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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, Mac 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, 3520 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 Hunt Elementary.
- Chatham Hill Neighborhood Association meets the 2nd Thursday of every month at 6:00 pm, at Hies Elementary Cafeteria.

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## Halton Named New Lubbock Police Chief



Dale Halton

The City Council confirmed the appointment of Dale Halton as Lubbock Police Chief on Thursday. Halton fills the position previously held by retiring Police Chief Claude Jones.

"Dale is uniquely qualified to be our next Chief of Police," said City Manager Lee Ann Dumbauld. "During his 34 year law enforcement career, he has served in many aspects of police operations, including narcotics, SWAT, vice, internal affairs and training. Dale has the knowledge and leadership abilities to guide our police department forward."

Halton has served as the Assistant Chief of the Patrol Division since 2001. He also served as Assistant Chief of the Administration Division from 1996 to 2002 and was SWA's Commander for 17 years.

Halton attended Monterey High School and Texas Tech University before joining the Lubbock Police Department in November 1973. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree in law enforcement from Wayland Baptist College. He is also a graduate of the Leadership and Command College through the Law Enforcement Management Institute of Texas and the Senior Management Institute for Police.

Claude Jones retired effective February 15. A 33-year veteran of the Lubbock Police Department, Jones was named Police Chief in July 2002, after serving as interim for one year.

The Police Department has grown under Jones' leadership. Since 2002, more than 100 officers have been added to the department's ranks, as the City strives to reach its goal of two police officers for every 1,000 residents.

Police pay also increased, and a differential pay program was initiated to pay officers working the midnight shifts more than those working the day shift.

In 2004, the Codes Enforcement Department was moved under the auspices of the Police Department in response to citizens' calls for stronger enforcement. The move led to an increased emphasis on enforcement of city ordinances related to weeds, debris and junk vehicles.

Overall part one crime, which includes murder, rape, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, theft, auto theft and arson, has declined by 10.9 percent during the last two years. Chief Jones attributes this to the good work of the men and women of the Lubbock police department.

## 6th Annual African American Legends & Legacies Set Saturday

The 6th Annual African American Legends & Legacies History program & reception will be held Saturday afternoon, February 23, 2008, at the Alderson Middle School Auditorium, 219 Walnut Avenue, beginning at 2:00 p. m.

This year's program will be honoring Legends & Their Legacies: Past and Present pastors, preachers, ministers, and evangelists.

Last year, military personnel past and present were honored. "This is our way of showing our appreciation to those individuals who made a lot of things possible for us," said Helen Fitzgerald, branch manager of the Bobbie Gene & T. J. Patterson Branch Library.

Immediately following the program, Patterson Branch Library's Mildred Deo Community will be the location for the annual reception.

"We're just so excited about this special recognition Saturday afternoon. As we look back in Black History, we should be very proud of those who made many contributions in our lives," continued Ms. Fitzgerald.

For more information, call Ms. Fitzgerald at (806) 767-3303.

This program is sponsored by Friends of the Library and the Southwest Digest.

## Southwest Regional Speciality Hospital Guilty

Last week, February 15, 2008, a jury in the 72nd District Court of Lubbock County, found Southwest Regional Speciality Hospital guilty of gross negligence in causing the death of a 78 year old Lubbock man.

The four sons of Jacob Perez sued Southwest Regional Speciality Hospital for giving their father a drug called Ativan which the jury found caused his death. Jacob Perez had a known allergy to Ativan. Despite the known and documented allergy.

Mr. Perez was given two doses of the drug by the nurses at Southwest Regional Speciality Hospital. Pneumonia, a pharmacy inside the hospital was found to be 100% responsible for causing the death of Mr. Perez.

Mario, Max, Tony and George Perez were represented in the suit by Dallas attorney, Amy Witherite of Witherite & Witherite, and assisted locally by Kevin Glashen of Glashen, Valles & Delloyes.

Attend Either Democratic or Republican Convention After Voting March 4th! Very Important!



Reverend & Sister Kenneth Jackson

## Installation Services Set For Rev. Kenneth Jackson Sunday

Installation services for Reverend Kenneth Jackson, pastor of New Light Baptist Church, will be held Sunday afternoon, February 24, 2008, beginning at 3:30 p. m. Rev. Ralph Jackson, a brother of Rev. Kenneth and pastor of Mt. Zion Baptist Church in Floydada, will officiate.

Mistress of Ceremonies will be Sister E. Richardson. Selections will be sung by the New Light

Baptist Church Choir. Guest will be welcomed by Sister Alvera Johnson. Sister Angela Johnson will offer a solo as will Rev. K. Burns, pastor of Devin Love Baptist Church. Introduction of Rev. Rev. Ralph Jackson will be done by Rev. H. Avery, pastor of First Progressive Baptist Church.

The Charge to the Church will be given by Rev. M. Veals, pastor of New Fellowship Baptist Church of Tulia; Charge to the

Pastor, Rev. Otis Cooks, pastor of Cornelius Chapel; and the Installation Prayer will be offered by Rev. Claude Mullins, associate pastor of Hopewell Baptist Church of Petersburg.

Words of Encouragement will be given by: Mother E. C. Jackson, Richmond, California; Sister Leola Clark of Rowlett, Texas; Rev. Dr. O. W. Gentry, Hopewell Baptist Church, Petersburg; Rev. Claude Mullins, Hopewell Baptist Church; Rev. Anthony Sisemore, pastor of First Baptist Church of Floydada; Mr. Gary Brown, City Manager of Floydada; Mr. Walter Davis, Walter Davis Construction, Floydada; and Rev. Elijah Austin, Assistant Director of Mission, L.A.B.A.

Rev. Kenneth and Anbra Jackson, pastor and wife, will be escorted by Deacon Ricky & Eva Dixon of Fort Worth, Texas.

A Welcome to the Pastor will be given by Sister Sudell Cavanaugh.

Rev. Jackson is replacing Rev. James Cavanaugh who passed away last year.

The New Light Baptist Church was organized August 31, 1965 in the home of Sister Annie Roquemore. Dr. L. S. "Sugar" Graves sang "Jesus Keep Me Near The Cross, and the late Rev. C. D. Collins, first pastor, read the 23rd Psalms. He also read the 23rd Psalm.

The Church was named by Dr. Graves on September 5, 1965 at the Mary & Mac Private School, 902 East 28th Street, where church services were held. For a year, the members continued to meet and hold weekly worship services at Mary & Mac Private School. After much waiting and prayer, the members moved the church to 3001 East 7th Street. It was June 19, 1966, the first church services were held.

Election of officers were held and the following were chosen: Dr. L. S. "Sugar" Graves, secretary; trustees were: Brothers Oakley Johnson, Deek Robinson, Will Roquemore, Caesar Graves, II, and Eugene Roquemore. Other members present for election were Sisters Lovell Bagley, Eddie Johnson, Carrie Roquemore, Ogal Robinson and Pastor C. D. Collins.

The New Light Baptist Church is located at 3013 Idalou Road.

This is an historical installation. The public is invited.

If the demographic trends continue, it doesn't look good in Texas. Obama won the Latino vote in Maryland and Virginia last week, a segment of the electorate that was solidly in the Clinton camp at the beginning of the race.

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## Democratic Primary Debate Will Take Place Tonight On The University of Texas Campus

Austin, Texas -- Sen. Hillary Clinton and Sen. Barack Obama will participate in a Democratic presidential primary debate at the University of Texas at Austin tonight, Thursday, February 21, 2008, from 7:00 p. m. until 9:30 p. m. CST.

It will be held in the Recreational Sports Center, between the School of Social Work and the Moncrief-Neuhaus Athletics Center.

The debate is hosted by the University Democrats, a registered student organization, and

is presented by the Lyndon B. Johnson Foundation on behalf of the LBJ School of Public Affairs and the LBJ Library, CNN and Univision Communications, Inc.

Admission for students, members of the university community and the public is by invitation only due to security restrictions.

For more information contact: Robert Gerrow, Office of Public Affairs, (512) 471-3151.

## Analysis: Obama continues to chip away at Clinton's base



Sen. Barack Obama

If Ohio and Texas weren't already must-win states for Sen. Hillary Clinton, they certainly are now. Sen. Barack Obama continued his winning streak since Super Tuesday two weeks ago, picking up his ninth and tenth states in a row -- Wisconsin and Hawaii.

But as significant as Obama's accelerating momentum is how he is increasingly swaying voters that Clinton could count on at the beginning of February.

While Obama has been solidifying his base of younger, college-educated, higher-paid voters, he has steadily been chipping away Clinton's base of blue-collar, older, working-class voters.

On Tuesday, Obama captured 53 percent of Wisconsin's white

voters compared to 41 percent of those voting on Super Tuesday. He won 48 percent of women in Wisconsin compared to 41 percent on Super Tuesday.

He increased his standing with white seniors by 8 points, from 31 percent to 39 percent since Super Tuesday. He split the non-college-graduate vote 50-50 with Clinton compared to getting 42 percent of it on Super Tuesday.

Obama won almost half of the Catholic vote compared to a third of it two weeks ago, and he did the same thing with the rural vote.

He also seems to be taking the economy away from Clinton as an issue. He won 44 percent of those voters who said the economy was the most important issue for them on Super Tuesday, but he won 55 percent of those voters on Tuesday. Watch how exit polls favor Obama.

Obama also scored a projected win in the Hawa'i Democratic caucuses, the state where he was born and still has family. There were 20 delegates at stake in that race.

Heading into Wisconsin, most thought the contest was a toss-up. Obama's sweeping win there Tuesday can't be encouraging for the Clinton camp heading into Ohio as there are a lot of similarities between the blue-collar Rust Belt states.

# Chatman Hills Corner

By Doris Reynolds

Let us get involved and support the 2nd Annual Soul Food Cooking Contest on March 8, 2008. This event is being sponsored by the Estacado High School PTA. Judging will begin at 3:30 p.m. and taste testing will be from 4:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m.

Deadline to enter the contest is Friday, February 22, 2008. Categories include: Main Dishes, Meats, Vegetables, and Desserts.

Entry forms may be found at Estacado, Dunbar, Alderson and Iles Schools. For more information, call 766-1343.

School Auditorium beginning at 7:00 p.m.

This effort will involve young men and women aged 60 and over.

The Federation of Choirs will hold its monthly meeting at the Christ Temple Church of God in Christ where Supt. W. David Haynes is host pastor. Sister Bennie Sims is president of the Federation of Choirs. The meeting will begin at 2:30 p.m. The public is invited to attend.

A Pre-Women's Day activity, "Good Medicine for the Soul Brunch", at 10:00 a.m. at Mae Simmons Community Center on Sunday, March 8, 2008. Sister Pam Roberson is coordinator.

Let us continue to pray for our sick and shut in residents. Among them are: Brother S.L. Saunders, Sister Sammie Nelson, Sister Eloise Smith, Sister Charlie Bell Pratt, and Sister Lillie Smith

Brother Willie Blocker lost brother, Timothy Blocker, in Waco last Friday.

### Harvey Demerson



A longtime resident of Lubbock, Harvey Demerson was born to Charles Demerson and Lilly Ann Moore on March 10, 1926 in Granger, Texas.

He moved to Lubbock in 1933

soon be cut down like the grass, and wither and the green herb. Trust in the Lord and do good; so shalt thou dwell in the land and verily thou shalt be fed. Delight thyself also in the Lord and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart. Commit thy way unto the Lord; trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass. Psalm 37:1-5

Have a blessed and prosperous week!

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by Shirley Roberson

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### Lubbock Library News

Job Readiness Classes at the Patterson Branch Library

The Patterson Branch Library, 1836 Parkway Drive, will host a series of classes for teens (age 15 & up) and adults who are looking for summer or permanent employment. On Monday, February 25 we will learn about filling out job applications and other documents necessary for job seekers. Class starts at 6 p.m. If you are interested in attending, call Christina 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 Monday, February 25. We will discuss Zora Neale Hurston's "Their Eyes Were Watching God" and compile the reading list for

2008. Ages 15 and up. For more information, call 792-6566.

Learn to Knit at Groves Branch Library

Come to the Groves Branch Library, 5520 19th Street, and learn the basics of Continental style knitting on Tuesday, February 26 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Bring size 8 knitting needles and worsted weight yarn. For more information, please call the library at 767-3733.

Leap Day Movie at the Mahon Library

Kids are invited to the Mahon Library, 1306 9th Street, on Friday, February 29 at 10:30 a.m. for the latest movie installment about our favorite green ogre. Refreshments will be served. For more information, call 775-2835.

### SPC to host Black History Celebration Dinner Feb. 21

LEVELLAND - South Plains College will host Black History Celebration Dinner at 7 p.m. Feb. 21 in the Sundown of the Student Center. The event is hosted by the SPC Black Student Organization and the Diversity Program/Maria Lopez-Strong.

Admission is free and open to the public. Due to limited seating in the room, the event will be first-come first-serve. The dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. with the program starting at 7 p.m.

Cory Powell, associate director of Institutional Diversity at Texas Tech University, will deliver the keynote address.

Latrice Price and Peter Williams, BSO president and vice president, respectively, will serve as masters of ceremony.

The program also will include a praise dance by Elizabeth Taylor, poetry readings by Brice Brown and Audie Taylor as well as musical selections by the Mount Gilead Baptist Church Choir of Lubbock. Ruby Brackens of Levelland Intermediate School and her students will present Black History Month posters.

For more information, call Helen Daniels, BSO adviser, at 806-894-9611 ext. 5244.

"Oh, God of dust in rain-bows, help us see that without the dust the rainbow would not be"

By Langston Hughes  
Booker T. Washington, Post 808, American Legion Hall where second vice president.

Attend Primary Convention After Voting March 4, 2008!

### New Light Baptist Church News

Last Sunday morning, February 17, 2008, services were well attended at the New Light Baptist Church, 3013 Idalou Road, were well attended.

Sunday School began at 9:45 a.m. with Deacon David Chiles teaching the lesson. The subject of the lesson was "The Messenger." The scripture text was Luke 10:1-12, 16. The question to ask: What is required of a witness.

The morning worship hour got underway at 11:00 am with the devotion and the praise team leading the devotion.

The Senior Choir marched in singing "I Want To See Him." They sang "Thids Little Light of Mine" and "Amazing Grace."

Rev. Kenneth Jackson, our pastor, delivered the sermon of the morning. It was entitled "Set Thine House In Order." The scripture text was II King 20:1-6.

After the sermon, Sister Angela Johnson sung "I'll Trust in The Lord."

Let us continue to pray for those who are sick. Among them include Sister Willa Mae Hicks, Sister Diane Hicks, Sister Pamela Gaasaway, and Sister Ann White. Also, Sister Sudell Cavanaugh. Especially for those youth and young adults who traveled down the highway to Hobbs, New Mexico.

Four people were baptised on Sunday, February: Brother Chris Rivera, Sister Zhondra Manahan, Brother Devance Manahan and Sister Fredtashia Bradley. May God continue to bless each of you.

Scripture To Study: Fret not thyself, because of evildoers, neither be thou envious against the workers of iniquity. For they shall

### 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 747-9430.

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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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### Annual AKC Obedience And Rally Trails

The South Plains Obedience Training Club of Lubbock, Inc. will be hosting 2 American Kennel Club All Breed Dog Obedience and Rally Trials at the South Plains Fairgrounds, Merchants Building, February 23rd and 24th.

Over 150 purebred dogs from 6 surrounding states will be judged at this event from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm each day. Many of the top obedience trained dogs in the country will be competing.

Each exhibitor and dog team will be judged at one of the three 3ee different levels of competition: Novice, Open or Utility. These dogs will be demonstrating their proficiency in such exercises as heeling, high jumps, broad jumps, retrieving and scent discrimination. The dogs are working towards various AKC obedience titles and obedience trail championship points.

The newest approved AKC obedience sport, Rally, will be held at this trial. Rally exhibitors will be competing at 3 different levels of difficulty: Novice, Advanced and Excellent. Each dog and handler team competing in Rally will complete a routine filled with a variety of modified obedience exercises which includes 360 and 270 degree turns, jumps, heeling backwards, etc... Each routine is new and different each day.

There is no admission fee charged for this fun filled and educational event. For more information call 794-1256 or visit the club's website at: www.spotc.org.

**CHATMAN HILL**

Soul Food Sunday Buffet

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### Iles Elementary launches program with Texas Tech Tennis

Last year, Texas Tech Women's Tennis Coach Cari Groce began a tennis program at Iles Elementary with approximately 30 students participating as a part of an after-school program. This year, the program has expanded to include about 80 students. The Clinics will be on the Texas Tech tennis courts on February 19 and 27, March 7 and April 1.

Students, kindergarten through fifth grade, travel to the Texas Tech campus once a month for a two hour clinic with Coach Groce and the Lady Raider tennis team. The U.S. Tennis Association, directed by Amanda Shaw, donated equipment and curriculum for

the program. Recently, in the Tech Women's Golf and Tennis 2008 Media Guide, Iles was recognized for their exemplary status.

In addition to the after-school program, Coach Groce also implemented the Game, Set, Match Reading program which rewards students for meeting a reading goal set by their classroom teacher each six weeks. Coach Groce and her team come to the school every six weeks to recognize these students and honor the top reader from each class. There are hopes to expand this program to other schools next year.

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# Church News



## From the Desk of Parson D.A. Smith "A Mexican Meddling President Felipe Calderon"

February 13, 2008, Felipe Calderon, President of Mexico met with California's governor Arnold Schwarzenegger in Sacramento. Giving his morning address in the state Capitol, he made immigration his key issue. He said in his morning address: "I know that immigration is a controversial issue today in this great nation. But I strongly believe that Mexican and Mexican-American workers are a large reason for the dynamic economy of California."

Calderon continues with "We must take a comprehensive approach, to the phenomenon of immigration, considering its economic, political, social and cultural aspects. We need to make migration legal, safe and organized."

A Republican lawmaker (Sen. Tom McClintock, R-Thousand Oaks (Ventura County) took exception to Calderon's comments about immigration reform in the United States by saying, "I think it's entirely inappropriate for him, a foreign head of state, to come into our country and enter the domestic political debate."

However, the Assembly Speaker, Fabian Nunez, D-Los Angeles countered Sen. Tom McClintock by saying Calderon has a right to express his opinions on the issue and agreed with the president that the way to stem the flow of immigrants from Mexico is to improve economic conditions there.

The presidents of Mexico seem

to have a problem understanding the difference in "illegal immigration" and "legal immigration." Their ideas and the logic and use of terms and the understanding of English words seem only to fit what is good for Mexico and the hell with the laws, images of language and economics that apply to white, black, and other Americans.

It should become a problem and an issue with all Americans when leaders of other nations come onto American soil and dictate policy and orally mandate as if by legislation laws, define and rule the private and governmental financial transactions.

It becomes personal with this writer when a "tin horn" ruler of another country steps on America's soil and dictate policy. I am an African-American or Black American or racial mixed American. However, what one may classify this writer as, I was born on American soil in the United States and in the great state of Texas and I am a genuine American.

I would encourage other ethnic groups who were born in America not to become mixed up and confused on the play of words by groups and miss illegal immigration rallies sponsors. Go to the trouble of questioning if the leaders or prospering financially on the back of the poor and the illiterate who are volunteering to become a hybrid slave.

Rep. Charlie Rangel (D-NY)

who districts include Harten, said on Lou Dobbs Tonight: "This great work program's the closest thing I've ever seen to slavery. I mean, how do you bring people over here and the employer decides how long you're going to stay and God knows what you're got to do if they have a baby. Do we change the Constitution and say that the child's now a citizen? I would hate to believe that this great country of ours in order to free or rather, to bring cheap labor for entrepreneurs are will to have a contract with Mexico to do this."

This is Black History month and I must say I was offended when Senator Ted Kennedy compared the illegal's rally in 2006 called "A Day Without Immigrants" to the civil rights marches. I as many other black American were filled with wrath of the flying of the Mexican flag over the United States flag. This act will not be forgotten by the citizens of this country who fought for their God-given and legal constitutional rights. The citizens of America will call the hand of the politicians and corporate America and those who do what they want us to do while flying the Mexican flag.

Mexican President Felipe Calderon needs to stop meddling in America's business!

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## We Thank God for Jesus

### "The Sisters Are Preachers"

Written by Evangelist Billy "B.I." Morrison, III Your brother is Christ Jesus always.

**Matthew 20:1** -- Jesus said, the Kingdom of Heaven is like unto a man that is an householder (Landowner), which out early in the morning to hire laborers into his vineyard.

The **John 3:16** is the message we're suppose to be telling a dying world. Preaching and teaching the word of God to every man, woman, boy and girl.

**Matthew 28:19** -- Jesus said, go you therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the father, and the son, and the Holy Ghost.

Now some Brother Preacher think men are the only one been called out the great commission Jesus gave said to go was to us all!!!

**Matthew 20:4** -- Jesus said, unto them (Women also), go you also into the vineyard, and whatsoever is right, I will give you, and they went their way.

Many Brothers are blind by the command of the Apostle Paul. But there is a greater than Paul. Jesus gave a command to all.

**Mark 3:35** -- Jesus said, for whosoever shall do the will of God, the same is my Brother, my Sister and my Mother.

\*\*\* Are The Sisters Doing God's Will?\*\*\*  
(My Brother Preachers, the

thing you missed is Paul who was talking about something the law said. We're not under the law. Read 1 Corinthians 14:34, the law said).

**1 Corinthians 14:33** -- For God is not the author of confusion, but of peace as in all the churches of the saints.

Now Brother Preacher, we don't know if God called you, but you're a Preacher. We don't know if God called the Sister, but look at the souls she is teaching!!!

**Acts 21:8-9** -- The next day, we who were of Paul's company departed, and came unto Caesarea, and we entered into the house of Phippi the evangelist which was one of these, and boarded with him, and the same man had four daughters, virgins, which did prophesy.

\*\*\* They Were Preachers!!! \*\*\*

Jesus said, pray to the Lord of the Harvest. Send workers who are getting late. But Brother Preacher, you're like the Scribes and Pharisees murmuring ring with hate!!!

**1 Corinthians 11:4-5a** -- Every man praying of prophesying having his head covered, dishonors his head, but every woman who prays of prophesies with her head uncovered dishonors her head.

(So my Brother Preachers, this man and the woman are both praying and prophesying. She's doing God's will as well as the Brothers and in the Church!!!)

**Luke 12:42-43** -- Jesus said, who then are the faithful, and wise stewards who is his Lord shall make ruler over his household to give them their portion of meat in due season? Blessed is that servant who his Lord when he comes shall find doing.

My Brother Preachers with all the trouble in the Churches richer about the gold. You don't read about the Sister Preachers and money. They want souls!!!

(The Government is checking into some of the money. Preachers now like Creflo Dollar, Benny Hinn, Kenneth and Gloria Copeland, David and Joyce Meyer, Rudy and Paula White, and Bishop Fiddie Long, and many, many more. Some Preachers even have Rolls-Royces and jet planes!!!)

\*\*\* Yes, The Preachers Will Rob God!!! \*\*\*

Jesus said, everyone who said unto me, Lord, Lord will not enter into His Kingdom That goes for many Preachers, Brothers or Sisters, Heaven is not for everyone!!!

All of us need to get ready for that Great Getting Up Morning.

# St. Matthew's Baptist Church News

Last Sunday morning, February 17, 2008, church services were well attended at the St. Matthew Baptist Church, 2020 East 14th St Street, where the proud pastor is Rev. Edward

Canady. If you are looking for a Church home, then do come and visit.

Services got underway with Sunday School beginning at 10:15

a.m. Sister Nina Davis taught the morning lesson. The lesson was reviewed by Pastor Canady. The subject of the lesson was "Necessity of Humility." The lesson text was Luke 14: 1-8. It

was a very inspiring lesson as it brought home what our responsibilities are with our fellow man. We must learn to be humble. You help others because you want to do so!

Let us continue to pray for our sick and shut in church members. Among our sick and shut in are Sister Bernice Hameed and Sister Shirley Jackson.

And yet God delights to honor such selfless people. Such an honor belongs to those who are humble. Are a humble person. You see, we live in such a fast pace world and people are in to a fast moving posture. Just be patient and humble in all you do.

Thought of the Week: "The more you read the Bible, the more you love the author."

## Outreach Prayer Breakfast

**"A Late Thank You"**  
The members of the Outreach Prayer Breakfast want to take this time and say thanks to all who participated in the Gospel Musical Drama, "They Brought A Woman." It was held Friday, November 9, 2007, at the Dunbar Middle School. This is a late "Thank You!"

A special thanks to: Cavell's Pharmacy, S.L & L Salon, Southwest Digest, Wendell D. Davis and Jackie Porch.

This Drama was a success because of people like you. We are grateful, and we love each of you dearly!  
If we've missed anyone's name, please forgive us!

The morning services got underway at 11:15 a.m. with the morning devotion led by Deacon Williams and Brother Gerald Jackson.  
The St. Matthew Baptist Church Choir was responsible for singing God's praises. What a time they had singing the songs for the morning services. What a time!  
Pastor Canady delivered a wonderful sermon. His subject was Standing On God's Praises." His scripture text was Jeremiah 1:16-21.  
What a wonderful time all had in the word God is good all the

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## Bessie Gipson

Funeral services were held for Bessie Gipson of Brownfield last Saturday morning, February 16, 2008, at Agape Temple Church of God in Christ with Bishop W. H. Watson, pastor, officiating.

Burial was held in the Peaceful Gardens Memorial Park in Woodrow under the direction of Griffin Mortuary & Funeral Home in Lubbock.

She passed away Tuesday, February 12, 2008, at Covenant Medical Center.

She was born January 8, 1939. She was the daughter of Pearl Mayes and Rosa Gill. She lived in Lubbock for more than 30 years.

She moved to Brownfield in



2004 and resided there.

She leaves to mourn her passing: her daughter, Patricia Brown (Archie, Jr.); her son, Danny Mayes (Chasity); three step-daughters; nine grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; a host of other relatives and friends.

## Mable Ruth Crockett



Funeral services for a long-time resident, Mable Ruth Crockett were held Sunday morning, February 20, 2008, at Christ Temple Church of God in Christ with Supt. W. David Haynes, pastor, officiating.

Ossie Curry Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

She was born May 29, 1922 to Charles and Eddie Barnard Nichols Moore. Mrs. Crockett attended Christ Temple and Alexander Temple Church of God in Christ. She was a devoted Christian for over 65 years. Mrs. Crockett worked for Dr. Richard Smith family for over 50 years.

She is survived by her sons: Walter of Lubbock, Robert of Houston, and Rodney of (Cheryl) of San Diego, California; daughters: Stella Courtney (Delton) of Clifton Park, N. Y., and Dora Fulcher (Buford) of Lansing, Michigan; daughter-in-law: Della Crockett of Lubbock; sister and brother-in-law: Elder and Mrs. Ervin Wilson of Portland, Oregon; a cousin, Ernest Burke of San Antonio; an aunt, Marie Chatman of Los Angeles, California; 12 grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her husband, David Crockett, Jr., and a son, David Don Crockett.

## Theoris "Aunt Nat" Parks

Funeral services for Theoris "Aunt Nat" Parks were held last Saturday morning, after February 16, 2008, at The Greater St. James Baptist Church.

She passed away Friday, February 8, 2008, after a lengthy bout with cancer.

She was the third of three children born November 16, 1934 to the late A. P. Parks and Veola Campbell in Leon County, Texas.

Later, Theoris and her family resided in Centerville, Texas. They later moved to Lubbock and worked for the Lubbock State School. She also worked for MHMR where she retired after 18 years.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Leon Sample, and her daughter, Janet Sample Marshall.

She is survived by her sister,



Leavera Lusk; her brother, Odell Parks, Sr.; her granddaughter, Theoris Marie Marshall-Williams; great grandsons: Frank Tre-Williams, III and Marques Williams; her aunt, Seody Parks; and a host of family and friends.

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Funeral services were held last Friday morning, February 15, 2008, at the Lyons Chapel Baptist Church for Eddie Lee Tate, Sr. with Rev. W. D. Davis, pastor, officiating.

Burial was held at Resthaven Cemetery under the direction of Griffin Mortuary & Funeral Home.

She passed away Friday, February 8, 2008 at Covenant Medical Center.

He was born July 23, 1932. He worked at Hillcrest Country Club for 53 years.

He leaves to cherish his memories: his wife of 53 years, Vernell; three sons: Eddie Lee, Jr. (Doris) of Lubbock, Kelvin of Amarillo and Randy (Toshia) of Lewisville; two daughters, LaNell Adams and Lisa Huey (Cornelius) of Lubbock; 14 grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; four sisters: Bertha Sheppard, Ella Roberts, and Lula Griffin, all of Lubbock, and Princess Nutall of Bryan; three brothers: Augusta of Lubbock, James of Hearne and Bobby of Bryan, and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

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### National Black MBA Association and Wal-Mart Stores, Inc. Reward Students Who Serve Their Communities

#### Scholarships Merge Scholastic Achievement and Community Service

Chicago, IL (BlackNews.com) - The National Black MBA Association (NBMBA) has introduced a community service-based scholarship program for its Leaders of Tomorrow® (LOT) students. Sponsored by Wal-Mart Stores, Inc., the Leaders of Tomorrow® Community Service Program—a first-time NBMBA program—provided up to \$1,000 to NBMBA local chapters that applied for the program (currently 24 of the organization's 40 chapters have active LOT programs.)

"Each year, our Leaders of Tomorrow® Program grows in its reach, and we are thrilled to work with Wal-Mart to provide our future leaders with an opportunity to better their communities," says NBMBA President & CEO Barbara L. Thomas. "This partnership illuminates the importance of service to one's community and as a condition of fortune—lifestyle is one of the NBMBA's five channels of engagement, and we believe that to whom much is given, much is expected. A grant that's based on community service brings forth this principle even further, helping high school students understand that service is an integral part of their personal and scholastic journey."

To qualify for the scholarships, LOT students had to plan and implement a community service

project that they carried out in their local communities. In addition to articulating how their projects would help and/or change the intended beneficiaries, students had to present a project timeline that detailed how their project was conceived and would be executed. They also were required to document their projects for a NBMBA committee by providing a post-project recap and analysis that identified their roles and responsibilities in the endeavor.

"At Wal-Mart, we strive to make a difference by giving back to communities across the country," says Jody Hestand, diversity recruiter, Campus Relations and Diversity Recruiting. "This approach helps support local programs and initiatives that help people live better lives. Wal-Mart's involvement in the LOT program provides an opportunity for tomorrow's business leaders to have a positive impact in their local communities during this holiday season."

Ten LOT chapters will receive award disbursements for the community service projects outlined below:

\* **Atlanta** — Students partnered with the Butler Street YMCA to give hugs, stuffed animals and tree decorations to seniors living in nursing homes and assisted-living facilities.

\* **Boston** — Students gave gift baskets to seniors living in assisted-living facilities.

\* **Charlotte, N.C.** — Students purchased and/or donated food items for the Second Harvest Food Bank and toys for the U.S. Marine Corp's Toys for Tots Foundation.

\* **Central Florida (Orlando, Fla.)** — Students purchased/provided socks for the homeless in their community.

\* **Columbus, Ohio** — Students bought hats, gloves and scarves for residents of Alys House, a shelter for battered women and children.

\* **Dallas/Ft. Worth** — Students worked at a soup kitchen and provided gifts for children.

\* **Detroit** — Students purchased two computers for Christ Child House, a shelter for homeless boys; students also set up the computers and provided instruction on using the systems for homework.

\* **Kansas City, Kan.** — Students planned an evening of dinner, games and gifts for residents of Sheffield Place, a homeless shelter for women and children.

\* **Richmond, Va.** — Students provided cleaning and organizational services for the local Urban League affiliate, which had to eliminate janitorial services due to budget constraints.

80 percent of its vote to Obama in the Feb. 5 Georgia primary.

Lewis, whose Atlanta-area district voted 3-to-1 for Obama, said he is not ready to abandon his backing for the former first lady. But several associates said the nationally known civil rights figure has become increasingly torn about his early endorsement of Clinton. They spoke on condition of anonymity, citing private conversations.

In an interview, Lewis likened Obama to Robert F. Kennedy in his ability to generate campaign excitement, and left open the possibility he might swing behind the Illinois senator. "It could happen. There's no question about it. It could happen with a lot of people... we can count and we see the clock," he said.

### Barack Obama

Continued from Page 1

Obama won almost half of the Catholic vote compared to a third of it two weeks ago, and he did the same thing with the rural vote. He also seems to be taking the economy away from Clinton as an issue. He won 44 percent of those voters who said that was the most important issue for them on Super Tuesday, but he won 55 percent of those voters on Tuesday. Watch how exit polls favor Obama.

Obama also scored a projected win in the Hawaii Democratic caucuses, the state where he was born and still has family. There were 20 delegates at stake in that race.

Heading into Wisconsin, most thought the contest was a toss-up. Obama's sweeping win there Tuesday can't be encouraging for the Clinton camp heading into Ohio as there are a lot of similarities between the blue-collar, Rust Belt states.

If the demographic trends continue, it doesn't look good in Texas. Obama won the Latino vote in Maryland and Virginia last week, a segment of the electorate that was solidly in the Clinton camp at the beginning of the race.

Polls in Texas show the contest there being a dead heat, but they showed the same thing in Wisconsin. The two Democratic candidates will both be in Texas Thursday night for a live debate on CNN at 8 p.m. ET. Clinton's post-primary speech on Tuesday night is setting the tone for the next two weeks. She says Obama is offering rhetoric while she's offering solutions.

On Tuesday, she told a crowd in Ohio that the Democratic race is "about picking a president who relies not just on words, but on work."

Obama was also the focus of part of Republican Sen. John McCain's victory speech on Tuesday. While not mentioning Obama by name, he suggested the general election would be a choice between his experience and the "confused leadership of an inexperienced candidate."

McCain won the Republican primary in Wisconsin and the remaining half of Washington state's delegates in the primary. However, he still can't convince conservatives to line up behind his candidacy.

While McCain won convincingly over former Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee in Wisconsin, half of the voters in the state who called themselves "very conservative" favored Huckabee, compared to 40 percent for McCain.

### Charter Bus Available For Estacado Trip

Those interested in attending the Estacado High School and El Paso Chapin High School will have an opportunity to be a part of this regional basketball game by traveling to Fort Stockton, Texas. The fare is \$20.00 per person. The chartered bus will leave from Estacado High School Friday afternoon at 2:00 p.m. Call Estacado at 766-1400 for more information.

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### Black Lawmakers Rethink Support for Clinton

WASHINGTON (AP) In a fresh sign of trouble for Hillary Rodham Clinton, one of the for-

mer first lady's congressional black supporters intends to vote for Barack Obama at the Democratic National Convention, and a second, more prominent lawmaker is openly discussing a possible switch.

Rep. David Scott's defection and Rep. John Lewis' remarks highlight one of the challenges confronting Clinton in a campaign that pits a black man against a woman for a nomination that historically has been the exclusive property of white men.

"You've got to represent the wishes of your constituency," Scott said in an interview Wednesday in the Capitol. "My proper position would be to vote the wishes of my constituents." The third-term lawmaker represents a district that gave more than

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## THIS 'N' THAT

by T.J. Patterson

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It is not over until you ATTEND YOUR PRINCINCT CONVENTION as this is where the DELEGATES are chosen to attend the LUBBOCK COUNTY CONVENTION. And then the STATE CONVENTION this summer. Who knows one has an opportunity of attending the NATIONAL CONVENTION. No matter how you look at it this is a very good time to go to the polls. Keep an eye on this election as this is a good year for TEXAS & LUBBOCK as the entire UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

will be watching what's happening in our community and state. So GO TO THE POLLS AND VOTE ON MARCH 4, 2008!

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**PARADE MOVED TO SATURDAY! THIS N THAT** has received word that THE MLK MARCH will be held Saturday morning March 23, 2008 beginning at 11:30 a.m. because of inclement weather last Saturday. It will begin at Parkway Drive & MLK Blvd. Let's support this effort and get involved in this effort!

## Think About It!

### THE AFRICAN AMERICAN EXPERIENCE!

by Eddie P. Richardson

From Experience To Biblical Image African Americans have known slavery, they have known it as brutally as the suffering Israelites in Pharoos Egypt. Two of African Experiences to speak of the experience of slavery. This horrific African American experience dates back to 1619 when Africans arrived in Jamestown, Virginia and thereafter forced in to slavery.

Their European captors were "Biblical Christians" and as noted by New Testament scholar Vincent L. Wimbush, the Africans were quick to notice the influence the Bible had on the "self-image, culture, and orientation" of these slave owners. Slaves heard their captors refer to the Bible with power. According to Wimbush, African slaves sought to engage "the book" and thus demonstrated

their ability themselves to different understanding of reality. In as much as slaves were forbidden to read, they were denied access to "the Bible (the book)" hence the Biblical narrative they heard filtered the lens of their experience in bondage. The Bible came to represent a body literature that contained stories of enslavement and liberation.

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3 What was the culture?-- e.g. habits, traits, languages, occupations, survival skills, faith systems, judicial systems, and power relationships?

4 What was their story?-- The Bible is lived history - human stories - both oral and written - of pilgrimages, faith journeys, struggles, coping strategies, and spiritual encounters -- to name a few.

### Celebrates 75th Birthday!



Rev. Leo F. Scott

Rev. Dr. Leo F. Scott, who has been described as a great father, man of faith, humanitarian, man of integrity, loving husband and effective leader, was surprised with a birthday party last Saturday in Abilene. He is the brother of Rev. Edwin Scott, Sr. of Lubbock, who was in attendance with his wife, Pearlene. Happy Birthday!



"P Diddy"

### 'Raisin in the Sun' Rises on ABC

LOS ANGELES (AP) When "A Raisin in the Sun" premiered on Broadway in 2004, the excitement surrounding the revival was largely generated by the stage debut of its star, the multi-hyphenated entertainment mogul Sean "P. Diddy" Combs.

Two years later, Combs is back in the mix, reuniting with Tony winners Phylicia Rashad and Audra McDonald and Tony nominee Sanaa Lathan for the ABC film version, which premieres Feb. 25 at 8 p.m. ET.

Combs received mixed reviews for his theater performance, but he believes he nailed it this time.

"It was more about experience and an understanding of how to completely engulf yourself and become a character and really give yourself up to the role," says Combs, an executive producer with Craig Zadan and Neil Meron, the Oscar-winning producers of "Chicago."

Working with an acting coach, Combs, who has had small roles in "Monster's Ball" and "Made," knew he had to stand on his own with his Tony-winning co-stars.

"It was almost like what was going on in the house, that struggle to be heard," Combs said. "I wanted to make sure my character was heard."

Set in 1950s Chicago, the drama centers on the Younger family, who anxiously await a \$10,000 insurance check - and the ensuing squabbles over how to spend it. Combs plays Walter Lee, a role made famous by Sidney Poitier.

Looking to assert his manhood and to use the money to finance his dreams of owning a business, Walter Lee finds himself at odds with his widowed mother, Lena (Rashad), his ambitious sister,

Beneatha (Lathan) and long-suffering wife, Ruth (McDonald). Director Kenny Leon said he cast Combs because "all the raw instincts were there."

"This guy grew up poor," Leon

said. "His dad was killed when he was three."

CONTINUE NEXT WEEK

Write Letters to Editor  
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## In Cinque

by Renetta Howard



Howard

The United States has revealed in the fact that there has been no war fought on American soil in the past one hundred plus years. It is true that there has been no confrontation on American soil due to a mass invasion by a foreign nation, but the guerilla warfare has been upon us for many years now. We first noticed it as citizens of this country with the explosion of the federal building in Oklahoma City. Other explosions and attempts at explosions were experienced after that, but we citizens did not think of it as warfare until The 9/11 Twin Towers disas-

ter and the attack on the Pentagon. Though many disasters since that time have occurred, we are still not seeing them as warfare, especially the massacres at schools. This has been going on for quite some time now. The have been killings on all levels of educational endeavors, elementary, secondary and college. Many of these incidents have been done by alleged mental patients while others have been attributed to computer war games. For many, there have been no really discernable motives and were often played off as the workings of a deranged individual or individuals.

Is it a coincidence that fifteen people are attacked by an unknown assailant for whatever reason or that a student kills twenty-five or thirty students who he does not know as well as professors with whom he has had no classes or that a young woman decides to go on a rampage and eliminate some of her peers and in each instance, the shooter ends up

killing themselves? What is the logic behind all this? If they wanted to kill themselves, why not just do it and leave others out of the mix?

In one week, three incidents of lethal attacks took place in schools in The United States. This is not normal. Because of this, schools on all levels must learn to prepare for war. Teachers and students must learn codes to be able to protect themselves in case of a dangerous invasion. People are losing their lives for reason which they have no knowledge. If this is not war, what is?

Schools are vulnerable because it is illegal to have firearms on school property. Schools were once 'safe places' even in gang warfare. Today, no place is safe or sacred as churches, which have been victims of invasions and lethal attacks. It is time for us to take a look at the current type of war we are fighting and get 'in cinque' and have our law enforcement agencies do something constructive to abort this type of war.

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## Kanye West Wins Three Grammys; Honors Mother During Performance



Kanye West

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Kanye West and Amy Winehouse, the two leading Grammy nominees and perhaps the night's most compelling storylines, were among the early winners Sunday, taking three and two trophies respectively in the pre-telecast ceremony.

West won best rap solo performance for "Stronger," best rap song for "Good Life" and best rap performance by a duo or group for his collaboration with Common on "Southside." Winehouse won best pop vocal album for "Back to Black" and best female pop vocal.

Bruce Springsteen garnered three Grammys, including best rock song for "Radio Nowhere." Other early winners included the White Stripes, Justin Timberlake and Mary J. Blige, who both had two each; Carrie Underwood, the Foo Fighters, Herbie Hancock and even Democratic presidential candidate Barack Obama for best spoken-word album.

Though the pre-telecast ceremony, where most of the Grammys' 110 categories are doled out, is usually low on star-wattage, there were several big names on hand to accept their Grammys, including Underwood, the Foo's, and Brad Paisley.

"You couldn't keep me from actually getting this myself — it's not the same when someone else gets this on your behalf," said Underwood, who ran to the stage to accept her trophy for best female country vocal performance for her revenge anthem "Before He Cheats."

West was the night's leading nominee with eight nods: He has a history, good or bad, of creating memorable awards show moments. But Winehouse — who wasn't even able to attend — threatened to upstage him and everyone else on Grammy night.

The troubled singer-songwriter was up for six awards, including album of the year for "Back to Black." She was due to perform via satellite from her native Britain, where she is being treated in a rehabilitation center for substance abuse.

In the days leading up to the ceremony, suspense was building whether the 24-year-old, whose personal life has fallen apart over the past year as her career blossomed, would be at the ceremony in any form.

She was initially rejected for a U.S. work visa this week, but Grammy producers arranged for her to perform via telecast. Soon afterward, the U.S. government reversed itself and approved Winehouse, but it was too late in the week at that point to make the cross-continental trek.

The retro-soul singer's top-selling American debut is not only up for album of the year, but song and record of the year for her autobiographical, sassy hit "Rehab," about her refusal to undergo treatment. Though the album was a critical and commercial breakthrough for her, her personal troubles, which made regular tabloid headlines, threatened to overshadow her music.

In any other year, it would likely be West who would be the main story line going into Grammy week. He, too, is up for album of the year for "Graduation," the best-selling debut of last year with almost one million copies sold in the first week alone. This is West's third album and the third time he has been nominated for album of the year.

While he has won a handful of Grammys, they have been in the rap categories, where the bulk of his nominations are this year as well. West has provided stirring awards-show performances, but has also been known to go on a tirade when he has not won what he thought he deserved, perhaps most notably at last year's MTV Video Music Awards.

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## New Meaning of Dirt Poor: Hungry Haitians Resort to Eating Dirt

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti — It was lunchtime in one of Haiti's worst slums, and Charlene Damas was eating mud. With food prices rising, Haiti's poorest can't afford even a daily plate of rice, and some take desperate measures to fill their bellies.

Charlene, 16 with a 1-month-old son, has come to rely on a traditional Haitian remedy for hunger pangs: cookies made of dried yellow dirt from the country's central plateau.

The mud has long been prized by pregnant women and children here as an antacid and source of calcium. But in places like Cite Soleil, the oceanside slum where Charlene shares a two-room house with her baby, five siblings and two unemployed parents, cookies made of dirt, salt and vegetable shortening have become a regular meal.

"When my mother does not cook anything, I have to eat them three times a day," Charlene said. Her baby, named Woodson, lay still across her lap, looking even thinner than the slim 6 pounds 3 ounces he weighed at birth.

Though she likes their buttery, salty taste, Charlene said the cookies also give her stomach pains. "When I nurse, the baby sometimes seems colicky too," she said.

Food prices around the world have spiked because of higher oil prices, needed for fertilizer, irrigation and transportation. Prices for

basic ingredients such as corn and wheat are also up sharply, and the increasing global demand for bio-fuels is precariously food markets as well.

The problem is particularly dire in the Caribbean, where island nations depend on imports and food prices are up 40 percent in places.

The global price hikes, together with floods and crop damage from the 2007 hurricane season, prompted the U.N. Food and Agriculture Agency to declare states of emergency in Haiti and several other Caribbean countries. Caribbean leaders held an emergency summit in December to discuss cutting food taxes and creating large regional farms to reduce dependence on imports.

At the market in the La Saline slum, two cups of rice now sell for 60 cents, up 10 cents from December and 50 percent from a year ago. Beans, condensed milk and fruit have gone up at a similar rate, and even the price of the edible clay has risen over the past year by almost \$1.50. Dirt to make 100 cookies now costs \$5, the cookie makers say.

Still, at about 5 cents apiece, the cookies are a bargain compared to food staples. About 80 percent of people in Haiti live on less than \$2 a day and a tiny elite controls the economy.

Merchants track the dirt from the central town of Hinche to the La Saline market, a maze of tables



of vegetables and meat swarming with flies. Women buy the dirt, then process it into mud cookies in places such as Fort Dimanche, a nearby shanty town.

Carrying buckets of dirt and water up ladders to the roof of the former prison for which the slum is named, they strain out rocks and clumps on a sheet, and stir in shortening and salt. Then they pat the mixture into mud cookies and leave them to dry under the scorching sun.

The finished cookies are carried in buckets to markets or sold

on the streets.

A reporter sampling a cookie found that it had a smooth consistency and sucked all the moisture out of the mouth as soon as it touched the tongue. For hours, an unpleasant taste of dirt lingered.

Assessments of the health effects are mixed. Dirt can contain deadly parasites or toxins, but can also strengthen the immunity of fetuses in the womb to certain diseases, said Gerald N. Callahan, an immunology professor at Colorado State University who has studied geophagy, the scientific name for dirt-eating.

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