather, Robert Taylor; godmother, Lillie Townsend; special cousin and friend, Angie Davis and Drew Parson; and a host of other relatives and friends.

Michael Antonio Chatham



Funeral services were held for Michael Antonio Chatham on Saturday, February 11, 2012, at the Full Armor Ministries with Bishop Leonad Chatham, pastor, officiating.

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

Chatham, 51, of Lubbock, Texas, Michael graced this world with his presence on January 12, 1961, in Lorenzo, Texas.

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Rita Jean Lott Succumbs In Dallas
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 Interment followed at City of Lubbock Cemetery under the direction of Griffin Mortuary & Funeral Home of Lubbock.
 Lott, 47, of Dallas, Texas, formally of Lubbock, passed away Monday, February 6, 2012.
 She was born to V.L. and Bettie Jean Richardson-Lott on August 13, 1964 in Lubbock. She attended Lubbock Public Schools. She leaves to cherish her memory one daughter, Courtney Patrice Lott-Hillard; father, V.L. Lott; three brothers, Lee Edward Lott, Albert P. Lott, and Charles D. Lott; grandmother, Helen Hereford; two cousins, Karen and Angela Richarson; best friend, Clara Anderson; and a host of other relatives and friends.
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By Renetta Howard

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This is February, 2012 and once again it is time for the Super Bowl, number 46 or XLVI if we think in Roman numerals. It is also Black History Month which once was just Black History Week. This is the shortest month of the year, but it has the extra day this year because it is leap year and the year of a presidential election.



George Washington. They both figure in the celebration of Black History. Abraham Lincoln has been given credit for freeing the slaves in this Emancipation Proclamation of 1862 which was to be effective on January 1, 1863 though the actual emancipation came with the enactment of the Thirteenth Amendment to the U. S. Constitution in 1865. Many slaves were freed after the Emancipation Proclamation, but many were still in bondage because of slow communication. One such state was Texas wherein the emancipation news was not learned until June 19th. Consequently, Texans have been celebrating June 19th and it is called Juneteenth and is equivalent to July 4th to Black Texans. In the past decades other states have begun to celebrate this date as well. Louisiana, Arkansas and Mississippi are among those celebrating the Juneteenth holiday. George Washington is hailed as the first President of the United States and one of American's first Black poets, Phillis Wheatley who was born in Africa and brought to America as a girl in 1763, wrote a poem to George Washington, "His Excellency General Washington" before she died in 1784. She had some questions for Washington about slavery.

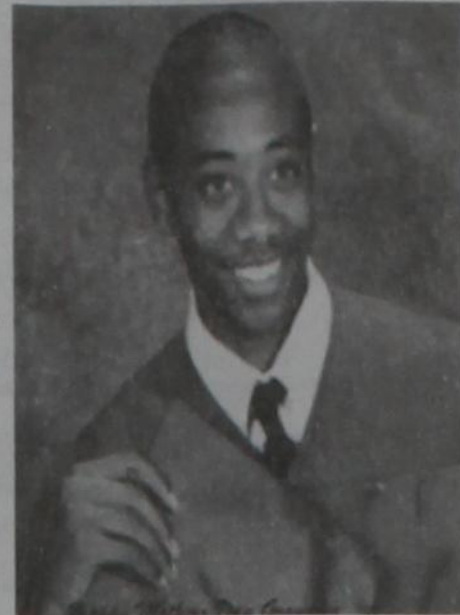
There are so many things taking place in this short month until if you wish to be a part of many of them, you can meet yourself going and coming. This particular weekend, however is culminated with the football game known as the Super Bowl.

The television and the internet is ripe with information about the Super Bowl, the players, the coaches, the teams, their history, projections about which team will win and an onslaught of advertisements to lure you to purchase all of the things you need to really enjoy the game whether you are at a party in Indianapolis, in a box seat at the stadium, at a friend's house for the Super Bowl party or just home 'chillin.' It seems that the Super Bowl has taken on more importance than Christmas. The celebration does not take as much time for planning because there is the wait to know which teams will be playing in the game.

We know, however, that this is Black History month and each year there is more and more to celebrate. Above all else and especially this election year, we can celebrate working toward re-electing the first Black President of the United States of America! He has done and still is doing a great job in resurrecting economic stability in this country, fostering peace in the world and keeping America on a steady and profitable path as the greatest nation in the world.

The birthdays of two former celebrated Presidents of the United States are this month as well; Abraham Lincoln and

Your Help Is Needed As To Why Jemar McKinzie Was Killed?



Jemar McKinzie

On February 20th a year today, the Mckinzie and Williams family lost a son and family member to a tragedy.....the family has had a long hard year...due to losing someone and also having no help from the City of Lubbock....The parents Jerry Williams and Krystal Mckinzie have been more then patient with the investigation of the killing of their son.....WHAT EVER HAPPENED TO JEMAR MCKINZIE??

The family knows that the female Lubbock police officer was cleared of all charges and placed back on duty.....but the Lubbock Police Department hasn't released any records to the public or to the family of the incidents that have occurred.....all the family would like is justice to be served.....They are asking that if anyone would like to help, please do so...because a young man's life was taken and with no answers as to why this happened.....Other incidents have apparently occurred just like Jemar Mckinzie's situation and none has okayed the other vic-

tims lives were taken. Will there be justice in 2012???

Please help if you can and will!

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"This Little Light of Mine" was sung by Sis. Jackson and Sister Johnson after the sermon.

There was the Invitation of Discipleship that was extended.

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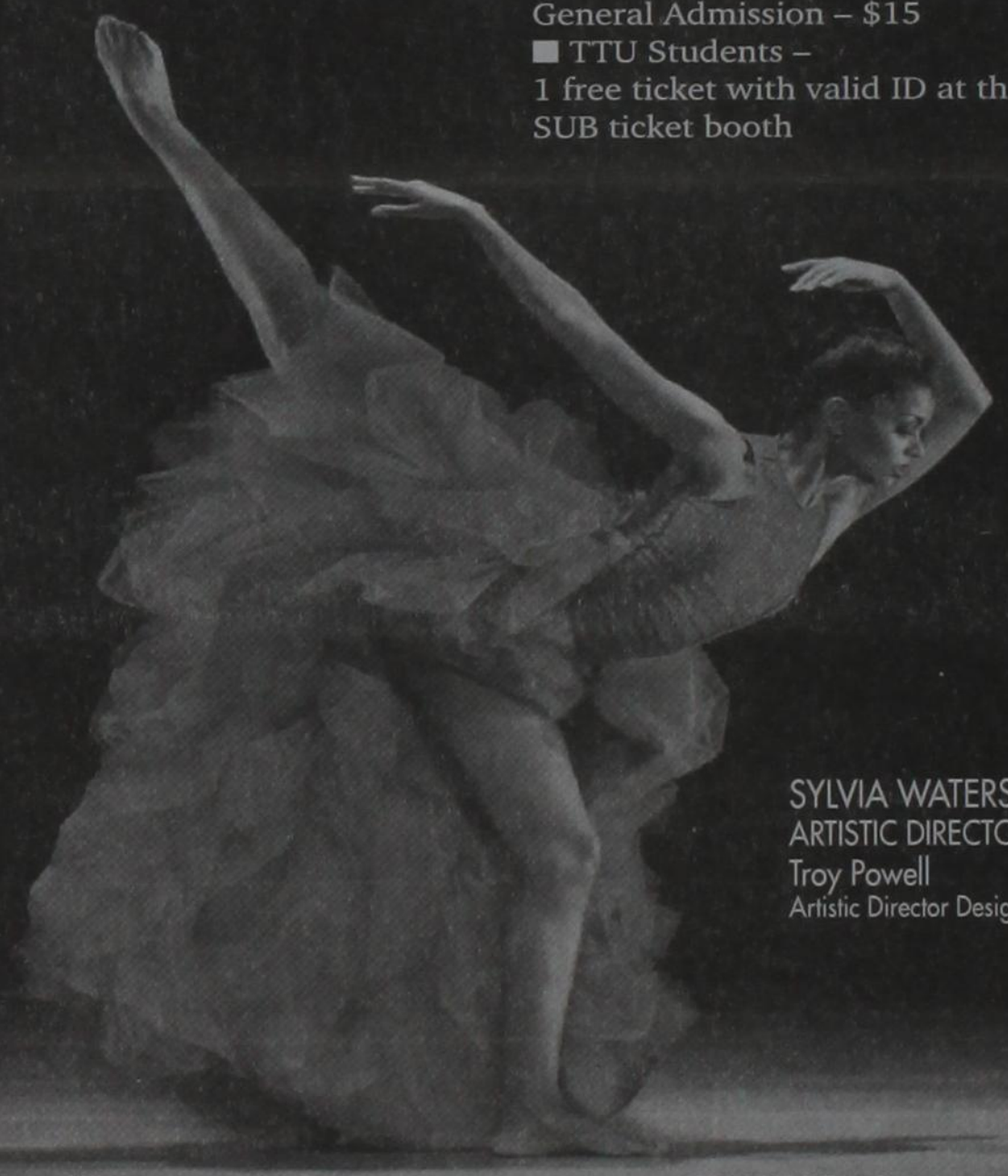
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LISD Trustees Set Voluntary Incentive

The Lubbock Independent School District Board of Trustees approved a voluntary early notification incentive Thursday morning, February 2, 2012, as the only action item on the workshop agenda. State law allows contract employees until July 1 to notify the school district of their intent to resign or retire. This voluntary incentive encourages contracted employees to inform their principal early, thereby, enabling principals to make staffing decisions much earlier.

The \$1,500 incentive is for all full-time contract personnel who announce their intent to resign or retire between January 1, 2012 and February 29, 2012, effective at the end of the current contract year. The program is voluntary and is available to any contract personnel who submit notice to the superintendent's office and accept the offer by 4 p.m. on February 29, 2012. The incentive of \$1,500 will be made in one lump sum payment and will appear on the regular paycheck following the completion of their contract. Payment is contingent upon the employee maintaining and completing their assigned work schedule in good status through the end of the contract year. While this is the second year that a voluntary early notification incentive has been offered, it has not been made a permanent part of the resignation or retirement protocol.

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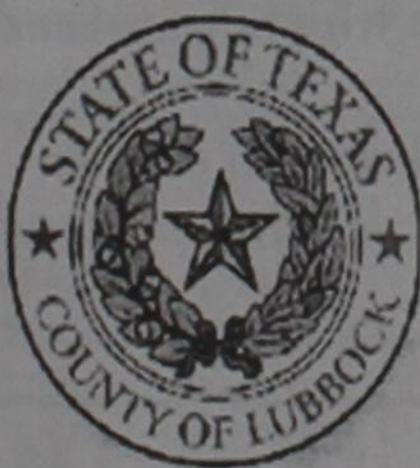
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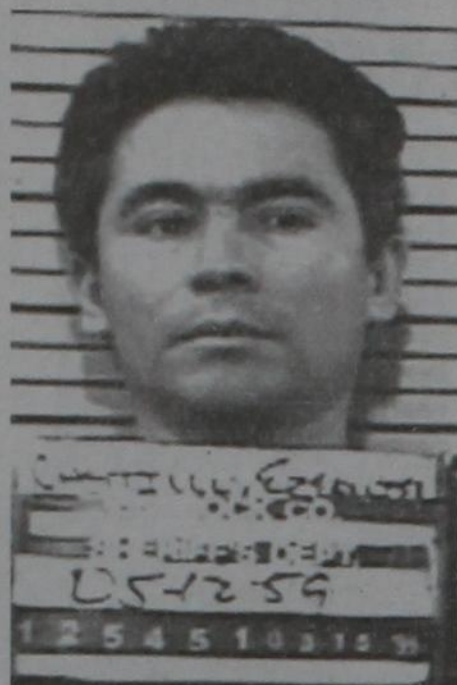
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Ashley Kainer has been arrested, and is replaced by Kimberly Phillips. This has become a reality, because citizens like you are helping. Keep up the good work!!



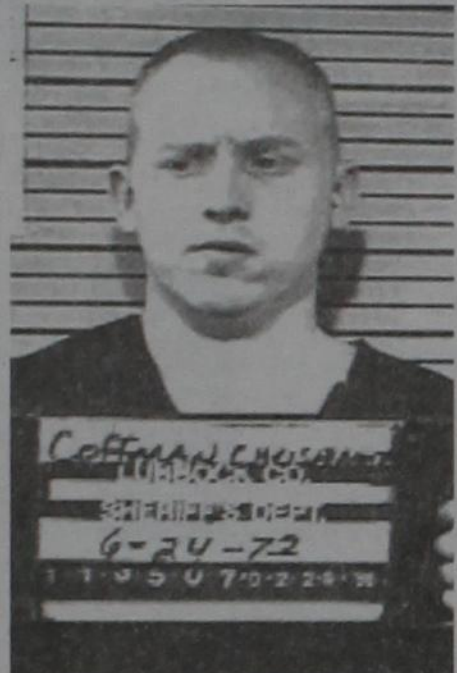
Castillo, Ezequiel
Hispanic, Male, 5'08", 145 lbs., Hair- Black, Eyes- Brown.
Charge- Sexual Assault (MPAG)
Warrant #- 2000434805



Butler, James
Black, Male, 5'07", 150 lbs., Hair- Black, Eyes- Black
Charge- PCS PG1 W/Int. Del. 4-200G (BNDF)
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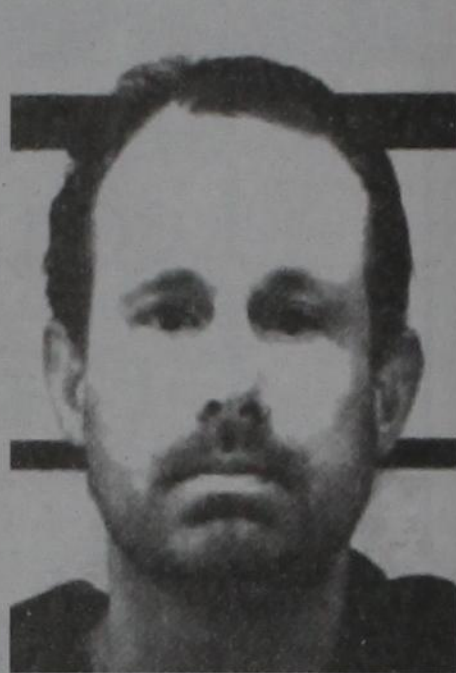
Cabrera, Mario
Hispanic, Male, 5'05", 135 lbs., Hair- Black, Eyes- Brown
Charge- Injury To Elderly BI (BNDF)
Warrant #- 200842027



Coffman, Christopher Walter
White, Male, 5'11", 160 lbs., Hair- Blond
Eyes- Blond
Charge- Burglary Of A Building (MPAG)
Warrant#- 96423235



Phillips, Kimberly
White, Female, Height- 5'05" 160 lbs., Hair- Brown Eyes- Blue.
Charge- Forgery Financial Inst. (BNDS)
Warrant #- 2011430378



Shriver, Aaron
White, Male, 5'07", 157 Lbs., Hair - Brown - Eyes - Green.
Charge- DWI 3rd or more (ARP)
Warrant: #2010428



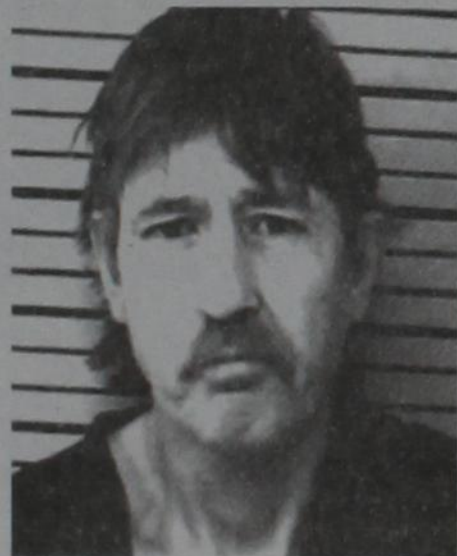
Simmons, Brenda F
Black, Female, 5'04, 155 lb- Hair- Black, Eyes- Brown.
Charge- Poss. W/Int. Del. CS PG1<1G (BNDS)
Warrant #- 2006413555



Sigala-Ortiz, Concha
Hispanic, Female, 5'01", 123 lbs., Hair—Brown, Eyes- Brown.
Charge- PCS PG1 W/INT DEL > 400G(BNDF)
Warrant#- 2009423825



Caffey, Jennifer J
White, Female, 5'09", 125 lbs - Hair- Blond, Eyes- Blue
Charge- PCS PG1 <1G
Warrant #- 2010426171



Jackson, Jerry D
White, Male, 6'02", 165 lbs., Hair- Brown, Eyes- Blue
Charge- DWI 3rd Or More (BNDS)
Warrant #- 2011430372

Junior Ambassador Program Extended

The City of Lubbock Junior Ambassador Goodwill Program application deadline has been extended to Friday, February 24, 2012 at 5:00 P.M.

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The Concerned Citizens Scholarship

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School, graduating with a 3.92 GPA. He is currently enrolled at Eastern New Mexico University, majoring in Engineering. Mr. and Mrs. James Nickerson is his parents.

In November of each year, The Concerned Citizens began seeking applicants for this scholarship, with December 31st as its cut-off date. To be eligible, the student must have a high school diploma, a 2.5 or higher GPA, and enrolled as a full time student.

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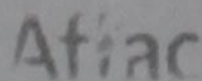
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Charlie Currie



Funeral services were held for Charlie Currie Services will Saturday morning, February 11, 2012 at Lyons Chapel Baptist Church. Interment will follow at Peaceful Garden Memorial Park under the direction of Griffin Mortuary & Funeral Home.

Thank God For Jesus

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Isaiah 58:1 -- The Lord Said, CRY aloud, spare not, lift your voice like a trumpet, and show my people their transgressions.

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John 3:17 -- For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.

Nobody had to get BIT IN THE BUTT; POLICEMAN'S VICIOUS DOGS.

MY FREEDOM came by JESUS DYING; ON THAT OLD RUGGED CROSS!!!

Nobody had to get SPRAYED; with the FIRE-MAN'S WATER HOSE.

My FREEDOM came one SUNDAY MORNING; WHEN JESUS CHRIST AROSE!!!

JOHN 8:36 -- JESUS SAID, IF THE SON THEREFORE SHALL MAKE YOU FREE, YOU SHALL BE FREE IN-DEED (TRULY).

Currie, 87, of Lubbock passed away Friday, February 3, 2012 at Covenant Medical Center.

Charlie was born February 29, 1924 in Minden, Louisiana to Willie Currie and Beaddie Harris. He worked at Lubbock Independent School District as a custodian for 18 years.

Charlie leaves to cherish his memory his companion, Mae

Currie; two daughters, Charlene Evans and Mary Lee Fields (Leroy); three sons, Charlie, Jr., Earl and Willie C.; three stepchildren, Willis Flowers, Jr. (Vanessa), Constance Whitten (Don), and Jackie Flowers; 26 grandchildren; 55 great-grandchildren; 30 great-great-grandchildren; and a host of other relatives and friends.

New Light News

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Pray in season and out of season. Pray for the good times as well as the bad times. Its hard to stumble when you are on your knees.

SCRIPTURE FOR THE WEEK: "The lord is my strength and song, and he is become my salvation: he is my

God, and I will prepare him an habitation". Exodus 15:21"

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Woods-Holmes said "I am proud of the financial investments that have been made in District 2. We have made some tough decisions over the last 12 years, but I believe we have focused intently on what is best for our students. I will continue to be an advocate for the students in my district as well as all students."

A graduate of Dunbar High School and Huston-Tillotson College, Woods-Holmes is a product of Lubbock ISD schools. She is the mother of two LISD graduates, Duke Holmes and Marcia Holmes and

the grandmother of two current LISD students. "I have invested many years in LISD as a teacher and principal, and I want to continue to serve District 2 as we work together to meet the needs of every child, every day."

Another project makes known that the inter-change at North Loop 289 and Quaker Avenue has gotten a good start, and he is eager to see progress made on the 34th Street reconstruction project.

Reconstruction of 34th Street is scheduled to start later this month or in early March. This will be another great project.

Remember Election Day is May 12, 2012!! It is important to be there to vote!!

Funeral Services Held For Michael Chatham

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to William Henry and Emma Lee Chatham. He left his final mark on Feb. 2, 2012. He was preceded in death by one brother, Rodney Robertson of Dimmit, Texas.

He leaves to cherish his memories his parents, William and Emma Chatham of Lubbock; two daughters, Amber Chatham-Thurston (Ryan) of Texarkana, Texas, and Ashley Chatham of Lubbock, three grandchildren, Devin Chatham, Carmelo Adkins, and Dallas Thurston; one sister, Sandra Chatham of Lubbock; two brothers, Leonard Chatham (Sharon) of Plainview, and Keith Chatham of Tyler; one

sister-in-law, Debra Robertson of Dimmit, Texas; maternal grandfather, M.C. Fields of Fresno, Calif.; two aunts, Joann Miller of Lubbock, and Magic Langston (Sonny) of Lorenzo, Texas; two uncles, Edmond Turner Sr. (Linda) and Joe Hatchett, both of Lubbock; one great-aunt, Johnny Mae Connor of Phoenix, Ariz.; and a special friend, Hattie Ford of Wolforth.

where every child, no matter what they look like (or) where they come from, should have a chance to succeed." If you don't get it, "no matter what they look like" is code for nonwhite. Hanson says that Obama's attorney general, Eric Holder, has "found race a convenient refuge from criticism—most recently accusing his congressional auditors of racism, for their grilling him over government sales of firearms to Mexican cartel hit men."

IS THIS MAN A LACKY FOR ...?

Outreach Prayer

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This prayer will continue in our next edition. You really can't

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

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with Obama's presidency, we were moving to a "post-racial society." Little can be further from the truth. Victor Davis Hanson, senior fellow at the Hoover Institution, in a National Review (1/18/2012) article "Obama Racial Politics," says that Obama's message about race and his charges of racial bigotry are "usually coded and subtle." Criticizing Republicans, before Mexican-American audience, Obama said that he ran for office because "America should be a place where you can always make it if you try—a place

The same hand that made trees and fields and flowers, the seas and hills, the clouds and sky, has been making a home for us called heaven.
Billy Graham

To him who overcomes, I will give the right to sit with Me on My throne, just as I overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne.
Revelation 3:21

Notice of Opportunity for a Public Hearing

Re: City of Lubbock/Citibus grant applications for the 2012 fiscal year (October 2011-September 2012):

- Section 5304 Statewide Planning funding for regional coordination efforts;
 - Section 5307 formula funding for planning and capital projects;
 - Section 5308 Clean Fuels funding for vehicle replacement;
 - Section 5309 State of Good Repair funding for facility renovation/expansion;
 - Section 5310 funding for preventive maintenance;
 - Section 5316 Job Access and Reverse Commute for employment/educational transportation; and
 - Section 5317 New Freedom funding for activities that exceed ADA regulations.
- TxDOT Coordinated Call for Projects (various projects)

Notice is hereby given that an opportunity for a public hearing will occur in conjunction with the Lubbock Public Transit Advisory Board Meeting on Tuesday, February 28, 2012, at 12:00pm at the Citibus Conference Room, 801 Texas Avenue. The purpose of this hearing is to consider financial assistance under the Federal Transit Act of 1964, as amended, for the following programs:

Section 5304 Planning Funds – This program cost is estimated at \$33,847, which will be provided by the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5304 funds through the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT); the Texas Transportation Commission has awarded Citibus Transportation Development Credits to serve as the local match. These funds will be used for regional coordination meetings and activities.

Section 5307 Formula Grant Funds – The 5307 program cost is estimated at \$5,106,197, of which \$3,007,506 will be provided by FTA Section 5307 funds and \$1,479,161 as local match. TxDOT will contribute \$619,530 for operating assistance only, with \$619,530 as local match. This funding will be used for preventive maintenance, non-fixed route ADA services, operating, planning, and miscellaneous capital improvements including passenger amenities and security upgrades.

Section 5308 Clean Fuels Funds – Citibus will seek \$2,500,000 in federal discretionary funding, with local match provided with Transportation Development Credits awarded by the Texas Transportation Commission. The funds, if awarded, will be used to purchase four hybrid-electric buses, which will replace outdated route buses.

Section 5309 State of Good Repair Funds – Citibus will seek \$2,000,000 in federal discretionary funding, with local match provided with Transportation Development Credits awarded by the Texas Transportation Commission. The funds, if awarded, will be used to renovate and eventually expand the existing Administrative/Maintenance facility.

Section 5310 Elderly & Disabled Funds – This program cost is estimated at \$93,750, of which \$75,000 will be provided by the FTA and \$18,750 as local match. These funds will be used for preventive maintenance activities.

Section 5316 Jobs Access Reverse Commute Funds – This program cost is estimated at \$398,372, of which \$199,186 will be provided by the FTA funds and \$199,186 as local match. This funding will be used to provide specific fixed route services.

Section 5317 New Freedom Funds – This program cost is estimated at \$129,919, of which \$79,950 will be provided by FTA funds and \$49,969 as local match. This funding will be used for mobility management, and to subsidize Citibus extended service area trips and the NiteRide service costs.

TxDOT Coordinated Call for Project Funds – Citibus has applied for funding through the Coordinated Call for Projects. Requests included \$100,000 for a Fixed Route System Analysis, \$1,189,582 for Phases 3 & 4 of the Downtown Transfer Plaza renovation, and \$60,000 for printing and promotion of 2-1-1's Community Resource Directory. Local match was requested through the award of Transportation Development Credits; if awarded, no local match will be required.

Interested individuals may submit recommendations or comments orally or in writing before 5:00 p.m. on February 27, 2012. Written comments may be addressed to Citibus Compliance Department, PO Box 2000, Lubbock, Texas, 79457; emailed to bpatrick@citibus.com; or faxed to 806-712-2012. Oral comments may be made by calling 806-712-2000 x252. Written documentation on the above projects is available at the Citibus offices, 801 Texas Avenue.

This meeting is available to all persons regardless of disability. If you require special assistance, please contact Citibus at 806-712-2000 x252 or write to: Citibus Compliance Department, PO Box 2000, Lubbock, Texas, 79457, at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting.

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