



# HAPPY THANKSGIVING FROM THE DIGEST



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## Black Power Has Arrived...With Some New Challenges!



National NAACP head Benjamin Todd Jealous speaking at a news conference at the state Capitol in Hartford, Conn. Nine months after seizing unprecedented power in government, black lawmakers are in control of some of the most powerful positions in Congress, and facing new challenges to using their long-sought influence.

**WASHINGTON (AP)** -- Ten months after Democrats took over the Capitol and the first African-American president moved into the White House, black lawmakers are in control of some of the most powerful positions in Congress - and face new challenges to using their long-sought influence.

There have been some victories - guaranteeing that stimulus money reaches some of the poorest parts of the country, expanding hate crimes legislation and moving to close health care disparities.

But "in some ways, our strategies haven't caught up with our own power," said Benjamin Todd Jealous, chief executive of the NAACP. "The civil rights community is used to passing big omnibus legislative acts," he said. "We're not so accustomed to having the power to slice and dice that into 20 pieces and attach that to various other appropriations bills."

For generations, civil rights were inseparable from black politicians. That era ended with President Barack Obama, who has declined to engage in traditional black advocacy.

So any new efforts to help blacks who remain disproportionately unemployed, incarcerated, unhealthy and undereducated will most likely come from the 42 members of the Congressional Black Caucus.

"The goal is closing all of these gaps," said Rep. Barbara Lee, chairwoman of the caucus and a member of the House Appropriations Committee, which oversees budgetary spending. "When you look at all these huge systemic gaps, there's still not equality and justice for all."

But due to recent advances among blacks - Obama's election chief among them - there is a new resistance toward efforts aimed at helping black people specifically, said University of Pennsylvania history professor Mary Frances Berry.

"We're used to being supplicants at the table," Berry said. "Now they have to be smart. If they want to do something about unemployment, they can target those who have the highest rates. If you target education, target the lowest achievement rates. Don't say, 'We're doing this for black folks'; you say, 'We want to target where the problems are.'"

That strategy has been taking shape for some time, said Rep. James Clyburn, D-S.C., who as majority whip is the third-ranking member of the House.

Clyburn cited an amendment in the economic recovery package that he worked on with Rep. Charles Rangel, D-N.Y., chairman of the Ways and Means Committee, to ensure that 10 percent of federal stimulus dollars are spent in areas where at least 20 percent of residents have lived in poverty for the last 30 years.

"If I were designing a quote-unquote affirmative action program today, that's what I would be using, the 10-20-30 formula," Clyburn said. "We are finding more and more sophisticated ways of doing this on a nonracial basis."

But some still say the fractious black caucus - which famously split over endorsing Obama or Hillary Rodham Clinton in the 2008 presidential primaries - should be doing much more to bring together leaders from the private sector, education and local government to tackle problems facing black America.

"The black power establishment altogether should be given a B-minus or a C-plus," Berry said. "They need to pull together, join together and be smart about how they articulate what the goals and opportunities are."

Rep. John Conyers, D-Mich., chairman of the Judiciary Committee, said recently enacted legislation expanding hate crimes

protection and changes he is pushing to mandatory minimum sentencing laws are evidence of "a whole new power syndrome on the national scene."

He also said he planned to bring a bill through his committee calling for the government to study the issue of reparations to descendants of slaves. "This is not just a feel-good measure," Conyers said. "This is very serious business."

Obama opposes reparations and has said "the best reparations we can provide are good schools in the inner city and jobs for people who are unemployed."

The caucus also played a major role in pushing the House to formally rebuke Rep. Jim Wilson, the South Carolina Republican who shouted "You lie!" during Obama's health care address to Congress.

"We weren't just going to let that go and not say something about it," said Rep. Yvette Clarke, D-N.Y.

She said Clyburn's position as majority whip was crucial to this and other caucus priorities: "We're able to sort of project and amplify our voices because he's in the leadership."

Clarke said that in bills such as the stimulus package, health care reform and auto industry bailouts, caucus members affect "the chemistry of the legislation" by ensuring that provisions to help minorities are included.

For example, the House health care bill provides billions of dollars to address the substandard health care many minorities receive. It's unclear whether the provisions will remain after negotiations to reconcile the Senate health care bills.

Berry, the Penn professor, said the caucus' effectiveness should ultimately be judged by results on problems in poverty, education, unemployment and other areas.

"We're going to find out how smart they are, how committed they are and whether they have a fix on what the people need," she said.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!



Sam Medina

## Sam Medina Named Lubbock City Attorney

The Lubbock City Council named Sam Medina as Lubbock's City Attorney on October 1, 2009. Before working for the City, Medina served as the 237th State Judicial District Court Judge beginning in 1999.

Medina was reared in Crosbyton, graduated from Texas Tech Law School, was in private practice from 1976 to 1995, and was the first Hispanic to be elected to a county-wide position in Lubbock County when, in 1995, he became judge of the County Court at Law No. 1.

## Sterling Named Assistant Principal At Cleburne ISD

**Cleburne** - Ronnie Sterling, who was born and raised in Lubbock by his late parents, Mary and Ira Sterling, is currently an Assistant Principal of Cleburne Independent School District.

A graduate of Coronado High School in 1989, he earned his Bachelor of Science Degree in Exercise and Sport Science from Texas Tech University, and received his Educational Administration Degree from Texas Women's University in Denton, Texas.

Mr. Sterling began his teaching career in DeSoto, Texas as a Texas History teacher and football/track coach. His has a career in teaching and coaching in various positions all over the Dallas, Fort Worth Metroplex,



Ronnie Sterling

with stints in Dallas, Frisco, and McKinney.

He has been in the education field for more than twelve years. He is the father of two sons, namely, Ira, age 14 and Jonathan, age 11.

He is the proud grandson of Lottie Harper of Lubbock.

## Christmas Of Hope Drive

Organizations and area media unite to assist area families in need

For a number of years many organizations from the community have worked collectively to assure that families in West Texas rural communities will not lose hope at Christmas. In this same spirit various organizations and media will be holding a collaborative effort - the "Christmas of Hope Drive," a food and money drive on December 4, 2009, from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on the North parking lot across the Civic Center, off Mac Davis Lane.

The food collected during this time will be used to prepare holiday food boxes. The proceeds collected will purchase perishable food items like milk, bread and turkey. All of the

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## Dunbar Middle School Students for the Month of November, 2009



Jordan McKenzie, 6th



Isidro Rodriguez, 7th



Amy Poter, 8th



Annalisa Revilla, 6th



Jada Williams, 7th



Christian Salazar, 8th

## 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 East 23rd Street.

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

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

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

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

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

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

\* Lubbock Chapter of Black Alumni meets every 3rd Tuesday, 5:30 pm, TTU 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 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 Cultural & Historical Commission - Lubbock Affiliate meets at Patterson Branch Library, every 3rd Thursday at 7:00 pm.

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

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

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

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Read What's Happening In Black Community of Lubbock.





The members of the Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church will have its Fellowship Dinner on Sunday afternoon, November 29, 2009, immediately following church services.

Rev. Sonia J. Scott is pastor.

Happy Wedding Anniversary to Lester and Buelah Winters on Friday, November 27, 2009.

Church services were well attended last Sunday morning, November 22, 2009, at the New Hope Baptist Church, 2002 Birch Avenue, where the proud pastor is Rev. B. R. Moton.

Services got under way at 11:11 a. m. with the Praise Team singing out of their hearts. The morning scripture was read by Minister C. Wilson and prayer was offered by Minister S. McCutcheon.

The New Hope Choir sung musical selections. Pastor Moton delivered a dynamic sermon entitled "God's Favor Will Bring You Through." His scripture text was

I Samuel 22:1-5. After the morning sermon, an invitation to discipleship was extended.

The morning announcements were read by Sister LaVerne. Brother Totsey Bass welcomed all visitors.

During the holidays there are many children on the South Plains who will not have a place to call home, much less gifts to open Christmas morning. Yet, there is hope. YOU can provide a Christmas gift for a local child in need...because every child deserves a gift to open on Christmas morning.

CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates®) of the South Plains is partnering with Mr. Gatti's Pizza to host the 6th Annual Kids 4 Kids Toy Drive to promote the spirit of giving this holiday season by encouraging the community to donate toys for foster children.

CASA is a nonprofit organization that trains volunteers to serve as independent voices in court for abused and neglected

children in the South Plains Area. The Annual Kids 4 Kids Toy Drive will help provide gifts to these children that truly would not have a Christmas otherwise.

Donated gifts can be dropped off at Mr. Gatti's Pizza between now and Dec. 13. Each child who brings a gift will receive a free child's buffet during that visit to Mr. Gatti's.

**Christmas Holiday Open House**

The Buddy Holly Center and Silent Wings Museum invite the public to a Holiday Open House on Saturday, December 12, 2009 from 10am to 5pm. Join us for a day full of shopping, hot cider, holiday cookies, and children's activities all in the spirit of the holidays.

If you are searching for a special and unique holiday gift, look no further than the gift shops at the Lubbock Municipal Museums. Both shops carry various items to suit any taste and style, including CDs, DVD's, assorted apparel, mugs, books, memorabilia, keepsakes, games, and much more!

Hot cider and holiday cookies will be served all day and children can participate in free make and take activities. In addition, the Buddy Holly Center will offer a Creative Printing workshop from 1-3pm. Children ages 6 and up will learn how to create designs on paper and fabric using rubbings, stamps, and

**FASHION FUN with Shirley Roberson CHRISTMAS AND SKINNY JEANS!**

Ladies, why not step into the holiday scene in your sexy skinny jeans? that's right these jeans are not just for casual wear, you can also dress them up, all the way up to formal, it all depend on how you do it.

Dark denim is always best when you are going to wear them to a dressy event. May I suggest... skinny jeans with your favorite candy apple red pumps and your sexy red sequin halter top, skinny jeans - over size V neck rhinestone sweater with 20 inch silver chain necklace, you could even couple your skinny jeans with a nice white silk blouse and over the knee white sexy boots.



LADIES, HOW GREAT IS THAT!! \*\*\*\*\* Always wear a SMILE!

NOW YOU TELL ME

**SPC Announces Spring Registration**

LEVELLAND - South Plains College will host registration on its Levelland, Plainview Center, Byron Martin Advance Technology Center and Reese Center campus locations Jan. 12-14.

Spring classes begin Jan. 19. SPC Plainview Center, located at 1920 W. 24th St., will offer spring registration from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Jan. 12 in the Main Office. No permit is required.

Registration for technical majors only at the Byron Martin ATC, 3201 Ave. Q, is set for 5 to 6:30 p.m. Jan. 12 in the Main Office. Although no permit is required, students should be admitted to SPC with transcripts on file to be eligible.

stencils and will design a small book or card for the holidays. Cost is \$5, and pre-registration is required by December 5th so don't forget to call Lisa Howe at 775-3567 to sign up today!

Also, remember to bring a new toy to donate to the United States Marine Corps Reserves Toys for Tots toy drive and receive one free admission to either Municipal Museum for each toy donated. The toy drive is a wonderful way to make a child's Christmas memorable. All toys will be given to local children in need this holiday season!

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**Tony Brewer**



# Church News



## From the Desk of Parson D.A. Smith "On Justice Clarence Thomas"

One of my Anglo-American attorney friends is very fond of Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas. She reminded me in a conversation that African-Americans should not be negative about Justice Thomas because he stands out as a great American and for justice for all Americans. My response was "we as humans have our own opinion and as African Americans we may perceive life differently as justice relates to African-Americans."

However, to my chagrin (relating to the non-action of Justice Thomas) I was totally surprised at a news story caption: "Clarence Thomas To Other Supreme Court Justices: Be Quiet!"

Jay Reeve wrote: Clarence Thomas, the justice long known as the silent member of the Supreme Court, criticized his colleagues Friday (October 23, 2009) for badgering attorneys rather than letting them speak during oral arguments. Thomas — who hasn't asked a lawyer a question during arguments in nearly four years—said he and

the other eight justices virtually always know where they stand on a case by reading legal briefs before oral arguments.

"So why do you beat up on people if you already know? I don't know, because I don't beat up on 'em. I refuse to participate. I don't like it, so I don't do it," Thomas said during an appearance before law students at the University of Alabama.

Thomas didn't name names, but fellow conservative Justice Antonin Scalia is generally considered the court's most aggressive questioner during oral arguments. President Barack Obama's lone nominee so far, Justice Sonia Sotomayor, isn't afraid to ask questions either. Thomas scoffed at the idea that the justices try to use questions to influence the opinions of fellow member of the court. "All nine of us are in the same building," he said. "If we want to sway each other we know where we are. We don't need oral arguments to do that. It doesn't make any sense to me."

Reeves noted that Thomas compared Senate confirmation

to selecting the referees for a college football game in hopes of getting favorable calls for one team or the other. "That's all based on a particular outcome you want. That is the antithesis of judging. You're corrupting your process. I think the conformation process is both unnecessary, it's uniformed with respect to what the court actually does and it's very dangerous."

Thomas also noted "the court is too dominated by Ivy League lawyers and lacks regional diversity. People constantly worry about racial, gender and ethnic diversity and home states matter, too."

I am happy to know that parts of Justice Thomas are likened to brass. When he applies his thoughts to action (and quit acting like he is afraid of white males) black women may respect him and he just might become another Thurgood Marshall.

**Happy Thanksgiving!  
Be Thankful For All  
Things, No Matter!!!**



## We Thank God for Jesus "Lord, Thanks For Your Giving!"

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

**Proverb 27:20** -- Hell and destruction are never full. So the eyes of man are never satisfied.

We have a headache, the pain is great under our breath we curse. We hear of the man who has a brain tumor. Thank God, it could be worse!!!

**Psalm 92:1-2** -- It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord, and to sing praises unto his name. O' Most High to show forth your loving kindness in the morning and your faithfulness every night.

We see love ones and friends in the orbits under our breath we curse. Yours and mine is not in there today. Thank God, it could be worse!!!

**Psalm 118:23-24** -- This is the Lord's doing. It is marvelous in our eyes. This is the day which the Lord has made. We will rejoice and be glad in it.

We go buy groceries, fill seven sacks: The prices are high. We curse rse many people hustling the trash cans. Thank God, it could be worse!!!

**Deuteronomy 15:11** -- The

Lord said, for the poor shall never cease out of the land. Therefore, I command you, saying, you shall open your hand wide unto your brother to the poor, and to your needy in y our land.

It can rain all weekend, want to be outside, under our breath we curse thinking of the flooding. We hear of in other states. Thank God, it could be worse!!!

**Psalm 118:24** -- This is the day which the Lord has made. We will rejoice and be glad in it.

**\*\*\*\* ARE YOU THANKFUL FOR THIS DAY??? \*\*\*\***

WE go to the store, pull on the door, and it's hard to open. We curse. We see the man in the wheelchair trying to get in. Thank God, it could be worse!!!

**Psalm 105:1-2** -- O' Give thanks unto the Lord, call upon his name; make known his deeds among the people singing unto him. Talk you of all his wonderous works.

We know of a person who got their car's fender bent. Out loud

they cursed. Then know that someone died in an accident. Thank God, it could have been worse!!!

**ii Chronicles 16:34** -- O' Give thanks unto the Lord, for he is good. For his mercy endures res forever.

The wind is blowing at 40 mph. Under our brea th you curse. You've forgotten t he 1970 tornado in Lubbock. Thank God, it could be worse!!!

**Psalm 65:8** -- They also that dwell in the uttermost par parts are a re afraid aid of y our t to-kens (SIGNS). You make the out goings of the morning and evening to rejoice

The man's car broke down. He rides the Citibus, under his breath h he curses. Many cities in Texas don't even have a bus system. Thank God, it could be worse!!!

**Psalm 104:13** -- He wa ers t he hills from his chambers. The ear th is satisfied with the fruit of your works.

Brother T. J. Patterson had  
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# St. Matthew's Baptist Church News

Church services got started at the St. Matthew Baptist Church, 2020 East 14th Street, last Sunday morning, November 22, 2009, at 10:10 a. m. The proud pastor is Rev. Edward Canady.

Sunday School got underway last Sunday morning with Superintendent Sister Shirley Davis in charge.

The subject of the morning lesson was "Pursuing Virtue." The scripture pture text was II Peter 1:3-15. The Unifying Topic was "A Faithful People." The t teacher of the morning lesson was Rev. Nita Davis. The

review was given by Pastor Canady.

The main thought of our Sunday School lesson was: "According as his divine power hath given unto us all t things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue." **II Peter 1:3.**

The morning worship hour begun at 11:15 a. m. The morning devotion was led by Deacon Edward Williams and Brother.

The St. Matthew Baptist Church Choir sung out of their hearts and souls. What a time we

had singing God's Praises!!!

The morning message was delivered by Pastor Canady. His subject was "Why Tempt The Lord?" The Song of Inspiration was :His Eye Is On The Sparrow."

The weekly meetings held at the St. Matthew Baptist Church are as follows:

Mission meets on Wednesday evening at 5:00 p. m.

Bible Study is held on Wednesday evenings, beginning at 6:00 p. m.

Choir Rehearsal is held on Fridays at 5:00 p. m.

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

All who are involved in these meetings are asked to be present.

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

Let us not forget our sick and shut in of the Lubbock Community. Your prayers are welcome!

Let us pray for Rev. Walter Jackson who is a patient at Covenant Medical Center, Room 492.

**\*\*\*\*\***  
*In His own image, God created man. He formed the dust of earth;*

*But more than that, to all who are in Christ.*

*He gives eternal Life by second birth.*

**\*\*\*\*\***

**Thought For The Week:**  
*"God is the only one who can make the dirty clean."*

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**Awaiting Redemption**

In 2 Peter 3, the apostle is writing to a group of people who must have felt like they were in the last week of school. They had been told for years about the

coming day of the Lord when God would call all his people to him and they would receive their long-awaited redemption.

I can imagine Christians in that day were really looking forward to their redemption. The people of that day didn't face papers and exams. No, they faced much bigger challenges for professing Christ as Lord: jail time, beatings, and potential death. As I read 2 Peter 3, I try to put myself in their position. What would I be feeling if I were they? Perhaps these Christians were tired of the world around them.

**HAPPY THANKSGIVING DAY TO ALL OF YOU!!!**

## Outreach Prayer Breakfast

We are introducing our scripture II Chronicles 7:14. It is said that a number of our boys are being killed. In our country, mostly dru g related and gang re-

lated, the picture looks gloomy for our race knowing that we already have a short age of men. This writer can see that there will be even fewer men for our

young girls to marry when they are ready to marry.

At times, we can feel so helpless in the face of such tragedies. Some may ask what can we do?

When we search the scriptures to find if there is any word from the Lord for such a time as t his, we can take fresh courage in the words of God's inspired writers. We find hope in II Chronicles 7:14:

*"If my people, who are called by my name shall humble*

*themselves and pray, and seek my face, and turn from t heir wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sins, and will heal their land."*

If you will take this scripture, you will find that our Lord is not short on his promise to forgive sin and heal our land. He is waiting for us to put our trust in him, and know that he is a God who can change things.

God acts according to his

word. Experience the joy of being a Christian.

**Thought:**  
*Keep smiling and loving those you know He cares less about you!*

*Freedom is never given by the oppressor, it must be demanded by the oppressed.*

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To all who are sick and believed, we're praying for you! Remember the Devil can't heal, only God Can, and He will.

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"Enter his gates with thanks-

giving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name. For the LORD is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations." - **Psalm 100:4-5**

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

From all of us at the Outreach Prayer Breakfast, **Happy Thanksgiving! May God Bless each of you!!!**

## Want to go Green?

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# Obsequies

Herman Banks

Funeral services for Herman Banks were held last Saturday afternoon, November 21, 2009, at House of Prayer.

Interment will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park under the direction of Griffin Mortuary & Funeral Home of Lubbock.

Banks, 64 of Lubbock, passed away Sunday, November 15, 2009 at Covenant Medical Center.

Herman was born April 5, 1945 to Dallas and Hattie Banks in Rosebud. Herman joined the military at an early age, upon his release he was employed at Southwestern Bell for 31 years. He retired in 2002.

He married Joann M. Banks on May 14, 1997. He is preceded in death by his father, Dallas Banks, Sr.; and one brother, Charles Woodruff.

He leaves to cherish his memory his two sons, Herman Banks, Jr. and Terry Banks; wife, Jo Ann



Banks; one step-son, DeQvan Neal; mother, Hattie Banks; three brothers, Dallas Banks, Jr., Claude Banks and Henry Banks; three sisters, Naomi Millign, Cordellia Mustful and Elizabeth Clove; two grandchildren; his special children, the Witfields; and a host of other relatives and friends.

# Memorials

Deondra Latrice Bursleson  
"Dee Dee"

May 19, 1977 - November 24, 2006

*Sweetheart, it's been three years. It seems like yesterday. Me and the girls miss you so much! We never thought we would say goodbye so soon. God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, courage to change the things I can and wisdom to know the difference. We will always love and miss you.*

*You will always be in our hearts.*

Love,  
Tytiana, Mah'Kayla and  
Your Mother



Huey "H. J." Manahan  
October 4, 1928 - November 26, 2008

*We count it all joy when we suffer in the name of Jesus. A year has passed since our Lord called his beloved son home from labor to reward. Though we loved him dearly - and still do - God loved him more.*

*Heaven is even grander, and more blesses to have you as an angel. You are so sorely missed, but you live on in our hearts, and memories, and will forever.*

Your wife - Brenda Manahan  
Your Step-children:  
Brett Luton, Shanequa Doss,  
Curtis Hill,  
Brandon Wooten,



Jade Price, and  
Verdell Price, III;  
and your grandchildren,  
especially Vicquasia and  
Amaria.

## CITY OFFICES CLOSED FOR THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY

City of Lubbock offices will be closed Thursday, November 26 and Friday, November 27, 2009, in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday. Regular business hours will resume on Monday, November 30.

Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, regularly scheduled trash pickup will not occur on Thursday or Friday. There will be limited trash pickup on Saturday, and normal pickup will resume on Monday, November 30. Emergency services will continue without interruption.

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two of his tires cut. Out loud he did curse. Billy "B. J." had all four of his tires cut. Thank God it could have been worse!

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LEVELLAND - South Plains College will host its annual Christmas Tree Lighting ceremony at 5:15 p.m. on Dec. 1 at the entrance to the college. The event is free and open to the public.

The evening will begin with students from local schools singing traditional Christmas carols. Levelland Christian School students will sing at 5:15 p.m. ABC School students will perform at 5:30 p.m. and South Elementary School students will sing at 5:45 p.m.

Dr. Kelvin Sharp, President of South Plains College, will light the tree at 6 p.m.

Santa Claus is expected to arrive by way of a fire truck. Participants will be able to visit with Santa in the Snack Bar area of the Student Center.

Hot chocolate, coffee, wassail, cookies and doughnuts will be served.

If case of inclement weather, the program will be moved inside to the Sundown Room.

## DRIVE SAFELY DURING THE THANKSGIVING HOLIDAYS! WATCH OUT FOR OUR CHILDREN!

### Thank You!!

The Annual Harvest Festival of Smith Temple Church was a big success. A spiritual message was given by Rev. Sonia J. Scott, pastor Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church. We had good music and singing. What a time!!

Thank you Bethel members, Mt Vernon UMC members, all visitors, friends, and Brother T. J. Patterson for sharing your time with us.

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If you want to be a part of Black History in Lubbock and the South Plains of Texas, you can do so by participating in a proposed Black History Calendar.

The deadline for the Black History Calendar is Monday, January 4, 2010.

This is a project of the Roots Historical Arts Council.

For more information, contact Eddie P. Richardson at (806) 762-3612.

"We are trying to promote Black History by promoting Lubbock's Black citizens who have contributed to this area in business, education, arts, sports, law and other areas," says Mr. Richardson.

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# Editorials • Comments • Opinions



## THIS 'N' THAT

by T.J. Patterson

**LET'S NOT FORGET HOW THANKSGIVING IS TODAY! THIS N THAT** ..... wants to share some information about ..... **THANKSGIVING DAY!**

Thanksgiving or Thanksgiving Day, presently celebrated on the fourth Thursday in November, has been an annual tradition in the United States since 1863. It did not become a federal holiday until 1941. Thanksgiving was historically a religious observation to give thanks to God, but is now primarily identified as a secular holiday.

The First Thanksgiving was celebrated to give thanks to God for helping the pilgrims survive the brutal winter. The first

Thanksgiving feast lasted three days providing enough food for 53 pilgrims and 90 Indians. The traditional Thanksgiving menu often features turkey, stuffing, sweet potatoes and pumpkin pie. Americans may eat these foods on modern day Thanksgiving, but the first feast did not consist of these items. On the first feast turkey was any type of fowl that the pilgrims hunted. Pumpkin pie wasn't on the menu because there were no ovens for baking, but they did have boiled pumpkin. Cranberries weren't introduced at this time. Due to the diminishing supply of flour there was no bread of any kind. The foods included in the first feast included duck, geese, venison,

fish, lobster, clams, swan, berries, dried fruit, pumpkin, squash, and many more vegetables.

As we sit down this ..... Thursday ..... November 26, 2009 ..... and celebrate ..... let us not forget those who are ..... **LESS FORUNATE** ..... as there are those ..... living in Lubbock ..... who will not be as fortunate..... Let's not forget ..... t he elderly who ..... too ..... may be without.....

As ..... **THIS N THAT** ..... believes ..... very strongly ..... **EVERYDAY** ..... is a day of thanksgiving as we know where our help comes from.....

Anyway ..... **MAY GOD BLESS AND KEEP EACH OF YOU** ..... and have a very ..... **HAPPY & BLESSED THANKSGIVING DAY!!!**

**PENNY HASTINGS THE BARBER SAYS:** "Don't ..... **AIM FOR SUCCESS** ..... if you want it; just do what ..... **YOU WANT YOU WANT** , and it will **COME NATURALLY!**

**NEED TO GET BACK TO BASICS!! THIS N THAT** ..... who is unable to drive around Lubbock ..... but when the opportunity happen ..... one can see of so many opportunities ..... available for us in the ..... **EAST LUBBOCK AREA**..... Hopefully ..... in the upcoming year ..... there will be an opportunity for more to get involved.....

**STILL WAITING FOR NAAACP!! THIS N THAT** ..... is hoping the meeting of the re-organization of the ..... **LUBBOCK BRANCH** ..... of the ..... **NAACP**..... Hopefully ..... it will happen!!



## THINK ABOUT IT !

This Is The Beginning Of The Season!!

by Eddie P. Richardson

We are fast approaching the end of the year. It is the time to reflect over the end of the year and all the good and not so good things that occurred over the year. So many of us have forgotten the true meaning of Thanksgiving and why they even had a Thanksgiving. It was the first time the Indians and White Men or Puritans came together to give thanks for a successful crop year. They laid aside all hate, differences, and ill feelings to celebrate and give thanks to the Great Master for their successful past year of good fortune.

If the Indians and Pilgrims could give thanks and praise to God, why can't we? If only we could reflect on the true meaning of the true meaning of what

Thanksgiving really is why can't we forget our differences and and work together with people that we have differences of opinions for fellowship, breaking bread, working together, and coming together for the good of every one concerned. Would it be grand if we could all smoke the peace pipe and solve all of our problems and disagreements.

Our personal thing is put aside all politics, personalities, disagreements, misunderstandings, and get into the giving frenzy out 2009 and preparing for 2010 with vigor. Leaving 2009 in the past and remembering 2009 with passion and great hope and a desire for a prosperous future.

Let's make the best of today and realize and live in the true

season of Thanksgiving and the Christmas season which are approaching and remember it is not the season we have made it to be copremical but it is sacred.

Remember it is a season for family, love, fellowship, and most of all, peace on earth good will toward all mankind and blessings to all hope all had a Happy and Blessed Thanksgiving.

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### An Answer To Brother Hooper

by Brother Worry Free (Chief Appointee)

By BROTHER ASKARI

(Editor's Note: This is a letter from a gentleman named Brother. Worry Free, Chief Appointee of West District, of the High and Low Order of the Holiness Pervasion Church, for the Black man. It was presented to Brother Donnell Hooper in person.)

Brother. Hooper, the article you wrote was very tasteful and delightful. However, one would think you would want to expand your thoughts. Keep telling the truth as you see it and lend no fear to being AFRAID to step on no toes. Since you express yourself as a Servant you must have a desire to walk in the foot step of one who is of the people and for the people both now and for time to come.

However, your voice cannot become help by your own efforts alone. This is not saying that



your efforts are not needed, because in your text you do point out the significance of a new direction, but you left power and discipline which are the nature elements needed daily. For there is a time to be silent and a time to speak.

As a race, we have confused

t he differ difference. It is a known fact that too often we keep silent when we need to speak, and too often we speak when we need to be silent.

The things you express are the simple things so lend no effort in having to be seen socializing with the so-called "Right People", nor use any effort to impress, to flatter, to embellish nor to exaggerate, and let it be known that you deem yourself if as no richer, wiser, holier or greater than no other man.

So continue to use all the opportunities you have to believe in the equality of men. For I am sure that it has been a task that is very dear in heart.

(Editor says: Thanks for your interest. Just keep reading and letting us know what is on your heart. God Bless!

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



Though we have been forced into the Christmas season the minute Halloween was over, we should make an effort to remember that there is a very special time of the year in which we have set aside to commemorate the first successful year of the harvest of fruits and vegetables as one of the first colonies of Europeans to settle in the United States, as well the celebration of a year of helpfulness and harmony with their neighbors, the local Indians. Were it not for the help of the Indians, the colony would not have survived.

From humble beginnings, the woes of war and hostility, the American scene has changed drastically, with those who welcomed the immigrants, subdued and isolated due to a difference in values. Thankfully, the Indians have taken some control of their destiny in using the treaties to regain some of their property, and started profitable businesses to help their tribes. As one of our late presidents said, "The business of America is business."

The businesses of America have borrowed from the national treasury to keep business afloat, but somehow, the American citizen is being

shafted. The cost of credit has increased for anyone who qualifies to secure credit and has been cut off from citizens who are classified as not qualified. Yet, we are urged to 'shop until we drop' for the holiday season. No one mentions to be thankful for what you have and to only purchase those things for which you have the available funds to purchase for the holidays and cele-

brate the love of family. If we take time to enjoy Thanksgiving and really and truly be thankful that we are yet alive and have survived thus far in the year; take inventory of what we are thankful for and be grateful that we are blessed, and decide that the coming holiday is not a time to try to 'keep up with the Jones' because they are really very deep in debt. Decide

that the reason for the season really is Jesus, and what he would do. Help someone who needs help. The merchants do not need our help. They got help from the government. Help ourselves by buying whatever we get or give without getting it on credit. If it takes credit to purchase something we want, leave it in the store! Let Black Friday, be your GREEN Friday! Get 'in

cinque' and make a resolution to live within your means without credit card purchases and see how soon you will be out of the red and able to resist the high pitches of the television hype telling you how to live and how to spend your money! HAVE A THANKFUL THANKSGIVING as we look forward to celebrating the happy birth of the CHRIST CHILD!

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## United Way Campaign raises record amount

Lubbock Area United Way and its supporters celebrated the successful conclusion of the 2009 Campaign at a luncheon today held at the Overton Hotel Conference Center.

Campaign Chair Matt Bumstead announced to a capacity crowd that \$5,503,267 was raised during the campaign, which is the largest amount in the 64 year history of the organization. It represents 102.5 percent of the campaign's goal and is \$238,000 more than last year's total.

The money raised will provide funding for Lubbock Area United Way's 23 Community Partner agencies in 2010. It will help to provide services to individuals and families throughout the Lubbock Area.

Bumstead has reminded vol-

unteers and donors all along that those who have the least are those who hurt the most. "This is the type of year that United Way was built for," said Bumstead. "This campaign has never been just about how much money we can raise. It is about doing everything we can for those who are counting on us to provide the help they need."

**2009 Campaign Totals Division Amount Raised**  
 Corporate and Small Business \$ 925,846  
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## Christmas Hope of Hope Drive

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sproceeds will benefit the families who will receive Toys for Tots assistance at Guadalupe Economic Services Corporation (GESC). For over 30 years GESC has assisted area families and agricultural workers with food, clothing, blankets, gas, rental and utility assistance, and other services.

Diana Lopez, Executive Director of GESC said that they anticipate providing 5,000 food boxes this winter for area families - some are senior citizens, disabled persons, single parents and agricultural workers who in the past have turned to GESC for assistance.

"They're (volunteers) working together to assist families from falling through the cracks at Christmas," she said adding that GESC was humbled to receive interest from so many volunteers

wanting to share their time, services, and in different ways.

Gilbert Herrera, chair of the drive, said that many were concerned to learn of true stories of families with children, going to bed hungry in their community. He said that they were prompted to assure that families would have hope at Christmas.

"We're putting together a giant to work together and make sure those who need the most help, and are most disconnected, can feel assured that they will have the simple pleasures of food and fellowship at Christmas," he said.

He added that individuals and organizations including: Lubbock City Councilwoman Linda DeLeon, County Commissioner Gilbert Flores, LULAC, the American GI Forum, Hispanic Association of Women, the Hispanic Division of the Lubbock Chamber, and other individuals, are participating in the collaborative effort

## Obama Meets With Half-Brother While in China

BEIJING (AP) — President Barack Obama said Wednesday that he met briefly with a half brother who lives in China and who recently wrote a semi-autobiographical novel about the abusive Kenyan father they share.

Obama, who spent three days in China during his first official tour of Asia, acknowledged the meeting in an interview with CNN. He offered no details. An aide said later that the meeting took place Monday night after Obama arrived in Beijing, the Chinese capital.

The White House had declined to say whether the president and Mark Ndesandjo would meet. And no White House official mentioned the visit until Obama did when asked about it.

"I don't know him well. I met him for the first time a couple of years ago," Obama told CNN. "He stopped by with his wife for about five minutes during the trip."

Describing the meeting as "overwhelming" and "intense," Ndesandjo told The Associated Press in an interview Wednesday that he had long anticipated the chance to welcome his famous brother to China.

"I think he came directly off the plane, changed some clothes and then came down and saw us," Ndesandjo said. "And he just gave me a big hug. And it was so intense. I'm still over the moon on it. I am over the moon. And my wife. She is his biggest fan and I think she is still recovering."

In the CNN interview, Obama said he hadn't read his brother's book, "Nairobi to Shenzhen," which features a protagonist who is the son of a Jewish mother and an abusive father from Kenya.

Ndesandjo has revealed in previous interviews that his father, Barack Obama Sr., beat him and his mother. The president also wrote about his father,



Mark Ndesandjo, President Barack Obama's half-brother, gestures as he speaks during an interview in China.

who abandoned him as a child, in his best-selling memoir.

"It's no secret that my father was a troubled person," Obama said. "Anybody who has read my first book, 'Dreams from My Father,' knows that, you know, he had an alcoholism problem, that he didn't treat his families very well. Obviously it's a sad part of my history and my background, but it's not something I spend a lot of time brooding over."

Ndesandjo said he bought tickets months ago to fly from the southern boomtown of Shenzhen, where he has lived since 2002, to Beijing, in hopes of reconnecting with his brother. The two last met in January when Ndesandjo attended Obama's inauguration as a family guest.

The three chatted on Monday, with Obama being introduced to Ndesandjo's wife, a native of Henan, China, whom he married a year ago, he said. He gave few details of what they discussed.

"All I can say is, we talked about family, and it was very powerful because when he came in through that door, and I saw him and I hugged him, and he hugged me and hugged my wife. It was like we were continuing a conversation that had started

many years ago," he said.

The two men did not grow up together. Ndesandjo's mother, Ruth Nidesand, was Barack Obama Sr.'s third wife. Before arriving in Beijing on Monday, Obama had been in a townhall-style meeting with students in Shanghai, and joked that a family gathering at his house "looks like the United Nations."

President Obama's father had been a Kenyan exchange student who met his mother, Kansas native Stanley Ann Dunham, when they were in school in Hawaii. The two separated two years after he was born.

The senior Obama married Ndesandjo's mother after divorcing the president's mother. They returned to Kenya to live, where Mark and his brother, David, were born and raised.

Obama Sr. died in an automobile accident in 1982 at age 46.

Ndesandjo lives near Hong Kong and earns a living as a marketing consultant. For most of that time, he has maintained a low profile, with few people knowing of his connection to the U.S. president.

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