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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. Washington American Legion, Post 808, meets every 2nd Tuesday at 7:30 pm, American Legion Building in Yellow-house Canyon.
- * Forgotten West Riders meets on the 1st & 3rd Mondays, 7:00 pm, Patterson Branch Library.
- * East Lubbock Chapter AARP meets every 1st Thursday at 1:00 pm, Mae Simmons Senior Citizens.
- * Lubbock Chapter of Black Alumni meets every 3rd Tuesday, 5:30 pm, TTU Market Alumni Center.
- * Dunbar Manhattan Heights Neighborhood Association meets every 1st Thursday at 7:00 pm and every 4th Thursday at 7:00 pm at the Dunbar Manhattan Heights Neighborhood Outreach Center, 1301 E. 24th Street.
- * West Texas Native American Association Pot Luck Supper meets on alternating months prior to meeting, meetings held on 2nd Saturdays of each month at 7:00 pm, Educational presentations and demonstrations.

* The Unified Juneteenth Commission of Lubbock meets at Mae Simmons Community Senior Citizens Center every Monday at 6:00 p. m.

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

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

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

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

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Read Whats Happening In
Black Community of
Lubbock.

Bobbie Gean Bailey-Patterson Passes Friday, January 13th! Services Set Friday At Full Armor Ministries!



Bobbie Gean Bailey-Patterson

Funeral services for Mrs. Bobbie Gean Bailey-Patterson will be held Friday, January 20, 2012, at Full Armour Ministries, 4201 Avenue J, with Rev. Dragon, pastor of Martin Luther King Seventh Day Adventist Church, officiating.

Interment will be held in the City of Lubbock Cemetery under the direction of Griffin Mortuary & Funeral Home of Lubbock.

She was born May 1, 1938 in Lubbock. She attended the Lubbock Public Schools, graduating from Paul Lawrence Dunbar High School in 1955. After graduating from high school, she attended Paul Quinn College in Waco, Texas in 1955, and graduating in 1959 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Education.

Her profession as an elementary school teacher begun in Ralls and later Plainview. It was in September, 1961 when she was hired as an elementary school counselor for Wheatley Elementary. Her next schools she served were: Bozeman Ele-

mentary, Hunt Elementary, Parkway Elementary and Jackson Elementary Schools. Mrs. Patterson served as counselor at Alderson Junior High School. She retired from the Lubbock Public Schools after her tenure at Estacado High School in 2003.

She received her degree in Guidance Counseling from Texas Tech University in Lubbock.

A very active church member since her early youth, she was a member of Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church, under the leadership of the late Rev. A. W. Wilson. Later in life, she joined the Martin Luther King Seventh Day Adventist Church.

All of her life, Mrs. Patterson has always found a way to assist young people by encouraging them to do their very best.

She was preceded in death by her son, Clifford Ray Patterson; grandmother, Deaconess Sarah Crawford; her father and

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Junior Ambassador Applications Being Accepted Here

The City of Lubbock is now accepting applications for the 2012 Junior Ambassador Goodwill Program. The mission of the Junior Ambassador program is to foster the development of friendship, understanding and education through International Ambassador Exchange. The Junior Ambassador Program provides a unique opportunity for students to learn first hand about the Japanese culture.

Area students in the 7th, 8th, or 9th grade are eligible to apply. Interested students must turn in an application, three reference letters and a one-page essay on why they want to travel to Japan. The deadline to apply is February 17, 2012.

Approximately sixteen students will be selected to participate this year. Upon completion of the interviews, selections are made and the Junior Ambassadors will meet weekly in order to learn about the Japanese language, culture, and customs. Meetings provide students a chance to become familiar with each other, as well as to prepare for their upcoming journey. The Junior Ambassadors travel to Musashino, Japan in the summer of 2012 for eight days. This once in a lifetime opportunity will enrich the Ambassadors' understanding of the social, political, and economic aspects of Japan and will increase their global competitiveness in the job market of the 21st Century.

Applications are available at area Middle Schools, High Schools and at the City of Lubbock Municipal Building, Room 107, as well as on the City's Website <http://jr-amb.ci.lubbock.tx.us>. The deadline to apply is February 17, 2012. Applications should be submitted at the City of Lubbock Municipal Building, Room 107 or to: Junior Ambassador Program, P.O. Box 2000 Lubbock, TX 79457. For more information on this year's program, contact Sarah Hensley at (806) 775-2162 or via email at shensley@mylubbock.us.

way Neighborhood Center beginning at 6:00 p. m.

This year's Showcase Event will feature Mama Sue from BET's Sunday's Best.

The Talent Event will be held Saturday, February 18, 2012, at Dunbar Middle School, beginning at 6:30 p. m. Tickets are \$10.00 per person. Kids under 3 FREE.

Sue Roseberry (a.k.a. "Mama Sue") is a consummate artist and her gifts are truly inspiring and illuminating. She is recognized for her artistic ability and imaginative style. A graduate of the College of Santa Fe, she has a B.F.A. degree in performing arts. There seems to be no end to the talents that she possesses and those fortunate enough to hear her come away with a joyful heart and the feeling that they have been present for something beyond entertainment - it's an experience.

Sue has come a long way since her earliest memory of singing standing on top of a table in her local church - to connecting with audiences all across the country as a singer, songwriter, playwright, storyteller or delivering the spoken word. She's been playing for and directing choirs since the age of 10 years old. Her voice is incomparable and inimitable.

In 2001, she started "Tell It... Storytelling by Sue Roseberry" and has gone on to perform at



Noe Reynolds Owner & Operator



Noe Reynolds Making Automobile Ready

Black Businessman Doing Successful Business In East Lubbock

One of the Black Businessmen in Lubbock is Noe Reynolds who is the owner and operator of Noe's Automotive, 1018 East 34th Street. He has been located at this address for 13 years.

Born in Lubbock, Reynolds was reared in Denver, Colorado. He attended San Jose State University in California as well as Alameda Junior College. His area of studies was Automotive Technology.

Reynolds spent three years in the U. S. Navy. He found this to be a most rewarding experience as he was able to see other parts of the world.

"I came back home to Lubbock in order to spend some time with my grandmother, Verda Smith," he said proudly.

Over the years, Reynolds has worked with different companies as an Auto Mechanic. He has won more than 25 awards as a professional technician of the month. He will tell you each was a very rewarding experience and served as a catalyst for him in life as a professional.

He is a very active member of the United Baptist Church where his pastor is Rev. Elijah Austin. "I run my business with God in front. God has made me a much better person for my and myself as a human

being. God was the only one to help me start up my business. I put God first in everything I do," he said.

Noe's Automotive is open Monday through Friday, from 8:00 a. m. until 5:30 p. m. It is open on Saturday from 8:00 a. m. until 12:30 p. m. For more information, visit their internet: www.noautoservice@yahoo.com.

Noe's Automotive has a printable coupon which display you can get 10% off any brake repair, and can get your motor scan for \$25.00 with this coupon. This is a value of \$50.00.

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Noe's Automotive also do window repairs, electrical repairs, and much more. Their form of payment is either by cash, checks, Master Card and VISA.

For more information, call Mr. Reynolds at (806) 749-3036.

National GMWA Conventions have led to her music being performed in Spain, Japan and all over the United States. In 2004 she released her initial recording "Words Just Cannot Explain". She has recorded live with the COGIC National Choir as well as the Gospel Music Workshop of America Mass Choir.

Sue wrote many of the plays utilized in the Apollo Showcase, a community theatre workshop for children ages 5 to 12 years of age as well as an ensemble work entitled, "Black Women Past & Present" which focused on the life of the late Dr. Viola Coleman, the first Black physician in Midland, Texas.

Sue has written more than 200 musical pieces, which range from gospel songs to children's songs. She has songs that have been recorded by the Men of Promise on the GMWA Tampa Experience CD and the COGIC Mass Choir. Presentations of some of her original songs at the

Third Annual Talent Showcase Extravaganza Auditions Set



Mama Sue

Lubbock Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. will present its Third Annual Talent Showcase Extravaganza Auditions will be held Friday, January 20, 2012, at the Park-



Beginning Tuesday, January 17, 2012, residents can drop-off phone books at the two permanent City drop-off locations:
Northside, 208 Municipal Drive Southside, 1631 84th Street.

Telephone books will be accepted January 17, 2012 through Thursday, March 1, 2012, Monday through Saturday, from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

This project is a collaboration between the City of Lubbock Solid Waste Services department, Names and Numbers, and Jarvis Metals Recycling.

Congratulations to the Estacado football players named to the THSCA Academic All-State

Football Team. Raymond Rios was named First Team. Second Team members included J. T. Cotton, Stephen Jo Garcia, Ben Jackson, and Jalen Moore. Chris Alford was named Honorable Mention.

It is already that time of the year and baseball has begun. The Martin Luther King Little League will be in full swing in a few weeks. Here is the time when baseball sign-up will be held. We are in need of volunteers in the areas as coach, press box, concession stand, work field and other areas. This will be held at the United Supermarket, 2630 Parkway Drive, from 10:00 a. m. until 3:00 p. m. on

the following dates:
January 21, January ary 28, February 4, and February 11.

If you have any questions, please call Ronald Sanders, (806) 535-3937 or Ronald Sanders, Jr., (806) 577-3384.

Let's help these boys and girls!

The following citizens were recognized during the Distinction Award Banquet, sponsored by the Martin Luther King Commemorative Council of Lubbock at the McIntuff Center on Saturday evening, January 14, 2012.

Rev. B. R. Moton, Pastor of the Year; Danny Servance, Coach of the Year; Joyce Childress, Community Involvement of the Year; Henry Dewberry, Businessman of the Year; and Bill Carter, Law Enforcement Officer of the Year; Debra Deary, Board Member of the Year.

Let us continue to pray for our sick and shut-in citizens. God is able, no matter what!

FASHION FUN with Shirley Roberson

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NOW YOU TELL ME LADIES, HOW GREAT IS THAT!

SOUTH PLAINS MALL

Fashion tip ... always wear a smile!

Fashion .. just for the fun of it!

New Light Baptist Church News

On Sunday morning, January 15, 2012, church services got started at the New Light Baptist Church, 3015 Idalou Road, at 10:00 a. m., where Rev. Kenneth O. Jackson is the proud pastor.

Church school started at 9:45 a.m. with Rev. Jackson teaching the lesson entitled "Preserving A Remnant," with the scripture coming from Genesis 45:3-15.

Breakfast was served to those who were in attendance after church school.

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

Rev. L. C. Lee led the pulpit devotion. The Senior Choir sang "O, I Want To See Him." The responsive reading came from Psalm 121: 1-8 and was read by Rev. Lee. The altar call prayer was led by Rev. Jackson and the choir sang "I Need Thee."

Sister Linda Green read all the morning announcements and told of all the upcoming events that will be taking place. All

birthdays was acknowledged. There was the pastoral period that was held by the pastor then the offering was taken up.

The Senior Choir sang "We've Come A Long Way." led by Sis-

ter . Angela Mosley and "O, Lord Help Me." The theme song of the church, "Amazing Grace" was sung before the sermon was delivered by Pastor Jackson, with his subject being "Unconditional Forgiveness, Continue on Page 6

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Mae Simmons
Community and Senior Centers
What's Happening This Month!

FITNESS OPEN HOUSE
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AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM
Now Registering! LISD will provide transportation from these schools to Simmons Community Center!
BOZEMAN, PARKWAY, ILES & WHEATLEY
3:20-5:30 pm \$10/Week Youth Ages 6-12

MONTHLY CLASSES Join at any time!
Footprintz Dance ~ Monday/Wednesday 6 pm
Ages 6-18, \$25/month All styles!
Zumba ~ Tuesdays 6:30 pm, Saturdays 10 am
Teen-Adult, \$3/dass or \$20/month

February 10: Sweetheart's Dance

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Tony Brewer



Church News



From the Desk of Parson D.A. Smith
Santorum: "Elitist Snobbery"
 NY Times

Hey, I get it: Republicans have to reject and condemn virtually everything President Obama proposes, no matter how noble, to satisfy their base. This is our political predicament.

Rich Santorum, however, has followed that logic out the window. In New Hampshire last week Santorum accused President Obama of "elitist snobbery" and "hubris" for suggesting that "under my administration, every child should go to college."

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Who are you? Who are you to say that every child in America go... I mean the hubris of this president to think that he knows what's best for you. I... you know there is... seven kind. Maybe they'll all go to college. But, if one of my kids want to go and be an auto mechanic, good for him. That's a good-paying job-using your hands and using your mind. This is the kind of, he kind of snobbery that we see from those who think they know

how to run our lives. Rise up America. Defend your own freedoms.

First, the facts: I can't find a single instance where the president has actually said that. The president has consistently framed the discussion as one of making high school graduates both college-and career-ready. And even when speaking about learning after high school, he has often included both higher education and vocational training.

For instance, during a joint session of Congress in February 2009, the president said:

It will be the goal of this administration to ensure that every child has access to a complete and competitive education-from the day they are born to the day they begin a career. He continued: And so tonight, I ask every American to commit to at least one year or more of higher education or career training. This can be community college or a four-year school; vocational training or an apprenticeship.

A question, Rick: How does a person become an auto mechanic without either vocational training or an apprenticeship? Does he just string forth from

the womb knowing how to dip the transmission on a Dodge Durango? I didn't think so. Moving right along....

The president has called for the reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act and challenged states to "develop standards and assessments that will help America's children to the challenge of graduation from high school prepared for college and the workplace."

The president has also unveiled plans to help more students graduate from community college, a main tenet of his education agenda, saying,

We know that in the coming years, jobs requiring at least an associate degree are projected to grow twice as fast as jobs requiring no college experience. We will not fill those jobs or even keep those jobs here in America without the training offered by community colleges.

Now that we've established some facts, let's turn to the larger question: Is it a bad thing to want more students to be prepared for college, to have access to college and to in fact attend college? Of course not.

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We Thank God for Jesus
"FREE AT LAST FREE AT LAST!!!"

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

When the GOD BLESSED America: she had faith and plenty of love.

Now its under a Curse; called **I HAVE MY RIGHTS;** and now the land of **BLOOD.**

Isaiah 1:4a -- Yes, a sinful nation, a people laden with iniquity, a seed of evildoers, children that are Corrupters: they have forsaken the Lord.

It all started when the Christians marched; to give **MANKIND RIGHTS.** They disobeyed the **LAWS OF THE LAND;** now the children do it; **DAY AND NIGHT!!!**

II Peter 2:19 -- While they promise them liberty, they themselves are the servant of corruption: for of when a man is overcome, of the same he is brought in bondage.

The Christians follow a man; not **THE WORD OF GOD;** but **MAN'S DREAM!!!**

America is over run with unheard of **SINS;** AND **THIS NIGHTMARE; IS NO DREAM!!!**

Jeremiah 23:25-28 -- The Lord said, I have heard what the prophets said, that prophesy lies in my name, saying, I have dreamed, I have dreamed. How long shall this be in the heart of

the prophets that prophets lies? Yes, they are prophets of the deceit of their own heart; which think to cause my people to forget my name by their dreams which they tell everyman to his neighbor, as their father have forgotten my name for Ba'al. the prophet that have a dream, let him tell a dream; and he that have my word, let him speak my word faithfully (in truth). What is the chaff to the wheat? Said The Lord.

***** DREAMERS DO ROB GOD!!!*****

Then **ONE LADY** came with **HER RIGHT'S;** and took **PRAYER OUT OF SCHOOLS.**

Now **SCHOOLS** have **DRUGS, KILLINGS AND GUNS;** and I ask **WHO'S THE FOOLS???**

Romans 1:21-23a -- Because that, when they (**CHRISTIANS**) knew **GOD,** they glorified him not as **GOD,** neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations (dreamers), and their foolish heart was darkened. professing themselves to be wise, they **CHRISTIANS** became fools, and changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made like to cor-

ruptible man (M.L.K.)--- (A student was killed in **SCHOOL** in Brownville, Texas, he had **A RIGHT TO HAVE A PELLET GUN;** but didn't obey **THE LAW WHEN TOLD DROP THE GUN.** M.L.K. didn't have **MARCHING PERMIT AND WAS TOLD: NOT TO MARCH; WHICH ONE BROKE THE LAW???**

I Peter 2:13-14 -- Submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake: whether it be to the king, as supreme; Or unto governors, as unto them that are sent by him (**THE POLICEMAN**) for the punishment of evildoers, and for the praise of them that do well.

I let **JESUS HAVE MY RIGHTS;** now my life is ever so **SWEET, JESUS GAVE ME THE RIGHTS;** to put the **DEVIL; UNDER MY FEET.**

John 8:12 -- Jesus said, I am the light of the world: he that follow me shall not walk in darkness, but shall Have the light of life.

***** FREE AT LAST, FREE AT LAST, FREE AT LAST!!!*****

Didn't **NOBODY** have to give **Continue on Page 7**

St. Matthew's Baptist Church News

Church services begun at 10:00 a. m. last Sunday morning, January 15, 2012, at the St. Matthew Baptist Church, 2020 East 14th Street, where the proud pastor is Rev. Edward Canady.

Sunday School got underway at 10:10 a. m. with Assistant Superintendent Sister Onasanya presiding. The morning teacher was Sister Susie Davis. The morning lesson was reviewed by Pastor Canady.

The morning subject was

"Sharing Blessings." The Unifying Topic was "God Preserves A Ramant. The lesson passage was Genesis 45:3-15. The background passage was Genesis 42:1-38; 45:1-28.

The lesson text were: "Joseph Made Himself Known," Genesis 45:3; and "Joseph Acknowledged God's Plan," Genesis 45:4-15.

The main thought came from Genesis 45:8, KJV.

The morning devotional pe-

riod was conducted by Deacon and Sister Williams.

Pastor Canady entered with the song, "Welcome Holy Spirit," being sung. What a time!

The St. Matthew Baptist Church Choir sung the following selections: "Welcome Holy Spirit," "Search Me Lord," "Hosanna!", and a new song, "Behold The Lamb."

Minister John Wilkerson delivered a dynamic sermon. His subject was "Receiving What

God Has For You." His scripture text was Isaiah 55:6-11. His key verses were: I Corinthians 2:6; and II Timothy 2:15.

The Song of Inspiration was "A Clean Heart."

Among the visitors last Sunday morning was Sister Donna Kay Williams who was a guest of Sister Barbara Johnson.

Among those who are on the prayer list this week are: Pastor and Sister Canady who had

the passing of loved ones.

Let's also pray for Brother Dennis Saunders who lost a son, Darrell Saunders. Brother Dennis Saunders is the brother of our First Lady, Sister Shirley Canady, and Sister George Ann Hereford.

Pastor Canady had a first cousin to pass in Odessa on Wednesday, January 11, 2012, as well as a cousin in Cameron, Texas on Saturday, January 14, 2012.

Remember, God is able!

Here are the Weekly Meet-

ings at St. Matthew Baptist Church: Mission, on Wednesday evenings; Brotherhood, Wednesday, 6:00 p. m.; Bible Study, Wednesday, 6:00 p. m.; Choir Rehearsal, Friday, 5:00 p. m.; and Usher Meeting, Saturday mornings, 11:00 a. m.

The announcing clerk is First Lady Shirley Canady; and reporter, Barbara Johnson.

Thought of the Week: "Take the Lord along with you everywhere you go!"

Praise God!!!

Outreach Prayer Breakfast

The members and friends of the Outreach Prayer Breakfast want to share the names of God as they reveal the Nature of God. Here they are:

- Jehovah ah Elshaddai, God Our Supplier.
- Jehovah Nessi, God My Banner;
- Eloshim, God Our Creator;
- Jehovah Tridekence, God My Righteousness;
- Jehovah Repha, God My

- Healer;
- Jehovah Jirah, God My Provider;
- Jehovah Rahi, God My Shepherd;
- Jehovah, Our Eternal God;
- Jehovah Shalom, God My Peace;
- Jehovah-M Kadesh, God My Sanctifier;
- Jehovah Adonai, Master Lord;
- Jehovah Shammah, God The

Abiding Presence; and Jehovah M. Kadoesk, God My Sanctifier.

He's all of these names above and many, many more. He's God all by Himself!

Brother T. J. Patterson, God is a comforter.

Scriptures To Know
1 Corinthians 9:24-27

24 Know ye not that they which run in a race run all, but one receiveth the prize? So run,

that ye may obtain.

25 And every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a corruptible crown; but we an incorruptible.

26 I therefore so run, not as uncertainly; so fight I, not as one that beatech the air:

27 But I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway.

1 Corinthians 10:1-1

1 Moreover, brethren, I would

not that ye should be ignorant, how that all our fathers were under the cloud, and all passed through the sea;

2 And were all baptized unto Moses in the cloud and in the sea;

3 And did all eat the same spiritual meat.


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Obsequies

Robert Kyles Sr

Funeral services were held for Robert Kyles, Sr. Saturday morning, Jan. 7, 2012, at Mt. Gilead Baptist Church. Interment will follow in Resthaven Memorial Park under the direction of Griffin Mortuary.

Kyles Sr. "Daddy O," 74, of Lubbock passed away Friday, Dec. 30, 2011, at his residence. He was born June 12, 1937, to the Rev. Nathan and Gladys Ellis Kyles in Wharton, Texas. Robert worked for Gabert Steel Construction Company for 12 years; he also worked for Charles Auto Clinic.

He leaves to mourn his wife of 45 years, Josephine Kyles; one son, Minister Robert Kyles Jr.; five daughters, Patricia Sanders, Barbara Kyles (Anthony), Densie Kyles, Sandra Patterson (Lester) and Josie Kyles; one sister, Bennie Washington (Charles); two brothers, Willie Lee and Alfred Lee (Gloria); one special niece, Corine Norman; a special nephew, Charles Washington Jr.; one brother-in-law, Glen Dale Pearson; one sister-in-law, Evon Pearson; two very special friends, Mrs. Beverly Gilbert and Christopher Victor; 13 grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and a host of other relatives and friends.



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Rosa Lee Wilburn Slay

Funeral services were held Friday afternoon, Funeral Jan. 13, 2012, at Mt. Olive Baptist Church, Slaton.

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

Slay, 67, of Slaton passed away Wednesday, January 4, 2012, at Covenant Medical Center.

She was born February 24, 1944, to Noel and Mattie L. Haynes Wilburn. She was a domestic worker.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Roosevelt; sons; and her father, Noel Wilburn.

She leaves to cherish her



memory her mother, Mattie Wilburn; one aunt; two uncles; and a host of other relatives and friends.

Alene Gibbs Howard

Funeral services were held for Alene Gibbs Howard at Mt. Gilead Baptist Church, with Rev. J. J. Johnson, pastor, officiating on Saturday afternoon, January 14, 2012.

Interment followed in Peaceful Gardens under the direction of Ossie Curry Funeral Home

of Lubbock.

Howard, 83, of Lubbock died peacefully at Covenant Medical Center January 9, 2012, surrounded by family.

She was born April 5, 1928, in Marlin, Texas, to C.L. and Julia Ann Gibbs. The family later moved to Lubbock, Texas,

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The settlement announced Wednesday with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission is part of a national government crackdown on hiring policies that can hurt blacks and Hispanics.

EEOC officials said the company's policy of not hiring workers with arrest records disproportionately excluded more than 300 black applicants. The policy barred applicants who had been arrested, but not convicted of a crime, and denied employment to others who were convicted of minor offenses.



where she met and married Willie Ward Howard on Oct. 2, 1948. To this union, five children were born: Patsy Woodard, Gary Howard, Billy Howard, Glenda Jenkins and Darrion Howard.

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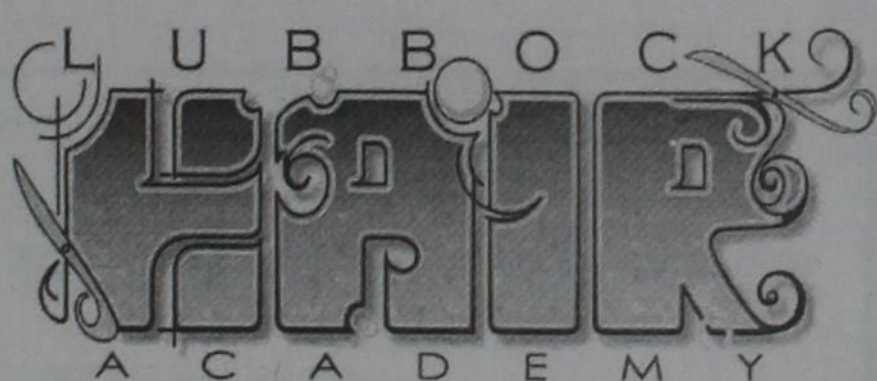
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By Renetta Howard

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We hear each day about how the economy is rebounding and growing. That is good news to hear. It is certainly my hope that it will continue to grow. It is my hope that more jobs will be created and more people will vanish from the unemployment rolls, not because they have used up all of their benefits but because they are gainfully employed.



Gainful employment along with a good credit record is what companies which grant loans to individuals for various reasons look for in an applicant. When one has these attributes it seems almost certain that one can obtain a loan. Guess again. This is not true today if you are attempting to purchase a home. It is especially not true if you are a member of a minority ethnic group.

Applicant "A" applied for a loan for a house valued at \$103,000 which he intended to purchase for a bargain at \$73,000. He was told that the house needed \$8,000 worth of repairs and only if these were done could he receive the \$73,000. If one deducted the \$8,000 assessed repairs from the total value of the house, it would still be valued at \$95,000 and he only wanted to borrow \$73,000. The loan was not granted because the owner would not make stated repairs.

Applicant "B" applied for a loan for \$75,000 to purchase a house valued at \$84,000 and was told that it needed \$6,000 worth of repairs before a loan could be granted. Minus the repair price, the house would still be valued at \$78,000, but without the repairs the loan would not be granted.

Owners of houses in this price range who attempt to sell their houses 'as is' are in a no win situation unless they get an offer from a buyer who is willing to pay cash for the house. It is definitely a buyer's market at this time, if the buyer has cash. Very

few owners are willing to fork up thousands of dollars to sell a house, which in these days are only bringing in a sale price which is often half the value of the property. The average homeowner selling a house knows what repairs may be necessary but appraisers who work for lending agencies hike the cost of any item which may need attention and look for areas to be inspected whether they seem adequate or not. An old house is treated as if it were new for loan purposes. It is easier to purchase a newly built structure and there are appraisers who can find something that needs to be added to it. The only brand new house that I ever owned, had to have a 220 wire added before FHA (Federal Housing Authority) would release the builder. In those days, codes were a lot less stringent than they are now.

Money is tight. Lenders are not lending. They are finding more ways to make sure that their income is much greater than what they spend or lend. The interest rate for home purchases is at an all-time low but nowhere as low as interest paid on savings accounts at banks which is near nothing. We need to get 'in cinque' and save more to purchase what we want without loans and credit. Maybe when we can do that, we will be able to have some leverage with the money businesses.

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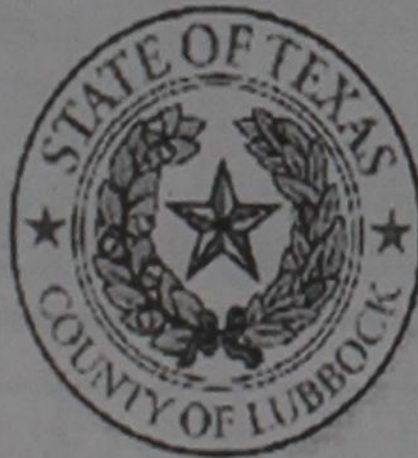
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What originally started out as a bake sale in 1917, has turned into a sophisticated leadership program where girls learn 5 valuable life and business skills - financial literacy, goal setting, people skills, decision making and business ethics. The 5 Skills girls learn through the Girl Scout Cookie Program are an important ingredient in the Girl Scout Leadership Experience. They shape a girl's future, allowing her to realize her full potential and develop her own personal leadership style. Many successful businesswomen and community leaders say they got their start selling Girl Scout Cookies.

Cookie booths will be set up

at local retailers including but not limited to: United Supermarkets, Wal-Mart, Sam's Club, Lowe's, Tom Thumb and Kroger. Haven't seen a booth? Just visit www.girlscoutcookies.org and use our new Booth Locator or request that a local Girl Scout contact you to take your order! All cookies are \$3.50 per box, with all proceeds benefiting local Girl Scout troops. Girl Scouts of Texas Oklahoma Plains offers eight cookies this year and they all contain zero trans fat per serving. Our eight yummy cookies are Caramel deLites, Thin Mints, Peanut Butter Patties, Shout Outs!, Peanut Butter Sandwich, Lemonades, Thanks-A-Lots, and Shortbread cookies in a special 100th Anniversary packaging. Our supplier, ABC Bakers, did not introduce a new cookie this year, and instead focused on highlighting the Shortbread cookies - the one that started it all!

The Girl Scout Cookie Program is so much more than just a way for Girl Scouts to raise money for their troops. Everything girls do in Girl Scouting is designed to help them grow into leaders of Courage, Confidence, and Character. The public anticipates the few weeks of the year when their cravings for Thin Mints are fulfilled, but to mil-

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The Girl Scout Cookie Program is girl-led and one of the few youth-oriented programs in the country providing its participants the ability to decide how to direct the proceeds generated through their business activity, whether it's for a science program, trip, community service project or a unique goal designed by the girls. Don't miss this delicious way to support 100 years of Girl Scouting!

Counties in the Lubbock Region include: Bailey, Borden, Cochran, Crosby, Dawson, Dickens, Floyd, Garza, Hale, Hockley, Lamb, Lubbock, Lynn, Motley, Swisher, Terry and Yoakum. For more information on Cookies, our 100th Anniversary or how to join, volunteer or donate to the Girl Scouts, call 800-530-4957 or visit www.gs-top.org.

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This week is a new group of individuals who are wanted. They are replacing those who have been arrested. Your help is needed in this special effort. Jerry Brownell Jr. has been arrested.



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Hair- Brown, Eyes- Hazel
Charge- Fail/Stop/Render
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Clemons, Calvin E
Black, Male, 6'02", 205
lbs, Hair- Black, Eyes- Brown
Charge- DWI W/Child U 15
Years
Warrant #- 2009421993



Cruz, Joe Jr.
Hispanic, Male, 5'07", 180
lbs, Hair- Black, Eyes- Brown
Charge- Poss. Prohibited
Weapon
Warrant #- 2006414324



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



Guitron, Alfredo
Hispanic, Male, 5'09, 185
lbs, Hair- Black, Eyes- Brown
Charge- Contempt Of Child
Support Order
Warrant #- 2009548916



Euresti, Scott A
Hispanic, Male, 5'08", 210
lbs, Hair- Black, Eyes- Brown
Charge- Proh. C.S. In Correc-
tional Facility
Warrant #- 2008419603



Dean, Brittany N
Black, Female, 5'06", 180 lbs.
- Hair - Black, Eye -Brown.
Charge- Agg. Asslt W/Deadly
Weapon
Warrant #- 2009422084

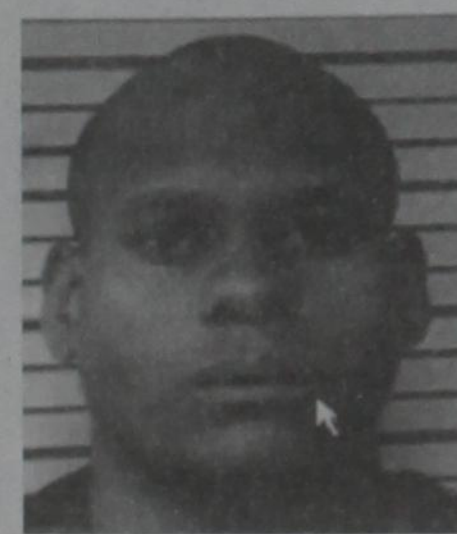


Cantu, Corinna
Hispanic, Female, 5'08", 165
lbs, Hair- Brown, Eyes-
Brown. Charge- PCS PG1
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- Caffey, Jennifer J
White, Female, 5'09", 125
lbs - Hair- Blond, Eyes-
Blue. Charge- PCS PG1 <1G
Warrant #- 201042617

Timothy Nathan Wanted!



This young man, Timothy Nathan, is wanted. A \$500.00 Reward is given. Do you know where he is? If you do, then contact local authorities.

One of Twelve Chosen To Write for Telegram

Renetta Howard is a native of Illinois but has also resided in Lubbock. She is a widow with one daughter and two grandchildren, who are also residents of Fort Worth. Howard is a retired social worker and public school teacher. Her educational background includes a B.A. degree from Jarvis Christian College, an M.A. degree in social science from Atlanta University and an M.A. degree in educational administration and supervision from Chicago State University. She is currently a freelance writer who contributes to weekly newspapers in several states.



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With gripping story lines that shed light on the devastation

New Light Baptist Church News

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and its printed scripture text coming from Genesis 37:4-6;8;19-27;30-34 & 45:4-7. A song was sung after the sermon by the choir. after the sermon.

There was the invitation to discipleship which was acknowledged and several came up for prayer.

Prayer changes things. We need to pray in season and out of season. Pray without ceasing. Its hard to stumble when you are on your knees. Pray in the morning, noon and night.

SCRIPTURE FOR THE WEEK: "True success is found in glorifying God wherever He places us.. Genesis 41:52.

Parson Smith

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As the Washington Post pointed out in September, an Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development report released that month found that America's global rank in college completion among young is slipping. Instead of gaining ground, the United States has fallen from 12th to 16th in the share of adults age 25 to 35 holding degrees. It trails global leaders South Korea, Canada and Japan and is mired in the middle of the pack among developed nations.

The writer noted that it sounded to him like the president's plan is designed to address this. But then again, he thought he might be applying regular logic, not "I hate-Obama, stick-my-fingers-in-my-ears, say 'la-la-la-la'" logic. Oh, the hubris and elitist snobbery of wanting a more educated, more highly employed work force.

Thanks to the writer of the NY Times for letting us see a man who is not fit to be President of the United States.

drugs, sub-standard education, and polarizing politics play in impoverished urban areas, Jae S. Blaque is a refreshingly new voice to the urban literature genre.

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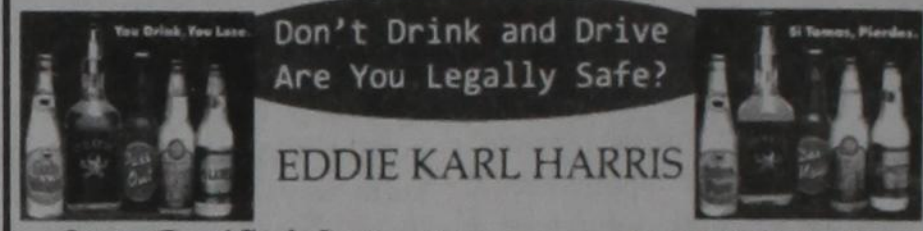
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mother, H. S. and Elnora Hutchinson; sisters, Sarah Blocker and Sandra "Tootsie" McKenzie; and brother, Norvell Hutchinson.

She married T. J. Patterson, Sr. on September 19, 1960 at Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church, with the late Rev. A. W. Wilson officiating. To this his union, four children were born: Avis Elise, T. J., Jr., Shelia Renee, and Clifford Ray Patterson.

Most of her life, Mrs. Patterson always encouraged young people to stay in school and prepare themselves for a better life.

During her earlier years, she sung in the Dunbar Combo, under the direction of the late Roy Roberts.

She also was a participant of the Radio Community Choir, under the direction of Levi Lenley. This choir traveled to Denver, Colorado and participated all over the city.

She retired from the Lubbock Independent School District while working at the Estacado High School in 2003.

One of her high lights was when the Lubbock City Council, under the direction of Victor Hernandez, added her name to the library. Today, it bears the name as Bobbie Gean & T. J. Patterson Branch Library.

Also, she has been excited over the Bobbie Gean & T. J. Patterson Scholarship Fund at Texas Tech University with the help of Each One Reach One,

where Faye Brown is the president. Last year, six young people received a scholarship.

In lieu of flowers, funds are asked to be sent to this address:

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She is survived by her husband of 51 years, T. J. Patterson, Sr.; three children: Avis Elise Patterson; Shelia Renee Patterson-Harris; and T. J. Patterson, Jr. of Mansfield, Texas; five grandchildren, namely; Zairreus Patterson of Riverside, California, Marcus Williams (Manuella) of Houston, Texas; Asya Harris of Lubbock; Lauren Patterson and T. J. Patterson, III, both of Mansfield, Texas; one great-grandchild, Nathan Williams of Houston, Texas; other relatives and friends.

Lubbock Library Events

Learn to Knit at Groves Branch Library

Come to the Groves Branch Library, 5520 19th Street, and learn the basics of Continental style knitting on Tuesday, January 24 at 6:30 p.m. Bring size 8 knitting needles and worsted weight yarn. For more information, please call the library at 767-3733.

Book Discussion at Patterson Branch Library

The Left-to-Right Book Discussion Group will meet at the Patterson Branch Library, 1836 Parkway Drive, on Saturday, January 28 at 2 p.m. We will be discussing "Secret Obsessions" by Kimberla Lawson Roby. For more information, please call the library at 767-3300.

Thank God For Jesus
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up their SEAT, ON THE CITIBUS; MY FREEDOM came from heaven; GOD SAID THAT'S ENOUGH.

Didn't NOBODY have to get HIT; with the policeman's BILLY CLUB, MY FREEDOM came when GOD GAVE HIS ONLY BELOVE.

(JESUS WAS OBE-DI-ENCE UNTO DEATH; HE GAVE HIS LIFE FOR ME; I WAS NEVER; NEVER; A SLAVE TO THE WHITE MAN!!! BUT ONLY TO SIN; IT ENSLAVED ME; BUT NOW I AM FREE!!!)

Didn't NOBODY have to get BIT; by the policeman's DOGS, MY FREEDOM came from CALVARY; on that OLD RUGGED CROSS.

Didn't NOBODY have to get SPRAYED; with the FIRE-MAN'S WATER HOSE; MY FREEDOM came that SUN-DAY MORNING; WHEN JESUS CHRIST ROSE!!!

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**Former Lubbockite:
Mary Cofield
Sought Centerville City Council**



Mary Cofield

Centerville, Texas — If you would ask a former Lubbockite about seeking public office, she would tell you it's worth it.

Mary Cofield ran for Centerville, Texas City Councilwoman in the last election. The City of Centerville held a special City election on November 8, 2011 for two Council vacancies. Out of a total of 84 votes with 100% of precincts reporting Hilda Adams and Tony Boykin emerged victorious, respectively. Mary Cofield is a former resident of Lubbock. Her family members are: the Rollison, Barber, Parks, Lenord and Lusk

She is a retired educator who currently resides in Centerville, Texas and continues to keep

busy with her involvement in the Community.

She is a Member of Texas Agri Life Family, Centerville Economic Development, Consumer Science Committee, and is a Leon County Master Gardener.

City of Centerville, City Council Precincts Reporting: 100%

Hilda Adams	31	36%
Tony Boykin	29	34%
Mary Cofield	24	28%
Total Votes: 84		

Mary Cofield didn't win the post, but won a lot of confidence to continue to stand up for what she really believes. She advises, "If you believe in something then do your very best to accomplish it. Don't give up!"

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Judge: Local KKK Store Is Black Church's Property

Columbia, SC — After a lengthy legal battle between a black South Carolina church and members of the Ku Klux Klan, a judge has ruled that the church owns a building where KKK robes and T-shirts are sold.

A circuit judge ruled last month that New Beginnings Baptist Church is the rightful owner of the building that houses the Redneck Shop, which operates a so-called Klan museum and sells Klan robes and T-shirts emblazoned with racial slurs. The judge ordered the shop's proprietor to pay the church's legal bills of more than \$3,300.

Since 1996, the Redneck Shop has operated in an old movie theater in Laurens, a city about 70 miles northwest from Columbia that was named after 18th century slave trader Henry Laurens.

Ownership of the building was transferred in 1997 to the Rev. David Kennedy and his church, New Beginnings, by a Klansman fighting with others inside the hate group, according to court records. That man, according to Kennedy, was feuding with store proprietor John Howard over a woman and "developed a spiritual relationship"

with Kennedy's church, the judge wrote.

But a clause in the deed entitles Howard, formerly KKK grand dragon for the Carolinas, to operate his business in the building until he dies.

After years of trying to have the property inspected, Kennedy and New Beginnings sued Howard and others in 2008. On Dec. 9, a judge ruled in Kennedy's favor.

Reached on his cell phone, Howard said he did not know about the judge's decision and deferred comment to his attorney, who did not immediately return a message.

It wasn't immediately clear if the judge's ruling would mean Howard must close the shop. Howard hung up on a reporter when asked about the shop's status, but an outgoing message on the shop's answering machine said it's only open one morning a week.

Howard has defended his business in the past.

"If anything turns people off, they shouldn't come in here," Howard told The Associated Press in 2008. "It's not a thing in here that's against the law."

Mark Blankenship Appointed to Board of Trustees



Mark Blankenship

The Lubbock Independent School District Board of Trustees interviewed all five applicants who had expressed interest in filling the unexpired term of Chris Comer during a called meeting Monday morning, January 16, 2012. Following deliberations in closed session, the board appointed local attorney Mark Blankenship.

Blankenship is a managing

partner of the law firm Crenshaw, Dupree & Milam, LLP. He and his wife Kim have three children in Lubbock ISD.

School Board President James Arnold said, "We were overwhelmed with the quality and depth of the applicants. They were all extremely qualified and all interviewed well. At the conclusion of the interviews, Mark's knowledge of the school district and his experience as a volunteer set him apart."

LISD Superintendent Dr. Karen Garza said, "I was impressed with the caliber of all the candidates and we appreciate their interest in serving in this capacity. I look forward to working with Mr. Blankenship and am confident that he will be an asset to the board and to our community."

Blankenship will likely be sworn in at the Board's next meeting on January 26, 2012. He will represent District 3 and plans to run in the special election to be held in May 2012.

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