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## Community

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

### Meetings

- African American Chamber of Commerce, Lubbock meets on the 3rd Monday of each month, from 5:30-6:30pm at the Parkway Community Center, 405 MLK Blvd., 806-771-1815
- Lubbock Area Client Council meets on the 2nd Saturday, 1:00pm at the Patterson Branch Library
- Hub City Kiwanis meets every Tuesday, 7:00pm, 1708 Avenue G
- Dunbar Alumni Association meets 2nd Saturdays, 4:00 pm
- Booker T. Washington American Legion Post 808 meets every 2nd Tuesday at 7:30pm, American Legion Building in Yellowhouse Canyon
- Forgotten West Riders meets on the 1st & 3rd Mondays, 7:00 pm, Patterson Library
- East Lubbock Chapter AARP meets every 1st Thursday at 1:00 pm, Mae Simmons Community Center
- Lubbock Chapter of Black Alumni meets every 3rd Tuesday, 5:30 pm, TTU Market Alumni Center
- Dunbar/Manhattan Heights Neighborhood Association meets every 1st Thursday at 6:00 pm and every 4th Thursday at 7:00 pm at the Dunbar-Manhattan Heights Neighborhood Outreach Center at 1301 East 24th St.
- West Texas Native American Association Pot Luck Supper meets on alternating months prior to meeting, meetings held on 2nd Saturday of each month 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 Native American Association meets 2nd Saturday each month at Groves Library, 5520 19th Street, 7:30 p.m.
- West Texas Chapter of 100 Black Men meets the 3rd Monday evening at 7:00 pm at the Parkway Neighborhood Center.
- The Parkway Guadalupe & Cherry-Point Neighborhood Association meets the 3rd Tuesday evening of each month at 7:30 pm at Hapt Elementary.
- Chairman Hill Neighborhood Association meets the 2nd Thursday of every month at 6:00 pm, at the Elementary Cafeteria.

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

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## Democrat John Edwards Endorses Obama Last Week In Michigan

DEARBORN, MI - Democrat John Edwards endorsed former rival Barack Obama on Wednesday, a move designed to help solidify support for the party's likely presidential nominee even as Hillary Rodham Clinton refuses to give up her long-shot candidacy.

Edwards made a surprise appearance with Obama in Grand Rapids, Mich., as the Illinois senator campaigns in a critical general election battleground state. The endorsement came a day after Clinton defeated Obama by more than 2-to-1 in the West Virginia primary. The loss highlighted Obama's challenge in winning over the "Hillary Democrats" — white, working-class voters who also supported Edwards in significant numbers before he exited the race in late January.

Edwards, who received a thunderous ovation when Obama introduced him to a crowd of several thousand, said, "brothers and sisters, we must come together as Democrats" to defeat McCain. "We are here tonight because the Democratic voters have made their choice, and so have I."

He said Obama "stands with me" in a fight to cut poverty in half within 10 years. Edwards also praised Clinton, saying "we are a stronger party" because of her involvement, and "we're going to have a stronger nominee in the fall because of her work."

He said Clinton is a "woman who is made of steel. She is a leader in this country not because of her husband but because of what she has done."

Clinton campaign chairman Terry McAuliffe said in a statement, "We respect John Edwards, but as the voters of West Virginia showed last night, this thing is far from over."



Democrat John Edwards and Senator Barack Obama

Edwards, a former North Carolina senator and the 2004 vice presidential nominee, finished second to Obama in the Iowa caucus in early January before coming in third in the following three contests. He dropped out in New Orleans, the location a reminder of his attention to poverty.

Both Obama and Clinton immediately asked Edwards for his endorsement, but he stayed mum for more than four months. His endorsement would have carried far more clout if he had made it in February, when the Obama-Clinton outcome was very much in doubt.

A person close to Edwards, speaking on condition of anonymity, said he wanted to get involved now to begin unifying the party. Obama also signed on to

Edwards' anti-poverty initiative, which he launched Tuesday with the goal of reducing poverty in the United States by half within 10 years.

When he made his decision, Edwards didn't even tell many of his former top advisers because he wanted to inform Clinton personally, said the person close to him. Edwards' wife, Elizabeth, who has said she thinks Clinton has the superior health care plan, did not travel with him to Michigan and is not part of the endorsement.

David "Mudcat" Saunders, a chief adviser for Edwards on rural affairs during his presidential campaign, said the endorsement should take some sting out of Obama's resounding loss in West Virginia.

"For Barack Obama, I think he

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## Dunbar Middle School Panther Band Participates In Festival

Saturday, May 10, 2008, the Dunbar Middle School Panther Band and Advanced Band participated in the Abernathy Annual Band Festival.

After weeks of preparation and hard work, both bands received superior ratings.

The superior ratings gave them both a sweepstakes trophy.

By the end of the festival, the Advanced Band also received a 'Best' in Class trophy. The Best in Class ratings represented the best middle school band performance

of the festival.

With hard work and dedication, the Dunbar Middle school Panther Bands proved that it's not the quantity, but the quality that counts.

Congratulations are in store for the Dunbar Middle School Panther Band and Advanced Band for a job well done. Just think in a few years, the community will hear good things about these young people who did well at the Dunbar Middle School.



Washington, DC - About 300 people received a strong dose of holistic therapy during the National Coalition on Black Civic Participation's (NCBCP) Eleventh Annual Spirit of Democracy Awards Ceremony held in Washington DC last week. Dinner guests were treated with good food, a mixture of church and gospel music delivered by Pastor Shirley Caesar, and poignant remarks brought by Chairman's Circle awardee Charles B. Rangel, chair, Ways and Means Committee U. S. Congress

## Remember When..... Donnell Bailey & Margaret Gentry Were Chosen Sophomore Favorites At Dunbar High School in 1970!



The Dunbar High School All Class Reunion will be held July 13 through 20, 2008. All 1966-1970 graduates and students are asked to make preparation for this exciting event. If you know someone who is a former graduate or student, tell them about coming home in June!

## Youth Fishing Derby Sponsored By 100 Black Men of America

The West Texas Chapter of 100 Black Men of America, Texas Parks and Wildlife and Wildlife Game Wardens are co-sponsoring a Youth Fishing Derby on Saturday morning, June 7, 2008, beginning at 8:00 a.m. at the Mae Simmons Park, East 23rd Street and Oak Avenue.

This event will involve: instructions on fishing and conservation of wildlife resources; fish-

ing in a stocked lake, as the fish will be in the water and it's up to the young people to catch them; an outdoor cook-out; prizes for the fishing tournament in each age group and fishing poles and baits will be provided.

There will be three age groups for fishing: 8 year old and under, 9 years to 13 years of age and 14 years to 17 years of age.

## 1970 Panther Basketball Court



In 1970, there were some pretty young ladies at Dunbar High School who in the Panther Basketball Court. Broshell Queen was Linda Emerson, co-captain; Daphne Newton, 1st Runner-Up, right, and Lillian Lincoln, 2nd Runner-Up, left.



**Chatman Hills Corner**  
By Doris Reynolds

The community is invited to the Annual School's Out BBQ on Saturday afternoon, June 7, 2008, beginning at 12:00 noon at Butler Park, East 4th Street and Zenth Avenue. Parents are asked to be in attendance to help supervise their little children. This event is being sponsored by Chef Tyrone & Lubbock Holiday Inn, E Each One Reach One Ministries, Southwest Digest, and New Light Baptist Church. Pastor Kenneth Jackson.

Fellowship Day will be held at

the Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church at 11:00 a.m. on Sunday morning, June 22, 2008. It will also be a Men's Day with annual Men's Day at 3:00 p.m. Brother Victor Robertson is chairperson.

The Family and Friends Day will be held at the Hope Deliverance Temple. Artist will include Amber Wiley, Victory In Praise, Hope Deliverance Temple, Quigley Sisters, Revelations and many more.

It will be held Sunday after-

noon, May 25, 2008, beginning at 3:00 p.m.

This program will feature Rai of Atlanta, Georgia.

The public is invited to attend.

The Federation of Choirs will meet Sunday afternoon, May 25, 2008, at 2:30 p.m. at the First Progressive Baptist Church, beginning at 2:30 p.m. The Inspiration Choir of First Progressive will be singing.

The public is invited to attend.

Church services were well attended last Sunday morning, May 18, 2008, at the New Hope Baptist Church, where the proud pastor is Rev. B. R. Moton.

Services got underway with meditation and prayer. The Praise Team sang out of their hearts. After the reading of the scripture and morning prayer, the New Hope Choir sang several selections.

Pastor Moton delivered a dynamic sermon. His subject was "That's The Way It Is!" His scripture was 1 John 5:12. It was a very inspiring message.

Sister Shawnd Bass read the morning announcements, and Sister Linda Henderson welcomed all visitors.

Let us continue to pray for our sick and shut in citizens. Let us keep in mind that God is able.

There are those who have lost loved ones. Among them include Sister Marjorie Thomas who lost a sister who was funeralized in Detroit, Michigan last week.

Remember God is able no matter what our problems may be. We can't depend on man to do it for us. It takes God for anything.

**New Light Baptist Church News**

On Sunday, May 18, 2008 service got started at the church with Rev. Kenneth Jackson, pastor, presiding.

Sunday School started at 9:45 a.m. with Bro. David Chiles teaching the lesson titled: "Be Trustworthy" with the scriptures 1 Samuel 18:1-4; 19:4-7; 20:10-13, 16 & 17.

Question to ask is **WHAT STEPPING STONES CAN I PUT IN PLACE TO BUILD TRUST IN MY RELATIONSHIP?**

Morning worship started at 11:00 a.m. with the devoted Praise Team leading the way. The Senior Choir marched in singing "We've Come This Far By Faith". They also sang "The Lord Is Blessing Me", "Standing In The Need" and "God Specializes".

The morning announcements were read by Sister Rochelette Hood, Sister Angela Johnson welcomed all visitors.

The pulpit devotion was led by the pastor with the responsive reading from Psalm 46:1-11 and

the sermon titled: "AND THAT'S THE WAY IT IS!" John 3:15-18. It was very inspiring.

After the sermon, the congregation sang "Something Got A Hold on Me".

Let us continue to pray for those on our prayer list also those in our communities and surrounding counties.

Last Sunday afternoon at 3:30 p.m., the choir had a Musical for the soul program. The members of the Bethel Missionary Baptist Church was in attendance and blessed our hearts with three wonderful selections.

**Scripture For The Week:** A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches and loving favour rather than silver and gold. The rich and poor meet together: the lord is the maker of them all. Proverbs 2:21-22.

Have a Blessed Week and may God continue Bless each of you. He is always able.

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



Pastors Johnny & Pat Perez

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

"We are happy of how God is blessing us with our many Church Ministries," says Pastor Johnny Perez. For information, call 747-9436.

The Church of the Blessed will be having Outreach at the Clovis Flea Market. Discipleship Classes are held on Tuesday evenings at 7:00 p.m.

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

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**Library Schedules For Week**

**Book Discussion at Patterson Branch Library**

The Left-to-Right Book Discussion Group will meet at the Patterson Branch Library, 1836 Parkway Drive, at 2 p.m. on Saturday, May 24 to discuss *Sin No More* by Kimberly Lawson Roby. Copies of the book are available for checkout at the library. For more information, please call the library at 767-3300.

**Teen Book Discussion at the Godeke Branch Library**

The Godeke Branch Library's teen book group "A Novel Idea" will meet at the Godeke Branch Library, 6601 Quaker, at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, May 27. This month, we will discuss "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest" by Ken Kesey. Ages 15 and up. For more information, call 792-6566.

**Teen Movie Program at Patterson Branch Library**

Teens are invited to the Patterson Branch Library, 1836 Parkway Drive, at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, May 28 for a movie. See what happens when a trio of talented chipmunks becomes an overnight sensation. Refreshments will be served, courtesy of the Friends of the Library. For more information, call 767-3360.

Bilingual Storytime at Godeke Branch Library

The Godeke Branch Library, 6601 Quaker Avenue, invites children to a bilingual storytime at 2 p.m. on Thursday, May 29. We will read the English and Spanish versions of Patricia Polacco's book "Pink and Say." This program was made possible by a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities. For more information, call 792-6566.

**May 12, 1970 Tornado Leaves Death, Rubble By the Avalanche-Journal**



A massive tornado ripped through the heart of downtown Lubbock late Monday night - leaving death, destruction in the millions, and a city badly crippled.

Unofficial estimates placed the dead at 2 a.m. today as high as 20, with more than 200 hurt, at least 14 of those hospitalized. However, other reports indicated the toll might not go above 12.

The twister, which also was accompanied on the fringe of its funnel with winds clocked in excess of 200 mph, left damage in the area generally bordered by 19th Street and University Avenue and in the area north and east of that point.

Damage easily will run into the millions of dollars. At 2 a.m. as an eerie quiet settled over the torn business section, rescue workers continued to dig into shattered homes and crumbled buildings for possible other victims of the savage storm - the first time in the city's 70-year history it has been hit full force by a tornado.

The hardest hit area of the business section appeared to be in

a triangle starting at 15th and Avenue Q and spreading out as the funnel gouged its destructive path northeastward.

Standing starkly against the blacked out sky, lighted by emergency power, was the First National Bank Building - huge holes torn in its glass and marble, debris and marble and concrete blocks, some of which fell five or six stories, crushed cars parked around the buildings.

Early today a state of emergency existed in a large part of the city, with police, Department of Public Safety, and other officials patrolling the streets.

A curfew has been ordered by the city's mayor, Jim Granbury.

An appeal was issued throughout the city for residents to conserve water until pumps which had been knocked out by

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He is a 1996 graduate of Estacado High School. He attended the University of Texas where he graduated in the Spring 2003 with a degree in Bachelor of Arts. In May 2004, he graduated from the University of Colorado School of Law with a Degree of Juris Doctor.

Rodney is the son of Cecelia Robinson and Rodney Lewis, Sr.

the tornado could be put back into operation. The city's two major hospitals, West Texas and Methodist, were swamped, several other hospitals were reportedly taxed to capacity, treating persons for lacerations and mostly minor injuries.

Power and telephone loss was widespread.

The National Guard and Army Reserve units immediately were mobilized in addition all off-duty fire and police personnel plus crews from the Lubbock County sheriff's office, Reese Air Force Base, City of Lubbock and American Red Cross first aid and disaster experts pitched in.

Even just plain property owners, many of them with property damage and injuries - were pressed into service, directing traffic, watching devastated stores and helping in any way they could.

As the storm lifted, looting became widespread, but law enforcement officers were too busy shuttling dead and injured and attending to more important duties.

Businessmen were urged over emergency broadcast facilities to protect their own firms.

The northern half of Lubbock was ashambles.

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# Church News



## From the Desk of Parson D.A. Smith "Negative Press Distracts Churches From Mission"

Allow me one more time to divert from my thoughts on Black Liberation Theology to share with you an article by Bishop T. D. Jakes submitted to CNN, entitled: "Negative press distracts churches from mission".

Bishop wrote "The blood-washed church for which Jesus died is not relegated to one group or another; nor is it held hostage by politics or ethnicity. It is a breathing, living testament to God's love and grace. It serves its community where it is located and is aware of the needs and nuances of that community. However, its relevance and vision must go beyond its community and reach the world for which Christ died.

Today as the church moves from its introspective posture to a broader role in politics, business, media and impacting societal ills, it has the dubious and daunting task of doing so without losing its core function. Like all such organization that cease to be intrinsically focused, it runs the risk of being totally misunderstood and misaligned.

I have listened and watched the events of the last few days with great disappointment as the church and the so-called African-

American church, in particular, has been painted rather negatively with a broad, wide-ranging brush. I personally wish the distinctions of the church by ethnicity would one day become an antiquated idea. But this will require more people moving from segregated worship experience. Until then, the church is becoming increasingly bruised by those who seek to move it from its core principles and make it an instrument of division rather than a catalyst for unity!

To say the current picture in the media of the institution that I have loved all of my life is less than flattering would be an understatement. And because I know that many Americans unfortunately do not venture outside of the comfort of their own groups for worship, the only understanding some will have of who we are is based largely on sound bites and media portrayals. I want to set the record straight!

I am afraid that once again our churches will be victimized by stereotypical ideas and opinions that are based in whole or in part by the extreme and not the norm. The church I have read about in the media-a church filled with divisiveness, a lack of tolerance for other ethnic groups, a church

not focused on helping the down-trodden and less fortunate, a church filled with hostility-does not remotely resemble the churches that I grew up around and have loved for more than 50 years.

The African-American church I know is filled with programs designed to address the many ills that afflict our society: HIV/AIDS, homelessness, reducing the rate of recidivism, assisting with employment and job training, economic development and financial management classes, home buying seminars, food banks to feed the hungry, schools to educate and an active plan to guide our youth. Those outreaches have been colorblind, passionate depictions of Christ's love for all humanity.

The predominantly African-American church may be founded by an African American, it may be led on Sunday by an African American, but as you look through the crowd of these beacons of hope and faith, you will see an increasing audience that is much more reflective of our world than many would have you to believe. White, black, Hispanic, Asians-nationalities from all across the world come together -some to visit our

## We Thank God for Jesus

### "AMERICA IS DAMNED"

(A re-write from 6-2-95, before Rev. Wright said 'God Damn America')

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

My people know not the judgment of the lord.  
From the rights in the garden, are the same wrongs of adam and eve.  
The devil is telling man today his rights are ok; he's being deceived!!!  
Proverb 14:12 -There is a way which seems rights unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death.  
(You see god didn't give man his rights; god said go into all the world and preach the gospel. If god wanted man to have rights, he would have set the jews free first; they were slaves to the romans! But he sent his son to died on the cross, for all of man's sin. The only rights mankind has is to believe on Jesus Christ and be

saved; like everyone else!!!)  
This country is blind; and its leading the children; who are also blind.  
We're against drugs; and are putting them before the children; all the time!!!  
Luke 23:28 -- Jesus said, daughters of jerusalem, weep not for me, but weep for yourselves, and for your children.  
Our children love sports, and there is plenty drugs on the tv.  
We show them lite-beer teasing them; you think they only to see???

Because america loves irony; and don't where it come from.  
There is cheating in the white house; the church house and beyond!!!  
1 Timothy 6:10 -- For the love of money is the root of all evil; which while some covete; after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.  
This country was built on prayer; and the word of god.  
Now its hell bound now; because it don't want to obey; the word of the lord.  
(I've heard that America is a christian nation, but that is not true. This is a savage land! The word savage means: L:3 not under human control; it's untamed, it's

churches, to enjoy our music and ministers and still others are gradually starting to join our churches. Gradually race fades into the fabric of faith and becomes less central to the overarching core of human needs in general. It is a perfect union? Of course not. Is there work to do? Absolutely! But the core message is not one that enrages, but one that encourages

people to change and grow, and any other desire for the continuation of diversity instead of exclusion....  
I am wondering who will get the message that our nation's citizens are by and large looking for a voice that will unite us, clothe our naked, feed the poor and help our diminishing middle class before we self-destruct like

many great empires of the past. Who cares what color they are, what banner they fly, what gender they are, or how they pronounce their names? This is a defining moment in our history, and we are about to destroy greatness with petty self-aggrandizing egotism!  
...The Bible said that while good men slept, evil ones came

# St. Matthew's Baptist Church News

Church services at the St. Matthew Baptist, 2020 East 14th Street, were again well attended last Sunday morning, May 18, 2008, where the proud pastor is Rev. Edward Canady.

If you are looking for a Church home, then come and visit St. Matthew Baptist Church on any Sunday morning and worship the Lord with us.

Services got underway at 10:15 a. m. on last Sunday with Sunday School.

The subject of the lesson was "Finishing The Task." The scripture text was Nehemiah 4:1-3, 7-9, 13-15, 6:15. The main thought was found in Nehemiah 4:6.

The lesson was taught by Sister Shirley Jackson. It was another wonderful job done.

Pastor Canady reviewed the morning lesson.

The morning devotion got underway at 11:15 a. m. with Deacon Edward Williams and Sister Ethel Williams were in charge. The spirit of the Lord was again very high with a continuation of prayer by Sister Annie Stanley.

The St. Matthew Baptist

Church Choir again sung out of their hearts and souls last Sunday morning.

Pastor Canady delivered another dynamic sermon. His subject was "You Must Be Born Again!!!" His scripture text was John 3:1-7. It was another wonderful and inspiring message.

Thought of the Week:  
Growing old is a blessing when you are growing closer to God.

Let us continue to attend your Church on Sunday mornings. See you in Church Sunday!

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## Outreach Prayer Breakfast

These remarks are from the members of the Outreach Prayer Breakfast.

Avoid negative sources, people, things and habits.  
Believe in yourself.  
Consider things from every angle.  
Don't give up and don't give in.  
Enjoy life today, yesterday is gone, tomorrow may never come.  
Family and friends are hidden treasures, seek them. Enjoy their riches.  
Give more than you planned to.  
Hang on to your dreams.  
Ignore those who try to discourage you.  
Just do it!  
Keep trying no matter how hard it seems, it will get easier.  
Love yourself first.  
Make it happen.  
Never lie, cheat or steal.  
Always strike a fair deal.  
Open your eyes and heart and see things as they are.  
Practice makes perfect.  
Quitters never wins and winners never quit.  
Read the word, study and learn about everything important in life.  
Stop procrastinating.  
Take control of your own destiny through Jesus Christ.  
Understand yourself in order to better understand others.  
Visualize it.  
Wanting the love of God in my heart more than anything.  
Accelerate your efforts. Work on it daily.  
You are unique, out of all God's creations. Nothing can replace you, so,  
Zero in on God's promises. There are many.

Small Straws In A Soft Wind  
Many of my people are feeling off-balance and even unstable at this time. You will make it through this period of instability if you will determine not to allow these feelings to throw you into a tail spin. This too shall pass, but you must be persistent in your efforts to push through. You will find your spiritual equilibrium by taking a firm stand in faith that I am the solid Rock on which you stand, says the Lord, and that I will uphold you and not allow you to go down.

Matthew 14:26-31 And when the disciples saw Him walking on the sea, they were troubled, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out for fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, "Be of good cheer! It is I; do not be afraid." And Peter answered Him and said, "Lord, if it is You, command me to come to You on the water." So He said, "Come." And when Peter had come down out of the boat, he walked on the water to go to Jesus. But when he saw that the wind was boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink he cried out, saying, "Lord, save me!" And immediately Jesus stretched out His hand and caught him, and said to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?"

In six days, the LORD made Heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day and sanctified it. Exodus 20:11.

Let us continue to pray for those who are sick and shut in list. Your precious prayers are always welcomed when there are those who are sick and shut-in. Just pray! If you have an opportunity to telephone and visit, it will

be most appreciative.

Thank for reading our column each week. It is great to be able to bring information to each of you through this weekly effort. May God continue bless each of you.

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

Let us remember those who are sick and shut-in. Among them include: Sister Bernice Hameed who is a patient in Covenant Health System, Room 874.

Sister Luella Harris is still in rehab. Sister Orcha Moore is recuperating at home.

Remember, all who are sick and shut-in. Just think, it may be them today, and tomorrow it could be you or I.

The ravages of time cannot be stopped. Yes, outwardly we perish everyday. But inner strength of heart can be renewed by trusting in the Lord to light

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## CeCe Winans Makes Guest Appearance on NBC's Today Show

Winans Joins Star-Studded Musical Event to Celebrate AARP 50th Anniversary

Los Angeles, CA (BlackNews.com) - Wednesday, May 14th fans throughout the U.S. tuned into NBC's Today Show to catch Winans in the ten o'clock hour chatting about her upcoming participation in AARP's star-studded 50th Anniversary musical. The once in a lifetime mega-event is directed by Golden Globe, Emmy and Tony award-winning producer and choreographer Debbie Allen featuring heavy-weight female vocalists such as: Chaka Khan, Dionne Warwick, Queen Latifah, Patti Austin, Shirley Caesar, Yolanda Adams, Ann Nesby and others. The two-hour event titled "Songs of Soul and Inspiration" will take place at the Philips Arena in Atlanta, GA and is open to the general public. Tickets can be purchased through Ticketmaster online at [www.ticketmaster.com/aarp](http://www.ticketmaster.com/aarp) or via phone at (404) 249-6400.

Winans has been on a fast track for the past month promoting her new CD, Thy Kingdom Come (PureSprings Gospel / EMI) laying claim to her third consecutive #1 debut on the Billboard Gospel Charts and her seventh #1 overall on the charts after the release of her eighth solo CD in April. The first single, "Waging War" received the most increased plays at R&R during the first few weeks of release and landed in the Billboard's Hot Box as top selling Gospel CD of the week. As part of the marketing plan Verizon customers were able to download the



CeCe Winans

single, "Forever" as a full-length song, ring tone and ring back via their V-Cast service. Thy Kingdom Come still maintains top positioning on charts as the label gears up for the second gospel single, "It Ain't Ova", written and produced by Percy Bailey. In addition single, "Test of Time" going for adds at Christian Radio.

Multiple GRAMMY®, Dove, Stellar, and Soul Train award winner CeCe Winans is one of the leading female vocalists in pop and Christian/gospel music. In her more than two decades as a performer, she has sold more than 3 million albums as a solo artist and 5 million as part of blockbuster duo BeBe & CeCe Winans, as well as attained a number of smash singles, including the epic "Count on Me," her hit R&B duet with Whitney Houston. Throughout her career, Winans has garnered widespread media coverage, including cover stories for Essence, Jet, Women's World, CCM, and Today's Christian Woman, plus high-profile appearances on The Today Show, Good Morning America, Live with Regis & Kathie Lee, Oprah, and countless more. In 1999, Winans launched PureSprings Gospel, a boutique imprint for her own albums and those of new, up-and-coming talent in gospel music and beyond.

## Rapper Remy Ma Gets Eight-Year Prison Term

By Sami M. Masli, Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) A weeping Remy Ma was sentenced to eight years in prison Tuesday for shooting a woman outside a Manhattan nightclub. "I feel so bad for all the physical and mental pain you've gone through," the Grammy-nominated rapper told the victim. "This has taken a toll on us and both our families. I would never wish you harm and I pray the best for all of us."

The entertainer, whose real name is Remy Smith, had faced up to 25 years in prison for assault, weapon possession and attempted coercion for shooting Makela Barnes Joseph last July in a dispute over money.

Smith, 26, begged the judge for leniency for the sake of "my little boy," saying she grew up "surrounded by failure, violence and poverty," but "made something out of nothing" from her life.

State Supreme Court Justice Rena Uviller said she recognized that Smith had had a difficult childhood, but noted the victim had nearly died and will never be the same physically. Uviller called the rapper "a young woman whose anger is out of control."

After the sentencing, Smith's fiancé, fellow rapper Papoose, began screaming in a hallway outside the courtroom. "All you want is money!" he said, apparently referring to the victim.

"Lock me up! Lock me up!" he then shouted to court officers, who escorted him out of the courtroom.

The couple had planned to wed last weekend at the Rikers Island jail, where Smith has been incarcerated. Correction officials said they called off the wedding after Papoose showed up with a handcuff key.

Smith's lawyer, Ivan Fisher,



Remy Ma

said Papoose had a key but denied that it could be used to open handcuffs. Papoose, whose real name is Sham'ro Mackie, hasn't been charged.

Fisher said the couple still plan to wed. The fight in Manhattan's trendy Meatpacking District erupted after Smith accused Joseph of taking \$2,000 from her purse. Prosecutors said she then fired two .45-caliber slugs into the woman's abdomen and fled without calling police or for medical help. Fisher said the sentence would be appealed.

He said the women struggled and the gun went off accidentally. He said Joseph's story changed when her lawyer was preparing a \$20 million lawsuit, which was later withdrawn.

Smith was nominated for a Grammy as part of the Terror Squad for the 2004 smash "Lean Back."

sons for the Philadelphia 76ers, Phoenix Suns and Houston Rockets. He was named league MVP in 1993 and was an 11-time NBA All-Star. Barkley also played on the USA Olympic "Dream Team" in 1992 and 1996.

Barkley has made no secret of his gambling over the years. He estimated during a May 2006 interview with ESPN that he'd gambled away about \$10 million over the years.

"Do I have a gambling problem? Yeah, I do have a gambling problem," Barkley said. "But I don't consider it a problem because I can afford to gamble."

He said he never bet on basketball, and only bet in casinos.



L. Douglas Wilder

## Wilder won't run for 2nd term as Richmond mayor

RICHMOND, Va. — L. Douglas Wilder, the nation's first elected Black governor, announced Friday that he would not seek re-election as Richmond's mayor, likely bringing his storied political career to a close.

The 77-year-old grandson of slaves announced his plans to retire during a meeting with Richmond city department directors, then issued a news release. He didn't disclose his future plans.

"I've done everything you can do," Wilder said in a brief, televised statement. He declined requests for interviews.

Wilder was elected mayor in 2004, the first popularly elected mayor of Richmond since the 1940s — and a decade after he left the governor's office.

During his time as mayor, Wilder's approval ratings and poor relations with the City Council and the school board. By last October, polling by the Richmond Times Dispatch showed only 35 percent of those surveyed would support Wilder for re-election.

His decision to leave office does not come as a surprise because of his sinking popularity, and he had not mobilized a re-election campaign. Several rivals, including a popular Democratic state legislator and an estranged longtime Wilder adviser, announced their candidacy weeks ago.

He was praised for guiding the state through a crippling recession during the outbreak of the first Persian Gulf War by shepherding austere budgets without tax increases.

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## Barkley Says He'll Pay Huge Gambling Debt



LAS VEGAS (AP) Charles Barkley acknowledged he owes a \$400,000 gambling debt to a Las Vegas Strip casino and promised Thursday to repay it after a prosecutor said the retired NBA star faced criminal charges. "My mistake," Barkley said in an interview at a pro-am golf tournament in Hoover, Ala. "I'm not broke, and I'm going to take care of it."

Barkley was responding to comments by Clark County District Attorney David Roger, who said prosecutors would file a criminal complaint if he did not pay the debt cited by the Wynn Las Vegas resort.

"He'll have an opportunity like anybody else to make restitution to the hotel," Roger said.

The casino alleged in a civil

complaint filed Wednesday in a Nevada state court and first reported by the Las Vegas Sun that Barkley failed to repay four \$100,000 casino markers, or loans, received last Oct. 18 and 19.

"To date, and despite repeated demands, Barkley has refused to repay the \$400,000," the complaint said.

In a radio interview with sports station WJOX in Birmingham, Ala., Barkley repeatedly blamed himself for letting the debt lapse.

He told radio interviewers and a reporter at the golf tournament that the debt stemmed from a wager on the 2008 Super Bowl. He did not explain why Wynn alleged the loans were made in

October. "I've been gambling 20 years. I've never had this happen before," the 45-year-old Barkley told WJOX. "It's my fault. I let the time lapse. I screwed up."

Barkley, now a basketball analyst for Turner Network Television, denied any personal financial problems, and said the casino didn't call him before filing the complaint.

"All they had to do is call and say, 'Hey, you owe us this money,'" he said.

A Wynn Las Vegas spokeswoman did not immediately respond to Barkley's comments. A hotel official earlier declined comment on the court case, citing ongoing litigation.

Barkley could be granted up to six months to pay if he agrees to the standard district attorney's office restitution program, bad check unit chief Bernie Zadrowski said. He would be responsible for the \$400,000 plus a 10 percent program fee totaling \$40,000.

Roger said that if the case remains unresolved, as many as four felony theft or four felony bad check charges could be filed. The possible penalty for each theft conviction is one to 10 years in state prison. A conviction on a felony bad check charge could carry a one- to four-year term.

Barkley played 16 NBA sea-

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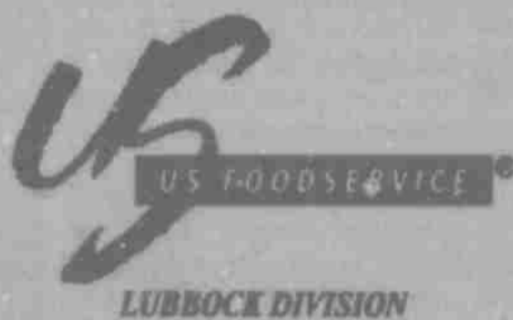
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## THIS N THAT

by T.J. Patterson

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## Think About It!

It Has To Come From Within!

by Eddie P. Richardson

Too long we have sit around on our behinds waiting for the government, some social agency, church or community organization or any one else who will give us a hand out in a lot of cases, the thing that is so bad about the whole situation is the agency tramps that is professional agency game players. But just take a good look around you and you will see how they play the social action game, know what agency does what and when, what time you get this, what time you get that, they know how the game is played and when and to play it. Most of all can believe it some of the game players make a profit

from playing the welfare or aid game believe it or not it's sad but it's true. We are waiting a hand out when we should be looking for a hand up some of us have forgotten while the rest of us do or did not know that the government is a drying up stream, education the first time in history while business and industry is the mighty ocean while are still fighting over government grants and aid and grants while we walk right by the mighty ocean business and industry which controls government, Republican, Democrat,

Liberation, Independent, green and every thing else under over around and in between. After all is said and done for our long denied communities to become the self sustaining market places they should and ought to be the leadership and initiative must come from within every tribe that was led out of slavery bondage, or oppressive situation was led by someone from their own tribe which goes to prove you can't get to Heaven riding Pharaoh's Chariot. We have to hitch a ride or get smart and build our own.

## Thank God For Jesus

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Ferocious, uncivilized, rude and sick. It kills people with drugs.) \*\*\*\*\* Will America Rob God? \*\*\*\*\* This country has lost it's morals, and everything that's sin is all right. Even the lesbians & homosexual: come out today; once it was only at night!!!

**Jude 7** -- Even as Sodom and Gomorrah, and the cities about them in like manner, giving themselves over to fornication, and going after strange flesh, are set forth for an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire. America go to the moon, do heart & kidney transplants and say, we're wise.

That is the way of a fool; proud, arrogant, self-esteemed in her own eyes!!! **Psalm 14:1** The fool has said in his heart, there is no god. They are corrupt, they have done abominable works, there is none that do good. (If you take the middle three letter out of Jerusalem, you'll get u.s.a. and we don't take care of our children!!!) **Luke 13:34,35** -- Jesus said, O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, which kills the prophets, and stone them that are sent unto you; how often

would I have gathered your children together, as a hen do gather her brood under her wings, and you would not, behold, your house is left unto you desolate; and I say unto you, you shall not see me, until the time come when you shall say, blessed is he that come in the name of the Lord. God is not through with us yet, so lets pray for one another always. AMEN! AMEN! AMEN!

**Oooops!** We left out the names of two grandchildren in the obituary of Mrs. Edna Raye Walker last week, May 15, 2008. They were LaTonia Walker and Terrence Walker. It was mentioned that the funeral home was Griffin Mortuary, but it should have been Ossie Curry Funeral Home of Lubbock. We're sorry for these mistakes!

## In Cinque

by Renetta Howard



Howard

There may be some advantages to same sex marriages, though I for one will never be able to see or understand it. We know that morality cannot be legislated and that those people who are very happy now because of the California ruling would probably have continued in their mode of living even if the courts had not ruled in their favor.

In this Christian society, it is and will be very difficult to reckon with legal, same sex marriages which by all means go against the grain of morality. This ruling comes at a time when our country's morality is about at the lowest peak of all times. It comes when our young people are completing a phase of their education at the elementary, secondary, college and graduate levels. This is something that will stick in their minds as they attempt to enter another phase of their education or join the world of work. This ruling will also have an effect on education as every phase of learning deals with a marriage being between a man and a woman. The

components of a family entail a father, a mother and a child or children. How will the courts determine the 'she' from the 'he'? What will their children call them? Mom number 1 and 2 or Dad number 1 and 2?

How are regular communities going to accept these couples in neighborhoods where there are impressive children? How will normal parents explain these couples to their children? How will children explain these arrangements to each other? How are textbooks going to address the very existence of same sex marriages?

The next question is how will same sex marriages affect business in this country as if it is not already complicated enough? Somehow, I just do not see how the existence of legal same sex marriages is not going to present some embarrassments and hurt feelings in daily lives. A lot of soul searching and patience will have to go into the acceptance of such marriages into the greater society. It is time to get 'in cinque' and hope that the court realized its error and then correct it.

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**Dunbar International Alumni Association**  
P. O. Box 3362 - Lubbock, Texas 79452

**Schedule Of Events**

The Dunbar All-Class Reunion will be held July 17-20, 2008. The following activities have been planned for you:

**Thursday, July 17, 2008**  
9:00 a. m. - 3:00 p. m.  
Registration @ Dunbar Middle School  
9:00 - 1:00 p. m. Reception @ UMC Activities Center  
5217 82nd Street - (806) 783-8829

**Friday, July 18, 2008**  
7:00 a. m. Golf  
9:00 a. m. - 12 Noon Registration Dunbar Middle School  
1:00 p. m. - 2:00 p. m. - JAM Session Dunbar Middle Sch.  
6:00 p. m. - 8:00 p. m. - Barbecue & Lubbock Memorial Civic Center - 1501 Mac Davis Dr.  
Dance - Lubbock Memorial Center  
(Dress Casual, Western or Maroon & White)  
(No Children)

**Saturday, July 19, 2008**  
7:00 a. m. Golf  
9:00 a. m. - 12 Noon Free Time To Visit Classmates  
12 Noon - 1:00 p. m. Tour of Elin Hies/Roberts School  
1:00 p. m. - 2:00 p. m. - Alumni Meeting @ Dunbar Alumni Building  
(Optional Activities)  
2:00 p. m. Banquet/Dance  
7:00 p. m. - 1:00 a. m. Semi-Formal/Coat & Tie  
Lubbock Civic Center

Dinner Times will start promptly @ 7 p. m. until 8 p. m.

**Sunday, July 20, 2008**  
8:30 a. m. - 10:45 a. m. - Farewell Breakfast/Memorial Services  
Lubbock Memorial Civic Center  
Attend a Church of Your Choice!  
11:00 a. m.

To all Alumni and Supporters, we know you are extremely busy getting ready for the Dunbar All Class Reunion, coming July 17-20, 2008. You will be happy to know there are NO price increase for all this fun you're going to have. Children tickets will be available for the barbeque at the cost of \$5.00 per child, ages (4-12). All other children will need an adult ticket which will cost \$7.00. Children below the age of (4) will eat free if accompanied by their parents who have registered for the reunion. Children tickets must be purchased when registration packs are picked up. Please start paying your class reunion dues as soon as possible. Remember our theme for this year is "Dunbar High, Thanks for the Memories!"

**Edwards Endorses Obama**  
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ought to kiss Johnny Edwards on the lips to kill this 41-point loss," Saunders said.

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**Mt. Olive First Missionary Baptist Church**  
Slaton, Texas  
Pastor & First Lady Peoples

Slaton - The members of the Mt. Olive First Missionary Baptist Church and Pastor and Wife, Rev. & Mrs. C. C. Peoples are saying "Congratulations" to the newly Ordained Ministers, Deacons and Deaconess. They were ordained Sunday afternoon, April 27, 2008.

Those ordained were Minister E. Morgan, Rev. & Sister C. Devroe, Sr., Deacon Michael & Alice Peoples, Sr., Deacon Clifton & Karen Peoples, Jr., and Deacon Wheeler & Mary Smith.

May God continue to bless each of them and their families. Just keep working for God. He will provide all you need.



Minister E. Morgan



Deacon Wheeler & Mary Smith

ed a charter by the State of Texas in 1979, for the express purpose of promoting the highest aesthetic standards in the art of watercolor. The goal of the West Texas Watercolor Society is to provide an opportunity for the interchange of ideas among persons interested in all forms of water media and to further watercolor art appreciation and education. Watercolor artist Terry Bennott is the juror for this year's show.

**West Texas Watercolor Society's Annual Exhibit**

The Buddy Holly Center is pleased to host the West Texas Watercolor Society's Annual exhibition. The exhibit will be on display May 13 - July 13, 2008 in the Center's Fine Arts Galleries. An opening reception for this exhibit will be held during the June First Friday Art Trail on June 6, 2008 from 6-9 p.m. The West Texas Watercolor Society was organized in 1962 and grant-

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Rev. & Sister C. Devroe, Sr.



Deacon Michael & Alice Peoples, Sr.



Deacon Clifton & Karen Peoples, Jr.

Twenty-five works are on exhibit in four categories: Professional, Advanced, Intermediate and Beginning. 1st, 2nd, 3rd Place and an Honorable Mention were awarded in each category.

**Turkey flies through Lubbock County Courthouse window**



A wild turkey crashed through a window in the Lubbock County Courthouse on Monday, prompting thoughts of a courthouse shooting and leaving a cartoon-like hole in the glass.

"It was like a boom and the glass shattered," said Baldemar Hernandez, who was attending a child-support hearing on the building's fourth floor when the bird made its unwelcome appearance. "I thought, Somebody's shooting at us."

The hole in the window looked like something from a Looney Toon - a turkey-shaped whole in the glass.

Christine Hernandez said she thought someone was firing from the bank building across the street. She said she immediately began thinking about her kids and making it out of the building alive.

Meanwhile, the turkey, unfazed from the crash, lay outside crouched in the bushes, while a crowd of spectators grew on the courthouse lawn.

To dance again,  
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And that's just what she got.



After a car accident crushed Debra's leg, she was rushed to Covenant Children's Hospital and admitted to its dedicated pediatric trauma center. Their specialists did all they could, but Debra feared her dancing days were over. Still, Covenant's physical therapists refused to give up, and today she's back in the ballet studio. Debra calls them her miracle workers. But they know they have a Higher Power to thank for her recovery.

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