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Community Meetings

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Estacado High School Matadors District 2-3A Champs



HERE THEY ARE, THE ESTACADO HIGH SCHOOL MATADORS, DISTRICT 2-3A CHAMPS. They had an outstanding year, with a record of 9-2. Their season came to an end last Saturday as they were defeated by the Dalhart High School Golden Wolves, 32-28, in a Class 3A Division II Bi-District game before 2,000 at Kimbrough Memorial Stadium in Canyon! Congrats, Matadors!

Estacado High School Receives College Readiness Recognition

Estacado High School has received the "2010 College Readiness Award" from the Texas ACT Council for maintaining or increasing the number of students taking the ACT Assessment over the past five years and significantly increasing their level of achievement and college

readiness. The Texas ACT Council is comprised of secondary and postsecondary educators who advise ACT, Inc. on the utilization of ACT programs and services in Texas schools and colleges. ACT, Inc. is the not-for-profit organization that provides assessment, research, information, and program management services in the broad areas of education and workforce development, and the publisher of the ACT Assessment. The ACT Assessment is the college admissions test that is used and accepted by all colleges nationwide and throughout Texas. In 2010, nearly 145,000 Texas students took the ACT which was an all-time high, and Texas ACT scores have increased substantially over the last five years.

Lyons Chapel thinks Pink and partners with Covenant Health System's Mobile Mammography

Shirley Davis, wife of the Reverend Wendell D. Davis and church member volunteers, hosted a Pink Sunday at Lyons Chapel. Lyons Chapel Pinked out the church and held a fellowship event to promote breast cancer awareness.

The church also partnered with the Covenant Mobile Mammography and stationed the vehicle at the Lyons chapel on November 4th making mammograms available to all church members and other community members.

The Mobile Mammography unit was booked and there was such an overwhelming response that the Mobile Mammography unit will come back to the Lyons Chapel on December 13th from 8:40am-4:20pm The Mobile Mammography unit has agreed to come back and continue to serve this community to see that women who are in need of a mammogram receive appropriate services.

Mammograms can help detect breast cancer at an early stage. When breast cancer is detected at an early stage the five year survival rate is 98%. Allison Lewis, Mission Coordinator, at Susan G. Komen says while breast cancer is reported the most in Caucasian women, fatalities are higher among African American women.

Estacado Lady Mats Honored In Volleyball

Three Estacado High School Lady Mats Volleyball players received District 3A recognition.

They were Senior Setter Nicole Cooks, who led the team in assists, was named to the All-District 2nd Team. Senior Out-

side Hitter Ti Thompson led the Lady Mats in Digs and was second on the team in Kills. She was named 1st Team All-District. Leading the team in Kills and Aces this year was Senior Outside Hitter Deirdre Foree. She has been recognized as the District's Outstanding Hitter of the Year!!!

If you would like to schedule an appointment for a breast screening mammogram, please call Covenant Health System at 806-725-6579. Financial assistance is available for women who are uninsured and qualify through a partnership through Covenant Health System and the Lubbock Area Affiliate of Susan G. Komen for the Cure.



Mike Wimmer

Mike Wimmer Speaks To Estacado High School Students

Mike Wimmer spoke to the Estacado High School student body. He is a practicing artist and illustrator from Oklahoma. He has paintings in museums and the Oklahoma Capitol Building. He has illustrated books and for various corporations including Disney and Procter and Gamble. He spoke to the students about his background and his artwork. However, his message to the students addressed goal setting and making good choices in life.

COMMENTS FROM STUDENTS

Alex Mathis-All choices count and any choice can be life altering.

Tiara Giddings-I learned that life is all about the choices you make.

Enrique Martinez-Do what you love in life, and you'll never work a day in your life.

Donald Clark-Every choice I make will affect me in some way, and the choices I make should be the right ones

Matthew Gardner-Mr. Wimmer's message was to make your dreams something you will enjoy.

Xaavion Mims-Our life and dreams depend on the choices we make.

Ebone Hastings-The message I got was that everyone at Estacado could be successful if we at least try.

Congratulations to these fine young ladies for a job well done during this year's Volleyball Season.

They are Lady Mats all the way.



Estacado High School Color Guard



Kindergarten Singers



Mrs. Margaret Randle

Wheatley Elementary Students Pay Tribute To U. S. Veterans

The students of Wheatley Elementary School paid tribute to men and women who were veterans of the Army, Navy, Coast Guards, Marine Corps, and Air Force last Thursday evening, November 11, 2010, in the cafeteria.

The cafeteria was filled to capacity, and the young people did an outstanding job in saluting those veterans in attendance.

Mrs. Margaret Randle, principal, welcomed the parents, guardians and citizens who were in attendance. "We are so happy to have all of you come and support what our children are doing," she said.

Valerie Flores, a student, brought an exciting welcome from the Wheatley student body. The Estacado High School Color Guard presented the colors, with the students and audience giving the pledge of allegiance.

The Wheatley choir sang the Star Spangled Banner, followed by the Pre-K singing from their hearts as Patriotic Stars.

"America, The Beautiful" was the theme portrayed by the

Wheatley Dance Team, who were fourth and fifth grade students, under the development of Ms. Judith Struggs.

The Wheatley Dance Team consists of the following: Fourth Grade -- Kievahn Johnson, Haley Ramirez and Haley Zapata; Fifth Grade -- A'Keyla Bracy, Destiny DeLeon, Valerie Flores, Barbara White and Beverly White.

The Wheatley Choir sang "God Bless America" and "America, The Free." Also, they sang "Grand Old Flag" and "Yankee Doodle Dandy". These choir members were students Kindergarten through Fifth Grade, under the direction of Mrs. Dee Ann Tackitt.

Mrs. Tackitt gave special thanks to Ms. Judith Struggs who took her place when she was ill and unable to rehearse the children. "Although Ms. Struggs is not present this evening, we want her to know we appreciate what she did in my absence," she said.

The special program ended with the Wheatley Choir singing "This Land Is Your Land."

How 'Bout Them Longhorns!



Longhorns 2010 Superbowl Champions

Hats Off to the best undefeated 7 year olds of the Youth Football League (YFL) team in Lubbock.

The Longhorns pressed their way to the Superbowl with a 10-0 wining season led by Coach Dondale Turner and assisted by Coaches Jacob Torrez, Terry Johnson, Charmyne Johnson, Kory Wright and Bryan

Wilkerson.

The Longhorns defeated another undefeated team in the Superbowl with a 36-18 Championship win.

They are headed for a tournament in DeSoto, Texas on November 19 - 21, 2010.

Congratulations, Longhorns for a job well done this year! Keep doing what you are doing!

Chatman Hills Corner

By Doris Reynolds

Since there are many in our community who are struggling to make ends meet, here is some important information which may be of use, especially since the holiday season is approaching. This information was made available by Lubbock City Councilman Victor Hernandez, District 1. Here it is:

211 is the telephone number people call when they don't know who to call about government and social service programs. 211 is an information and referral service (they are not a direct provider) which means they will let the caller know who to call about their needs. For example, if you dial 211 and you select option 1 then you can ask about the following: 1) help

finding food or food bank vouchers; 2) medical and prescription assistance; 3) help paying a utility bill; 4) locations to find clothing; 5) affordable counseling services; 6) help with housing; 7) assistance with child care; 8) military resources; and 9) resources for the elderly.

For Thanksgiving and Christmas dial 211 for: 1) **THANKSGIVING BASKETS** - 211 staff locates agencies and site information where Thanksgiving baskets will be distributed to those who qualify; and 2) **CHRISTMAS ASSISTANCE** - 211 staff locates agencies and site information where Christmas assistance is available. Assistance ranges from coat drives, holiday vouchers and toy drives.

These are just two examples of what 211 can help you with in terms of referring you to direct service agencies who can help.

Let us continue to pray for sick and shut-in citizens. If you get an opportunity, go by and visit with someone as today it is them, and tomorrow it could be you.

The community is invited to hear the announcement of the total raised during the 2010 Lubbock Area United Way campaign. It will be delivered at a luncheon scheduled for 11:40 a.m. on Friday, November 19, 2010, at the First United Methodist Church, 1411 Broadway Avenue.

There is no cost for reservations, but seating is limited. A large crowd is anticipated to attend the report luncheon. To reserve seating for the victory report luncheon call (806) 747-2711.

The campaign kickoff on August 26th with a goal of \$5,616,222. Find out more by visiting www.liveunitedlubbock.org.

FASHION FUN with Shirley Roberson HOODIES WOW!

That's right ladies, you are going to see lots of hoodies leading into the holidays, warm cozy hoodies. This season they are not

going to be just your casual everyday hoodies. They are colorful with and very sexy. dress them up or down.

Top fashion designers are focusing more on hoodies this season and that mean you should take a second look also. A great alternative, instead of your favorite sweater, so go ahead personalize your hoodie, try a beautiful sequin hoodie or maybe one that's covered completely with rhinestones.

NOW YOU TELL ME LADIES, HOW GREAT IS



THAT. HOODIES - A MUST HAVE.
Fashion tip...always wear a smile
Fashion...just for the fun of it!

Activities Happening At the Mae Simmons Senior Citizens Center & Community Center

***Mae Simmons Senior Center** serves Hot Lunches for Senior Citizens, Monday-Friday at 12:00 noon. 60 and over a \$2 donation. Under 60, there is a required \$5 cost for lunch. Senior Transportation is also available to seniors 60+ for a \$2 donation per round trip from your home. Please call the Mae Simmons Senior Center at 767-2708 for more information.

***Mae Simmons Community Center** will also be offering FootPrintz Dance Classes for ages 3-18. Ballet, Tap, Jazz, Hip Hop, and Modern Dance available. Call Mae Simmons Community Center at 767-2700 or Ashley Smith at 224-9441 for more information on class days and times!

***Mae Simmons** will be hosting a Senior Potluck Luncheon on Saturday, November 20th from 11am-1pm at the Mae Simmons Senior Center. There is no charge for seniors and their fam-

ilies to attend, but we do ask that all families bring a potluck dish to the luncheon. We will be compiling a list of dishes the week before at the Senior Center.

***Mae Simmons Community Center** will also host it's 2nd Annual Christmas Carnival on Saturday, December 4th from 2pm-4pm. There is no charge to attend. Santa and Mrs. Claus will be taking pictures. There will be carnival games, Christmas Carols, and Christmas activities for the entire family. Concessions will be available and door prizes will be given out. We will also be collecting new, unwrapped toys for the Toys for Tots Christmas Campaign.

***The Ladies of Mae Simmons Senior Center** will have a Christmas Tea and Cookies Recipe Exchange on Tuesday, December 21st at 1:30pm. Ladies may bring 1 dozen of their favorite Christmas Cookies and the recipe to exchange with the other ladies.

***Mae Simmons Community Center** will hold a Holiday Camp for children ages 6-12 during the Christmas Holidays. Holiday Camp days and hours will be: December 20, 21, 22, 23 from 7:45am-5:30pm \$28 per child December 28, 29, 30 from 7:45am-5:30pm \$21 per child. Breakfast, Lunch and an afternoon snack will be provided. Registration will begin December 6th. We must have 10 kids sign up to hold the camps!

Booths Available At Copper Rawlings Community Center

Copper Rawlings Community Center will be hosting their 9th annual Holiday Craft Bazaar on December 4, 2010, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at their center located at 213 40th Street. Limited booth space is available for area vendors and artisans that would like to rent a booth. Pricing is \$10 for a 6' x 6' booth area with one six foot table provided for each booth. For more information on booth rentals, contact 767-2704.

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From the Desk of Parson D.A. Smith Mad As Hell!!



We Thank God for Jesus

"LORD THANKS FOR FORGIVING US"

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

The mid-term elections in the United States of America speak volumes to all minorities and especially to young black and Hispanic males. The message was very simple: You do what the majority says and be good boys and stay in your place equaling to indentured servants and "we the people" who are not of color will throw a bone out to you when the urge hits us.

The above statement seems like one of the 60's era. However, the statement is relative to the present moment. The reality is young black and Hispanic males have allowed themselves through negative behavior that is not of the norm in an intelligent society to be pimped by those of other groups who reap the true financial benefits.

Those of us who have struggled for the betterment of minorities in a hostile society are very disappointed with the present day black and Hispanic males. They have become the outhouses of use for a minority led white male society because of their negative desire to achieved status in a criminal

manner.

Present data proves that black males of this present day are the most illiterate Homosapiens like creatures in America. They give credence to those who suggest that Blacks are inferior to whites and blacks are first cousins to monkeys. Their unwillingness to achieve academically and swing from the vines of ignorance made them the number one sack of worthless human fertilizer in America in a recent televised document. The average test score appeared to be a D-! Those of us who paved the way for these ignorant fools bow our heads in shame over worthless human fertilizers who have the opportunity to be whatever they want to be in life.

These same creatures impregnate young females by animal like deception to form a chain of ignorance. These females join the chain of "survival" of who receive the most free (they do not have the faintest idea there is nothing free on planet earth) food stamps, healthcare, housing and etc.

One can understand why there is

much anger against big government when a group of young healthy males sit on their rear ends making babies and getting their goodies while society pay for their 30 seconds of good time.

One can understand why there is a rebellion against these males when the homeowner has to cough up tax money to pay for someone getting their jollies and feeling good on an illegal drug high while driving around in a Cadillac Escalade on 24 inch reams selling drugs and these users break into the homeowner house stealing their goods and making their house payment increase because of the increase in insurance premiums.

A bail bond company posted in the AJ pictures of a number of individuals who had posted bail to keep from spending a vacation in Lubbock's beautiful jail-house hotel that the homeowners and others citizens of Lubbock provide when one begin to smell themselves and commit criminal acts. These individuals went

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John 3:16 --Jesus said, for God so loved the world (you & me), that he gave his only begotten son (Jesus), that whosoever (you & me) believe in him (Jesus) should not perish but have everlasting life.

God precious Son Jesus; died on the cross; for **NO GOOD RACHETS: LIKE YOU AND ME.**

He died not only for you and me; but for the whole world you SEE.

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

We was lost in a world of SIN; WE looked at woman, desiring their **FLESH.**

But it was **JESUS' EYES THEY SPIT IN; OUR'S WAS FULL OF LUST!!!**

Mark 15:19 -- They smote Him (Jesus) on the head with a reed, and did spit upon him, and bowing their knees worshipped him (mocking him).

We had many great **SIN'S**; and spoke many **FILTHY WORDS.** But it was **JESUS' MOUTH THEY SLAPPED; NEVER**

WAS FILTHY WORDS HEARD!!!

Luke 22:64 -- They blindfolded him (Jesus), and they struck him on the face, and asked him, saying, Prophecy, who is it that smote you?

It was our **BACK** that laid with many woman; we committed **ADULTERER.**

But it was **JESUS' BACK THEY BEAT; TILL IT LOOKED LIKE MENCE MEAT!!!**

Mark 15:15, -- Pialate, willing to content the people, released Barabbas unto them and delivered Jesus, when he had scourged (beaten) him, to be crucified.

***** IT SHOULD HAVE BEEN YOU AND ME!!!*****

(A scourging or beating was a Roman punishment, it consisted of a handle with about a dozen leather cords, with jagged peaces of bone on metal at each end, to make the blow more painful. The victim was tied to a post and the blows were applied to the bare back and loins; and sometimes to the face and the bowels. The flesh was cut in several places by each blow. So

hideous was the punishment that the victim often fainted, and some died under it.)

Isaiah 53:5 -- He (Jesus) was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.

***** HAVE YOU BEEN HEALED BY JESUS????****

It was **YOURS AND MY MIND**; thought of many **UN-GODLY THINGS.**

But it was **JESUS' head they crowned; WITH THORNS; AND HE HAD OUR PAIN!!!**

Matthew 27:29 -- When they had platted a crown of thorns, they put it upon his head; and a reed in his right hand; and they bowed the knee before him, and mocked him, saying, Hail, King of the Jews.

It was **YOUR AND MY HANDS; WE stole things; WE WAS THE THIEF.**

But it was **JESUS' HANDS THEY NAILED TO THE CROSS; SHOULD HAVE BEEN YOU AND ME!!!**

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St. Matthew's Baptist Church News

Church services got underway at 10:00 a. m. last Sunday morning, November 14, 2010, at the St. Matthew Baptist Church, 2020 East 14th Street, where the proud pastor is Rev. Edward Canady.

Sunday School got underway last Sunday morning with Superintendent Sister Shirley Davis in charge.

The subject of the morning lesson was "Life Is Short." The scripture, text Psalm 90:1-12. The Unifying Topic was "God Is Forever."

The teacher of the morning was Superintendent Shirley

Davis. The review was given by Pastor Canady. What a wonderful lesson for all to hear.

The main thought of our lesson was: *"Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever thou hadst formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, thou art God."*

Psalm 90:2.

The morning worship hour begun at 11:00 a. m. The morning devotion was led by Brother Dennis Saunders and Sister Barbara Johnson.

The St. Matthew Choir sung out of their hearts and souls.

What a blessing it is to have these choir members sing God's Praises!

The morning message was delivered by Pastor Canady. His subject was "When You Disobey God, You're Headed For Trouble?" His scripture text was Judges 6:1-10.

The weekly meetings held at St. Matthew Baptist Church are as follows:

The Mission meets on Wednesday evenings at 5:00 p. m.

The Brotherhood meets on Wednesday evenings at 5:00 p. m.

Bible Study meets at 6:00 p. m. on Wednesday evenings.

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

The Ushers meet at 11:00 a. m. on Saturday mornings.

Everyone is welcome to attend these services.

The morning announcements were read last Sunday morning by our First Lady, Sister Shirley Canady.

Let us remember to pray for our sick and shut-in. Among them include Sister Bernice Hameed who is still on our sick

list. Also, let us remember those who have lost loved ones. God is able.

The St. Matthew Baptist Church's Annual Sunday School program will be held Sunday afternoon, November 21, 2010, beginning at 3:00 p.m. The theme is: "Be A Peace Maker." Our Superintendent, Sister Shirley Davis, is inviting all to attend.

Remember: Those searching to know life's true meaning.

Can find it is only on way; by serving the Lord with commitment, and living for him day by day.

Thought For The Week: *"The best way to keep sin at a distance is to make sure Jesus stands between you and temptation."*

If you are looking for a Church Home, please visit us at the St. Matthew Baptist Church, 2020 East 14th Street, You will be glad you did.

November Birthdays: Sister George Ann Hereford & Rev. Alvin Butler.

Correction: It was mentioned that the First Lady Baldsin. She is just a member.

It was reported the name was Sister B. Harris. It should have been Sister Rhonda Harris.

Outreach Prayer Breakfast

The Outreach Prayer is always excited about what God is doing for them. We really appreciate each of you reading our report each time we report.

Here is our thought for this edition:

The Outreach Prayer Breakfast would like to share with you our lives in TV terms.

So as the World Turns, these are the Days of Our Lives.

We are standing at the Edge of Night looking at the Somerset Searching for Tomorrow, hoping for a Brighter Day that will take us to Another World. Many become discouraged about the Secret Storms that confront us daily, but one should always remember that we only have one Life to Live.

Some of us are Young and Restless. Many of us are Rich Men and Poor Men; some of us are only out for Good Times; and many of us are too busy trying to keep up with the Jeffersons.

It's unfortunate that those who live in the Executive Suite are looking down on those who live in the Little House On The Prairies. There is much Gun Smoke in the Streets of Our Cities, and the Doctors are busy with victims at the General Hospitals. So, my friends, the Price is Right, because with God there will be no Let's Make A Deal. We must either Tell the Truth or face the Consequences. The Lord has said: "I love all my children, so let's follow the Guiding Light and remain in the Love of Life. Enjoying those Happy Days, for we are All In The Family, those who love

God!

Think about it!!

Thought for The Week: *"Although we do stupid things, sometimes God still will work things out for us."*

A Father's Value

The value of a good father is beyond description. This leads us to today's lesson. Psalm 91 tells of a Father who provides the very best atmosphere for his children. This perfect Dad is God himself. Psalm 91 begins, "Those who live in the shelter of the Most High will find rest in the shadow of the Almighty" (v. 1). * We find rest in the places where we sense love and security. The psalmist states he has found this rest in the "secret place" of the Most High. He is describing his own trusting personal relationship with God, his heavenly Father.

Then, for the next 16 verses, the psalmist extols the virtues of living under the leadership of God. He says, "This I declare about the Lord . . ." (v. 2). Look at the list of benefits of living under the wings of God. Take a few moments and dwell upon each description. He is: my refuge, my place of safety, my

rescuer, protector, shelter, armor, confidence, healer, responder, giver of my reward, and my salvation. These are the words of someone living with security and confidence no matter what

New Light Baptist Church News

On Sunday morning, November 14, 2010, church services got started at New Light Baptist Church, 3013 Idalou Road, where Rev. Kenneth O. Jackson is the pastor.

Church School started at 9:45a.m. with Deacon David Chiles teaching the lesson entitled: "Life Is Too Short" Breakfast was served 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 Youth Choir marched in the choir stand singing "Come On Children, Let Jesus In."

The responsive reading comes from Psalm 46:1-11 was read by Rev. Lee. The altar prayer was led by Rev. Henry Edom with the choir & congregation singing "My Soul Loves Jesus."

life brings to them.

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

Sis. Rochelette Hood read all the morning announcements and told of all the upcoming events that will be taking place. All birthdays were also acknowledged. There was the pastoral period that was held by the pastor and then the offering was taken up.

"Guide Me O'Thou Great Jehovah" was sung before the sermon. Rev. Jackson preached the sermon entitled: "Count It All Joy!" with its scripture text coming from James 1:1-8 and He-

brews 11:1. "Home Over The Mountain" was sung after the sermon and was led by Sister Angela Mosley.

There was the invitation to discipleship extended and then all visitors were in attendance were acknowledged by Sis. Gloria Lee.

Pray that we will trust your hidden hand leading in ways we may not understand.

SCRIPTURE FOR WEEK: *"Carry each others burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ. GALATIANS 6:2*

Come Join In The Excitement!!

Pastor: Dr. Leon Armstead, Ph.D.

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Obsequies

Lubbock Man's Brother: Reverend Kenneth Earl Henry, Sr. Succumbs In Decatur, Ga.

DECATUR, GA. -- Reverend Kenneth Earl Henry, Sr., of Decatur, Georgia, died Thursday, October 28, 2010, following a 4 month battle with cancer. He was surrounded by his family and loved ones at the time of his passing.

He was born in Palestine, Texas, to Ophelia G. and Reverend Enoch W. Henry, Sr., on December 27, 1932. Rev. Kenneth Henry graduated from Lincoln High School, Palestine, Texas, and received degrees from Jarvis Christian College, Hawkins, Texas (BA); and Yale University, School of Divinity, New Haven, Connecticut (B. Div. and S.T.M.). He was married to Dr. Pearl L. Henry (Smith).

Rev. Henry was Associate Professor of Church History at the Interdenominational Theological Center (ITC), Atlanta, Georgia, where he taught for more than 30 years, retiring in 2003 (awarded Professor Emeritus 2010). He co-authored (along with Mark Ellingsen), a history of ITC, in a recent publication titled, Making Black Ecumenism Happen: The History of the Interdenominational Theological Center at a Paradigm for Christian Unity, Atlanta, Georgia; ITC Press, 2008. He was a founding member of the Ray of Hope Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Decatur, Georgia. Reverend Henry was a guest lecturer and speaker at colleges, universities, churches and church conferences nationally and internationally.

Reverend Henry's accomplishments and honors include: ordained as a minister in the Christian Church, Disciples of Christ (1956), first African American to serve as First Vice



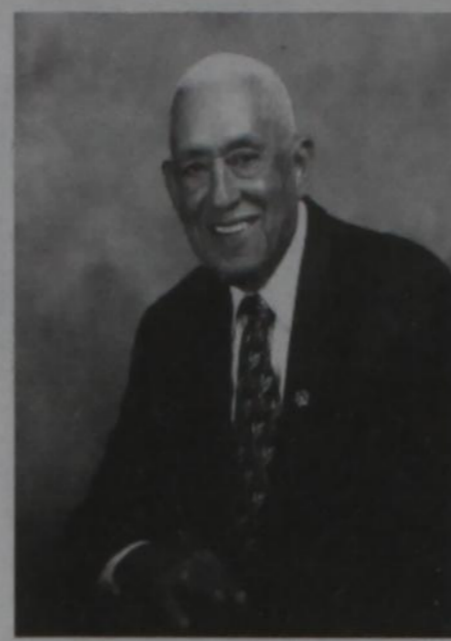
Moderator of the Christian Church; active board member for several national-level church organizations (Council on Christian Unity, Division of Overseas Ministries, Campbell-Stone), inclusion in the Encyclopedia of African American Culture and History. Vol. 2, ed. Jack Salzman, David Lionel Smith, and Cornel West. 769770, New York: Simon and Schuster Macmillan, 1996; and induction into the Jarvis Christian College Hall of Fame (1996).

He is survived by Pearl Lean Henry (wife), Decatur, Georgia; Valerie Henry (daughter), Atlanta, Georgia; Kenneth E. Henry, Jr., (son), Minneapolis, Minnesota, and his sisters, Annie L. Fain (Palestine, Texas), Mattie Henry Ester (San Francisco, California); Ruthye M. Jackson, Palestine, Texas, and Bettye J. Cannon, Atlanta, Georgia; and his brother, Dr. Charles E. Henry, Lubbock, Texas.

Memorial services were held at 2:00 p. m., Saturday, November 6, 2010, at Ray of Hope Christian Church, Rev. Dr. Cynthia L. Hale, Senior Pastor, officiating, located at 2778 Snapfinger Road, Decatur, Georgia 30034. Dr. Claude Walker, Kansas City, O., gave the eulogy.

John T. Stevens Succumbs In Pembroke Pines, Florida November 2, 2010 After Illness

John Theodore Stevens, Sr., age 86, made his heavenly transition on Tuesday, November 2, 2010 in Pembroke Pines, Florida after a prolonged illness which he fought valiantly. Born February 2, 1924 in Detroit, Michigan to John and Helen Stevens, he was affectionately known as "J.T." to friends and colleagues throughout the nation and "Poppa" to his grand children. J.T. lived a life that captured the spirit of giving and concern for others. Although he travelled many difficult paths of segregation and discrimination, his gift of humor kept those around him jubilant and greatly helped him during his sunset years to enjoy with others the many fruits of his sacrifices and labor.



parents, they worked together for 48 years, until Rose's untimely death, teaching them the principles of faith, diligence and commitment to serving others. Today, John, Jr. and Sandra are ordained ministers.

J.T.'s lifelong devotion to the Episcopal Church taught him to serve and honor his fellow man. At age ten, he was confirmed at Saint Cyprians in Detroit and served as acolyte and in other roles. His family joined Christ the Good Shepherd in Los Angeles where he worked in many capacities over 30 years including: Senior Warden, Board Member for the Good Shepherd Manor, Finance Committee, Men's Group and Verger. He attended Holy Sacrament Church in Pembroke Pines, Florida the past six years.

J.T.'s received his early education in Detroit and graduated from Northwestern High School after which he attended the Ford Motor Apprentice School, Wayne State University and the University of Detroit. He was drafted into the United States Navy as a second-class machinist mate and after honorable discharge, returned home and in 1951 was joined in holy wedlock with his sweetheart, Jimmie Rose Phillips. John and Rose were blessed with two children, John, Jr., and Sandra Jeanne. As

J.T. embarked on a business career that would ultimately result in helping countless numbers of people and organizations. In 1954, he joined Anheuser-Busch, Inc., the world's largest brewery, as a branch salesman. He progressed from special representative to regional representative and was assigned to Los Angeles in 1971 as a district manager. In 1980, he was appointed to manager of special field markets for the Western region, the position he held at retirement in 1994.

Over his 40 year career as a salesman, business executive, and community activist, J.T. was a catalyst for progress and development of social and economic conditions, educational opportunities and political thought. J.T.'s work was not just about improving the community and selling product, but about making friends. He received many awards and honors and was particularly proud of receiving an honorary doctorate in humane letters bestowed by Shorter College in Arkansas in 1987. His

significant affiliations include: Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity; Board Member of the Young Men's Christian Association in Culver City, CA; Board Member of the

Charles R. Drew University of Medicine and Science; Commissioner of Environmental Standards in Culver City, CA; Board Member of the Golden State Minority Foundation; Los Angeles County Fire Commissioner; Los Angeles County Fire Department Advisory Board; Board Member of the Pacific Rim Housing/Crippled Children's Society; Trustee of St Augustine's College and Thirty-Third Degree Prince Hall Mason. J.T. diligently worked in support of the Los Angeles Urban League and the Los Angeles Chapter of the United Negro College Fund (UNCF). He was a lifetime member of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP).

In 2004, J.T. married Deborah and they shared six wonderful years of matrimony in Miramar, Florida. They travelled the world during his retirement

years. They also enjoy entertaining family, friends and special neighbors who delighted in his company, especially Harold and Cherie Patrick.

In addition to Rose, J.T. was predeceased by his parents, and his only brother, Kenneth White Stevens.

He leaves behind to cherish his memory and preserve his legacy: his devoted and loving wife Deborah; son John, Jr.; daughter Sandra Jeanne Pate; son-in-law Bishop Dwight Pate of Baton Rouge, LA; grandchildren Marcus and Lauren Stevens; great grandsons, Garrick Gaines and Marcus Jayden Stevens; sister-in-law, Carolyn Stevens; nieces, Cheryl Stevens; Karen Stevens Pierce, wife of Attorney Anthony Pierce and parents of great nieces Lindsay, Allison and Nichole; goddaughter Judi Smith; godson Malcolm Carter; loyal friends, principally Ed and Genevieve Lara, Robert and Rosemarie Bell, Henry Brown, and Dr. Alfred and Gwendolyn Bowles, along with a host of lifelong and treasured relationships.

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Synopsis of LISD Board Meeting

In a called meeting of the Lubbock ISD Board of Trustees, ballots from the November 2 bond election were canvassed with a final election outcome of 16,537 voting for the proposal and 15, 828 voting against, a difference of 709 votes. The board approved orders authorizing the issuance of bonds up to \$45 million. Within certain parameters, the board gave administration the authority to issue Building America Bonds or tax-exempt bonds or a combination, as is most advantageous to the district. The Building America Bonds are part of a federal program, effective through late December, which can provide some refund of interest to the district, under certain conditions.

The former Martin and Balenger Early Childhood Centers were sold, with Balenger going to the South Plains Community Action Association for \$250,111

and the Martin property going to Lubbock Regional MHMR Center for \$128,359. No bids were received for Stubbs Early Childhood Center and the bids for Mahon Early Childhood Center were rejected. The high bid of \$34,200 for Mahon was below the fair market price for the property. In the spring, the Head Start programs were moved from the four early childhood centers to sixteen elementary campuses. More than 200 additional four-year-old students have been enrolled, since the program moved to the elementary campuses and closer to the families served.

Advanced academics got a boost via the approval of two initiatives which will be funded, in part, by the Helen Jones Foundation and the CH Foundation. The board approved an agreement with Advanced Placement Strategies, Inc. for a

DA: Mother charged in death of emaciated 4-year-old

New York (CNN) -- The mother of an emaciated toddler found dead in her Brooklyn, New York, home has been charged with homicide, according to the district attorney.

Marchella Pierce, 4, weighed just 15 pounds and had marks on her hands and ankles when police found her unconscious in her family's apartment.

Her mother, Carlotta Brett-Pierce, 30, has been charged with her murder, according to a statement from Kings County district attorney Charles Hynes. She is suspected of binding her

daughter to a bed and beating her, Hynes said.

Brett-Pierce then allegedly refused Marchella food and water, feeding her over-the-counter medicine, Hynes' statement said.

Marchella died in September with acute drug poisoning, blunt impact injuries, malnutrition and dehydration, the statement said.

Her mother previously had been charged with second-degree assault, reckless endangerment and endangering the welfare of a child, police said.

three-year comprehensive incentives program that increases teacher effectiveness and student achievement on rigorous Advanced Placement tests. The CH Foundation has agreed to provide matching funds for the program. The Helen Jones Foundation provided matching funds for the Laying the Foundation Pre-AP training which provides quality teacher training and resources to improve rigorous secondary math, Science and English instruction.

The board approved the purchase of 3,050 graphing calculators and 2,400 scientific calculators for high school mathematics and science classes, respectively. Classroom sets of calculators will be provided to math and science classes in preparation for the end-of-course examinations. The \$412,112 purchase was made possible by using federal stimulus dollars and provides every student the same quality of resource.

LISD Chief of Police Mark Hinshaw introduced two new officers in his department, and "Bad" the new canine officer

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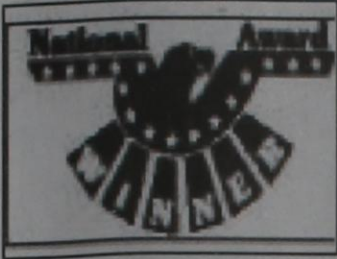
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THIS 'N' THAT

by T.J. Patterson

BLACK VOTE MADE A DIFFERENCE IN LISD BOND ELECTION! THIS N THAT wants all of our REGISTERED BLACK VOTERS to know that your PRECIOUS VOTE made a tremendous difference in the LUBBOCK INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT \$198 MILLION DOLLAR package..... It has been discovered that EVERY BLACK PRECINCT gave 51% OR MORE SUPPORT to the LISD package with the greatest support coming from PRECINCT 20 the Ella R. Iles neighborhood voting at the

Mae Simmons Community Center..... From this voting box 73.6% OF THEIR BALLOTS were in support of the BOND ISSUE..... At the same time EIGHT OF NINE HISPANIC NEIGHBORHOODS casted 51% OR BETTER of their precious votes in favor of the Bond proposition with the highest coming from the GUADALUPE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL VOTERS who favored the issue by 61.8% It was good to see this kind of an outcome from a bond package which will benefit all of LUBBOCK'S CHILDREN..... With the

Bond Package passing with less than 700 VOTES it makes it loud and clear that YOUR PRECIOUS VOTE is of most importance.....

WHEATLEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL HAD A VERY GOOD VETERANS PROGRAM LAST THURSDAY! THIS N THAT along with other veterans was in attendance with a program entitled "HONORING OUR VETERANS" in the Wheatley Cafeteria which was filled to capacity..... These young people did an excellent job in singing and welcoming their many guests.... Oh yes THIS N THAT really did enjoy the WHEATLEY DANCE Keep doing what you are doing young people and it will pay off one day! Also thanks to the principal MRS. MARGARET RANDLE for she does to inspire these young people as well as her staff...

PENNY HASTINGS THE BARBER SAYS:"THE BE-GINNING doesn't mean a THING it's the END that really counts."

EXCON-VENTION WAS A VERY INFORMATIVE CONVENTION! THIS N THAT along with more than ONE HUNDRED PERSONS were in attendance of the FOURTH ANNUAL EXCON-VENTION held Saturday afternoon November 13, 2010 at the Broadway Church of Christ..... There was much information for those who are on FINDING A WAY to do some positive things back in society after serving their time..... There was information about various areas in ones life..... Among them opportunities to finding a POSITIVE JOB OPPORTUNITY..... THIS N THAT wants to say THANKS a man who is very dedicated to this special effort..... He is LARRY "BUCK" RODGERS Founder and President of HIS FREE WORLD FELLOWSHIP (HFWF) This is a Faith Base Ministry which shares the Love of Christ and help to give a second chance to the formerly incarcerated and their families..... THIS N THAT supports what took place last Saturday and is looking forward to more positive programs as this.



A Letter From A Citizen Concerned About The Juneteenth Celebration Community's Help Is Needed!

by Eddie P. Richardson

Dear Editor:

I have been bombarded with rumors and innuendos about the demise of Lubbock's Juneteenth Committee. For the record, this letter is being addressed to the person or person heading up Juneteenth. Personally, two days of Juneteenth activities this past summer seem to indicate a rush job was done to pacify the community. With the president of Juneteenth vacating her post and moving to San Antonio, there is a remote possibility of our not having any activities in 2011. To the Grandmother of the president for this organization

and your position as the head of this nomination committee, why haven't you stepped to the plate and continued to be the community leader or activist you claim to be???

Are those in a position of responsibility about to do the same thing we have seen being done with the non-functional NAACP?

Maybe you have too many beans on your plate, serving on several boards and sitting on the pot. An old aphorism says, "Empty your bowels pot." Shame! Shame! Shame!

Our community appears to

be left in the lurch. If you are too overloaded, allow an unsalted or seasoned populace to step in and continue to maintain the credos that the NAACP and Juneteenth are historically known for!!!

Enough said, OK!

Sincerely,

Iman Jesse Hakim Karim

(Editor's Note: We have had so many unhappy comments about how the program suddenly folded without any warning. When we left, the program was left ample funds, records, and resources. Bills were paid. Thanks. Eddie P. Richardson)



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In Cinque

By Renetta Howard

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As predicted by the media, the Republican Party won the majority of the offices that were elected on last Tuesday, November 2, 2010. The rallies and campaigns paid off. It is all too clear, that the electorate votes with its stomach and pocketbook. I used to wonder why political candidates held free food events close to an election day, and it is now apparent that a full stomach has a lot to do with where one casts a vote. A full stomach seems to equate to a full purse. Ironically, we all want a full purse or pocketbook.

A midterm election is the best example yet of the status of the pocketbook. We show the current President how we feel about what he has done so far. The only problem with this current President is the fact that he is a Black man. Many intelligent, or should one say, educated individuals did not bother to see and evaluate the accomplishments of the past two years of the Obama Administration, but instead listened to the media hype and let someone else decide for them, that he had not accomplished anything worthy of note. The newly elected officials are saying that the people 'voted for a change.'

The people voted for a change in 2008, but many have not sought to find out what has changed. They will know, however, as soon as the Republican Party can get their gridlock in place and seek to maintain it until 2012, when they attempt to replace Mr. Obama and return to the activities prior to 2008. They are aware that they will have a challenge on hand, because when they seek to change the items which Mr. Obama worked to get passed through



Congress, it is going to take a Congressional override to effect a change.

The money matters which must originate in the House of Representatives are going to present the greatest challenges for both the President and Congress, since the House will have a majority opposition in charge. This is going to be interesting, especially since Mr. Obama has stated that he is willing to work with the Republicans. Of course, he has always had this position of willingness to have a united effort; it is just not the posture of the Republican Party.

Many constituents are looking forward to instant change in the federal government since the outcome of the midterm elections, but many of them will be quite surprised when they see that what they hoped for will most likely not happen. We need to get 'in cinque' and make sure that our electorates are being educated on the facts of what our various governments are doing, rather than the propaganda of political candidates. They twist the truth and make believers out of innocent citizens. Our public schools need to do a better job of teaching Civics and Sociology.

HAPPY 2010 THANKSGIVING!!

Type 2 Diabetes Becoming More Prevalent In Kids: It's Time to Move to Lose It!

By Wyndolyn C. Bell, M.D., FAAP, UnitedHealthcare National Accounts, vice president of Health Care Strategies

"Give me some sugar."

This is how we're often greeted at family gatherings as older relatives embrace us and ask for a kiss. Unfortunately, "sugar" is also a term used for diabetes. In the past, "having sugar" or "having a touch of sugar" was a condition that affected adults, but today an in-

creasing number of children, including African American children, are at risk.

November is National Diabetes Month, a good reminder to raise awareness about diabetes and the threat it poses to our next generation.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), type 2 diabetes (formerly known as adult-onset diabetes) has increased among children and adolescents in the last two decades. Today, more than 180,000 persons under the age of 20 in the United States have type 2 or type 1 diabetes.

There are serious implications to this dangerous trend. The CDC reports that diabetes is the seventh-leading cause of death in the country. It can lead to serious complications such as blindness, heart and blood vessel disease, foot and leg amputations, and kidney damage which may require dialysis.

What is Diabetes?

Diabetes affects the body's ability to use blood sugar for energy. There are two primary forms that affect children: type 1 and type 2.

Type 1 diabetes develops when the body's immune system destroys pancreatic beta cells, which make the hormone insulin that regulates blood sugar. Type 2 diabetes usually begins as a disorder in which the cells do not use insulin properly. As the body's need for insulin rises, the pancreas gradually loses its ability to produce it.

Risk Factors

The first step in controlling diabetes is early diagnosis and knowing the risk factors. Children who develop type 2 diabetes are typically overweight or obese, and have a family history of the disease, according to the

CDC. Most are African American, Asian, or Hispanic/Latino.

Many people with type 2 diabetes have no obvious symptoms or may experience some of the same symptoms as type 1 such as increased thirst and hunger (especially after eating), frequent urination, unexplained weight loss, fatigue, dry mouth, blurred vision, headaches, frequent or recurring infections and cuts that are slow to heal.

To confirm if a patient has type 2 diabetes, a doctor will order a fasting plasma glucose tolerance test.

We Can Make a Difference

High-calorie, high-fat foods and lack of physical activity can literally tip the scales and push an at-risk individual into diabetes earlier in life. Consistent exercise and a healthy diet can fight obesity and may lower the risk of diabetes. As adults, we must teach children at an early age about the importance of proper nutrition and exercise, and also practice these healthy habits ourselves.

That's the message behind First Lady Michelle Obama's "Let's Move!" campaign â€” to fight childhood obesity and improve the health of our youth. UnitedHealthcare supports Mrs. Obama's efforts to encourage more physical activity for children and healthier foods in school and at home.

For more information and health tips specifically for African-American parents about diabetes, pre-diabetes and obesity, visit UnitedHealthcare's Generations of Wellness website at www.uhgenerations.com. And go to www.Letsmove.gov for information, tips and strategies to help kids grow up healthy.

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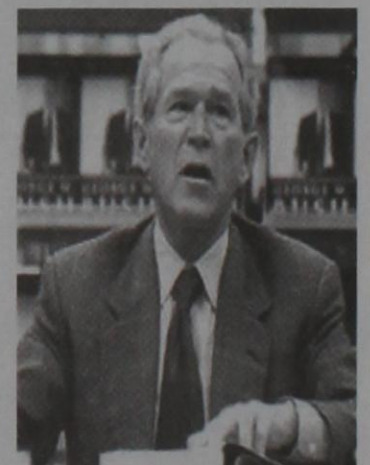
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George W. Bush Says He Forgives Kanye West

NEW YORK - Kanye West now says he "didn't have the grounds" to call George W. Bush a racist, and the former president said Wednesday that he appreciates the rapper's regret.

Bush appeared in a live interview on the Today show, part of a book promotion tour, and also said that his conscience was clear when it came to recognizing ahead the financial problems at the end of his administration.

In his book, Decision Points, Bush wrote that it was a low point in his presidency when West declared at a fundraiser victims that Hurricane Katrina benefited "George Bush doesn't care about black people." In an interview taped Tuesday with NBC's Matt Lauer, West said he would tell Bush that he was speaking in a moment of frustration.



George W. Bush

"I didn't have the grounds to call him a racist," West said. "I believe that in a situation of high emotion like that we as human beings don't always choose the right words."

Shown a tape of West's remarks, Bush said he appreciated them and forgave him.

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Charles Rangel guilty on 11 ethics charges

Rep. Charlie Rangel (D-N.Y.) has been found guilty on 11 ethics charges, ending a two-year investigation into his personal finances.

A special eight-member panel of the House ethics committee, after deliberating for roughly six hours, found that there was "clear and convincing evidence" that Rangel had violated House ethics on 11 of the 13 charges he faced heading into a rare public ethics trial.

The panel deadlocked on one charge, and then folded another charge into a different count.

Rep. Zoe Lofgren (D-Calif.), the chairwoman of the full ethics committee, oversaw the trial. She indicated that the votes were unanimous, meaning all four Democrats on the bipartisan panel ruled against Rangel.

Rangel, who has been defiant through the entire two year investigation, is still refusing to accept the outcome of the ethics trial.

"How can anyone have confidence in the decision of the Ethics Subcommittee when I was deprived of due process rights, right to counsel and was not even in the room?" Rangel said in a statement. "I can only hope that the full committee will treat me more fairly, and take into account my entire 40 years

of service to the Congress before making any decisions on sanctions.

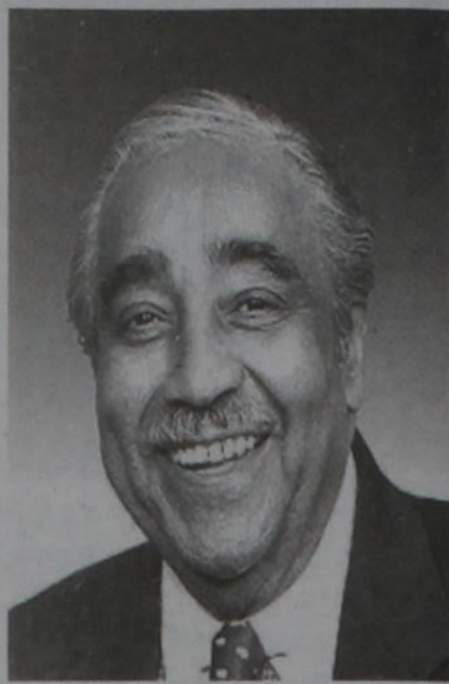
"I am disappointed by the unfortunate findings of the Ethics Subcommittee," Rangel continued. "The committee's actions are unprecedented in view of the fact that they arrived at without rebuttal or counter evidence on my behalf."

One House Republican has already called on Rangel to resign.

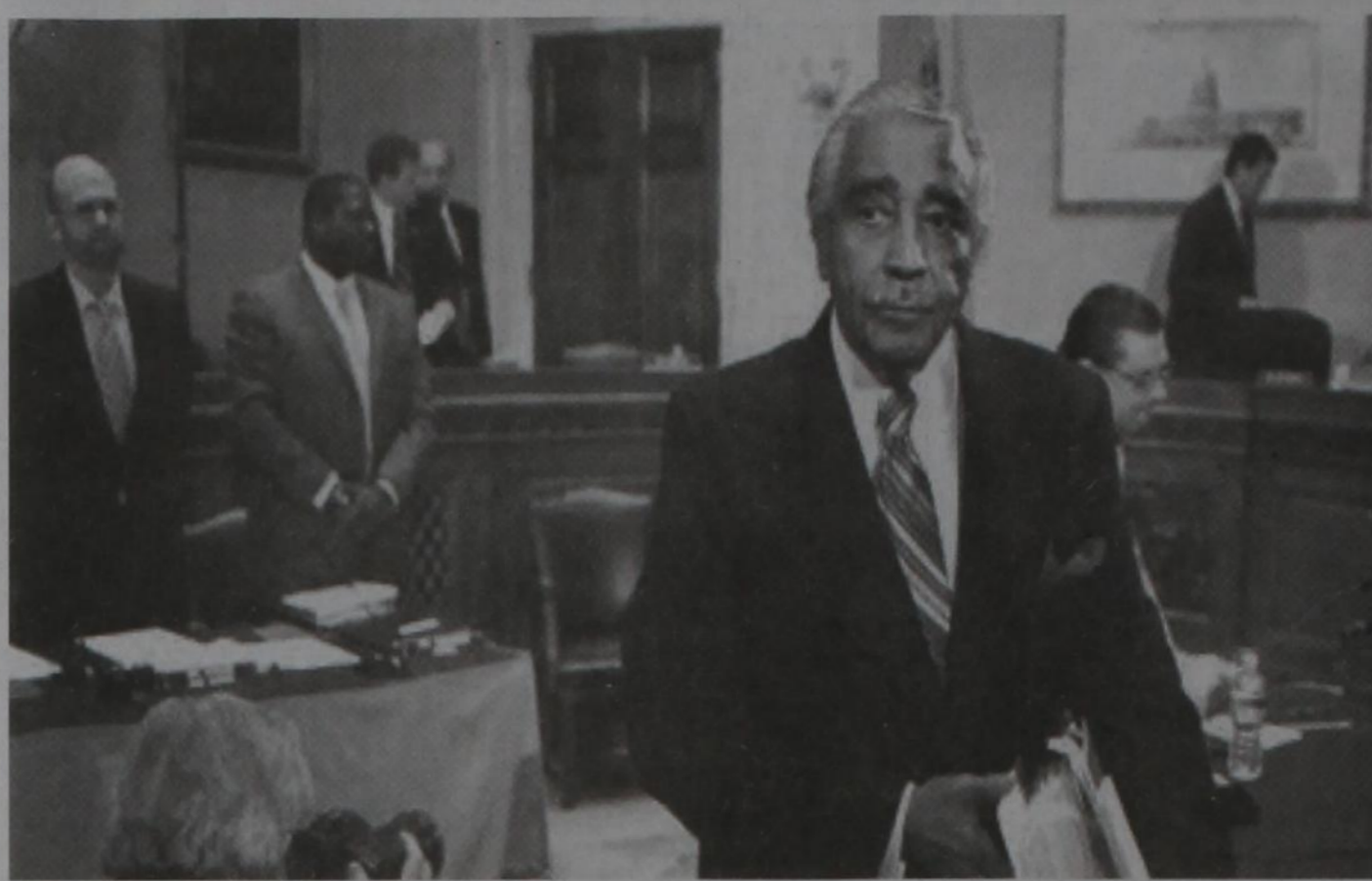
"I think that he should resign. He has received every procedural accommodation," said Rep. Peter Roskam (R-Ill.). "And the committee has unambiguously decided against him"

Speaker Nancy Pelosi (Calif.) and other Democratic leaders, who are facing their own internal problems facing the GOP triumph on Election Day, have yet to comment on Rangel's guilty verdict as well.

At this point, Rangel is expected to request a personal appearance before the full ethics committee when it meets to decide what sanctions to impose, said Democratic insiders. The list of punishments Rangel faces range from a "letter of reproof" all the way up to expulsion, with a formal reprimand or censure considered the most likely options.



Rep. Charles Rangel D-N.Y.



The panel found 'clear and convincing evidence' that Charles Rangel violated 11 of the 13 charges on Tuesday, November 16, 2010. | Pete Marovich, POLITICO

Black Colleges Struggle To Keep Students Due To Aging Campuses and Facilities

RICHMOND, Va. -- When Jessica Page visited Hampton University in March, she considered the trip a formality. She had already made up her mind to attend the school, considered by many a jewel among the nation's historically black institutions. Then she saw the campus.

The dorms weren't as sleek as she had pictured. Buildings seemed antiquated. Was this "The Real HU" she had heard about?

families could receive up to \$75 million in veterans disability compensation and pension payments.

The CPATs, formed through funding from Governor Rick Perry, streamlined evidence gathering, which is normally the most time-consuming stage in the entire VA claims process. Veterans counselors directly contacted veterans and health care providers to expedite the gathering of evidence.

"Our strong partnership with the VA and our successful track record of working on special initiatives with them was crucial in helping these veterans and their families," says Thomas Palladino, Executive Director for the Texas Veterans Commission. "Expediting these claims means Texas veterans will be getting the benefits they need sooner."

Claims backlog has delayed decisions on veterans' disability compensation and pension claims, causing physical and economic hardship for veterans and their families.

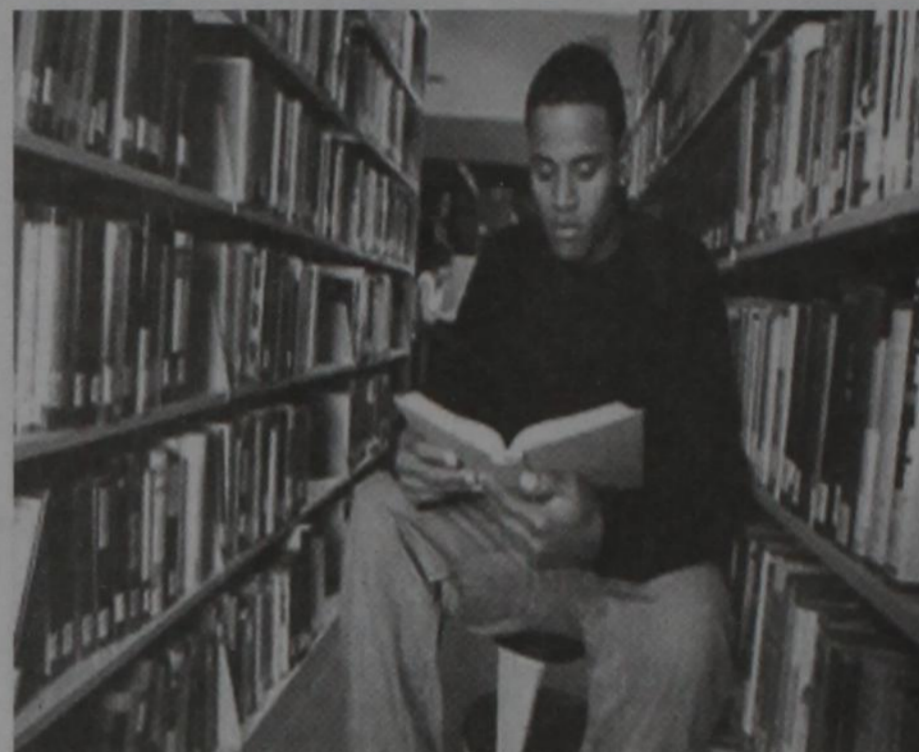
"We thank Governor Perry for expanding our services to help these deserving veterans," Palladino added.

For more information about the Texas Veterans Commission, visit www.TexasVeteransCommission.org.

"I wasn't impressed," said Page, who later enrolled at the University of Virginia at Charlottesville. "Hampton was my No. 1 choice -- until I visited."

Page is part of a steady trickle of talented young blacks slipping away from the nation's most prestigious black colleges.

Experts say aging campuses are one reason. But other reasons cited include increasing competition from predominantly white schools that are trying to become more diverse; changes in black students' desires; and the greater opportunities available to them in a society more integrated than that of their parents.



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SPC to host annual Christmas Tree Lighting event on Nov. 30

LEVELLAND -- South Plains College will host its annual Christmas Tree Lighting ceremony at 6 p.m. on Nov. 30 at the entrance to the college.

The event is free and open to the public.

The evening will begin with students from local schools singing traditional Christmas carols. Levelland Christian School students will sing at 5:15

p.m. ABC School students will perform at 5:30 p.m., and Capital Elementary School students will sing at 5:45 p.m.

Dr. Kelvin Sharp, President of South Plains College, will light the tree at 6 p.m.

Santa Claus is expected to arrive by way of a fire truck. Participants will be able to visit with Santa in the Snack Bar area of the Student Center.

Hot chocolate, coffee, wassail, cookies and doughnuts will be served.

If case of inclement weather, the program will be moved inside to the Sundown Room.

For more information, contact the Student Activities Office at (806) 716-2378.

Task Force Helps Over 10,000 Texas Veterans Get Benefits

AUSTIN -- The Texas Veterans Commission announced today that its Claims Processing Assistance Teams (CPATs) have assisted over 10,000 Texas veterans and their families whose claims were part of a backlog of more than 39,000 claims pending in the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Houston and Waco Regional Offices.

As a result of the CPAT efforts, these Texas veterans and their

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back on their word to the bail bondman's and now the citizen's of Lubbock will have to pay for their stay in Lubbock's Jailhouse Hotel! They will be caught!!! How stupid can these minority criminals be not to pay the Bail Bond person and their Lawyer! Someone needs to drive home the fact to minorities that in the present day climate of republicans, their (you fill the blank) is grass!

Thank God For Jesus

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It was your **YOURS AND MY FEET, DANCED DIRTY DANCES IN THE STREET.**

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Luke 24:39 -- Jesus said, Behold my hands and my feet, that it I myself: handle me, and see; for a spirit hath no flesh and bones, as you see me have.

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But it was **JESUS' SIDE THEY PIERCED; AND OUT HIS PRECIOUS BLOOD RAN!!!**

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Do You Remember the Mary & Mac Private School?
 If you are a Mary & Mac alumnus or have a good collection of the school, please contact Sarah Barwinkel in the City of Lubbock Planning Department. We would like to gather information on the school's history so that it might eventually be added to Lubbock's list of historic landmarks. Email Sarah at sbarwinkel@mylubbock.us or call (806) 775-2162.
 At this time, the Texas Historical Commission has recognized the Mary & Mac Private School to be designated as a Historical education facility. Hopefully, in the very near future a press conference will be called about this exciting development.

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Rev. Ronald R. Brown, Sr. Ordained Sunday Afternoon, August 22, 2010



Pastor Ronald R. Brown, Sr. With His Family Members Enjoying Family Time, But Took Time For This Relaxed Photo.

LAS CRUCES, NEW MEXICO -- Sunday, August 22, 2010, the New Life Missionary Baptist Church, Las Cruces had the honor of hosting the Ordination Service for its own Reverend Ronald R. Brown Sr., a graduate of Estacado High School and Texas Tech University, with Mrs. Veronica Brown by his side.

During the service, many of the ministers that were in attendance as well as friends and family of Rev. Brown offered words of encourage-

ments. Pastor Andrew C. Ford stated that this old school preacher is always spreading the word of God to others. Further, he is spiritually up lifting, and his sermons are preached with passion for God.

During the Service, the Catechism was performed by Pastor Ford and the charge was given by Pastor Earseye Ross of Brewer Hill Baptist Church, Silver City, New Mexico. During his speech, Rev. Brown pointed out the fact that seven years ago

when he was informed that he had colon cancer, he asked the Lord to get him through this and he would serve him until the Lord called him home. Rev. Brown also stated that the Lord does not go back on His promises and neither would he.

Rev. Brown thanked the prayer warriors in his life, his parents, the late Rev. Ronnie Brown Sr. and Annie Onasanyo and his siblings, Deacon Ronnie Brown Jr. and sister Jacquetta Brown-Crawford.

New Michael Jackson Album Due Out In December

NEW YORK -- Get ready for more Michael Jackson music.

Sony Records and Jackson's estate announced Thursday that they'll be releasing "Michael" on Dec. 14. The album is billed as "newly completed recordings" from the pop legend who died last year.

The first single is called "Breaking News" and will be streamed on www.michaeljackson.com starting Monday for one week. A teaser of the song will appear on the site Friday.

Jackson recorded "Breaking News" in 2007. The statement says it was "recently brought to completion."

Jackson was known for recording dozens of tracks for his albums and had a substantial trove of unreleased music.



Michael Jackson's Album December 14

Actor Wesley Snipes Argues For New Trial in Florida

OCALA, Fla. (AP) - Federal prosecutors on Monday asked that Wesley Snipes' bond be revoked if a judge refuses to grant the Blade actor a new trial on tax-related charges. Snipes' defense attorney asked for the new trial during a two-hour hearing in federal court. Daniel Meachum argued that two jurors had sent him e-mails recently claiming three other jurors had determined Snipes' guilt before the 2008 trial began.

Snipes faces three years in prison for his conviction on three tax-related counts. He was acquitted of a handful of other counts.

Snipes, star of the 1992 film

White Men Can't Jump, has been free on bond while appealing the conviction. He didn't attend Monday's hearing.

Meachum said he wanted the jurors to be interviewed about whether they had perjured themselves by stating during jury selection that they didn't have preconceived opinions about the case. U.S. District Judge William Terrell Hodges didn't say when he would rule. But the judge questioned whether interviewing jurors two years after the trial would violate the "black box" of privacy in which jury deliberations occur. The judge also asked whether a new trial should also include the counts on which



Wesley Snipes

Snipes was acquitted, given that the same jurors whom the actor claims were tainted also cleared Snipes of some charges.



Rev. & Mrs. Edward Williams

Annual Harvest Fest Set For Smith Temple Church

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

Guest speaker will be Rev. Edward Williams, pastor of the Baker Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church in Bg Spring, Texas.

The theme for this year's Fest is: "A Very Present God in a Sin-Sick World."

"Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good, His love endures forever." Psalm 106 (NIV)

Rev. D. A. Smith, pastor of Smith Temple Community Church, says, "We are inviting the community to come and be part of this annual celebration"

"Come and help us celebrate the goodness of God," said Pastor Smith.

Snowman Soup Offered At Buddy Holly Center

Melt away the winter cold with a warm cup of Snowman Soup! Bring your children to the Buddy Holly Center on Saturday, December 4th to paint a special winter mug and make a special treat to put inside. Snowman soup is comprised of hot chocolate mix, marshmallows, and chocolate chips. Children will be able to take the mug and mix home at the end of the workshop. Makes a wonderful Christmas present, or keep it for yourself!

This special program will be held Saturday afternoon, December 4, 2010, from 1 p. m. until 3:00 p. m. Cost is \$5.00. This program is for young people ages 7 and up, younger with adult supervision.

Pre-registration by Wednesday, December 1st at 5:00 PM is required, as class sizes are limited. For more information or to register please call Lisa Howe, Education Coordinator, at 806.775.3560 or 806.775.3567.



Theron W. Cole Jr. and Elsa Mireya Reyna.

Cole & Reyna Married In Monterrey, Mexico



Family Members Enjoying Dinner

Marilyn Cole and Theron Cole, Sr. were excited about the engagement of their son, Theron W. Cole, Jr., and Elsa Mireya Reyna. The family member s enjoyed dinner at Fogo De Chao in Addison, Texas on October 15, 2010.

The happy couple married Thursday evening, November 11, 2010 in Monterrey, Mexico at 7:30 pm.

It was reported as a very exciting ceremony, those in attendance were very touched about this ceremony.

George W. Bush Says He Forgives Kanya West

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"I'm not a hater," he said. "I don't hate Kanye West. I was talking about an environment in which people were willing to say things that hurt. Nobody wants to be called a racist if in your heart you believe in equality of races."

The former president said he accepted some blame for the financial meltdown that occurred at the end of his administration, but he criticized Congress for refusing to regulate the government-controlled mortgage buyers Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac.

"My conscience is clear when it came time to recognizing an impending problem," he said. One of the most difficult things about the crisis was having to explain why the government had

to bail out big financial institutions, he said.

Bush said he supported extending tax rate cuts passed during his administration, but joked that "they might have a better chance of being extended if they were called the Lauer tax cuts."

He refused to be drawn into a discussion about whether he believed an Islamic center should be built near the site of the 2001 terrorist attack in Manhattan.

When is Thanksgiving? In the U.S., Thanksgiving is always celebrated on the fourth Thursday of November.

Beginning with George Washington in 1789, annual presidential proclamations had declared the last Thursday of November as the Thanksgiving date. However, in 1941, a United States Congressional declaration officially designated the fourth Thursday of November as the date of the Thanksgiving holiday.

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