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Community Meetings

- * African American Chamber of Commerce, Lubbock meets on the 3rd Wednesday of each month, from 12:00 - 1:00 pm at the Chatman Hill Restaurant, 512 East 23rd Street.
- * Lubbock Area Client Council meets on the 2nd Saturday, 1:00 pm at the Patterson Branch Library, 1836 Parkway Drive.
- * Hub City Kiwanis meets 1st & 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7 p. m., Mt. Vernon UMC, East 23rd & Cedar Avenue
- * Dunbar Alumni Association meets 2nd Saturdays, 4:00 pm.
- * Booker T. Washington American Legion, Post 808, meets every 2nd Tuesday at 7:30 pm, American Legion Building in Yellow-house Canyon.
- * Forgotten West Riders meets on the 1st & 3rd Mondays, 7:00 pm, Patterson Branch Library.
- * East Lubbock Chapter AARP meets every 1st Thursday at 1:00 pm, Mae Simmons Senior Citizens.
- * Lubbock Chapter of Black Alumni meets every 3rd Tuesday, 5:30 pm, TTU Market Alumni Center.
- * Dunbar Manhattan Heights Neighborhood Association meets every 1st Thursday at 7:00 pm and every 4th Thursday at 7:00 pm at the Dunbar Manhattan Heights Neighborhood Outreach Center, 1301 E. 24th Street.
- * West Texas Native American Association Pot Luck Supper meets on alternating months prior to meeting, meetings held on 2nd Saturdays of each month at 7:00 pm, Educational presentations and demonstrations.
- * Texas Juneteenth Cultural & Historical Commission - Lubbock Affiliate meets at Patterson Branch Library, every 3rd Thursday at 7:00 pm.
- * West Texas Chapter of 100 Black Men of West Texas meets 3rd Monday evenings at 7:00 pm at Lanier Center, 2nd Floor, TTU Law Center.
- * The Parkway & Cherry-Point Neighborhood Association meets the 3rd Tuesday evenings, 7:30 pm at Hunt Elementary School.
- * Chatman Hill Neighborhood Association meets 2nd Thursday of every month at 6:00 pm at Iles Elementary Cafeteria.

Eddie P. Richardson, Co-Publisher Southwest Digest, Succumbs Here!



Co-Publisher Eddie Richardson discussing Community problems at a Community meeting last year! He always had time to reach out and express his concerns about local issues! He wasn't shy about his position.



Eddie Richardson is shown after the opening of the Eddie P. Richardson Head Start Center, 1301 Redbud Avenue, which was one of his many honors.



An example of his community involvement by going out into the Lubbock community and expressing his concerns through his weekly column.



Eddie Richardson, left, is shown with a New York City Fireman, unidentified, during a celebration of the July 4th Parade recognizing September 11, 2001.



Showing off his Junketeers Celebration presented to him by the Lubbock Juneteenth Celebration Committee. Richardson, left, is shown with his mother, center, Mrs. Helen Hereford, and his partner for more than 40 years, T. J. Patterson, Sr. at the Mt. Gilead Baptist Church, 2411 Fir Avenue.



T. J. Patterson, Sr., left, and Eddie P. Richardson, right, after a hard days work. What a pair when they they got together. Both loved Lubbock, Texas USA!

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Black Community of
Lubbock.

He marched in the March on Washington, fought against racism in Louisiana against the Klu Klux KLAN, and any issue facing the lives of Black people and others, Eddie P. Richardson was there. He stood against any issue which would affect the lives of people.

But his presence on earth ended on Sunday, December 19, 2010 when he succumbed from an apparent heart attack.

Funeral services were held for Richardson on Thursday afternoon, December 23, 2010, at

the Church of The Blessed with Pastor Johnny Perez officiating. He was assisted by Pastor Henry Odom.

Interment was held in the City of Lubbock Cemetery under the direction of Ossie Curry Funeral Home of Lubbock.

Pallbearers were Darius Clark, Chris Harper, Bennie Dunn, Matthew Fillmore, Edward Lott, Gordon Harris, Dedrick Dunn, and Larry Alexander.

His daughter, Angela

Richardson sung "Precious Lord," which was requested by Richardson prior to his death.

Eddie Price Richardson was born in Carrollton, Mississippi on March 29, 1939. He moved to Lubbock in 1962 after an honorable discharge from serving 8 years in the United States Air Force.

Upon arriving in Lubbock, he became very active in the community. A few of his achievements were: Lubbock Opportunity Industrialization Center, serving as the first Exec-

utive Director in Lubbock; founder of the Lubbock Black Chamber of Commerce, host of the former "What's Going On?" monthly show over KCBD, Channell 11, Board member of Lubbock Habitant for Humanity, longtime writer for the former West Texas Times, and the Eddie P. Richardson Head Start

Center. He was instrumental in the first Annual Celebration of the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration. He was part of those who funded the travel for Clara Luper and the Youth Mass Choir of Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Chatman Hills Corner

By Doris Reynolds

The Lincoln Douglass Scholarship Committee will be selling plate lunches on Saturday, January 8, 2011 from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm at Greater St James Baptist Church, 117 Mulberry Avenue, East Loop 289, Lubbock, Texas. Lunches will be \$8.00 each. The menu will consist of: smothered chicken or meatloaf, whipped potatoes, fresh green beans, wheat/white bread and a desert. Anyone interested in purchasing a plate can either come by the church or call Emma Jackson at 762-3350, Rhonda at 577-9094 or Clara at 744-6173 for delivery.

Church services were well attended last Sunday morning, January 2, 2011, at the New Hope Baptist Church where the proud pastor is Rev. B. R. Moton. Services got underway with the Praise Team singing out of their hearts and souls. After the morning scripture and prayer, the New Hope Choir sung several selections. The morning sermon was delivered by Pastor Moton. His subject was "Let's Work Together." His scripture text was Psalm 134.

The morning announcements were read by Tyronda Vines with the welcome given by Anna Chatman.

Let us support the upcoming 40th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemorative Celebration beginning Friday night, January 14th, Youth Night, at the Alderson Middle School; Gospel Night, Saturday, January 15th, Full Gospel Armor, beginning at 6:30 p. m.; Citywide Services, Sunday, January 16th, beginning at 5:00 p. m., at the New Hope Baptist Church; and Monday night, January 17th, Awards Ceremony, Greater St. Luke Baptist Church, beginning at 6:30 p. m.
Happy Birthday, Dr. King!!

Holidays With The Concerned Citizens

Thanksgiving - Gave a complete Thanksgiving Dinner including dessert to the family of D'Juana Johnson.

Christmas - Gave the family of Veronica Gonzalez-Reyes Christmas dinner.

Christmas Lights Tour - Took students from Wheatley Elementary along with faculty members, Principal Randle, and several Concerned Citizens Members on a bus tour of Santa Land, Texas Tech, and Vintage Township. Each student was given a "goodie bag" at the end of the tour. Transportation was provided by Durham School Services.

Toys - Donated toys to Mae Simmons Christmas Carnival.

The members of the Concerned Citizens wishes that our involvement has made this Holiday Season a little brighter and happier for all those individuals who were involved in our Holiday Activities.

D. Pierce, President.

FASHION FUN with Shirley Roberson THE POWER OF THE SCARF

Scarves are designed to add a little more excitement to your life, the right scarf with the right volumes of scarves are in all of the dept. stores now, and as far as accessories goes, ladies

scarves are number one. The size of the scarf is by all means your choice, they are definite. a variety of sizes and colors. There are endless ways to wear a scarf.. around the neck to the side, stuffed in buttoned tops, thrown around shoulders, loosely tied across the waist, etc. Remember ladies it's smart to add several colorful scarves to your wardrobe, after all you never know what will come up and a fashion conscious woman is always ready.



Fashion tip...always wear a smile!

Fashion..just for the fun of it!

WHAT A DIFFERENCE A SCARF MAKES!

New Light Baptist Church News

On Sunday morning, January 2, 2011, church services got started at New Light Baptist Church, 3013 Idalou Road, where Rev. Kenneth O. Jackson is the pastor.

Church School started at 9:45 a.m. with Deacon David Chiles teaching the lesson entitled: "Experiencing Redemption and it's printed scripture text coming from Isaiah 44:21-26. Breakfast was served to those in attendance afterwards..

Morning Worship started at 11:00 a.m. with the devoted Praise Team leading the way.

Rev. L. C. Lee led the pulpit devotion. The Senior Choir marched to the choir stand singing "On My Way To Heaven" which was led by Sister Linda Green. The responsive reading was read by Rev. Lee and it came from 1 Corinthians 11:23-30. The altar prayer was led by Rev. Jackson with the choir singing "My Soul Loves Jesus, which was led by Sister Angelia Mosley.

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

The Senior Choir sang "I Am Redeemed", led by Sister Alvera Johnson and "This Little Light Of Mine, with several of the choir members singing a part. The hymn of the church "Amazing Grace" was sung before the sermon. Rev. Jackson preached the sermon entitled: "Be Still & Let God Take Control" with it's scripture text coming from Exodus 14:9-13. "I Got A feeling Everything Will Be Alright," was sung by some of the choir

members after the sermon.

There was the invitation to discipleship that was extended

and several went up for prayer. All visitors that were in attendance was acknowledged by Sister Gloria Lee.

Help us father to know that all

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HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF LUBBOCK

ANNOUNCES A PUBLIC HEARING

Date: February 14, 2010

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Place: Lubbock Housing Authority
1708 Crickets Ave. Lubbock, Texas 79401

The purpose of the hearing is to obtain input from the city residents in reference to the revised Lubbock Housing Authority Section 8 Administrative Plan and revised Criminal Policy. All residents are encouraged to attend this hearing. Copies of both the Section 8 Administrative Plan and Criminal Policy will be available for review from 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. from January 3, 2011 February 14, 2011 prior to the public hearing at the address above. Both documents may also be found at www.lubbock.org. Persons can also submit written comments prior to public hearing to the Compliance Officer at the address above:

For further information please contact Dave Miller, Compliance Officer at (806) 762-1191.

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Tony Brewer



Church News



From the Desk of Parson D.A. Smith Black Education Needs to be Fixed

Walter E. Williams is a professor of economics at George Mason University and writer who column is distributed by Creators Syndicate in Los Angeles, California.

Sometimes however I have an Uncle Tom vision of this aged writer. However I believe that he is on the mark when writing on: "Ongoing disaster in black education needs to be fixed."

Williams wrote the following: "Harvard University Professor Stephan Thernstrom's recent essay, 'Minorities in College—Good News, But...' in Minding the Campus, a website sponsored by the New York-based Institute commented on the results of the most recent National Assessment of Education Progress test:

The scores "mean that black students aged 17 do not read with any greater facility than whites who are four years younger and still in junior high...Exactly the same glaring gaps appear in NAEP's tests of basic mathematics skills."

Thernstrom asks, "If we put a randomly-selected group of 100

eighth graders in a typical college, would we expect the first group to perform as well as the second?"

In other words, is it reasonable to expect a college freshman of any race with the equivalent of an eighth-grade education to complete successfully with those having a twelfth-grade education?

SAT scores confirm the poor education received by blacks. In 2009, average SAT reading test scores were: whites (528), Asians (516) and blacks (426). Twelve years of fraudulent primary and secondary education received by most blacks are not erased by four or five years of college.

This is evidenced by examination scores taken for admission to graduate schools. In 2007, Graduate Record Examination verbal scores were: whites (493), Asians (485) and blacks (395). The math portion scores were: whites (562), Asians (617) and blacks (419). Scores on the LSAT in 2006, for admission to law school, were: white (152) Asians (152) and

blacks (142). In 2010, MCAT scores for admission to medical schools were: whites (26) Asians (26) and blacks (21).

What's some of the response of the black community to efforts to do something about fraudulent primary and secondary education? Voters in Washington, D.C., might provide a partial answer. Mayor Adrian Fenty appointed and backed Michelle Rhee as chancellor for of D.C. Public Schools.

She fired large numbers of ineffective teachers, most of who were black, and fought the teacher's union. During her tenure, there were small gains made in student test scores.

How did all of this go over with Washington voters? Washington's teachers' union, as well as D.C.'s public-employee unions, spent massive amounts of money campaigning against Fenty. Voters unseated him in the November elections and with him went Chancellor Rhee. Fenty had other "faults"; he didn't play the racial patronage game that has become a part of

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We Thank God for Jesus

"A New Year's Revival Prayer"

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

Peter 4:17 -- For the time is come that judgment must begin at the house of God: and if it begin at us, what shall the end be of them that obey not the gospel of God? And if the righteous scarcely be saved, where shall the ungodly and the sinner appear?

So lets all pray for the Preachers, that they'll not be after **MAN'S GOLD**.

But about **GOD'S BUSINESS; THE WINNING OF LOST SOULS!!!**

Mark 11:17 -- Jesus said, is it not written, My house shall be called of all nations the house of prayer? But you have made it a den of thieves.

***** YES A PREACHER WILL ROB GOD!!!*****

Lets all pray for the Deacons, that have been sitting in the church **TOO LONG**.

And won't speak on **GOD'S WORD; WHEN THEY THINGS GOING WRONG!!!**

Matthew 23:25-26 -- Jesus said, woe(cursed) unto you Scribes and Pharisees, Hypocrites! For you make clean the outside of the cup and of the

platter, but within they are full of extortion (STEALING) and excess. You blind Pharisee, clean first that which is within the cup and platter, that the outside of them may be clean also.

***** YES THE DEACONS WILL ROB GOD!!!*****

Lets pray for the Missionaries, that always **WANT TO GO TO FOREIGN LANDS**.

But haven't **DONE THEIR FIRST WORK; HOME IS WHERE CHARITY BEGINS!!!**

Matthew 23:15 -- Jesus said, Woe (cursed) unto you Scribes and Pharisees, Hypocrites! For you compass sea and land to make one Proselyte, and when he is made, you make him two fold more the child of hell than yourselves.

***** YES, THE MISSIONARIES WILL ROB GOD!!!*****

(Let's all **PRAY**: that the **GOD'S WISDOM** will be in the Leaders in the Churches, that when someone gets **SAVED**; being in Church on Sunday is not the **MOST IMPORTANT THING**; but the first **COM-**

MANDMENT IS. YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, MIND, SOUL AND SPIRIT. If someone don't come to Church on Sunday, then go Sunday NIGHT, Wednesday NIGHT or Friday NIGHT. And if **GOD GAVE THEM A JOB**; and they need to **WORK ON SUNDAY**; Don't you thank **GOD KNEW THEY WOULD HAVE TO WORK ON SUNDAY!** So don't quit your **JOB**; the Church is not going to Help with **YOUR BILLS**; **SO JUST KEEP ON LOVING THE LORD, AND TO GOD BE THE GLORY!!!**

1 Corinthians 2:9 -- As it is written, eyes have not seen, nor ears heard, neither have entered into the Heart of man, the things which God have prepared for them that love him.

*****BEING ONLY CHURCHWILL ROB GOD!!!*****

PRAY for the church members: **WHO'S NOT SAVED; BUT GIVES THE CHURCH THEIR GOLD TITHES AND OFFERINGS; AND IS NOT**

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St. Matthew's Baptist Church News

Church services were well attended at the St. Matthew Baptist Church, 2020 East 14th Street, where the proud pastor is Rev. Edward Canady.

The call to worship was done by Sister Shirley Canady at 10:00 a. m.

Services begun with Sunday School with Sister Canady teaching the morning lesson, and reviewed by Pastor Canady. The subject of the morning lesson was "Experiencing Redemption." The Unifying Topic was "I Am Your Redeemer." The lesson passage was Isaiah 44:21-26. The Background Passage

was Isaiah 44.

The Lesson Text was: "Remember And Return", Isaiah 44:21-22; "Celebrating God's Redemption", Isaiah 44:23-24; and "Faithful To His Word," Isaiah 44:25-26.

The main thought was Isaiah 44:22. KJV.

The devotional period was led by Deacon E. Williams and Brother Travis Bowser.

Pastor Canady entered the services with the congregation singing "Because Of Who You Are."

The St. Matthew Baptist Choir sung the following selections: "When The Storm Of Life Is Raging," "Take My Hand, Precious Lord," "I Need The Lord."

Pastor Canady's sermon was entitled "Calling For Laborers In The Vineyard." His scripture text was Matthew 20:1-7. The Key Verse was Matthew 20:7.

The morning song of inspiration was "Take My Hand, Precious Lord."

The Pastor and Members of the St. Matthew Baptist Church

wishes each of you a Happy New Year! As we enter this new year, let us continue to pray for our sick and shut-in citizens.

St. Matthew Baptist Church will be hosting their Choir's Annual Day on Sunday afternoon, January 9, 2011, beginning at 3:00 p. m. Speaker for the annual program will be Minister Lonnie Phenix. Guest churches will include the Greater St. Luke Baptist Church and Greater St. Mark Baptist Church Senior Choirs.

Those on our Prayer list this

week include Sister Bernice Hymed in the passing of her son, Elbert C. Whiteside. Memorial services were held Sunday afternoon, 1-01-11, at the St. Mark Baptist Church.

Also your precious prayers are needed for Brother Dennis Saunders and Brother Albert Ray Wilbon.

On the Hospital includes Brother Ronald Hereford, the husband of Sister George Ann Hereford, and Tra'Shun Robinson, the grandson of Sister Ruby Robinson. Also,
Sister Lola Byrd of Mid-

land, Texas. She is not doing very well.

Thought For The Week:
"Our sins can be forgiven and washed away, but their consequences are ours to pay."

Weekly Meetings: Mission meets on Wednesdays at 5:00 p. m. Brotherhood meets at 5:00 p. m. on Wednesdays; Bible Study is held on Wednesdays at 6:00 p. m.; Choir rehearsal is held on Friday evenings at 5:00 p. m.; and Usher meeting is held on Saturday mornings at 11:00 a. m.

Come visit us!!

Outreach Prayer Breakfast

The Members and Friends of the Outreach Prayer Breakfast would hope that each of you will have a Happy New Year! May God continue to bless each of you!

The scripture lesson was found in St. Luke 8:1-25. "You that is without sin throw they first stone. Jesus is the light of the world."

Teacher, they said to Jesus, this woman was caught in the very act of adultery. Moses' Law says to kill her. What about it?

"They were trying to trap him into saying something they could use against him, but Jesus stooped down and wrote in the dust with his finger. They kept demanding an answer. So he stood up again and said, alright, hurl the stones at her until she dies. But only he who never sinned may throw the first."

"Then he stooped down again and wrote some more in the dust. And the Jewish leaders slipped away one by one, beginning with the eldest, until only Jesus was left in front of the crowd with the woman. Then Jesus stood up again and said to her, where are your accusers? Didn't even one of them condemn you? 'No Sir,' she said and Jesus said neither do I, go and sin no more."

"Later in one of his talks, Jesus said to the people, I'm the light of the world. So if you follow me, you won't be stumbling through the darkness, for living light will flood your path."

What a powerful lesson. This type of lesson is being

taught all over the world. Get self right with God. You don't have long to ignore the word of God.

We love you!!
Thought or the Day: "Wisdom is enshrined in the hearts of men of common sense, but it must shout loudly before fools will hear it."

"Deceit fills hearts that are plotting for evil; joy fills hearts that are planning for good."

Think about it!
Come and eat. The table is now has the spread and you are so welcome and Saturday. Come!

Continue to pray for this group.

If you feel the need, please write or call, friends. The telephone number is (806) 762-3347.

We walk by fait and not by sight.

Let's Pray
"Oh, God, thanks for your word. It's alive and being manifested before our eyes everyday. Thank you for your love and compassion for your people, and forgive us our sins. Fill us with your Holy Spirit is our Prayer."

Sister Dorothy Hood, president; Sister Christene Burleson, vice president; and Sister El-nora Jones, treasurer.

Bible Believers

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

The teacher of the class is Rev. Jimmie Brown.

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

Sister Carrie Cox is the Assistant Instructor, Brother Jerril Nathan is Deacon.

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



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Obsequies

Lue Bertha Palmer

Graveside services for Lue Bertha Palmer were held a Friday afternoon, December 17, 2010 at City of Lubbock Cemetery under the direction of Griffin Mortuary Funeral Home.

Palmer, 85, of Lubbock passed away Monday, Dec 13, 2010 at her residence. She was born to Mr. Tommie and Mrs. Josephine Outland, Sr. in Calvert, Texas on June 24, 1925.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Tommie and Josephine; four sisters, Josephine Peoples, Vera Dill, Anthenette Ford, and Lena Outland; two brothers, Ulysses Outland, Sr. and Freddie Outland.

She leaves to cherish her memory six daughters, Mary B. Durham, Helen R. Dobbins, Lue Bertha "Sue" Salyes (Derrick), JoAnn McMorris, Betty Outland, and Brenda S. Austin; one son, Alfred Tenneson; one



brother, Tommie Outland, Jr.; one sister, Dorothy Evans; and a host of grandchildren, great-grandchildren, other relatives and friends.

Douglas Jimison

Funeral services were held Monday afternoon, December 20, 2010, at Greater New Light Baptist, with Rev. Kenneth Jackson, pastor.

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

Jimison, 47, of Lubbock departed this life on Sunday, December 12, 2010 at his residence.

He was born December 11, 1963 to Pauline and Thomas Jimison, Sr. in Lubbock. He attended Dunbar Jr. & Sr. High School and Jacksonville University in Jacksonville, Florida.

He was preceded in death by six siblings, Evelyn Lacy, Paul Edward Jenkins, Carolyn Ann Jenkins, John Wayne Jimison, and Dimmitt Jimison.



He leaves to cherish his memory, his parents; Rabbi Tommy Parker, Brenda Deal, John Henry Jenkins, Thomas Jimison, Jr. and Floyd Jimison; and a host of other relatives and friends.

Freddie L. Williams

Funeral services for Freddie L. Williams were held Tuesday afternoon, December 28, 2010 at New Hope Baptist Church with Rev. B. NR. Moton, pastor, officiating.

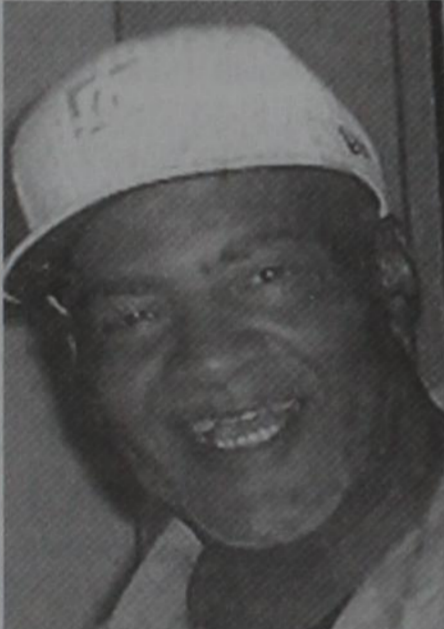
Interment followed at the City of Lubbock under the direction of Griffin Mortuary & Funeral of Lubbock.

Williams, 54, of Lubbock passed away Monday, December 20, 2010 at Covenant.

He was born to Margaret Louise Williams and Robert Williams, Sr. March 15, 1956 in Plainview, Texas. Fred was educated in the Lubbock school system and received certification in sanitation management. He retired after twelve years of employment with Covenant Health System and worked with the USDA Cotton Gin.

An entrepreneur throughout his life, Fred employed himself as a chef, caterer, photographer, and life counselor.

He leaves to cherish his memory his wife of fifteen years,



Tomarsha; children, Phillip Dwanye Hicks, Fredrick Lend Williams, and Tyrece Devon Williams; his extended family members, Lawrence Smith and Gary Cook; seven grandchildren; six brothers, Wayne Williams (Leann), Robert Williams (Debra), Gary Williams (Amanda), Larry Williams (Sharon), Kimothy Williams (Janette), and Donald Wilson; one sister, Rochelle Cozey (Ronnie); and a host of other relatives and friends.

Cecelia Ann Currie Passes In Austin, Texas

Austin, Texas -- Funeral services were held for Cecelia Ann Currie, a sister of T. J. Patterson, Sr. at the Greater Mount Zion Baptist Church on Saturday, December 11, 2010, with Rev. Gaylon Clark, pastor, officiating.

Interment was held in the Evergreen Cemetery under the direction of King Fears Mortuary, Inc. of Austin.

She was born August 12, 1946 in Austin to the late Helen M. Collins VanDyke and Samuel Melvin Collins, Sr.

Cecelia attended Austin Public Schools and graduated from the Old Anderson High School. She worked in Human Resources for the Texas Natural Resource and Conservation Commission for over 35 years and retired in 2006.

Cecelia received Christ at an early age and was a member of Greater Mount Zion Baptist Church where she serve faithfully on the Usher Board, member of the Mission II Circle 1. She started the first Greeter's ministry at Greater Mount Zion Baptist Church under the Pastorate of Reverend Norman Bacon, Pastor Emeritus.

Cecelia is survived by loving family members to cherish her memory. Those surviving family members include her husband, E-Thelwood Currie; her children: Baron Sauls (Stephanie)



Houston, Texas, Rodney Bellinger of Austin, Kimberly Bellinger of Austin, Crystal Bellinger of Brooklyn, N. Y., and Brandon Bellinger of Austin; sisters: Carol Hawkins (Cecil), Juanita Davis, Evelyn Moss (Robert), Annie Jenkins, and Roberta Thomas; brothers: Samuel M. Collins, Jr., Michael Jenkins (Wanda), Robert Jenkins, Jr. and Thomas James Patterson (Bobbie); 10 grandchildren: Custodial Guardian Jaylon Bellinger, Anye' Smith, Baron Sauls, Jr., Bianca Sauls, Denzel Bellinger, Tevin Bellinger, Christian Bartley, Javon Bellinger, Isaiah Martin, and Mic ah Martin; one uncle, Aaron Jones, Jr.; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Library Schedule For This Week

Scrabble Night at Groves Branch Library

The Groves Branch Library, 5520 19th Street, will host a Scrabble night on Monday, January 10 at 7 p.m. Bring a Scrabble board if you have one, or just join a game. Adults and teens welcome. For more information, please call 767-3733.

Learn to Knit at Groves Branch Library

Come to the Groves Branch Library, 5520 19th Street, and learn the basics of Continental style knitting on Tuesday, January 11 at 6:30 p.m. Bring size 8 knitting needles and worsted weight yarn. For more information, please call the library at 767-3733.

Beginning Computer Class at Groves Branch Library

The Groves Branch Library, 5520 19th Street, will have a computer class for adult beginners from 3 to 4 p.m.

MLK Choir Members Needed

It is MLK time again, and we are asking the community to help with the celebration. The MLK Commemorative Council is extending an invitation for the community to join in the celebration.

Those individuals interested in participating in the Mass Choir are asked to meet with Minister Equilla Morgan on Monday nights at the Lyons Chapel Baptist Church, 1701 East 24th Street, from 7:00 p. m. to 8:30 p. m.. Come with a willing spirit and an attitude for working.

Those individuals interested in participating in the Youth Night activities/choir are asked to meet with Nicole Snell on Friday nights at Alderson Middle School, 201 Walnut Avenue, from 6:00 p. m. until 8:00 p. m. We are asking our youth to come with a willing and obedient spirit. For those Youth who want to display a talent other than singing, please feel free to contact Tracey Snell-Jackson at 777-6017. If your call is not answered, please leave a detailed message.

Public Housing Waiting List Opening

Lubbock Housing Authority is opening

the Public Housing Waiting Lists for

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January 3 – 21, 2011

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EDITORIALS-COMMENTS-OPINIONS



THIS 'N' THAT

by T.J. Patterson

MY PARTNER, MY BROTHER WILL BE MISSED TREMENDOUS! THIS N THAT will miss my partner and my brother **EDDIE PRICE RICHARDSON** who passed away on Sunday December 19, 2010..... He was the partner of **THIS N THAT** for 40 years..... It has been an outstanding journey with this Brother over the years..... With the help of **GOD** we were able to overcome many obstacles in our path..... The key was not to **GIVE UP** and always remember who's in

control..... Over the years there were many experiences we've shared At times we would cry and sometimes we'd laugh..... It has been very difficult but we knew that with **DEDICATION AND HARD WORK** we could focus on what's really important.....This newspaper is n it's **34TH YEAR** be cause of what both of us were able to accomplish together..... **THIS N THAT** will never forget **EDDIE PRICE RICHARDSON** He was an activist and did much for the benefit of **LUBBOCK,**

TEXAS USA..... This front page of the **SOUTHWEST DIGEST** is about this man **EDDIE PRICE RICHARDSON** for all that he has done over the years.....

YES, THE SOUTHWEST DIGEST WILL BE PUBLISHED! THIS N THAT has received calls about will the **SOUTHWEST DIGEST** continue to be **PUBLISHED?** The answer is **YES!!! GOD** has brought us this far and we will continue..... It will e alright and ask each of you ... to continue to **SUPPORT THE SOUTHWEST DIGEST!! THANKS** ... for all you have done..... **WE will continue!!**

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MLK EASTERN LITTLE LEAGUE SIGN-UP! THIS N THAT has learned that the **MLK LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL SIGN-UP** will be held Saturday January 8, 2011 from 10:00 a. m. until 3:00 p. m. at the United Supermarket Sign-up is for **BOYS & GIRLS!**

Thank God For Jesus

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CONCERNED; ABOUT THEIR LOST SOULS!!!

Micah 6:7, 8 -- Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, or with ten thousand of rivers of oil? Shall I give my first born for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sins of my soul? He have showed you, o man, what is good; and what do the Lord require of you, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humble with your God.

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***** YES CHOIR MEMBERS WILL ROB GOD!!!*****

Galatians 4:16, -- Am I therefore become your enemy, because I tell you the truth?

***** REMEMBER 2 CHRONICLES 7:14, IF GOD'S PEOPLE WHICH ARE CALLED BY HIS NAME!!!*****

and then we listened as the adults shot off their guns to welcome the New Year after Christmas. This was the signal that our Christmas holiday had come to an end and it was time to go back to school. Those were the Christmases that I will always cherish and hope that our young people can learn to enjoy a Christmas of love, warmth and caring rather than the commercial affairs that we encounter now. Let us get 'in cinque' and work toward the love, hope and peace that we should find in our Christmases.



Candida Johnson Writes About Eddie P. Richardson



On December 20th I called the Southwest Digest expecting Mr. Patterson to answer. I was waiting for an enthusiastic, "Hello little sister!" Then he'd yell to Mr. Richardson. "Candida is calling from California." Mr. Richardson would try to sound grumpy and unenthused when yelling out "Longtime no hear little sister."

Instead, my call was answered by a recording. The unfamiliar female 'operatorish' voice was foreign to me. I almost thought I had the wrong number. In the 90s when I wrote for the Southwest Digest, Mr. Patterson ALWAYS answered the phone, and Mr. Richardson would always be in the background sighing, commenting or co-signing. (Wow I thought... this is pretty high tech for the Godfathers of local news.)

I was relieved when the recording gave me two options.... One, to leave a message for Mr. Richardson, and option two, to leave a message for Mr. Patterson. I chose option two, because leaving a message for Mr. Patterson, was the same as leaving one for Mr. Richardson. I knew Mr. Patterson would call me back and tell Mr. Richardson every detail of my plan to restart the program for girls I began in Lubbock in 1990. With chapters already in six states and one school district, I would tell Mr. Patterson that I was planning on launching the first Texas Chapter in Dallas and maybe eventually bring it back to Lubbock. I was hoping for some direction on the pulse of the city. Mr. Richardson had always told me, "Little Sister do something for

yourself, but don't forget Lubbock when you leave."

I left Lubbock in 1996 disgusted, and plotting how to get my little sister out of town before the bucket of crabs grabbed her by the foot. It was Mr. Richardson who explained, "The crabs don't just live in Lubbock. They are everywhere you'll go Candida, that's if you're climbing up." He told me that some of us are meant to open doors. Some are supposed to kick them in, and others are supposed to get slammed in the face with the door, to knock some sense into us, to go through another door. I so didn't understand that until years later, when I realized that everything in my life- be it positive or negative was to get me to where I am today. Thank God for slamming doors.

As I turned in my last article at the Southwest Digest to begin a 15 year career as a television news anchor and reporter, Mr. Richardson pretended he was unfazed, but I knew he'd miss those radical (but true) articles he incited me to write. I almost always missed the deadline. I was a serial procrastinator back then- Editorials so late, it meant he and Mr. Patterson would have to pull all nighters to get the paper out on deadline. The later I turned in my article, the more fire I knew it had better ignite. If not, Mr. Richardson would jump me with that sideways look, and that brutal silence that meant disapproval. Somehow I always managed to get his blessing. I could tell by the right side of his mouth. That smirk that let me know he was thrilled, knowing that by Sunday when everyone

had gotten a chance to read the article or editorial, some folks would be discussing it, and other would be cussing it.

I lamented on those memories as I waited for the return call. I was so anxious that I in fact posted on my Facebook for folks to call the Southwest Digest, to let the men behind the paper know that their work and sacrifices had not gone unnoticed. I looked for a picture of both men on the internet to post, but found only Mr. Patterson's picture. No surprise there. Mr. Richardson was like a composer of music. He knew what the song was supposed to sound like so he wrote it, and expected others to play it in key. He knew he'd have more real influence by staying behind the scenes. Something he mastered. The Facebook posting went up December 23rd . On Christmas Eve I checked my messages and Mr. Patterson (trying to not sound devastated) had left the bad news. Mr. Richardson had passed away the day before I made the call, and pressed option two. I was so emotional that I called my sister, Ballerina NaTalia Johnson in New York (also formerly of Lubbock), and we decided to launch our national girls self-esteem program in Lubbock, not Dallas.... and to provide it free to all girls in our hometown. We agreed on the emotional decision and then I called Mr. Patterson back on Christmas Eve. I announced that we'd be starting the program in Lubbock January 8th.

I apologized for Mr. Patterson's loss. He sounded like a

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By Renetta Howard

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Christmas Day has passed and it seems that Sunday, the day after the holiday is just as busy as the day before Christmas. The stores could not open soon enough for the rush to exchange items purchased and received as gifts for Christmas. Some of us, however, do not have the 'after Christmas sale' money as we spent what we had for Christmas.



Spending for Christmas seems to be the main thing to celebrate the holiday, and I have not been convinced that our children are learning that this is what Christmas is all about. Small children expect toys and other goodies for Christmas while being held hostage by their parents that these items will not be forthcoming if they have not been 'good' during the year. In contrast, as a child, I hoped for A toy and perhaps a new dress or pair of shoes; some clothing item. I really hit the jackpot on the Christmases that I received not only a dress, but shoes, knee-high socks, a new coat with a matching hat and muff. Because money was scarce, my cousin and I made Christmas presents for our family.

and that felt good; family feeling the spirit of love and the spirit of the season without the overbearing atmosphere of commercialism. We did not have a lot of Christmas decorations either.

We went into the woods and chopped down a live Christmas tree wherever we were permitted to get one. No one sold Christmas trees. If you wanted one, you could usually get it for asking for it. Stores sold shredded tinsel which we purchased for a nickel or dime and we made colorful chains to put on our tree from construction paper by gluing the strips together. We made ornaments from paper as well, but we could purchase a few glass ones to give our tree some pizzazz. We were allowed to have two regular sized electric lights on our tree; one red and one green. Anyone passing along the street did not know that we did not have a string of lights, because those two bulbs gave the same impression as a string of lights. We rejoiced.

This was a holiday wherein our time had been spent making gifts and decorations, licking cake batter, cracking nuts, roasting sweet potatoes and finally waiting for Santa Claus and our holiday firecrackers. We had firecrackers for Christmas, not the fourth of July. That was picnic time; no fireworks. Our bang came for Christmas

BY THE TOKEN OF TIME!

by BROTHER ASKARI



We are told in scripture, that time belongs to God and the time has been given to us as a trust. God has trusted us to use this time we have been allotted, wisely. In order for us to do the right things with the time that we have been trusted with by God, we must make wise decisions. We have heard for years that "A MIND IS A TERRIBLE THING TO WASTE." SO IS YOUR TIME! We have been hearing people tell us it's time for this and time for that. The truth of the matter is, it's been time for everything we want to happen, to happen. The question has been asked, "Why haven't the improvement and empowerment district (2) deserve happen yet while the rest of this city is being smile upon with good fortunate?" Our waste of time and opportunities to have now instead of later has had

the "MUTUAL TRUTH" our lives will improve tremendously and empowerment will be earned by the fruit of our labor. Time is our's to use and benefit from not waste. It is alright to dream and pray for the things we want but, once we wake up from our dream or finish our day dream and get up off our knees from pray we have to pursue our desire of success or our lives will end up being a great mess or ever less. Don't settle for less strive for Greatness. **MAY GOD'S PEACE AND BLESSING BE WITH YOU ALL.**

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Canadida Johnson

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piece was missing. Yes, he tried to uplift and comfort me, but I tell by his voice, he had lost his soul mate in news.

As I hung up I realized the rattling in my soul for Lubbock,

the call to the Southwest Digest on the 20th, and the emotional decision to launch the program in Lubbock was no accident. Nor was it a bizarre coincidence or bad timing that I called the of-

face the day after Mr. Richardson passed.

Mr. Richardson the composer of harmony had orchestrated it all-All of it. He knew I was compelled to come back to the East Lubbock community, but iffy because of my run in with the crabs.....So he once again he incited me to "Do Something," and to remember his words "Little Sister do something for yourself, but don't forget Lubbock when you leave."

Yes, I'm about 15 years late in bringing back the Little Miss East Lubbock Girls Mentoring Program, but after the decision to re-launch the program in Lubbock, where it started, I realize that I'm older and wiser.

Crabs....well Crab is one of my favorite foods these days.

I can just see Mr. Richardson smirking in heaven, knowing that this tribute to him that brought me out of retirement as a newspaper woman and the announcement about bringing the Girls Self-Esteem Program to back to Lubbock will have some people discussing, and others cussing come Sunday morning. Mr. Richardson, I did not forget.

Worry ends where faith begins.
George Müller

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by
BROTHER ASKARI

D.C's political landscape. The clear message given by D. C. voters and teachers' union is that any politician who's willing to play hardball in an effort to improve black education will be run out of town.

The education establishment's solution is always more money; however, according to a 2008 Washington Post article, "The Real Cost of Public Schools," written by Andrew J. Coulson, if we include its total operating budget, teacher retirement, capital budget and federal funding, the D.C. public schools spend \$24,600 per-student.

Washington's fraudulent black education is by no means unique; it's duplicated in one degree or another in most of our major cities.

However, there is a glimmer of hope in the increasing demand for charter schools and educational vouchers. This movement is being fought tooth and nail by an education establishment that fears the completion and subsequent treats to their employment...

The fact black youngster's trail their white counterparts by three or four years becomes even more grim when we recognize that the education white youngsters receive is nothing to write home about. American student's rank 34th in the industrialized world.

Mr. is an abbreviation for the word MASTER and Eddie's name being translated into an acronym is my attempt to shed some light on his range Eddie's legacy of, E.MPOWERING D.EVOTION, D.ETERMINATION, I.NTELLIGENCE, E.NGAGEMENT. Eddie a R.EAL I.CON of C.HARACTER, H.ONOR A.STUTELY, R.EALISTIC, and D.ARING, S.OLDIER of O.UR (black) N.ATION. Yes Master Eddie Richardson is still a giant of a man like so many other giants men and women who laid track for us as a people to achieve in this land of comtempuous opportunities. Eddie cultivated or he was apart of the cultivation of the opportunities made available for black people and others in east and northeast Lubbock at a time when the plastic so-called representatives we now would have melted up the heat. For those of you who are curious about who the plastic so-called representatives I am talking about well they are all the people who have entered the Southwest Digest countless times asking for Eddie's and T.J.'s help making hollow promises and did not

even join us to say farewell one of our GIANT OF CONTRIBUTIONS AND ACHIEVEMENT in this city for our people. Eddie is a man that will be remembered by his comrades, friends, family and enemies as a great example of COURAGE AND STRENGTH in every area of the activist field. Eddie use to always tell me that we (black people) in Lubbock are, GIANTS IN A DEEP HOLE and that when ever the day

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Leviticus 19:34.

comes again that somebody among us lead us up out of this hole, we will never be on HOLD again!!!! I have always taken that to heart and pray that I will be not only a witness to this great day but a very active participate!!!!!! Master Eddie Richardson was one of my mentors and his present will be greatly missed. Eddie achieved GOLD & PLATINUM STATUS and I believe that when he stepped through the doors of the place where all the GREAT ACTIVIST ARE, HE GOT A STANDING OVATION FOR HIS OUT STANDING PATIENCE AND PERSERVERNECE!

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"It was quite an adventure for me to have this opportunity to take images of the citizens' homes in East Lubbock. They were all lovely and unique in their own way," says Ms. Patterson.

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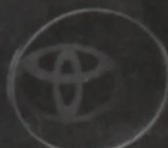
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