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Mrs. Ruby Phoenix: Celebrates 47 Years Of Service

Community Meetings

- * African American Chamber of Commerce, Lubbock meets on the 3rd Wednesday of each month, from 12:00 - 1:00 pm at the Chatman Hill Restaurant, 512 E ast 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. W ashington 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 Libr ary.
- * East Lubbock Chapter AARP meets every 1st Thursday at 1:00 pm, Mae Simmons Senior Citizens.
- * Lubbock Chapter of Black Alumni i meets every 3rd Tuesday, 5:30pm, TTU Merket 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 meet s 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 Juneteenth Cultur al & Historical Commission - Lubbock Affiliate meets at Patterson Branch Library, every 3rd Thursday at 7:00 pm.
- * West TexasChapter of 100 Black Menof West Texas meets 3rd Monday evenings at 7:00 pm at Parkway Neighborhood Center.
- * The Parkway & Cherry-Point Neighborhood Association meets the 3rd T uesday evenings, 7:30 pm at Hunt Elementary School.
- * Chatman Hill Neighborhood Association meets 2nd Thursday of every month at 6:00 pm at Iles Elementary Cafeteria.

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Read Whats Happening In Black Community of Lubbock.

WASHINGTON (AP) -- First lady Michelle Obama launched a mentoring program Monday to give local high school girls access to women at the White House.

Thirteen of the girls joined the first lady and 18 White House staffers, including advisers Valerie Jarrett and Melody Barnes, in the State Dining Room to kick off the program, which Mrs. Obama said was one of her top goals on becoming first lady.

"We thought, what can we do to make the White House different, to make kids in our own new neighborhood know that the White House is a place for them?" she said.

Her voice cracking with emotion, Mrs. Obama said the program was started to let local kids "know that the president of the United States hears you and values you and cares about your growth and development."

The program is intended to inspire 10th- and 11th-grade girls from public and private schools in Washington, Maryland and Virginia by giving them access to accomplished women.

"It's also about understanding that all of us have had challenges and bumps along the way, and to know that there's just a level of moving through it that all of us have had to do," she said.

Mrs. Obama said that she and her husband, President Barack Obama, grew up in modest circumstances without a lot of access to power. But they did have parents and other people who had consistent interests in their lives. She listed her mother, neighbors and 5th-grade teacher as important mentors in her youth ad icon



First Lady Michelle Obama

"We have some expectations from you as well," Mrs. Obama told the students. "That when you get to this position in your life that you do the same thing for somebody else."

The participating students were chosen by their school principals as the girls who could most benefit from the program, according to the White House.

Although the total number of participants hasn't been decided, the White House said the program will probably end up with 20 students and 20 mentors.

The group will meet formally at least once a month through August, and mentors may check in more frequently.

The White House says a similar program for boys will be launched soon.

Lubbock Man's Relative In Houston Mayor's Run-Off



Annise Parker

City controller Annise Parker topped a field of four major candidates running for mayor on Tuesday, and former city attorney Gene Locke, a nephew of Wilbert Locke of Lubbock, edged a big-spending city council member to earn the second spot in a runoff next month.

Victory by Parker, 52, whose sexual orientation never was an issue in six years on City Council and six years as city controller, would make Houston the nation's largest city to be led by an openly gay person.

"I absolutely believe in my core I'm the best qualified candidate," she said after voting results came in Tuesday night. "I understand I have a responsibility and I am a role model and I've been a role model for a very long time. But it makes me a role model in every community." Parker collected nearly 31 percent of the vote. Locke, with 25 percent, topped architect and urban planner Peter Brown, a two-term city councilman who



Gene Locke

spent more than \$2 million of his wife's fortune and missed the runoff by about 4,500 votes from among nearly 175,000 cast.

Parker, who gathered with supporters at a downtown hotel, insisted that the attention to her lifestyle wouldn't bother her. "This really is not about anybody but voters of the city of Houston," she said.

As her partner and their adopted children stood behind her, Parker told cheering supporters Tuesday night that the runoff came down to a single question.

"Who do you trust to lead our city through these tough times and give our children the future they deserve?" she asked. Brown, 72, finished with nearly 23 percent of the vote. "It isn't the speech I wanted to give," Brown told subdued backers gathered a theater.

"Money doesn't vote," said Parker, whose fundraising
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Matadors Play Abilene Wylie Saturday In Midland



EHS Matadors, lead by Head Coach Danny Servance who has brought the Matadors a long way. The Digest would like to congratulate him and his staff for being good role models for our young men. We can only pray these players can learn that as long as you keep getting up when you are knocked down you are not a failure.



The Matadors stepped up there game in the second half when they were able to stop Borger on their first & second possessions. The Mats were able to take control in the fourth quarter with 9:10 to play in the game, where they won in Borger 27-21. The Matadors showed patients after Borger scored on their next possession.

The Matadors will play Abilene Wylie Bulldogs on Saturday, November 14, 2009, Class 3A at the Grande Communications Stadium, beginning at 7:30 p.m.

The Bulldogs are ranked No. 8, with a record of 9-1. The Matadors are 6-4.

This is the first round of Texas High School playoffs.

Straight Talk With Teens & Parents

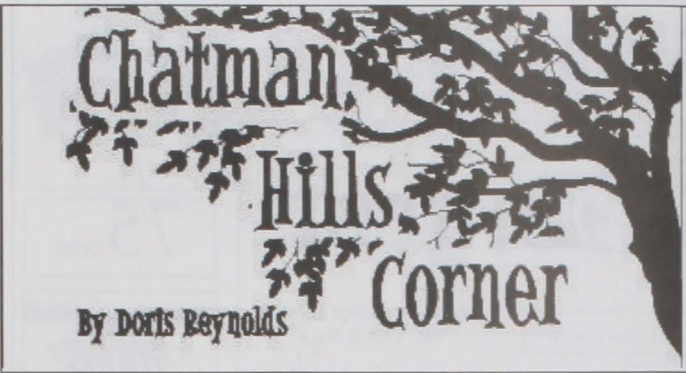


Calvin "Cowboy" Simms, Donnell Hooper and Leon Williams

Pictured above are some pictures from the Teen Straight Talk session held at the TTHSC Academic building this past Saturday. One of the speakers was Calvin "Cowboy" Simms who is pictured with Donnell Hooper and Leon Williams, 100 Black Men of West Texas. The New

Hope Baptist Church bused over 20 kids to this event, along with some of their parents. Pastor B. R. Moton was in attendance along with the First Lady. Cowboy spoke to the young men about not giving up and no matter what you've been through you can still succeed.





Let us support our Estacado High School Matadors as they will be playing the Abilene Wylie High School Bulldogs on Saturday evening, November 14, 2009, at 7:30 p.m. at Grande Communications Stadium in Midland.

The Matadors are 6-4, and will be playing the Bulldogs whose record is 9-1 and is ranked Number 8 in State UIL.

Hope there will be many traveling to this Class 3A clash.

We are wishing those Matadors are the very best.

There is a new business in Lubbock. It is called VAP JAY, INC., and the owners are Alma, Patrick, and Virgil Johnson.

This business specializes in remodeling bathrooms.

Patrick Johnson, an employee of VAP JAY, INC., has attended a workshop at Home Depot to become knowledgeable in this area.

For more information about VAP JAY, INC. call (806) 794-0257.

Rev. Sonia J. Scott, pastor of Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church, will be the speaker at the Annual Harvest Festival at the Smith Temple Church, on Sunday afternoon, November 15, 2009, beginning at 3:00 p.m. The proud pastor is Rev. D. A. Smith.

The public is invited to attend this special program.

South Plains College will host Opening Doors/Abriendo Puertas for prospective students from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Dec. 5 in the Student Center.

The day-long event will feature workshops in English and Spanish regarding admission, financial aid, testing and career choices. Lunch will be served to participants who will have the opportunity to ask questions of a panel comprised of students and parents.

Door prizes will be awarded throughout the event including Accuplacer testing waivers.

To pre-register, call Debbie Blackshear at 716-2113 or email her at dblackshear@southplains-

college.edu or Maria Strong at 716-2562 or email her at mstrong@southplainscollege.edu.

For more information, call Kathryn John, recruiter at SPC, at 806-716-2115.

Let us not forget our sick and shut-in citizens.

Lubbock Libraries Schedule of Week

Open Mic Poetry Night at the Patterson Branch Library

The Patterson Branch Library, 1836 Parkway Drive, will host an open mic poetry night on Monday, November 16 at 7 p.m. Bring a poem to share, or just listen. Signup starts at 6:30 p.m. For more information, call 767-3300.

Learn to Knit at Groves Branch Library
Come to the Groves Branch

Child Care Assistance Available To More South Plains Families

The Workforce Solutions South Plains Board of Directors recently approved new income eligibility guidelines for Child Care Assistance provided by the agency. The board recently received additional child care assistance funding through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) which was designed to increase the number of children in care for low income individuals. The ARRA funding enabled the Board to establish higher income guidelines. The former child care assistance income requirements for the South Plains region were established in 2003 at 185% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines. The new guidelines allow child care assistance to be provided to those individuals whose income is at 75% of the State Median Income Estimates published in the Federal Register. It is estimated that the new eligibility standards will allow child care funding for eight hundred additional children. The new criteria became effective on October 1st. Workforce Solutions Child Care Services expect to see the increase in both part-time and full-time child care. For more information on Workforce Solutions Child Care Services, call toll-free 1-800-658-6284.

Silent DC Sniper Mastermind Muhammad Executed



John Allen Muhammad
JARRATT, Va. (AP) -

Sniper John Allen Muhammad refused to utter any last words as he was executed, taking to the grave answers about why and how he plotted the killings of 10 people that terrorized the Washington, D.C., area for three weeks in October 2002.

The 48-year-old died by injection at 9:11 p.m. Tuesday as relatives of the victims watched from behind glass, separated

from the rest of the 27 witnesses at Greensville Correctional Center, south of Richmond.

Muhammad was executed for killing Dean Harold Meyers, who was shot in the head at a Manassas gas station during the spree across Maryland, Virginia and Washington, D.C.

He never testified or explained why he masterminded the shootings with the help of a teenage accomplice. That left questions unanswered about why he methodically hunted people going about their daily chores.

Library, 5520 19th Street, and learn the basics of Continental style knitting on Tuesday, November 17 at 6:30 p.m. Bring size 8 knitting needles and worsted weight yarn. For more information, please call the library at 767-3733.

"Share a Book with a Child" at the Patterson Branch Library

The Patterson Branch Library, 1836 Parkway Drive, presents "Share a Book with a Child," a special storytime for children and their parents, on Tuesday, November 17 at 6 p.m. Each family will receive a free book to take home courtesy of Literacy Lubbock. For more information, call 767-3300.

Teen Program at Patterson Branch Library

Teens are invited to play the video game Guitar Hero at the

Patterson Branch Library, 1836 Parkway Drive, at 4 p.m. on Thursday, November 19. For

more information, call 767-3300.

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Public Housing Waiting List Opening for 1 and 2 Bedroom Low-Income Elderly Housing

The Lubbock Housing Authority (LHA) announces the opening of the Waiting List for one and two bedroom elderly housing. A qualifying elderly household must be one in which:

- a person or family whose head or spouse, or sole member is at least 62 years of age; or
- two or more persons who are at least 62 years of age living together; or
- one or more persons who are at least 62 years of age living with one or more live-in aides.
- Combined income of all household members must be 80% or less of the area median income. These amounts are: 1 person -\$29,600, 2 person - \$33,850, 3 - person \$38,050

Waiting List Opening Date: Monday, November 16, 2009. Completed pre-applications will not be accepted by the LHA prior to this date.

Waiting List Close Date: LHA will post and publish a notice in the future to close the waiting list.

Applicants will be placed on the Waiting List on a first come, first served basis determined by the time and date completed pre-applications are received in the Lubbock Housing Authority office listed below.

Location: Pre-applications may be picked up in person at: Lubbock Housing Authority, 1708 Crickets Ave, Lubbock, TX 79401, by contacting 806/762-1191 or at www.lubbockha.org. Persons requesting reasonable accommodation in the application process are urged to contact 806/762-1191. Additional information may be obtained at the Lubbock Housing Authority at the address above or at www.lubbockha.org.

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Church News



From the Desk of Parson D.A. Smith Europeans Heirs a Monkey's World!

Former President Bill Clinton noted on NBC'S "Meet the Press" that a vast right-wing conspiracy that once targeted him is now focusing on President Barack Obama. He used the analogy that his wife, then first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton used to describe how her husband mistake with Monica Lewinsky was used by a "vast right-wing conspiracy" to destroy her husband. The former president was asked if the conspiracy was still there. He replied: "You bet. Sure it is. It's not as strong as it was because America has changed demographically. But it's as virulent as it was." The truth is in the pudding by the action of Roy Blunt (Republican MO) who told a racial tinged Monkey joke at a Washington D. C. Conference. Blunt is the second highest ranking Republican on the House Energy and Commerce Committee. This committee is important as it relates to health care issues. Blunt who was speaking to a crowd of more than 2,000 of the Family Research Council Ac-

tion's 2009 Values Voter Summit, told his predominantly white audience, "This is an opportunity for us. This is a time for us to be more of who we should be." The Congressman was introduced by a man who is known to have had past association with elements of the "racist right": Tony Perkins. Bruce Wilson of the Huffington Post posted the following: "In 1996 while working as a GOP Senate race campaign manager, Perkin paid \$82,500 to buy a phone banking list from former Ku Klux Klan leader David Duke. Then, in 2002, Perkins spoke at a fundraiser for the Louisiana chapter of the Council of Conservative Citizens, a national white supremacist group. The CoCC "Statement of Principles" states that "We also oppose all effort to mix the races of mankind, to promote non-white races over the European-American people through so-called 'affirmative action' and similar measures, to destroy or denigrate the European-American heritage, including the heritage

of the Southern people, and to force the integration of the races." Wilson reports Congressman Blunt told an anecdote which suggested what life in Washington, for GOP members today, is comparable to the lot of imperial British agents in India who had to contend with monkeys running amok on a golf course that the colonial occupiers had carved out of the verdant Indian jungle. There was a problem, the Missouri Representative explained; monkeys would come out of the jungle, grab golf balls, and throw them about. The crowd burst in laughter. Wilson noted the congressman continued: "I could go into great and long detail about how many things they did to try and eliminate the monkey problem.' But they never got it done, so finally this golf course and this golf course only, they passed a rule and the rule was-you have to lay the ball where the monkey throws it." And that is the rule in Washington all the time. You know the world is turned
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We Thank God for Jesus "Here Is Why, The Heatherns Rage!"

Part 2

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

Proverb 26:10-11 -- The great God that formed all things both rewards the fool, and rewards the transgressors. As a dog returns to his vomit, so a fool returns to his folly. When America allowed the Devil to remove prayer from schools. THIS WAS THE BEGINNING OF LIVES TURNING OUT CRUE!!! In America, you have the right to poke fun at anyone you want too. Freedom of Speech is what is called, and there is nothing you can do. The Devil makes it ok to mock anyone or anything under the Sun. America has become so bold. She MOCKS GOD'S ONLY SON!!! **Galatians 6:7-8** -- Be not deceived. God is not mocked, for whatsoever a man sow that shall he also reap. For he that soweth to his flesh shall of it eat flesh corruption. But he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting. (In the Luke Warm Church, I'm reminded of the Preacher who went to another town, to counsel on their Marriage. He

was separated but he took the man's wife from him, and winded up Marrying the man's wife. But they got a Divorce and she went back to her Husband, AND THE CHURCH KEPT ON PLAYING CHURCH!!! **I Corinthians 5:2-4** -- And you are puffed up, and not rather have moaned that he had done this deed might be taken away from among you. In the name of Our Lord Jesus Christ, deliver such an one unto Satan for the destruction of the flesh that the spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus. ****** YES, A PREACHER WILL ROB GOD!!! ****** The Heatherns prays HELLO-WEEN, AND T RICK OR TREAT. They teach the children: HOW TO TREAT OR CHEAT!!! **Jeremiah 2:8** -- The priests said, not, Where is the Lord? And they that handle the law know me not; the pastors also transgressed against me, and the prophets prophesied by Ba'al, and walk after the things that do not profit.

****** YES, AMERICA IS ROBBING GOD!!! ****** THE HEATHERNS SKIP OVER THINGS THAT TELL OF GOD'S THANKSGIVING. THEY ARE ADVERTISING ABOUT LYING SANTA CLAUSE, AND HIS GIVING!!! **Jeremiah 10:2b, 3-4** -- The Lord said, learn not the ways of the heathern, for the customs of the people are vain: for one cut a tree out of the forest. The work of the hands of the workman with the axe. They deck it with silver and with gold. They fasten it with nails and with ahmmers, that it move not. The Church spends a night sleeping with the HOMELESS; IT'S 43 DEGREE FES. WILL THEY SPEND IT WITH THEM. WHEN IT'S 30, AND ABOUT TO FREEZE!!! ****** YES, THE CHURCH WILL ROB GOD!!! ****** **Malac hi 1:8** -- The Lord said, if you offer the blind for a sacrifice, is it not evil? And if you offer the lame and sick is it not evil? **Continue on Page 6**

St. Matthew's Baptist Church News

Church services got underway at 10:10 a. m. last Sunday morning, November 8, 2009, at the St. Matthew Baptist Church, 2020 East 14th Street, where the proud pastor is Rev. Edward Canady. Sunday School got underway at 10:15 a. m. with Superintendent Sister Shirley Davis in charge. The subject of the morning lesson was "Chosen To Proclaim." The scripture text was I Peter 2:1-10. The Unifying Topic was: "A Chosen People." The main thought was: "But ye are a chosen generation, a

royal priesthood, a holy nation, a peculiar or people; that ye should shew forth the praise of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvelous light." **I Peter 2:9** The lesson was taught by Rev. Jimmie Brown. The review was done by Pastor Canady. ******** The morning worship hour began at 11:15 a. m. The morning devotion was led by Deacon Edward Williams and Brother Gerald Jackson. The St. Matthew Baptist Church Choir sang out of their hearts and souls.

The morning message was entitled "The Purpose of The Church. The scripture text was Acts 12:5. The Song of Inspiration was "Jesus Is The Best Thing That Ever Happened To Me." ******** The weekly meetings held at St. Matthew Baptist Church are as follows: Mission meets on Wednesday evenings at 5:00 p. m. Bible Study at 6:00 p. m. Choir Rehearsal is held on Friday evenings at 5:00 p. m. The Ushers meet at 11:00 a. m. on Saturday mornings.

All who are involved are asked to attend these important meetings. ******** The morning announcements last Sunday morning were read by First Lady Sister Shirley Canady. ******** The Sunday School program will be held Sunday afternoon, November 15, 2009, at 3:00 p. m. The guest speaker will be Minister Kevin Jackson. Our Superintendent, Sister Shirley Davis, is asking everyone to please be present. Keep in mind, everyone is

in invited. ******** Let us not forget our sick and shut-in of the Lubbock Community. There are many who are ill in our community. Your prayers are welcomed. ******** "Though darkest, rougher, grows the way, And cares press harder day by day, with patience in His love I'll rest, and whisper that He knoweth best." ******** **Thought For The Week:** "God's love still stands when all else has fallen."

********* If you are looking for a Church Home, remember the doors of the St. Matthew Baptist Church are always open. Why not come and visit with our congregation. When you attend, bring someone with you. ********* "God's voice thunders in marvelous ways; he does great things beyond our understanding. He says to the snow, 'Fall on the earth,' and to the rain shower, 'Be a mighty down-pour.'" **Job 37:5-6** May God continue to bless each of you!

Outreach Prayer Breakfast

The members of the Outreach Prayer Breakfast want to share this article with each of you. It was made possible by Rev. Zairreus Patterson of Riverside, California. **PUSH** A man was sleeping one night in his cabin when suddenly his room filled with light and God appeared. The Lord told the man he had work for him to do, and showed him a large rock in front of his cabin. The Lord explained that the man was to Push against the rock with all his might... So, this the man did, day after day. For many years he toiled from sunup to sundown, his shoulders set squarely against the cold, massive surface of the unmoving rock, pushing with all his might! Each night the man returned to his cabin sore and worn out, feeling that his whole day had been spent in vain. Since the man was showing discouragement, the Adversary (Satan) decided to enter the picture by placing thoughts into the weary mind: (He will do it every time!) "You have been pushing against that rock for a long time and it hasn't moved." Thus, he gave the man the impression that the task was impossible and that he was a failure. These thoughts discouraged and disheartened the man. Satan said, "Why kill yourself over this? Just put in your time, giving just the minimum effort; and that will be good enough." That's what the weary man planned to do, and decided to make it a matter of Prayer and to take his troubled thoughts to The

Lord. "Lord," he said, "I have labored long and hard in Your Service, putting all my strength to do that which you have asked. Yet, after all this time, I have not even budged that rock by half a millimeter. What is wrong? Why am I failing?" The Lord responded compassionately, "My friend, when I asked you to serve Me and you accepted, I told you that your task was to push against the rock with all of your strength, which you have done. Never once did I mention to you that I expected you to move it. Your task was to push. And now you come to Me with your strength spent, thinking that you have failed. But, is that really so? Look at yourself. Your arms are strong and muscled, your back shiny and brown; your hands are callused from constant pressure, your legs have become massive and hard. Through opposition you have grown much, and your abilities now surpass that which you used to have. True, you haven't moved the rock. But your calling was to be Obedient and to push and to exercise your Faith and trust in My Wisdom. That you have done. Now I, my friend, will move the rock." At times, when we hear a word from God, we tend to use our own intellect to decipher what He wants, when actually what God wants is just simple obedience and faith in Him. By all means, exercise the Faith that moves mountains, but know that it is still God Who moves the Mountains.

When everything seems to go wrong.....Just P.U.S.H. When the job gets you down.....Just P.U.S.H. When people don't do as you think they should.....Just P.U.S.H. When your money is "gone" and the bills are due.....Just P.U.S.H. When people just don't understand you.....Just P.U.S.H.

P = Pray
U = Until
S = Something
H = Happens
Pass this on to all your loved ones and friends who may need it; they may get it just in time. "Though no one can go back and make a brand new start, anyone can start from now and make a brand new ending."

Friends are quiet angels who lift us to our feet when our wings have trouble remembering how to fly. ******** Let us thank Rev. Patterson for the word on PUSH! May God continue to bless him in all he does. ********* Suffering as a result of sin is shameful. Sin has consequences and when it causes suffering, we should be ashamed. I remember preaching on this and saying, if you are stopped for speeding you deserve to get a ticket. A 5-

year-old boy sitting down front next to his mother heard me say that and proudly—and loudly—blurted out, "My mom got one of those this afternoon!" Mom's red face told everyone the consequences of speeding had just escalated more than she had anticipated! Suffering can be a cleansing agent. Judgment begins with the house of God. Sister Dorothy Hood, president; Sister Christene Burleson, vice president; and Sister Elnora Jones, teacher. May God continue to bless all of you!

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Obsequies

C.L. Harris

Celebration of Life services for C. L. Harris were held last Saturday afternoon, November 7, 2009 at St. John Baptist Church with Rev. Solomon Fields, pastor, officiating.

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

Harris, 64, of Lubbock, passed away on Sunday, November 1, 2009 at Covenant Specialty Center.

Known as "Big C.", Harris entered this life on Oct. 12, 1945, born the oldest of seven to Rev. Cleo L. and Dollie Mae Manners Harris in Lubbock. C. L. worked for Mrs. Baird's Bakery for several years. Later he left the bakery and became employed by Texas Meat Packers. He worked as a meat cutter for about nine years until the company went out of business. C. L. returned to Mrs. Baird's Bakery, working there several more years.

Left to cherish his memory



are, his beloved mother, Dollie Mae Harris; lifetime friend, Arnette Jean Cornish-East; his legacy, Cecil Stewart, Darrell Stewart, Glenda Agu and Gaila Fisher (Herman); his siblings, Thomas W. Harris, Jossie Lethridge (Tommy), Clarissa Roberson (Ray), Doris Harris (Norris I) and Helen Fitzgerald (Gerald); seven god-children; six grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and a host of other relatives and friends.

Lawrence V. "Rapp" McLin

Decatur, Georgia — Funeral services were held Wednesday morning, September 9, 2009, for Lawrence Verner "Rapp" McLin at the Donald Trimble Mortuary.

Interment was held at the Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Canton, Georgia.

He was the son of Lawrence Verner McLin, Sr. and Ruthie Mae Rawls. He was born October 1, 1947 in Memphis, Tennessee.

McLin passed away Thursday August 27, 2009 at Dekalb Medical Center.

He served in the U. S. Army, and was a South Vietnam veteran. McLin attended Texas Southern University, and earned a degree in Real Estate. He was also a former model.

While a resident of Lubbock, he was a member of the New Hope Baptist Church.

He was preceded in death by his father, Lawrence, Sr., and his brother, Jerome Edward McLin.

He leaves to cherish his memory: a loving mother, Ruthie Mae Rawls of Atlanta, Georgia; a son, Jerome Lawrence McLin of Atlanta, Georgia; two sisters, Marjorie M. Green (Robert) of Lithonia, Georgia and Marilyn R. Jones



(Joelee) of Snellville, Georgia; a brother, Michael L. McLin of Roswell, Georgia.

He also leaves: five nephews: Ronald V. Green (Phyllis) of Augusta, Georgia, Timothy Lee (Dorothy) of Dallas, Texas, Clendon Jones, Jr. (Vontrech) of Decatur, Georgia, Nicholas A. Jones (Leah) of Lawrenceville, Georgia and Vion J. Franklin of Decatur, Georgia; four nieces: Jacquelyn T. Latimore (Kenneth) of Newnan, Georgia, Tamara McLin of San Bernardino, California, Jerona McLin (Shawn) of Denver, Colorado and Tamica C. Reese, and a host of great nieces and nephews and friends.

NBA Great Abdul-Jabbar has Rare Form of Leukemia

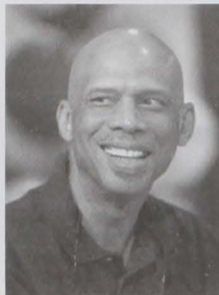
NEW YORK (AP)—Kareem Abdul-Jabbar is being treated for a rare form of leukemia, and the basketball great said his prognosis is encouraging.

The NBA's all-time leading scorer was diagnosed last December with chronic myeloid leukemia, he told The Associated Press on Monday.

The 62-year-old Abdul-Jabbar said his doctor didn't give any guarantees, but informed him: "You have a very good chance to live your life out and not have to make any drastic changes to your lifestyle."

Abdul-Jabbar is taking an oral medication for the disease. He is a paid spokesman for the Swiss pharmaceutical company Novartis, which makes a drug that treats the illness.

Citing the way Los Angeles Lakers teammate Magic Johnson brought awareness to HIV, Abdul-Jabbar said he wants to do the same for his form of blood cancer, which can be fatal



Kareem Abdul-Jabbar

if left untreated.

"I've never been a person to share my private life. But I can help save lives," he said at a midtown Manhattan conference room. "It's incumbent on someone like me to talk about this."

Abdul-Jabbar became concerned last year after feeling odd sensations. He went for tests at UCLA, where he dominated college basketball in the late 1960s,

winning three straight NCAA championships from 1967-69.

"I was getting hot flashes and sweats on a regular basis," he said. "That's not normal, even for my age."

An exam showed his white blood cell count was "sky high" and a doctor quickly diagnosed his condition. At first, all Abdul-Jabbar heard was the word "leukemia."

"I was scared," he said. "I thought it was all the same. I thought it could mean I have a month to live."

"That was my first question," he said. "Was I going to make it?"

A longtime student in martial arts, Abdul-Jabbar said he took the approach of a samurai, to face death without fear.

"I had my face on," he said. Instead, doctors told him CML was treatable with proper medication and monitoring.

Abdul-Jabbar is a special assistant with the Lakers and said

he hasn't had to cut back his level of activity of coaching, change his regimen or adjust his diet. "I'm able to sneak out for Thai food," he said.

"There is hope. This condition can be treated. You can still live a productive, full life," he said. "I'm living proof I can make it."

Abdul-Jabbar recently returned from an academic conference in Abu Dhabi and has several speaking engagements planned. Among the people he regularly talks to about his condition is his son, a third-year medical student at the University of California, San Francisco.

The six-time NBA MVP intends to post updates to his Facebook and Twitter accounts and stay connected through www.CMLearth.com, a Web site for those afflicted by the disease.

About 5,000 cases of CML are expected to be diagnosed in the United States this year, the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society said.

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THIS 'N' THAT

by T.J. Patterson

MORE INFORMATION NEEDED FOR LUBBOCK BOND ELECTIONS! THIS N THAT would hope that when there are **FUTURE BOND ELECTIONS** regardless of what the items are on the ballot there would be more **INFORMATION** about is being voted on..... If **REGISTERED VOTERS** are not aware then they will not vote..... Really there is no excuse as to why one does not vote when information is made available Hopefully **CITY COUNCILMAN FLOYD PRICE** will have a **TOWN HALL MEETING** if there will be another Lubbock Bond Election..... Not only must there be e information made available but when there are meetings called by the **CITIZEN ADVISORY ISORY COMMITTEE (CAC)** much information will be made available the input from citizens attending the citizen advisory committee meeting will be utilized for the election..... For example an item on the recent Lubbock Bond Election was about the construction of **SOCCER FIELDS** and c citizens who reside in East Lubbock were unhappy about where the soccer fields were to be constructed..... Perhaps this concern and others were the reason why this item didn't past..... Really when it appears as though an area appears to be left out then the results could not be affirmative..... Hopefully t he experience gained from this recent election will enhance t he outcome of future **LUBBOCK**

BOND ELECTIONS! All in all **THIS N THAT** recommends more information made available for all **LUBBOCK CITIZENS!**

STILL WAITING TO HEAR WHEN A TOWN HALL MEETING WILL BE SET! THIS N THAT as well as many others are waiting for the date of a **TOWN HALL MEETING** to be called by **SISTER VERNITA WOODS-HOLMES** School Board Trustee, District Two..... The semester is almost over and there has been no meeting held..... If you have an opportunity to see her let her know we are still waiting..... for the announcement..... **THIS N THAT** supports her and just wants to help her all we can!

PENNY HASTINGS THE BARBER SAYS: "FAITH has to do with **THINGS** that are not seen and **HOPE** with things that are not at hand."

MISSION THE MOVE CELEBRATES ONE YEAR SATURDAY! THIS N THAT wants to say **CONGRATS** to the **ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL DEPARTMENT** of the Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church for an outreach program they started the **SECOND SATURDAY IN NOVEMBER, 2008** Since that time more than **1,200 MEALS** have been prepared and served by members of this Adult Sunday School Class **THE FIRST MEAL** consisted of sandwiches and drinks..... But after

this initial meal **ALL OTHER MEALS** were hot and cooked by members of the Bethel Kitchen Staff..... Prior to the beginning **SISTER RUBY DONALDSON** Superintendent of the Sunday School Department advised that before we could reach those in the community they would need some **PHYSICAL FOOD** **REV. SONIA J. SCOTT** Pastor of Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church advised that before going into the community all working with the special outreach program would need to know how to visit with those in t he community..... Therefore Pastor Scott taught a two week seminar beore going out into the community..... As a result of hard work **A FIRST YEAR MEAL** will be served on **SATURDAY** November 14, 2009 beginning at 11:00 a. m. All are invited to come to the **A. W. WILSON FELLOWSHIP HALL** in the basement of the Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church..... 2202 Southeast Drive and help celebrate..... According to the sponsors the meal will be **CHICKEN & DRESSING!** For more information call (806) 744-7552.

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THINK ABOUT IT!

The Only Ones That Can Save Us For From Us For Us IS US!

by
Eddie P. Richardson

We sit around complaining, moaning and groaning as we are critical about every thing. We do not get up, put up, we just couch up and mouth up. We will act up, but we do not move up and stand up for what we are complaining about as the old saying goes is an empty wagon makes a lot of noise.

Either you or somebody should do this, and you ought to do that but, never I say I should I can, I will, and I must do this or do that. What is wrong with I is my mouth broken? Is my mind broken? What about my hands? We must move away from you, them, and change the tone to I and take up the attitude: "If it is to be, it is up to me" and live up to it."

We can not afford to sit

around and wait on someone else to do for us what we must do for our self. For our long denied communities to become the self sustaining communities the leadership and intative, we must make sure it comes from us. It must come from inside the community itself while working with those outside the community. Hopefully, this will help us get off the relief rolls and on the tax rolls without them leading us but working with us helping us to help ourselves.

In order to save our community for us, from us, the leadership and intative again is going to have to come from within the community. At times, we may need to do so by calling the police on our own when they become a threat to the commu-

nity. We may need to report strange persons lurking around in our communities and also strange vehicles. No one can police our communities like we can. No one knows our communities like we do! Not the police, not some outside law enforcement agencies but, us. We must always remember the only ones who can save us from us, for us, is us. You see, no one knows us like us but us!

That's why we must muscle up and call the police to clean up our neighborhoods for the good of all of us.

You do not have to give your report the incidents you will help yourself as well as others. We need to work with each other so our communities will become a much better place for all of us.

"STRAIGHT TALK"

By
donnell ASKARI hooper



I attended a "Teen Straight Talk Session" at the Human Science Center and witnessed people informing, instructing, and nurturing our children. Dr. Elizabeth Trejos from Costa Rica and Calvin "Cowboy" Simms from Atlanta, Georgia, both gave very inspiring presentations. There were a few parents there supporting their children. The pastor of New Hope Baptist Church, Rev. B. R. Moton, was there with a group of children and members of his congregation. Sister Kathleen and Brother Leon as well as our Photographer's Brother who took pictures to be shown in the Southwest Digest were representatives of the very idea of Bridging lives across cultures, communities, covenants, and creeds, of which we have said since the beginning of our quest, "LET OUR CHILDREN BE THE REASON FOR

USING THIS VERY TYPE OF DIVERSITY AS A STRENGTH AND NOT A DIVIDING FENCE! I believe that more parents should have been there! I believe that more representatives from the school districts should have been there! There were members of college sororities there. There should have been members the sports departments

and academic departments from all levels of Lubbock's school and college system! There should have been more teachers there! There should have been business representatives there! There should have been State and City representatives there too! Why? To show support for all of our best invested interest. The great potential for our children pursuing Excellence in all the stated areas of life. The more models of law abiding and moral Excellence we give our children, the greater the potentials and possibilities our harvest will be! Better than the models. Remember, "CHILDREN BECOME LESS OF WHAT WE TELL THEM THEY SHOULD BE AND MORE OF WHAT THEY SEE THEY CAN BE!"

There was really some "STRAIGHT TALK!"

In Cinque

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



The idea of medical coverage for everyone is a brilliant idea and a necessity. The idea about charging a fine, or a more appropriate word, tax, to anyone who does not purchase the insurance is ludicrous. Someone needs to tell Senator Max Baucus and President Obama that the people who have not purchased medical insurance, cannot afford medical insurance.

The people who receive SSI or Supplemental Security Insurance also benefit from the Medicaid program. They receive free medical services, but some states have imposed a dollar fee for services and limited the amount of service which an individual can receive in any one calendar month.

Poor people who have worked all of their lives and had low paying jobs or were unfortunate enough to be robbed by the WEP (Windfall Elimination Penalty) or the GEP (Government Employee Penalty) of their Social Security benefits because they worked on a job with a pension plan and did not pay Social Security taxes while employed on that particular job but had enough quarters to qualify for benefits. The people in these categories include professional workers; teachers, social work-

ers, policemen, medical professionals, other public employees and veterans.

The irony of this is, Congressmen do not pay into Social Security but get a lifetime pension that closely equals their salaries and their wives get a lifetime pension also. It was Congress which passed this law in 1984, the WEP and the GEP, and Congress is happy with it. If a bill to eradicate the WEP or the GEP is introduced in Congress, it never makes it out of the Committee. Giving hard working retirees the benefits that are due them, even if it is not retroactive, would reduce the amount of money that Congress has to spend for other things that do not necessarily benefit the citizens

of THIS COUNTRY! It would reduce the available monies for health insurance for people whom have not worked and are unable to purchase health insurance. It would appear that rather than tax people who are unable to purchase medical insurance, to add them to the Medicare rolls or give them their rightful amount of Social Security benefits. They would not get an SSI check, just medical coverage. We need to get 'in cinque' and write to our Congressmen and women to forget the tax and add those persons who are unable to purchase the insurance, to the Medicaid roll. WE NEED TO HURRY before we have another TAX to pay! If the IRS collects it, it will be a TAX!

Letter To The Editor

Concerned Citizen
About McCallan Trial

I am a retired white professional who attended the verdict in the L. J. McCallan police brutality trial Oct. 20, 2009. I was heart sick. I have never seen anything that seemed so wrong.

I was also troubled the only people there to support him were his family.

Indifference is as dangerous as police brutality.

But have hope! And keep your eyes and ears open. There are discussions underway in East Lubbock about making the neighborhood stronger and safer. Everyone can participate.

I remember the words of Gandhi -- "We must be the

change we wish to see in the world,"

and Sitting Bull -- "As individual fingers we can be easily broken, but together we make a mighty fist."

May God bless us all.
Sincerely,
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(Thanks for your concern about this case. No matter how you look at any given situation, right will always win.

Again, thanks for your concern about what you did witness.

May God continue to bless you. Our page is always open for you who ever has something to comment on pertaining to Lubbock. Ye Ed)

Obama to Announce Help for Small Banks, Businesses

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama wants smaller community banks to have greater access to the government's \$700 billion financial rescue fund as the administration refocuses the bailout money on small businesses and homeowners and winds down programs aimed at big banks.

Obama on Wednesday plans to announce a package of initiatives designed to increase lending, including a request that Congress increase caps for existing Small Business Administration loans, the administration said.

The new effort comes as the administration is under pressure from liberals to shift the massive bailout fund's spending away from big financial institutions and toward reducing foreclosures and creating jobs. But it also comes as Republicans press Obama to end the rescue program and use bank repayments to reduce the national debt.

An administration official said the Treasury Department intends to wind down and terminate bailout programs launched at the height of the financial crisis to stabilize Wall Street and aid the struggling auto industry.

The official, speaking on the condition of anonymity because the details had not yet been made public, said the \$218 billion Capital Purchase Program would effectively conclude at the end of the year. The program has been a central element of the bailout program, infusing banks with government money in exchange for preferred stock.

The administration also plans to cap two programs at levels below initial projections. One program designed to rid big banks of their bad assets will spend \$30 billion instead of \$75 billion, and another that supports a Federal Reserve effort to ease bank credit will top off at \$30 billion instead of \$80 billion. An initiative aimed at banks — the Capital Assistance Program — had no applicants and will also end, the official said.

Congressional and industry officials said there were few details about the new small bank proposal, including how much of the bailout money would be used. But the American Bankers Association, in a letter to Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner last month, recommended a \$5 billion program for community banks that have not yet received assistance from the rescue fund. The program, as suggested by the association, would apply only to those banks with assets of less than \$5 billion.

"Community banks feel like the government assistance efforts to date have left them on the sidelines," said Mark Tenhundfeld, a senior vice president at the bankers' association.

The rescue fund, known as the Troubled Asset Relief Program, has about \$320 billion still available to spend — a combination of unallocated money and more than \$70 billion in repayments from banks that received bailouts since late last year. The TARP is set to expire at the end of December, but the administration could extend it until Octo-

ber 2010. "Given that we are now well into October, it seems probable that there would need to be some extensions," Tenhundfeld said.

Sheila Bair, the chairman of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp., generally defined community banks as those with less than \$1 billion in assets. In testimony to Congress last week, she said those smaller banks have become especially vulnerable in the face of mounting losses and defaults in construction and commercial real estate loans.

Bair testified that she had been discussing TARP help for community banks with Treasury officials, a step welcomed by Democrats but criticized by Republicans.

On Tuesday, Rep. Jeb Hensarling, a Texas Republican on the House Financial Services Committee, urged the administration to end the program at year's end.

"I will strongly suggest to community bankers in my district that they reject an invitation from the Obama administration to participate in TARP," he said.



Parker & Locke In Houston Race

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trailed Brown and Locke. "People vote."

A fourth major candidate, county school trustee Roy Morales, 53, who didn't have enough money to run television ads, took more than 20 percent. He was looking to be Houston's first Hispanic mayor and was the lone Republican among the major candidates.

The runoff, tentatively scheduled for Dec. 12, will determine who will lead the city for the next two years. The election is needed because no one received at least 50 percent of the vote in the predominantly Democratic city of nearly 2 1/2 million. Houston is about 25 percent black and one-third Hispanic.

"It's been a long journey," Locke, 61, said. "It's not quite over."

Locke attracted endorsements and financial backing from business leaders, cashing in on his three-year tenure in the 1990s as city attorney under popular mayor Bob Lanier, who supported him. Locke cultivated city insiders since then as legal counsel to several government agencies.

Lee Brown, a former police chief, served as Houston's first black mayor until he was terminated in 2003.

"The job for us doesn't stop tonight," Locke told supporters gathered at a downtown hotel. "It really starts tomorrow... Let's roll up our sleeves and get to work."

Peter Brown's campaign was bankrolled primarily from the fortune of his wife, oil-field services heiress Anne Schlumberger, and the overall race was noteworthy for its lack of fire-

works.

Independent pre-election polls showed Brown with a slight edge, although "Don't Know" was the favored response among those surveyed.

Brown touted his "blueprint" for the city, stressing greater efficiencies to create jobs, protect neighborhoods, take better care of resources and combat the city's legendary traffic, recurring flooding and crime. But his campaign pitch wasn't much different from the others.

Parker said her 12 years in public life would allow her to immediately step into the top job. Her six-year stint as city controller, reviewing city spend-

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Take Advantage of Part D -- Before It's Too Late

By Peter Pitts

From November 15 until the end of the year, seniors can sign up for Medicare Part D -- the prescription drug benefit for seniors. And those who are unhappy with their existing coverage can switch to a new plan.

All those eligible should take advantage of this "open enrollment" period. The healthcare reform bills working their way through Congress might soon make serious -- and unnecessary -- changes to Part D. And the consequences could be dire.

Unlike most public health programs, the Medicare prescription drug benefit is administered by the private sector. The program is subsidized by taxpayer dollars, but seniors are allowed to select the drug benefit that best suits their needs. Providers compete for this business, which leads to more choices, better service, and lower premiums. This feature -- the freedom to comparison shop between competing Medicare drug plans -- is one of the reasons the program is both popular and cost effective.

Part D has a 92 percent satisfaction rate among its beneficiaries. And the program has reduced the number of seniors without a drug plan by 17 percent. Meanwhile, the price of Part D over the next decade is expected to be nearly \$120 billion less than originally estimated when the program was created.

But the recent push for healthcare reform has put the program in danger. The healthcare bill recently passed in the House would enable the federal government to "negotiate" Medicare Part D drug prices. The government doesn't negotiate, though. Just look at the drug benefit administered by the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA).

At the VA, the government "negotiates" prices by requiring drug companies to sell their medicines at a price that's at least 24 percent of the non-federal average manufacturer price. That's a price control; not a negotiation.

Continue next week

ing, is the same job Kathy Whitmire held before she became Houston's first woman mayor in the 1980s. Locke stressed his leadership abilities.

Incumbent Bill White, who is barred by term limits from seeking a fourth two-year term, has not endorsed a successor. The Democrat plans to seek the expected vacancy left by U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison if she resigns to run against Texas Gov. Rick Perry in the

Parson Smith

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upside down when Al Franken is in the United States Senate and Tom Delay is going on "Dancing with the Stars" -- that's when you know that things have changed in ways that you have never anticipated."

African Americans cannot help but wonder if the prevailing thoughts among conservative white Republicans and their black indentured servant with red caps and a cup in hand dancing on a string by their music that all African Americans are monkeys?

I would hope not! One must remember what these primates caged ancestors will do when visited at a zoo. One must beware of what will be thrown in their face if the caged monkey is agitated!

Deadline For Black History Calendar

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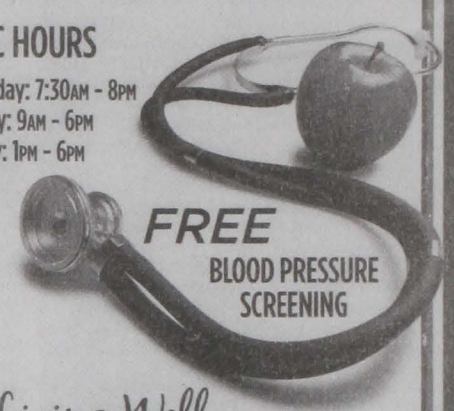
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