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

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### T. J. & Bobbie Patterson Will Celebrate 50 Years of Marriage August 19, 2010

If you would ask T. J. & Bobbie Patterson, they would tell you that time really flies fast. They will celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary today, August 19, 2010.

The couple married at the Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church with the late Rev. A. W. "Chester" Wilson performing the ceremony.

At that time, T. J. was only 23, and his lovely bride was 22 years young.

They have three children, namely, Avis, T. J., Jr. and Sheila. Also, they are grandparents to five. They are Zairreus, Marcus, Asya, T. J., III, and Lauren.

The first great-grandchild, Nathan, was born in April, 2010.

Bobbie retired from the Lubbock Independent School District after 35 years as a teacher and counselor. She had an opportunity of instructing, teaching, and counseling young people from elementary school to high school.

She grew up in Lubbock and attended Ella P. Iles Elementary School and graduated from Dunbar High School in 1955. She graduated from Paul Quinn College in Waco, Texas in 1959. While at Paul Quinn, she an honor student.

A Soror of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., she has utilized the principles of this organization for women. But she will tell that nothing is possible in life without God He (God) has to be in that we do as His children.

On the other hand, her husband, T. J., came to Lubbock to pick up a 1951 Plymouth (Stiek Shift) given to him by his Aunt and Uncle, Dr. L. S. "Sugar" Graves and Julius Caesar Graves, owners of the Mary & Mac Private School. T. J. was hired as a teacher in 1958.

T. J. & Bobbie became attached to each other when T. J. saw her photo in an issue of the then Kansas City Call. He liked what he saw, tracked her down and ended up visiting her church, Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church.

One Sunday morning, however, the pastor, the late Rev. A. W. Wilson, asked T. J. to stand up and told him that if wasn't going to join Bethel, then he should just quit coming to see Bobbie.

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T. J. & Bobbie Patterson are shown cutting their wedding cake immediately after exchanging vows at the Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church. The late Rev. A. W. "Chester" Wilson performed the ceremony on Saturday evening, August 19, 1960.

In the background, left, are late Julius Caesar Graves, an uncle to T. J. and the late Sandra "Tootsie" Hutchinson, a sister to Bobbie.



T. J. & Bobbie Patterson are shown posing at the Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church after exchanging vows administered by the late Rev. A. W. "Chester" Wilson on Saturday night, August 19, 1977.

At right is the late Mrs. Hannah Lee Patterson, mother of T. J. At the time, she was a resident of Wichita Falls, Texas where she was a well known beautician.

### Darvin Ham Named Head Coach of NBA D-League's Thunderbirds

Former NBA player Darvin Ham announced the next head coach of the NBA Development League's New Mexico Thunderbirds at a press conference Tuesday, August 3, 2010.

Ham will be the fourth head coach in the team's six-year history, following in the footsteps of John Coffino, Jeff Ruland and Michael Cooper. FanHouse was the first to report Ham's hiring Tuesday morning.

Ham, 37, has served as the Thunderbirds' top assistant over the past two seasons while learning the ins and outs of the business from then-head coach Coffino. Prior to joining Coffino's coaching staff, Ham played as an unofficial 'player-coach' for the Thunderbirds under Ruland during the 2007-2008 season, his last year as a professional player, averaging 10.1 points and 5.6 rebounds per game.



As a head coach, Ham should be able to provide the Thunderbirds' players with someone that they can relate to -- much like the majority of D-League players, Ham went undrafted after playing four years at Texas Tech University in Lubbock where he

made headlines for shattering a backboard during an NCAA Tournament game in 1990.

It's often mentioned among D-League players that they connect better with coaches that have been where they want to eventually be, but there are very



Chief Ed Henderson

### New Fire Chief: Ed Henderson Named In Forest Hill

Forest Hill, Texas -- Chief Ed Henderson, Assistant Fire Chief of the Mansfield, Texas Fire Department, became the new Forest Hill Fire Chief on Tuesday, August 17, 2010, at a swearing in ceremony by the city council at the Forest Hill Community Center.

Henderson has been Mansfield's Assistant Fire Chief and Fire Marshal for seven years and began his duties as fire chief on Wednesday, August 18th. His last day in Mansfield was Tuesday, August 10th.

Henderson, 56, who was one of two candidates interviewed for the job, replaces Pat Ekiss, who resigned in April.

"I think I have some things to contribute that will help steer the city in the right direction," Henderson said.

Forest Hill City Manager Sheyl Ipaye said Henderson's qualifications stood out.

"Chief Henderson's education, experience and training put him on top," Ipaye said.

Henderson retired after serving 25 years with the City of Lubbock Fire Department, where he served as a lieutenant and assistant fire marshal. He also served as a sergeant in the U. S. Air Force, where his firefighting career began.

Educating the public regard-

ing fire prevention and working with young people are important to Chief Henderson. In Mansfield, he received funds to provide smoke detectors to low-income residents. He also initiated a program to work with juvenile fire setters. He would evaluate them based on questionnaires to determine whether they needed professional counseling or more education on the consequences of setting fires. "Research and statistics show that most male children have a propensity to want to set fires and to experiment, while females tend to stay away from that behavior," he said. Henderson said the Mansfield Fire Department has been recognized for helping young people.

Chief Henderson received a Bachelor of Science degree from Wayland Baptist University in Lubbock in 1996, and an associate degree from South Plains College, also in Lubbock, in 1995. He graduated from Carver High School in Delray Beach, Fla., in 1972.

He has been married to his wife Doris for 33 years and they have three children: a son, Edmond Henderson, II; and two daughters, Ebony Williams and Erica Henderson.

Congratulations, Chief Ed Henderson!

few coaches aside from Idaho's recently appointed Randy Livingston -- that have the experience of clawing to be on an NBA roster like Ham endured during his 11 seasons of playing professional basketball.

Thunderbirds forward Shane Edwards recently told FanHouse that Ham's coaching helped him progress into enough of a prospect this summer to earn an invite to play for the Denver Nuggets' entry in the NBA Summer League.

"(Ham) knows the game very well because he's played it for so long that he has an excellent understanding of the game from a player's perspective and was able to teach me how to do the little things," Edwards said. "I also worked with Darvin to develop my post skills. He gave me stuff I could work with on the block and off the block, and I think my post skills got a lot better. I really learned a lot from him."

After earning a free-agent

contract with the Denver Nuggets as rookie in the fall of 1996, Ham ended up making spot appearances playing for the Indiana Pacers, Washington Wizards, Milwaukee Bucks, Atlanta Hawks and Detroit Pistons while also playing his craft overseas in between NBA contracts. The biggest accomplishment of Ham's NBA career was earning an NBA championship ring while playing with the Pistons during the 2003-04 season.

Ham's overseas stops included Spain during the 1998-99 season, the Philippines during the 2005-06 season and Puerto Rico during the 2006 summer before finally ending up in the D-League.

Since then, Ham has embraced the role as a coach in the D-League as he was looking to drop his knowledge on his fellow teammates even as he was playing alongside them.

"There's a very thin line bet-

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