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Community Meetings

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

* The Unified Juneteenth Commission of Lubbock meets every Monday evening at Patterson Library, 1834 Parkway Drive, beginning at 6:00 p. m.

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

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

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

CITIS (Creating Inspirational Thoughts in Singles) meets 2nd & 4th Thursday at 2404 23rd near Avenue X at 7:00 pm

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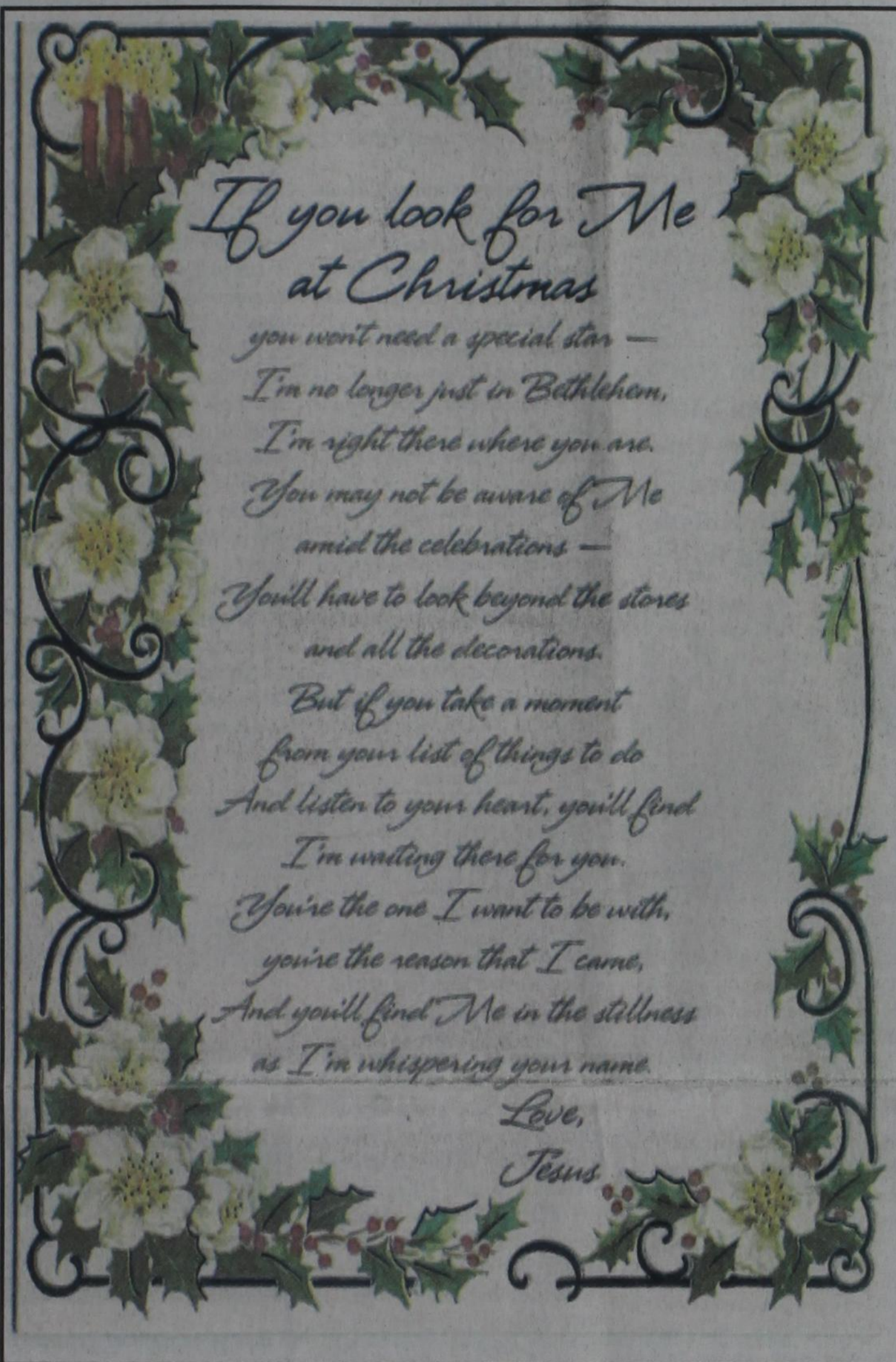
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If You Look for Me at Christmas!



Linda Hightower

Celebrates 70th Birthday Recently At Mae Simmons Community Center

Linda Hightower, one of our well known citizens, is shown after attending her 70th birthday party sponsored by her children -- Alicia Hays and DJuana Johnson, and grandchildren at the Mae Simmons Community Center on Saturday evening, October 27, 2012.

She is an active member of Christ Temple Church of God in Christ, here her pastor is Supt. W. David Haynes.

Sister Hightower loves to sing and cook. She always thanks God for bringing her so far in life. "God has been so good to me in life, and I will never forgot what He has done for me!" she said.

The birthday party was well attended by her family and friends of the community.

She is shown above smiling and thinking about how good God has been to her.

Oh, yes, she is excited about wishing each of you a Merry Christmas and a prosperous Happy New Year!!

Neighbors Show Off Their Christmas Decorations In East Lubbock! How Many Of Them Can You Identify!



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Garden and Arts Center Closed for Renovations

The Lubbock Municipal Garden and Arts Center (GAC) located at 4215 University Ave. closed for pre-renovation preparation on Tuesday, December 11, 2012 and will re-open on New Year's Eve Monday, December 31, 2012 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. If you need assistance or have questions during this time please call the Buddy Holly Center at 806-775-3560.

Renovations at the Center are scheduled to begin in January 2013 and be completed in early summer of 2013. During the renovations the GAC will be open with limited access. Please be patient with us. The end result will be well worth the wait and inconvenience.

The Lubbock Municipal Garden and Arts Center offers an array of classes and events for all ages, from basic classes in painting, drawing and photography, to specialized classes such as stained glass, mosaics and more. The center is located at

4215 University Avenue. For more information on classes or reservations please call the Lubbock Municipal Garden and Arts Center at (806) 767-3724, email pgriffith@mylubbock.us or visit our web site at www.lubbock-gac.org.

South Plains College announces spring 2013 registration

LEVELLAND – South Plains College will host registration for the spring 2013 semester on its Levelland, Byron Martin Advance Technology Center, Plainview Center and Reese Center campus locations Jan. 7-10.

Spring classes begin Jan. 14 on all campus locations.

Registration for technical majors only at SPC Byron Martin, 3201 Ave. Q in Lubbock, is set for 5 to 6:30 p.m. on Jan. 7.

SPC Plainview Center, located at 1920 W. 24th St., will offer

spring registration from 5 to 6:30 p.m. on Jan. 8 in the Main Office.

Registration at the Reese Center for Reese and Byron Martin ATC classes will be from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on Jan. 9. Registration will be in SPC Building 8.

The Levelland campus will offer registration from 1:30 to 5:30 p.m. on Jan. 10 in the Technology Center.

Late registration on all campuses will be from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Jan. 14-15. A late fee of \$15 will be charged. The add/drop fee is \$5. On the Levelland, Byron Martin ATC and Reese campuses, students should report to the Counseling Center. On the Plainview campus, students must report to the Main Office.

On-line late registration is available Jan. 14-15 for returning and new students who have been accepted for admission may register through MySPC. All tuition and fees are payable on the day of registration to prevent cancellation.

For more information, contact Andrew Ruiz, registrar, at (806) 716-2371

Why Some People Don't Celebrate Christmas

Christmas, the world's biggest holiday, is fast-approaching and nearly two billion people will be celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ this December 25th. But there are millions out there who choose not to celebrate Christmas at all because of its pagan origin. Here's an excerpt from an article published on JW.org entitled "Why Do Some People Not Celebrate Christmas?":

It was not until more than 300 years after Jesus' birth that Christendom officially began to observe Christmas on December 25. Interestingly, in the mid-17th century, an act of parliament banned Christmas celebrations in England. In the United States, the Massachusetts General Court did the same. Why? The book *The Battle for Christmas*,



says: "Christmas was nothing but a pagan festival covered with a Christian veneer."

The roots of Christmas can be traced back to pagan Rome with its mixture of festivals for honoring the agricultural god Saturn and the sun god Sol Invictus, or Mithra. Anthropologists Christian Rättsch and Claudia Müller-

Ebeling, coauthors of the book *Pagan Christmas*, write: "Like many pre-Christian customs and beliefs, the old feast commemorating the yearly return of the sun was rededicated to the birth of Christ."

Interesting indeed!

New Light Baptist Church News

On Sunday morning, December 16, 2012, church service 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 Rev. Jackson teaching the lesson entitled: "Part Of One Body In Christ," and its background scripture coming from Ephesians 4:1-16. Sister Brenda Manahan taught the young teens class. Breakfast was served to all that was in attendance afterward.

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

Rev. Jackson led the pulpit devotion. There was the song "O I Want To See Him" that was sung. The responsive reading came from Psalm 100:1-5. The altar call was also led by Rev. Jackson and the song, "What A Friend" was sung

Sister Linda Green read all the morning announcements and

Legislative Session at the League of Women Voters' Legislative Breakfast

Senator Duncan and Representatives Frullo and Perry will discuss the upcoming Legislative Session at the League of Women Voters' Legislative Breakfast on Friday morning, January 4th, from 7:30 to 9:00 am in the Arnett Room of Covenant Lakeside Hospital, 4000 24th St. The public is invited to attend and hear the perspectives of our Lubbock area delegation, ask questions, and explore issues that affect our community. Individual tickets are \$20 and premier tables of eight are \$200. You may make reservations by phone at 744-0023 or email at lwvlubbock@att.net and pay at the door. Deadline for making reservations is January 2nd.

Fight Breaks Out In Courtroom After Judge Gives One Year Sentence To Man Who Kills 6-Year Old Boy



Chaos broke out when a Milwaukee judge recently gave 23-year old Dedrick Ashford a sentencing of just one year in prison for striking and killing a 6-year-old boy with his car last April. Christopher Wade, the boy killed, was crossing an intersection, when Ashford accidentally struck him with his vehicle.

Ashford admitted to police that he had been smoking marijuana and did not have a driver's license. The boy's family members, who were present in the courtroom when the sentencing was read, screamed in reaction to the seemingly lenient punishment. Once in the hallway of the courthouse, a fight broke out between relatives of both Ashford and Wade. Deputies tried to break it up but ended up getting injured, with at least two having to be hospitalized.

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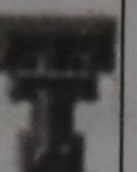
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Church News



From the Desk of Parson D.A. Smith
"Racism Still Exists In Lubbock!"
(A Reprint Article)

If to these dangerous words—rebellion, machine gun, scared to death, reload—one adds the recent attacks on Democratic legislators during discussion of the health care bill in which they were spat on and threatened with racial and homophobic insults one has the makings of a racially charged—and extremely dangerous—atmosphere in the country.

Although there are other causal factors as well—political, social, economic—there can be no doubt that racism plays an important role.

To add validity to the writer's words, the citizens of Lubbock, Texas were embarrassed by our county's top elected official: County Judge Tom Head. Head was said to have made an appearance on Fox 34 and made a fool out of himself and his kind to the whole world. It was reported by Manny Fernandez he said that "he was expecting civil unrest if President Obama was re-elected and that the president would send United Nations forces into Lubbock, population 233,740, to stop any uprising. Mr. Head is also to have stated on Fox 34 that President Obama

is going to try to hand over the sovereignty of the United States to the United Nations and "what's going to happen when that happen? I'm thinking worst-case scenario: civil unrest, civil disobedience, civil war, maybe. And we're not talking just a few riots here and demonstrations. We're talking Lexington, Concord, take up arms and get rid of the guy. (President Obama?)

And if the president did send in United Nations troops, Mr. Head continued, "I don't want 'em in Lubbock County. O. K. So I'm going to stand in front of their armored personnel carriers and say, 'You're not coming in here.' And the sheriff, I've already asked him. I said, 'you're gonna back me?' He said, 'Yeah, I'll back you.'" "Well, I don't want a bunch of rookies back there," Mr. Head said. "I want trained, equipped, seasoned veteran officers to back me.

This writer looked over the County Judge's implication when he put pictures only of black inmates and other crap up in the Lubbock County Court House trying to paint President Obama as a thug hanging like

Jesus between thugs. However, this writer was more disappointed because we have stood together as religious and political leaders in a common cause for the betterment of our city with Delvin Jones, former Mayor Sitton, former councilman T. J. Patterson and others and to see him make a racial jackass out of himself and also calling himself as a good Southern Baptist or whatever brand Christian. You cannot put a snake in your bosom. If this is kind of fertilizer that I'm going to have to deal with in Heaven as well as my Hispanic cousins I might as well go to hell for this is the kind of crap African Americans having been dealing with since white slave traders put them off of the Boat from Africa. This type of fertilizer must stop if we are going to have a safe America! Cannot these fools see what has happened in Egypt and what is now happening in Syria? Can't they see that China is just waiting for America to self-destruct? American Blacks and Hispanics are not afraid! Saving grace is that we love our country!



We Thank God for Jesus

"Christmas For Christ Or Merchandise"

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

I Timothy 4: -- NOW the spirit speaks expressly, that the last time some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils.

But now, **THE UNGODLY RUNS X-MAS; AND BLIND IS LEADING THE BLIND!!!**

Romans 1:21 -- Because that, when they (CHRISTIANS) knew God, they glorified him as not God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations (DREAMERS), and their foolish heart was darkened. Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools.

The **CELEBRATION OF CHRIST JESUS' BIRTHDAY HAS LOST ITS' INTENT.** There is no **MORE SPEAKING OF JESUS; ONLY WHERE MONEY IS TO BE SPENT!!!**

Matthew 4:10 -- Jesus said, get the hence, Satan: for it is written. You shall worship the Lord, your God, and him only shall you serve.

The **WORLD CELE-**

BRATES X-MAS with SANTA, TREES, AND LIGHTS, PARTIES AND DRINKING. THEY MOCK THE BIRTH OF GOD'S SON, WITHOUT EVEN THINKING!!!

Galatians 6:7-8 -- Be not deceived, God is not mocked for whatsoever a man sow, that shall he also reap. For he that sows to his flesh shall or the flesh reap corruption; but he that sows to the spirit shall of the spirit re reap Everlasting Life.

(CHRISTMAS started out being a Christian feast, held on December 25th, which was supposed to be **CELEBRATING THE BIRTH OF JESUS CHRIST.** The word **MASS** is part of a **RELIGIOUS SERVICE, WITH PRAYING AND TEACHING.** **MASS WAS ADDED TO CHRIST'S NAME. MAKING IT CHRISTMAS.** So dropping one of the S'. **SO WHEN I WRITE THE WORD CHRISTMAS, I'M ALSO DROPPING CHRIST FROM MASS; THEN IT BECOMES**

X-MAS!!!)
The world wanted in it; **FOR THE GIFT OF GIVING THINGS. IT'S NOW A SEASON OF FALSE LOVE; IT'S HATE SEASON OF FALSE LOVE; IT'S HATE SEASON!!! SHAME, SHAME, SHAME!!!**

(THE KILLING AT THE SCHOOL 12-13-2012: THAT IS WHERE MANKIND KICKED PRAYER OUT OF SCHOOL, BUT ON THAT DAY, MANKIND WANTED IT BACK SAYING: LORD, PLEASE DON'T LET IT BE MY CHILD. PLEASE DON'T LET IT BE MY AND CHILD. IT WAS A PRAYING TIME AT THAT SCHOOL AND ALL OVER AMERICA!!! WHEN GOD IS NOT IN THE SCHOOLS, THEN THE DEVIL IS THERE. AMERICA DO YOU REMEMBER -- 911, HURRICANE KATRINA, HURRICANE SANDY ???

***** GOD IS NOT MOCKED!!! *****
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St. Matthew's Baptist Church News

Again church services were well attended at the St. Matthew Baptist Church, 2020 East 14th Street, on Sunday morning, December 16, 2012, where the proud pastor is Rev. Edward Canady.

Church services begun at 10:10 a. m. with Sunday School. Sister Annie Onasanya, our assistant superintendent, was in charge.

The teacher of the hour was Pastor Canady, who did an outstanding job explaining the

morning lesson so all could understand it.

The subject of the morning lesson was "Living Together." The Unifying Topic was "Unity In The Body of Christ." The scripture text was Ephesians 4:1-16.

The main thought was Ephesians 4:5-6, (KJV)

The Sunday morning devotion was conducted by Deacon Edward Williams and Deaconess Sister Ethel Williams.

Pastor Canady entered the Church with the Choir and Congregation singing "Because of Who You Are."

The morning sermon was delivered by Pastor Canady. His subject was "A Believer Out of Touch With God." His scripture text was I King 18:21. It was a very informative sermon for all in attendance. Praise God!!

The morning announcements were read by our First Lady, Sister Shirley Canady. She does an outstanding job!

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

The Missionary Society meets at 5:00 p. m. on Wednesdays.

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

Choir Rehearsals are held on Friday afternoons at 2:00 p. m.

The Ushers meet at 11:00 a. m. on Saturdays.

If you are a member of any

of these important meetings, we will see you there as your attendance is very important.

Our sick and shut-in list this week include Sister Annie Stanley. God is able, no matter the circumstance.

Remember your prayers are very important to us. Oh, yes, God is able!

St. Matthew Baptist Church was host Church for the monthly meeting of the Federation of Choirs, which meets the fourth Sunday month. It met last week because of the Christmas Day

activities, which made it happen on the third Sunday.

Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church, 2202 Southeast Drive, will host the services on Sunday, January 27, 2013, beginning at 2:30 p. m. Host pastor is Rev. Eddie Williams. Make plans to be in attendance.

Here is hoping for everyone to have a Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

Let us remember Jesus is the Reason for the Season!

Let's continue to pray for each of us!

Outreach Prayer Breakfast

The members of the Outreach Prayer Breakfast want to share with each of you this Prayer.

"Prayer"
Daniel 57

Daniel interpreted the writing on the wall. Daniel answered: Keep your gift or give them to someone else. But I will tell you what the writing means..

They called for a Praying Man. Daniel, who prayed three times daily. This is what it means. Numbered: God has numbered the days of your reign. They are ended. Tekel means weighed. You have been weighed in God's balances and have failed the test.

Persians divided. Your kingdom will be divided and given to the Medes and Persians. At this time, Daniel was in his eighties and one Darius to three administrators, whom was working with and did not believe in God. How do you represent God on your job of non-Christian workers? Remember you are not fighting this battle alone. God is with you, and if He's for you, who can be against you? Re-

member God is in control, so go for it. **Stomp on the enemy!**

All we have to do is focus on Jesus as our Lord and Saviour. Do it now before you are forced to do so. Bow now and acknowledge Jesus is Lord!

Although Daniel knew about the law against praying, he still prayed three times a day. As he always did. Daniel had a discipline prayer life. Our prayers are usually interrupted not by threats, but simply by the pressure of our schedules. Don't let threats or pressure cut into your prayer time. Don't let threats cut into something as important as **Prayer! Pray daily, Saints, like Daniel!!**

We have many sick and shut-in citizens in our community. Let's keep smiling and praying, People!!!

Glory To Christ

II Thessalonians 1:3-12

Paul's letters to the church in Thessalonica reverberates with themes that are still relevant to us some 2,000 years later. The Christians in that vibrant metropolitan city were under pressure

to return to their old way of life. They faced persecution for their faith. We all can relate to their everyday struggles of life, pain, and the need for hope. In II Thessalonians, Paul immediately begins dealing with the dangers they faced.

Just keep studying the Word, Saints! God is able, no matter what posture we are in!

As we begin to celebrate re-member these words:

Life-Giving Light

John 1:1-5, 14

In the beginning was the Word. Obviously echoing the first

words of the Bible (Genesis 1:1), John affirms that Christ existed before creation began. The Word was with God, and the Word was God. This verse tells us of Christ's eternity, his personality, and his deity. William Hendriksen describes Proverbs 8:27-30 as "probably the best commentary on John 1." He was with God in the beginning. The preexistent Christ is the beginning (Revelation 22:13).

Jesus was not a created being, as some false teachers claimed (Colossians 1:16). Instead, everything was made through him. No exceptions! In him was

life, and that life was the light of men. Jesus was life, just like his Father (John 5:26)—life that could reanimate even the dead (11:25). The light shines in the darkness. Darkness represents the sinful world where Christ's

holy light came to shine (8:12; 12:35). The darkness does not understand it, nor can it overpower it.

Sister Dorothy Hood, president; and Sister Elnora Jones, teacher.



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Obsequies

Lee Andrew Dial Jr.

Funeral services for Lee Andrew Dial, Jr. were held Saturday afternoon, December 8, 2012, at Greater St. Luke Baptist Church with Rev. J. H. Ford, pastor, officiating.

Arrangements were under the direction of Griffin Mortuary & Funeral Home of Lubbock.

Dial, 59, of Lubbock passed away on Saturday, December 1, 2012.

Lee was born on January 6, 1953, to the parentage of the late Ethel and Lee Andrew Dial Sr., and attended Dunbar High School.

Lee was united in holy matrimony with Rhonda James.

Lee was preceded in death by his parents; grandparents; sister, Lela Cooper; brother, Jimmy Dial; and daughter, Shantra Taylor.

Lee leaves to cherish his memories: his daughter, Latrecia Dial; son, Andrew James; sisters, JoAnne Dedrick and Peggy



Dial; brothers, Tommy Dial (Vora) and Vell C. Lewis (Georgia); 13 grandchildren; 17 nieces and nephews; 52 great-nieces and nephews; 17 great-great nieces and nephews; and a host of other relatives and friends.

Already the one who reaps is receiving wages and gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together.

John 4:36

Jason Bernard Henderson

Funeral services for Jason Bernard Henderson on Saturday afternoon, December 8, 2012, at New Hope Baptist Church with Rev. B. R. Moton, pastor, officiating.

Arrangements were under the direction of Griffin Mortuary & Funeral Home of Lubbock.

Henderson, 46, of Lubbock passed away on Friday, November 30, 2012.

Jason was born on June 17, 1966, to the parentage of John and Linda Henderson.

Jason attended Lubbock public schools and graduated from Estacado High School in 1984. He served in the United States Army from 1987 to 1997.

Jason worked as a pharmacy technician at Covenant Medical Center. He was a supportive member of New Hope Baptist Church.



Jason leaves to cherish his memories three sisters, Donna Hastings (Aaron), Alicia Wright (Byron) and Nicole Henderson; one brother, John Davis; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends.

Joe Lee Williams

Services for Joe Lee Williams were held on Saturday morning, December 8, 2012, at in Griffin Mortuary Chapel.

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

Williams, 60, of East Texas passed away on Wednesday, December 5, 2012.

Joe was born on August 7, 1952, to the parentage of Joe David and Wyomia Williams.

Joe was preceded in death by his father and his brother, Joseph Chucky Williams.

Joe leaves to cherish his memories his wife, Linda Saldana Williams; his children, Joseph, Jerome, Jennifer, Joshua, Jared, Jolie and Justin, Joe Putna,



Rhonda and Matthew; 16 grandchildren; nine brothers; nine sisters; several nieces and nephews; and a host of other relatives and friends.

Harold Edward Mackey

Graveside rites were held for Harold Edward Mackey on Thursday morning, December 13, 2012, at the City of Lubbock Cemetery.

Mr. Mackey was born August 27, 1953 in Taylor, Texas to Mr. & Mrs. Johnny (Lear) Mackey, who preceded him in death.

He is also preceded in death by three brothers: Elbert, Charles, and Johnell Mackey, and a granddaughter, Ashesa Johnson.

Mr. Mackey will be missed by many in the Lubbock Community.

He is survived by: a brother, Joe Lee Mackey and wife, Janet; sisters: Myrtle Harrington and husband, Robert, Elvira Wilson and Kelly, and Verta Wilbon, all of Lubbock, Texas; a son, Edward Brandon; daughters: Yolanda Truss and husband, and Elizabeth Nichols of Lubbock, Texas; his companion, Catherine Kuykendall; granddaughters; and very close friends, Thelma Dillard and James "Big Head" Palmer.

Mack Jenkins

Homegoing services for Mack Jenkins were held on Saturday afternoon, December 8, 2012, at Mt. Gilead Baptist Church with Rev. Jerome Johnson, pastor, officiating.

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

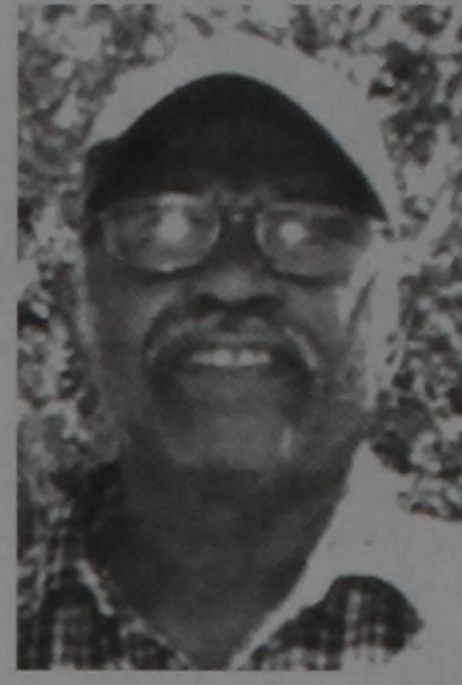
Jenkins, 72, of Lubbock passed away Monday, December 3, 2012.

Mack was born on June 10, 1940, in Rogers, Texas, to the parentage of the late Albert and Pearl Jenkins.

Mack relocated to Tatum, N.M., at an early age and moved to Lubbock in 1961. Mack was united in holy matrimony to Dorothy Harris on July 6, 1962; to this union two children were born.

Mack was employed at Clark Equipment Co. as a welder until the company closed. He was later employed with Bigham Bros. in 1985 and retired in 1999.

Mack was preceded in death by his parents; one sister; five brothers; and his son, Mack Jr.



He leaves to cherish his memories his wife of 50 years, Dorothy Jenkins; one daughter, Tracey Jenkins; four grandchildren, Joel Hunter, Diavonni, Jasmine and Faith Jenkins; four sisters: Ruby Nealey, Omie Riley, Robbie Mitchell and Lillian Howard; six sisters-in-law, Margaret Jenkins, Ann Collins, Louise Hall, Margaret Sanders, Effie Jenkins and Essie Mae Jenkins; one brother-in-law, Willie Harris; a close, special best friend, Clayton Morris; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Florence Lorene Guyton

Funeral services were held for Florence Lorene Friday morning, December 14, 2012 at St. Luke Missionary Baptist Church with Rev. J. H. Ford, pastor, officiating.

Burial was at Peaceful Gardens Memorial Park in Lubbock under the direction of Ossie Curry Funeral Home of Lubbock.

Guyton, 84, of Lubbock and formerly of San Marcus, Texas passed away December 5, 2012 at Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock.

Mrs. Guyton is survived Florence is survived by the Guyton and Harris families: one sister; three brothers; nine children: Wanda (David) Lewis of San Marcus, Texas, Florence (Rickey) Taylor of Houston, Texas, Joy Guyton of Houston, Texas, Luther Guyton, Jr. of Lubbock, Texas, Ora Gene (Minnie) Guyton, Clarence



(Carol) Guyton of Round Rock, Texas, Donnie Guyton of Lubbock, Texas, Terry (Donna) Guyton of Houston, Texas, Rodney (Billie) Guyton of Lubbock, Texas; and a host of grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by Luther Guyton, Beulah Harris, Grant Harris and Stephanie Guyton.

Joseph Johnson

Funeral services were held Thursday afternoon, December 13, 2012 at Mt. Gilead Baptist Church with Rev. J. Jerome Johnson, pastor, officiating.

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

Johnson, 77, of Lubbock passed away on December 5, 2012.

Joseph was born on July 23, 1935 to the parentage of the late William and Odessa Johnson in Frosa, Texas. Joseph attended Frosa public schools and graduated in 1953.

He accepted Christ at an early age and was baptized at Frosa Methodist Church. Joseph was a loving father, brother, son, uncle, grandfather and friend. He was an outgoing person and never met a stranger.

He worked at Farm Pac Kitchens for 35 year and went to Flemings before he later retired.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Ruby Johnson; his stepfather, Melvin Henderson; four brothers, Ellis, Edward, Willie and Alvin Johnson; and


one sister, Edna Earl Allen.

Joseph leaves to cherish his memories his wife, Addie Johnson; two sons, Jasper and Jamar of the home; ten daughters, Annie Culver, Denise Campbell, Shirona (Charles) Johnson, Theresa (Roderick) Hargrove, Rosheata (Twayne) Jones, Ione (Darryl) Hicks, Zenovia (Craig) Johnson and Kowana Johnson, Victoria James and Jan Hargrove; nine sons, Joseph (Christy), Terry (Katie), Kelvin (Shirley) and Jermaine (Candy)

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In Cinque

By Renetta Howard

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Tis the season to be jolly. Unfortunately the recent school massacre in the state of Connecticut has put a damper on the jolly part of the season for the entire country. Many states have almost locked down their public schools. Where they are not locked down, there has been an upbeat surge in security. For most large cities, this has been protocol; uniformed and plain clothes policemen and women on the job.



are notified and may give some suggestions as to some kind of modification for the child and the family. Some schools do not want teachers to explore that route as it may result in the school district having to pay for testing and treatment for the child, even when resources within the school are available. Skirting the issues of dealing with treatable problems often leads to discipline problems which the school feels that it can handle adequately. Consequently, discipline problems lead to more serious problems and finally there is some kind of serious repercussions in the home and perhaps in the school. This is because modern parents feel that they know more about their child than any teacher, counselor or principal. The verdict rests with them until their child ends up in police custody. Then they blame the school or anyone else for what has happened to their child.

Some of the security measures have been put into place because of rampant gang activities. In the olden days, schools were a 'no war' zone. With the loss of prayer in school and the demoralization of America, schools are no longer a 'safe place.' They seem to now be the targets for mass murder. The actions in Connecticut bring back the sad memories of the shooting in Pearl, Mississippi in 1997 wherein the shooter had killed his mother before going to school, and the Columbine, Colorado massacre in 1999. These were high school incidents where minors were involved. There have been college incidents as well with young adults, but one would wonder why kill the children?

We do not want to admit that there are some mean children in our schools, and too often there is no gang connection. There are lost souls in our schools and so often, it is not their fault. Teachers are expected to make citizens out of all of the students they encounter every day, but this is not reality.

Every child who enters a school and is assigned to a class brings to class with him, the essence of his home. He comes equipped with the physical and mental capacity inherited from his parents and the attitude and socialization fostered in his home. When students appear to have a problem of any kind in school, most often the parents

Letter To All Youth Of Lubbock, Texas!

Dear Youth of Lubbock:

As I write to you from my prison cell, first I wish each of you a very Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year!

All of you so called gangsta's and gang bangers need to understand the result of your choices. The prison officials instantly put you on a gang file when you come to prison because of your tattoo's!

All you will say you are a gangsta until you get in prison, because there are no guns in prison! When you get here, you have to fight to prove you are the "Crip or Blood" that you say you are. Because of the tattoo's you have put on your body, there is NO denying that is what you call yourself!

So get ready! All that shooting and pulling out your gun can only get you one of two places - dead or in prison!

I repeat this to you, there are NO guns in prison!! Not only will being a gang banger get you in prison, but it gets you on the prison gang file. Because

Dad Wins Custody of Baby Daughter After His Wife Secretly Gave Her Up For Adoption!



Terry Achane, a 31-year old man from South Carolina, has won a long legal battle to gain back custody of his 21-month-old daughter after his wife secretly put her up for adoption without telling him. The baby was placed with a family in Utah, but a judge has ordered the adoptive parents to return her to him within the next 60 days. In a 48-page ruling, the judge condemned the adoption agency that handled the case for refusing to disclose any information to him nearly two years ago when he learned that his child had been given away without his consent.

The man says that he left his pregnant wife for a new job out of state, and just a few days later she quietly signed over their unborn baby to another family. The family in Utah accused him of abandoning both the mother and baby during her pregnancy, and therefore demonstrating no capability for raising the girl. But that judge has already ruled that the baby is going back to her biological daddy.

Bigotry Raises Its Ugly Head Once Again in Professional Sports



Bigotry raises its ugly head in professional sports once again as a sports commentator on ESPN makes it clear that the Washington Redskins' star quarterback, a black man, is not fully entitled to marry a white woman or hold the political views of his choice. National Center Executive Director David Almasi blogs about the story, with commentary by Project 21's Hughey P. Newsome, Demetrious Minor and Bishop Council Nedd II.

ATTEND SUNDAY SCHOOL EACH SUNDAY MORNING!

THIS N THAT

by T. J. Patterson

THANK YOU, PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA FOR YOUR RESPONSE TO MASSACRE NEWTOWN! THIS N THAT as well as others in Lubbock, Texas and around the Nation and Worldreally appreciate your address to the Nation and World on Sunday evening December 16, 2012..... Standing on a stage he made it known that the tragedy in Newtown, Conn. was perhaps the **WORST SINGLE DAY**

But through it all **PRESIDENT OBAMA** said **"I AM VERY MINDFUL THAT MERE WORDS CANNOT MATCH THE DEPTH OF YOUR SORROW NOR CAN THEY HEAL YOUR WOUNDED HEARTS"** Continuing he said **"I CAN ONLY HOPE THAT IT HELPS FOR YOU TO KNOW THAT YOU ARE NOT ALONE IN YOUR GRIEF!"** In closing about the

26 victims he said **"GOD HAS CALLED THEM ALL HOME (CHILDREN) FOR THOSE OF US WHO REMAIN, LET US FIND THE STRENGTH TO CARRY ON AND MAKE OUR COUNTRY WORTHY OF THEIR MEMORY,"** said President Obama.

MAY EACH OF YOU HAVE A MERRY CHRISTMAS & A HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

of being on the prison gang file, you are most likely going to get a one or two year set off when you come up for parole.

Then all of a sudden, it's not cool to be a gang banger, because you are not going home

for a year or two!

What I am trying to tell you is put your gangsta life style down and pick up a Holy Bible and become a gangsta for "God"! I promise you that you will need Him when you get to

prison! Make God the basis and foundation of your life before you make the wrong choices and there is No way you can go wrong!!

Sincerely,
Prison #1802937

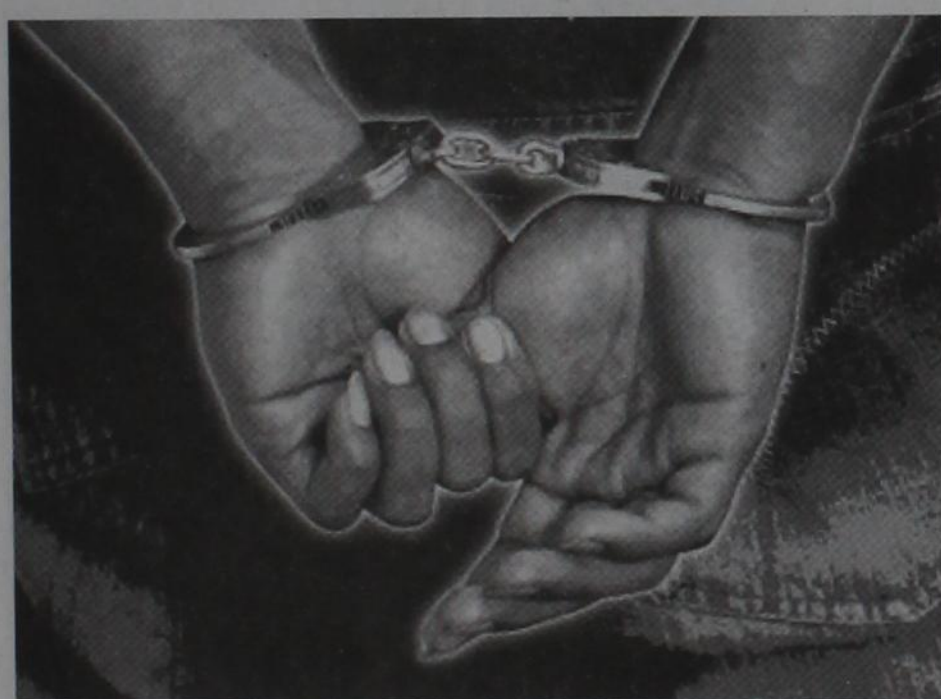
Daycare Owner Found Guilty of Murder After Kids Die In House Fire Because She Left To Go Shopping



Jurors have finally reached a verdict in the trial of 24-year old Jessica Tata, a Houston, Texas day-care owner who, in 2011, left children alone in her house while she went shopping at Target. As a result, four children died in a fire because she left a pan of grease heating on a stove, and three others were badly injured. After the tragedy, she fled to her home country of Nigeria to hide. After authorities found her and brought her back to the U.S., her trial began, and just yesterday, she has been officially charged with four counts of murder, three counts of abandoning a child and two counts of reckless injury to a child. Her defense claimed it was an accident, and not murder.

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Police Say Another Handcuffed Young Man Shot Himself in the Head



It has happened again! Another African American male in handcuffs has managed to shoot himself, or at least that what police are saying. The first time it happened in Jonesboro, Arkansas where police claimed that Chavis Carter, 21, committed suicide while in the back of a patrol car. He supposedly shot himself in the head, while handcuffed.

Now it has happened again to a 17-year old from Harris, Texas. Apparently, he was being detained by police because a friend reported him as a suicide risk. While in the back of the patrol car in handcuffs, he report-

edly shot himself but did not die. He is in critical condition.

This second case in Texas seems more credible than the first case in Arkansas because the young man was arrested for a suicide risk. But how did he manage to shoot himself while in handcuffs? And how did the police not find his gun when they searched him.

What do you think?

Feds Blocking Millions of Acres in the West to Energy Production Due to the "Spotted Owls of the Prairie"



The federal government is closing millions of acres in the West to energy exploration to service the needs of the Greater

Sage-Grouse and Lesser Prairie Chicken. The Greater Sage-Grouse's habitat is found in California, Colorado, Montana, Nevada, North Dakota, Oregon, Idaho, South Dakota, Utah, Washington and Wyoming; the Lesser Prairie Chicken's is in Texas, Colorado, Kansas, New Mexico and Oklahoma. In just Texas alone, the latter bird's range covers land producing 70% of the state's oil production, fully 20% of the nation's domestic oil supply.

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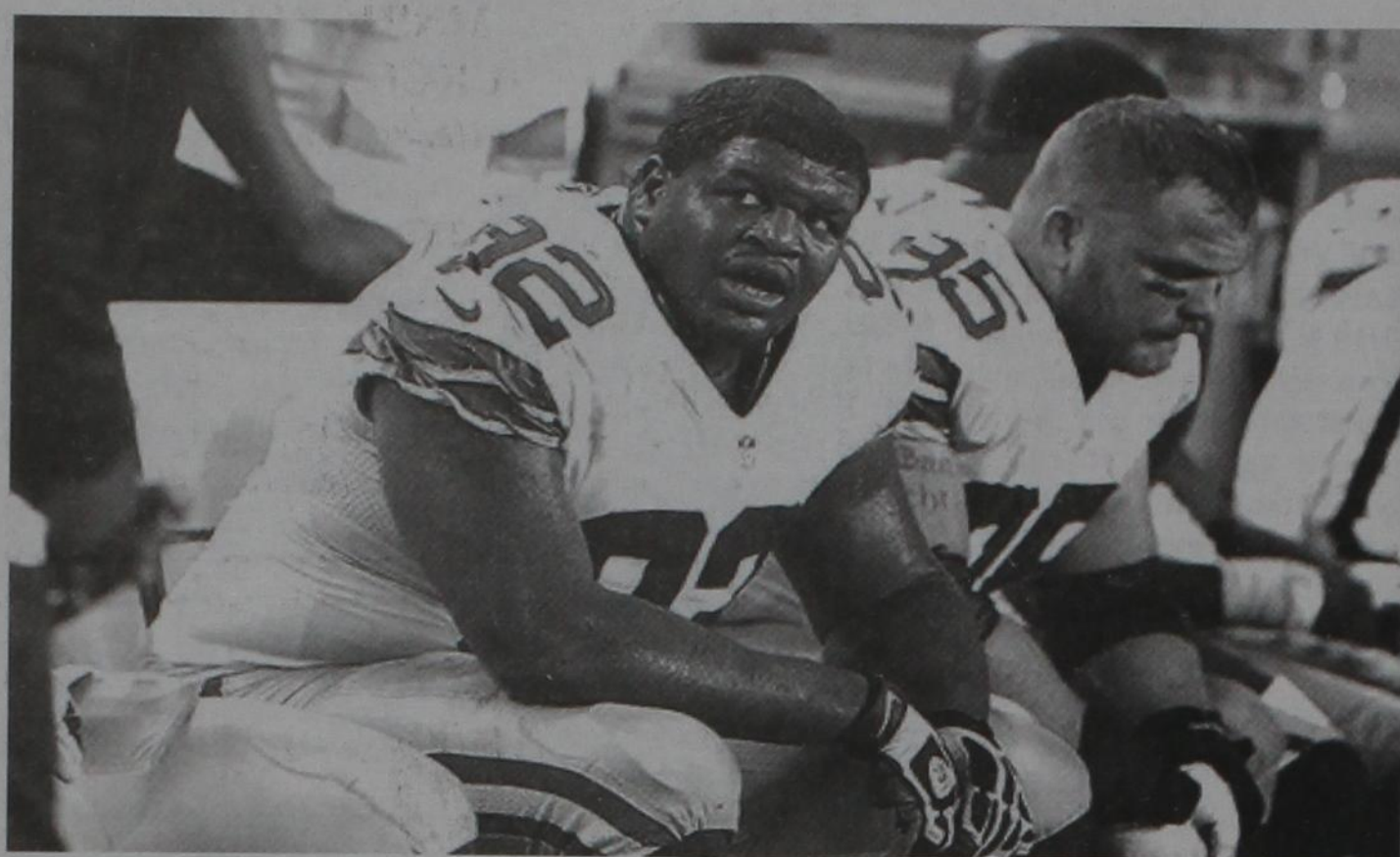
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Eyewitness describes scene at crash that claimed the life of Cowboys linebacker Jerry Brown



Josh Brent allegedly had to be pushed to help Jerry Brown (USA Today Sports Images)

In the wake of the report that the mother of late Dallas Cowboys linebacker Jerry Brown wants Josh Brent to ride with her and sit with the family during Brown's funeral, chilling details of what allegedly occurred at the crime scene are beginning to emerge.

Eyewitness Stacey McWilliams was on her way from celebrating her birthday when she came upon the crash scene. McWilliams tells the Dallas Morning News that Brent had to be coerced to attempt to rescue Brown from the burning vehicle.

"As I was on the access road, I approached the aftermath of what was obviously a horrible, tragic incident. When I first pulled up to the scene, there was a little bit of a flame coming from the flipped vehicle, like in the engine area. Just a very small flame and I wasn't too overly concerned for that. I jumped out of my vehicle and ran up to make sure that everyone was okay. As I got closer to the scene, there was a gentleman, which I later found out was Josh Brent, that was standing off to the right side of the wreckage, kind of pacing back and forth, you know, walking around.

"I asked him if he was okay, I said 'Is everyone okay?', 'Are you alright?', and he responded to me, he said that he was fine.

"The person that was in the other vehicle stepped out of her car and she said 'I've already called 9-1-1, they're on the way'. And I was like, I'm so relieved that, you know, single-car collision, no injuries, fine...But it took no time at all for this fire to really get engaged. It became very hot, very bright, very big and then I started to hear screams coming from inside the vehicle and it was a man's voice saying 'Help me', you know, 'Help, somebody help me'. And I turned and looked at the gentleman in the black pants (Brent), and I said 'Is there a passenger? Is there somebody in the car?'. And he said 'Yeah'. And I told him 'Well, get him out of the car'.

"Josh looked at me and he said 'He won't get out of the car'. And I said 'Well, you can't just leave him in there and let him die.

You've got to help him. Go get him'. And I commanded him several times and Josh looked at me, and he again said 'He won't get out of the car'. And I told him 'You can't stand here and watch him die. You've got to get him out'."

McWilliams returned to her vehicle to retrieve her phone and when she returned, Brent had pulled the passenger (Brown) from the fiery wreck.

"He (Brown) was laying in the middle of the lane, very still. He had his arms were outstretched, almost in the shape of a 'T'. And he was moving his arms just a little bit, he was moving his head just a little bit. So I was like 'Okay, he's not dead, he's alive'. You know, I felt some sense of relief. The fire was getting bigger, glass was starting to shatter. I don't know where Josh went at this point, because he just disappeared into the darkness behind the vehicle.

"I didn't know Jerry in life. I never heard of him, I didn't know who he was," McWilliams added. "But I want people to understand that Josh Brent is not a hero. I keep hearing reports of how he was there to pull his friend from the fire, but he had to be coerced and pushed and begged and pleaded to get his friend out of the fire. And when he pulled him out, he just left him in the street. He didn't tell him 'Hang in there, help is on the way'. Nothing. He just left him there and I want the magnitude of that to be understood."

Few would regard Brent as a hero. The bottom line is that he made the decision to drive after consuming alcohol, a decision that resulted in the death of his close friend and teammate, Jerry Brown, and the end to what was a promising football career for himself, which will now be re-

placed by a prison sentence of up to 20 years and a lifetime of regret over what he has done. Brent is eligible for forgiveness, though, and the Brown family is doing just that.

It's also important to note that this is just one eyewitness account of an early-morning incident where most of the participants had been consuming alcohol, which as we know, impairs judgment. If the allegations that Brent did not immediately act are true, it's possible that Brent's impaired state - a blood sample was taken at the scene because the incident involved a fatality - prevented him from doing so. It's also possible that the injuries Brent sustained in the crash impacted his judgment or ability to fully comprehend what was happening.

Related content on Yahoo! Sports:

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Deuteronomy 28:20 – The Lord shall send upon you

We don't change the message. The message changes us. Unknown

cussings, vexation, and rebuke, in all that you set your hand unto for to do, until you perish quickly, because of the wickedness of your doings, whereby you have forsaken me..

May each of you have a MERRY CHRISTMAS & A PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR! GOD BLESS EACH OF YOU!!

WTMPA Moves to Secure Wind Power for Member Cities

The four member cities of the West Texas Municipal Power Agency (WTMPA) have signed an agreement to buy 100 megawatts of wind energy beginning in 2019. The agreement with Elk City II Wind, LLC now must be approved by the Southwest Power Pool. If approved, the agreement would provide

William Earl "Bill" Raven, Sr. Succumbs



Funeral services were held Friday morning, December 15, 2012, for William Earl "Bill" Raven, Sr. at the Greater St. Luke Baptist Church.

Burial was held in Englewood Cemetery in Slaton, Texas under the direction of Ossie Curry Funeral Home of Lubbock.

Raven, 77, of Lubbock passed away December 10, 2012.

He was born in Marshall, Texas, to the parentage of Albert and Rosie Raven on April 19, 1935.

He began his work in Christ's kingdom in the Greater St. Luke Missionary Baptist Church and had been a faithful and ardent worker for over 50 years. He worked for Modern Chevrolet, Don Crow, Frank Brown and Womble Olds as a salesman.

He leaves to cherish his memory his loving wife, Hester, of over 50 years; one son, William Raven Jr. (Robbie), San Angelo, Texas; one daughter, Donna

WTMPA's member cities, Brownfield, Floydada, Lubbock, and Tulia, with a source of clean, renewable energy.

"This agreement takes the first steps toward securing power for our member cities once our contract with Xcel expires in 2019," said WTMPA Board Chairman Gary Brown of Floydada.

The agreement calls for buying the wind energy at a fixed cost for 13 years, and while it will not supply all the power the

WTMPA cities require, it will provide a significant starting point.

"Over 10% of our energy needs will come from clean, renewable wind energy if this agreement is approved," stated Lubbock's Mayor and WTMPA representative Glen Robertson. "Additionally, we'll save money because the price we'll pay for this electricity is less than what we pay today."

Elk City II is a subsidiary of NextEra Energy Resources, the largest wind power generator in North America.

West Texas Municipal Power Agency is a Texas Joint Agency and Municipal Corporation comprised of the cities of Brownfield, Floydada, Lubbock, and Tulia, Texas.

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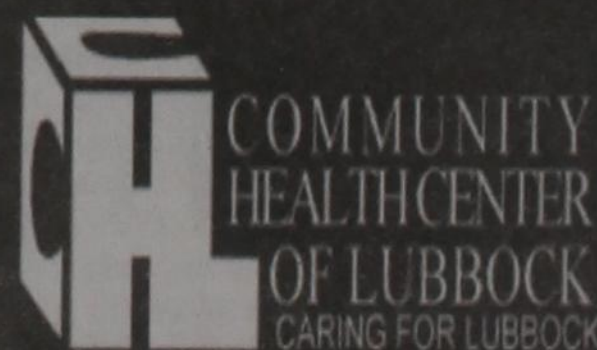


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Come join us for an evening of singing, dancing and sharing testimonies of HIS GREAT NESS!!!

The Place: 5902 11th Place
The Date: December 31, 2012 (Monday night)
The Time: 9:00 P.M. to 12:00 A.M.
The Attire: Come as you are, with an open heart!

And remember, It's All Because of Jesus, that we are here!

COTN Family

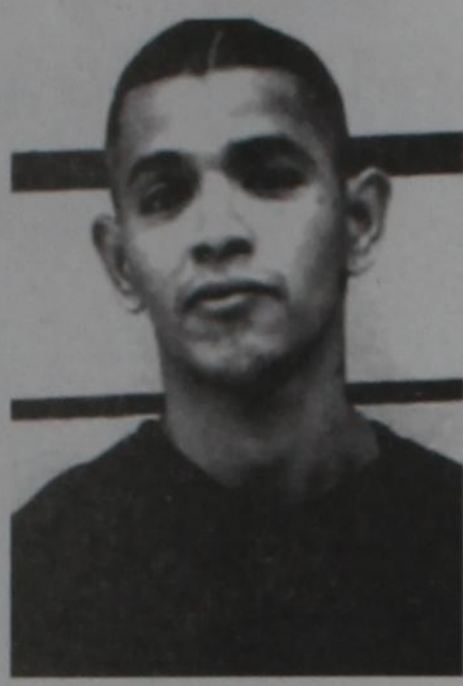
Fugitives Wanted!

The persons below are wanted by the Lubbock Sheriff's Department. If you know of their whereabouts, contact: Cpl. Jeff Scott, Warrant Division, Lubbock County Sheriff's Office, Office-(806) 775-1461, Fax-(806) 775-1438.

If you have any information about any of these individuals, please advise Sgt. Chris Vigil SWAT Lubbock County Sheriff's Office 806.775.1461.



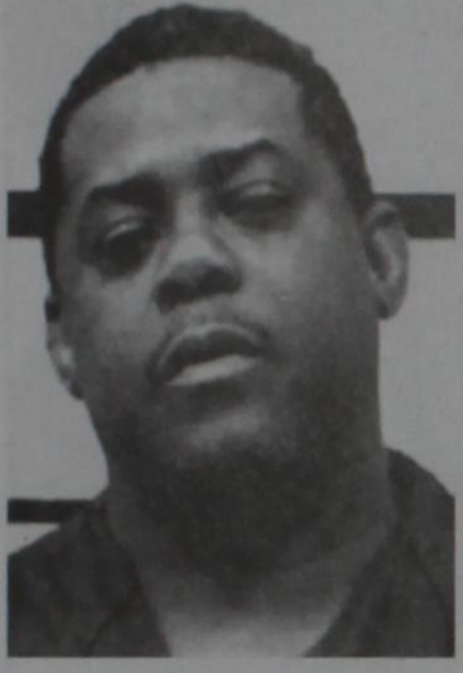
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Garza, Gabriel
Hispanic, Male, 5'11", : 150lbs., Hair: Black, Eyes: Brown
Charge: Agg Assault-BI DW
Warrant #: 2011431400



Henderson, Michael
Black, Male, 5'08", 160 lbs., Hair: Black, Eyes: Brown
Charge: Agg Assault- SBI
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Charge: Agg Assault BI & DW
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Holland, Williams
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Garcia, Raymond
Hispanic, Male, 5'05", : 160lbs. Hair: Black, Eyes: Brown
Charge: Intox manslaughter w/vehicle
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Gunn, Joanne
Race: White, Female, : 5'02 90lbs, Hair: Brown, Eyes: Blue.
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Stegall, Lezlie
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Charge: Agg. Assault-DW threat
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Lewis, Tiffany
White, Female, 5'03", 165lb- Hair: Brown, Eyes: Brown
Charge: PCS PG1 1-4G
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Moore, Lakendra
Black, Female, 5'02", 160lb-s Hair: Brown, Eyes: Brown
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Warrant #: 2012434846



Guerra, Erica
Hispanic, Female, : 5'01", 120lbs, Hair: Brown, Eyes: Hazel.
Charge: PCS PG1 W/ INT DEL 4-20 G(B/S)
Warrant#: 2011433176

If you have an idea where anyone of these individuals may be in Lubbock or else where, then give Sgt. Chris Vigil SWAT Lubbock County Sheriff's Office 806.775.1461. Yes, they are out there, but will you help? Hope so! Thanks in advance for your help!!!

Stella Hall-Watson Passes Here



Graveside services were held for Stella Hall-Watson on Friday morning, December 14, 2012, in the City of Lubbock Cemetery.

Burial was under the direction of Griffin Mortuary & Funeral Home of Lubbock.

Ms. Watson was born July 6, 1960.

She passed here Sunday, December 9, 2012.

Jennifer McGrew Speaker At EHS



ALUMNI GUEST SPEAKER:


Jennifer McGrew, 2007 Estacado Valdicatorian, spoke to students in the theatre arts classes. She shared her experiences applying with colleges, attending Dartmouth College in New Hampshire, and participating in study abroad opportunities. She will graduate from Dartmouth in May 2013.

Joseph Johnson

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Johnson, Gary Don (Nicole) Hargrove, Kalayne (LaShanda) Hargrove, Jeremiah, Nathan James, and Wayman James; one brother, William Johnson, Sr.; one sister, Doris Williams Morrison; 42 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; and a host of other relatives and friends.

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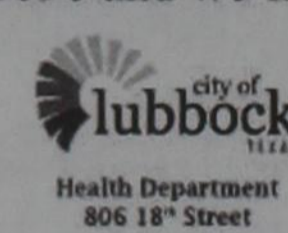
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