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## Congratulations, EHS Matadors! 2010 3A State Champions!

### Community Meetings

- \* African American Chamber of Commerce, Lubbock meets on the 3rd Wednesday of each month, from 12:00 - 1:00 pm at the Chatman Hill Restaurant, 512 East 23rd Street.
- \* Lubbock Area Client Council meets on the 2nd Saturday, 1:00 pm at the Patterson Branch Library, 1836 Parkway Drive.
- \* Hub City Kiwanis meets every Tuesday evening, 1708 Avenue G.
- \* Dunbar Alumni Association meets 2nd Saturdays, 4:00 pm.
- \* Booker T. Washington American Legion, Post 808, meets every 2nd Tuesday at 7:30 pm, American Legion Building in Yellowhouse Canyon.
- \* Forgotten West Riders meets on the 1st & 3rd Mondays, 7:00 pm, Patterson Branch Library.
- \* East Lubbock Chapter AARP meets every 1st Thursday at 1:00 pm, Mae Simmons Senior Citizens.
- \* Lubbock Chapter of Black Alumni meets every 3rd Tuesday, 5:30 pm, TTU Market Alumni Center.
- \* Dunbar Manhattan Heights Neighborhood Association meets every 1st Thursday at 6:00 pm and every 4th Thursday at 6:00 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 meetings, meetings held on 2nd Saturdays of each month at 7:00 pm at 7:00 pm, Educational presentations and demonstrations.
- \* Texas Juneteenth Cultural and Historical Commission - Lubbock Affiliate meets at Patterson Branch Library, every 3rd Thursday at 7:00 pm.
- \* West Texas Chapter of 100 Black Men of West Texas meets 3rd Monday evenings at 7:00 pm at Parkway Neighborhood 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.



**WINNERS' EXPRESSION** -- Shortly after defeating the Dallas Madison Trojans, Estacado High School Matadors are showing how excited they were! All are winners of a game well played!



**MATADORS & FANS EXCITED** -- It was a very exciting moment after winning 3A State Championship by the Matadors last Saturday, March 13, 2010 in Austin.



**EXCITED MATADOR FANS** -- Matador fans are shown during the game against Dallas madison Trojans in the Frank Ervin Center in Austin last Saturday, March 13, 2010.



**A YOUNG MATADOR FAN** -- This young Matador fan is all smiles after the Matadors defeated Dallas Madison Trojans 69-63 for State 3A Championship last Saturday in Austin.



### Mayor Pro Tem Van Ashley West Texas Concert In Honor Of Van Ashley

This years Annual West Texas Gospel Fest will be in memory of Mayor Pro Tem Van Ashley of Littlefield. Last year, he was the master of ceremonies. He succumbed Friday, March 5, 2010, after a long illness.

"We wanted to show our ap-



Luther Barnes



Debra Barnes



Russell White

### Photos of Some of Action! What A Game!

These photos were taken by Clinton Hobby who was in attendance at the Class 3A State Championship between the Estacado High School Matadors and the Dallas Madison Trojans last Saturday, March 13, 2010, at The Frank Ervin Center.

The Matadors won 69 to 63. What a game!



Buddy & Straightway Travelers



Michael Matthews

precipitation of what he meant to us," said Ms. Faye Brown, Each One Reach One, he sponsor of the annual event.  
This years Fest will be held Saturday, March 20, 2010, at



Donnell Hooper

the Church of The Blessed, 1809 34th Street, beginning at 2:00 p. m. where the pastor is Johnny Perez.  
For the third year, Luther  
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**Chatman Hills Corner**  
By Doris Reynolds

Parkway Elementary School, 406 North Zenith Avenue, will recognize the Parkway Roses on Tuesday afternoon, March 23, 2010, at 3:00 p. m.

The Parkway Roses are fifth grade girls who have done some very positive things for Parkway Elementary School.

A Program and Dedication of Special Shirts will be presented to them.

The 2010 Annual Luncheon of the Lubbock Area Foundation will be held at the Overton Hotel & Conference Center, 2322 Mac Davis Lane. Tickets are \$20.00 per person.

Guest speaker will be Dr. Sam Ayers with LISD, Associate Superintendent for Teaching &

Learning.

For more information, call 762-8061 for reservation by Monday, March 29th.

All proceeds will benefit the Mini Grants for Teachers programs.

Covenant Health System is going HD and wireless in the operating room. Covenant recently began using 1800p HD, multi-million dollar surgery equipment, in the operating room. Covenant is the only hospital in the region to offer this type of technology to patients.

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geries. With it, doctors can view a screen that provides precise, lifelike images during the operating process.

Air Force Airman 1st Class



James T. Willis graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

The airman completed an intensive, eight-week program that included training in military discipline and studies, Air Force core values, physical fitness, and basic warfare principles and skills.

**FASHION FUN with Shirley Roberson HOW TO WASH JEANS!!**

With designer jeans taking over the industry, it's important to take care of your investment. Washing your jeans at the appropriate temperature and with good detergent can

give much needed longevity to that favorite pair of jeans.

Here are a few simple tips to optimize your wash:

1- was your darker jeans alone the first few washes. Turn your jeans inside out to prevent fading.

2- jeans do well with cold or warm water

3- Air dry your jeans, if you are worried about your jeans shrinking. Remember ladies nothing beat a good pair of jeans.



Fashion tip...always wear a smile!  
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Fashion just for the fun of it!

**New Light Baptist Church News**

On Sunday morning, March 14, 2010 services got started at New Light Baptist Church, 3013 Idalou Road, where Rev. Kenneth O. Jackson is the proud pastor.

Church School started at 9:45a.m. with Rev. Jackson teaching the lesson entitled: "Jealousy of Others" with the printed text coming from Jonah 3:10; 4:1-5 for the adults. Sister Rochelette Hood & Sister Angela Mosley taught the lesson for the youth. Breakfast was served afterward.

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

Rev. Henry Edom led the pulpit devotion. The Senior Choir marched to the choir stand singing "O, I Want To See Him." The responsive reading was read

by Rev. Edom and it came from Psalm 100:1-5. The altar prayer was also led by Rev. Edom with the choir singing "Come Unto Jesus."

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

The Senior Choir sang "Father Along," lrd by Sister Linda Green and "My Whole Life," which was led by Sister Ambra Jackson. Rev. Jackson preached the sermon entitled: "Come Down." His scripture text was Luke 19:1-10. After the sermon, a song Come To Jesus" was sung.

There was the invitation to discipleship and several came for prayer. The Lord continue to add to the church as he sees fit. All visitors that was in atten-

dance was acknowledged by Sister Brenda Manahan, president of Ushers Board.

At 3:00p.m., the Brotherhood Department had a program at the church and Deacon David Chiles spoke on the theme "What Are You Asking For?" All in attendance had a blessed time.

Pray that we will have the faith to trust the Lord when things aren't clear and when things are cloudy.

**SCRIPTURE FOR THE WEEK:** "Now faith is the reality of what is hoped for the proof of what's not seen. Hebrews 11:1.

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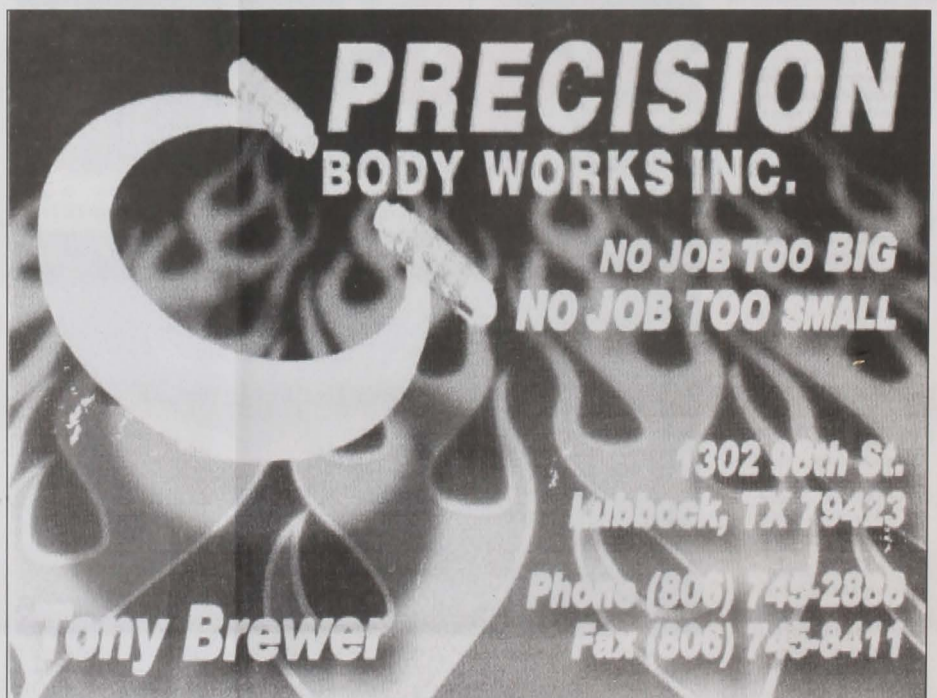
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# Church News



From the Desk of Parson D.A. Smith  
"Telling It Like It Is"



We Thank God for Jesus  
"LORD, IT'S A DIFFERENT WORLD!"

There was an article from Satan published in the Minneapolis Star-Tribune by Lily Coyle of Minneapolis in January of this year that I thought was amusing.

The letter was from the Devil to the great evangelist Pat Robertson, in response to his comment that Haiti's persistent troubles, including the earthquake, are due to a pact the nation made with Mephistopheles (Mep-his-to-ph-e-les). Mephistopheles is the chief devil in the Faust legend. Faust is a magician of German legend who enters into a compact with the devil.

The letter was actually written by Lilly Coyle who wrote in the very persona of the Evil One saying:

Dear Pat Robertson, I know that you know that all press is good press, so I appreciate the shout-out. And you make God look like a big mean bully who kicks people when they are down, so I'm all over that action. But when you say Haiti has made a pact with me, it is totally humiliating. I may be evil incar-

nate, but I'm no welcher. The way you put it, making a deal with me leaves folks desperate and impoverished.

Sure, in the afterlife, but when I strike bargains with people, they first get something here on earth—glamour, beauty, talent, wealth, fame, glory, a golden fiddle. Those Haitians have nothing, and I mean nothing. And that was before the earthquake. Haven't you seen "Crossroads"? Or "Damn Yankees"?

If I had a thing going with Haiti, there'd be lots of banks, skyscrapers, SUVs, exclusive night clubs, Botox—that kind of thing. And 80 percent poverty rate is not my style. Nothing against it—I'm just saying: Not how I roll.

You're doing great work, Pat, and I don't want to clip your wings—just, come on, you're making me look bad. And not the good kind of bad. Keep blaming God. That's working. But leave me out of it, please. Or we may need to renegotiate your own contract.

Best, Satan

How about that to a Holy-than-Thou, on the way to Heaven old white male preacher who condemns poor black Haitians who lost what they had in an earthquake not of their making which was much-to-nothing compared with Americans standard of living.

We thank Lily Coyle for exposing the hypocrisy of a lying preacher who collects money by allegedly playing holy-than-thou!

Another serious issue facing all people of West Texas is the need to be counted by the U. S. Census Bureau.

By the time you read this article you should have received a questionnaire by the U. S. Census Bureau a 10-question form for you as an United States citizen to fill out. Please fill this form out and mail it back.

Enrique Rangel of the A-J Austin Bureau noted "The federal government wants as accurate as possible population count because the data are used to apportion count because the data are used to apportion congress

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

**LORD**, even from the beginning, you made them: Adam and eve.

But the world today, says it ok, **TO BE AN ADAM AND STEVE!!!**

**Romans 1:18** – For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness; Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God has showed it unto them. **\*\*\* YES, A MAN WILL ROB GOD!!!!\*\***

**LORD**, the people of this old world, had made a mighty change.

Many have fallen away from the love of mankind, to love these new THINGS.

**1 John 2:5** – Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the

world, the love of the Father is not in him.

In the old world, **COKE** was a drink, to re-fresh when **HOT**.

**NOW IT'S A DRUG; AND TO USE IT; IT'S BEST NOT!!!**

**Proverb 3:5-6** – Trust in the Lord with all your heart; and lean not unto your own understanding in all your ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct your paths.

They changed name **GRASS**; which is now called **MARIJUANA POT!!!**

It's the grass you can grow; **BUT LOOK OUT FOR THE COPS!!!**

**Romans 13:1-2** – Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that are ordained of God. Whosoever therefore resist the powder, resist the ordinance of God: and they that resist shall receive to themselves damnation.

**LORD, NOW BOYS HAVE FOUR BABIES; AND PLAYING THE ROLL OF A MAN. LAYING AROUND; WON'T WORK; WANTING THE**

**WEL-FARE CHECK IN THEIR HANDS.**

**Proverb 10:1** – **THE** proverb of Solomon. A wise son makes a glad father; but a foolish son is the

Heaviness of his mother. In the old days, **THE WOMAN AND GIRLS**; were the only **ONES TO WEAR AN EAR RING.**

What a different world; **MEN AND BOYS DO NOW; SHAME, SHAME, SHAME!!!**

**Hosea 4:6-7** – The Lord said, My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge; because you have rejected knowledge, I will also reject you, that you shall be no priest to me; seeing you have forgotten the law of your God, I will also reject your children. As they were increased, so sinned against me; therefore will I change their glory into shame.

**LORD**, one time: homosexual was not allowed over boys; **IN THE BOY SCOUTS.**

**NOW THE WOLF IS IN THE HEN HOUSE; THEY'RE RIGHTS ARE OUT!!!**

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## St. Matthew's Baptist Church News

The St. Matthew Baptist Church, 2020 East 14th Street, where the proud pastor is Rev. Edward Canady, wants to invite you to come and visit with us at any time. You will be glad you did so.

Here is information about this Sunday School lesson.

### Family as Community (Ruth 1:1-9; 14b-16)

I love a great story. Shortly after its release, our family went to see *The Blind Side*, based on the true account of a homeless teenager rescued by a loving Christian family. It is a nearly perfect story.

The book of Ruth is also a lovely—some say a perfect—story. Commentator Alexander Schroder said, "No poet in the world has written a more beautiful short story."

Ruth has many elements of a great narrative, but one is a memorable commitment quote: "Don't urge me to leave you or to turn back from you. Where you go I will go, and where you stay I will stay. Your people will be my people and your God my God" (Ruth 1:16). These words, spoken by the widowed Ruth to her mother-in-law, demonstrate that family is deeper than shared

genetic coding. The bonds of family cannot be solely measured by blood or DNA; a higher standard exists, uncompromising love and commitment.

Such is the story of Michael Oher, told in the movie *The Blind Side*. Left homeless by parents incapable of caring for him, he was taken in by the Tuohy family and quickly became like their own child. As a member of this family, Michael learned the discipline of playing football as a left tackle on the offensive line (which ultimately opened the door to an NFL career). His responsibility is to

protect the quarterback from rushers coming from that player's "blind side." As his new mother, Leigh Anne Touhy (played by Sandra Bullock), told him, "This team is your family, Michael. You have to protect them. Tony here is your quarterback. You protect his blind side. When you look at him, you think of me."

### FROM SORROW TO JOY

Ruth's book tells a similar story. It stars, Ruth's mentor and mother-in-law, Naomi, whose story is one of great sorrow. While raising her blood family in Bethlehem, she must move

with them when their land faces famine. Naomi's husband, Elimelech, leads his wife and two sons east, across the Dead Sea and into the land of Moab, to earn a living. There, away from her homeland and ancestral family, tragedy strikes when her husband dies, leaving her with her two sons. Widowed and now given the responsibility of teaching her sons about life and marriage, she watches the boys marry Moabite women. Then tragedy strikes again when Naomi's two sons die.

Having lost almost everything, Naomi begins making plans to return to her homeland with her widowed daughters-in-

law. As they journey, Naomi encourages these young ladies to return to Moab. Naomi well knows the difficulty of living away from home, family, and friends. In tears she sends them on their way with a blessing. But daughter-in-law Ruth surprises Naomi by refusing to turn back. After Naomi encourages her to go, Ruth replies, "Don't urge me to leave you or to turn back from you. Where you go I will go, and where you stay I will stay. Your people will be my people and your God my God."

May this information be of assistance for you this week.

May God bless and keep each of you is our prayer.

## Outreach Prayer Breakfast

The Outreach Prayer Breakfast developed a resolution for one of their members, Sister Roberta Hightower, who passed away here last week.

The Resolution is as follows:

This seems to be a sad and dark occasion, but we live in a world where solemn shadows are continually falling upon our paths. Shadows that teach us the uncertainty of all temporal blessings warns us that here, there is no abiding warns us that here, there is no abiding stay. We have, however, the blessed satisfaction of knowing that death cannot enter that place to which Sister Roberta Hightower are removed. So I voice the sentiment of the Outreach Prayer Breakfast, a group in which Sister Roberta Hightower faithfully attended for many years.

She was faithful. Whatever she was a part, she was faithful. She loved her Church Family. May I say to those who mourn today, the passing of our Sister, let hope and faith mingle with your natural sorrow. Death to them that are God's dear children. Is none other than the departure of all displeasures, the gate of gladness, the port of paradise, the end of all suffering, the door of desires, the haven of heaven, the entering of another place, and the beginning of blissfulness.

Sister Roberta Hightower was a god Friend, Neighbor, Christian, Sister, Kind Hearted Full of Faith, Loved People of all Colors.

To the Family, God is our refuse and strength a very present help in times, just like today,

so be strong and of good courage, because the Lord hath said, "I will never leave you, nor forsake you."

Most humbly and most lovingly submitted,

The Outreach Prayer of  
Lubbock  
Signed:  
Dorothy Hood, Lubbock  
Luella Spence, Lubbock

Betty Kemp – Littlefield

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Nothing contributes so much to tranquilize the mind as a steady purpose-- a point on which the soul may fix its intellectual eye.

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As you have read this Resolution for our beloved Sister Roberta Hightower, just remem-

ber death is sure for all of us. We do not know when, but it will occur.

We her family to know the kind of a woman she was and how much she was concerned about her neighbor.

Now that a most desirable way to be remembered. Reaching out help our neighbors means so much. We never will

know when we will need help. We thank God there are people like the late Sister Roberta Hightower to help someone. Oh, yes, the Outreach Prayer Breakfast thank God for sending her our way.

If you would to become a member of the Outreach Prayer Breakfast, remember you have that same opportunity to do so.

If you have any questions, just give us a call at (806) 762-

347.

Also remember, we meet the first Saturday of each month, beginning at 9:00 a. m. The location of each meeting is always available. So take time to come and be with us. Oh, yes, there is always a delicious breakfast.

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

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# Obsequies

## Van Ashley

**Littlefield** -- Funeral services for Van Ashley, 66, of Littlefield, who died Friday night, March 5, 2010 in Lamb Healthcare Center in Littlefield following a lengthy illness, were conducted last Saturday, March 13, 2010, at First Baptist Church in Littlefield.



ber of South Plains Community Action Board.

Burial followed in Littlefield Memorial Park, with arrangements under the personal care of McCarty Funeral Home of Littlefield.

He was a member and Deacon of the Irvin Street Baptist Church.

He was elected to the Littlefield City Council in 1986 where he served as Mayor Pro Tem.

He was very active in the Texas Municipal League (TML), and was elected as President of the Association of City Councilmen & Commissioners (AMCC). He had served as a board member of TML. He was also active in National League of Cities (NLC).

He was a former of the Policy Council of the Head Start Program, a program of the SHAPES.

He was also a board mem-

ber of South Plains Community Action Board.

He was very active in the Lions Club of Littlefield, where served several times as president.

He was very active in the Littlefield Community.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Al Ashley, Jr., and Thomas Earl Ashley.

Surviving are his father, Al-

## Thomasina D. Cameron Fleming

Thomasina D. Cameron Fleming, 70, of Lubbock, Texas, died on March 14, 2010, in Lubbock, Texas.

A memorial service will be held Tuesday morning, March 16, 2010 at the Resthaven Mausoleum Chapel.

Thomasina was born in Jonesville, Fla. and graduated from McBane High School. She was a graduate of Bethune Cookman College, with Masters of Science degrees from Michigan State University, Tuskegee College and Texas Tech University. She was a life-long educator, serving as teacher and counselor for more than 30 years. She finished her professional career with the Lubbock ISD, where she touched the lives of many families.

Her parents, Gibbs S. and Naomi W. Cameron, and sisters, Mary Swanson and Cleota Henderson, preceded her in death.



Survivors include her husband, Sprague J. Fleming, Jr. of Lubbock; sons, Wendell J. Brown, Sprague J. Fleming III and Ian F. Fleming; grandchildren, Tanya L. Brown, Aimee N. Walton, Matthew Mitchell and Alexandra Fleming; great-grandchildren, Aalyiha and Rai-Ven Walton; and honorary daughters, Lynne Brown, Bernadette Mitchell and Tammy Fleming.

ton Ashley of Maryland, Windell Ashley of Tampa, Fla., and Larry Lee Ashley, of Clovis, N.M.; a sister Doris Ashley of Tampa, Fla.; four grandchildren, Chauncey Taylor, D. J. Hayes,

Reshawna Graves and Davion Bell; three great-grandchildren, Denisha Taylor, Julius Taylor, Chausianna Taylor; and numerous other relatives and friends.

## Roberta Francis Hightower

Funeral Services for Roberta Francis Hightower were held Friday, March 12, 2010 at Lyons Chapel Baptist Church with Rev. Wendell Davis, pastor, officiating.

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

Hightower, 80, of Lubbock passed away at University Medical Center.

She was born May 9, 1929 to the parentage of Marion and Elgenie Francis in Wharton, TX. Roberta was a faithful member of Lyons Chapel Baptist Church since 1952. Roberta served on the Usher Board for more than 53 years; she served as Youth and Jr. Ushers Director for more than 32 years and was a member of the Ophelia Mission Circle and Young Matrons. Roberta was a member of the NAACP Lubbock Client Council, Juneteenth Committee, Outreach



Prayer Breakfast, Senior Citizen Fashion Show Committee and the Former Tierra Social Club.

She leaves to cherish her memory three daughters, Earnestine Gray (Richmond), Sheila Barnes (Rodney), and Sharon Francis; two sons, David Hightower, Jr., and Michael Buacham (Cynthia); three granddaughters; three grandsons; nine great-grandchildren; and a host of other relatives and friends.

## Elliott E. Young

Funeral services for Elliott E. Young were held Wednesday afternoon, March 17, 2010, at New Hope Baptist Church.

Entombment followed at Peaceful Gardens in Woodrow under the direction of Ossie Curry Funeral Home Chapels of Lubbock.

Young, 60, of Lubbock, passed away on March 10, 2010, at his residence.

Elliott was born on Jan. 28, 1950 to Elliott, Sr. and Lillie Young. He graduated from Dun-



bar High School in 1969 and attended Draughn's Business College. He served in the U.S. Army

## Delia Bell Rainwater Newman

Delia Bell Rainwater Newman held Saturday, March 13, at Iglesia Bautista Templo, 4819 Ave. P, in Lubbock.

Mrs. Newman, 100, of Lub-

bock passed away March 4, 2010 at Southwest Regional Medical Complex.

Delia was born February 24, 1910 in Carrollton, TX to the parentage of Estella and Ed Rainwater. She was the oldest of 10 children. She married Isaiah Newman and to this union eight children were born.

Past living in Carrollton, Slaton, Mineral Wells, and Crowell,



Funeral services for Delia Bell Rainwater Newman were

from 1969-1972.

His parents and one brother preceded him in death.

Survivors include Sara Young and four sons of Lubbock; one sister, Charolette Cotton (Lamont); two aunts; 11 grandchildren; one great-grandchild, and a host of relatives and friends.

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## 'BY THE TOKEN OF TIME'

By  
BROTHER ASKARI

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



opportunities to have now instead of later has had a detrimental effect on us." It is written in the book of WISDOM "By the token of time surely mankind is at lost, expect those who come together in the mutual teaching of truth patience and perseverance" Patience in this context

does not mean 'KEEP WAITING.' It mean "KEEP STRIVING ALL OF US IN THE RACE TO ALL THAT IS GOOD AND WHOLE-SOME FOR US TO LIVE A LIFE OF TRUE SUSTAINANCE." Waiting will get you left out. The day we come together and exchange the "MUTUAL TRUTH" our lives will improve tremendously and empowerment will be earned by the fruit of our labor. Time is our's to use and benefit from not waste. It is alright to dream and pray for the things we want but, once we wake up from our dream or finish our day dream and get up off our knees from pray we have to pursue our desire of success or our lives will end up being a great mess or ever less. Don't settle for less strive for Greatness. **MAY GOD'S PEACE AND BLESSING BE WITH YOU ALL.**



## THINK ABOUT IT!

President Obama Is President of the United States!!

by  
Eddie P. Richardson

Barack Obomba a first term state Illinois senator announced in front of the Illinois State Capitol that he was running for President of the United States many people took this as an novelty many just a waste of time but on the other hand just a few Illinois believers took it very serious and lunged ahead, they did not let non believers and doubters detour them. Then along came Iowa and a strong grass roots effort every thing changed then after that snowball effect from a small beginning the race was on Hillary McCain and others all the way to the White House.

The most overwhelming factor Obomba did not run as a Black president but as a president who happened to be Black and never denied the fact that he was Black but that was just a part of the program. Tiger tried to deny his but our president did not deny or try to deny his heritage which is American non of us are a pure race in america check your family tree really truly check it a lot of you will truly be surprised there is so much more Blackness than most of you would believe. Lets look at agendas man just listen to conservative radio and please have an open mind please

listen to what they are saying 24 7 one would think it would be an anti American program they are telling Alaada and Telean how to beat America all day and all night they are saying what our president is doing wrong it's like a brain wishing can the ultra right so called hurt and hate our President that we would try to hurt him from within we are all Americans My please to you conservatives please I know you love America but please do not destroy us from within with your racism and false patriotism. We know you do not want to admit your racism and

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## In Cinque

By Renetta Howard

anything can tell you that cut the Medicare cost

Just when we thought that the cuts in government sponsored medical care and pensions had all been taken care of and tucked away in some nice forgotten files, we learn that Uncle Sam is not through yet. Of special concern is the fact that the federal government is about to begin to collect on defaulted loans and debts which may be over ten years old.



penalties. Rest assured that interest and penalties are two different things. Interest is charged on what you owe, but there is usually a penalty because you did not pay on time.

There was a statute of limitations on government loans which was lifted in 2008 which permits the government to collect on old delinquent loans. Hit hardest will be those persons who are retired workers receiving Social Security benefits, who did not pay for small business loans, farm loans, unpaid income taxes, veteran health care and any other government loans.

Times are hard now for everyone who is not on the super rich list. Some of us are having a hard time because of unemployment, underemployment, fixed incomes, and reduced income because of the loss of a bread winner through death or other devastating incidents. Being on a fixed income as most retirees are, will make having Social Security and Disability checks reduced, trust a hardship on many. In those cases, if one cannot defend the non-payment of a government loan, prepare to apply for hardship and disability waivers. It may help in some cases, but do not depend on it. Individuals in nursing homes and hospices have been known to fall victim to reductions in Social Security payments because of an outstanding government loan. If you defaulted and have retired and know you owe the government, get 'in cinque' and prepare to pay up or take cuts in your Social Security checks.

In 1997, the statute of limitations was lifted to collect on unpaid student loans, but the 2008 Farm Bill lifted the ten year statute to make it possible to collect on all other debts to the government. Individuals who owe the government for any reason, at this time, need to begin to dig out papers and documents to prepare for the inevitable. The Social Security Office and the Internal Revenue Office are very impersonal when it comes to your owing either one of them any money. One would need an insurmountable amount of proof to show that you do not owe and why, if they say so. Further, make sure you understand that there will be interest charges and usually

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With only 10 questions, the 2010 Census questionnaire takes approximately 10 minutes to complete. **By law, the Census Bureau cannot share an individual's responses with anyone**, including other federal agencies and law enforcement entities.

### The Census: A Snapshot

**WHAT:** The census is a count of everyone residing in the United States.

**WHO:** All U.S. residents must be counted - both citizens and non citizens.

**WHEN:** You will receive your questionnaire in March 2010 either by U.S. mail or hand delivery.

**WHY:** The U.S. Constitution requires a national census once every 10 years to count the population and determine the number of seats each state will have in the U.S. House of Representatives.

**HOW:** Households should complete and mail back their questionnaires upon receipt. Census takers will visit households that do not return questionnaires to take a count in person.

### The Importance of Census Data:

Every year, the federal government allocates more than \$400 billion to states and communities based, in part, on census data.

**Census data are used to determine:**

- locations for retail stores
- schools
- hospitals
- new housing developments and other community facilities
- boundaries for state and local legislative and congressional districts.

### 2010 Census Key Dates:

**FEBRUARY - MARCH 2010**

Census questionnaires are mailed or delivered to households.

**MAY - JULY 2010**

Census takers visit households that did not return a questionnaire by mail.

**MARCH - APRIL 2010**

Be Counted program is implemented. Census questionnaires are available at select public sites for individuals who did not receive one by mail.

**DEC. 31, 2010**

By law, the Census Bureau delivers population counts to the President.

**MARCH 2011**

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### Frequently Asked Questions

**Q. WHO SHOULD FILL OUT THE CENSUS QUESTIONNAIRE?**

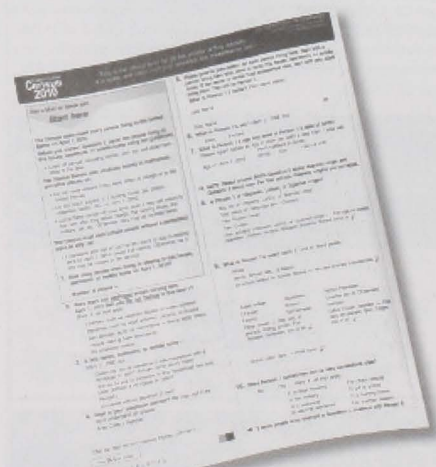
A. The individual in whose name the housing unit is owned or rented should complete the questionnaire on behalf of every person living in the residence, including relatives and non-relatives.

**Q. WHAT KIND OF ASSISTANCE IS AVAILABLE TO HELP PEOPLE COMPLETE THE QUESTIONNAIRE?**

A. 2010 Census questionnaire language assistance guides are available in a variety of languages. Questionnaire Assistance Centers (QAC) will also assist those unable to read or understand the questionnaire. Large-print questionnaires are available to the visually impaired upon request, and a Teletext Device for the Deaf (TDD) program will help the hearing impaired. Contact your Regional Census Center for more details about the types of assistance available and for QAC locations.

**Q. HOW DOES THE CENSUS BUREAU COUNT PEOPLE WITHOUT A PERMANENT RESIDENCE?**

A. Census Bureau workers undertake extensive operations to take in-person counts of people living in group quarters, such as college dormitories, military barracks, nursing homes and shelters, as well as those who have been displaced by natural disasters.



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IT'S IN OUR HANDS



## Rapper Lil Wayne Gets Year in Jail in NYC Gun Case

**New York, NY** -- After saying goodbye on concert stages and online video streams, Lil Wayne had nothing to add as he was sentenced Monday to a year in jail for having a loaded gun on his tour bus.



Lil Wayne

The Grammy Award-winning rapper delivered only a brief bow to fans and supporters as he was led out of a courtroom in handcuffs to start serving his sentence.

With that, Lil Wayne headed off to face his punishment in a case that had shadowed him as he became one of music's most prolific and profitable figures in recent years. Arrested in July 2007, he pleaded guilty in October to attempted criminal possession of a weapon. He

admitted he had the loaded .40-caliber semiautomatic gun on his bus.

His lawyer, Stacey Richman, said the rapper was resolute as he was taken away.

"He knew what he had to do, and he's doing it," she said.

Lil Wayne arrived later Tuesday at the Rikers Island jail complex, where he was being held apart from the general population of inmates because of his fame. He has a cell to himself but the option of spending time in a TV room with 17 other inmates who also have been separated from the general population because of notoriety or other reasons, according to the city Correction Department.

It wasn't immediately clear what work assignment he might have, if any. The 27-year-old rap star could be released in about eight months with good behavior.

Lil Wayne, born Dwayne Carter, is going behind bars with his career in full throttle. His "Tha Carter III" was the best-selling album of 2008 and won a Grammy for best rap album.

## Thank God For Jesus

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**Jude 12-13** -- These are spots in your feasts of charity, when they feast with you, feeding themselves without fear: clouds they are without water, carried about of winds; trees whose fruit withereth, without fruit, twice dead, plucked up by the roots. Raging waves of the sea, foaming out their own shame; wandering stars, to who is reserved the backness of darkness for ever.

In the old days, children had **CHORES; CLEANING, PICKING UP PAPER AND TRASH.**

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**Proverb 22:6** -- Train up a child in the way he should go; and when he is old, he will not depart from it.

**\*\*\* YOU ARE TRAINING THEM; TO WORK, DEAL OR STEAL!!!!\*\***

**LORD**, the neighbors useto could tells us kids: **STOP, AND WE WOULD OBEY.**

**CHILDREN TODAY; DON'T EVEN LISTEN TO WHAT THEIR OWN PARENTS SAY!!!**

**Isaiah 1:4a** -- The Lord Said, A sinful nation, a people laden with iniquity, a seed of evildoers, children that are corrupters: they have forsaken the **LORD.**

## CIVIC LUBBOCK NOW ACCEPTING LOCAL GRANT PROGRAM APPLICATIONS

Civic Lubbock, Inc. is now accepting Local Grant Program applications for events to be scheduled in the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center, City Bank Auditorium-Coliseum or Wells Fargo Amphitheatre for the

2010/2011 fiscal year (October 1, 2010 through September 30, 2011).

Civic Lubbock, Inc. is a non-profit organization whose mission is to foster and promote cultural, educational, and entertainment programs, to include the visual and performing arts, for the citizens of Lubbock. This grant program is funded through the revenues generated from the operation of Concessions at the Civic Center, City Bank Auditorium-Coliseum and Wells Fargo Amphitheatre as well as the Select-A-Seat ticketing operation.

His latest album, "Rebirth," was released last month.

He made a point of leaving fans with fanfare, from a "farewell tour" in recent months to a series of videos on the website Ustream on Sunday.

"Law is mind without reason ... I'll return," he wrote on his Twitter account Monday morning.

Dozens of fans jockeyed with photographers waiting on the courthouse steps Monday afternoon, cheering as Lil Wayne, fellow rapper Birdman and others arrived. Shouts of "Oh, man" and "Keep your head up, Weezy!"

## West Texas Concert Set Here

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Barnes has been here and this year with his cousin, Debra Barnes. They will be joined by Jasper Williams of Dallas and Russell White of Hobbs, N. M.

Buddy & The Straightway Travelers will be appearing in Lubbock for the first time.

Two well known residents, Donnell Hooper and Michael Matthews, will also appear on program. They are known for their ability to sing God's Praises.

This concert and recording session will take place with the West Texas Choir in production at 3:00 at the Church of The Blessed, 1809 34th Street, where Johnny Perez is pastor.

All of this will take place Saturday, March 20th.

The concert is free! For more information, call Faye Brown at (806) 831-9986 or (806) 762-3612.

## Delia Newman

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people and gardening. She was preceded in death by her husband, Isaiah Newman; parents, Estella and Ed Rainwater; son, James Newman; and daughter, Ethal Maria Childers.

She leaves to cherish her loving memory a son, John Newman, and five daughters, Juanita Gibson, Bobbie Loggins (Raymond), Estella Whidby, Edna Holmes (Richard) and the last born Della Dade Showers. She has a total of 80 grand, great-grand and great-great-grandchildren.

The purpose of the program is to provide funds to assist programs and events in building strong participation in order to become self-sufficient on an annual basis. Applying organizations must be a 501(c)3 organization (or government equivalent) and the proposed event should have a large or broad cultural and/or educational impact and appeal to

all sectors of the community. Local Grant Guidelines and Applications Forms can be obtained by calling the Civic Center Administrative Office (775-2242) between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. The deadline for submitting completed applications is Thursday, April 1, 2010.

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## Parson Smith

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sional seats to states. In addition, Congress uses census numbers to allocate more than \$400 billion a year to state and local governments for basic needs such as schools and roads.

Rangel noted "West Texas needs the most accurate population count possible because Cochran, Borden, Briscoe, Kent, Floyd, Castro, Crosby, Lynn, Motley, Dickens and Hall counties have lost population with Cochran a 20.2 percentage loss and a current population of 2,977.

State Rep. Joe Heflin, D-Crosbyton, noted his House District 85 has lost the most population of any House district in West Texas during the past decade and also has the highest poverty rate plus the largest Hispanic population in the region.

Heflin noted "It is bad enough that we have already lost a lot of population, and an undercount would make things much worse for us. We need to stress to people how important it is that they be counted...that count means more money for the education of their children, for better roads and for fair political representation, in Austin and Washington. I would encourage West Texans to forget the foolish talk of Governor Perry seceding from the United States and the foolish Teabag idiots and other fools and fill out the questionnaire. The livelihood of West Texas depends on your response.

Don't be fool by the foolish talk of not taking government money because these new indentured servants lack the intelligence nor have the brain capacity to know their masters who looks like them are getting richer!

## President Obama

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patroitness because we know you are loyal americans and love America. This is Eddie P Richardson's Plea to my personal friends and acquaintances please check your connervative please check your connervative 24 seven with an open really open mind and pray to God to bless America because they the connersatives are giving us on the air 24 7 Amen

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