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- * Lubbock Area Client Council meets on the 2nd Saturday, 1:00 pm at the Patterson Branch Library, 1836 Parkway Drive.
- * Hub City Kiwanis meets 1st & 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7 p. m., Mt. Vernon UMC, East 23rd & Cedar Avenue
- * Dunbar Alumni Association meets 2nd Saturdays, 4:00 pm.
- * Booker T. Washington American Legion, Post 808, meets every 2nd Tuesday at 7:30 pm, American Legion Building in 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 at Mae Simmons Community Senior Citizens Center every Monday at 6:00 p. m.
- * West Texas Chapter of 100 Black Men of West Texas meets 3rd Monday evenings at 7:00 pm at Lanier Center, 2nd Floor, TTU Law Center.
- * The Parkway & Cherry-Point Neighborhood Association meets the 3rd Tuesday evenings, 7:30 pm at Hunt Elementary School.
- * Chatman Hill Neighborhood Association meets 2nd Thursday of every month at 6:00 pm at Iles Elementary Cafeteria.
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Congress slashes HUD's construction fund for the poor

(Editor's Note: John Hall was the first Executive Director of the North & East Lubbock Development Corporation. The Southwest Digest is proud of his accomplishments. This article Courtesy of D.C. Department of Housing and Community Development - John E. Hall is the new director of the D.C. Department of Housing and Community Development.)



John Hall
Former Executive Director

Lawmakers on Thursday, November 17, 2011, slashed funding Thursday for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's construction fund for the poor and demanded that the agency introduce a series of measures to root out stalled housing projects. Housing advocates immediately condemned the nearly 38 percent cut to the HOME Investment Partnerships Program, which for two decades has provided grants to local governments for housing construction and renovation, home repairs and down payment assistance. Under a partial budget bill passed by the House and Senate on Thursday, the HOME program's budget would drop to \$1 billion, down from \$1.6 billion last year.

"I've never seen anything else that steep," said Sheila Crowley, president of the National Low Income Housing Coalition. "The impact is huge. It will have a ripple effect throughout the system."

The \$32 billion HOME program has come under scrutiny in recent months, with Congress holding two oversight hearings to try to gauge the status of thousands of HOME-funded construction projects and HUD's monitoring of local housing agencies that receive the funding.

A Washington Post investigation in May found that HUD had routinely failed to track the progress of its affordable-housing projects and that hundreds of deals nationwide showed signs of delay or appeared to be in limbo. The Post recently confirmed an additional 75 construction projects that drew and spent \$40 million in HOME funds with little or nothing built. HUD officials have repeatedly defended the program, saying

that most projects are successfully completed and that HOME has delivered 1 million units of housing since its inception two decades ago. This month, however, HUD submitted to Congress an overhaul of HOME regulations to strengthen standards for developers and require more timely construction of housing. If approved, it would be the first major rule change to the program since 1996.

Under the bill passed by Congress on Thursday, lawmakers demanded their own changes to what the conference report called a "mismanaged" HOME program. Local housing agencies will have to certify that developers have financial capacity and building experience. Construction must be completed in four years or the HOME money must be repaid. HUD must improve its tracking of projects and report back to Congress by

March and annually after that on the status of all HOME funds older than five years. HUD officials did not respond to a request for comment Thursday. Housing groups nationwide had been bracing for cutbacks. In Charlotte, the nonprofit Charlotte Family Housing receives about \$200,000 a year in HOME funding to provide rent subsidies for poor families. Private donors contribute hundreds of thousands more to pay for counseling and other support services. In four years, 120 families have been assisted by the program.

"I'm scared to death about what's going to happen," said Executive Director Darren Ash. "We're taking a small amount of government money and utilizing it in a very efficient way for families to be on a two-year path out of the system."

Hall, the new director of the D.C. Department of Housing and Community Development, also raised concerns, saying, "Cuts that steep will affect the number of units produced or preserved."

Crowley said that some "bad actors" in the HOME program need to be exposed but that the program is successful and the funding badly needed.

"This will severely limit the number of people who can be assisted by the people who are doing a good job," she said.

The bill now goes to President Obama.

Rev. & Mrs. Eddie Williams New Pastor & Wife of Bethel AME

As of Saturday, November 19, 2011, at the Bishop Planning Meeting in Richardson, Texas, Rev. Eddie Williams was appointed as the new pastor of Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church of Lubbock. He replaces Rev. Sonia J. Scott who was moved to Grand Prairie, Texas.

This was done by Bishop Gregory G.M. Ingram, Prelate of the 10th Episcopal District of the African Methodist Episcopal Church.

Rev. Williams has been pastor of Baker Chapel African



Rev. & Mrs. Eddie Williams

Methodist Episcopal Church in Big Spring, Texas for six years.

"I have been gone from Bethel for more than sixteen years, and now I am back home," he said. "I am just thankful to be able to pastor of this great Church," he continued.

He told the congregation Sunday, November 20, 2011, "Bethel will be a praying church."

Tara Johnson Is An Exceptional Young Black Woman!

By Michelle Welch



Tara Cheronne Johnson

After spending years in the darkness of drugs and living an alienated life, resorting to stealing, committing crimes and spending time in jail, this former addict, who is now reformed and living a normal life, should be a source of inspiration for us all.

Tara Cheronne Johnson was born in Lubbock, Texas August 14, 1971. She attended Estacado High school. She is the mother of two wonderful boys who are 16 and 17 years old. The biggest regret that Tara has is being in and out of their lives. Trapped in a haze of drug use for 19 years, not being there for her family and friends, she rose from those ashes.

Almost 5 years clean, she has a lot to be thankful for and we have many things to be proud of. Tara has prided herself in being a wonderful mother, daughter, and friend. She works so hard and does everything with a smile and more often than not, a song. After all those years in the dark, Tara has surely stepped into the light. Through hard work, dedication, the love of God and support of her family and friends, it is truly Tara's time to shine.

One of many dreams Tara

has, is to be a Barber/Stylist. She had to convince people of her desire and drive just to get into school, being a convicted felon. After some time, she had her chance. She entered barber school with her dream intact and graduated. With all things stacked up against her she accomplished it with grace and style. Nobody could stop her.

We at Lubbock Hair Academy are glad nobody tried. Tara is entering the workforce with a new trade that she excels at and loves desperately. We know she will be a huge asset to this community and the Barbering profession. We sincerely hope she is noticed as a strong business woman of Lubbock, Texas.

Tara is one of the most caring and fun loving people we personally have ever met. She has never met a stranger and is always in the most wonderful moods. Through laughter, hard work, and her pure love she is truly an inspiration. When asked "How do you feel about yourself now that you have accomplished the goal you set?" She simply replied "Happy and proud". As we all should be of this exceptional person, Tara Cheronne Johnson.

7th Annual Miracles Christmas Parade Set Here

The Seventh Annual Miracles Christmas Parade, featuring the 490 member All Lubbock Marching Band, will step off Saturday evening, December 10, 2011, beginning at 6:00 p. m.

The parade will feature lighted floats, school groups, the United States Marines, and that Jolly Old Elf, Santa Claus.

Family and friends are en-

couraged to build lighted floats and enter the parade. Parade applications are available at www.miraclesparade.com or by calling Peoples Bank at (806) 771-0045.

The Miracles Christmas Parade is a free family oriented event benefiting Toys for Tots and is expected to draw over

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Count Our Blessings



347 Meals Served!!! Feed the Mind Thanksgiving 2011 turned out to be a record breaking meal for The Bridge. They served 267 meals in 1 hour on Monday, November 21, 2011. Additionally, they provided 80 additional meals to be served in Overton Park.

This was definitely a team effort. They are thankful to the local businesses, churches, organizations and individuals who joined them in providing a memorable day to so many families!!

The Bridge is looking forward to Feed the Mind Christmas on December 19, 2011.

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EHS Volleyball Stars



Estacado High School had three players honored for their volleyball skills. They included: JT Johnson, 1st Team All District as an outside hitter; Je'Nell Tyson, 2nd Team All District as a middle blocker; and Jasmine Rivera, Honorable Mention as libero.

Chatman Hills Corner

By Doris Reynolds

Copper Rawlings Community Center will be hosting their 10th annual Holiday Craft Bazaar on December 3, 2011, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at their center located at 213 40th Street. Limited booth space is available for area vendors and artisans that would like to rent a booth. Pricing is \$10 for a 6' x 6' booth area with one six foot table provided for each booth. For more information on booth rentals, contact Rawlings at 806-767-2704.

Estacado High School junior Quinton Smith died unexpected-

ly on Saturday, November 19, while in Dallas for a national chess tournament. Smith was a member of the chess team, tennis team, Mock Trial, Law Skills USA and active in other school events. A very involved participant in Estacado High School choir and drama activities, Smith had just completed a major role in the recent EHS musical production, "Seussical Jr." Additional support by the LISD counseling staff has been available for students on the Estacado campus.

Smith is survived by his

mother Brenda Zapata. Donations are being accepted at any PlainsCapital Bank location for the Quinton Smith Memorial Fund to help the family with burial expenses. For more information about the memorial fund, please contact any PlainsCapital Bank location.

A long time Lubbock broadcaster will be remembered with a tree planting on Monday, December 5 at 12 noon in McAlister Park at Milwaukee and Spur 327.

Lewis Thomas D'Elia, known

FASHION FUN with Shirley Roberson

HOLIDAY GIFTS SUGGESTIONS!

A few suggestions to help your holiday giving, a little less stressful....one size merchandise is really great when you don't have

to guess at sizes., maybe this list will be helpful.. leg warmers, leopard and zebra prints are the most popular right now, sequin scarves, crinkle dresses, caps with matching tote bags, ponchos, beautiful colorful leggings, a pair of lace leggings is a great choice. jewelry make a fantastic gift, handbags and make-up kits are all good.

HAVE FUN!



Fashion tip..always wear a smile!

Fashion..just for the fun of it!

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- * Art Activity in Santa's Workshop
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Tony Brewer



Church News



From the Desk of Parson D.A. Smith
"A Colored People In The Woodpile"
 (This is a Re-Run)

Walter Williams, a professor of economics at George Mason University and whose writing is distributed by Creators Syndicate and who is one who sees modern blacks through the eyes of white people and in my reading of his many writing is what many blacks call a WFN.

Williams' column was in the Other Views of the AJ this past week. The title of his story was "Silence about black racism betrays civil rights efforts."

It's hard to digest the writing of Williams for he has constantly portrayed himself as an "Uncle Tom" who not only could, but would eat ten miles of Mr. Charlie's digested racist rubbish while drinking from his discriminatory fountain of injustice for poor ignorant white people and blacks who were only trying to achieve and retain a piece of the American pie.

Williams wrote that things have changed from when he was a boy and evil upon white people today are mostly committed by black people rather than the other way around. It takes some large "soup coolers" to say some "you know what kind of stuff" like that in his column.

Williams said: "Today...most racist assaults are committed by blacks. What's worse is there are blacks, still alive, who lived through the times of lynching, Jim Crow laws and open racism who remain

silent in the face of it. (That a lie!) Williams goes on to say that last year, four black Skidmore College students yelled racial slurs while they beat up a white man because he was dining with a black man. Skidmore College's first response was to offer counseling to one of the black students charged with the crime.

According to interviews and court records obtained and reported by Denver ABC affiliate (Dec. 4, 2009), black gangs roamed downtown Denver verbally venting their hatred for white victims before assaulting and robbing them during a four-month crime wave. (He forgot to mention how white racist Republicans and Tea Partiers treated President Barack Obama in Colorado.)

This "Tom" like actor goes on to say that earlier this year, two black girls beat a white girl at a McDonald's, and the victim suffered a seizure. And he noted that Chicago Mayor Rahm Emanuel ordered an emergency shutdown of the beaches in Chicago because mobs of blacks were terrorizing families. (However he failed to mention the white Chicago mobster who was living very well in California who had killed a great number of people and had something near a half of a million dollars in cash when arrested by the FBI a few days ago.)

Williams also noted that racist attacks by blacks on other races were not just limited to whites. He noted

that in San Francisco, five blacks beat an 83-year-old Chinese man to death. They threw a 57-year-old woman off a train platform.

Williams goes on and on pointing out how black teens beat other races. Then he points the blame finger by saying: "These racist attacks can, at least in part be attributed to the black elite, who have a vested interest in racial paranoia." If this was not insulting enough to the black community, this piece of barnyard ground cover goes on to say that the elite includes "a president" who has spent years aligned with people who have promoted racial grievance and polarization and appointed an attorney general who's accused us (who in the hello is the US) of being "a nation of cowards" on matters of race and has refused to prosecute black thugs who gathered at a Philadelphia voting site in blatant violation of federal voter intimidation laws.

One might ask: "Who appointed this COON like Black actor by giving him some money to be the Uncle Tom critic of Black America? He definitely appears to be the (???) well colored boy in the woodpile.

Show me the path where I should walk, O Lord; point out the right road for me to follow.
 Psalm 25:4



We Thank God for Jesus

"Christmas For Christ Or Merchandise"

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

Mark 7:6 - Jesus said, well has E-si'as prophesied of you hypocrites, as it is written, this people honor me with their lips, but their heart is far from me. (ITS ON SANTA!!!)

Jesus told his disciples, to go into all the world, and let their light shine.

Now the UN-GODLY is running X-MAS; BLIND LEADING THE BLIND!!!

Romans 1:21-22,25 - Because that when they (THE CHRISTIANS) knew god, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain (IDOLATROUS) in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened. Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools (CHRISTIANS). Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the creator, who is Blessed forever. Amen.

The celebration of Christ's birth: has lost its INTENT.

There is no speaking of JESUS; ONLY WHERE THE MONEY IS TO BE SPENT!!!

Matthew 4:10 - Jesus said, Satan: for it is written, you shall

worship the Lord your God, and Him only shall you serve.

***** GIVE TO SANTA THAT WHICH IS SANTA'S; AND GOD THAT WHICH IS GOD'S!!!!**

The world celebrates X-MAS with SANTA, DEERS, TREES, LIGHTS, PARTIES AND DRINKING.

They're mocking the BIRTH OF GOD'S SON; NOT EVEN THINKING!!!

Galatians 6:7-8 - Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man sows, that shall he also reap (receive). For he that sow to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that sow to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting.

***** ARE YOU SOWING SANTA'S WITH GOD; TO MAKING THE BIBLE A LIE!!! DO HE GIVE CHILDREN TOYS???**

Jesus was born into the world; God gave him for only one REASON.

NOT FOR GIFTS, OR SHOW OFF LIGHTS; BUT TO DIE FOR OUR SIN'S; IN DUE SEASON!!!

John 3:17 - God sent not his

Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.

When the world picked up X-MAS: it added SANTAS AND DEERS IN THE SKY.

Telling children of the gifts HE BRINGS; AND IT'S NOTHING BUT A LIE!!!

1 John 2:15 - Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world, if any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

***** DO YOU LOVE THE UN-GODLY X-MAS???**

(CAN YOU TELL THE DIFFERENCE, BETWEEN THE LIGHTS ON THE DOPERS' HOUSE, OR THE PIMP'S HOUSE, OR THE DRUG DEALERS HOUSES? THAN THE LIGHTS ON THE HOUSES OF THE CHRISTIANS???)

CHRISTIANS, if the angel CAME UNTO MARY, in the 6TH MONTH in the city of Galilee.

Nine months from the 6th month: THEN IN THE SPRING; IT SHOULD BE!!!

Luke 1:26 - And in the Continue on Page 6

St. Matthew's Baptist Church News

Church services were well attended and very inspirational Sunday morning, November 27, 2011, at the St. Matthew Baptist Church, 2020 East 14th Street, where the proud pastor is Rev. Edward Canady.

Services got underway at 10:00 a. m. with Sunday School and our dedicated ed Superintendent, Sister Shirley Davis, presiding. The teacher for the morning was Sister Susie Davis. Our lesson was reviewed by Pastor Canady.

The subject of the morning

lesson was "Putting Worry In Its Place." The Unifying topic was "Facing Life Without Worry." The lesson passage was Matthew 6:25-34. The background passage was found in Matthew 6:25-35.

The lesson text were the following: "The Cause of Worry", Matthew 6:25; "The Condemnation of Worry", Matthew 6:26-32; and "The Cure for Worry", Matthew 6:33-34.

The main thought was found in Matthew 6:33-34. (KJV).

The morning devotional pe-

riod was under the direction of Minister John Wilkerson and Deacon Edward Williams.

Our Pastor, entered with the singing of "Because Of Who You Are."

The St. Matthew Senior Choir sung the following selections: "Because of Who You Are," "In The Sanctuary," "Order My Steps," and "The Brown King."

We thank God for our dedicated choir.

Pastor Canady delivered a dynamic sermon. His subject was "Practice Showing Kind-

ness." His scripture text was Luke 10:34-37. This sermon touched all in attendance.

The song of inspiration was "Amazing Grace."

Among the upcoming events at St. Matthew Baptist Church is the First "Women In Red" program which is set for Sunday afternoon, December 11, 2011, at 3:00 p. m.

Guest speaker for the program will be First Lady Barbara McCoy of Bethlehem Baptist Church. The theme for the program is "Women On A Mis-

sion." Ruth 2. All are invited to attend.

Also special women for our Red Program will be the Ladies of Bethlehem Baptist Church; First Lady Burns and Ladies, Pastor K. Burns; First Lady Jackson and Ladies, Pastor Kenneth O. Jackson; First Lady Armstead; First Lady Barrett and ladies; and Pastor N. Garrett.

Let us continue to pray for our sick and shut in members as

well as others. Among them include Brother Dennis Saunders and Brother Ronald Hereford.

Also, Brother Tyree Morris, Sister Annie Stanley, Sister Ethel Williams, and Sister Betty Titus.

Thought For The Week: "For a Church to be healthy, its members must exercise their spiritual gifts."

Remember the Reason for the Season!

Outreach Prayer Breakfast

The Outreach Prayer Breakfast members are wondering if you owe anybody forgiveness?? Check out Mark 11. It is so important! Mark 11.

In reply, Jesus said to the disciples. If you only have faith

in God. This is the absolute truth. You can say to this mount of olives rise up and fall into the Mediterranean, and your command will be obeyed. All that's required is that you really believe and have no doubts. Listen

to this writer, you can pray for anything and if you believe you have it. It's yours. But when you are praying. First forgive anyone you are holding a grudge against, so that your Father in Heaven will forgive you. Your sins too!

Chicken Wings. Don't have all your family at the house."

"Get on your knees and say Thank You, Jesus for being alive and for another day!"

God's Promise
Genesis 12:1-3

The Lord had said to Abram, "Leave your country, your people and your father's household and go to the land I will show you." God spoke to him while he was still in Mesopotamia. The

call to Abram contained both a command and a promise. He was told to leave all that was there and step out on faith, taking God at his word, obedient to his will. The land God selected was Canaan—the promised land. It appears that Abram did not even know where this was (Hebrews 11:8). When he was still in Ur (Acts 7:3), God's call came. This was before he had taken a single step toward altering the life he had lived in heathenism!

I will make you into a great nation. Later in life, Abraham would become the father of the

Jewish people. God's promised blessing would make his name great and make him a blessing to all peoples on earth. This greatest blessing of all would come through one of Abram's descendants—Jesus, God's Son, the one who would bring salvation to a lost world. C. F. Keil notes, "Abram was not only to receive blessing, but to be a blessing."

Sister Dorothy Hood, President; Sister Christne Burleson, Vice President; and Sister Elnora Jones, Teacher.

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Obsequies

Quinton Smith

An Estacado High School junior, Quinto Smith, who fell from the roof of the Hilton Anatole in Dallas, was funeralized Saturday morning, November 26, 2011, at the Greater St. Luke Baptist Church with Rev. J. H. Ford, pastor officiating.

Burial followed at Peaceful Gardens Memorial Park under the direction of Calvillo Funeral Home.

Pallbearers were Gary Cervantez, J'Keffle Faulk, Christopher Rodriguez, Curtis Alford, Daryl O'Quin and Daniel Guajardo.

Quinton was born March 13, 1994 in San Antonio to Anthony Smith and Brenda Zapata. He was currently a Junior at Estacado High School and was a member of the tennis team, the chess club, choir, theatre club, and was also involved in Mock Trial under the Criminal Law Class.

He is survived by his parents, Brenda Zapata of Lubbock and Anthony Smith of San Antonio; two sisters, Antoinette Smith



and Latasha Smith both of Lubbock; his grandparents, Lawrence Sanders of Lubbock, John and Mary Smith of San Antonio; four aunts, Betty Zapata, Dora Zapata, Christy Pickett and Lashara Sanders all of Lubbock; and one uncle, Cleveland O'Neil Smith of San Antonio.

He was preceded in death by one brother, Anthony Smith Jr.; his grandmother, Mary Zapata; and one uncle, Steve Zapata.

Leroy Benson, Sr.

Dallas, Texas --- Funeral services for the brother of Joe Benson, Leroy Benson, Sr., were held at the Evergreen Memorial Funeral Home in the Peggy Jo Mayse Chapel on Saturday afternoon, November 5, 2011, with Rev. Mac Sargent as eulogist.

Benson, known as Uncle Pep, was born July 15, 1922 in Mooreville, Texas to the parentage of Joe and Bessie Benson. He accepted Christ at an early age St. Paul Methodist Church in Chilton, Texas. He attended Fred Douglas High School in Chilton. On March 18, 1942, he united in Holy Matrimony to Ida Lee Jenkins in Chilton. There were three children born to this union.

Later he moved to Waco,



Texas, and from there to Dallas in 1964.

He passed away Sunday, October 30, 2011, at Methodist Medical Center.

He was preceded in death by his parents, two sisters, and two brother. Also, a son, Leroy Benson, Jr. and wife, Ida Lee Ben-

Sandra Jean Johnson-Babers Passes Aways In Dallas

Naterion Johnson.

She was born January 10, 1950 in Lubbock to Herman H. Johnson and Velma Pearl Johnson.

Sandra was an active member of the Glendale Park Congrega-



Dallas, Texas -- Funeral services for Sandra Jean Johnson Babers were held Saturday morning, November 19, 2011, at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah Witnesses, Glendale Park with the obituary given by Bro. Ennis Carey Bro. Earnest Freeman gave the discourse.

Golden Gate Funeral of Dallas was in charge of arrangements.

Honorary pallbearers were Herman Johnson, Anthony Johnson, Arthur I. Harris, III, Arthur I. Harris, IV, John Upshaw, Charles Redmond, and

son.

He leaves to cherish his memories: two children: Billy Benson and Sharron (Billy) Barrow of Dallas, Texas; two daughters-in-law, Marvelous Benson and Glenn Benson; ten grandchildren: Latrenea (Broderick) Johnson, Steve (Pam) Benson, Debra (Anthony) Davis, Kelvin Benson, Elisa Benson, Michael Benson, Anjola Benson, Kameisha Benson, Andre Young, and Anjelo Williams, all of Dallas and Nicole Younger of Stone Mountain, Ga.; fourteen great-grandchildren, one great-great-grandchild,; five brothers and three sisters: Opal (James) Cornell of Harrison Switch, Texas, Joe (Jessie) Benson of Lubbock, Texas, Chester Benson, James Benson, Freddie Lee (Darlene) Benson, Jerry Benson, Ruby (Ed) Humphrey, all of Dallas, Princeola (George) Jackson of Marlin, Texas; two sisters-in-law, Maureen Freeman of Phoenix, Az. and Wilma Jenkins of Dallas; and a host of other relatives and friends.

tion of Jehovah Witnesses.

She attended Dunbar High School in Lubbock, until she relocated to Dallas. She met and married James Babers on January 7, 1976 in Dallas. To this union, no children were born.

Sandra is preceded in death by her parents, and a brother, Billy Joe Johnson, Sr.

She is survived by her hus-

band, James H. Babers of 38 years; children: Anthony Johnson, Authur Harris, III (Toni) and Trish Harris (Charles); grandchildren: A Arthur, Artavia, Antarious and Chase; brothers and sisters: Billy Ray Johnson (Theresa), Dorothy Nell Upshaw, Shirley Ruth Johnson, Maxine King (Roy)

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In Cinque

By Renetta Howard

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The Republican campaign for United States President continues to be more interesting every day. It is amazing how Herman Cain, a non-politician, but quite an astute businessman is the current front runner in the field of candidates. Newt Gingrich who had said he would not run for President is among the runners. One of the most publicized candidates, Governor Rick Perry from Texas is dragging up the rear.

While it is a fact that Herman Cain probably has the most prolific resume of all of the Republican candidates, it will surely be a miracle if he seizes the Republican nomination for President of the United States. That will be even rarer than Obama winning the election.

One might wonder how is it, with all of the allegations against Mr. Cain, that he is still the front runner. One thing most people forget is the fact that there are so many voters who would like to see Mr. Obama replaced but they have no faith in the well-known names among the Republican candidates.

The other thing that some of us may not realize is the fact that Herman Cain's candidacy for President is in some ways a ruse to split votes. It is a variable much more effective than that of the proverbial candidate, Ralph Nader, because ethnicity is involved.

Mr. Cain's stance on the accusations made against him with regards to his social or sexual activities, is one which makes the accusations against Supreme Court Judge Clarence Thomas seem like child's play. He vehemently denies any wrong doing and is seemingly succeeding. It makes one wonder if he is telling the truth or is there a conspiracy against him. We have a year to find out what is really going on. In the meantime, it is educational to watch the evolution of the Republican Party candidates,



their debates and appearances on night time talk shows. If some candidates' discussions in their debates and other appearances give us any indication as to what their presidency would be like, it is definitely, at best, debatable.

There may be a vast number of voters who do not want to see President Obama re-elected, but if they just take a really good look at the Republican pickings, they just might have a big change of heart and mind. The most important thing that needs to be done to make a decision is to look at how the Republicans consistently block every progressive move that President Obama attempts to make and then look at the current candidates for President and add up the results to see the disaster ahead for this country. One does not need to be a rocket scientist to figure this out. We need to get 'in cinque' and see the big picture. We are having a difficult time now, economically, but it can get much worse with the financial situations in Europe and Asia and with a president who does not which end is up.

32nd Local Women Annual December 2-4, 2011

The 32nd Local Women Annual will be held at the Christ Temple Church of God in Christ, 2411 Fir Avenue, where the host pastor is Supt. W. David Haynes.

Guest speaker for this annual will be Evangelist Christy Henry of Nashville, Tennessee.

The annual will be held December 2 thru 4, 2011, -- Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Services for Friday and Saturday evening will begin at 7:00 p. m. The Sunday afternoon services will begin at 3:30 p. m.

During the Sunday afternoon service, ladies are asked to wear their hats. According to 1st Mother Myrta Haynes, Conductor, hats will be given away. "This is such a lovely presentation," said Mother haynes.

The highlights of this annual event will be the emphasis on Preparing Women in God's Church to Implement God's Agenda.

The theme will be "Holy Women Using Holy Strategies to Win The Lost," St. John 4:28-29.

The following topics to be discussed are: Hastening to the Place of Prayer - Zechariah 8:21; Redeem the Time, I Corinthians 14:12 and Everyday Duty, Malachi 3:16.

The women of the community are encouraged to come and bring the entire Family and be Blessed.

"Christ Temple's doors are always open for you, so be with us during this 32nd Local Women Annual," said Supt. Haynes.



Supt. W. David Haynes
Pastor



Evangelist Christy Henry
Guest Speaker



1st Mother Myrta Haynes
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Simmons Community Center Hosts 3rd Annual Christmas Carnival

Mae Simmons Community Center will host their 3rd annual Christmas Carnival on Saturday, December 3, 2011, from 2:00-4:00 p.m. All ages are welcome with plenty of activities for the entire family! Children will enjoy carnival games and a Christmas art project in Santa's

Workshop. Walk through the winter wonderland and listen to Christmas carols, then have your photo taken with Santa Claus! Concessions will be available from the Candy Cane Snack Shop. Participants are encouraged to bring a new, unwrapped toy for the Toys for Tots Christmas Campaign. Admission is free!

Mae Simmons Community Center is located at East 23rd and Oak Avenue. Hours for the center are Monday-Friday from 3:00 to 8:00 p.m., and Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Santa Land BIGGER & BETTER

The City of Lubbock's Parks and Recreation staff is again transforming an area of parkland inside Mackenzie Park into a winter wonderland in anticipation of the arrival of Santa Claus. Park staff has been working for the past month to make this year's event the best Santa Land yet! This year's site is being expanded and will house several

new scenes including A Peter Pan Christmas, which has a 36-foot pirate ship as its centerpiece, the Princess Fairy Tale Forest, a Smurf scene, the Lion King scene, and many more new characters! These new additions have added more than 5,000 square feet to the festive holiday village, making this the largest Santa Land ever!

Santa Land is located inside Mackenzie Park. The entrance to Santa Land is from the East Broadway park entrance just east of Avenue A and the South Plains Fairgrounds. For more information regarding entertainment opportunities, sponsorships, and this year's Santa Land, contact Whitney Wise at 775-2670.

Beyond the Rhetoric

By
Harry C. Alford

Making Minority Business Programs Effective

"A feast is made for laughter, and wine maketh merry: but money answereth all things." Ecclesiastes 10:19. King Solomon never lied and the Bible is the answer to life. What he said thousands of years ago still applies today. We know how to party and make liquor and wine companies successful through our drinking. Yet, we lack money, i.e. economic empowerment. Money, good clean money, is a blessing. It buys your basic needs and guarantees a safe and prosperous future. You make that money through jobs and jobs are created by entrepreneurs. Successful entrepreneurs eventually become wealthy even though they may struggle and fall a few times along the way. Thus, business growth is the key to prosperity for Black communities. It is that business growth that was stymied through Jim Crow and constant discrimination from our government and rival communities.

When the Civil Rights Struggle ended in victory, the damage of past discrimination was addressed. The Civil Rights Act of 1964 addresses that. Title VI of the Civil Rights Act addresses discrimination in contracting. This is the basis for all minority business programs administered by federal agencies. The key is to get it fully enforced which has yet to happen. Corruption and discrimination are first cousins in business. Both are engrained into the federal procurement system and are the challenges of minorities, including Black businesses. These programs started rolling out in 1982 and, still, have yet to be fully effective. That money King Solomon was talking about has yet to find its way into our communities on a

level that is fair and impartial.

These programs are clumsy at best. Because of that many mean thinking groups have challenged them saying that they are reverse discrimination. That is laughable as these programs may provide no more than seven percent of the total procurement and that is divided among every ethnic group other than white male contractors including white females who naturally get most of that seven percent. Many times they are just representing their male counterparts and are used to thwart any real minorities from getting their just amount. This is probably the biggest problem of these programs. They are in need of being corrected and providing business growth and jobs into our communities in a way that would make a noticeable difference.

Despite their anemic effectiveness, these programs have been challenged via lawsuits from white organizations such as the Associated General Contractors and ultra conservative think tanks. The United States Supreme Court has made two major decisions regarding minority contracting programs. One for local governments and it is known as The Croson Decision. The other is for federal contracting programs and it is known as The Adarand Decision. Many minority business activists cringed at these decisions. However, when you study them they simply explain what must be done to do it right. Both say the same thing. The agency or government entity running the contracting program must do a study to understand the full impact that discrimination, if it exists, has had on

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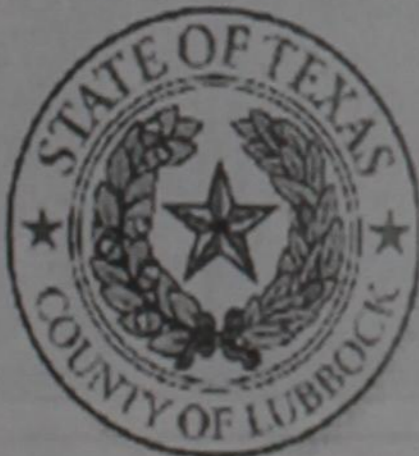
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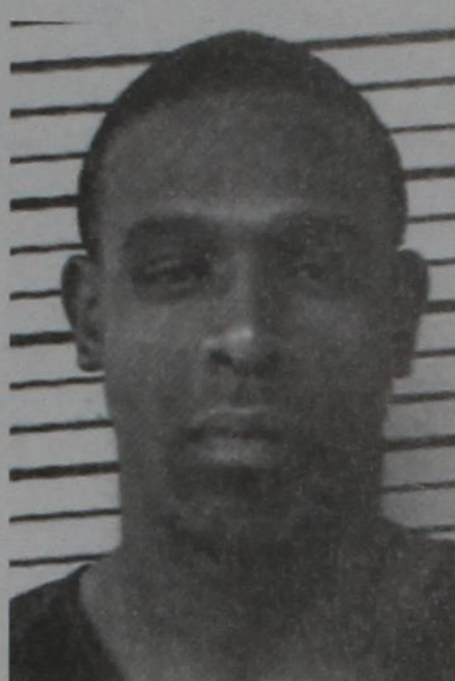
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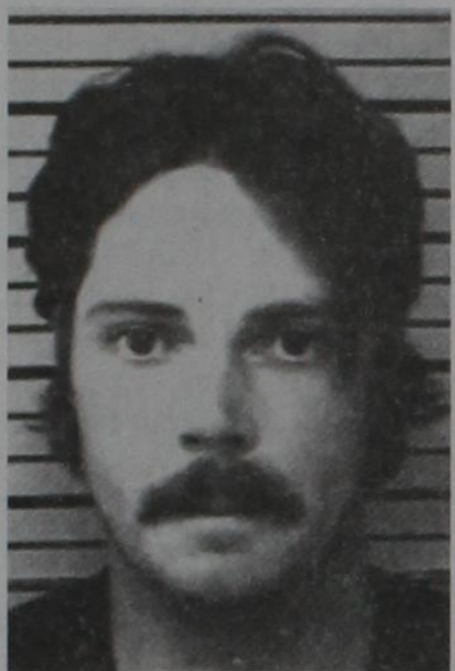
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specifically which groups. These are called Disparity Studies. Most states and large cities are doing them on a regular basis. You do your first and then update it approximately every five years.

If you do this right, the study will show the level of discrimination for Blacks, Hispanics, Asians, Native Americans, etc. The report should also address white women as they lobby to get into these programs. The fact is that white women are not discriminated in a fashion that would be identical to those ethnic groups. Studies will show this but the problem comes when you try to implement a program to offset and correct the discrimination of the past. What white women lobbyists will try to do is "lump" all the groups into one goal as opposed to separate goals for each group. When this happens white

women will exploit whatever the goal is at the expense of Blacks, Hispanics and others.

This ignores what the Supreme Court has said. The programs must be narrowly tailored to address the specific discrimination as noted in the study. The federal government has yet to do these studies. President Clinton pledged to do them for each of the ten federal regions. He stalled and never did it. President Bush did not do them and now President Obama is trying to ignore this responsibility. In 2012, we must make this a cam-

aign issue. We want every candidate to pledge to perform Disparity Studies and address discrimination at the federal level within the first two years of the next administration. If we do this right, contracts will start
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(THE WAY TO TELL IF ANYTHING IS NOT OF GOD; IS IF THE WORLD WANTS IN ON IT; BECAUSE THE WORLD HATES ANY THING THAT IS OF GOD!!!)

JESUS WAS NOT BORN ON 12-25, INTO THIS SINFUL UNGODLY WORLD.

HE WAS BORN THE DAY HE ENTERED INTO MY HEART; AND OF EVERY MAN, WOMAN, BOY AND GIRL.

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

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Minister Hutchinson Was Guest Speaker In Olney, Texas

On Sunday, October 30, 2011, Minister Deborah M. Hutchinson was invited as guest speaker for the Women's Day Program by Rev Golden pastor, and the members of Rising Star Baptist Church in Olney, Texas.

Their theme was: "A Calling for Everyone" Genesis 50:19 & 20. The Spirit of the Lord filled those present and the venue.

After service a wonderful lunch was served.

She was joined by her husband, Hillary S Hutchinson; her dad, LD Terrell, Sr, her sister, Mollie M Thomas, and her niece Shuntae Thomas of Lubbock, and Crosbyton.

She is the daughter of LD & the late Dorothy Terrell of Crosbyton and Robert Coppage, Sr of Lubbock.

She is a member of the Greater Mt. Zion Baptist Church under the leadership of Rev.



Min. Deborah Hutchinson

Ruby Price, sister of the late Rev H.L. Phillips.

Also, on November 13, 2011 she spoke at the evening services at the Galilee Baptist Church, under the guidance of Rev Billy Wiley of Crosbyton. Her message was: Follow Me; Don't

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Lubbock Businessman Richard Calvillo Announces For Lubbock County Commissioner

Lubbock businessman Richard Calvillo announced his candidacy in the Democratic primary for Lubbock County Commissioner Precinct 3 on Tuesday morning, November 1, 2011, at Hillcrest Country Club.

Mr. Calvillo is the founder and CEO of Calvillo Funeral Home located in Lubbock.

A native West Texan, Mr. Calvillo was born in Lubbock and graduated from Tahoka High School in 1986, he attended Lubbock Christian University, and later attended and graduated from the Dallas Institute of Funeral Service in 1989. He became a licensed funeral director in 1991.

He founded Calvillo Funeral Home in March 1992.

He has two children; Chelsea and Cameron, and is a member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church. He is involved in numerous civic, community and professional organizations.

He served as board member of COMA, Comerciantes Organizados Mexicanos Americanos in 1992-1993. He was awarded Young Entrepreneur of the Year in 1994 by the United States Small Business Administration, Lubbock District. He was Businessman of the Year in 1994 and Member of the Year in 1996 by the Lubbock Hispanic Chamber



**Richard Calvillo
Lubbock Businessman**

of Commerce. He was awarded for outstanding leadership and service to his community by the Texas Attorney General in 1997 and 1998.

"The economy has taken a greater toll on the citizens of Precinct 3 than other citizens of Lubbock. As Commissioner, I plan to provide the business leadership necessary to increase the number of Sheriff patrols with faster response times, vastly improve county road maintenance and provide the business friendly environment necessary to increase business development and jobs in Precinct 3."

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flowing to our businesses like never before. Jobs will be created exponentially and the money will "answereth things". After all, it says it in the Bible.

Mr. Alford is the co-founder, President/CEO of the National Black Chamber of Commerce®. Website: www.nationalbcc.org. E m a i l : halford@nationalbcc.org.

Minister Hutchinson Speaks In Olney

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Look Back, coming from Luke 9:57-62 and Genesis 19:15;26.

She has been an assistant to Pastor Price since February 14, 2010, when she received her license.

She is very grateful to God for choosing her to carry His word and for her mother showing her what faith in God looked like and that serving Him will pay off today, tomorrow and the years to come.

God bless The Southwest Digest and everyone for their prayers and support of Minister Hutchinson.

Article submitted by Hillary S. Hutchinson, Jr.

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Lubbock Community Leader Lorenzo "Bubba" Sedeno Announces For Lubbock County Commissioner



**Lorenzo Sedeno
Community Leader**

A longtime Lubbock community leader, Lorenzo "Bubba" Sedeno announced Monday morning, November 21, 2011, at the American Wind Power Center, his candidacy for Lubbock County Commissioner, Precinct 3, for the upcoming March 6, 2012 Democratic Primary.

Bubba, a graduate of Estacado High School, is the son of the late community activist Lorenzo M. Sedeno and Lydia Ssa Sedeno. He also attended South Plains College, and is the father of three children: Jeremy Lorenzo Sedeno, Nicole Michelle Gutierrez and Anjelica Marla Sedeno. He has nine grandchildren.

Bubba began his professional career 27 years ago as

District Manager and Legislative Assistant to State Senator John T. Montford for 13 years. With this opportunity, he gave oversight and guidance to numerous assignments and projects while serving the 28th Senatorial District. His experiences from working with Senator Montford's legislative programs led to overall management of the Senatorial District Offices in Lubbock, Big Spring, and El Paso.

Bubba was hired by Texas Tech University where he worked for 14 years. He was

Manager of the Texas Tech University's Historically Underutilized Business (HUBs) program. His leadership and commitment to the program helped Texas Tech University reach the 'Top Twenty' state ranking designation of over 200 state agencies and state universities that report to the Texas Comptroller's Office. He served as a focal point in assisting Small Businesses, Women-owned businesses and HUBs with state procurement opportunities at Texas Tech and across the State of Texas.

He has been active in bringing Texas Small Business Summits in various cities of Texas such as El Paso, Midland, Amarillo, and many cities in Texas.

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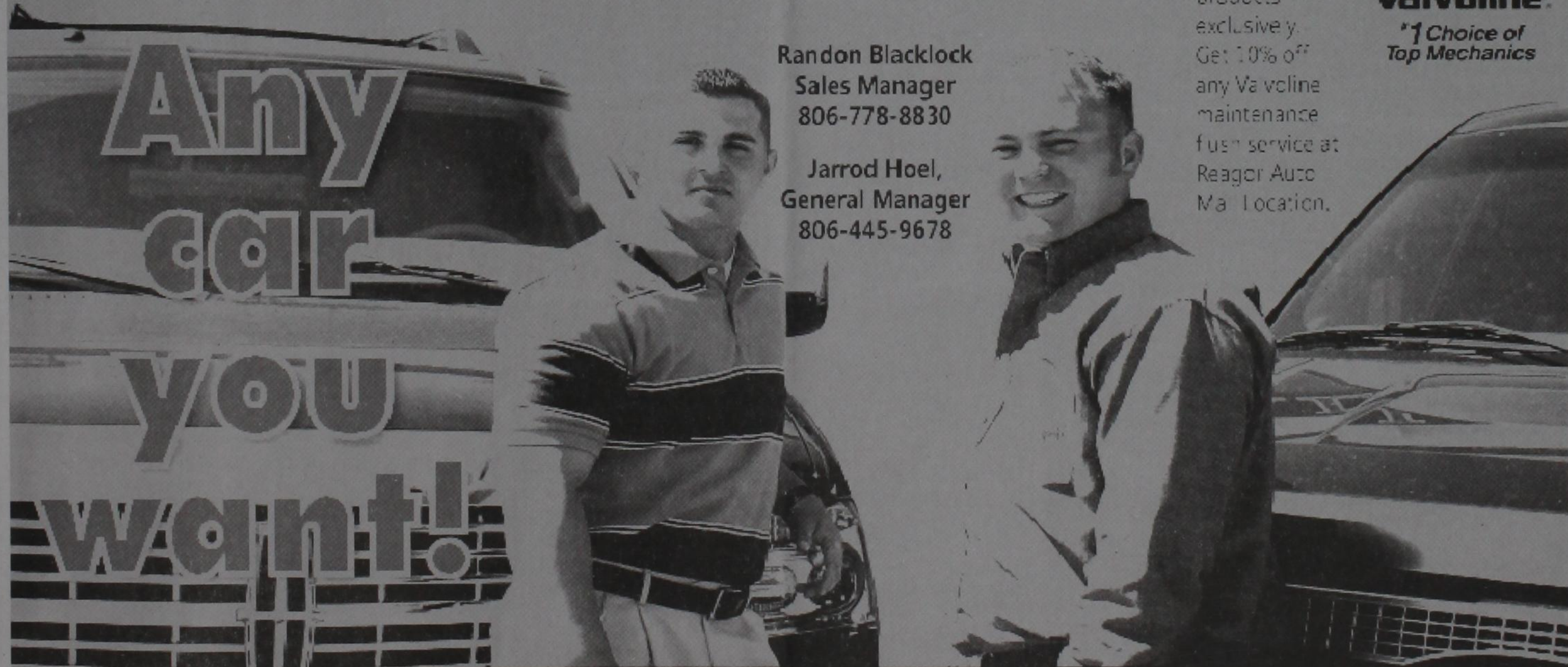
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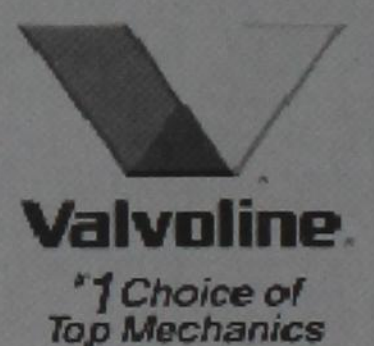


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