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Community Meetings

* Lubbock Area Client Council meets on the 2nd Saturday, 1:00 pm at the Patterson Branch Library, 1836 Parkway Drive.

* Hub City Kiwanis meets 1st & 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7 p. m., Mt. Vernon UMC, East 23rd & Cedar Avenue

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

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

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

* East Lubbock Chapter AARP meets every 1st Thursday at 1:00 pm, Mae Simmons Senior Citizens.

* Lubbock Chapter of Black Alumni meets every 3rd Tuesday, 5:30 pm, TTU Market Alumni Center.

* Dunbar Manhattan Heights Neighborhood Association meets every 1st Thursday at 7:00 pm and every 4th Thursday at 7:00 pm at the Dunbar Manhattan Heights Neighborhood Outreach Center, 1301 E. 24th Street.

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

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

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

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

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

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

* If you have an announcement about your organization, please advise by calling (806) 762-3612 or e-mail swdigest@sbcglobal.net.

Estacado High School Had A Very Successful Homecoming!!

Here They Are: EHS Homecoming 2011 Court - Faith Flores Queen



HOMECOMING COURT: The Homecoming Court was honored at the Homecoming Parade and football game against Brownfield when the Estacado Matadors won 77-0. The court included: Darrian Deanda, Shanswalla Turner, Laken Johnson, Faith Flores, and Jazale Wright. Faith Flores was crowned the 2011 Homecoming Queen.



EHS Named Their Favorites For 2011 Homecoming

FOOTBALL FAVORITES: The Football favorites were named at the Homecoming Pep Rally. Virginia Moore was named the Football Sweetheart, and Chris Alford was named the Football Beau.

Posing At T. J. Patterson Roast



Among the 500 in attendance at the T. J. Patterson Roast were Roy & Rowanda Toler and Lorenzo "Bubba" Sedano.

Hooker Indicted For The Murder of the Candy Lady

The Lubbock County Grand Jury indicted Clarence Hooker for the alleged murder of Mary Elizabeth "Candy Lady" Davis on Tuesday, October 24, 2011.

He will go to trial for the 2004 murder of 78-year-old Davis.

Lubbock Police say that DNA evidence led them to Hooker, but they have not said that the two knew each other.

On January 7, 2004, LPD officers responded to the home of Davis, 78, at 2622 Globe Avenue to conduct a welfare check. Family and neighbors were concerned because she had not been seen for several days. Ms. Davis was found deceased inside the



Clarence Hooker

residence, having sustained multiple stab wounds.

Hooker is currently incarcerated on unrelated charges.

Dallas Rapist May Be Targeting Black Sorority Members

Dallas, Texas -- Officials say a rapist appears to be targeting members of the predominantly black Delta Sigma Theta sorority in suburban Dallas.

In four cases over 11 months, women, all in their mid-50s to mid-60s, were attacked in their homes in Plano, Coppell and the Denton County community of Shady Shores.

The Dallas Morning News reports that, during the assaults, the man has revealed that he knows personal information about the victims

Plano police also released video and photos of a man who could be connected to one attack. He is thought to be black, in his late 30s to mid-40s, 5 feet 7 to 6 feet tall and 250 to 300 pounds. He appears to have a thin, well-trimmed beard and short hair, possibly with a receding hairline.



Eddie Karl Harris Joins Broadway Prison Ministry Team

Eddie Karl Harris, owner and operator of Harris DWI/Youth Educational Program, has been named as the Development Coordinator for Broadway Prison Ministries.

A special place exists in Eddie's heart for prisoners. He has long been involved with the Kairos International Prison Ministry, a branch of the Walk To Emmaus community. Last November, Eddie became acquainted with Rodney Thomas and Rod Curry when Broadway offered space for Eddie to host an "Ex-Con Vention" under and with Larry Rodgers of His Freed World Fellowship and Simple Acts Ministries. The purpose of the Ex-Con Vention is to show society that God can take broken men and women and make them whole again, building integrity into them and returning them to their communities. Broadway and Eddie will host a second Ex-Con Vention on November 12, 2011 along with Larry Rodgers of His Free World Fellowship

and Simple Acts Ministries.

He is on the Board of Directors for Lubbock Habitat for Humanity and the Board of Directors for 100 Black Men of West Texas, serving as vice-chair to minority education development. He serves as a Montford Unit AC Board Member and is a member of the Slaton Lions Club. Eddie is a Prince Hall Free and Accepted Mason, and a student member of Lubbock Legal Professional Association and National Association for Legal Professionals. He was named "Associate of the Year" in 2010 by Simple Acts Ministry and selected with "Men of Distinction" by Church of the Nations in 2010.

He is also a veteran of the U. S. Air force, and a licensed aircraft technician.

The Harris DWI/Youth Educational Program is for adults and juveniles who are referred by the court system to participate in this program in which has worked closely with Broad-



Eddie Karl Harris

way member Curtis Parrish and the late Judge Rusty Ladd.

"Alcohol is killing our society," stresses Eddie. "I teach the State-Approved Curriculum concerning the physical, mental, emotional and spiritual effects of alcohol on a person over a period of time, especially with regard to our youth."

Mrs. Ruby Phenix Has Completed 49 Years With Center

If you want to know something about the history of the Carver Heights Day Nursery, you can ask Mrs. Ruby Phenix, who has been employed by this facility since November 1, 1962.

Over these years, Mrs. Phenix has served as the Nursery Teacher for children birth through 12 months. During this time, she has had an opportunity of helping to develop the lives of five generation of children.

She is often asked the question: "When are you going to retire?" She will pause because she loves these children, no matter their race.

Mrs. Phenix is a member of Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church where she serves a member of the Steward Board, and sings in her church choir. She is a member of the hospitality staff which prepares delicious food for members and various meetings.

She is married to Mr. W. T. Phenix. She is the mother of five



Mrs. Ruby Phenix

children...

Wouldn't it be nice to name this center the Ruby Phenix Early Learning Center? Wouldn't it be a nice thing for the Lubbock United Way to do? Something to think about.

Visiting with her briefly at Bethel after Bible Study on last Wednesday, she said, "I can't hardly wait until November 1st."

Congrats, Mrs. Ruby Phenix for a job well done!

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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The City of Lubbock Health Department will offer state supplied childhood immunizations for children ages 2 months - 18 years of age at the Mahon Library on Thursday, November 10th from 12 to 2. The Mahon Branch Library is located at 1306 9th. The cost for children's vaccine will be \$10.00 for one im-

munization and \$15.00 for two or more vaccines; however, no child will be turned away for inability to pay for vaccines. Medicaid and CHIP are accepted.

Adult flu shots will be offered. The cost is \$20 per person.

A complete shot record is required at the time Children's Immunizations are requested. If the child's shot record is not presented Immunizations will not be given.

Church services were well attended last Sunday morning, October 30, 2011, with the Praise Team singing out of their hearts. After the morning scripture and prayer, the New Hope Choir sung several selections.

Pastor B. R. Moton delivered dynamic sermon. His subject was "This Is Your Season." His scripture text was I Samuel 22:10, Psalm 34:1-10.

After the invitation to discipleship, Sister Pamela Moton read the morning announcements. Sister Jessica Jackson welcomed all visitors.

Let us continue to pray for those who are on the sick and shut-in list.

The sister of Debra Phillips and family, Teresa Cornish, passed away.

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HOW GREAT IS THAT!

YOU DO KNOW THAT SIMPLE IS GOOD, WHEN IT COMES TO SEQUIN!



New Light Baptist Church News

Sunday School started at 9:45 a.m. with Rev. Kenneth Jackson teaching the lesson for the adults entitled: "Seeking True Happiness" and its scripture text was Matthew 5:1-12. Sister Lacey Thompson taught the lesson for the youth entitled: "What A Blessing" and text came from Matthew 5:1-12. Morning Worship started at 11:00 a.m. with the praise team leading the way.

Rev. L. C. Lee lead the pulpit devotion.. "Oh, I Want To See Him" was sung by the choir and others as well. The responsive reading came from Psalm 124: 1-8 and Rev. Lee read it. There was the altar prayer led by Rev. Jackson and a song was song by all.

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

The choir sung "Thank You, Lord" and "I Love To Praise Him." Both were led by Sister Angela Mosley. A hymn was sung before the sermon. Rev. Jackson preached the sermon entitled "What Are You Thinking:About?" and its printed text

coming from Philippians 4: 8 & 9. A song was song after the sermon by all.

There was the invitation to discipleship that was extended and several went up for prayer.

Pray for one another that God will continue to bless all. Pray also that whatever it is that you are going through the Lord will see to it that it will be taken care of. Remember that the battle is not yours it belong to the Lord.
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Harvest Tea Set At Carters Chapel C.M.E. Church
420 North Martin Luther King Blvd.

In just a few weeks, we will be having the biggest celebration we have each year, "The Harvest Tea. This is a historical event of enormous proportion and we want you to share in this event. We would like to extend this invitation to you and your choir to come join us.

This is a weeklong celebration beginning with the hour of Prayer and dedication on Monday, November 7, 2011 at 7 PM: then the great "Harvest Revival" November 8-10 2011, at 7:00 PM the Evangelist is Rev. Kenneth Hollingshead, Pastor North Park CME. Then the Harvest musical will be Friday, November 11, 2011 at 7:30 PM With several special guest, On Sunday November 13, 2011 The Harvest Tea worship services begins at 10:45 AM followed by evening worship at 3:00 PM The Rev. Bobby Lawson, Pastor of Scotts Temple COGIC. This promised to be an awesome time in the Lord and you don't want to miss it.

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Church News



From the Desk of Parson D.A. Smith
"The Black Man Who Just Want Die!"



We Thank God for Jesus
"Mean Streets of America"

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

Trip Gabriel wrote: For Herman Cain, these are the sweet days.

His surge in the polls, supposed to last a week, is a month old and showing no signs of deflating. His tax plan was laid low in debates, but his standing keeps climbing.

"I'm the unconventional candidate," Mr. Cain said grinning, as he dug into a stack of spars on his campaign bus. "I have the unconventional message: Bold, solutions-oriented." Since winning a Florida straw poll on Sept. 24, his crowds have been standing room only, which Cain attributes to voters, if not pundits, overcoming hesitations about his ability to gain the nomination. "That is no doubt in peoples' minds now, so they're unleashing their desire to want to support me," he said.

Donations have been flowing in, his top aide said recently, at the rate of \$1 million a week, refilling the well that Mr. Cain primed with \$685,000 of his own money.

And yet his candidacy still has an ad-libbed quality. His tax plan, picked apart by rivals and independent analysts, would

walloped the middle class and benefit the rich. He has retracted man shoot-from-the hip statements, suggesting a lack of focus. His inexperience-not to mention an unintentionally hilarious Webb video of a cigarette-puffing senior aide have raised questions about whether even he takes his campaign all that seriously.

Asked if he was aware that many people consider his candidacy to be a punch line, Mr. Cain replied: "I understand that. I'm not offended."

Why do you think we're smiling?" he added. "Because the joke is going to be on them." Mr. Cain insisted that his two-day visit to eight events in Alabama, when all the other Republican candidates were camped out in New Hampshire or Iowa, was not an amateur's mistake but another sign of unconventional boldness.

As he hopped through northern Alabama, his speeches were light on substance and heavy on bromides, which he turned into applause lines through the magic of his delivery. When he speaks to a crowd, there is a contact high between the candidate and his supporters,

and it is unclear who is more pleased to be in the other's presence.

Strategist in other campaigns have been known to mock Mr. Cain's stump speech, a combination of Leadership 101 and simple policy formulas not unlike the famous "9-9-9" tax plan. "The Cain philosophy is peace through strength," he told a crowd in Tuscaloosa, Ala., linking his foreign policy to Ronald Reagan's. "And clar-i-ty," he added, enunciating each syllable. "We must clarify who our friends are, clarify who our enemies are, and stop giving money to our enemies."

Voter after voter who came to hear him or to stand in a lengthy line for an autograph or photograph—as more than 100 did during a tailgating party at Samford University.

"He's not an established politician; he's one of the people who ran a business," said John Parker, the owner of a street-cleaning business in Birmingham.

"He's the people's man; he represents real Americans," said Derek Mefford, a Samford student.

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Matthew 10:34-36:11:15 — Jesus said, think not that I am come to send peace on the earth: I came not to send peace, but a sword. For I am come to set a man at variance against his father, and the daughter against her mother, and the daughter in law against her mother in law, and a man's foes shall be they of his own household. He that has ears to hear let him hear. **AMERICA** walked away from **GOD**; not wanting to do what **THE BIBLE** SAY.

But went her own way; and now to **SIN**; **SHE IS A SLAVE!!!**

Luke 19:14 -- Jesus said, His citizens hated him, and sent a message after him, saying, We will not have this man(JESUS) to reign over us.

***** YES AMERICA HAS LEFT GOD!!!*****

AMERICA then kicked **GOD** out of the **HOMES, SCHOOLS, COURTHOUSES; and THE VIOLENCE** BEGIN.

Now its in the **HOMES, SCHOOLS, COURTHOUSES; and there IS NO END!!!**

1 Corinthians 5:6, (AMERICA) -- Your glorying is not

good. Know you not that a little leaven leavens the lump?

***** AMERICA IS FULL OF LEAVEN(SIN)!!!*****

When making **CORN-BREAD** you can take a half teaspoon of **BAKING POWDER**, and put it into the meal, flower, and milk. And it is the less of the **ALL**, but when its **COOKED**: it will rise all **OVER THE PAN!!!**

AMERICA was once blessed with **PLENTHY OF OIL, COTTON, CATTLE**; she had the **BEST IN THE LAND**.

But **SHE** wanted her **RIGHTS**; and now **SIN IS ALL OVER HER LAND!!!**

***** AMERICA DID ROB GOD!!!*****

(RIGHTS WITHOUT RESPONSIBILITIES LEADS TO THE VIOLENCE: ABORTION RIGHTS, KILL THE ABORTION DOCTOR RIGHTS, NO RESPECT RIGHTS, NO PRAYER IN SCHOOLS RIGHTS, WOMAN'S RIGHTS, WHITE RIGHTS, NO SPANKING RIGHTS, SHACKING RIGHTS, SLAUGHTER RIGHTS, BLACK RIGHTS, ROADRAGE RIGHTS,

GANG KILLING RIGHTS, DRIVE BY SHOOTINGS RIGHTS, NO SPANKING RIGHTS, RUN AWAY RIGHTS, BLACK SUICIDE RIGHTS, KILL THE FAMILY RIGHTS, AND MANY MORE OF THE DEVIL'S RIGHTS).

AMERICA gave **RIGHTS**, to do what was in their **OWN HEART**.

AMERICA loves **BLOOD; HELL-O-WEEEN TEACHERS FROM THE HEART!!!**

II Timothy 3:1-4 -- **THIS** know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, coverous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good. Traitors, heady, highminded, lover of pleasures more than lovers of God.

Now that **AMERICA** is in trouble, and the **CHURCHES**; are not seeking **THE LORD**.

GOD wants **TRUE WORSHIP**; from the **MIND, SOUL AND HEART!!!**

1 Peter 4:17 -- For the time **Continue on Page 5**

St. Matthew's Baptist Church News

Church services were very inspirational last Sunday morning, October 30, 2011, at the St. Matthew Baptist Church, 2020 East 14th Street, where the proud pastor is Rev. Edward Canady.

Services got underway with Sunday School beginning at 10:00 a. m. with Superintendent Sister Shirley Davis presiding.

Sister Davis was the teacher of the morning, with Pastor Canady reviewing the morning lesson.

The subject of the morning lesson was "Seeking True Happiness." The Unifying Subject was "Living As God's People." The scripture was Matthew 5:1-12, with the background passage coming from the same scripture.

The lesson text were: "The Beatitudes," Part One, Matthew 5:1-6. Also, The Beatitudes," Part Two, Matthew 5:7-12.

The main thought was found in Matthew 5:6.

The devotional period was

conducted by Sister Barbara Johnson and Sister Susie Davis. The Pastor's Entrance song was "Because of Who You Are."

The St. Matthew Choir sang the following selections: "No Weapon," "Hallelujah to The Father," "While I'm On My Mission," and "I Offer My Life To You."

The morning sermon was delivered by Pastor Canady. His sermon was entitled "What A Friend We Have In Jesus." His scripture text was John 15:10-

14. ********
 The Missionary Society's Annual theme was entitled "Fruit of The Spirit." Galatians 5:22-23.

 There were several visitors attending church services last Sunday morning. They were Sister Mauna Baldwin, Sister Alvera Johnson, Sister Sandra Jones, Minister Venus Smitherman, Brother John & Sister Debra Mason, K. C. King &

Sons, and Brother Ronald McNeal.

 Our congregation is praying for those who are having a desire to be at church and for whatever reason could not make it. Just remember God is able, no matter our posture.

 Among those on the sick and shut-in list included the following: Brother Dennis Saunander, Brother Ronald Hereford, Sister Annie Stanley, and Bro-

ther Tyree Morris, Jr. Our prayers goes out to each one of them. May God continue to bless each one of them.

 The announcing clerk for the morning services was our First Lady, Sister Shirley Canady.

 Always remember the doors of St. Matthew Baptist Church are open each Sunday morning. We will be looking forward to seeing you one Sunday morning.

Outreach Prayer Breakfast

The Outreach Prayer Breakfast want to share this scripture with you. "Are Confronting Crises Without Fear? These scriptures are: Psalm 23:27, II Timothy 1:7, John 4:17-18 and Revelation 2:10.

David said in the 23rd Psalm: Even when walking through the dark valley of death, I will not be afraid." II Timothy 1:7.

For God hath not given us the spirit of fear, but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind. I John 4:17-18 - There is no fear in love, but perfect love, caseth out fear, because fear hath torment, he that feareth is not made perfect in love. Revelation 2:10 - Fear none of these things which thou shalt suffer; behold the devil shall cast some of you into prison son, that ye may be tried; and ye shall have tribulations. Remain faithful even when facing death and I will

give you the crown of life and ending glorious future.

"If you talk about the worldwide Crisis, you will find that Paul said count it all joy when you fall into divers temptations. Christians have become paralyzed by fear. Christ did not give us the spirit of fear. Who did?

Read these scriptures:
 Lord, draw us closer. We are faced with problems that grow bigger day by day, and as we seek to solve them in our own self suffering way, we keep drifting into chaos. In our self-centered greed, blinds us to the answer that would help us in our need. Oh, God, He knew our spirit and made us more aware that our future is dependable on sacrifice and prayer; forgive us for our transgressions and revive our faith anew, so we may all draw closer to each other and to You! For when a nation is too proud to daily kneel and pray. It

will crumble into chaos and descend end into decay. So stir us with compassion and raise our standards higher, and take away our lust for power, and make our one desire, to be a shining symbol of all that's great and good. As you lead us in our struggle toward new found "Brotherhood."

Thought For the Week:
 "What's happening in the high officials. No official has control whatsoever. It's the fulfillment of the scriptures. It's the Mighty Hand of God in control."
 Think about it!!

We're looking forward to seeing you in the near.

The Outreach Prayer Breakfast will be meeting on the first Saturday in August.

 Let us not forget those in the community who are sick and shut-in. Remind them that God is able, and that He is always with us. Just let God know he is our own.

 The members and friends of the Outreach Prayer Breakfast will meet Saturday morning, November 5, 2011, beginning at

9:00 a. m. in the home Sister Dorothy Hood, 2132 East 30th Street.

For more information call (806) 762-3347. You will be glad you did call.

Come and bring someone with you as we study about the

goodness of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Remember God is able to help us overcome any situation.

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

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Obsequies

Ruby Jewel Barnes

Funeral services for Ruby Jewel Barnes were held Friday afternoon, October 28, 2011 at Redeemer Church of Lubbock, 6202 Elgin.

Interment followed at Englewood Cemetery, Slaton under the direction of Griffin Mortuary & Funeral Home of Lubbock.

Barnes, 57, of Lubbock passed away Wednesday, October 19, 2011 at UMC.

She was born in Slaton, Texas to A.C., Sr. and Ruby Barnes on January 15, 1954. Ruby was raised in Slaton, Texas. She later moved to Lubbock. Ruby has worked for the Lubbock State School, Bender Terrace, and South Haven. Ruby was a cook in nursing homes and for Lubbock Public School as well.

Ruby was preceded in death by her parents; two brothers, Linell Barnes and Lee Andrew Barnes; two sisters, Mary Joe Barnes and Erma Jean Barnes



Hayes.

Ruby is survived by four brothers, Lee Roy Washington, A.C. Barnes, Jr., Mark Barnes(Christine) and Leonard Barnes(Cheryl); three sisters, Dorothy Wilson, Elaine Barnes and Alberta Barnes; best friend, Dora Faye Willard, Marilyn Hackett and her close cousin Alice Mae Washington and host of other relatives and friends.

Joseph DeShawn Johnson

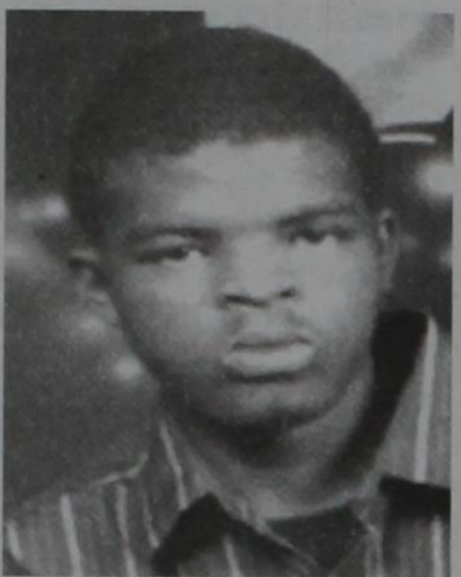
Funeral services for Joseph DeShawn Johnson were held last Saturday afternoon, October 29, 2011, at Mt. Gilead Baptist Church with Rev. J. J. Jerome, pastor, officiating.

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

Johnson, 20, of Lubbock passed away Friday, October 21, 2011, at Baylor Medical Center.

He was born to the parentage of Addie and Joseph Johnson. He graduated from Roosevelt High School and received an excellent honor in Mill Cabinet Technology.

He leaves to cherish his memory his parents, Addie and Joseph Johnson; 11 brothers, Jasper, Joseph (Christy), Kelvin



(Shirley), Jamar Anderson, Gary Don Hargrove (Nicole), Kalayne Hargrove, Jeremiah James, Wayman James, Nathan James, Terrence, and Jermain (La-Candria); nine sisters, Annie Culver (Charles), Denise Campbell, Shironda Johnson, Theresa Hargrove, Rosheta Jones (Twayne), Ione Hicks (Darryl),

Helen Davis Thompson

Funeral services were held for Helen Davis Thompson were held last Saturday, October 29, 2011, in Alexander Chapel Church of God in Christ, with Elder W. H. Watson, pastor, officiating.

Interment was under the direction of Griffin Mortuary & Funeral Home of Lubbock.

Thompson, 72, of Lubbock passed away Friday, October 21, 2011, at University Medical Center.

She was born April 7, 1939, to the late Willie Davis and Lucille Lewis in Free Stone County, Mexia, Texas. She attended Douglas elementary in Mexia, Texas, and a private school in Fort Worth, Texas. She worked for Heritage Oaks, Carillon Senior Life Care and Whisperwood.

She was preceded in death by one son, Darrell Lynn; one daughter, Shelia Lewis; two sisters, Lila Fay Forge and Nailla Knight; and one brother, Richard Elchols.

She leaves to cherish her



memory her husband, Billy Thompson; eight sons, Darrell Doyle (Theresa), D'Juan Davis (Sharlene), Derrick Davis Clate (Debra), Fennell Davis, Tim Thompson (Sherry), David Thompson (Sherry), Raslynn Thompson and Tommy Thompson; one daughter, Socknomia Thompson; one adopted daughter, La'Quonia Thompson; 22 grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; one brother, Willie George Davis; and a host of other relatives and friends.

Joan Elizabeth Harris

Midland, Texas -- Celebration of life services were held for Joan Elizabeth Harris Saturday, October 29, 2011, at Alexander Temple COGIC, Midland.

Interment followed at Resthaven Memorial Park North, Midland under the direction of Griffin Mortuary & Funeral Home of Lubbock.

Harris, 57 of Fontana, Calif., passed away Friday, October 14, 2011, at the Medical Center in San Bernarino, Calif.

She was born December 27, 1953, in Midland, Texas, to Herman Harris Sr. and Lillian Harris. She graduated from Robert E. Lee High School.

She was preceded in death by her father, Herman Harris, and two sisters, Opalene Harris-Mosley and Annette Harris.

Joan's memories are entrusted to her children, Tabatha Harris,

Zenovia Scott, Kowana Johnson and Victoria James; and a host of other relatives and friends.



Dawne Harris and Ashleigh Harris-Dale; grandchildren, Adrienne Lide, Trent Bibbs, Artijanae Galloway, Dawne Harris Jr., and Makayla and Josiah Dale; great-grandchild, Nehemiah Woods; mother, Lillian Harris; brother, Herman Harris Jr. (Jewel); five sisters, Mary Campbell (Roosevelt), Martha Swindell, Lorene Ford, Lillian Blaylock

John D. "Big John" Green

Funeral services for John D. "Big John" Green Celebration of life services were held Monday morning, October 31, 2011, at Full Armor Ministries, with his brother, Elder Leroy Green of the Lubbock Seventh Day Adventist Church, officiating. Bishop L. Chatham is host pastor.

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

"Big John" Green, 48, of Lubbock passed away Monday, October 24, 2011, at University Medical Center.

He entered life on Sept. 14, 1963, to the proud parents of



Frankie Lee and Adell Green, both of whom preceded him in death. John attended Dunbar High School.

There will be many fond memories of John, especially in the mind of his daughter, Cheryl

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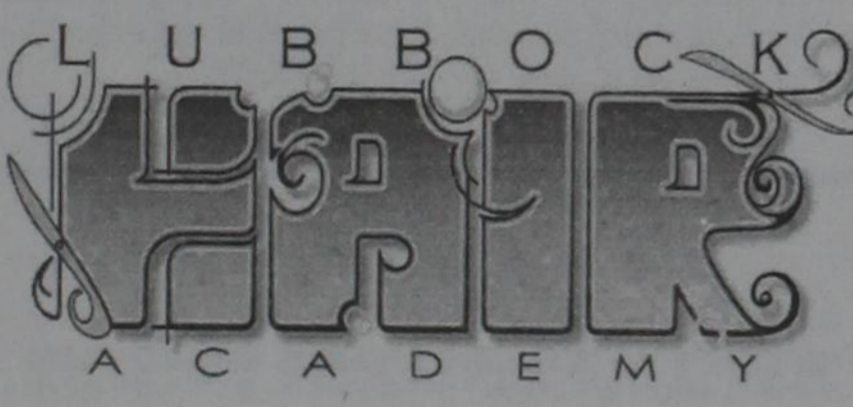
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In Cinque

By Renetta Howard

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It has finally come to past. Congress has decided that the recipients of Social Security benefits are entitled to a 3.5 percent increase in their annual income which was earmarked to offset inflation. Who decides the rate of inflation? Whoever makes that decision certainly have no idea what the average household encounters. There does not seem to be an accurate formula for making that decision. We do not have much choice, however, except to go with the flow and be thankful because we know that inflation did not stand still during the time when there was no COLA (cost of living adjustment.)

It is great news that an increase in the Social Security checks will go into effect in January 1, 2012. We also know that the cost of Medicare increases every year as well and for many Social Security recipients that increase more or less wipes out any gain from an increase in the receipts of the check. The new rate was not available when the new handbook was printed. It seems that we should be thankful for the increase which will pretty much keep us on an even kilter so to speak.

By now, everyone who is eligible for Medicare services has received the Medicare & You 2012 handbook and observed that the enrollment period for joining one of the advantage programs has changed. Open enrollment started on October 15, 2011 and will end on December 7, 2011. So if you planned any changes you should go about making them now before the December deadline.

Many Social Security recipients whose income falls below the \$16,335 level and whose resources are less than \$12,640 if single or income less than \$22,065 and resources less than \$25,260 if married and living with a spouse and no other de-



pendents are eligible for extra help paying for Medicare prescription drug coverage, (Part D.) Your home, car, household items, burial plot and up to \$1,500 for burial expenses or life insurance policies are not counted as resource. The help from this program includes the monthly premium, yearly deductible, coinsurance and copayments. There is no coverage gap and no late enrollment penalty.

Recipients of SSI (Supplemental Security Income) with full Medicaid coverage are automatically eligible for these benefits. If you think you are eligible for these benefits you should not hesitate to apply. Visit your local Social Security Office or check online at www.medicare.gov for an application. The current benefits will be changing effectively January 1, 2012.

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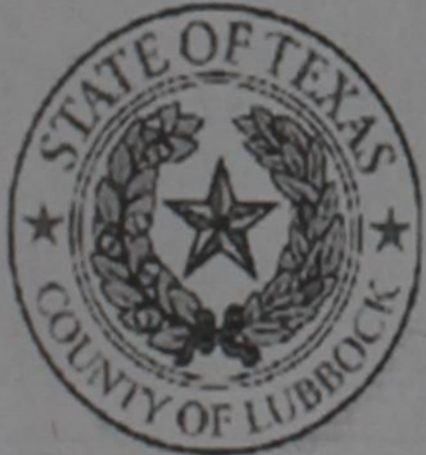
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THIS 'N' THAT

by T.J. Patterson

THANKS TO ALL WHO MADE THE T. J. PATTERSON ROAST A SUCCESS! THIS N THAT and family members of T. J. Patterson, Sr. want to **THANK THE COMMITTEE** and **ERIC STRONG** for making this a very special effort and successful..... Since the roast on Sunday evening October 23rd at the Lubbock Memo-

rial Civic Center **THIS N THAT** has received nothing but **OUTSTANDING REVIEWS** from those who were a part of the more than 500 persons in attendance..... What's really great is the resources which will be made available for some young people to attend **TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY** through a scholarship made possible by the

BOBBIE & T. J. PATTERSON SCHOLARSHIP FUND and the development of the **CAVIEL BLACK MUSEUM** which is set to open early spring 2012..... One can't forget the **OUTSTANDING TALENT** **TERRY COOK, NATALIA JOHNSON, JEROME BELL & TOM BRAXTON**..... Of course those **CELEBRITY ROASTERS** did an out-

standing job..... They were **C O N G R E S S M A N EMANUEL CLEAVER, IRASEMA VELASQUEZ, CANDIDA JOHNSON, PHIL PRICE, CHANCELLOR KENT HANCE & CONGRESSMAN NEUGEBAUER.**

THIS N THAT says **THANKS** for what each you did. God Bless each of You!

Letter To The Editor

"Thank You, Southwest Digest & Others"

Hello Mr Thomas James Patterson. I am writing this letter as a personal thank you to you and the members of your staff (and any other community members who have worked diligently to resolve the murder case of my grandmother-Mary Davis. As a young boy growing up in Lubbock, I have always admired how you always stood up for social and economic injustices in the community. I also remember how you would correct me whenever I misbehaved in your presence. You have always been a "Icon" for me and many other disadvantaged teens growing up in Green Manor, in the mid 70s. Looking back at the tragic events surrounding my grandmother's death, in 2005, again there you are on the frontlines to resolve the issue and support my family when it counted. I saw you at her funeral and you spoke candidly of her and made a commitment to see that the person responsible who be found and brought to justice. Throughout the last six year, it is obvious that you maintained your commitment for seeking justice for my grandmother. This is the first time I have spoken to anyone regarding my grandmother, in the Lubbock community, and you were the first person to come to mind. Now that someone has been identified as beening an actor in taking the life of my grandmother, the wound that I have fought so desperately to repress and delay (until final resolution was met) has now been reopened. Going forward, I would like to extend my gratitude for all that you are doing, on behalf of my family and specifically, my dear grandmother. As this community trajedy continues to unfold, I hope that the entire Lubbock community can learn something. As I continue to reflect on this traumatic event that has left a deep wound on the community and my family, I now wrestle with the thoughts of what actually fueled this man's psychological state that he would choose to take her life. National, this sort of behavior has plagued , not only African-American community, but other minority communities as well. The current individual in custody is someone I know and probably played with as a boy. Thus, it begs the question for me- what are the social, economic, environmental, and political deteminants that have

influence such a tragic event that that ended in my grandmother dying murderously and a kid I could have played with spending the rest of his life in prison or receiving premature death from capital punishment? In truth, both my grandmother and this individual (if found guilty) are both victims of something that needs to change in all communities across the country.

Sincerely,

Perry L. Minner Jr, LCSW, LCAC, ICAC II Mental Health Services Coordinator Open Door Adolescent Health Center Michigan City High School, One Wolf Trail Michigan City, IN 46360

Thank God For Jesus
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is come that judgment must begin at the house of God; and if it first begin at us, what shall the end be of them that obey not the gospel of God?

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IT'S A HOLY GHOST CELEBRATION

Crosbyton, Texas -- The Mt Zion Missionary Baptist Church will be celebrating their church's 98th anniversary. The service will take place on Sun-

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Isaiah 55:9 -- The Lord said, for as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts that your thoughts.

day, November 6, 2011 at 3:30pm. Our guest speaker will be Rev. C.C. Peoples, pastor of the Mount Olive First Missionary Baptist Church of Slaton, Texas.

It is a two-day event beginning with The Mother Dorothy Terrell Memorial Pageant / Banquet on Saturday, November 5, 2011. It will begin with a pageant at 6:00 pm. We have two children trying for the crown that evening, Roquel (Baby Bri) and Zaliyah Horton. They are 4 and 3 years of age, these two young children love helping with closing prayer at Sunday school and with devotion. They love to sing, "I Woke Up This Morning, With My Mind Stayed on Jesus.

A musical will take place from 6:30 pm to 7:40 pm. Our guests for the musical will be: Thomas Payton, Shelia Patterson-Harris, The Golden Voices, Natalie Gentry, and Martha Morriel of Lubbock and Crosbyton.

The banquet will be from 7:40 pm - 9:00 pm.

For more information regarding Saturday and or Sunday's services please contact Pastor Price at (806) 675-0818 or Minister Deborah M. Hutchinson at (806) 747-6591 or 675-2851.



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Thanks To All Of You!!

The Family of Letha Fae Burgess would like to thank everyone for the phone calls prayers, flowers and all the food.

Special thanks to the funeral directors for their eloquent service and the pulpit staff for their awesome service, also thanks to Rev Eugene Gentry for the beautiful music.

Submitted by
Lillian Moore

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White, Male, 5'08", 145 lbs,
Hair- Brown, Eyes- Hazel
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Aid(ARP)
Warrant #- 2008420331



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



Cruz, Joe Jr.
Hispanic, Male, 5'07", 180
lbs, Hair- Black, Eyes- Brown
Charge- Poss. Prohibited
Weapon
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Pastor Mal Carr

A Fellowship Revival, sponsored by the Fellowship Pastors of Slaton, will be held November 9 thru 11, 2011, at the Mt. Olive Baptist Church, 887 S. Flint Avenue, beginning at 7 p. m. nightly, with Pastor Mal Carr, as guest speaker.

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All are welcome to attend! If you have an opportunity to bring someone with you, then do so! God is able!!

Pastor & Mrs. . R. Moton And Daughter, Pamela, Celebrates 22 Years

The New Hope Baptist Church Family invites the community to help them celebrate Twenty-Two Years of Service for their First Family, Pastor & Mrs. B. R. Moton and Daughter, Pamela, on Sunday afternoon, November 6, 2011, beginning at 3:22 p. m.

Wendell D. Davis, and the Lyons Chapel Baptist Church.

The theme for this glorious affair will be "A Deserving Servant of God!!"

The New Hope Baptist Church is located at 2202 Birch Avenue.

Come out and join in this occasion. You will surely receive a blessing!

SECTION 8 WAITING LIST OPENING

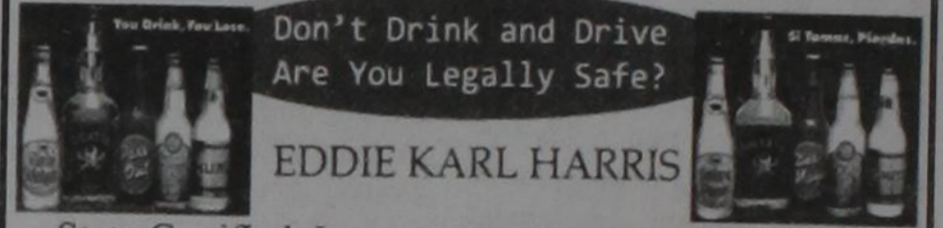
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Lottery Close: November 30, 2011 at 4:00 p.m.
Lottery cards may be picked up and returned to 1708 Crickets Avenue, Lubbock, Texas during regular business hours for the Open and Close dates listed above.

Additional information on the lottery is available now at 1708 Crickets Ave. or at www.lubbockha.org on the News releases page.

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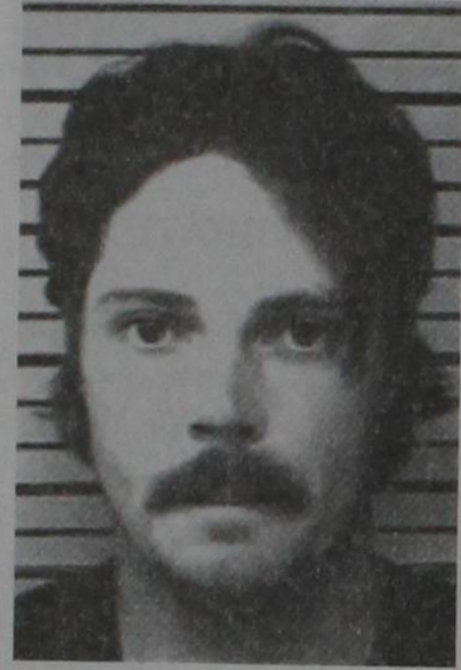
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Guitron, Alfredo
Hispanic, Male, 5'09", 185
lbs, Hair- Black, Eyes- Brown
Charge- Contempt Of Child
Support Order
Warrant #- 2009548916



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



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



Cantu, Corinna
Hispanic, Female, 5'08", 165
lbs, Hair- Brown, Eyes-
Brown. Charge- PCS PG1
W/INT DEL. 4-200 GRAMS
Warrant #- 2006411370



- Caffey, Jennifer J
White, Female, 5'09", 125
lbs - Hair- Blond, Eyes-
Blue Charge- PCS PG1 <1G
Warrant #- 201042617

John Green Rites

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Parker; three grandchildren, Tykise Parker, Trevon C. Jeffery and Roland Jeffery; five sisters, Vora Dial (Tommy), Willie Jean Ume (Ejindu), Linda Green, Rebecca Contee (Anthony) and LaVonnie High (Gary); four

Parson Smith

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"The way he words things, he doesn't make it real complicated," said a woman who declined to give her name.

Mr. Cain cites his experience "saving the company" when he was chief executive of Godfather's Pizza; turning around "the worst region in Burger King"; and taking over "a big project at Pillsbury that was behind schedule and over budget, and it finished ahead of schedule and under budget.

Offering the top line of his resume, he said: "I haven't just made pizzas all my life. I've solved problems all my life." To which this writer adds that Mr. Cain's problems will just begin if he happens (and his chances in his party of being the nominee for the presidential candidate is much like a snowball in hell for it is reserved for "Lillie white" boys) to join in battle with President Barack Obama to become the second elected black man for President of the United States.

brothers, Robert Lee White, Elder Leroy Green (Josephine), Sammy Green (Belva) and Larry Green (Mary); special aunt, Della Cooper (Marshall); and a host of other relatives and friends.

Pallbearers were Bro. Goodwin, Prennis Dial, Reggie Dial, E. J. Ume, Patrick Green, and D. J. Contee.

Honorary pallbearers were Anthony Contee, Marshall Cooper, Nephews, Cousins and Friends.

New Light Baptist

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SCRIPTURE FOR THE WEEK: Let not your heart be troubled."

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Though specific beliefs differ between denominations, the underlying theme – that organ, eye and tissue donation is one of the highest forms of giving – directly correlates with the principle upon which all major religions are based. Throughout the celebration, congregations are reminded of their faith's support of donation and are encouraged to make an outward expression of faith by registering

as organ, eye and tissue donors at www.donatelifetexas.org.

Observation of National Donor Sabbath is an opportunity for religious communities to touch the lives of millions of people. More than 112,000 men, women and children in the United States are currently awaiting transplants, and nearly 11,000 of those are Texans.

Texans can make the decision to become registered organ, eye and tissue donors in three ways:

1. Via the Donate Life Texas Registry Website: www.donatelifetexas.org and follow the prompts;

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3. At any Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) bureau when renewing automobile registration.

For more information about National Donor Sabbath, to arrange an interview with a donor family member or transplant recipient, or simply learn more about organ, eye and tissue donation, visit the LifeGift website (www.lifegift.org) or call 1-800-633-6562.

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unemployment funds for on-the-job training. And they've indicated they'll be willing to accept an extension of cuts to the Social Security payroll tax. But stimulus-style spending is a nonstarter with the tea party-infused chamber.

"Now it's time for both parties to work together and find common ground on removing government barriers to private-sector job growth," House Speaker John Boehner, R-Ohio, said after the vote.

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Saturday 12:00 Noon Brotherhood (2nd & 4th)

Sunday Church School - 9:30 a. m.

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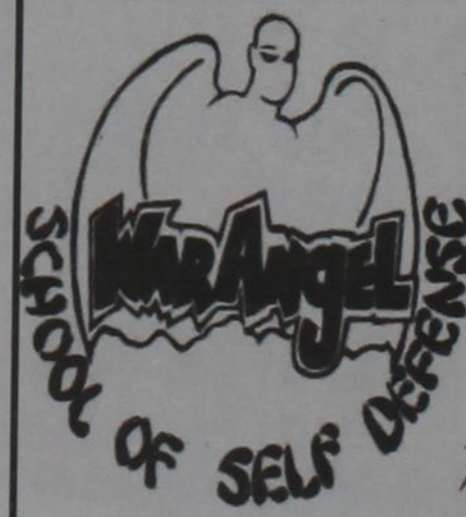
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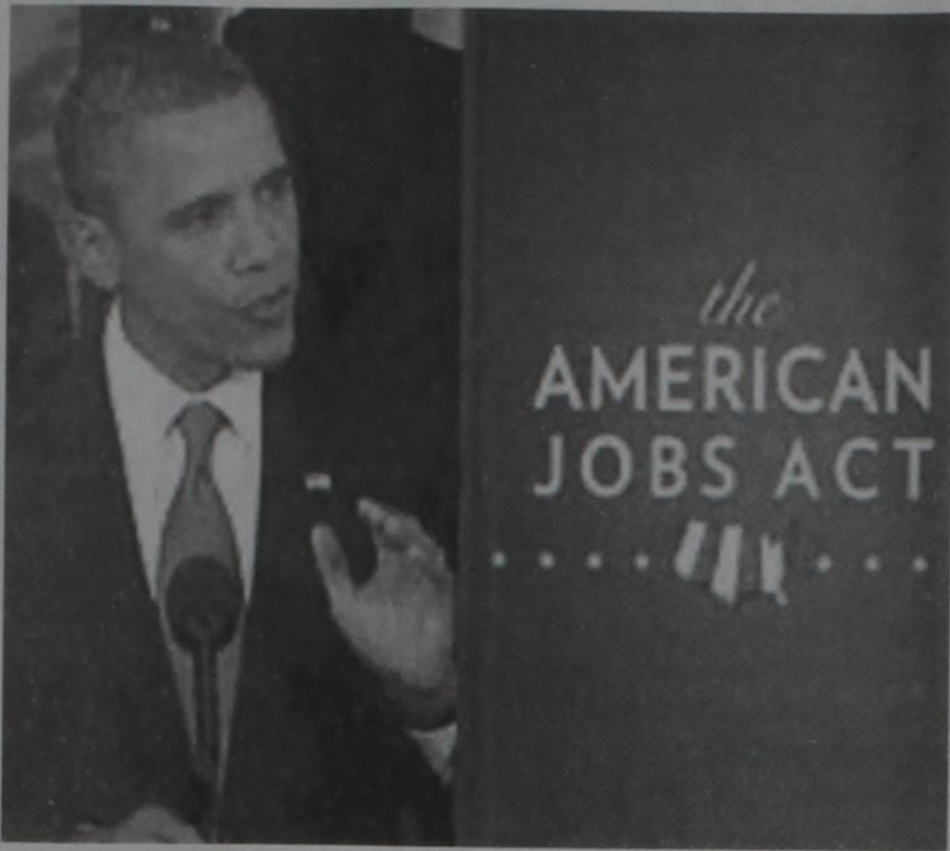
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President Obama and Democrats Regroup After GOP Kills Job Plan

Washington, DC -- Congress and the White House face the choice of continued fighting or a shift toward bipartisan bargaining after the Senate voted to kill President Barack Obama's \$447 billion jobs plan.

They're likely to do both as they seek to produce results sought by a discontented public while also drawing bright political lines for voters as the 2012 campaign heats up.

Obama's plan died at the hands of Senate Republicans on Tuesday, even though the president had been campaigning for it across the country for weeks. The \$447 billion plan died on a 50-49 tally in the 100-member Senate, falling well short of the 60 votes needed to crack a filibuster by Republicans opposed to its stimulus-style spending and tax surcharge for the very



wealthy.

The tally had been 51-48 but Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., switched his vote to "nay" to reserve the right to force a re-

vote. Sen. Tom Coburn, R-Okla., is recovering from surgery and did not vote.

Now, the White House and leaders in Congress are already moving on to alternative ways to address the nation's painful 9.1 percent unemployment, including breaking the legislation into smaller, more digestible pieces. And on Wednesday, both the House and Senate are poised to approve long-stalled trade pacts with Korea, Panama and Colombia.

"Tonight's vote is by no means the end of this fight," Obama said in a statement after the vote. "Because with so many Americans out of work and so many families struggling, we can't take 'no' for an answer."

In the weeks and months ahead, Democrats promise further votes on jobs. But it remains to be seen how much of that effort will involve more campaign-stoked battles with Republicans and how much will include seeking common ground in hopes of passing legislation. Further complicating matters is a deficit "supercommittee" that is supposed to come up with \$1.2 trillion or more in deficit savings - some of which Democrats may want to claim for jobs initiatives.

Tuesday's tally also shows that Republicans believe they have

little to fear by tangling with Obama.

The White House appears most confident that it will be able to continue a 2-percentage-point Social Security payroll tax cut through 2012 and to extend emergency unemployment benefits to millions of people - if only because, in the White House view, Republicans won't want to accept the political harm of letting those provisions expire.

White House officials also are hopeful of ultimately garnering votes for the approval of infrastructure spending and tax credits for businesses that hire unemployed veterans.

Obama's plan would have combined Social Security payroll tax cuts for workers and businesses and other tax relief totaling about \$270 billion with \$175 billion in new spending on roads, school repairs and other infrastructure, as well as unemployment assistance and help to local governments to avoid layoffs of teachers, firefighters and police officers.

Obama said the plan - more than half the size of his 2009 economic stimulus measure - would be an insurance policy against a double-dip recession and that continued economic intervention was essential given slower-than-hoped job growth.

Unlike the 2009 legislation, the current plan would be paid for with a 5.6 percent surcharge on income exceeding \$1 million. That would be expected to raise about \$450 billion over the coming decade.

"Democrats' sole proposal is to keep doing what hasn't worked - along with a massive tax hike that we know won't create jobs," Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., said Tuesday, adding that there are 1.5 million fewer jobs than when Obama's 2009 economic package became law. "Why on earth would you support an approach that we already know won't work?" McConnell said.

Leaders of the GOP-controlled House have signaled they support tax cuts for small businesses and changes to jobless insurance to allow states to use

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The Lewis Sisters Continue Their Annual Summer Trip Together



Lewis Sisters

(Editor's Note: This is a re-print of this story which appeared in the Southwest Digest October, 2011.)

The Lewis Sisters met in San Antonio, Texas, this year, during the month of July. This was the 21st year. Just like always, the Lewis Sisters had a blast! This is the highlight of their year. In case some of you are familiar, the reason the sisters do this is because of their Mom. Their Mom and her sisters came together like this before they passed away. So this is an honor of their mom. She passed away in July, the second week in July. That's the time they always give thanks to God for their Father, George Lewis. At this time, he is 85 years of age and getting old and getting around better than some young people. The Lewis Sisters thank God for him and their Step-Mom, Mama Rose.

The sisters did some shopping like always, and shopped until they "dropped."

The sisters stayed at the Wyndman Resort on the River Walk. This hotel had three bedrooms, three baths, a full kitchen, dining room area, a living room, and a balcony. They resided on the fourth floor. They also reported an excellent view of the city. It's still Christmas in July. They brought gifts for each other. This year, they did something totally different. They paired up in two's and surprised the other sisters with a special dinner. It turned out Great! Even the two Baby Girls did an awesome job!

There was a menu consisting of Chicken Enchiladas, Smothered Steaks, Chicken Spaghetti, a full Course Breakfast. Just imagine these meals with the trimmings.

From the first year to the next, the Lewis Sisters saved their change as one sister had \$230.00 of change.

The Lewis Sisters want to encourage everybody who read

their story to love your family. Show love, give love, practice love, because it's God's Love. Oh yeah, whenever we get together, there's God's Love!

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Photos Of Some of Those In Attendance At The T. J. Patterson Roast October 23rd



Marjorie Thomas & Billie Caviel are all smiles at the T. J. Patterson Roast.



Dr. Heenan Johnson, II, is shown with Lucy Brown visiting at Roast.



Rev. Sonia Scott with husband, Giles Scott, standing tall at the Roast.



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