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## Big Citizen Town Hall Meeting Sunday Night At The Bridge!



Black Maie Trio: Hillary Hutchinson, Jr., Donnell Hooper & Larry Alexander

Sunday morning many Lubbock residents will attend their place of worship. But on Sunday night, January 31, 2010, at 7:00 p. m., a Big Citizen Town Hall meeting has been set at The Bridge, 1701 Redbud Avenue, former Posey Elementary School, to discuss issues which affect the lives of all citizens of East Lubbock.

A Trio of Black Men has called this meeting, because there is too much mess in the East Lubbock Community. That mess include: too many burglaries, too many murders, too much drug involvement of young people selling and using crack.

"East Lubbock is not the only part of Lubbock with this problem as this mess is seen all over Lubbock," says Donnell Hooper.

"We want to have a discussion about this mess and invite all citizens to attend," says Hillary Hutchinson, Jr.

"It is important that we all get involve with this important meeting," says Larry Alexander.

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## Whitney Gipson: All-American Track Star

In 2009, Whitney Gipson, a sophomore at Texas Christian University (TCU), earned All-Conference honors in the women's long jump during the indoor season after soaring 20 feet, 3 1/2 inches to place third overall ... She also captured first place honors at the Arkansas Last Chance in the women's long jump, while collecting runner-up honors in the triple jump in Fayetteville ... Gipson had a breakthrough outdoor season in which she collected All-America honors in the long jump at the NCAA Outdoor Championships ... She posted her first All-America showing in Fayetteville in the women's long jump, soaring to a 13th-place finish in the finals ... Gipson was the only freshman in the nation to make the finals in the long jump at the NCAA Championships ... She soared to a fifth-place finish in the long jump and automatically qualified for the 2009 NCAA Championships at the Midwest Regional in Norman, Okla. ... The freshman, who leaped 20 feet, 7 inches on her final jump to qualify for nationals, posted a personal-best leap and the second-best jump in program history in Norman ...

30 jumpers ... At the LSU Relays, Gipson collected runner-up honors with the program's third-best leap ever ... The freshman was also part of a Mountain West Conference Championship 4x100 squad, helping the quartet claim first-place honors with a time of 44.66 seconds ... She also helped the 4x1 collect first-place honors with a seasonal-best time of 44.40 seconds at the Texas Tech Invitational.

**Birdville High School**  
Gipson, a three-time all-area sprinter and jumper from Birdville, Texas, comes to TCU after competing in the long and triple jump for Birdville High School ... She posted a top leap of 19 feet, 10 inches in the long jump and a personal best mark of 40 feet in the triple jump ... A talented sprinter, Gipson has also posted a top time of 24.01 in the 200 ... Overall, she placed second in both the long and triple jump at the 2008 4A Texas State Championship ... Also excelled on the hardwood earning MVP honors following district play in 2008 ...

She was invited to play in the DFW All-Star basketball game after earning four letters on the court.

She is the granddaughter of Mr. & Mrs. Curtis (Hattie) Gipson of Lubbock, and daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Winston Gipson.

Gipson, who came into the regional with the 11th-best leap in the Midwest Region, finished ahead of five of the nations top-

## Silver Wings Junior Pageant 2010 Winners!



**Say Hello To Ashantis Lachez McKinney, 6 year old, and Treyvon DeShawn Smith who are winners of the First Annual "Silver Wings Junior Pageant" 2010, which was held Sunday, January 3, 2010, at the Jerusalem Temple Church of God in Christ, Slaton, Texas, where the Honorable Bishop J. E. Judie is pastor.**

"This highlighted ceremony

was sponsored by the Jerusalem Temple Church of God in Christ "Wonder Choir", under the Music Ministry of Sister Gloria Parker of Lubbock. Church President is Linda Wallace, and Church Secretary is Kre'asi Norris of Lubbock.

In December 2009, ten youth, ranging from 4 to 12 years of age, will be chosen

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## SPC to host Martin L. King, Jr. Ceremony

**LEVELLAND** - South Plains College's Black Student Organization and the Multicultural/Diversity Office will host a candlelight vigil at 6:30 p.m. Jan. 28 (Thursday) in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr. in the Sundown Room.

Admission is free and the public is invited to attend. The Spirit of MLK award recipients, Willie Jones and Darrell Grimes, will be honored during the event.

Jones is a Levelland businessman and owner of the Monarch Marble & Granite. He also serves as the president of the Juvenile Committee. Grimes is the vice president of Academic Affairs at SPC. In 1972, he helped to start Vochais, the

first African American student club which is presently known as the Black Student Organization.

The evening will feature poetry reading, monologues and music. Historian and storyteller Eric Emerson Strong will deliver

the keynote address.

"This annual celebration is a way to remember the legacy of Dr. King as well as an opportunity to recognize the contributions of people in the community who exemplify the spirit of MLK," said Maria Lopez-Strong, Diversity Coordinator for SPC.

For more information, call Helen Daniels, BSO advisor, at 806-897-5244.

## Receives Concerned Citizens 2010 Scholarship



Mish Manahan, Patrea Ferrell and Dwight Pierce are shown at the presentation of the 2009 Clarence and Gwen Denson Scholarship presentation.

The Concerned Citizens' \$500.00 2009 Clarence and Gwen Denson Scholarship was presented to Patrea Ferrell at

Sunday morning services at the Greater Saint Luke Baptist Church. Making the presentation was Dwight Pierce, President; and Garland Hollins and Betty Middleton, Concerned Citizens members.

"Patrea and her mother, Mish Manahan, are both active members of Greater Saint Luke and having the presentation in front of Patrea's church family made it a more special occasion," stated Pierce.

Ms. Middleton stated, "to be eligible, you must be in your second semester of college, have a grade point average of 2.5 or higher, and complete the application prior to December 31st." Hollins presented a Certificate of Recognition to Patrea.

## Zion Brings Africa to Lubbock



Royce Watson & Jessica Watson Owners

Zion: "Your Source for Everything Natural," opened its doors early August, 2009. Zion is located at the Trader's Flea Market, 1201 84th Street, 84th Street & Avenue L. Store hours are Saturdays 1:00 p. m. until 5:00 p. m. and Sundays 1:00 p. m. until 5:00 p. m. Zion carries a varied range of products, many made in Africa. The products in-

clude: African clothing, natural health & beauty, scented oils, oil burners, jewelry, artwork, Bob Marley products, and more.

Royce Watson and Jessica Watson are owners of Zion. The pair say they gained inspiration for developing a store themed with the mother land from frequenting an African shop in

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## Mrs. Deborah Hutchinson Will Speak At Bethel A.M.E. Church

Mrs. Deborah Hutchinson, a member of the Mt. Zion Baptist Church of Crosbyton, Rev. Ruby Price is pastor, will be the keynote speaker at the Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church, 2202 Southeast Drive, Sunday morning January 31, 2010. Rev. Sonia J. Scott is host pastor.

The Ma Junes Missionary Society is sponsoring the Fifth Sunday services, and the theme is "Experiencing God."

Services will get underway at 10:30 a. m.

Sister Patricia is president of the Jones Society. Sister Edna Wilson, vice president, The Fifth Sunday Fellow-



Mrs. Deborah Hutchinson ship will be served in the A.W. Wilson Fellowship Hall.

## Community Meetings

\* African American Chamber of Commerce, Lubbock meets on the 3rd Wednesday of each month, from 12:00 - 1:00 pm at the Chairman Hill Restaurant, 512 East 23rd Street.

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

\* Hub City Kiwanis meets every Tuesday evening, 1708 Avenue G.

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

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

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

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

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

\* Dunbar Manhattan Heights Neighborhood Association meets every 1st Thursday at 6:00 pm and every 4th Thursday at 6:00 pm at the Dunbar Manhattan Heights Neighborhood Outreach Center, 1301 E. 24th Street.

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

\* Texas Juvenile Cultural & Historical Commission - Lubbock Affiliate meets at Patterson Branch Library, every 3rd Thursday at 7:00 pm.

\* West Texas Chapter of 100 Black Men of West Texas meets 3rd Monday evenings at 7:00 pm at Parkway Neighborhood Center.

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

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

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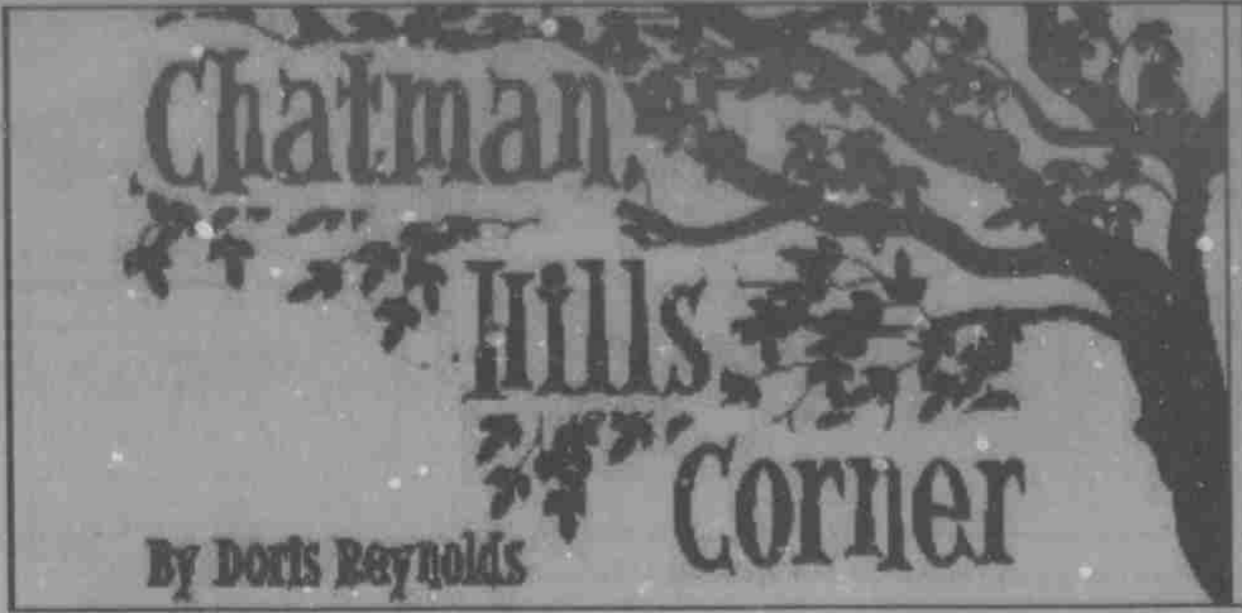
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At a morning press event, Lubbock ISD announced new ways to make the district more transparent and easily accessible to stakeholders, and to communicate the LISD core mission. A new logo, Web site and public email addresses for the superintendent and Board of Trustees are among the changes.

"With every new administration, and I have been a part of four administrations in LISD,

**"Silver Wings Junior Pageant 2010"**

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to vye for the title and earn their "Earthly Wings". Each contestant had two adult sponsors to assist them in their project. During the ceremony, each were asked Bible questions and gave their opinions on world issues concerning Youth as children, and as "future" adults. They also displayed talents of songs, gospel rap, and comedy. This was a great program as well as educating on a spioritual composition of growth. Proceeds collected were \$1,000.00.

Winners of the 2010 Silver Wings Junior Pageant will be displayed on the Church's Hall of Fame entrance in the church.

Great things are happening in the worship services. An invitation of welcome is extended for those interested to visit the Sanctuary in Slaton, Geneva & Johnson Avenue. Services for Morning Worship is 11:00 a. m.; Sunday School, 10:00 a. m.

It is only a 20 minute from Lubbock, South U. S. Highway 87.

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comes change and opportunities to gain a different perspective and new ideas," said Vernita Woods-Holmes, secretary of the LISD Board of Trustees.

The new logo was unveiled to reflect the primary mission of the district. The logo features a mortar board, star and honor stole to symbolize every student graduating well-prepared to achieve their dreams of college or a career.

"We are focusing on every child, every day to assure all students graduate on time and ready for college or a career," said Dr. Karen Garza, LISD superintendent.

The R. B. Thompson Lincoln/Douglass Scholarship Annual Event will be held Sunday, February 14, 2010, from 4:00 p. m. u until 6:00 p. m. at the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center.

Guest performer will be Dr. DeeCee Cornish and James Fances.

Tickets are \$20.00 in ad-

vance or \$25.00 at the door. This will include a dinner and entertainment.

This year, an opportunity will be available purchase a booth. For information, call (806) 762-3350. Booth space is \$25.00.

For ticket information and/or a booth rental, contact either Norma Pike at (806) 559-9795 or email Brenda Amin at Brenda.Amin@ttu.edu.

Let us support the upcoming Banquet in honor of Billie & Alfred Caviel who were the owners and operators of Caviel Pharmacy for 49 years.

The Banquet is set for February 7, 2010 at the Texas Tech School of Law.

The February meeting of the Federation of Choirs will be held Sunday afternoon, February 28, 2010, at 2:30 p. m. at Christ Temple Church of God in Christ. Supt. W. David Haynes is host pastor.

**Zion Brings Africa To Lubbock**

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"I remember my family members getting nice African dresses and suits in Dallas stores

in Chicago. We knew if we planted to purchase African goods in our home town Lubbock we were out of luck," says Mr. Watson. Many of the products carried in Zion help underprivileged homes in several African nations. The Watson's plan on expanding Zion in the future and hopes their efforts will inspire and invest positively in the African -- American Lub-

**FASHION FUN with Shirley Roberson SNAKE PRINT PUMPS**

Snake skin pumps are number one on the fashion run ways right now. These shoes are to die for, and ladies you can get them in a variety of colors,

from icy blues to frosted pinks. Show your fashion savvy when selecting your accessories in synthetic embossed snake print, snake comes in handbags, belts, scarves and jewelry. Huge snake textured bangles with matching hoop earrings. You choose the snake in any color you desire..

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Fashion tip...always wear a smile.

Fashion...just for the fun of it.

**New Light Baptist Church News**

On Sunday morning, January 24, 2010, church services got started at New Light Baptist Church, 3013 Idalou Road, where Rev. Kenneth O. Jackson is the proud pastor.

Church School started at 9:45a.m. with Deacon David Chiles teaching the lesson for the adults entitled: "Inviting The Weary" with the scripture text coming from Matthew 11:25-30. Sister Rochelette Hood & Brother Dorian Moore taught the lesson for the Youth entitled: "Giving Thanks"

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

Rev. Jackson led the pulpit devotion. The Senior Choir marched in the choir stand. The responsive reading was read by Rev. Henry Edom, and the scripture came from: Psalm 103:1-12. The altar call prayer was done by Rev. Jackson with the choir singing "My Soul Loves Jesus." Sis. Jade Price read all the morn-

ing announcements and told of all the upcoming events that will be taken place. There was the pastoral period led by the pastor and then the offering was taken up.

The Senior Choir sang "The Lord Will Make A Way", led by Sister Alvera Johnson and "Home Over The Mountain", led by Sister Angela Mosley. "Amazing Grace" was sung before the sermon. Rev. Jackson preached the sermon entitled: "God Is Available" with the scripture text coming from Matthew 8: 23-27.

The song "Old Ship Of Zion" was sung after the sermon.

There was the invitation to discipleship that was extended and several came up for prayer. There were the visitors who were acknowledged by Sister Brenda Manahan.

Pray for all the churches who are open in and around the surrounding counties. Pray that all will come together in unity.

**SCRIPTURE FOR WEEK:**

Since the days of your fathers you've turned from my statutes you haven't kept them. Return to me and I'll return to you says the lord of hosts. But you asked how can we return with a man rob God yet you've robbing me. You ask how do we rob you by not making the payments of 10 percent & the contribution you've suffering under a curse yet you are still robbing me. Bring the full 10% into the store house so that there be food in my house. Test me says the lord of host. See if I will not open the floodgates of heaven and pour out a blessing for you without measures." **MALACHI 3:7-10**

The New Light Baptist Church, 3013 Idalou Road. Rev. Kenneth O. Jackson, Pastor.

**Free Lunches Every Wednesdays afternoon, from 3:00 p. m. to 5:00 p. m.**

23rd from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in Space K-14, with convenient mall access through the west entrance between Bealls and Sears.

The Patterson Library clinic will be held on Thursday, January 28th from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. Patterson Library is located at 1836 Parkway Avenue.

In order to receive the vaccination, each individual must complete consent form and an ImmTrac (State of Texas immunization registry) form. Forms are available at the clinics.

**H1N1 Flu Vaccination Clinic Will Be Held At Patterson Branch Library Today**

The City of Lubbock Health Department will conduct two

The store is also accessible online at www.ZionStoreOnline.com. Full Color Catalogue books are available dealing Zion's selection of fine African garments and other products. Get your catalogue by simply calling Royce (865) 752-0918.

H1N1 flu vaccination clinics for the general public. There is still potential for wide-spread influenza. The Health Department urges you to protect you and your family by getting vaccinated. The vaccine will be provided at no cost. Children under 18 years of age must be accompanied by parent or guardian.

The South Plains Mall clinic was held on Saturday, January

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# Church News



From the Desk of Parson D.A. Smith  
 "An Amuck Behavior: The U. S. Supreme Court"



We Thank God for Jesus  
 "America Is Dammed!!!"

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

The action of the United States Supreme Court last week should be considered as one of shame and disgrace toward every American (even the corporate thugs). The action of the Gestapo style 5 Supreme Court Judges in a 5-4 ruling in Citizens United v. FEC affect every voting and potential voter in America.

The Voting Rights Act of 1964 could be silenced by a powerful in the closet "Hitler Style" Corporations who could buy U. S. House Representatives, Senators and even the Presidency of the United States. Here is a case where "big money" will truly eat up, so to speak "little money."

Doug Kendall, writer of the Huffington Post wrote the Supreme Court's "conservative majority re-wrote the Constitution to give corporations - never mentioned in the Constitution - the same right to influence the electoral process as "We the People" as the NYT's Adam Liptak explains, "Sweeping aside a century-old understanding and overruling two important precedents, a bitterly divided Supreme...ruled that the government may not ban political spending by cooperation's in candidate elections." The justices did what many progressives feared for months it would do: hold that long-standing restrictions on corporate campaign spending violate the First Amendment.

Kendall noted that in a breathtaking dissent that was read aloud from the bench and was joined by Justices Ginsburg, Breyer, and Sotomay that the ruling is startlingly activist and plainly contrary to constitutional text and history. Two centuries ago, the Supreme Court under Chief Justice Marshall first recognized that corporations are artificial creatures of the State, subject to government oversight to ensure they do not abuse the special privileges granted to them. Corporation cannot vote in election, stand for election, or served officials, but the U. S. Supreme Court ruled they can overwhelm the political process using the profits generated by the special privileges

granted to corporations. In a profoundly wrong interpretation of the First Amendment, the Court granted corporations the right to drown out the voices of individual Americans in our Nation's elections. A blogger noted that we as Americans have been sold down the river. The blogger wondered how much these corporations spent to get this kind of verdict. The blogger noted that (morally) the justices had no idea what justice is. Another blogger noted: "Since when are Corporations a living breathing human entity? Be ready to be implanted with a tracking devise, a probe in your body when boarding a plane, being declared unfit to be human and most of all your rights as citizens will not exist anymore. Corporations will control the school board, the city council, the states and of course the Senate and the House of Representatives. Hello the United States of Corporate America. Some Americans are probably wondering if the Anglo god Continue on Page 6

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Jeremiah 23:23-24a - The Lord said, am I a God at hand, said the Lord, and not a God afar off? Can any hide himself in secret places that I shall not see him?

(The Greek word for dammed is: Kat-Ak-Ret. No means to judge against!!!)

\*\*\* YES, AMERICA ROB GOD??? \*\*\*

From the rights of Adam in the Garden, God's word Adam didn't want to obey. That is the same thing with America. She doesn't want to hear what God has to say!!!

Mark 7:6-7 - Jesus said, well have E-saip as prophesied of you hypocrites as it is written. The people honors me with their lips, but their heart is far from me. Howbeit in vain do they worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men.

The Rights in the Garden are the same rights today as with Adam and Eve. They had rights then, like America, the Devil has again deceived.

Proverbs 14:12; 34 - There

is a way which seems right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death. Righteousness exalted a nation, but sin is a reapproach to any people.

This country was built on prayer, and it did trusting God. Now she's Hell bound. She thinks she can't get along without the Lord!!!

Psalm 14:1 - The fool hasn't said in his heart, there is no God. They are corrupt. They have done abominable works. There is none that is no good.

(America can do heart transplants, kidney transplants. She can go to the moon. Police other countries. She is very powerful. She can clone people. Make a baby without a man. Just as God did with Jesus. She thinks she's a God like the almighty God!!!)

1 Samuel 2:2 - There is none holy as the Lord. There is none like you! Neither is there any rock like our God.

Our children are cursed with our sins. Our fruit is not worth anything. God doesn't want the fruit we're bringing forth Shame, Shame, Shame!!!

Jeremiah 3:2c-3 - The Lord said, you have polluted the land with your whoredom and with your wickedness. Therefore, the showers have been withheld, and there have been no lighter rain, and you have a whore's forehead. You refused to be ashamed.

(Did you read about Dallas where the man from another country killed his two teen daughters, because they were becoming too much like America's girls!!!)

The leaders of America are blind. We say we're against drugs, but put them before the children all the time!!!

Isaiah 5:20 - The Lord said, woe (Cursed) unto them that call evil good, and good evil, that put darkness for light, and light for darkness. That put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!

America loves money, and she doesn't care how or where it comes from. That's why there is cheating in the Churches, White House, and beyond!!!

1 Timothy 6:10 - For the Continue on Page 6

## St. Matthew's Baptist Church News

Church services got started at the St. Matthew Baptist Church, 2020 East 14th Street, last Sunday morning, January 24, 2010, where the proud pastor is Rev. Edward Carady.

Sunday School got underway last Sunday morning with Assistant Superintendent Sister Aznie Onasanya in charge.

The subject of the morning lesson was "Inviting The Weary." The scripture text was Matthew 11:25-30. The Unifying Topic was "Declared In Prayer." The teacher of the morning was Rev. Jimmy Brown. The review was given

by Pastor Canady.

The main thought of the Sunday School lesson was: "Come unto me, all ye that labour and have heavy laden, and I will give you rest." Matthew 11:28.

The Morning Worship hour was begun at 11:15 a. m. The morning devotion was led by Deacon Edward Williams and Sis. Jackson.

The St. Matthew Baptist Church Choir sung out of their hearts and souls again. What a time we had in the Lord last Sunday morning!

The morning message was delivered by Pastor Canady. His subject was "Whose Sise Are You On?" The scripture text was I King 18:21.

After hearing this dynamic sermon, the members took note on this important question.

The weekly meetings held at St. Matthew Baptist Church each week are as follows: Mission meets on Wednesday evenings at 5:00 p. m.

Bible Study begins each Wednesday evening at 6:00 p. m. Choir Rehearsal is held on

Friday evenings at 5:00 p. m.

The Ushers will meet at 11:00 a. m. on Saturday mornings.

Brotherhood meets at 12:00 Noon on Saturdays.

All who are involved in these meetings are asked to please be present and on time.

The Sunday Morning announcements were read by First Lady Sister Shirley Canady.

Let us continue to pray for our sick and shut-in. Among the include: Sister Shirley davis, who is a patient in University

Medical Center, Room 641; Rev. Walter Jackson, who is a patient at Baylor University Hospital in Dallas.

Sister Lola Byrd and Sister Nina Davis are both resting comfortable at their residences.

Let us continue to pray for our bereaved and sick families.

Our strength and hope are in the Lord. We rest secure in His sure word; And though we're tempted

to despair; we know we're kept within His Care!

Thought For The Week: When you're working for Jesus, it's always too soon to quit!

If you are looking for a Church Home, then consider visiting the St. Matthew Baptist Church.

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## Outreach Prayer Breakfast

This writer was thinking of how many people are living in prison. We're speaking of those who are prisoners in their own homes behind bars on their doors and windows.

This world system has created a monster which will destroy humanity, unless there's a turning point. People rebelling against the right. All over the world, there is some fighting to have the right to kill. Some are fighting to have a right to kill. Some are fighting to have legalize drugs. Homosexuals are fighting for their right.

Evil King pins are demanding their rights. Even gang members are demanding respect. The school system is having problems that Judges can't solve.

Even with the vote, peace officers can't solve it. There are AIDS cases that doctors can't cure!

"Christians," when do we kick in with our God given power, Prayer Warriors???

Let's get out of the barn yard and realize we are not chickens, but Eagles in Jesus Our Saviour. He is our deliverer, He's the Prince of Peace. He's Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending.

Every knee will bow and recognize He's Lord! This generation is in trouble. So why not, Saints, just live right!

We are going to need Him to help us fight some Battles! It will take Power beyond that we have in the Natural, but that He's speaking of in Acts 1:8.

The enemy is under our feet, let's take back God's King-

dom by force! God needs somebody who will step out on Water and cut off some Ears!"

Just think about it! Pray for the sick and hurting!

Keep praying for this City: East, West, North and South! Pray for those that you know to be a "DEVIL." Pray Saints!!

The Miracle-Stubbornness Correlation (Matthew 11:20-24)

Korazin, Bethsaida, and Capernaum are all within about three miles of one another in northern Galilee. A quick overview of Mark 1 gives a bird's-eye view of the dozens (if not hundreds) of miracles this region was able to witness first-

hand... in just a single day! It seems reasonable to assume these people would have reflexively been driven to their knees in repentance. But they weren't.

Amazingly, Jesus compares these three quiet Galilean towns to four of the most lewd cities in history—the destroyed cities of Sodom and Gomorrah, and the coastal Phoenician towns of

Tyre and Sidon. Had any of these four beheld the miracles performed in Galilee, Jesus maintains, they would have undergone a kind of repentance that would have transformed and spared them.

It should disturb us to see Jesus brand as stubborn and unrepentant a group of people who probably considered themselves to be decent, hardworking, and self-sufficient middle-class Galileans.

I am relieved to rediscover Luke 5:1-8, in which at least one of these stubborn Caper-

naum natives sees a miracle of Jesus and does respond rightly: with a repentant conviction of his own unworthiness. Simon was brought to his knees.

I am humbly forced to admit that my own willingness to repent has almost nothing to do with the quantity or quality of miracles I've witnessed with my eyes, and everything to do with whether or not I will allow the work of the Holy Spirit to penetrate my heart (which is a far greater and more permanent miracle than a catch of fish or walking on water).

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# Obsequies

## Rita Faye Asberry

Funeral services were held Saturday afternoon, January 23, 2010 at Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witness.

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

Asberry, 80, of Lubbock, passed away on Wednesday, Jan. 13, 2010, at her residence.

She was born to the parentage of George Asberry and Gussie Mae Graves, on Oct. 26, 1929, in Groesbeck, Limestone County, Texas. She was a faithful Jehovah's Witness for over 25 years. She attended the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witness. She united with Zollie B. White, Sr. and moved from Groesbeck, Texas, to Lubbock in 1959. To this union seven children were



born, six boys and one girl. She leaves to cherish her precious memories, five sons, Robert E. White (Freddie), Ernest L. White (Jennifer), Zollie B. White (Judy), Edward E. White (Angelica) and Gregory White; one daughter, Alice Ward Arnold; one sister, Mae Seal; one brother, Ennis Ray Asberry; 19 grandchildren; 30 great-grandchildren; and a host of other relatives and friends.

## Bobby Jermaine Butler

Funeral services held Saturday afternoon, January 23, 2010 at Mt. Gilead Baptist Church with Rev. J. J. Johnson, pastor, officiating.

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

Butler, 24, of Lubbock, passed away on Sunday, Jan. 17, 2010, at UMC.

He was born to the parentage



of Bobby Lee Trimble and Cheryl Yvette Butler in Lubbock, Texas.

Bobby attended Estacado

## Ethel Marie Childers

Funeral Services for Ethel Marie Newman Childers, 78, of Lubbock, were held last Saturday afternoon, January 23, 2010 at St. John Baptist Church, with Rev. Solomon Fields, pastor, officiating.

Burial was held at Peaceful Gardens Memorial Park in Woodrow, Texas, under the direction of Ossie Curry Funeral Home Chapel.

Mrs. Childers died on Tuesday, January 19, 2010, at her residence in Lubbock.

Survivors include her mother, Delia Rainwater Newman of Lubbock; five sisters, Juanita Gibson of Wisconsin, Barbara Loggins of Lubbock, Estella Whidby of Dallas, Edna Holmes of Dallas and Della Showers of Lubbock; one brother, John Newman of North Richland Hills; five children, Curtis



(Grace) of Bastrop, and Carey, Sr. (Joyce), Karen Childers Henderson (Johnny), Kathy Childers Thompson (Charles) and Kirby Childers, all of Lubbock; 15 grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Otho Wayne Childers; father, Isaiah Newman; and brother, James Newman.

## Luther Guyton

Church services were held last Saturday morning, January 23, 2010 at St. Luke Missionary Baptist Church, with Pastor J.H. Ford officiating.

Burial followed at Peaceful Gardens Memorial Park in Woodrow, Texas, under the direction of Ossie Curry Funeral Chapel of Lubbock.

Guyton, 81, of Richmond and formerly of Lubbock, passed away on Sunday, January 17, 2010, at his residence.

High School.

He leaves to cherish his memory, two children, Charles and K.C.; his parents, Bobby Lee Trimble and Cheryl Yvette Butler; paternal grandparents; three brothers, Darrell Butler, Colby Trimble and Keith Trimble; one sister, Sheena Trimble; four aunts; four uncles; three nieces; one nephew; fiancée, Sylvia Trevino; and a host of other relatives and friends.

## Singer Teddy Pendergrass Dies at 59

NEW YORK (AP) — Legendary singer Teddy Pendergrass, dead after a long illness at age 59, spent his last 28 years in a wheelchair, left to wonder what life might have been like had a car crash not completely altered his destiny.

Before the crash, Pendergrass

Luther leaves behind his wife of 62 years, Lorene Guyton; a brother, Lawrence; daughters, Wanda L., Florence L. and Joy; sons, Luther, Jr., Ora Gene, Clarence H., Donnell, Terry W. and Rod. Luther also leaves a host of grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

was one of the most electric and successful figures in music. He established a new era of R&B with an explosive, raw voice that symbolized masculinity, passion and the joys and sorrow of romance in songs such as Close the Door, It Don't Hurt Now, Love T.K.O. and other hits that have since become classics.

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Pendergrass, who was born in Philadelphia in 1950, suffered a spinal cord injury in a 1982 car accident that left him paralyzed from the waist down — still able to sing but without his signature power.

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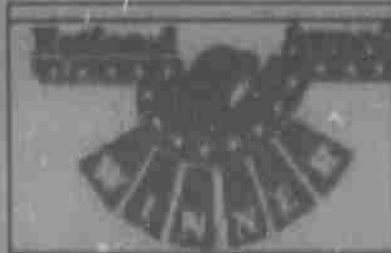
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# Editorials • Comments • Opinions



## THIS 'N' THAT

by T.J. Patterson

**GOOD TO SEE YOUNG CHILDREN PARTICIPATING IN MONTHLY MEETING OF THE FEDERATION OF CHOIRS!! THIS N THAT** ..... as well as the many who were in attendance of last Sunday monthly meeting at the **FEDERATION OF CHOIRS** ..... at The Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church .... where the proud pastor is **REV. SONIA J. SCOTT** ... many are still talking about the presentation of the **NEW HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH YOUTH CHOIR** ..... as it had some little singers doing a splendid job ..... under the direction of **SISTER PAM MOTON** .... who did an outstanding job with these children ..... along with

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**JOHNSON**..... If you haven't had an opportunity to attend the Federation of Choirs ..... the next meeting will be Sunday afternoon ..... February 28, 2010 ..... at the ..... Christ Temple Church of God in Christ ..... where the host pastor will be ..... **SUPT. W. DAVID HAYNES**.....

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**ATTEND THE CITIZENS TOWN HALL MEETING SUNDAY NIGHT!!! THIS N THAT** ..... is encouraging as man of you as possible..... to be in attendance of the ..... **BIG CITIZENS TOWN HALL MEETING SUNDAY NIGHT** ..... at The Bridge ..... 1701 Redbud Avenue ..... 7:00 p.m.

## THINK ABOUT IT!

Letter To The Editor



Edna F. Richardson

(Editor's Note: This letter is being used this week as it is a very important letter to the editor. Let us hear from you. It is written by "Mo" Williams The Ed.)


If you and others had any hope, faith or aspiration of a faith or historical moment in Texas Tech hiring a black football coach, you received a reality check late Saturday. My letter is in reference your written thoughts that interim Coach Ruffin Mac should be hired by those empowered to replace Mike Leach. I'd like to ask you

and others who hope and faith met with chagrin of the following: (1) This was a classical example of business as usual; (2) The "good old boy" system is still prominent; (3) It's crystal clear to me that this university quite on board with the idea of hiring a black male or female head coach; and (4) Two of the present board of regents (Phil Scovil and Jerry Turner) were football players for J. T. King in the mid-sixties. These guys played football several years before the first black football player played at Tech. Do you

remember this? Of course you do!!

How many previous Tech student (s) who are black that's on Tech's board of regents? Sure these athletes are qualified to play on the field/court, but they aren't hired to sit at the master's table at this wonderful university. To some people, this letter might appear a letter of bitterness. No, I am a bit fed up with handkerchief heads who are critical of someone who stands for what's right, and I'll not fall for anything that's under the head-

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## In Cinque

by Renetta Howard  
anything can tell you that but the Medicare cost in-




It has been a year now since President Obama took the office of President of the United States. We cannot truly state that any miracles have taken place unless we can say that the state of the union is not any worse than it was a year ago because certain measures have taken place to prevent some disasters which could have taken place otherwise.

For some reason, there are a number of people in this country who expected miracles because President Obama embraced 'change.' The problem in making change is the fact that one cannot undue overnight or a year for that matter, the cumulative wrongs that took place over a period of eight years. To understand that is the logical way to think, though the coin purses and sleeping arrangements of many people are still not rectified.

This period in our history is always referred to as a 'recession.' It may legally be recorded in the annual of history as a recession, but to too many people, this is definitely a depression. A recession to one person may very well be a depression to someone else and ironically, a period of prosperity to some others. It all depends on the way

the buck bounces or stops. Millions of people have lost jobs and been unable to find another, while thousands of people have lost their homes and savings. Many are dependent upon unemployment compensation, which does not last forever. When the compensation expires, those individuals are no longer recorded as unemployed. They no longer figure into the statistics and thus the unemployment rate looks better, but we know it is not a true picture of reality. These kinds of totals give false impressions and have done so

for over fifty years. Only the number crunchers in charge of these reports really have the true picture.

Jobs are going to be scarce for quite a while to come. Launching a job in the future will call for preparation in multiple areas, more so than in the past. As a result, college curriculums will and must be re-evaluated to prepare students for the jobs available. High schools must revamp to insure that students are prepared for college, as a high school diploma these days only mean that you are per-

haps certified to attend a college and prepare to learn a saleable skill. We must get 'in cinque' and recognize what our economy and government needs to elect representatives who will work toward those ends. This is a year for state elections.

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## Michael Vick Shows Rebuilt Life on New BET Docu-Series

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Michael Vick returned to the site of his gruesome dogfighting crimes, looked at an empty dog bowl left behind in a dingy cage and wondered how he ever could have risked fame, freedom and fortune for "Bad Newz Kennels."

"This is hard to imagine myself doing this years ago, man," Vick says, cameras rolling.

His visit to the property he once owned in Surry County, Va., where he trained pitbulls for vicious fights and helped drown or hang dogs that didn't do well, is a teaser of what's ahead in his docu-series "The Michael Vick Project."

Vick candidly tells how he became entangled in a dogfighting ring that sent him to prison and temporarily halted his NFL career as part of a series that debuts next month on BET. Vick says the 10-part series that premieres Feb. 2 will show he's



Michael Vick

changed man after a tragic fall from stardom he says "was all my fault."

"At times, it's hard to talk about it, but for the most part, if you talk about it and let it all out, it kind of helps put the demons to rest," Vick told The Associated Press on Thursday.

Vick served an 18-month prison sentence for operating a

dogfighting ring. He returned to the NFL this season as a backup QB with the Philadelphia Eagles.

In the first episode, Vick openly discusses living a "double life" of running the operation at the same time he was making Pro Bowls and signing a 10-year, \$130 million contract with the Atlanta Falcons. Vick explains in detail the childhood experiences he had with dogfighting

## Letter to Editor

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ing of progressive!!  
As a graduate of Tech, yes, I am the ugliness of the things that I and many black experienced in the classroom, from white sororities, fraternities, Saddle Tramps, etc. let me know that the overall history of Tech has to be inclusive of and not token of all people.

I'm closing, there were and presently universities in the Big 12 who have hired black head coaches: (1) University of Oklahoma (John Blake); (2) Oklahoma State University (Bob Simmons) and (3) Kansas University (Turner Gill).

Yes, Ken Hance, save face, hiring Ruff Mac as an assistant athletic director remains to be seen!!!

"Mo" Williams  
(Editor's Note: Coach McNeill has been hired as head coach at ECU. Ye Ed).

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### Parson Smith

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of law for Americans (John Roberts) and the black god of law (Clarence Thomas) who are both Roman Catholic, consult with their religious god who on last year made it known if you were not a member of the Roman Catholic Church that you were not a Christian in an act against Americans who have not bowed to their wishes.

The next act by this Supreme Court just might be to TAX all churches that do not bow to Rome! Wake up America! The Supreme Court through ignorance has made corporations "Johns", legislators pimps, and the American people economic prostitutes.

Please note my bluntness as a wakeup call to all Americans as it pertains to the laws of the land!

### Thank God For Jesus

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love of money is the root of all evil. Which while some coveted after they have erred from the faith and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.

\*\*\*\* AMERICA REAPING WHAT SHE HAS PLANTED!!! \*\*\*\*

God knows, America's children are the worse is in the whole wide world, but America wants to go overseas, and teach other men, woman, boys and girls!!!

Matthew 23:37-38 — Jesus said, O Jerusalem (Church), Jerusalem (Church), you that kill the Prophets, and stone them which are sent unto you. How often would I have gathered my children together. Even as a hen (Dumb Chicken) gathers her chickens under her wings, and you would not! Behold (Look), your house is left unto desolate

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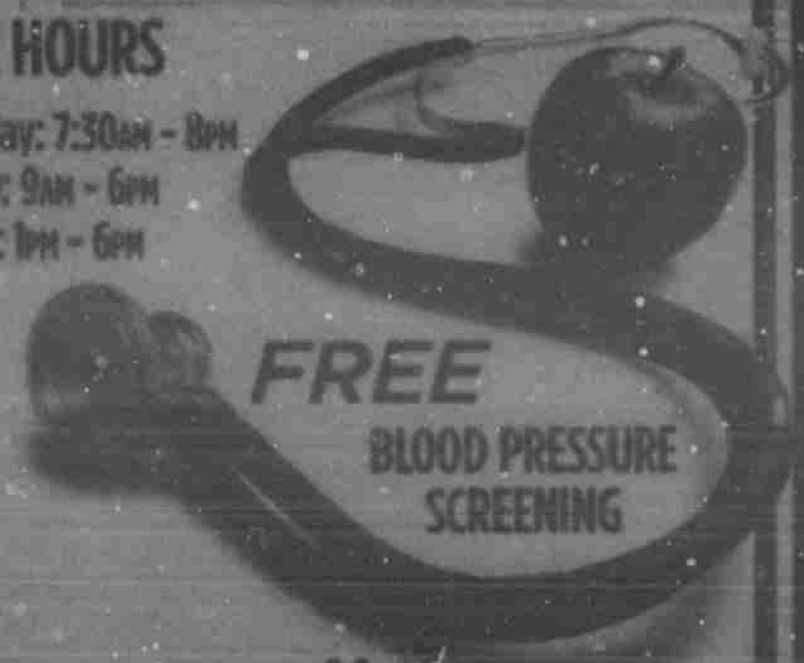
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