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## Emmy-Winning Singer Eartha Kitt Dies At 81 of Colon Cancer

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Eartha Kitt, the self-proclaimed "sex kitten" whose sultry voice and catlike purr attracted fans even as she neared 80, has died. The singer, dancer and actress was 81.

Family spokesman Andrew Freedman said Kitt, who was recently treated at Columbia Presbyterian Hospital, died Thursday in Connecticut of colon cancer.

Dubbed the "most exciting woman in the world" by Orson Welles, Kitt's career spanned six decades, from her start as a dancer with the famed Katherine Dunham troupe to cabarets and acting and singing on stage, in movies and on television. She won two Emmys, and was also nominated for several Tonys and two Grammys.

Kitt was featured on the cover of her 2001 book, "Rejuvenate," a guide to staying physically fit, in a long, curvaceous black dress with a figure that some 20-year-old women would envy. She also wrote three autobiographies.

She persevered through an unhappy childhood as a mixed-race daughter of the South, and made headlines in the 1960s for denouncing the Vietnam War during a visit to the White House.

Her first album, "RCA Victor Presents Eartha Kitt," was released in 1954. It featured songs such as "I Want to Be Evil," "C'est Si Bon" and the saucy gold digger's theme song, "Santa Baby," which is revived on radio each Christmas.

The following year, the record company released "That Bad Eartha," which featured "Let's Do It," "Smoke Gets in Your Eyes" and "My Heart Belongs to Daddy."

After becoming a hit singing "Monotonous" in the Broadway revue "New Faces of 1952," Kitt appeared in "Mrs. Patterson" in 1954-55. (Some references say she earned a Tony nomination for "Mrs. Patterson," but only winners were publicly announced at that time.) She also made appearances in "Shunbone Alley" and "The Owl and the Pussycat."

She was the sexy Catwoman



Eartha Kitt

on the popular "Batman" TV series in 1967-68, replacing Julie Newmar, who originated the role. A guest appearance on an episode of "I Spy" brought Kitt an Emmy nomination in 1966.

In 1996, Kitt was nominated for a Grammy in the category of traditional pop vocal performance for her album "Back in Business." She also had been nominated in the children's recording category for the 1969 record, "Folk Tales of the Tribes of Africa."

Kitt also acted in movies, playing the lead female role opposite Nat King Cole in "St. Louis Blues" in 1958. She more recently appeared in "Boomerang" and "Harriet the Spy" in the 1990s.

"Generally the whole entertainment business now is bland," she said in a 1996 Associated Press interview. "It depends so much on gadgetry and flash now. You don't have to have talent to be in the business today."

"I think we had to have something to offer, if you wanted to be recognized as worth paying for."

Kitt was plainspoken about causes she believed in. Her anti-war comments at the White

House came as she attended a White House luncheon hosted by Lady Bird Johnson.

"You send the best of this country off to be shot and maimed," she told the group of about 50 women. "They rebel in the street. They don't want to go to school because they're going to be snatched off from their mothers to be shot in Vietnam."

For four years afterward, Kitt performed almost exclusively overseas. She was investigated by the FBI and CIA, which allegedly found her to be foul-mouthed and promiscuous.

"The thing that hurts, that became anger, was when I realized that if you tell the truth — in a country that says you're entitled to tell the truth — you get your face slapped and you get put out of work," Kitt told Essence magazine two decades later.

In 1978, Kitt returned to Broadway in the musical "Timbuktu!" — which brought her a Tony nomination — and was invited back to the White House by President Jimmy Carter.

In 2000, Kitt earned another Tony nomination for "The Wild Party." She played the fairy godmother in "Rodgers and

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## Chantel Syrus Will Attend Presidential Inauguration

Chantel Syrus will attend a Leadership Summit in Washington, DC, January 17-22, 2009 which will include the 2009 Presidential Inauguration, as a People-To-People Ambassador.

This trip is not just about traveling. You must have a 3.5/85 GPA or higher which must be maintained during the school year prior to traveling, and community services to be considered for the program. To prepare for your travels you must complete all the lesson assignments to be knowledgeable in the customs, traditions and protocols of the leadership Summit you are attending. People To People will also grant college credit through Eastern Washington University and classroom social studies credit.

Chantel is the daughter of Ken and LaSheria Syrus and the granddaughter of Mannie and Gladys Williams.

She was a member of the first graduating class of Rise Academy in May 2008 and is a freshman at Lubbock High School. As an active member of Lyons Chapel Church she is the Youth Ministry President, Praise Dancer and love attending Sunday School.

Chantel is active in community service as she has raised funds for the American Heart Association and participated in the Lubbock area Heart Walk for the past 5 years. Participated



Chantel Syrus

in the Diabetes walk and community Health Fair, Assisted with Science Spectrum Food Bank collection during Halloween for 3 years, Assisted with the Parkway-Cherry Point Senior Citizen Committee community clean up since 2006, and was a Junior Ambassador at Parkway Neighborhood Center.

"I am blessed to be able to participate in this historical occasion of the 1st African-American Presidential Inauguration. To attend this event is a privilege and a joy I will share with my family, community, friends and generations to come."

"I am asking my community to assist me with my travel funding by giving a donation of any amount and/or ordering a cookbook for \$15.00. Thank you in advance for your assistance. May God richly bless each of you," said Chantel.

## SPC announces spring schedule for Estacado High School

South Plains College announces its spring schedule for courses available at Estacado High School, 1504 E. Hasca St. Registration will be from 6 to 7 p.m. Jan. 6 (Tuesday) in the Estacado Library.

SPC will deliver five workforce development courses as well as 10 college credit classes beginning in spring 2009. The course offerings will be delivered through the interactive television system which features two-way audio and video communication. Estacado High School currently houses a state-of-the-arts ITV classroom on its campus.

"The spring schedule really reflects our dedicated effort to increase educational opportunities for the residents of East Lubbock," said Jim Walker, dean of Continuing and Distance Education at SPC.

"We've had a presence on the Estacado campus for nearly 10 years through our dual credit offerings," Walker said. "About two years ago, we started expanding our course offerings to the community."

"These additional educational opportunities will be for college credit, skill building and personal enrichment," he said. Workforce development courses to be available in the spring include Introduction to Computers and Windows XP, Introduction to MS Word 2007, Introduction to MS Excel 2007, Certified Nurse Aide with clinical training and Job Readiness.

Recently, SPC hosted a College Night in the library of Estacado High School to provide resources for individuals interested in pursuing higher education. Representatives from SPC's Admission and Records, Financial Aid, Testing and Counseling Offices were on hand to assist students, parents

and their families with questions regarding these areas.

"We at Estacado High School are honored to be a partner with South Plains College in offering college courses to the adults and students in East Lubbock," said David Vasquez, principal at Estacado High School. "We are very optimistic that the classes will be well attended and thus allow us to expand and offer a variety of classes in the future."

The college credit courses to be offered are Art Appreciation, English, Government, U.S. History, College Algebra, Psychology, Business and Professional Speech, Reading and Human Development. The classes will be available during the daytime and the evening.

Participants are encouraged to bring identification, official transcripts and methods for payment. Textbooks will be available for purchase.

For more information, contact Walker, dean of Continuing and Distance Education, at 806-716-2340 or Rafael Aguilera, associate dean of Workforce Development, at 806-716-4909.

## Rice: Obama Election Encourages People Worldwide



Condoleezza Rice

WASHINGTON (AP) — Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice says the country is not "race-blind" and "we shouldn't deceive ourselves that we're

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### Community Meetings

This is a list of what is happening in Lubbock, to help complete the unfinished, community-building work of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

- African American Chamber of Commerce, Lubbock meets on the 3rd Monday of each month, from 5:30-6:30pm at the Parkway Community Center, 405 MLK Blvd., 806-771-1815

- Lubbock Area Clerical Council meets on the 2nd Saturday, 1:00pm at the Patterson Branch Library

- Hub City Kiwanis meets every Tuesday, 7:00pm, 1708 Avenue G

- Dunbar Alumni Association meets 2nd Saturdays, 4:00 pm

- Booker T. Washington American Legion Post 808 meets every 2nd Tuesday at 7:30pm, American Legion Building in Yellowhouse Canyon

- Forgotten West Riders meets on the 1st & 3rd Mondays, 7:00 pm, Patterson Library

- East Lubbock Chapter AARP meets every 1st Thursday at 1:00 pm, Mac Simmons Community Center

- 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 7:00 pm at the Dunbar/Manhattan Heights Neighborhood Outreach Center at 1301 East 24th St.

- West Texas Native American Association Pot Luck Supper meets on alternating months prior to meeting, meetings held on 2nd Saturday of each month at 7:00 pm, Educational presentations and demonstrations

- Texas Nineteenth Cultural & Historical Commission - Lubbock Affiliate meets at Patterson Branch Library every 3rd Thursday at 7:00 pm

- West Texas Native American Association meets 2nd Saturday each month at Groves Library, 5520 19th Street, 7:30 pm.

- West Texas Chapter of 100 Black Men meets the 3rd Monday evening at 7:00 pm at the Parkway Neighborhood Center

- The Parkway & Cherry-Point Neighborhood Association meets the 3rd Tuesday evening of each month at 7:30 pm at Ham Elementary

- Chanman Hill Neighborhood Association meets the 2nd Thursday of every month at 6:00 pm, at Ilos Elementary, Cafeteria.

If you have an announcement you want to appear in this paper, there are three ways to get information to us:

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## Study: Murders Among Black Youths on the Rise

WASHINGTON - The number of young black men and teenagers who either killed or were killed in shootings has risen at an alarming rate since 2000, a new study shows. The study, to be released Monday by criminologists at Northeastern University in Boston, comes as FBI data is showing that murders have leveled off nationwide.

Not so for black teens, the youngest of whom saw dramatic increases in shooting deaths, the Northeastern report concluded. Last year, for example, 426 black males between the ages of 14 and 17 were killed in gun crimes, the study shows. That marked a 40 percent increase from 2000.

Similarly, an estimated 964 in the same age group committed fatal shootings in 2007 - a 38 percent increase from seven years earlier. The number of offenders is estimated because not all crimes are reported, said Northeastern criminologist James Alan Fox, who co-authored the study.

"Although the overall rate of

homicide in the United States remains relatively low, the landscape is quite different for countless Americans living, and some dying, in violence-infested neighborhoods," Fox said.

Seizing on President-elect Barack Obama's incoming administration as an opportunity for more funding, Fox added: "There is an urgency for reinvestment in children and families. In essence, we need a bailout for kids at risk."

Obama will be the nation's first black president.

The study partly blamed Bush administration grant cuts to local police and juvenile crime prevention programs for the surge in crimes by young black men and teens. Incoming Vice President Joe Biden has promised funding to put 50,000 new police officers on the street to help bring violent crime rates back to a decade-long annual decline that began in the mid-1990s, after then-President Bill Clinton provided local officials with money to hire 100,000 new cops.

Nationwide, the number of murders and violent crimes overall dropped last year after increasing in 2005 and 2006, according to annual data compiled by the FBI. Overall, however, murders have risen by about 8 percent between 2000 and 2007.

The FBI reported 10,067 arrests in murder and non-negligent manslaughter cases in 2007. Half of the people arrested - 5,078 - were black. Almost 10 percent of black people arrested for murder were under age 18, the FBI data show.

The number of young white men who committed gun-related homicides also rose over the same period, the Northeastern study showed, but not as dramatically. In 2007, an estimated 384 white males age 14 to 17 shot someone to death, up from 368 in 2000.

The numbers of homicides committed by women and teenage girls - whether black or white - were relatively few, the Northeastern study found.

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# Chatman Hills Corner

By Doris Reynolds

Let us take this time and wish each of you a Happy New Year, and may things fall in place for all of you in the New Year!

This writer really appreciates all of the encouragement offered during 2008, and will be looking forward to working with each of you in 2009.

May God continue to bless each of you.

Lubbock's First Presidential Inauguration Ball will be held Tuesday, January 20, 2009, from 7:00 p. m. until 11:00 p. m. at

the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center. For more information, call 289-2990 or 787-4513.

Let us continue to pray for those who are sick and shut in. If you know of anyone who is sick, or shut-in, please include them in your previous prayers.

If you get an opportunity, then visit with them in person if possible.

Let's not forget Sister Joan Y. Ervin and Brother Clarence Ervin. Both have been ill during 2008. Also, Brother Alfred

Cavel.

If you are not a subscriber, then do so today. It will be a good thing to do. It will be a great way to start 2009!

### Explore New Worlds: Patterson Branch Library

January 6th & 13th Storytime & Winter Craft

Share-A-Book - January 20th @ 6 pm. Story time for children and their parents. Each family will receive a free book, courtesy of Literacy Lubbock.

#### Special Events

**FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT** - 1st Monday of every month @ 6 pm - Bring the whole family and enjoy a movie on our big screen with refreshments provided by Friends of the Library.

#### Just for Teens

**KEEP BUSY, STAY FIT, JOIN THE FUN**  
Join us for a different activity every week. Refreshments provided by Friends of the Library.

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is he that made us and not we ourselves. We are his people and the sheep of his pasture. Enter into his gates with thanksgiving and into his courts with praise, be thankful to him and bless his name. For the lord is good his mercy is everlasting and his truth endures to all generations.  
Psalm 100:1-5

### New Light Baptist Church News

On Sunday December 28, 2008, services got started at New Light Baptist Church, 3013 Idalou Road, where Rev. Kenneth O. Jackson is the pastor, with much enthusiasm.

Sunday School started at 9:45 a.m. with Rev. Lee teaching the lesson entitled: "Acting On One's Commitments".

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

Rev. L. C. Lee led the pulpit devotion. The Youth Choir marched to the choir stand singing "I Love To Praise Him". The responsive reading was read by Rev. Lee, and it came from Psalm 1:1-6. The altar prayer was led by Rev. Jackson with the choir singing "Yes Lord".

Sis. Rochelette Hood read all the morning announcements and told of all the upcoming events that will be held. There was the fellowship period that was held for about 5 minutes and then the offering was taken up.

The Youth Choir sang "Trouble In My Way" and "Jesus, Jesus, Jesus". "Amazing Grace" was sung before the sermon was preached. Rev. Jackson preached the sermon entitled: "You Can Make It." Roman 8:1 & 2.

After the sermon, some of the members sang a song entitled: "When I See Jesus". The invitation to discipleship was extended and there were several who came for prayer. Sis. Mosley acknowledged all the visitors that was in attendance.

Continue to pray for those that has lost a love one recently, those that are sick, shut-in; those in nursing homes and those that are in our community and surrounding counties. Pray for the OBAMA family and his official staff.

**SCRIPTURE FOR WEEK:**  
Make a joyful noise shout to the lord all you lands. Serve the lord with gladness come before his presence with singing. Know that the lord he is God if

### FASHION FUN

by Shirley Roberson

### Happy New Year!

**HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU AND YOUR FAMILY.** May God continue to keep you and yours safe from harm.

It has been a great opportuni-

ty to bring forth ideas during the year of 2008. It is our hope to do so in the New Year of 2009.

We as a people have so much to be thankful for this day and time. Sure, things haven't always been great during the past year, but, thank God, we have an opportunity to do much better in the New Year!

In 2009, keep looking sharp as you did last year. Keep on shopping in your local stores for the better items for wear.

All in all, it is our hope you will continue to prosper in 2009!



Just keep on keeping on as you do your very best each day of 2009.

Thanks for reading this column, and we look forward to bringing more to you in 2009! See you next week!!

The Roberson Family

### Phea's Boys & Girls Club Hiring New Staff For Year

The Theodore Phea Boys and Girls Club will be looking to hire some new part-time staff for the year 2009. It is our desire to put people around our kids that are able to bring positive impact to their lives. We are looking for people who planted and reside in Lubbock, Texas as to bring stability to the club staff and club members. If you are interested you must be able to do the following:

Physically interact with the kids

Able to lead, guide and participate in sporting activities

Able to teach the social programs from our National Office in Atlanta.

Must be able to build a positive self esteem in the club members.

Must be able to work as a team and independent as well.

Must be able to be creative and not have to be micro-man-

### City Offices Closed For New Years

City of Lubbock offices will be closed January 1, 2009, in observance of the New Year holiday.


Emergency services will continue without interruption.

Due to the New Year's Holiday being observed on Thursday, Solid Waste Services Monday and Thursday collection schedule will now be Monday and Wednesday. The Tuesday and Friday collection schedule will remain as scheduled.

set up a time to fill out an application and interview as well. Dr. McKenzie is looking for mature staff and not college students. The kids need a stable environment and not one that changes every semester.

For more information, contact Dr. McKenzie at the Theodore Phea Boys and Girls Club.

"We have some exciting plans for the new year which will benefit our boys and girls," says Dr. McKenzie. "Your help is appreciated," he continued.



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### Meet Pastors Johnny & Pat Perez Of The Church Of The Blessed



Meet the Pastors of the Church of the Blessed. The Church is located at 1809 34th Street. They invite those looking for a Church Home to come and visit with their congregation. The number of baptisms is 40. The Church of the Blessed is still visiting the Lubbock County Jail with it's Jail Ministry where there were 24 saved and continuing. Prayer at the Lubbock County Jail is held at 5:00 a. m. Monday through Friday. Saturday evenings English Services begins at 7:00 p. m.

**YOUR INVITATION TO A NEW BLESSING!**

Pastors Johnny & Pat Perez and the family at Church of the Blessed invite you to join them for service this week

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# Church News

## FROM THE DESK OF PARSON D. A. SMITH

### "The Dark Side of Humanity"

Several days ago Israeli warplanes took flight from the countries military bases and dropped more than 100 tons of bombs on security installations in Gaza. More than 400 people in the Hamas-ruled Gaza Strip were wounded and at least 230 people lost their lives.

Black smoke covered the landscape as Israeli missiles struck in densely populated areas. The strikes occurred at a time school children were going home. Frantic mothers went looking for their children. A 57 year old Palestinian father sat in the middle of a street in Gaza City slapping his face with tears running down his cheeks and covering his head with dust from a bombed-out security compound as he sat in the middle of the street.

The tears of the father was from the lost of his 9-year-old son who he had sent to the marketplace to purchase a package of cigarettes minutes before the Israelites missiles took the life of his son. He moaned: "May I burn like the cigarettes, may Israel burn."

The bodies of more than a dozen uniformed Hamas police were found dead in Gaza City's main security compound. Civilian rushed wounded people in cars and other means of transportation to hospitals because there were not enough ambulances to transport the dead and

wounded.

At Shifa Hospital, Nurse Ahmed Abdel Salaam reported "There are heads without bodies... There's blood in the corridors. People are weeping, women are crying, doctors are shouting."

Israeli Defense Minister Ehud Barak, vowing to expand the operation if necessary said, "There is a time for calm and there is a time for fighting and now is the time for fighting." His action was in response to Hamas' leaders and militants who is said to have kept pelting Israel with rockets and killing at least one and wounding six Israelis.

The Arab world is in an uproar over the action of Israel and Israel Western allies including the United States has urged restraint. However, the United States has blamed Hamas for the fighting.

What concerns this writer is the timing of the strikes. Why would Israel kill more than 230 people including children during the observance of Christmas by Christians of the world who acknowledged that one of their own (Jesus) was born to heal a sin-sick world? Whether or not they believed in Jesus or not is their business. However, when we as Americans pay income taxes to our government in the support of Israel some respect should be given to whom we

believe to be the Son of God. Backs should not be turned and tell us what to kiss!

Robin Pogrebin wrote an article published in the New York Times on December 23, 2008 titled: In Madoff Scandal, Jews Feel an Acute Betrayal."

Pogrebin wrote: There is a teaching in the Talmud that says an individual who comes before God after death will be asked a series of questions, the first one of which is "Were you honest in your business dealings?" But it is the Ten Commandments that have weighed most heavily on the mind of Rabbi David Wolpe of Sinai Temple in Los Angeles in light of the sins for which Bernard L. Madoff stands accused. "You shouldn't steal," Rabbi Wolpe said. "And this is theft on a global scale."

The full scope of the misdeeds to which Mr. Madoff has confessed in swindling individuals and charitable groups has yet to be calculated, and he is far from being convicted. But Jews all over the country are already sending up something of a communal cry over a cost they say goes beyond the financial to the theological and the personal.

Here is a Jew accused of cheating Jewish organizations trying to help other Jews, they say, and of betraying the trust of Jews and violating the basic tenets of Jewish law. A Jew, they

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## We Thank God for Jesus

### "A New Year Revival Prayer"

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

**Matthew 5:16** - Jesus said, let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your father which is in heaven.

Let's all pray for the Preachers so they'll not be after **Man's Gold**. But about **GOD'S BUSINESS; THE WINNING OF LOST SOULS!!**

**Mark 11:17** - Jesus said, it is written, My house shall be called by all nations the House of Prayer? But you have made it a den of thieves.

**\*\*\*\* YES, A PREACHER WILL ROB GOD!!! \*\*\*\***

Let's all pray for the Deacons who have been sitting in the church **TOO LONG**. And won't speak on **GOD'S WORD; WHEN THEY SEE THE CHURCH GOING WRONG!!!**

**Matthew 23:25-26** - Jesus said, woe (cursed) unto you Scribes and Pharisees, Hypocrites! For you make clean the outside of the cup and of the platter, but within they are full of extortion (Stealing) and excess. You blind Pharisee, clean first that which is within the cup and platter, that the outside of them may be clean also.

**\*\*\*\* YES, THE DEACONS WILL ROB GOD!!! \*\*\*\***

Let's pray for the Missionaries who are always

going to the **FOREIGN LANDS**. But haven't **DONE THEIR FIRST WORKS; HOME IS WHERE CHARITY BEGINS!!!**

**Matthew 23:15** - Jesus said, woe (cursed) unto you Scribes and Pharisees, Hypocrites! For you compass sea and land to make one Proselyte, and when he is made, you make him twenty fold more the child of hell than yourselves.

**\*\*\*\* YES, MISSIONARIES WILL ROB GOD!!! \*\*\*\***

Let's all **PRAY**: that the **GOD'S WISDOM** will be the Leaders of the Church, that when someone gets **SAVED**; being in Church on Sunday is not the **MOST IMPORTANT THING**; But the first **COMMANDMENT IS, YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD Y OUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, MIND, SOUL AND SPIRIT**. If someone can't go to Church on Sunday Night, Wednesday Night or Friday Night. And if **GOD GAVE THEM A JOB**, and they need to **WORK ON SUNDAY**. Don't you'll think **GOD KNEW THEY WOULD HAVE TO WORK ON SUNDAY!** So don't quit your **JOB**; the Church is not going to Help with **YOUR BILLS; SO KEEP ON LOVING THE LORD, AND TO GOD BE THE GLORY!!!**

**1 Corinthians 2:9** - As it is written, eyes have not seen, nor ears heard, neither have entered into the Heart of a man, the things which God has prepared for them that love him.

**\*\*\*\* BEING ONLY CHURCHES WILL ROB GOD!!! \*\*\*\***

Let's pray for the Church Members who think they're **PAYING FOR THEIR SINS, WITH HIS GOLD PAY TITHES AND OFFERINGS, AND IS NOT CONCERNED ABOUT THEIR LOST SOULS!!!**

**Micah 6:7-8** - Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, or with ten thousand of rivers of oils? Shall I give my first born for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sins of my soul? He has showed you, O Man, what is good; and what do the Lord require of you, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humble your God.

**\*\*\*\* YES, CHURCH MEMBERS WILL ROB GOD!!! \*\*\*\***

Let's pray for the Church Member who on **SATURDAY DAY NIGHT, SING ROCK AND SOUL, AND ON SUNDAY MORNING, THEY SING ZION SONGS IN THE CHOR ROBES!!!**

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## St. Matthew's Baptist Church News

Church services were well attended last Sunday morning, December 28, 2008, at the St. Matthew Baptist Church, 2020 East 14th Street, where the past pastor is Rev. Edward Canady.

Church services got underway again with Sunday School beginning at 10:10 a. m. with Superintendent Sister Shirley Davis in charge.

The subject of the morning lesson was "Acting On One's Commitments." The scripture

was Luke 3:7-18.

The morning lesson was taught by Pastor Canady.

The key verse was, "Bring forth therefore fruits worthy of repentance, and begin not to say within your selves, We have Abraham to our father for I say unto, that God is able of these stones to raise up children unto Abraham."

The morning devotion got underway at 11:15 a. m. with Deacon Edward Williams

and Brother Gerald Jackson in charge.

The St. Matthew Baptist Church Choir sang again out of their hearts and souls last Sunday morning.

Rev. Monty Smith delivered a wonderful sermon. His subject was "Just Passing Through." His scripture text was Matthew 28:18-20; 7:13.

Our Weekly Meetings are as follows: Wednesday evenings, Mission Ladies, 5:00 p. m. and

Bible Study, 6:00 p. m.; Friday evenings, Choir Rehearsal, 5:00 p. m. Ushers will meet on Saturday mornings, 11:00 a. m.

The St. Matthew Baptist Church is still looking for a Musician. If you are interested, then call Pastor Canady at (806) 744-2445.

Holy, Holy, Holy! All the Saints Are Thee, Casting down their golden crowns around the glossy sea, which weren't and art evermore shall be."

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Let us remember our sick and shut-in of our Church and Community. Among them include: Sister Betty Titus, Sister Alice Lee, and Sister Ethel Williams.

**Thought For The Week:** "If you are too impressed with yourself, take a closer look at God's awesomeness."

**"And as ye would that men should do to you, do ye also to them likewise."**

In Jesus' day, there are two forms of this rule floating around: a negative form and a positive form. The negative form is something like, "don't do bad things to others lest others do bad things to you." This form is popular in both Judaism and in wider Greco-Roman world of the first century.

Jesus stresses the positive form of the Golden Rule. This is the less common but not unknown form at the time.

God bless you at this time!!

## Outreach Prayer Breakfast

### Pray For Health And Healing!

The members of the Outreach Prayer Breakfast want to share this bit of information with you:

"Father, in the name of Jesus, we confess your word concerning healing. As we do this, we believe and say that your word will not return to you void, but will accomplish what it says it will. Therefore, we believe in the name of Jesus that according to 1 Peter 2:22, in your word.

Jesus, himself, took our infirmities and bore our sickness. Therefore, with great boldness and confidence, we say on the authority of the written word that we're redeemed from the **curse of sickness**, and refuse to tolerate its symptoms.

**Satan**, we speak to you in the name of **Jesus** and say that your principalities, powers, Your spirits who rule the present darkness and also spiritual wickedness in heavenly places are bound from operating against God's people.

In anyway, we are the **Almighty God**, and we give you place in God's people. We abide, remain stable and fixed under the shadows of the **Almighty** whose power no foe can withstand.

Now Father, because we **revere and worship you**. We have the assurance of your word that the angels of the Lord encompass around about us and deliver us from every evil work.

No evil shall befall us. No plague or calamity shall come near our dwellings. We confess

the word of God abide in your people to deliver, to perfect soundness of **mind and wholeness in body** and spirit from the deepest parts of our nature to the immortal soul spirit. Even to the joints and marrow of your people's bodies. We have on the whole armour of God and the shield of Faith protects us from all the fiery darts of the wicked.

Jesus, you are the **High Priest** of our confession, and

### Black Mother Who Lost Children Preaches Fire Safety

**PHILADELPHIA** - The mother of three children killed in a fast-moving house fire held up their morgue photographs at a packed church and pleaded with the hundreds in attendance to outfit their homes with smoke detectors to prevent such tragedies.

"This is Zyhre, he was one year old," Michelle Dossio said Sunday as walls erupted from the pews of Christ International Baptist Church, just blocks from the home where four adults and three children died in the Friday night blaze.

"This is Ramero, he was eight... This is my baby girl, Mariam. She would have been seven on the 27th," Dossio said from the church altar as she held the little girl's photo aloft. "I promised her a party and... she's going to get it."

"Don't let them die in vain," she said, urging congregants to get smoke detectors. "Get it done."

The blaze was brought under

control in around a half hour but heavy smoke claimed the lives

of the seven victims. Six were found huddled together at one

end of the room: a seventh was found near the basement's only exit to the outside. Investigators said the interior basement stairs had been removed.

There were no smoke alarms in the house, but alarms probably wouldn't have prevented the tragedy - survivor Harris Murphy, 54, said it started when a kerosene heater exploded as it was being refilled with fuel.

With his hands wrapped in bandages, Murphy told the church congregation that he

urged his friend Henry Gbokoloi to have everyone run through the flames but his friend replied, "The firefighters will come and get us." The victims succumbed to smoke before firefighters could reach them.

In addition to Ramero, Mariam, and Zyhre, the other victims were Gbokoloi, 54, and siblings Vivian Teah, 26; Elliott Teah, 23, and Jennifer Teah, 17.

At least 10 members of the extended family were at home watching a movie when the fire

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# Obsequies

## Jada LaRue Love

Funeral services were held Tuesday morning, December 30, 2008 at Greater St. Luke Baptist Church for Jada LaRue Love.

Burial followed at the City of Lubbock Cemetery under the direction of Griffin Mortuary & Funeral Home of Lubbock.

Love, 46, of Sacramento, Calif., formerly of Lubbock passed away Thursday, December 18, 2008 at Sunbridge Nursing Facilities in Sacramento.

She was born October 10, 1962 to the parentage of Emma L. James and Benny Chappel. Jada received her BSN in Nursing. She worked for the State of California under the Governor.

She leaves to cherish her memory her daughter, Briana



M. Love; son, Troi A. Love; mother, Emma Love James; brothers, Rocco Love, Danny Love (Brenda), and Gaylon Love; sisters, Michelle Love Brown and Ocie James Estes; special lifelong friend, Minnie Smith; special friend, Vicky Winnans; and a host of other relatives and friends.

## Willie Earl "Wimpy Cook" Milton

Funeral services were held for Willie Earl "Wimpy Cook" Milton Monday afternoon, December 29, 2008 at Pleasant Grove Baptist Church in Tahoka.

Burial followed at Nevels Cemetery under the direction of Griffin Mortuary & Funeral Home of Lubbock.

Milton, 66, of Lubbock passed away Tuesday, December 23, 2008 at University Medical Center.

He was born April 6, 1942 to the parentage of Ruben Miller and Onnie M. Miller (Strickland) in Falls County. He was employed by Lynetgar Electric Co. for 18 years.

He leaves to cherish his memory his wife, Janie Milton; five children, Shelia Thomas, Clifford Oages (Linda), Willie Mitchell (Shelia), Staci McGruder (Harold), Katrina White (Kevin); and seven brothers.



Arthur R. Milton, Billy R. Milton, Willard Strickland, James Miller, Nelson R. Miller, George Strickland, and Clinton Brown; nine sisters, Velma Jones, Laura Ann Harris, Ruby J. Tyrone, Irma Young, Shirley Milton, Joyce Strickland, Alma Lyons, Georgia Lewes, and Lola M. Jackson; one aunt, Jeraldine Watkins; a devoted cousin, Eula M. Benjamin; 23 grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren; a host of other relatives and friends.

## J. W. Green

Plainview - Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon, December 30, 2008, for J. W. Green, at Full Armor Ministries with Bishop Leonard Chatham officiating.

Burial followed in Plainview Memorial Park under the direction of Cornerstone Funeral Directors of Plainview.

Green, 79, of Plainview died Thursday, December 25, 2008 in Plainview.

## B.L.A.C.C.C. - B.R.I.C.C.C. Says 'Thanks To All'

For all of those who attended the B.L.A.C.C.C. - B.R.I.C.C.C. - Bridging Lives Across Cultures, Communities, Covenants & Breeds - Boldly, Realistically, Intellegently, Consciously, Concern & Committed - Town Hall meeting on Saturday afternoon, December 6, 2008, your courage is greatly appreciated.

Again we thank yo for all attending one of a series of meetings that will be major source of our EMPOWERMENT on all levels of our Family, Business, Political, Social, and Community life.

We commend you all for your ground breaking actions! It takes great courage and strength to break away from the Befogged Minds, Bankrupt Hope, and Neutral Actions plaguing the environment of the community we all live in. Being surrounded with befogged minded people is like driving your car with mud on the windshield, you know we can get where we need to be, but in order for your vision to be clearer you must clean the mud off your windshield, you d id just that when you attended the meeting.

Being surrounded by people holding their hands, a blank check that can be filled out for any amount, cashed d and invested in a community still rich with substance and unlimited potential for re-growth, new development, and expansion yet they treat our most valuable assets 9THE WILL AND ABILITY TO DO FOR OURSELVES) like an old priceless classic automobile that has sat in the yard and rust from neglect.

Thank you and thank GOD for your spirits being undaunted by such people with broken spirits. Being surrounded by Neutral Action people like sit-



ting in an idling car intoxicated with the sights, songs, and beats of successful people on our Flat Screens, (CD's), (DVD's) and radios even sometimes arguing about what they have and how they got what they have but, when the ignition is turned off we settle for mediocrity and it's twin poverty. Thank God and you for wading through infested waters Bodily and Courageously to attend a meeting with people young and old from all walks of life as it is lived in our community to contribute and be a part of this resurrected vision and mission to EMPOWER OUR COMMUNITY AND PEOPLE OURSELVES!!!

Our next meeting will be held tentatively Saturday, January 24, 2009. This meeting will be our YOUTH SUMMIT. We have commitments from

## Officials say wrong fuel caused Philadelphia fire

PHILADELPHIA — Fire officials say a heater filled with gasoline instead of kerosene caused a fire that killed seven people in a southwest Philadelphia home.

Fire Commissioner Lloyd Ayers says a fire marshal's report confirms what firefighters at the scene suspected: Pouring the wrong fuel in the heater touched off an "instant fire" that killed four adults and three children Friday night.

Ayers says the fire spread so fast that the victims "went from looking at television to instant peril."

Six victims were found huddled together, a seventh was found near the basement's only exit to the outside. Investigators said the interior basement stairs had been removed.

There were no smoke alarms in the house.

## MLK Celebration 2009 Choirs Set Rehearsals Here

If you would like to be a part of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Mass Children's Choir and Youth/Young Adult Mass Choir as well as the City Wide Praise Dancers, the final rehearsals will be as follows:

Friday, January 2 and 9, 2009; Children Choir, 1st thru 5th grade, will practice at 6:30 p. m. at Alderson Middle School.

The Youth/Young Adult and Up wi will meet at 7:30 p. m. at Alderson Middle School.

The City Wide Praise Dance will practice at 12:30 p. m. until 3:00 p. m. on Saturday, January 3 and 10, 2009 at Community Baptist Church.

We are looking forward to a 100 voice choir and a 50 praise dancers.

principals, preachers, teachers, mothers, fathers, and our youth to make this summit an 'EMPOWERING SUCCESS'!!!

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By BONNELL (ASKARI) HOOPER

## Thank You!! To Our Many Friends!

It's during a t time like this that we learn how much our friends really mean to us. We so appreciate your calls, prayers, and all acts of kindness.

Many, many thanks, The Family of Ricky Cooke

Nancy (wife), Jessica Cooke Scarborough & James Scarorough (daughter and her husband), Jonathan Cooke (son), Jaque (sister), Gerald (Kristin & Jarden Cooke, Jesse & Azira Hill (in-laws), and Vivian Cooke (mother).

## Notice of Opportunity for a Public Hearing

Re: City of Lubbock/Citibus grant applications for the following: Section 5307 Jobs Access Reverse Commute, and New Freedom for fiscal year 2008-2009.

Notice is hereby given that an opportunity for a public hearing will occur on January 12, 2009, at 12 noon at the Citibus Conference Room, 801 Texas Avenue. The purpose of this hearing is to consider financial assistance under the Federal Transit Act of 1964, as amended, for the following programs:

Section 5307 Funds - The total program cost is estimated at \$3,656,250, \$2,925,000 of which will be provided by Federal Transit Administration Section 5307 funds and \$731,250 as local match. This funding will be used for preventive maintenance, non-fixed route ADA services, planning, operating, and capital improvements. Specific projects will include passenger amenities and security upgrades.

Jobs Access Reverse Commute - This program cost is estimated at \$334,786, \$167,393 of which will be provided by the Federal Transit Administration funds and \$167,393 as local match. This funding will be used to provide specific fixed route services.

New Freedom - This program cost is estimated at \$82,298, \$65,838 of which will be provided by Federal Transit Administration funds and \$16,460 as local match. This funding will be used for mobility management

Interested individuals and agencies may submit evidence and recommendations orally or in writing before 5:00 p.m. on January 9, 2009. Written comments may be addressed to Citibus Planning Department, PO Box 2000, Lubbock, Texas, 79457; emailed to mbarvey@citibus.com; or faxed to 806-712-2012. Oral comments may be made by calling 806-712-2003. Written documentation on the above projects is available at the Citibus offices, 801 Texas Avenue.

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# Editorials • Comments • Opinions

## THIS 'N' THAT

by T.J. Patterson

ANOTHER YEAR TO CONTINUE WHAT WAS STARTED! THIS N THAT is glad to have another opportunity to be able to bring forth information in this column which will be part of MAKING LUBBOCK a much better place to live for many of us. It has been a GREAT YEAR for many of us. Along with those who have had many obstacles to overcome. It is just great to be a part of another year that is 2009! THIS N THAT wants to wish all of you a HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

STILL ASKING FOR MEETING! THIS N THAT has received word from the community from citizens about when will the MEETING for the upcoming TOWN HALL MEETING for the Lubbock Public Schools in District Two. SISTER VERNITA HOLMES is expected to call this important

meeting shortly after the beginning of the New Year. She has advised she will invite The two at-large school board members to be in attendance. This should be a VERY PRODUCTIVE MEETING in which some very important information will be discussed. When this meeting will be held THIS N THAT will advise our readers.

PENNY HASTINGS THE BARBER SAYS: "The BEGINNING of the new year doesn't mean a THING it is the END of the year which really counts."

VISITING LUBBOCK COUNTY JAIL IS STILL NEEDED! THIS N THAT along with several others visited the LUBBOCK COUNTY JAIL on Christmas Day. This was the 23RD VISIT by THIS N THAT and hopefully this will be continued for many years to

come. Perhaps there will be others in the EAST LUBBOCK COMMUNITY who will develop some kind of a JAIL MINISTRY to visit those who in the Lubbock County Jail. Of course Those who are locked up will need to pay their debt to society but a little encouragement while they are locked up will serve as a catalyst in life. Hopefully THIS N THAT will visit next Christmas Day and it will be at the new LUBBOCK COUNTY JAIL.

SHOULD BE A VERY EXCITING EVENING! THIS N THAT is glad to see the upcoming PRESIDENTIAL INAUGURAL BALL which will be held at the Lubbock Memorial Center Tuesday evening January 20, 2009 from 6:30 p.m. until 11:00 p.m. This will be utilized to SALUTE FIRST BLACK PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA!



## THINK ABOUT IT!

"Don't Look Back!!"

by Eddie P. Richardson

2008 is now history all and that we did not accomplish in 2008 is history and can not be reclaimed! It is gone and will never return. So forget it! It is gone forever and will never return. So good by 2008. Hello 2009! Forget New Year's resolutions, most of them will not become a reality any way. So let move on and make 2009 our best year ever and accomplish our dreams and take or make our personal creed: "If It Is To Be It Is Up To ME" and live by it, because a person can be or do anything they want to be or do. If they are willing to live it work at it and pay the price with the

key word being work. At it following that theory and not giving up nothing is impossible and every thing is possible if again you are willing to work at it and pay the price.

For our long denied, depressed, over looked, ignored, set aside and forgotten communities to become sustaining market places, they should be the leadership and the initiative must come from us, within the community itself no one can do for us what we must be doing for ourselves. Too long we have sat around waiting on someone else what we must be doing for ourselves. In fact, no

one else is going to do for us what we must be doing for ourselves. We can, we must, and we will take the lead in building, and in most cases rebuilding our long denied communities from within the communities by us for us.

In order for our goods and services to be accepted and demanded at the market they must be competitive and be up to standard or above to truly competitive we must forget because I'm Black the economy is to tight to pray or practice racial game but on the other hand race must not be a reason not to use

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Did slaves build the White House?  
THE WHITE HOUSE HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION  
Timelines - African-Americans  
1790s  
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WHITE HOUSE HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION

(Editor's Note: This is one of several articles about the history of the White House. It was published by The White House Historical Association. We thought this would benefit the total community. Ye Ed.)

Part 4a close friend and confidante. In his office on January 1, 1863, Lincoln signed the Emancipation Proclamation as a war measure. That summer President Lincoln invited abolitionist Frederick Douglass to the White House to discuss emancipation and the recruitment and arming of black troops. On October 29, 1864, Lincoln met with Sojourner Truth, a fiery advocate of abolition and women's rights. These political meetings were important precedents for blacks and influenced White House policy.

A notable African American to work at the White House in the 1860s was William Slade who had been a messenger in the Treasury Department. According to his daughter, Slade became Abraham Lincoln's personal messenger and friend. By 1866, Slade, was a fixture at the White House and became President Andrew Johnson's steward. This federal official was in charge of the domestic management of the White House and responsible for the furnishings, silver, and other public property. Slade was the first official steward of the White House. It was a powerful and delicate position

that called for the ability to communicate with politicians and officials as well as with the family and servants.

Read more: William Seale, The President's House, White House Historical Association, 1986; William Seale, "Upstairs and Downstairs: The 19th-Century White House," American Visions, February-March, 1995, 16-20; Adele Logan Alexander, "White House Confidante of Mrs. Lincoln," American Visions, February-March, 1995, 18; and Elizabeth Keckley, Behind the Scenes or Thirty Years a Slave and Four Years in the White House, Reprint edition Oxford and New York: Oxford University Press, 1988, 1870s

Frederick Douglass was one of the foremost leaders of the abolitionist movement and advised Abraham Lincoln during the Civil War on issues related to emancipation and the treatment of black troops. In 1866, Douglass, at the head of a delegation, called on President Andrew Johnson in the East Room and appealed for his support to back voting

rights for black men. Johnson refused to use his dwindling political capital to assist

African Americans. In 1877 Rutherford B. Hayes made Douglass a marshal of the District of Columbia, but he would not allow him to present guests to the president, as had been the custom.

However, Douglass did serve as the master of ceremonies when black entertainers performed at the White House. Douglass was appointed American consul general to Haiti in 1889. He was the most famous African American of the 19th century and is regarded as the father of the civil rights movement. Yet, no matter how

famous or accomplished, many decades passed before blacks would be invited to the White House for social and state functions.

Read more: William Seale, The President's House, White House Historical Association, 1986; Henry Chase, "Memorable Visitors: Classic White House Encounters," American Visions, February-March, 1995, 26-33.

## In Cinque

by Renetta Howard



Howard

Once again, and thankfully so, we have embarked upon a brand new year, 2009. Certainly, we are all glad to be alive, healthy or unhealthy, rich or poor or even somewhere in between, with or without family or friends, but here just the same.

On the national scene, there is great preparation for the inauguration of President-Elect, Barack Hussein Obama, the first person of color to be elected as President since the abolition of slavery in the United States in 1865, one hundred and forty-three years ago. This will certainly be a most momentous occasion in many ways. Aside from the historical factors, there are those individuals driven by greed who intend and will capitalize on this historical moment by getting as many dollars as they can make materialize from whatever endeavors they feel will fetch a dollar.

In addition to the money-changers being out in force, there have been several cases going to the Supreme Court to deny Mr. Obama the Presidency, alleging that he is not a natural born citizen; that he was born in Africa instead of Hawaii and insist on seeing his long form

birth certificate. Others say that he was born in Indonesia or India. Others say that he is a terrorist and a Muslim, not a Christian. The Supreme Court has refused to hear some of the cases and that is just as well. Strange, there were similar rumors about Jesus Christ. It appears that when you try to do good and be good, there are those whom would smear you and crucify you, because there is a cross to bear.

One the state level, we have been apprised soon after the elections of November 4, 2008, of the situation in which the Illinois State Governor has been arrested for allegedly attempting to sell the seat which is being vacated by President-Elect Obama. He claims that he has done nothing wrong and refuses to step down from office after being requested to do so by the State's Attorney. In addition, the investigation even reached to the President-Elect's office, but so far, no wrong doing has been discovered, and we pray that none will.

On the local level, in many localities, cities and towns are finding rampant misuse of funds by the people whom they trusted to do an honest job in keeping the government funded and services available to the citizens. Many small towns where the value of property barely produces enough income to keep the minimum services available, officials elected to serve are self-serving; earning upwards of \$1200 per month, which is really one or two hours a month of service to pass legislation to permit borrowing of funds from

banks and corporations to support their salaries while the citizens go lacking for needed services, such as police protection, fire protection, street, sewer, water and garbage, and other utilities maintenance. Taxes are being spent for the personal upkeep of the officials, the same ones who do not want to make any sacrifices for the good that they should promote. The New Year should usher in some new officials who will work for the good of the community, rather than for themselves, alone. It is time that hardworking citizens get 'in cinque' and become doers rather than talkers and DEMAND PROPER DECORUM from those elected to serve. Citizens PAY THE COST TO BE THE BOSS! We all, should have and enjoy a Happy New Year!

### Finally, A Summit About Minority Health Disparities

John Ruffin, director of the National Center on Minority Health and Health Disparities



John Ruffin

It's become widely known that major health disparities exist among the nation's minority communities, including higher rates of certain cancers, high blood pressure and diabetes, and poorer access to medical insurance and disease screenings.

Yet with all of the statistics pouring out of labs around the country, until now, there has never been a meeting in which scientists and those in the disparities field could come together to share findings and collaborate in future projects.

Today, thousands of scientists, health care workers and

polymakers, among others, are convening at the Gaylord National Resort and Convention Center, just outside Washington, D.C., for the first government-sponsored scientific summit on minority health and health disparities.

"This is the Academy Awards of health disparities," says John Ruffin, director of the National Center on Minority Health and Health Disparities (NCMHD), the National Institutes of Health center that coordinated the "Science of Eliminating Health Disparities" summit. He says one reason the summit has been a long time coming is because every one of NIH's 27 institutes and centers has scientists involved in disparities research, making for a very decentralized group.

Ruffin says registration has exceeded his expectations, topping more than 3,800.

A sampling of the research being presented over the three-day conference includes

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**Don't Look Back**  
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each others goods and services we must learn to do what a lot of other groups do, buy sell or trade with each other when at all possible but the goods and services must be competitive the times are too tough, the stakes are too high to not be competitive.

For a dollar to turn over 4-7 times in a community is average to go, but in our community the dollar does not turn around at all just a small fraction of a turn and it's gone across town and that keeps our economy depressed. We must educate our dollars to go where they are respected, wanted, and appreciated no matter who is providing the goods and services if they support our community Black White or others, we must support them, but on the other hand, Black, White or other wise if they do not support our community. We must train our dollars to learn how to turn over in our communities.

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Closing Thought of the Week: "We must learn to love, trust, and respect each other to build and rebuild long denied communities"

**Special Notice!**

As of the first day of 2009, due to the cost of doing business, the cost more than tripled since we began the Southwest Digest. The U.S. postage is the reason why we are raising the cost to \$60.00 per year.

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**Lake Alan Henry Permits 2009**

2009 annual vehicle permits for entrance into the Sam Wahl Recreational Area at Lake Alan Henry are now available in the Parks and Recreation Office. Vehicle permits allow a permit holder to enter the Lake as often as they would like in 2009 without paying additional entrance fees and can be purchased for individuals or families. In addition, annual boat permits are also available for the coming year. Residents of Lubbock receive a discount on the cost of annual permits as do senior citizens who are age 60 or over. Permit applications can be picked up at Parks and Recreation, 1010 9th Street, printed from the website at www.lakealanhenry.org, or mailed upon request by calling 775-2673.

The 2009 fee structure for daily use fees and annual permits has the same rates as in previous years. A valid Texas

Driver's License with a Lubbock Zip Code must be presented to determine residency. Local university/college students must show student ID and proof of Lubbock residency (utility bill, etc.). The Parks and Recreation Department accepts cash, checks, Visa and MasterCard, and is located at 1010 9th Street. Office hours

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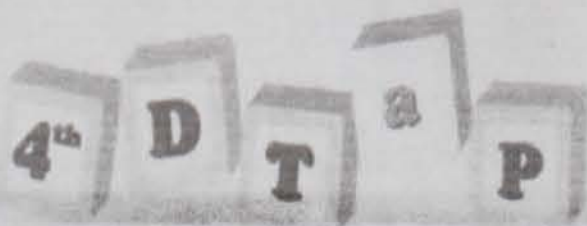
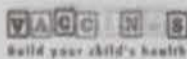
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**Eartha Kitt Dies**

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Hammerstein's "Cinderella" in 2002.

As recently as October 2003, she was on Broadway after replacing Chita Rivera in a revival of "Nine." She also gained new fans as the voice of Yzma in the 2000 Disney animated feature "The Emperor's New Groove," and won two Emmys for her voice work in "The Emperor's New School."

Kitt was born in North, S.C., and her road to fame was the stuff of storybooks. In her autobiography, she wrote that her mother was black and Cherokee while her father was white, and she was left to live with relatives after her mother's new husband objected to taking in a mixed-race girl.

An aunt eventually brought her to live in New York, where she attended the High School of Performing Arts, later dropping out to take various odd jobs.

By chance, she dropped by an audition for the dance group run by Dunham, a pioneering African-American dancer. In 1946, Kitt was one of the Salsoul Singers in Dunham's Broadway production "Bal Negre."

Kitt's travels with the Dunham troupe landed her a gig in a Paris nightclub in the early 1950s. Kitt was spotted by Welles, who cast her in his Paris stage production of "Faust." That led to a role in "New Faces of 1952," which featured such other stars-to-be as Carol Lawrence, Paul Lynde and, as a writer, Mel Brooks.

In 1960, she married Bill McDonald but divorced him after the birth of their daughter, Kitt.

While on stage, she was daringly sexy and always flirtatious. Offstage, however, Kitt described herself as shy and almost reclusive, remnants of feeling unwanted and unloved as a child.

**Black Health**

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•A study of the role of church pastors in health disparity research.

•Why black dialysis patients are less likely than white patients to be evaluated and listed for kidney transplants.

•An overview of barriers to colonoscopy screenings by African Americans.

•How social support in response to racial discrimination can ward off stress and depression.

•Obstacles to offering counseling to Latina and African-American teen mothers.

•Ethnic and gender disparities in cyberbullying.

Former surgeon general David Satcher, the first African American to hold the post, says the meeting has been long overdue, and it has professional as well as personal meaning for him.

**Thank God For Jesus**

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**Matthew 23:13b** -- Jesus said, Hypocrites! For you shut up the Kingdom of Heaven against men: for ye neither go in yourselves, neither suffer you then that are entering to go in.

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

**\*\*\* REMEMBER II CHRONICLES 7:14: IF GOD'S PEOPLE WHICH ARE CALLED BY HIS NAME!!! \*\*\***

**Rice Speaks**

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"I think all Americans were quite taken with the fact that we were able, after the long history we've been through, that initial birth defect of slavery, that we've elected an African-American," Rice said in an interview taped recently on CBS' "Sunday Morning." "And that's enormously heartening for people in the country, but also people worldwide who still have trouble with differences."

**Parson Smith**

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say, who seem to exemplify the worst anti-Semitic stereotypes of the thieving Jewish Banker.

So in synagogues and community centers, on blogs and in countless conversations, many Jews are beating their chests-not out of contrition, as they do on Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement, but because they say Mr. Madoff has brought shame on their people in addition to financial ruin and shaken the bonds of trust that bind Jewish communities.

Pogrebin continues: In addition to theft, the Torah discusses another kind of stealing: geneivat da'at, the Hebrew term for deception or stealing someone's mind. "In the rabbinic mind-set, he's guilty of two sins: one is theft, and the other is deception," said Burton L. Visotzky, a professor at the Jewish Theological Seminary. The fact that he (Bernard L. Madoff) stole from Jewish charities puts him in a special circle of hell. He really undermined the fabric of the Jewish community, because it's built on trust."

We as human beings (Jew or Gentile) in God's world should check ourselves and pray for strength to enable us not to yield to the dark side of humanity.

Rice, who left segregated Alabama to eventually become the first African-American female to be secretary of state, warned that the United States still has problems with race.

"But I do think we've gotten to the place that we don't see a person and say, 'That's a black person, therefore they must be ...' And that's an enormous step forward."

Rice, who was Bush's national security adviser when the U.S. invaded Iraq and then became secretary of state in Bush's second term, said the opportunities that are available in the United States still draw people from around the world to this country.

"People, even in difficult economic times, still admire, maybe even envy a little bit, the entrepreneurship of this country and its capacity to be productive," Rice said. "But what really draws people to this country is that anybody can come here and go from modest circumstances to extraordinary achievement."

Americans aren't "united by nationality," she added. "We're not united by religion. You can be African-American or Mexican-American or Korean-American, and still be American. You can be Jewish or Presbyterian or Muslim or nothing at all, and still be American. But there are very few Americans who don't really believe that it doesn't matter where you came from, it matters where you're going. And that's what unites us, and that's also what people worldwide find so remarkable."

Rice said she plans to write at least two books when she gets back to Stanford, one about foreign policy and one about her parents.

"I'm where I am today because I had great parents who believed that anything was possible and then who gave me every opportunity to prove that anything was possible," she said.

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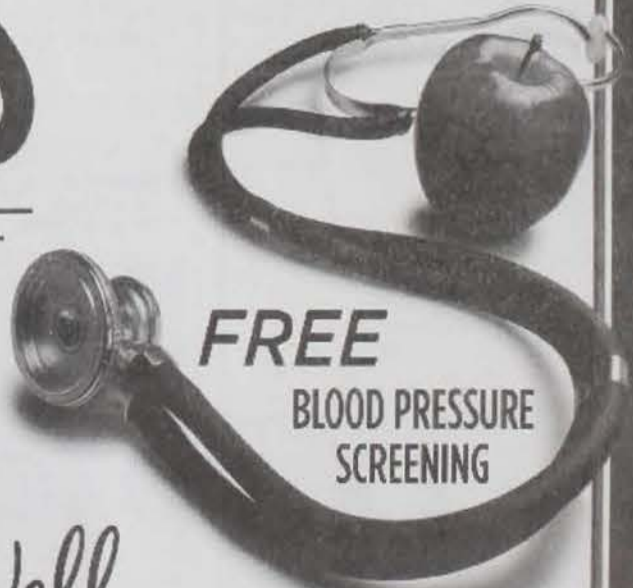
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