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Lubbock Woman Celebrates 99th Birthday!



It was a great day for Mrs. Delia "Big Mama" Rainwater on Tuesday, February 24, 2009, who celebrated her 99th birthday. She will tell you how good God has been to her all these many years. When you see Mrs. Rainwater, wish her a very Happy Birthday! She is a very deserving woman who has made many contributions to her community.



Michael Brisco

The Concerned Citizens' Scholarship Committee selected Michael Brisco as the 2008 recipient of the \$500.00 Clarence and Gwen Denson Scholarship. Michael graduated from New Deal High School and is currently attending Kansas State University. He has a 4.0 gpa, participates in football, track and wrestling. He is on the National Honor Roll, a member of the FHA and FCCHA. His parents are Reginald and Anita Russell. Members of the Scholarship Committee are: William and Clarissa Burrell, Betty Middleton and Dwanya Pierce. The scholarship is presented annually to a college student who has completed one semester. Applications and other prerequisite s will be available in November for 2009.

TMZ Posts Photo It Claims is a Beaten Rihanna

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A photo that appears to be Rihanna's face with bruises, scratches and swelling from an attack allegedly at the hands of boyfriend Chris Brown was posted Thursday night by the celebrity Web site TMZ. The close-up image shows a welt above each of the woman's eyebrows, marks on her cheek and around her lips, and general swelling. TMZ did not say how it obtained the photo, when it was taken or by whom. Hours after the photo was posted, the Los Angeles Police Department launched an internal investigation and asked for the public's help in finding the person who leaked it. A police news release said the image "has the appearance" of one taken during a domestic violence investigation, and classified its release as a case of serious misconduct that could result in termination.

whether he could confirm the photo's origin, LAPD Officer Jason Lee said only that the department had not released images of the woman who accused Brown, and would not release evidence photos. A spokeswoman for the district attorney said all evidence related to the case was still with police. Brown was arrested Feb. 8 and booked on suspicion of making felony criminal threats to a woman that authorities have not publicly identified. A person familiar with the situation, who was not authorized to speak publicly on the matter and requested anonymity, confirmed that the woman was Rihanna, whose real name is Robyn Fenty. The person said some of the injuries shown in the photo — specifically the marks on the woman's forehead — were consistent with the injuries Rihanna sustained.



Prosecutors have asked police to provide more information before deciding what charges, if any, to pursue against Brown. Police have said the 19-year-old singer could face domestic violence charges if prosecutors think they are appropriate. An Associated Press photo of Rihanna, taken before the party on the night of the incident, shows her with a tattoo of Roman numerals on her left shoulder; the TMZ photo shows the same numerals on the same shoulder. TMZ had previously

SPC to participate in National TRIO Day celebration at Texas Tech

LEVELLAND — South Plains College will participate in National TRIO Day festivities with a luncheon from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on March 5 in the Market Alumni Center on the Texas Tech University campus in Lubbock. Recipients of the TRIO Achiever Awards will be honored. Upward Bound at SPC will recognize Yuviesela Chavez and the Star Center will honor Jennifer Torres. Chavez, a senior at Morton High School, immigrated to the United States with her family from Zacatecas, Mexico. She has earned recognition as the most outstanding math student during her junior year when she

took classes in Algebra II and Pre-Calculus. She received a scholarship to attend Math Camp in San Marcos in summer 2008. Torres graduated from Texas Tech University in December. She came to SPC after two semesters at Texas Tech and later transferred back to the university. She found support for first-generation students at SPC which made the venture to the Texas Tech more successful. In 1965, Title IV of the Higher Education Act established the TRIO programs to help low-income Americans enter college, graduate and move on to participate more fully in America's economic and social life. TRIO began with three programs and now represents seven programs including Upward Bound, Upward Bound Math Science, Veterans Upward Bound, Talent Search, Educational Opportunity Centers, Student Support Services and the Ronald E. McNair Post-Baccalaureate Achievement Program. SPC offers two TRIO programs — Upward Bound Program and the STAR Center. Upward Bound gives young students academic, personal and cultural enrichment to prepare them for higher education. Students enrolled in the ninth through eleventh grades are eligible for the program. The SPC Upward Bound Program serves students from Brownfield, Levelland, Littlefield, Morton, Whiteface and Whitarral. The STAR Center (Student Support Services) provides its participants with educational tools necessary to be successful in college. The program is designed to increase the rates of retention, graduation and/or transfer to a four-year institution of the students enrolled in the program.

Youth & Senior Discuss Issues



Mrs. Emma Jackson, right, is shown visiting the young speaker for the 209 Lincoln/Douglass event, Dalton Sherman, left, prior to his presenting on Sunday afternoon, February 8, 2009, at the Scottish Rite Auditorium. Sherman, a ten year old Texas who has spoken to thousands of people, young and old throughout America, was well received. The annual event began in 1962, and was founded by Mrs. R. B. Thompson, mother of Mrs. Jackson. "This proves of what can happen when there is team work on such programs as this, and it leads to success," says Mrs. Jackson. Funds from this program was raised for scholarships to deserving students in Lubbock.

Community Meetings

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

- African American Chamber of Commerce, Lubbock meets on the 3rd Monday of each month, from 5:30-6:30pm at the Parkway Community Center, 405 MLK Blvd., 806-771-1815
- Lubbock Area Clergy Council meets on the 2nd Saturday, 1:00pm at the Patterson Branch Library.
- Hub City Kiwanis meets every Tuesday, 7:00pm, 1708 Alvinia Ct.
- Dauntier Alumni Association meets 3rd Saturday, 4:00 pm
- Booker T. Washington American Legion Post 808 meets every 2nd Tuesday at 7:30pm, American Legion Building in Yellowhouse Canyon
- Forgotten West Riders meets on the 1st & 3rd Mondays, 7:00 pm, Patterson Library.
- East Lubbock Chapter AARP meets every 1st Thursday at 1:00 pm, Miss Simone Community Center
- Lubbock Chapter of Black Alumni meets every 3rd Tuesday, 5:30 pm, TTU Meekel Alumni Center
- Dunbar-Manshutan Heights Neighborhood Association meets every 1st Thursday at 6:00 pm and every 4th Thursday at 7:00 pm at the Dunbar-Manshutan Heights Neighborhood Outreach Center at 1301 East 24th St.
- West Texas Native American Association Pot Luck Supper meets on alternating monthly prior to meeting, meetings held on 2nd Saturday of each month at 7:00 pm, Educational presentations and demonstrations.
- Texas Intertribal Cultural & Historical Commission - Lubbock Affiliate meets at Patterson Branch Library every 3rd Thursday at 7:00 pm
- West Texas Native American Association meets 2nd Saturday each month at Groves Library, 3320 19th Street, 7:30 pm.
- West Texas Chapter of 100 Black Men meets the 3rd Monday evening at 7:00 pm at the Parkway Neighborhood Center.
- The Parkway & Cherry Point Neighborhood Association meets the 3rd Tuesday evening of each month at 7:30 pm at Hunt Elementary.
- Chatham Hill Neighborhood Association meets the 2nd Thursday of every month at 6:00 pm, at Hill Elementary Cafeteria.

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

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They are Black and Proud
They Stand with Merchants who
Appreciate Black Business

Chatman Hills Corner

By Doris Reynolds

In a few weeks, actually on Friday night, March 20, 2009, a Scholarship Banquet will be given in honor of two local citizens, T. J. and Bobble Patterson, to raise funds for young people to attend Texas Tech University. This banquet will be held at the Holiday Inn Plaza beginning at 7:00 p. m. This event is being sponsored by Each One Reach One, Ms. Faye Brown, president.

The theme of this banquet will be "A Past to Cherish, A Future To Fulfill."

For more information, call (806) 831-9986.

The City of Lubbock is recognizing the week of February 22-28, 2009, as Severe Weather

Awareness Week. As the High Plains enters the season of severe weather, the City's Office of Emergency Management is reminding residents to update their emergency plans, double check emergency supply kits, and get prepared for tornadoes, floods, hail, and other hazardous events.

Lubbock's Emergency Management Coordinator, Lewis Treadwell, says, "The time to make preparations is now, rather than after a disastrous event."

If citizens or businesses would like more information on how to prepare for any type of emergency, please contact the Office of Emergency Management at 775-3463.

Monday, March 2, 2009, the Women Missionary Society of the New Hope Baptist Church will sponsor a "Meet & Greet" session for all women of the church, along with a musical featuring Sister Elnora Dyer & Company.

Church services were well attended last Sunday morning, February 22, 2009, were well attended. Rev. B. R. Moton is the proud pastor.

Services began with Meditation & Prayer. The Praise Team was at its post of duty singing God's praises. The scripture and prayer was offered by ministers. The New Hope Choir sang several selections.

Pastor Moton delivered the morning sermon. His subject was "While You Are Waiting On God." His scripture text was Hebrews 10:10-19.

After the invitation to discipleship, the morning announcements were read by Sister Elaine Lindsey Brother Mims, Jr. well-

Sis. Mosley acknowledged all the visitors that was in attendance.

Pray for everyone that are in the world that are lost and trying to find their way. Pray for love, peace, joy and understanding. Pray for those in church and the bereaved families.

Scripture For Week: "But the fruit of the spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faith, gentleness, self control. Against such there is no law."

Ephesians 5:22&23

New Light Baptist Church News

On Sunday morning, February 22, 2009, services started with a lot of excitement at the New Light Baptist Church, 3013 Idalou Road, where Rev. Kenneth O. Jackson is the proud pastor.

Church School started at 9:45 a.m. with Brother David Chiles teaching the lesson entitled: "A Commitment To Change."

Morning worship started at 11:00 a.m. with the Praise Team leading the way. Rev. L. C. Lee led the pulpit devotion. The Youth Choir marched in the choir stand singing "I Love To Praise Him".

The responsive reading came from Psalm 146:1-10, and was led by Rev. Lee. The altar prayer was led by Rev. Jackson with the choir singing "He Is

Lord". Sister Hood told of all the morning announcements, birthdays and upcoming events that will be taking place. There was a moment in Black History that was presented by the youth and mission sisters and then the offering was taking up by the deacons and ushers.

The youth sang "If You Miss Me" and Sis. Angela Mosley did a praise dance entitled "O How I Love Jesus." "Amazing Grace" was sung before the sermon. Rev. Jackson preached the sermon entitled, "Don't Worry Be Happy" which its text came from Psalm 37:1-5. After this presentation, "Trust In The Lord" was sung.

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

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



Meet the Pastors of the Church of the Blessed. The Church is located at 1809 34th Street. They invite those looking for a Church Home to come and visit with their congregation.

The number of baptisms is 40. The Church of The Blessed is still visiting the Lubbock County Jail with it's Jail Ministry where there were 24 saved and continuing. Prayer at the Lubbock County Jail is held at 5:00 a. m. Monday through Friday.

Saturday evenings English Services begins at 7:00 p. m.

YOUR INVITATION TO A NEW BLESSING!

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

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FASHION FUN

by Shirley Roberson

PLAID GREATNESS!

That's right ladies plaid is what's happening now. Designers are having a ball designing fashions in plaid. Plaid scarves are fantastic in updating your wardrobe. A plaid top with solid pants look great,

how about a large plaid hand bag or your favorite canvas shoes in plaid.

Church goers... a beautiful plaid hat will change the effect of your favorite designer suit. There is something out there for everyone in plaid and, what's so great you can get plaid in so many different colors.

My special color in plaid is black and yellow! WHAT YOURS?

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Fashion tip...always wear a smile

Fashion...just for the fun of it

Lubbock Library Events

Dr. Seuss Celebration at the Mahon Library

The Mahon Library, 1306 9th Street, invites kids to the library for movies and crafts based on the books of Dr. Seuss at 3:30 p.m. on Monday, March 2. For more information, call 775-2838.

Storytime with Clifford at the Groves Branch Library

The Groves Branch Library, 5520 19th Street, will have a storytime with special guest Clifford the big red dog at 4 p.m. on Monday, March 2. For additional information, call 767-3733.

comed all visitors.

Let us not forget those who have lost loved ones. If you know of anyone who is on the sick list, why not pray for them as well as visit them in person or by telephone. Your prayers will mean so much.

Let us not forget our long-time residents, Clarence and Joan Y. Ervin, who are on the sick list and have been for several months.

Also, let us not forget those who have lost loved ones. They, too, need our prayers. Remember, God is able, no matter the situation.

Lucas To Speak On Travel Parties

Directors, Mr. and Mrs. Brad (Mary) Lucas will be coming to Lubbock on Saturday afternoon, March 7, 2009, to speak at a travel party hosted by Sonya Fair. It will be held at the Theodore Phea Boys & Girls Club, 1801 East 24th Street. The party will begin at 1:00 p. m.

If you are interested, then come and see get paid for your travel and travel at wholesale.

For more information, call Sonya (806) 765-7533.

Estacado High School Students Win Trip To Dallas This Week

In honor of the 100th birthday of the City of Lubbock, Southwest Airlines and the Lubbock Preston Smith International Airport sponsored an art contest with entries by Lubbock ISD middle school and high school students.

In conjunction with the City of Lubbock Centennial, all submitted art is centered on Lubbock's heritage, history and culture, giving students the freedom to be creative in their work. Artists with the best 15 entries will be flown to Dallas, courtesy of Southwest Airlines, to tour the Dallas Museum of Art on Wednesday, February 25. The winning entries were on display at the Lubbock airport through the months of November and December.

The fifteen winners of the Lubbock Centennial Art Contest are: Audra Fields, Sarah Jones, Rachael Sappington, Aicha Fokar, Robert Woody, Dorothy Tan and Madeleine Cardenas from Hutchinson Middle School, Kasey Graham from Irons Middle School, Jackie Garza and Donovan Stevens from Smiley Wilson Middle School, Sonya de la Cruz from Mackenzie Middle School, and Irene Aguilar and Armando Arellano from Cavazos Middle School, T'esha Wallace and Jovon Anderson round out the winners from Estacado High School.

Family Movie Night at the Patterson Branch Library

Bring the whole family and enjoy a movie on the big screen at the Patterson Branch Library, 1836 Parkway Drive, on Monday, March 2 at 6 p.m. Refreshments will be served. For more information, call 767-3300.

Teen Program at the Patterson Branch Library

The Patterson Branch Library, 1836 Parkway Drive, invites all teens to the library for an afternoon of the video game Dance Dance Revolution on Thursday, March 5 at 4 p.m. Call 767-3300 for more information.

"Twilight Thursday" at Groves Branch Library

The Groves Branch Library, 5520 19th Street, invites teens to a meeting of our Twilight book group on Thursday, March 5 at 4:45 p.m. We will be discussing the third book in the Twilight series, "Eclipse" by Stephenie Meyer. Refreshments will be served. For more information, call 767-3733.

Book Discussion at Groves Branch Library

The Groves Branch Library, 5520 19th Street, will host a discussion of the book Slumdog Millionaire by Vikas Swarup at 7 p.m. on Thursday, March 5. Refreshments will be served. Copies of the book are available for checkout. For more information, please call 767-3733.

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Church News



FROM THE DESK OF PARSON D. A. SMITH

"An Awakening of a Sleeping Giant"

I was reminded of the troubling thought that has to fill the mind of the congressman that represents the 19th U. S. Congressional District as I watch a few days ago on cable the 1970 film "Tora! Tora! Tora!" on the attack of Pearl Harbor. I watched the facial expressions of the actor playing Admiral Yamamoto of Japan as he stood in the cabin of his ship saying, "I fear all we have done is to awaken a sleeping giant and fill him with a terrible resolve."

It is said Yamamoto believed that Japan could not win a protracted war with the United States, and seemed to have believed the Pearl Harbor attack had become a blunder. These thoughts were said to be of the man who came up with the idea of a surprise attack against Pearl Harbor!

The question is has Representative Neugebauer backed himself into a corner by letting his lips flap before his brain engaged the gears of common sense as it relates to the stimulus bill.

Mr. Neugebauer interview with Joshua Hull of the Avalanche-Journal as printed Saturday, February 21, 2009 went something like this:

As a member of the House Finance Committee, U. S. Rep. Randy Neugebauer has found the last month disappointing,

frustrating and scary.

The Republican representative from Lubbock who opposed the nearly \$1 trillion stimulus approved earlier this month said his concerns with the bill went deeper than finance, but also with the lack of bipartisanship he felt President Obama had promised.

"They never were selling the plan, they were selling fear," he said of law-makers during a visit to Lubbock on Friday. "It was 'the world was going to end, the economy was going to collapse' if we didn't do something."

Now that the bill has become law, Neugebauer said he's deeply concerned by what kind of economic disruption will be caused when the federal government decides to remove itself from private business in the future.

"It is very concerning to me that we are making these rapid-fire actions with very little considerations to a plan, an idea of where we're taking this," he said, adding he sees the package as equivalent to taking a "squirt gun to a house fire."

The congressman said he's had little interaction with the new president since he took office, a change from when President Bush was in the White House. But all policy aside, Neugebauer said he does wish Obama success for the good of the American people. "If he can

keep his credibility, he's a great messenger," he said of Obama.

This writer wonders if the Representative of Congressional District 19 and Alan Keys (the African American) who challenged President Obama in Illinois and lost and did express a few days ago that he did not recognize Barack Obama as president of the United States has the same political ideology of "cutting one's throat" if they are not on the same page and bed with those who has put this country in a financial hell hole.

Last week we expressed along with others views about a disconnect between poor and middle class whites, African Americans and Hispanics and the thought processes of our elected Congressman of the 19th Congressional District.

My hearts goes out to those people I personally meet through work and church that are living from day to day and have because of limited skills no hope for tomorrow with the like of thought processes of our present congressman.

However, the cronies of the rich had better start thinking like Japanese Admiral Isoroku Yamamoto: Through Obama there has been "An Awakening of Sleeping Giants (poor/middle class whites, African Americans and Hispanics).



We Thank God for Jesus

"The Useless Pastors"

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

Revelations 2:7a - Jesus said, he that has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit said unto the Churches.

Jeremiah 7:9-10 - The Lord said, will you steal, murder, and commit adultery, and swear falsely, and burn incense unto Ba'al, and walk after others who you know not; and come and stand before me in this house, which is called by my name, and say, we are delivered to do all these abominations?

Reverend Greenback, he wants all his members to have **BIG MONEY & FINE CLOTHES**. So they can pay their **TITHES TO HIM. HE DOESN'T CARE ABOUT LOST SOULS!!!**

Revelation 2:11a - Jesus said he that has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit said unto the Churches.

Matthew 23:13 - Jesus said, Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you neither go in his church: HE **NEITHER GOES THE SAME GAME**. Saying if you're a man give \$20, and if you're a woman give \$10, **PUTTING THEM TO SHAME!!!**

Revelation 2:17a - Jesus said, he that has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit said unto the Churches.

Mark 11:17 - Jesus said, is it not written, my house shall be

called of all nations the house of Prayer? But you have made it a den of thieves.

****** YES, REVEREND GREENBACK WILL ROB GOD!!!**

Reverend Wonderful, let **THE UN-SAVED HOLD OFFICES, AND IS NOT ASHAMED. HE WANTS PEOPLE TO LIKE HIM, BUT IT'S A DISGRACE TO GOD'S NAME!!!**

Revelation 2:29 - Jesus said, he that has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit said unto the Churches.

Mark 1:23-25 - There was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit; and he cried out saying, let us along, What have we to do with thee, You, Jesus of Nazareth? Are you come to destroy us? I know who you are: The Holy One of God. And Jesus rebuked him, saying, Hold your peace and come out of him.

(EVERYTHING THAT IS DONE IN GOD'S CHURCH SHOULD HAVE EVERYTHING TO DO WITH GOD. IF THE UNGODLY IS NOT SAVED, THEY SHOULD BE SITTING IN THE PEWS. THEY NEED TO BE BORN AGAIN!!!)

****** YES, REVEREND WONDERFUL WILL ROB GOD!!! ******

Reverend Wonderful even

lets the **HOMOSEXUALS AND LESBIANISM DO THEIR THING** Singing in the choir, playing the instruments. **AGAIN I SAY, SHAME, SHAME, SHAME!!!**

Revelation 3:6 - Jesus said, he that has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit said unto the Churches.

Malachi 1:6 - A son honors his father, and a servant his master: if then I be a father, where is mine honor? And if he be a master where is my fear? Said the Lord of hosts unto you, O Priests, that despise my name. And you say, wherein have we despised your name?

Reverend Laxy, HE HAS **FOUR MEMBERS IN THE SAME NURSING HOME, BECAUSE HE IS TOO BUSY SLEEPING AND SLUMMING IN HIS OWN HOME!!!**

Revelation 3:13 - Jesus said he that has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit said unto the Churches.

Isaiah 56:10-11 - The Lord said, his watchmen are blind. They are all ignorant. They are all dumb dogs. They cannot bark, sleeping, lying down, loving to slumber. Yes, they are greedy dogs which can never have enough, and they are shepherds that cannot understand. They all look to their own way, everyone for his gain, from his neighbor.

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St. Matthew's Baptist Church News

Church services again were well attended last Sunday morning, February 22, 2009, 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 10:10 a. m. with Superintendent Sister Shirley Davis in charge.

The subject of the morning lesson was "A Commitment To Change." The scripture text was Isaiah 6:1-8. The morning les-

son was taught by Sister Nina Davis and reviewed by Pastor Canady.

The key verse was: "Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, whom shall I send, and who will go for us? The said I, here am I." **Isaiah 6:8.**

The morning devotion got underway at 11:15 a. m. with Deacon Edward Williams and Brother Gerald Jackson in charge. Continuing in prayer was done by Sister Davis.

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

Rev. Canady delivered a wonderful sermon. His subject was "Worship." His scripture text was John 4:21-24.

The weekly meetings are as follows: Wednesday evening, Mission Ladies meet at 5:00 p. m., Bible Study, 6:00 p. m.; Friday evening, Choir Rehearsal, 5:00 p. m. The

Ushers meet each Saturday morning at 11:00 a. m.

First Lady Shirley Canady read the announcements and welcomed all visitors last Sunday morning.

There was a moment in "Black History" which was read by Sister George Ann Hereford, who brought forth some valuable information.

Let us remember our sick and shut-in members of our church and community. Among

the include Sister Lola Byrd and Sister Bernice Hameed, who are both ill this week.

The St. Matthew Baptist Church is still looking for a Musician. Call Rev. Canady at (806) 744-2445 if you are interested.

Thought For The Week: "A good way to learn God's truth is to teach it to others."

If you are looking for a Church Home, then come and

visit with the St. Matthew Baptist Church. Our doors are always open to any of you who are looking for a Church Home.

"I have been with thee withersoever thou hast walked; and have cut-off all thine enemies from before thee, and have made thee a name like the name of the great men that are in the earth." **I Chronicles 17:8**

Have a blessed week. God is able.

Outreach Prayer Breakfast

The members of the Outreach Prayer Breakfast would like to share a bit of history with you.

The first Outreach Prayer Breakfast was organized more than thirty years ago in Lubbock. The second Outreach Prayer Breakfast was organized in 1991 in Littlefield where Betty Kemp is president.

The third Outreach Prayer Breakfast was organized in Lubbock in 2007 and Luella Spence is president.

We thank God for all of these

Outreach Prayer Breakfast programs.

We are to be like salt in the earth. If you walk into a restaurant, you will most likely see salt shakers on every table. This is because salt serves as a form of seasoning that helps bring out the flavor of food. It does not blend in with food, but helps to bring out the best in the food. Salt also serves as a preservative, which was very important in ancient times when there was no refrigeration.

After Jesus taught the

Beatitudes to thousands of people and his disciples, he told them that they were like the salt of the earth. He meant that we as Christians, should strive to be the world's preservative as well as to bring flavor to it.

If salt has no flavor, it's worthless to us. This applies to Christians as well. If we go through life without telling someone about Jesus, speaking a kind word, or helping a per-

son in need, we are fulfilling our duty and purpose as Christians. Just as Christ preserved the world by being crucified and resurrected. We should preserve the world by turning away from any known sin and leading a godly life. We should desire to bring out the best in our world reaching out. Not blending in, seek to make a difference in the world by adding "flavor" to a salt-less community, church, school, or

work place.

How "salty" are you? What are some ways that we can strive to make a positive impact on others? How can we be sure that we are fulfilling our purpose as Christians in this world???

Our last meeting, Sister Lantina Childers brought the Bible lesson. This woman is a vessel of wisdom. All of you who missed should have been there.

Thanks for reading our articles each week. It is all because of our God we are able to report each week. Just think for more than thirty years, God has blessed each week to do this article each week.

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

Remember, if you want to attend, you can do so. Our doors are always open to all of you.

Susan Corbbs Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts

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Obsequies

Annie Mae Richard

Funeral services were held for Annie Mae Richards last Friday afternoon, February 20, 2009, at the Greater St. Luke Baptist Church with Rev. J.H. Ford, pastor, officiating.

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

Richard, 64, of Lubbock, passed away Monday, February 16, 2009, at Covenant.

She was born Nov. 26, 1944, to the parentage of Mae Ollie and Charlie B. Jackson in Bastrop. She worked at Texas Instruments for 15 years and as a caregiver for 10 years.

She leaves to cherish her memory one son, Leo Richard, Jr.; daughter-in-law, Deloise; her mother, Mae Ollie Jackson; two granddaughters, Camille



and Zanya Richard; four sisters, Louise Norris (Robert), Alberta Hardeman (Johnnie), Dorothy Marcy (George) and Linda Jackson; three brothers, Louis Jackson, Charlie Jackson, Jr., and Gerald Jackson, a special cousin, Rev. Otis Cooks, Jr.; her canine, Tody; other relatives and friends.

John Lynndale Foreman



Funeral services were held Monday afternoon, February 23, 2009 at New Hope Baptist Church in Brownfield.

Private disposition followed under the direction of Griffin Mortuary & Funeral Home of Lubbock.

Foreman, 46, of Brownfield passed away at his residence on Monday, February 16.

He was born to John Dozier and Beulah Foreman on October 25, 1962 in Brownfield.

He is survived by one son, Demoderick Foreman; two daughters, Quenna Foreman and violent, racist cartoon is an insult to all New Yorkers."

He also pointed out that The New York Post was the only major newspaper not to respond to a survey showing the proportion of reporters of color in the news room. The 2008 survey shows that The Daily News has 14.7%; The New York Times, 17.3%; Newsday, 25.1%; AM New York, 18.8%; and, the Wall Street Journal 20.4%.

A statement provided by Post Editor-in-Chief, Col Allan to Politico reads, "The cartoon is a clear parody of a current news event, to wit the shooting of a violent chimpanzee in Connecticut. It broadly mocks Washington's efforts to revive the economy. Again, Al Sharpton reveals himself as nothing more than a publicity opportunist."

African American History Bowl Today At Alderson

The 16th Annual African American History Bowl will be held today, Thursday, February 26, 2009, beginning at 9:30 a.m. at the Alderson Middle School, 219 Walnut Avenue.

Appearing this year will be a

Musical Group, 'Unction', and guest speaker will be Judge Ruben R eyes.

Also appearing will be City Councilman Floyd Price and Lubbock Independent School District Superintendent Wayne Havens.

This year's theme will be "Remembering The Past Welcoming The Future."

"We are looking forward to

another exciting African American History Bowl," said George Love, Jr., principal.

"It is just rewarding to see our young people participate in this annual event which involves young people from throughout the district," he continued.

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SPC to present "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown" March 11-14

LEVELLAND - South Plains College Fine Arts Department will present "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown" with performances on March 11-14 at 7:30 p.m. in the Helen DeVitt Jones Theatre.

Tickets cost \$7 for students and \$10 for adults.

The production is under the direction of Daniel Nazworth, instructor in theatre arts.

The cast includes Rob Guajardo of Levelland as Charlie Brown; Aaron Gregg of Levelland as Linus; Brian Lee of Morton as Schroeder; Nicole Keeling of Levelland as Lucy; Meleah Melton as Patty; Anna Marie Waldrip of Levelland as Snoopy; and Amanda Espinoza of Idalou as the stage manager.

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Boycott Call For Post Cartoon Called Racist



Activists have called for a boycott of The New York Post and plan a rally in front of the offices of The New York Post's offices at noon tomorrow following a cartoon they denounced as racist.

The cartoon depicts two policemen shooting a chimpanzee dead while one cop says, "They'll have to find someone else to write the next stimulus bill."

A statement by the activists, including the Women For Obama, said a protest will be held at 12 noon at the New York Post's Manhattan offices at 1211 Avenue of the Americas between 47th and 48th Streets. The statement in part said the cartoon is "depicting President Barack Obama as a monkey being shot and killed by police officers."

"This racist rag sheet has hit an all time low," Charles Barron, New York City Councilman representing Brooklyn's East New York District, told The Black Star News. "The cartoon is racist, threatens the life of our president, Barack Obama and offends an entire people. We are calling on the Justice Department to investigate The New York Post."

Separately, Rev. Al Sharpton issued a statement which in part reads, "The cartoon in today's New York Post is troubling at best given the historic racist attacks of African-Americans as being synonymous with monkeys. One has to question whether the cartoonist is making a less than casual reference to this when in the cartoon they have police saying after shooting a chimpanzee that 'Now they will have to find someone else to write the stimulus bill.'"

Sharpton continued, "Being that the stimulus bill has been the first legislative victory of President Barack Obama, the first African American president, and has become synonymous with him it is not a reach to wonder are they inferring that a monkey wrote the last bill?"

He also referred to a 2001 New York Post cartoon by the same cartoonist, Sean Delonas, which also created a lot of controversy. That earlier cartoon was also "racially tinged" and depicted "mayoral candidate Freddy Ferrer and me in very unflattering ways that were used as a divisive campaign tactic..."

"Comparing President Obama and his effort to revive

the economy in a manner that depicts violence and racist inferences is unacceptable," added Marc H. Morial, President and CEO of the National Urban League. "Ignorance, like this, is still prevalent and makes the work of the National Urban League even more relevant in the 21st century."

Leroy Comrie, a Council member representing Queens said, "I was extremely disturbed by the message conveyed today by the New York Post in their poor attempt at political humor. I know that I don't stand alone in that opinion, as my office has received numerous calls from Queens' residents who are equally outraged. To run such a

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THIS 'N' THAT

by T.J. Patterson

VERY GOOD BLACK HISTORY PROGRAM! THIS 'N' THAT wants to give a salute to **LAWANDA TOLER & ADOLF RAMOS**

...for coordinating a **VERY GOOD BLACK HISTORY PROGRAM**..... last Friday.... February 20, 2009.... at the VA Out Patient Clinic.... Guest speaker.... City Councilman Floyd Price.... made a very positive presentation on Black History.... and we as Blacks have come from!

THINK ABOUT IT!

"Black History Month" Part 4

For the past few weeks, we have been giving this total space to Black History Month it's purpose origin and Dr Carter G Woodson the originator and founder of the Association for the Study of Afro-American Life and History (ASALH). Since we have been doing these articles long time friend and associate suggested this addition to the series from the book "The Negro In Our History" by Carter G Woodson, PH.D. page 593, 2nd paragraph SEVENTH EDITION. Some have gone so far as to say that the Negro church, which under stands the people, great results would follow in the near future. It is clear however, that although the Negro church is far behind the procession of advanced religionist, the institution is proceeding in the way of developing the Negro from within while the schools have been attracting the problem from without. If the Negro churches were united rather than divided and hostile as they are, they could accomplish much more than they do.

You do not need to send him to the back door. He will go without being told. In fact, if there is no back door, he will cut one for his own special benefit. His education makes it necessary. "History shows that it does not who is in power, those who have not learned to do for themselves and have to depend solely on others never obtain any more rights or privileges in the end than they did in the beginning." We need...workers...not leaders...such workers will solve the problems which race leaders only...talk...about. In the

long run, there is not much discrimination against superior talent. It constrains men to recognize it. Dr. Woodson died in 1950 of heart disease while working on a six volume encyclopedia Africans. Woodson never married, because he felt his travel and research scheduled were not conducive to marriage. He said, "I am married to my work." Hope you have enjoyed these different parts of Black History. As we've said, if history was done right, then there would be no need for Black History!

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On The Lubbock Metropolitan Planning Organization's
FY 2008 - 2011 Transportation Improvement Program &
Metropolitan Transportation Plan: 2032 Revisions


Residents of the Cities of Lubbock and Wolforth and Lubbock County citizens living within the Metropolitan Area Boundary of the Lubbock Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) are encouraged to review and comment on the FY 2008 - 2011 Transportation Improvement Program and the Metropolitan Transportation Plan 2032 Revisions. Written comments will be received until 4:00PM, March 16, 2009.

Public Forums will be held as follows:

February 24, 2009 Patterson Library 1836 Parkway Drive Lubbock, Texas 4:00 - 6:00 PM	March 17, 2009 Room 103 Lubbock City Hall 1625 13 th Street Lubbock, Texas 8:30AM
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In Cinque

by Renetta Howard




Just when we think things are looking up and the economy is about to blossom, you find a cog in the wheel. The excitement or lack of it surrounding the latest "Stimulus Bill" has over-shadowed the Rule of October 30, 2008, passed during the Bush Administration, before the November 4, 2008 election, which went into effect on January 1, 2009.

quacies of the rule as follows:
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2. The rule requires the original oxygen provider to continue to provide oxygen therapy for those patients who move out of the original oxygen provider's service area. Thus, the Ohio provider whose patient moves to Florida is still responsible for the provision of care to the patient in Florida.
3. The rule does not recognize the 24/7, unscheduled emergency care that providers currently furnish to their patients; and
4. The rule requires the

oxygen provider to continue to provide all supplies and parts for non-routine maintenance necessary for the proper administration of oxygen therapy for a period of 2 years
Due to the fact that the lives of patients and the livelihood of vendors are in jeopardy, there is a nationwide need for patients and their families and everyday citizens to contact your Senators and Representatives and The Ways and Means Committee, Energy and Commerce Committee and Leadership asking them to urge CMS to provide adequate payment throughout the beneficiary's period of medical need. Please get 'In Cinque' and help as you never know when your time of need may arise.

Thank God For Jesus
Continued from Page 3
quarter (anniversary).
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Matthew 28:19-20 - Jesus said, go you, therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever all things I have commanded you, and lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. AMEN.

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**Family Of Man
Cleared By DNA Still
Seeks Justice**
by Wade Goodwyn



Timothy Cole

Continued from last week.
"I thought, well, I'll just run over there and do that real quick — it was almost 10 o'clock. Then I'll come back and get ready for bed," Mallin says.

As she finished moving her car, a black man appeared and told her he was having car problems. Did she have any jumper cables?

"Then all of a sudden, he just opened the door of my car and forced himself in and then he put a knife to my throat at the same time," says Mallin, who is white. "He pushed me over into the passenger seat and started to drive away and stared telling me, 'Stop screaming, because I was screaming my head off, 'or I'm going to kill you.'"

Mallin feared for her life as the man drove her out of Lubbock to a vacant lot. But she was strong, athletic, a virgin — and determined to stay that way.

"I just couldn't fight him," she says. "As much as I tried, I couldn't. He was just stronger than me physically."

Her attacker had one very distinguishing characteristic. "He smoked the whole time," she says she told authorities "from the get-go."

A chain-smoking, African-American rapist who used a knife. That was the man the Lubbock police should have been looking for. But it was a nonsmoking, asthmatic black man they eventually settled on.

No Physical Evidence

Cole had enrolled at Texas Tech for the 1985 spring semester. One of his friends worked at a Mr. Gatti's pizza parlor near campus, and Cole would often wait for him there. The restaurant was just a few blocks from where Mallin was raped. The

believed that they found the right guy and I had picked out the right guy." She says she assumed the police had other physical evidence.

But there were holes in the prosecution's case. No physical evidence tied Cole to the crime. Although the rapist drove the car extensively, Cole's fingerprints were not found in the vehicle. Cole also had a solid alibi: At the time of the rape, he was studying in his apartment while his brother was having a card party in the living room. Several young people testified at trial that Cole was in the apartment with them all evening.

The district attorney attacked Cole's witnesses as brash, slick

liars who would say anything to save their friend. In the end, the jury believed Mallin, and Cole was sentenced to 25 years in prison.

Editor's Note: Last part in next week's issue. Hope you appreciate reading).

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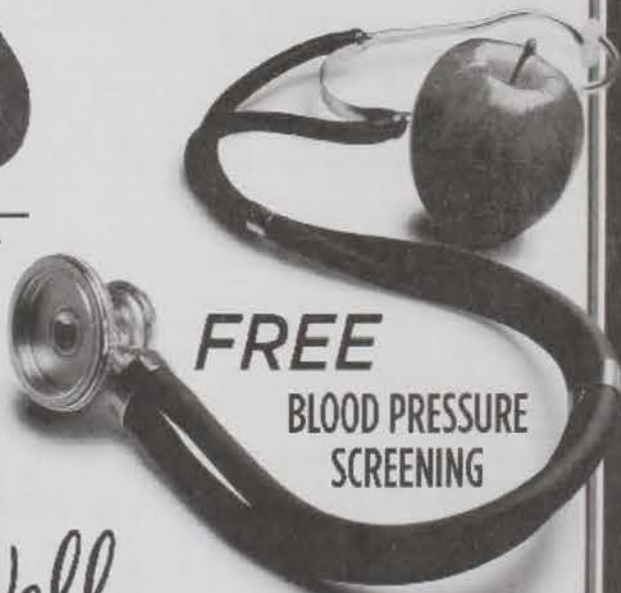
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First Lady Vivian Peoples and Mother Grace Scott impacted so many lives and left us with wonderful legacies that we can all cherish.

It has been a little over a month and the Peoples, Scott and Mt. Olive Church Families can testify that God has carried us and is still comforting and giving us strength.

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Estacado High School Students Attend Lecture By
Associate Justice Antonin Scalia



Eight of the young people who were in attendance of the Sandra Day O'Connor Distinguished Lecture Series last November were Shamedria N. Berry, Anthony James, Kevin Mathis, Javon Olive, Chris, Dustin and Shanna Brown, all Ninth graders; and Devante Joy, a Tenth grader.

Berry, who is responsible for the use of this photo, is the daughter of Darrell Edward Berry, and granddaughter of Judith Ann Struggs. Shamedria wants to become a lawyer when she becomes an adult.

In the center is Antonin Scalia, Associate Justice of The Supreme Court of the United States.

He was introduced by Arthur R. Miller, University Professor, New York University School of Law.

All students received a certificate which stated: "The Texas Tech University School of Law was honored to have the Estacado High School Law and Justice Magnet Student." It was presented November 14, 2008.

Mr. Lucio Trevino, right of the justice, is the teacher of the School of Law and Justice Magnet at Estacado.

More Photos Of
Lincoln/Douglass
Event In Lubbock



Much has been said about the Annual Lincoln/Douglass Event which was held Sunday afternoon, February 8, 2009, at the Scottish Rites Building where scores of Lubbock residents were in attendance.

This annual event was sponsored by the Roots Historical Arts Council & The Lincoln/Douglass Event Committee and the in-kind support of Sudden Link Communications, Texas Tech University, Lubbock Independent School District, the Lubbock Area Foundation, and The Diekemper Foundation.

Guest speaker was Dalton Sherman, a ten-year old of Texas, who has spoken to more than 20,000 educators at the Dallas Independent School District Convocation last fall, and appeared on You Tube as a super star.



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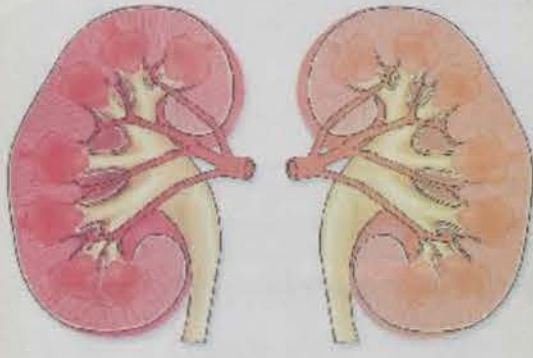
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