



# Southwest Digest



## GOD BLESS AMERICA



### Community Meetings

- \* Lubbock Area Client Council meets on the 2nd Saturday, 1:00 pm at the Patterson Branch Library, 1836 Parkway Drive.
- \* Hub City Kiwanis meets 1st & 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7 p. m., Mt. Vernon UMC, East 23rd & Cedar Avenue
- \* Dunbar Alumni Association meets 2nd Saturdays, 4:00 pm.
- \* Booker T. W Washington American Legion, Post 808, meets every 2nd Tuesday at 7:30 pm, American Legion Building in Yellowhouse Canyon.
- \* Forgotten West Riders meets on the 1st & 3rd Mondays, 7:00 pm, Patterson Branch Library.
- \* East Lubbock Chapter AARP meets every 1st Thursday at 1:00 pm, Mae Simmons Senior Citizens.
- \* Lubbock Chapter of Black Alumni meets every 3rd Tuesday, 5:30 pm, TTU Market Alumni Center.
- \* Dunbar Manhattan Heights Neighborhood Association meets every 1st Thursday at 7:00 pm and every 4th Thursday at 7:00 pm at the Dunbar Manhattan Heights Neighborhood Outreach Center, 1301 E. 24th Street.
- \* West Texas Native American Association Pot Luck Supper meets on alternating months prior to meeting, meetings held on 2nd Saturdays of each month at 7:00 pm, Educational presentations and demonstrations.
- \* The Unified Juneteenth Commission of Lubbock meets every Monday evening at Patterson Library, 1834 Parkway Drive, beginning at 6:00 p. m.
- \* West Texas Chapter of 100 Black Men of West Texas meets 3rd Monday evenings at 7:00 pm at Lanier Center, 2nd Floor, TTU Law Center.
- \* The Parkway & Cherry-Point Neighborhood Association meets the 3rd Tuesday evenings, 7:30 pm at Hunt Elementary School.
- \* Chatman Hill Neighborhood Association meets 2nd Thursday of every month at 6:00 pm at Iles Elementary Cafeteria.

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

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### Four Hundred Were In Attendance at Patterson Library's Fun Day on Saturday, August 6, 2013

The Bobbie Gean and T.J. Patterson Branch Library held their annual Family Fun Day on August 6, 2013. Family Fun Day is held every year in August at the end of the Summer Reading Program.

It is a great way to introduce newcomers to the various resources available at their local branch. It is also a way to inform residents of the community of all the various programs and

events at the library. There were an estimated 400 people in attendance this year. There were bounce houses, games, hot dogs and drinks. Bags filled with library information, school supplies, books, coloring books, toys and candy were given away. There were also 28 door prizes given away this year. The grand prize was a Nextbook Tablet. The success of this event

would not have been possible without the support of Friends of the Library, Literacy Lubbock, our volunteers, and these sponsors: United Supermarkets and the UCrew, RC Taylor, Frito Lay, P.S. from Aeropostale, Barnes and Noble, Kleen Tech, City of Lubbock Facilities Maintenance, and City of Lubbock Parks and Recreation. Photos courtesy of the Bobbie Gean & T. J. Patterson Library.



**A PORTION OF THE 400 IN ATTENDANCE:** Pictured above is a portion of the 400 boys, girls, parents, and volunteers who were in attendance of mFamily Fun Day at the Bobbie Gean & T. J. Patterson Library on Saturday afternoon, August 6, 2013. What a time!!

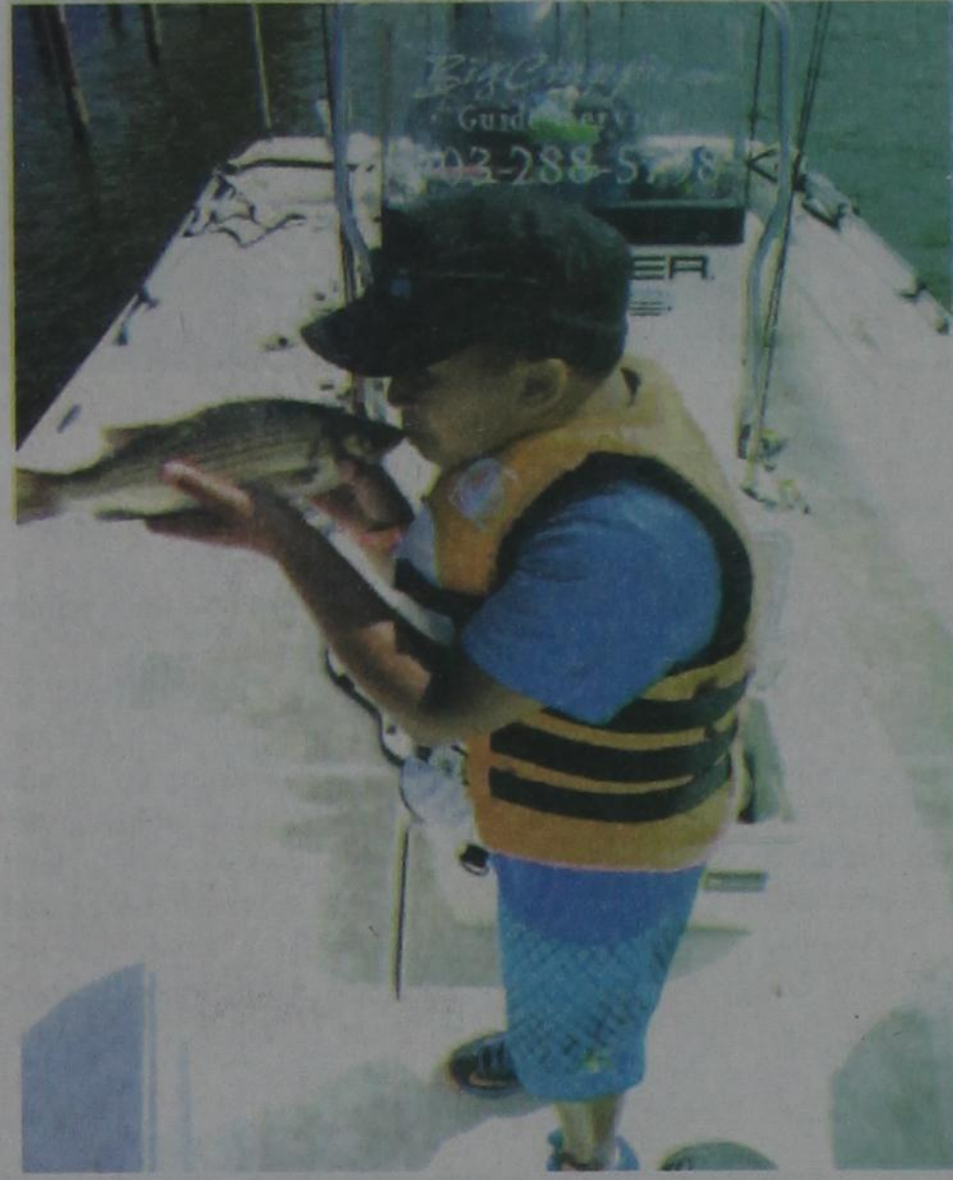
### Mr. & Mrs. A. D. Pine Married 75 Years



Mr. & Mrs. A. D. Pine

For three scores and five years, A. D. and Edna Pine have been married. They married July 30, 1938 in Marlin, Texas and have had a very productive life. Both will tell you of the goodness of God. Brother and Sister Pine have been very active the St. James Baptist Church, where their pastor is the Rev. Johnnie L. Barnes. Sister Pine has been active in

the Senior Missionary Society. She has been active as a Prayer Band Leader. Brother Pine has been president of the St. James Baptist Church Brotherhood for many years. He sung in the choir for many years. They are parents of a daughter, Earnestine Pine. They are excited of what they can do for God. The always praising God for what He does.



**KALEB DUNN, left, is shown with his prize catch, a Striper Bass, caught on Saturday, August 3, 2013, at the Cedar Creek in Gun Barrel City, Texas, 30 miles south of Dallas. It was a 'father and son vacation trip.' His father, Deddricke Dunn, was more excited than his son. "It was an outstanding trip," said Deddricke Dunn.**

Kaleb is a fourth grader at Cooper North Elementary School, and is excited about school beginning in a few weeks. "I really had very good time," smiled an excited 9 year old Kaleb. Father and son caught 30 thirty Striper Bass. As you can see, it is always true that a true fisherman always kisses his fish. (Photo Courtesy of Deddricke Dunn)

### Lincoln Douglass Scholarship Funds Still Available For Students

This is notification that funds are still available for area high school graduates aspiring to attend college. The funds are made possible by the Lincoln Douglass Committee. Applications have been placed at the Mahon and Patterson libraries, and the deadline for sub-

mitting applications is August 20, 2013. Please contact Rose Wilson (763-1807) or Bennie Williams (744-6508). Scholarship money will be disbursed to the school of choice after the committee selects the student and proof of enrollment is received.

### Honor Flight To Announce This Week For Flight To Washington, D. C.

The Texas South Plains Honor Flight will announce plans for this year's trip to Washington, D.C., at the Silent Wings Museum, 6202 North Interstate 27. The Texas South Plains Honor Flight will fly U.S. military veterans, particularly those from World War II and Korea, to Washington in order for them to see the monuments to their ef-

ports as well other important venues. Because the event is an all-expenses-paid trip for the American Heroes from the South Plains, volunteers are working to raise the almost \$200,000 that will be needed to underwrite the event. Continue on Page 7

### Rev. & Mrs. DeShun Avery Will Celebrate 5th Appreciation Banquet



Pastor Deshun & Mary Avery

An elegant affair, which is the 5th Appreciation Banquet for Pastor Deshun and Mary Avery, pastor and wife of the First Progressive Baptist Church, will be held Friday evening, August 16, 2013, beginning at 7:00 p. m., at the KoKo Palace, 5101 Avenue Q. Guest speaker will be Pastor Michael Hudson of the New Life House of Praise. A dynamic speaker, Pastor Avery is proud of this opportunity being devolved for him and his wife. "It is just great when you have church members who show their love with such outstanding programs as this appreciation banquet," said Pastor Avery. For more information about his 5th Appreciation Banquet, contact either Sister Connie Westbrook at (806) 543-7228 or Sister Ruby Simmons at (806) 283-8104, or any member of First Progressive Baptist Church.

### District 2 Town Hall Meeting Set

Lubbock ISD Board of Trustees member Vernita Woods-Holmes will host a Town Hall Meeting for residents of District 2 at 6:30 p.m. on Monday evening, August 19 at Alderson Elementary School, 219 Walnut Avenue.

LISD Superintendent Berhl Robertson, Jr., Ed.D., will also attend. A map of District 2 can be found on the LISD Web site or by following this link: <http://lubbockisd.org/modules/cms/pages.phtml?sessionid=64c06799da15b0a577cb3d7f3d34eebc&pageid=143398&sessionid=64c06799da15b0a577cb3d7f3d34eebc>. "Since school will begin Monday, August 26, 2013, we wanted our parents and citizens to come and visit with Superintendent Robertson," said Ms. Holmes. For more information, contact Nancy Sharp, 766-1062 or 806-786-1363

### Greater St. Luke Missionary Baptist Church 30th Homecoming Celebration

The Greater St. Luke Missionary Baptist Church, 306 E. 26th St., where the pastor is Rev. J. H. Ford is celebrating its 30th Homecoming on August 18, 2013 at 3:00 p.m. The theme is "Coming Home to our Family, United in Praise, Psalms 122. We are inviting everyone to come and celebrate with us. For more information please call 806-744-2764.



## Actress Raven Symone Confirms She's Gay; Thanks Government Now That She Can Get Married



Actress Raven Symone

Actress Raven Symone recently confirmed her sexual preference as she celebrated the legalization of same-sex marriage when she tweeted "I can finally get married." That message has since been retweeted thousands of times, and many are sending her messages of support and admiration.

Symone, 27, had been rumored to be gay, but had never publicly confirmed it. She did, however, make this statement once via her Twitter account:

"My sexual orientation is mine, and the person I'm dating to know. I'm not one for a public display of my life."

She also recently told E! News: "I am very happy that gay marriage is opening up around the country and is being accepted. I was excited to hear today that more states legalized gay marriage. I, however am not currently getting married, but it is great to know I can now, should I wish.

## Parks And Recreation Hosts 9th Annual K-9 SplashFest

Calling all dogs! Clapp Pool will again be hosting the K-9 SplashFest on Sunday, August 18, 2013 from 1:00-5:00 p.m. Sponsored by Parks and Recreation, this popular event allows people and their dogs to swim together in Clapp Pool. Dogs can compete in three different contests: Swim Suit Competition, Diving and Retrieving contests. Prizes will be awarded in each event. Door prizes and concessions will be available!

Dogs must be up-to-date on their rabies vaccination and have with them a 2013 rabies tag or certificate from a veterinarian. Dogs must be on leash, and aggressive dogs or dogs in heat are not allowed.

City of Lubbock Animal Services will host a booth at this event and will be providing microchips for dogs! Microchips are the best way to ensure that a lost pet is reunited with their owners. Cost is \$10 per dog!

Clapp Pool is located inside K. N. Clapp Park at 46th Street and Avenue U. Admission fees for participants are \$2.50 for adults and \$2 for youth 17 or younger. Dogs get in free! For more information, contact 775-2673.

## City Pools Close Monday, August 19

With summer winding down, the Parks and Recreation department will be closing all City pools for the swim season on Monday, August 19, 2013. The last day the pools will be open is on Sunday, August 18, from 1:00-6:00 p.m. Pools include Maxey Pool, Montelongo Pool and Simmons Pool. Clapp Pool is hosting the annual K-9 SplashFest from 1:00-5:00 p.m. on August 18.

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## Dr. Conrad Murray, Michael Jackson's Doctor, To Be Released Early From Prison

Dr. Conrad Murray, the former doctor of pop star Michael Jackson, will be released from a Los Angeles County Jail on October 28th, three years ahead of schedule. A source close to the Jackson family says they are "devastated" that he is getting an early release.

In November 2011, Murray was sentenced to four years in prison on involuntary manslaughter charges. In 2009, he allegedly gave Jackson a fatal overdose of Propofol, a sleeping anesthetic, to help him prepare for his "This is It" comeback tour.

So just why is Murray getting out early? According to legal analysts, Murray is receiving an early release because of good behavior and a overfilled jail system. "He has been a model inmate and the authorities have



Dr. Conrad Murray

granted him an early release due to that good behavior and the overcrowded California jail system," comments a friend of his.

Michael's mother Katherine Jackson, commented, "It is not right I will never be able to see my son again, while his mother can see him."

Regarding the early release,

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Pictured above are the 2013 - 2014 Student Officers at Estacado High School. The Southwest Digest wishes them the very best in all they accomplish together! CONGRATULATIONS!!

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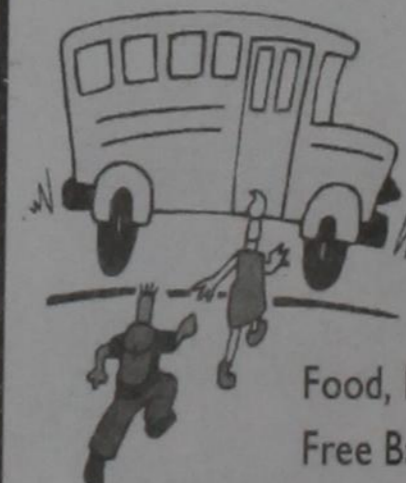
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# Church News



## From the Desk of Parson D.A. Smith NAACP Mourns Death Of William (Bill) Lynch, Jr.!!

New York, New York — The NAACP mourns the loss of civil rights leader and New York City political adviser William (Bill) Lynch, Jr. Lynch was a mentor and adviser to many prominent politicians and causes in New York City and across the nation, including many leaders in the NAACP. He passed away Friday afternoon.

"Bill Lynch always embodied the spirit of the NAACP," stated NAACP Chairman Roslyn M. Brock. "He was a tireless worker, dedicated to social justice, and never sought the spotlight. He will truly be missed, but his legacy lives on in the many young organizers and activists he mentored."

"Bill was the godfather of the black organizers in the civil and human rights movement in the United States. He was also my personal mentor," stated NAACP President and CEO Benjamin Todd Jealous. "In the fifteen years I knew Bill, there was not a single major decision I made that I did not consult him on. He was a leader's leader, the one to whose judgment we all deferred."

"He made David Dinkins the first black mayor of New York City, David Patterson the first black governor of New York, and paved the way for the first black president of the United States," added Jealous. "He fostered an immeasurable role in playing the spirit of cooperation that defines the relationships between major civil rights leaders and between the civil rights movement and the labor movement. Bill may have been the greatest living organizer still active in our times."

"Not many men would embrace a young street kid that never graduated college but believed he could change the world," stated NAACP Region 2 Director Marvin Bing. "Bill was like a father I never had, he believed in me when many laughed. He walked me through my mistakes and gave me confidence. He always said keep organizing and be true to the community. I will spend many nights crying but I will do my best to live up to the Rumbled Genius mission — to bring economic justice and social change to people and places where they

never believed they had a chance. I will always love him and remember him."

"This is a sad day, not just for the Lynch family but for me and for the country as a whole," stated NAACP New York State Conference's Political Advice Dukes. "Bill's political hazel and wisdom has reached across this nation. He was a compassionate, visionary individual who leaves a void for us in the community, but we will continue to carry on his legacy by doing the things he taught us."

Lynch spent several decades advising political candidates and mentoring young organizers in New York City. Some of his clients have included Nelson Mandela, Dinkins and Patterson. During the 1990's he served in Mayor Dinkins' cabinet as Deputy Mayor for Intergovernmental Relations. In 1999, he founded the political consulting firm Bill Lynch Associates, LLC (BLA), where he has served as chairman since its founding. In 2013 the NAACP created an award in his honor.

Founded in 1909, the NAACP is  
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## We Thank God for Jesus

### "The Slaves In America"

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

Romans 6:12-13a; 16 -- Let not sin thereof reign in your mortal body that you should obey it in the lusts thereof. Neit her yield your members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin, but yield yourselves unto God. Know you not, that to who you yield yourselves to obey, his servants you are to who you obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness.

Isaiah 58:1 -- CRY aloud, spare not, lift up your voice like a trumpet, and show my people their transgression. She doesn't know SHE'S A SLAVE, WHEN SHE KICKED GOD OUT, AND THAT'S THE REASONS WHY!!!

Hosea 4:6 -- The Lord said, My people are destroyed for the lack of knowledge. I will also reject you that you shall no priest to me, seeing you have forgotten the law of your God. I will also forget your children.

AMERICA says she's a HOLY NATION, BUT LOOK AROUND, THAT'S A LIE. SHE SAYS, I'M LIKE GOD,

AND CAN MAKE MY OWN DECISIONS. I'M SMART. THAT'S ANOTHER LIE!!!

Isaiah 55:8-9 -- For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, said the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.

(AMERICA'S SLAVE TRADES: SORTS, INTRINET, TV, CIGARETTES, CARS, SEX, AND MANY OTHERS!!!)

AMERICA IS A SLAVE TO ALCOHOL, and she does DRINK HER FILL. Even many CHRISTIANS DRINK IT, ND IT CAUSES CANCER, AND CANCER WILL KILL!!!

I Corinthians 3:16 -- Know you not that you are temple of God, and the Spirit of God dwells in you? If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy: for the temple of God is Holy, which Temple are you?

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PORNOGRAPHY, and it's a BILLION DOLLAR GAME. IT'S IN OUR CHILDREN'S LIVES, AND THERE IS NO SHAME, SHAME, SHAME!!!

(AMERICA, HOMOSEXUAL IS A NO. HOMOSEXUAL IS A NO. THERE IS NO LONG TURN ENGAGEMENT LIKE 40-60 OR 70 YEARS TOGETHER!!!)

Genesis 1:28a -- God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, subdue it. (YOU ARE A MAN -- AND THAT HANGS DOWN BETWEEN YOUR LEGS. GO PUT IT THERE TO BRING FORTH FRUIT. YOU ARE A WOMAN, and that split god put between your legs. IT IS TO SLIDE FRUIT FROM IT!!!)

AMERICA IS A SLAVE TO HOROSCOPE, and will BELIEVE THE LIE IT TELLS. BUT TO READ THE BIBLE, EVERYDAY. IT WILL MAKE ONE HEALTH WEALTHY AND WELL!!!

Isaiah 26:3-4 -- You will  
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# St. Matthew's Baptist Church News

Again, Church services were well attended at the St. Matthew Baptist Church, 2020 East 14th Street, on last Sunday morning, August 11, 2013, where the proud pastor is Rev. Edward Canady.

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

The teacher, Sister Susie Davis, taught the lesson, and all agreed she did a splendid job.

Thank God for Sister Davis!!

The subject for the morning lesson was "Admitting Short Comings." The Unifying Topic was "Community of Confession." The main thought was found in Nehemiah 9:2, (KJV).

Our proud pastor entered the Church with the choir singing: "Because of Who You Are."

The morning sermon was delivered by our Pastor. His subject was "Lord, Save Me." His scripture text was Matthew

14:27-30.

The morning announcements were read by our First Lady, Sister Shirley Canady. She always does a wonderful job.

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

The Missionary Society meets at 5:00 p. m. on Wednesdays. There is always very constructive discussions.

Bible Study is held every Wednesday evening at 6:00

p. m. Come be with us as we discuss God's Word.

Choir Rehearsal is held every Friday afternoon, beginning at 2:00 p. m. Your precious voice is needed.

The Ushers meet every Saturday morning at 11:00 a. m. Our Ushers are always working hard as they are the door keepers of the St. Matthew Baptist Church.

Remember if you are a member of any of the meetings, we will be looking forward to see-

ing you.

Let us continue to pray for those who are sick and shut-in members and residents of the community. Today, it may be them, but tomorrow it could be you or I. Remember prayer changes all things.

If you are looking for a Church Home, then you are invited to come and visit with our members and Pastor Canady. You will be glad you did so!

The St. Matthew Baptist Church is in need of a Pianist. If

you are interested in it, then call (806) 744-2445.

Your help is most appreciative. If you know of someone, then advise Pastor Canady.

The Mission Department will sponsor a Bake Sale on September 8, 2013. It will be held at Kings Grocery & Paul's Barber Shop. Please come by and visit our Bakery. It will begin at 8:00 a. m. until.

**Thought For The Week:**  
"We owed a debt we couldn't pay, but Jesus paid a debt he didn't owe."

## Outreach Prayer Breakfast

The Glorious New Creation  
Isaiah 65:17-21, 23-25

Golden Text: "For, behold, I create new heavens and a new earth: and the former shall not be remembered, nor come into mind. But be ye glad and rejoice for ever in that which I create: for, behold, I create Jerusalem a rejoicing, and her people a joy" (Isaiah 65:17-18).

We have become so accustomed to living in a fallen world that we cannot imagine what nature and society will be like when Jesus returns to make all things new. Our minds are con-

ditioned to expect disappointment and disaster. We have come to think of our imperfect world as normal. Daily newscasts are filled with unspeakable crimes, immoral perversions, and corrupt governments. Train derailments, automobile accidents, and plane crashes occur with distressing regularity. As we get older, we watch an increasing number of our peers disappear from the earthly scene. We also see the lives of infants and youths tragically shortened by disease, crime, war, and accidents. However, this week's lesson tells us that

these conditions will not last forever. Under the rule of the Messiah, the redemptive work He began at His first advent will

yield its final fruit.

Let us continue to thank God for the many programs made

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possible by the Outreach Prayer Breakfast over these many years. We are happy with what the officers of this organization has done to bring information about Almighty God. Many of those officers and

members have passed on, but will never be forgotten.

When we think of the courage of Sister Dorothy Hood, we just thank God for what she has done over these years!!

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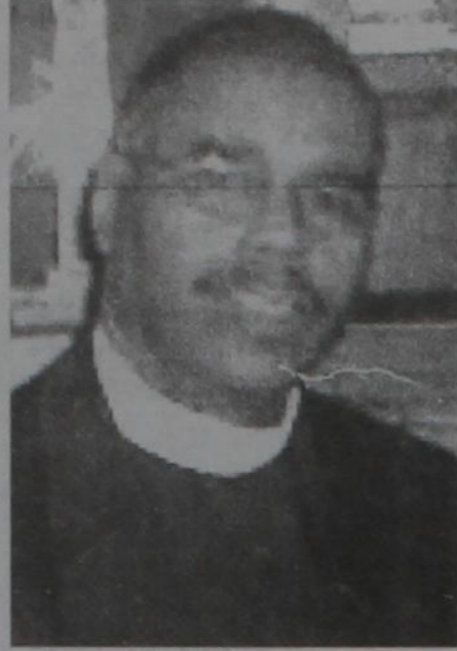
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# Obsequies

## Reverend Ronnie Sneed

Houston, Texas -- Funeral services were held for a former resident of Lubbock, Texas, Reverend Ronnie Sneed, on Wednesday morning, June 5, 2013, at the Metropolitan CME Church with Reverend Dr. J. J. Jackson, III, Presiding Elder, Houston District, officiated. Reverend Trever Barnett, Presiding Elder, Beaumont-Nacogdoches District, was eulogist. Reverend Dr. Bobby R. Best, host pastor.



He was born August 24, 1953 to Embry and Webber Sneed in Lubbock. He attended Mary & Mac Private School and public schools in Lubbock and graduated with honors from Dunbar High School in 1971. He came to Christ at an early age and united with Carter Chapel Christian Methodist Episcopal Church where he was baptized by the late Rev. Monroe Woods. He earned a Bachelor's degree in computer engineering with honors from Texas Tech University. He relocated to Houston in 1987.

He was also an honors graduate with a Bachelor's and Master's degree in Theology from Slidell Baptist Seminary. He graduated Magna Cum Laude from Texas Southern University with a Bachelor of Business Administration degree in account-

ing where he served as President of Beta Alpha Psi accounting fraternity and as an active member of Beta Gamma Sigma honors fraternity. He was also a member of the Texas Southern University National Alumni Association in which he served as Financial Secretary of the Metropolitan Houston Chapter. He was also a member of the Texas Southern National Alumni Association. Rev. Sneed served as an Avionics Communications Specialist in the United States Air Force.

Rev. Sneed passed away May 28, 2013.

Ronnie and Kathie Sneed were blessed with a beautiful daughter, Lacey Nicole Sneed, on September 6, 1984.

He worked for Lubbock

## Auto Boyd

Graveside services for Auto Boyd were held on Tuesday morning, August 6, 2013, at Peaceful Gardens Memorial Park under the direction of Griffin Mortuary & Funeral Home of Lubbock.

Boyd, 80, of Lubbock, Texas, passed away on Wednesday, July 31, 2013.

Auto was born on July 27, 1933, to the parentage of the late Jackson and Sarah Jane (Wade) Boyd of Red River County Texas. Auto was raised in a Christian home with his 14 other siblings.

Auto worked for the Lubbock Independent School District for a number of years as a custodian and retired from LISD after working at Estacado High School.

He helped everyone that he could and loved to serve the Lord. He was known as a gentle and quiet giant of a man who loved soul food, gospel music, and watching television. Auto's favorite saying was See you

Power and Light Company and National Cash Register (NCR), obtained a real estate license, and taught computer science at Remington College.

He was ordained as an elder in 2000 and admitted into full connection in 2001. He served faithfully as Pastor of Bethel CME, Ligon Chapel, and Lane Tabernacle. He served as Pastor of BeeBe Tabernacle CME until his health failed. At the last annual conference, he was assigned as a Minister in Residence at Sheeler Memorial CME Church.

Rev. Sneed was very active in the Southeast Texas Region. He served as the Chair of the Committee on Ministerial Ex-



later, alligator after awhile, crocodile.

He was preceded in death by his parents; also, nine other siblings.

He leaves to cherish his memories: three brothers, L.V. and Roscoe Boyd, and Willie Boyd (Dorothy); two sisters, Codellar Boyd-Nelson and Ruby Pearl Boyd-Turner. He also leaves a host of nieces, nephews, great-nieces and nephews, other relatives, as well as close friends and loved ones.

He served as Statistician and Pensions and Records Clerk. He served in the Houston District as Financial and Administrative Assistant for Presiding Elders Dr. Lymell Carter, Rev. Charles Johnson, and Rev. Trever Barnett.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Embry Sneed and Webber Sneed.

He leaves to cherish his memories: two daughters: Lacey Nicole Sneed and Chrishona Sneed-Bolden; a sister, Sandra Brown (Sylvestern, Sr.); one niece, Stephanie Brown own; a nephew, Sylvester Brown, Jr.; a special friend, Paulette Randle, and a host of other relatives and friends.

## Mary Lou Bradley

Funeral services for Mary Lou Bradley were held on Friday, August 9, 2013 at the First Progressive Baptist Church.

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

Bradley, 78, of Lubbock passed away on Sunday, August 4, 2013.

Mary was born on February 4, 1935 to the parentage of the late Ruby C. Thomas and the late Robert L. Thomas in Milam County.

She received her formal education in Liberty Hill Public Schools and Booker T. Washington High School in Hobbs, N.M. Mary professed her faith in Christ at an early age. She united with Mt. Zion Baptist Church in Thorndale, Texas where she was a faithful and dedicated member.

She later relocated to Lubbock where she was united in holy matrimony to James Bradley for 38 years. Together they raised two sons, Mark Bradley and Deon Maxwell. Mary was employed by Bender Terrace until her retirement.

Mary was preceded in death by her parents, Ruby and Robert Thomas; a daughter, Mary



Wright; and four brothers, Kenneth Thomas, Charles Thomas, Clifford Thomas, and George Conner.

She leaves to cherish her memories her husband, James Bradley; daughter, Carrie L. Ware; son, Deon Maxwell; sisters, Barbara White and Clara Love (Billy); brothers, Johnny Thomas (Mary), Jessie Thomas, Howard Thomas (Jackie) and Willie Thomas (Debra); her grandchildren, Evett Harrison, Lamesha Reed, Kimberly Reed, and Lakesha Reed; a very special aunt, Clara Mae Thomas; ten great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

## Public Invited To Anniversary Of March On Washington

August 28, 2013 will mark the 50th anniversary of the March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom, one of the largest gatherings for human rights in U.S. history. At the conclusion of the march, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. delivered an inspiring and eloquent speech known today as his "I Have a Dream" speech.

The public is invited to join us in commemorating the anniversary of this important moment in our nation's history.

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Program will begin at 12:15. The event's program will include music from the march, music inspired by the civil rights movement, poetry, and a recitation by TTU and TTUHS students of Dr. King's "I Have a Dream" speech.

This event is free and open to the public.

## Betty Marie Young

Hamond, La. -- Funeral services were held for Betty M. Young on Friday afternoon, August 9, 2013, at the Wright & Calvey Funeral Home with Pastor Alfred Hart officiating.

Betty was born Betty Marie Osbourne on November 26, 1934 in Waukegan, Ill., and was the only child.

She was employed by the United States Government for more than 35 years.

Betty Marie was a loving mother, grandmother, great grandmother, and a friend to many. She always had enough food to set an extra plate if you were hungry, a spare sofa when you needed a place to rest, or a couple of dollars to tie you over.

After a long illness, Betty departed this life at Belle Maison Nursing facility on Saturday, August 3, 2013, and passed through those Gates of Eternity to be with Jesus.



Leaving to survive are: two sons, James L. Young and Jerrode E. Young, both of California; four daughters: Ida M. Young-Brown and Joyce Richards of Virginia, Jacqueline D. Nelson of Mississippi, and Joanne C. Young-Dunn of Lubbock, Texas; 15 grandchildren; a host of great and great, great grandchildren.

Now set your heart and your soul to seek the Lord your God; arise therefore, and build ye the sanctuary of the Lord God, to bring the ark of the covenant of the Lord, and the holy vessels of God, into the house that is to be built to the name of the Lord.

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# In Cinque

By Renetta Howard



I know that there are not many people around who can remember the 'good ole days' when you went to the doctor and if you were really very sick, he would give you a prescription unless he was like my childhood doctor who would take an envelope and cut it into four parts and put the pills he wanted you to take in that corner pocket. If you needed a liquid medicine, he mixed it up and put it in a bottle which you had to wash and return to him when you were better. Of course this same doctor made house calls. If you were too ill to visit his office, someone will let him know and he came to see you. You did not have any insurance and he usually charged three or four dollars and your parents paid him when they could. Some patients paid the doctor in kind with food items or whatever valuable item they could part with.

Things are vastly different now with the advent of technology, pharmaceutical companies wooing doctors and insurance companies making the law. The situation is now beyond ridiculous. It is good though that because of technology, more doctors are having fewer mistakes to bury. We are aware however, that those free samples of medicines which we are given are the fruits of the pharmaceutical companies wooing our doctors. Sometimes we have to wait to see the doctor because of office time spent with company representatives.

Most medicines are very expensive and often when a less expensive one is available, we get the prescription for the brand named which often cost twice as much as the generic substance.

Truth is that the insurance companies decide which drugs you can have and how long you can have them.

When it comes to our health, the insurance companies have the last word. With the advent of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act which will take effect on October 1, 2013 unless there is derailment somewhere along the way some things will change. This program is often referred to as Obamacare. It promises subsidized insurance for everyone who is unable to afford health insurance and as a result some of the largest insurance companies are refusing to sell insurance to individuals and will cater only to businesses

The program sounds as if it will definitely be rewarding to those individuals who are not now insured for any number of reasons. There is great opposition to it being instrumented in a timely manner by the opponents of the program who are not interested in everyone having insurance to cover medical problems and upkeep for many political as well as economic reasons. We used to think in terms of single, double and triple digit dollars for medical services, but now a thousand dollars is common. A dentist wants a hundred dollars to verify that you have or do not have teeth. Getting an examination is likely to be a couple hundred of dollars. A routine visit to your primary doctor can cost a thousand or more when our co-pay is now about what a regular visit used to cost. It is time for us to get 'In Cinque' and discover what Obamacare is really about and how it will impact our lives.

## Don't Quit!!

(Editor's Note: Since the doors of Lubbock Independent School District will open on Monday, August 26, 2013, here is a poem we feel will help our young people. Ye Ed).

*When things go wrong, as they sometimes will,  
When the road you're trudging seems all uphill,  
When funds are low and the debts are high,  
And you want to smile but you have to sigh,  
When care is pressing you down a bit,  
Rest if you must, but don't you quit.*

*Life is queer with its twists and turns,  
As every one of us sometimes learns,  
And many a failure turns about,  
When he might have won if he'd stuck it out.  
Don't give up, though the pace seems slow—  
You may succeed with another blow.*

*Often the goal is nearer than  
It seems to a faint and faltering man;  
Often the struggler has given up  
When he might have captured the victor's cup,  
And he learned too late, when the night slipped down,  
How close he was to the golden crown.*

*Success is failure turned inside out—  
The silver tint of the clouds of doubt,  
And you never can tell how close you are—  
It may be near when it seems afar;  
So stick to the fight when you're hardest—  
It's when things seem worst that you mustn't quit.  
Unknown*

each other's company. There is power in numbers and we hope to see you there. Please feel free to forward this information and RSVP by August 12th because this is a catered event. If you have any additional questions, please feel free to contact me at nanderson@lubbockisd.org.

Sincerely,  
Natalie Anderson  
LABSE President

**ATTEND YOUR CHURCH ON SUNDAY MORNING!**

## Information About LABSE

### Purpose

The Lubbock Alliance of Black School Educators (LABSE) is an affiliate of the Texas Alliance of Black School Educators (TABSE). LABSE is devoted to furthering academic opportunities for all of Lubbock's diverse learners, particularly children of African descent. LABSE seeks to establish and unify a diverse alliance of educators, parents, and community members interested in enhancing Lubbock's educational outcomes so that all students are successfully prepared for college and life beyond high school. With LABSE's reinstatement in 2011, LABSE has been able to host academic camps for students in preparation of standardized testing, provide professional development for educators of minority students, and invite phenomenal guest speakers to speak to our youth.

Your membership is important to us. With your involvement in LABSE, we will be able to increase our organization's membership, offer seminars for educators, increase parental involvement, award scholarships to high school students, and involve business and community leaders in the educational outcomes of our youth.

### Membership

Any person who serves in an administrative, teaching, supportive, supervisory, policy position, retired from any of the above, or who is associated with any phase of educational work shall be eligible for regular membership.

Students, parents, retired educators, lay persons and business persons may be associate members. The educational serv-

## City Pools Close

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Normal hours of operation through the remainder of the season are Tuesdays through Sundays 1:00-6:00 p.m. Entrance fees are \$2.00 for youth (17 and under) and \$2.50 for adults.

# THIS N' THAT

by  
T. J. Patterson

**HELP IS NEEDED TO UPGRADE THE EAST 24TH STREET OVERPASS! THIS N THAT** ..... is hoping something will be done about the conditions of the ..... **EAST 24TH STREET OVERPASS** ..... as school doors will open on ..... **MONDAY MORNING** ..... August 26, 2013 ..... and our young people will be passing over this major route to get to their school..... Several things need to be done and among them is the ..... **REPAIR OF THE RAIL ON THE WEST SIDE** ..... where an unknown driver

ran into it..... Not only does it appear to be a very ugly sight ..... but it appears to be a ..... **SAFETY SITUATION**..... Also ..... there are ..... **WEEDS AND THE TREES NEED TO BE TRIMMED** ..... on the ..... **EAST 24TH OVERPASS**..... Surely ..... this matter can be taken care of by those in position at the ..... **CITY OF LUBBOCK**.....

**THIS N THAT** ..... as well as many others ..... are appreciative of the recent ..... **CUTTING OF WEEDS THIS PAST WEEK!!!** But there is a

need for looking into the ..... **EAST 24TH STREET OVERPASS** ..... and other items helped this week.....  
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**SCHOOL BELLS WILL RING AUGUST 26, 2013! THIS N THAT** ..... wants to advise that .... **SCHOOL BELLS** ..... will ring on ..... **MONDAY MORNING** ..... August 26, 2013.... Drive carefully!

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## 21st Annual Minter & Reed Family Reunion Held In Lubbock, Texas July 13, 2013

Family members of the Minter & Reed Families held their 21st family reunion on July 13, 2013 at the Lou Stubbs Park, 38th Street and Avenue J. Their theme was: "Reflection Family Love Reflections, Fun, Food, Joy in Truth." The family motto was: "Only The Strong Survives."

There were approximately 65 family members traveling from many locations. The color of this year's T-shirts was Orange. This was the second year for a family poem on the back of it by Tammie Minter Stewart and narrated by De'metrek Stewart.

Both parents of the Minter family preceded their children in death. They were parents of six daughters and a son. Their mother was Rosie Lee Minter, and their father was Maxie Eugene Minter. Also, a daughter, Emma Jean Benson, passed away February 23, 2001. She was the mother of Effie Nelson.

The reunion got underway Saturday, July 13, 2013. It all began with opening prayer which was led by Uncle Joe Jackson. A closing prayer was given by Uncle Willie Minter, Sr. The food was served from noon until everyone was fed.

The Minter and Reed Families want to thank the City of Lubbock for the use of the Lou Stubbs building.

The menu for the opening day was follows: Fried Chicken, Ribs, Briskets, Links, Hamburger Patties and W Weiners. Also, White Bread, Hot Dog Buns, and Hamburger Buns. There were delicious Vegetables: Green Beans, Bake Beans, a variety of Potato Salads, a Vegetable Tray, Onion, Peppers, and Pickles.

Among the drinks were Little Hugs, Tea, Bottle Water and a variety of Sodas.

Deserts were: Mouth Water-

ing Cakes, Lemon Crunch Creme Cake, Pineapple Cake, Chocolate Cake, Banna St Stresel Cake, Strawberry Cake, Carrot Cake, and Pound Cakes.

The families are thankful to have all of those who were responsible for preparing your favorite dish and those delicious bake deserts.

Just think, another year has gone and family members want to acknowledge all Aunties and Uncles: Thelma Jackson (Joe), Willie L. Minter (Dorothy), Katherine Gilbert (Willie) Glory Margallene Thomas (Belvin Jay), Earnestine Boyd Minter (Paul Boyd Glory), Lorine Minter, and Emma Jean Benson (Huland Benson. Both gone to glory.

Those family members who were unable to attend this year, 2013 Reunion, may Jehovah God bless you to attend the 2014 Reunion. There's no doubt about it, we missed you this year. They were Anthony Thomas, Randel Thomas, and Bennie Moore, Jr. All family members want you to know we missed you. Keep in mind, Family, God is able. Keep the faith.

We want to thank the Southwest Digest and Staff for supporting the Minter & Reed Family Reunion with a summary of our family every year. Thank you so much, Mr. Patterson!

**PHOTOS:** Photos were taken on the spot! Family members were able to have all kinds of pictures taken. Many pictures were taken off guard. Everyone had cell phones. Everyone looked so CITUS in our ORANGE T-shirts.

We want to give Special Thanks to each family Member for helping us to get the Family Reunion together, by ordering

T-shirts, preparing food, decorating the building, and keeping the building clean inside and out side.

Special Guest: Calvin Harde- man, Elvin Harde- man, Ike Matthew, and Cat Willis.

Coagulations are in order for new family members: KeAndre Gilbert, 5-29-12; Diapir Jay eon Willis, 6-5-12; Bridgar idgar Leigh Boyd, 9-23-12. Also, Katherine Gilbert (Corey), grandmother; Margallene Thomas became a GREAT-GRAND MOTHER TWICE (SASHA CRAIG), Earnestine Minter (FREDRICK), DENEA SCOTT, May 7, 2013.

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Everyone who joins the non-profit Arbor Day Foundation with a \$10 donation will receive 10 free Colorado blue spruce trees through the Foundation's Trees for America Campaign.

The trees will be shipped post-paid at the right time for planting in each member's area, which falls between October 15 and December 10. The 6-to 1-inch trees are guaranteed to grow or they will be replaced free of charge.

"Colorado blue spruce trees provide homeowners with numerous benefits," said John Rosenow, founer and chief executive of the Arbor Day Foundation. "They can be used as an energy-saving windbreak, for privacy, as ornamental trees and even as living Christmas trees out in the yrd. They truly provide year-round beauty for any

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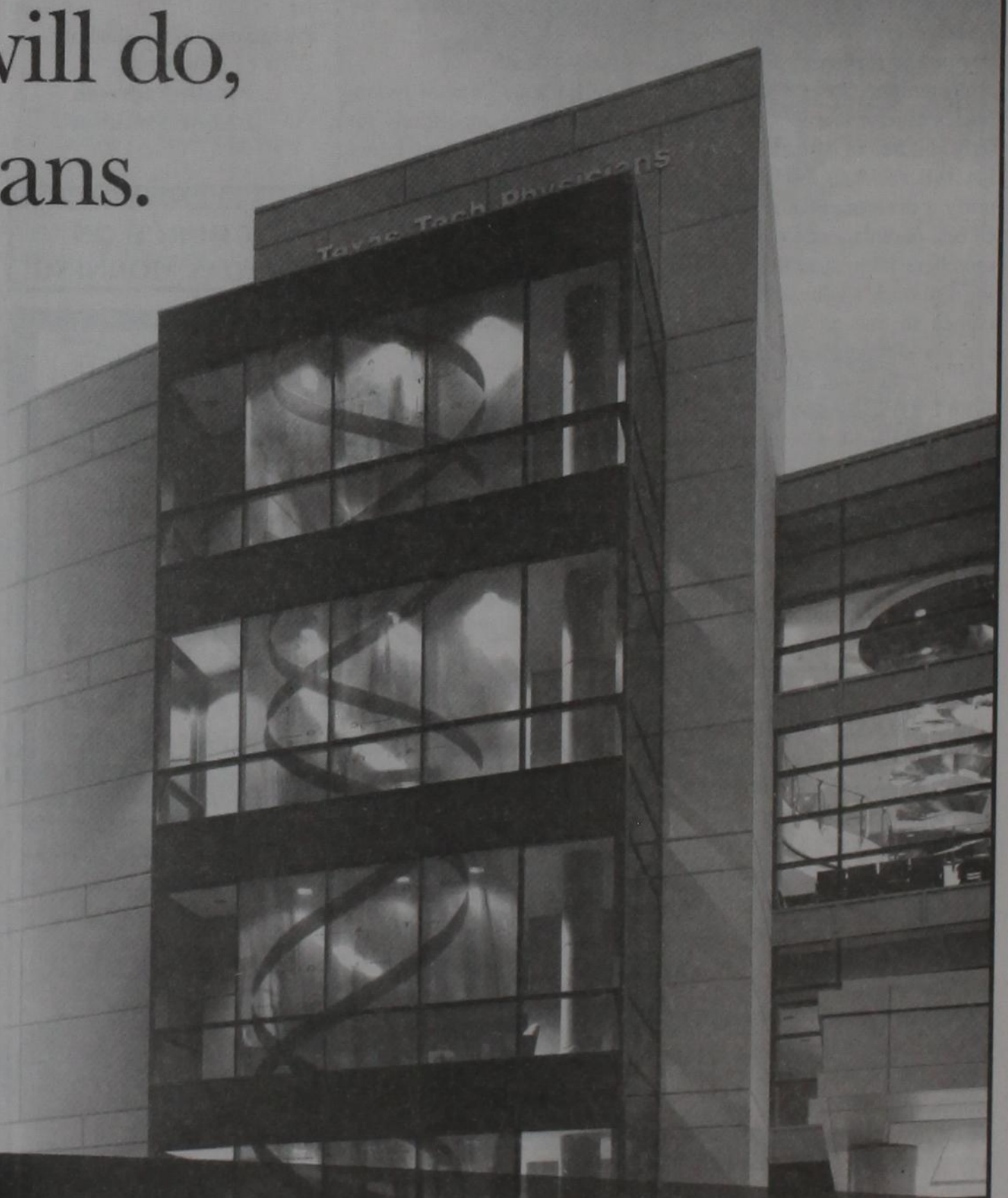


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### Singer Toni Braxton Loses Rights to 27 of Her Songs Due to 2nd Bankruptcy



R&B singer Toni Braxton is no longer the owner of the rights to 27 of her songs including "You're Making Me High," "How Many Wars," and "Always" after losing them in a bidding war. She does, however, get to keep her hit song, "Un-Break my heart."

Just how much debt is Toni in? According to TMZ, the six-time Grammy award winner filed for bankruptcy in 2010 claiming debts as high as \$50 million. And this is her second bankruptcy; She filed bankruptcy the first time back in 1998 on debts of about \$4 million.

Toni, who is 45-years old, also just last week officially ended her 12-year marriage to Keri Lewis.



Sister Marilyn Gaither  
Director of Music Department

### Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church's Music Department Presents Program

The Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church's Music Department will present 'Ladies Night' on Friday night, August 23, 2013, beginning at 6:30 p. m. A love offering of \$15.00 is required for materials and a meal will be included.

Following Ladies night on Saturday, August 24, 2013, a Leadership Seminar will be held from 10:00 a. m. until 2:00 p. m. Guest speaker will be Vendon R. Smith of Burbank, California.

All are asked to energize their church leadership, congregation, and organization with the Gung Ho philosophy. The workshop was created from the book Gung Ho, and best-selling authors Ken Blanchard and Sheldon Bowles.

The workshop is designed to offer insight on how to develop

synergy with staff, kick-start creativity, and celebrate the process in the church. The workshop focuses on basic principle of leadership found throughout the word of God.

Participants of the workshop will leave with tools and ideas to increase productivity, improve working relationships, and encourage positive brainstorming ideas. The workshop will show the need for leadership in the church outlined in God's word.

A love seed of \$20.00 per person will cover all materials and luncheon.

During the Ladies Night, a session on facials and massages, and an old fashion foot washing services will part of the program.

Both programs are sponsored by the Music Department of Bethel. Music program director is Sister Marilyn Gaither, who will be assisted by Rev. Tasha Harris, and Sister Linda Robertson.

All are invited to attend this wonderful experience. For more information, call Sister Gaither at (806) 392-5257, Rev. Harris, (469) 442-8343 or Sister Robertson at (806) 777-8666.

### Rev. Johnnie L. Barnes Presented With Special Appreciation Services

The members of Greater St. James Baptist Church showed appreciation to their pastor, Rev. Johnnie L. Barnes, when they held his Second Appreciation Services. The services were held July 17, 18, 19 & 21, 2013.

Local churches were in attendance of these special appreciation services.

Pastor Barnes, "We appreciate all of you who were in attendance. God has been so good to me and the members of the Greater St. James Baptist Church."

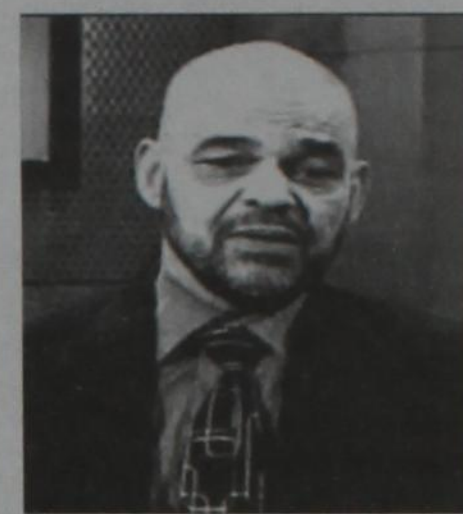
"Greater St. James Baptist Church members are on the move and will continue to make an outstanding contributions to the Church and community," continued Pastor Barnes. "If you are looking for a church home,

### Why Does This Keep Happening To Us?

From First Americans To Trayvon Martin

By Dr. David Imhotep

Nationwide -- What would the first Americans think of this whole Trayvon Martin case? What Black people don't know is killing them. America's ugly secret is the big Black lie! Why does this keep happening to us? This is what every Black person in America must be asking themselves... while they are feeling really unsafe from racially inspired attackers. They are feeling unsafe especially from attackers - who during the attack - would kill you if you try to defend yourself. Then to add insult to injury, even if the attacker is arrested, they get off scott free. Now, we even hear our beloved



African American President Barack Obama calling it justice, but it is not justice. Today we are sitting ducks! The world has gone mad again. These people are playing games with our lives.

### "Something is terribly wrong in America"

Just when many of us were ready to move on beyond the struggles of the past, hoping to embrace a new enlightened humanity, we are hunted down and murdered like run-away-slaves... again! The past has never left us and will continue if we don't take massive action... now!

Racism is here and more robust and savvy than ever. But why won't it die? Why won't it stop?

Racism has not died because we never had the courage to reset history and tell the truth. We need to teach true history to our children and let them know that young black children are not safe anywhere in America. Here in America they are not free they are targets.

They are only free by avoiding the George Zimmermans of this world. Why? It's because America has lied to its Black citizens and has to protect that lie even at the cost of young innocent lives. We continue to propagate that lie ourselves every day. Now, in order to protect our children, we must rob them of their childhood innocence and tell them the truth about how Black people in America are viewed. Better we who love them, rather than: the teacher, neighborhood watchman, police officer, prosecutor, or prison guard that does not. Ignorance can be excused, but not the will to remain ignorant!

America's ugly secrets begin with the untold histories and lies like Columbus discovering America -- not only did he not discover America, according to

the latest research, Africans were in the Americas some 50,000 years before the so called "Indians" were here. It's ironic; the first Americans have been treated more like aliens by people who have been here, for the most part, only a few hundred years.

The fad today is "not to see race," which implies they have won't have racist attitudes towards you if they can somehow deny your appearance. The real dark secret is that we as Blacks were in the Americas for thousands of years before anyone else, and our children need to understand that. We are the first Americans and yet someone has stolen that birthright, and replaced it with the mythology of a navigator finding a new world that everyone except Europeans already knew was here. This is why our children are not safe, because they are a reminder of what the true American looks like. In the 1990's, Public Enemy called it Fear of a Black Planet.

If youngsters like Trayvon Martin knew this, they would be more conscientious of the way others see them; as a threat, as a problem, as The Problem. He would see from a mile away that Zimmerman was going to kill him, in cold blood, like thousands before him. If we learn the lessons of history we won't have to bear the pain of repeating it. Africans... Black people were the first Americans, how dare anybody try to make us less than human!

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### Honor Flight To Washington, D.C.

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David True, president of the honor flight's board of directors, will provide information about how veterans can sign up for the trip, as well as the date of this second annual visit to Washington.

More information about the Texas South Plains Honor Flight is available at southplainshonorflight.org.

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### 10-Year Old Hero Rescues Baby From Building That Was On Fire



Zna Gresham, a 10-year old from Decatur, Georgia is being lauded as a hero. She apparently caught a baby that was dropped from a second-floor apartment that caught fire.

The fire reportedly started on the ground level, and one family was trapped on an upper level. The mother literally had to drop her three kids out of the window to save them.

Although the local Fire Department arrived within minutes of the 911 phone call, they were unable to make it there fast

enough. And so, a one-month old baby was dropped out the window and Gresham safely caught her.

Gresham, however didn't take all the credit. She humbly commented, "It took all of my family to help get the babies out and save a family."

The fire, which started out as a small kitchen grease fire, ended up destroying an entire building and damaging three others. More than 10 people were displaced.

### Ex-gay gospel singer doesn't play MLK concert

WASHINGTON (AP) — A gospel singer who says God delivered him from being gay did not perform at a concert at the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial.

The Washington Post reports singer Donnie McClurkin was scheduled to perform Saturday night, August 10, 2013, to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the March on Washington, but several gay rights activists objected ahead of the event.

Doxie McCoy, a spokeswoman for Mayor Vincent Gray, says the Grammy-winning singer decided not to perform because the



Donnie McClurkin

purpose of the event was to bring people together.

But in a video statement linked



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to McClurkin's Twitter page, he says he was "asked not to attend" and was uninvited. McClurkin says there should be freedom of speech "as long as it's done in love."


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