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ministry setting until such a time of healing and restoration could be completed.

When Hargraves and others learned that Johnson had broken the agreement by applying for and receiving a similar position with the First Baptist Church of Winnie, she came forward and filed the charges. Kenneth Hodges, the pastor of the First Baptist Church of Winnie where Johnson now serves, was apprised of the fact that Johnson had engaged in some behavior that called into question his suitability for a position of leadership in the church. Witnesses, who wish to remain unnamed because they attend church with Johnson and his family, called to say that Johnson did apologize to the congregation following a Sunday morning service but alluded to the fact that the charges made against him had to do with an adult

affair and not sexual acts perpetrated by him.

Hargraves vehemently denies these statements and points to the evidence on the videotape as well as the recorded incidents of indecent exposure, masturbation inside the church buildings, fondling and bad language.

Kenneth Hodges, pastor of the church where Johnson now serves in Winnie, told The Examiner by telephone on July 19 that he did not wish to say a word about this case or its disposition.

UPDATE: Hargraves has sought new employment with the U.S. Postal Service. She said, "I am so thankful that justice has been served and that we can put this matter behind us now and go on with our lives."

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COMMUNITY LISTINGS**January 7**

Pre-game reception for Lamar Cardinals vs. Texas State Bobcats basketball match-up, Matt's El Rancho, 2613 S. Lamar Blvd. in Austin, 4 p.m. The event will be a gathering of Austin area alumni and friends of Lamar. Call (409) 880-8921.

January 11

Tenth Anniversary of McCabe Roberts Avenue United Methodist Church, American Legion Hall, Dorie Miller Post 817, 3430 W. Cardinal Drive in Beaumont, 10:30 a.m. The oldest African-American denomination and oldest Caucasian denomination church came together to form one church ten years ago and now offer a unique multi-cultural ministry. Call (409) 833-1831.

January 14

Beaumont History Conference, St. Jude Thaddeus Church, 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

This event is an opportunity to join friends and neighbors in learning something new about Beaumont and Southeast Texas. Conference tickets are \$25, which includes lunch and coffee breaks. Call (409) 832-1906.

January 30

Lamar University 19th annual Distinguished Faculty Lecture, University Theatre, 7:30 p.m. Kenneth Rivers, professor of French at Lamar will present the lecture on "The Meaning of the Movies: 100 Years of Cinema in the U.S. and Around the World." Call (409) 880-8419.

Until March 18, 2006

Visual Arts Alliance 23rd Juried Open Exhibition slides accepted, send SASE to Ann McBride, 2807 Triway Lane, Houston, TX 77043 or e-mail to annmcbride11@hotmail.com. Open to all artists 18 and up, in all media except audio, video or performance

art. Awards are \$2,500 in cash and prizes. Fees are \$30 for 1-3 works and \$25 for members. The exhibition is May 10-June 16.

Ongoing

The Stephen F. Austin High School class of 1995 is planning a reunion for October and needs classmate information. Contact representatives at (409) 983-2060, (409) 736-0274 or (409) 736-2146.

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The Thomas Jefferson High School Class of 1976 is planning its 30-year class reunion for Aug. 12, 2006. Contact drhatchel@sbcglobal.net or stacielynnw@yahoo.com.

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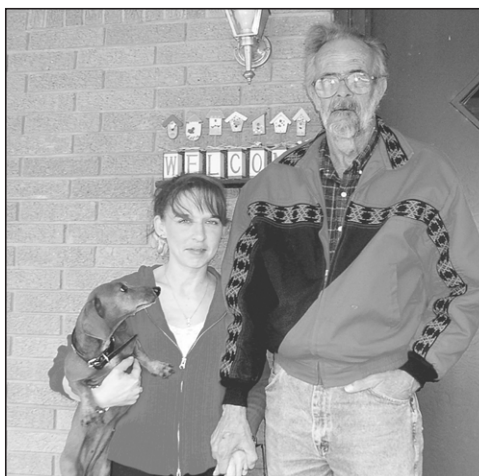
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notices that his home was falling into a state of foreclosure and that he soon would be evicted. Theresa Reed, David's granddaughter, was apprised of the situation and she and her husband, Tracey, a welder, and two children moved into the modest home to help take care of David who was succumbing to the ravages of Alzheimer's disease.

Theresa soon discovered that when her grandmother was alive, she paid not only the payments of \$410 each month on time, but that she had been adding an additional \$50 to go toward reducing the principle in an effort to pay the home mortgage off earlier. Theresa was given power of attorney for her grandfather. David Hawn filed bankruptcy and was advised by his attorney not to pay accounts that were being disputed until legal recourses could be determined.

Citi Financial, who held the mortgage on the home, did not agree with the arrangements that had been made and advised Hawn that a lump sum payment of \$10,000 would be needed to settle the matter at that time. Hawn did not have \$10,000 and could not pay what the company asked. When Mary Hawn passed away on Jan. 24, 2004, a certified copy of her death certificate was mailed to Citi Financial and yet the company continued to address all correspondence to Mary Hawn. Again the company was notified



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Theresa Reed and her family shared her grandfather's home in Lumberton.

of Mrs. Hawn's death and was asked to leave David Hawn's name on the deed to the property. Payments were made as agreed upon from Jan. 9, 2004 until June of 2004 but Hawn said he was still receiving harassing telephone calls and letters.

In September of 2004, Reed says the family received a letter from Citi Financial stating that an additional \$11,000 must be received in its office immediately or the family would face foreclosure. The Reeds and Hawn were never served any paperwork from any court nor have

they been asked to appear in any court. An eviction notice, however, was issued for the removal of the family from the premises.

The Examiner contacted David Fisher, a partner with Orgain, Bell and Tucker LLP, who has 17 years of experience dealing with matters such as this. Fisher stepped in and soon discovered several irregularities in the proceedings and asked the presiding judge to overturn the eviction procedure and sale of the house until matters could be addressed.

"Of course," Fisher told The Examiner, "this still means that the family will have to pay off whatever legitimate balance is owed on the loan amount, but I believe, according to a telephone call I received from the company's attorney, that they are willing to work with us in granting some time to explore the correct figure or either secure a loan or be able to come up with the money needed."

David Hawn wept with relief when the proposal was explained to him.

UPDATE: Sadly, his granddaughter, Theresa Reid, lost her battle with the various illnesses she suffered and died in April, leaving her husband and two children living in the home with her grandfather.

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