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## Community Meetings

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

- African American Chamber of Commerce, Lubbock meets on the 3rd Wednesday of each month, from 12:00-1:00pm at the Chatman Hill Restaurant, 512 E. 23rd St. (806-535-8081)
- 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 meet 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 & Cherry-Point Neighborhood Association meets the 3rd Tuesday evening of each month at 7:30 pm at Hunt Elementary.
- Chatman Hill Neighborhood Association meets the 2nd Thursday of every month at 6:00 pm, at HES 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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## Paris Jackson emerges as surprise voice of memorial

LOS ANGELES, California (CNN) -- Michael Jackson's daughter touched the hearts of millions when she bid a tearful farewell to her father at his memorial service in a rare public appearance.

With her brief speech, 11-year-old Paris Jackson also shocked the event's organizers, who said her appearance was not a planned part of Tuesday's star-studded tribute to the "King of Pop" at Los Angeles' Staples Center.

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"And I just want to say that I love him so much," she said as she burst into tears and sought refuge in the embrace of family members. Watch her emotional goodbye »

For many watching, Paris' appearance marked a rare glimpse of a child who has spent most of her life shielded from the public.

Born to two mothers -- Jackson's ex-wife Debbie Rowe and an unidentified woman who reportedly served as a surrogate -- Jackson's three children lived and traveled the world with him, their faces often covered by veils and masks when appearing in public.

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## Janet Jackson Honors Michael at BET Awards

LOS ANGELES (AP) -- Some of the biggest stars on the planet turned back into gushing Michael Jackson fans at the BET Awards, donning single gloves, swapping stories about their idol and singing The King of Pop's standards. One person who perhaps knew him best, though, brought the night into perspective: his sister.

"To you, Michael is an icon," a somber Janet Jackson told the crowd at the end of Sunday's show. "To us, Michael is family and he will forever live in all of our hearts."

It was a stirring emotional climax for a telecast that was completely revamped to recognize the legacy of Jackson, who died Thursday at age 50. For the



Janet Jackson

most part, it was a joyous wake.

He's the man who made it possible for me to be on the stage; I love you and I miss you," said Ne-Yo, who sang one of Jackson's most sensual songs, "Lady In My Life."

## Joe Jackson Returns To The Spotlight

NEW YORK (AP) -- At the BET Awards over the weekend, Michael Jackson's father, Joe Jackson, was back in front of the cameras. Wearing a black fedora and oversized sunglasses, he spoke proudly of his son, paid tribute to "a superstar" and promoted his own new record label.

Joe Jackson has returned to the spotlight. It is a place he is familiar with, having long presided as the iron-willed patriarch who managed his talented children in the music business, driving Michael in particular to enormous fame at a young age.

The 79-year-old former steelworker is again fully immersed in the family's dealings since his son's death. The return of Joe Jackson -- a controversial, sometimes vilified figure who Michael said abused him as a child -- is sure to renew questions about his influence on his troubled son.

Since Michael Jackson died Thursday of what his family has said was cardiac arrest, his father has been vocal about his son and the posthumous arrangements being made. Medical examiners in Los Angeles are perhaps weeks away from officially determining the cause of death, though a second autopsy has been



Joe Jackson with family friend at Staples Center

requested at the family's request. The elder Jackson and other relatives have been mostly holed up at the family's compound in Encino. He made an unexpected appearance Sunday night at the BET Awards, which became a tribute to the King of Pop.

Joe Jackson said in an

emphatic statement at the show that he and his wife, Katherine, have the "personal and legal authority to act, and solely ... have authority for our son and his children."

Michael Jackson's 79-year-old mother asked a judge on Monday to name her adminis-

## Southwest Digest Is Here For The Duration, Regardless of What Happens And Will Happen!

For the past several months, the Southwest Digest has had several obstacles to overcome. They began with the theft of our LP&L meter, which was taken one night. This was easily restored as LP&L and the report to the Lubbock Police Department helped with this situation.

Next, someone broke into the Southwest Digest office, 902 East 28th Street, while co-publisher, T. J. Paterson, was in the building at approximately 10:30 a. m. After shouting to the alleged burglar, Paterson only was able to describe the physical stature of the burglar.

But after coming to the Southwest Digest office on Monday morning, June 29, 2009, there was another surprise as it had been burglarized by some alleged characters. The irony of this burglary was it created a problem for the Southwest Digest as the unknown burglar or burglars took the computer which contained the brains for the operation of the Southwest Digest. This caused us not being able to publish the July 2, 2009 edition of the Southwest Digest.

Since we were unable to publish, we wanted our loyal readers and advertisers to know why we didn't publish. Hopefully, this will be the last time this will happen. Of course, we are disappointed with these incidents, but we will not stop. We know God has bigger and better things for us to do. We are in our 31 years and number 43rd issue of this weekly publication, and we will not quit!

We are asking for your continued support, and prayers as we continue down this difficult journey. There will always be a need for this publication in Lubbock, and we know that! Really, the Southwest Digest is larger than the co-publishers, as we are doing this for our children.

We will continue to do what is necessary for this newspaper so it will do what it must be about. We will continue doing what is best for all of us. We will not retreat as this venture is so important for us and our children. Let's continue!!!

## Jena 6 Beating Case Wraps Up With Plea Deal

JENA, La. (AP) -- The Jena Six case, which once prompted a massive civil rights demonstration and drew international attention, saw the final chapter played out quietly.

Five neatly dressed young men answered "Yes Sir," on Friday as state District Judge Tom Yeager asked them if they accepted the terms of a deal that included pleading no contest to misdemeanor simple battery.

The charges against the five -- Carwin Jones, Jesse Ray Beard, Robert Bailey Jr., Bryant Purvis and Theo Shaw -- had previously been reduced from attempted murder to aggravated second-degree battery after they were accused of beating and kicking schoolmate Justin Barker.

Civil rights leaders railed against the harshness of the original charge, saying it was because the defendants were black and Barker was white.

The plea deal gave the defendants seven days probation, a \$500 fine and court costs. Mychal Bell, the sixth defendant, had previously pleaded guilty to a second-degree battery charge and received an 18-month sentence.

"I just thank God that it's all over," said John Jenkins, Jones' father. "It's been a long, painful journey for everyone on both sides of this thing."

Barker and his family and friends sat without expression through the hearing. Barker's attorney said he has graduated and is now working in the oil fields. The family did not comment.

As part of the deal, one of the attorneys read a statement from the defendants in which they said they knew of nothing Barker had done to provoke the attack.

"To be clear, not one of us heard Justin use any slur or say anything that justified Mychal Bell attacking Justin nor did any of us see Justin do anything that would cause Mychal to react," the statement said.

The statement also expressed

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# Chatman Hills Corner

By Doris Reynolds

Study courses for exit-level portions of the July TAAS and TAKS administrations continue at Estacado High School, 1504 E. Itasca, and Irons Middle School, 5214 79th Street, Monday, July 5, thru Friday, July 10.

The courses at Irons are offered from 6-9 p.m. and the courses at Estacado are offered from 1-4 p.m. Please help us notify prospective students about these courses. This is not for event coverage.

Lubbock Independent School District study course contact is Pam Summers; 928-0088

Lubbock Independent School District Central Offices will be closed for the week of July 6-10. Central Offices will reopen and personnel will be back on duty at 8 a.m. on Monday, July 13.

The New Hope Baptist Church will hold its 2009

Annual Church Family Picnic on Saturday afternoon, August 1, 2009, beginning at 5:00 p.m. at the Booker T. Washington Park, which across the street from the New Hope Baptist Church.

Rev. B. R. Moton is pastor. \*\*\*  
The New Hope Baptist Church's Annual Usher Day will be held Sunday afternoon, July 19, 2009, beginning at 3:30 p.m.

Church services got underway last Sunday morning, July 5, 2009, with the Praise Team singing some inspiring selections. The morning scripture and prayer was done, and the spirit was high.

The Senior Choir sung out of their hearts and souls. Pastor Moton delivered the morning sermon entitled "What's Your Excuse For Not Obeying God." is scripture text was Exodus 4:1-10.

After the discipleship to discipleship, the morning announcements were read by Sister LaVerne Williams. Sister Cleothia Quigley welcomed all visitors

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Let us not forget those who are sick and shut-in.

Let us keep our prayers for Dana M. Manley of Wylie, Texas is ill at this time. She is a former resident of Lubbock and a graduate of Dunbar High School.

Also, Brother Al Caviel is still recuperating nicely at this report.

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The Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church will sponsor its annual Friends & Family Day August 7-9, 2009. A Gospel Musical is being set for Friday evening, August 7th at 7:00 p.m.

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Attend church services!

## FASHION FUN

by Shirley Roberson

### Hobo Bags

The textured faux leather and substantial hardware give them a street-wise chic, with a neat shorter strap that works over the shoulder or in hand. HOBO bags are arriving this

season in the most bold beautiful colors, exciting colors that will absolutely light up your world and the world of everyone that's in your presence. Update your wardrobe instantly by simply adding a colorful handbag. Outfitted with a zippered main compartment with full lining, two open pockets, one zip pocket.

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Fashion tip...always wear a smile.

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Fashion...just for the fun of it!

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Have A Safe Summer!

## Criminal Justice Cycle Must End: Time for Treatment, Not More Prisons

In communities across America, citizens, public officials and civic leaders fight against the criminal justice cycle. It's the maddening sequence in which people are incarcerated for drug-related crimes, returned to their neighborhoods without counseling, treatment or healthcare, and then swiftly sent back to prison for resuming old habits.

Since our nation adopted the mass incarceration strategy four decades ago, this public policy has devastated communities of color. But now, there is hope.

The Community Voices Program at Morehouse School of Medicine recently sponsored its annual Community Voices, Freedom Voices Conference, where the hundreds of people attending demanded that our civic and political leaders put an end to the demeaning cycle. They spoke of the millions spent to build prisons, while pennies go toward drug treatment. They spoke of communities like Baltimore, where 40,000 heroin addicts roam the streets. They spoke of the \$40,000 to \$47,000 a year it costs to house a prisoner versus the \$5,000 for mental health and drug counseling—yet states repeatedly make the wrong choices.

More importantly, our conference heard the voices of people who have suffered through the cycle. Their experiences vividly exposed the flaws in the criminal justice system. Listen to the voice of Lorna Hogan. She is now the Associate Director of the Sacred Authority Parent Advocacy Group in Washington, D.C., but the path she followed exemplifies what's wrong with our society, what's wrong with the criminal justice system and what absolutely must be fixed.

"This is my story: A mother abused, a mother with an untreated addiction too afraid to ask for help because there was no help available. I am the mother of four children. I began self-medicating with marijuana and alcohol at the age of 14. It was the only way I knew how to cope with being physically, sexually abused. But after a while, the combination was no longer working. I needed something stronger to help me cope, and I began using crack cocaine. Crack cocaine would take me to horrible places I never imagined. The once-clean police record I had became stained with drug-related crimes I committed to support my habit. My children were definitely affected by my drug use. I was not a mother to them.

"I couldn't stop using. I tried 28-day treatment programs, but I was just detoxing. I was not getting help for the emotional pain I kept suppressed by using drugs. There were no services provided for me as a mother. There were no services for my children. There were no opportunities to heal as a family. In December 2000 I was arrested on a drug-related charge, and my children were placed with child protective services. When I went before the judge for sentencing, I begged him for treatment, and the judge refused

my request.

"I felt hopeless. I not only lost my children; I lost myself. I didn't know where my children were or what was happening to them. I felt I would never see them again. In jail I received no treatment. I was surrounded by women like myself, mothers. We were all

there in jail suffering from untreated addiction, but there were no treatment services in jail for us. When I was released, there were no referrals to after-care treatment programs. I was released to the street at 10 o'clock at night with \$4 in my pocket.

## New Light Baptist Church News

On Sunday morning, July 5, 2009, church service got started at New Light Baptist Church, 3013 Idalou Road, with a lot of inspiration. Rev. Kenneth O. Jackson is the pastor.

Church school started at 9:45 a.m. with several teachers teaching the lesson entitled: "Accepting Rules For Living"; with the scriptures coming from Deuteronomy, 5:1-9, 11-13 & 16-21. Morning worship led by the devoted praise team started at 11:00 a.m.

Rev. Jackson led the pulpit devotion. The Senior Choir marched in the choir stand singing "We've Come This Far By Faith" and with the help of God, we have come this far by faith lending and depending on Him.

the responsive reading was read by Rev. Henry Edom II

came from 1 Corinthians 11:23-30.

The altar prayer was also led by Rev. Edom with the choir singing "Pray For Me."

Sis. Rochelette Hood read all the morning announcements and told of all the upcoming events that will be taking place. There was the pastoral period that was held and then the offering was taken up.

The Senior Choir sang "The Lord Will Make A Way" and "Hush". "Amazing Grace" was sung before the sermon.

Rev. Jackson preached the sermon entitled: "You Can Run, But You Can't Hide" with the scripture text coming from Jonah 1:1-17.

Brother. A. W. Brown sang a selection after the sermon.

There was the invitation to discipleship and several came

prayer.

Pray for those that are lost out of the ark of safety. Pray for those also in nursing facilities, jails, and prisons.

On July 20th -24th from 10:00a.m.-12:30p.m. Vacation Bible School will be held at New Light Baptist Church. **COME OUT AND HOP ON THE BOOMERANG EXPRESS.**

**SCRIPTURE FOR WEEK:** "Fret not thyself because of evil-doers neither be thou envious against the workers of iniquity. For they shall soon be cut down like the grass and wither as the green herb. Trust in the Lord and do good so thou dwell in the land and verily thou shalt be fed."

Psalm 37:1 & 2

## Choir Concert Set For New Hope Baptist Church

The Lubbock community is invited to come and share The Glory of the Lord with the members of the New Hope Baptist Church of Shallowater on Saturday evening, July 11, 2009, beginning at 7:30 p.m.

This is the 5th Choir Annual Concert which will be featuring the First Church Workshop Mass Choir 2009 of Slaton.

The concert will also feature

Pastor Ruby Moultrie of the United Methodist Church of Brownfield, Sister N. Carter of the Greater St. Luke Missionary Baptist Church of Lubbock, and Sister Brianna Jo Mendez of the Overton Park Fellowship.

The theme for this concert is "Running The Race," Isaiah 40:31.

For more information, call (806) 795-9580 or (806) 544-0120.

The Music Director is Brother Bobby Darty and Pastor M. C. Hall.

The motto, "In Pursuit of His Glory."

## Hope n The Hood Set For East Lubbock

There will be a new program for East Lubbock. According to Pastor J. Jerome Johnson, pastor of the Mount Gilead Baptist Church, "This program will help many of our young people in the community," he said.

This program, which is named 'Hope In The Hood,' will have AA/NA Support Group meetings.

These meetings will be held at 2512 Fir Avenue on Saturday mornings, beginning at 9:00 a.m.

This special program will get underway on Friday evening, August 14, 2009, beginning at 7:00 p.m. at Mount Gilead Baptist Church with church services.

A HIV & AIDS Prevention Rally is scheduled for Saturday morning, August 15, 2009, beginning at 9:00 a.m.

"We are going to march from East Broadway Avenue to the Theodore Phea Boys & Girls Club, 1801 East 34th Street.

If there are any questions, call Pastor Johnson at (806) 767-9401 or (806) 928-5112.

"This will be an important step in fighting HIV and AIDS in our community," says Pastor Johnson.

"There is no doubt about it, we need to have this kind of an effort in our community to help our young people," continued Pastor Johnson.

"We hope there will be many young people who will participate as there will be valuable information which will help all of us," said Pastor Johnson.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

### Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Goals for Federal Fiscal Year 2010

The Lubbock International Airport hereby announces its fiscal year 2010 goal of 6.13% for Disadvantaged Business Enterprise airport construction projects. The proposed goal and goal setting methodology is available for inspection between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday beginning July 6th and ending August 6th in the Office of the City Purchasing Manager, 1625 13th Street, Lubbock, Texas.

The Airport will accept comments on the DBE goals for 45 days beginning July 6th and ending August 20th. Comments can be sent to either of the following:

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Re: Airport DBE Goal-2010  
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Church School 9:30am  
Morning Worship 11:00am

### Wednesday Services

Bible Study 12:00 noon & 6:00pm

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MAN OUR BROTHER

# Church News

## FROM THE DESK OF PARSON D. A. SMITH

### "Racists Creatures of th Night"

There appear to be a concatenated relationship among leading Conservatives that President Barack Obama is the "black boogie man" who has entered on their planet earth and especially the United States to control their destiny.

These fratricidal agents of evil are the ones who would destroy their own kind for what they call a "heritage violation" particularly if that person is an African American on the rise in America. These people who are the bi-products of those with fratricidal behavior are dangerously infected with intense hostility and aversion rising from the fear of African Americans, Jews, and Hispanics being in leadership position on planet earth through the election of Barack Obama as the President of the United States. Case in point:

Friday, June 19, 2009 Lubbock Avalanche -Journal Your Views—printed and opinion by Jack Britton Kyle/Lubbock with the title: "Restore our past form of government." The following is the "lese majesty" to our first African American president.

Dictatorial movement: any movement, ideology or attitude that factors dictatorial government, centralized control of private enterprise, repression of all opposition and extreme nationalism.

Read the above definition and tell me if it does not define the type of government Obama is imposing upon the people of the United States. Wake up before it's too late! Call your government representatives, newspapers and talk shows (meaning Senator John Cornyn, Governor Rick Perry, GOP (Uncle Tom) Michael Steele, U. S. Representative, Randy Neugebauer, the United Daughters of the Confederacy, and Boss Rush Limbaugh). Obama now controls our automobile industry, our banking system, and he will try to control our communication networks in the near future. If you want a future for your children and grandchildren, now is the time to let your voices be heard.

I fear before the next election Obama will declare a state of emergency because of what he will call "civil unrest" and take complete control of the election system. Goodbye republic, hello fascism!

We can no longer leave our future for someone else to decide. Now is the time to let our voices be heard. If you like the America you grew up in (meaning Ku, Klux, Klan America), there can be no more important issue or activity to which to devote your time than trying to restore the form of government that our founding father gave us (one that existed

before the 19th of June). Our Constitution and the rule of law must prevail.—Jack Britton Kyle/Lubbock

The other West Texas bucolic who played the part of a "lese majesty" was B. D. Harmon, a regular on "Your Views". This corybantic individual stealthily accuses President Obama of buying votes and putting \$20 billion into one of the Big Three automakers, with another 30 billion to follow.

This same contentious epigonical individual representing the little house behind the big house with the famous Sears Roebuck catalogue is spreading fear through the idea Obama will declare a state of emergency because of what he will call "civil unrest" and take complete control of the election system. He sounded maenad.

African Americans must learn to deal with these quarrelsome creatures of the Evil One! African Americans in Lubbock must learn to speak proper diction and English—non-slang, non-street vernacular. Lubbock African Americans must bring to light that side of the "people of color" that represents dignity, intelligence, and true dedication to hard work and self respect regardless to what those SAY who are sitting in the little house behind the big house with the Sears catalogue!



## We Thank God for Jesus

### "America's Sins Are Upon Her"

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

**Jeremiah 8:7-8a** — The Lord said, yes, the stork in heaven knows her appointed times, and the turtle and the crane and the swallow observe the time coming, but my people know not the judgement of the Lord is with us?

America was founded on the word of God. It was her guidelines. But then she wanted her rights, like Adam in the garden wanted to use his own mind!!!

**John 8:31-32** — Jesus said, if you continue in my words, then you are my disciples indeed and you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

**\*\*\* MANKIND CAN ONLY BE FREE IN JESUS CHRIST!!! \*\*\***

When the churches marched against the law, and the policeman. This started much of the troubles. That's in this troubled land!!!

**1 Peter 2:13-16** — Submit yourself to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake, whether it be to the King (President), as supreme, or unto governors, as unto them that are sent by him for the punishment of evildoers, and for the praise of them that do well. For is the will of God, that with well-doing you may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men. As free, not using your liberty for a cloak of miraculousness, but as the servants of God.

**\*\*\* BLESSED ARE THE PEACEMAKERS; CURSED ARE THE TROUBLE MAKERS!!! \*\*\***

When the children watched the Adults, the police they didn't obey. The children and their MY RIGHTS, and they're disobedient to parents to day!!!

**Matthew 15:14** — Jesus said, let them along, they be blind leaders of the blind. And if the blind lead the blind, both shall fall in the ditch.

The Christians said, I will give service to free my fellow man. But God never gave that Order. He said, Preach Salvation to your fellow man!!!!

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

**Galatians 5:7-8** — Be not mocked; for whatsoever a man sow (plant) that shall he also reap (harvest). For He that sow to his flesh reap corruption, but he that sows to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting.

America can go to the moon, do all kind of body transplants, thinking she's smart. But do don't want God in her Homes, Churches, Courts, nor Hearts!!!

**\*\*\* YES, AMERICA CA DID ROB GOD!!! \*\*\***

When America got Proud. She kicked Prayer out of her Churches and Schools. NOW

SHE'S IN TROUBLE, BECAUSE THE CHURCHES PLAYED THE FOOL!!!

**Romans 1:18, 21-22** — For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of who hold the truth (Christians) in unrighteousness. Because that when they (Christians) knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful, but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened. Profession themselves to be wise, they (Christians) became fools.

America has job problems, wild fires, floods, terrorist killings, disasters of all kinds. Now you hear America crying out to GOD ALL THE TIME!!!

**Isaiah 57:20-21** — The wicked are like the trouble seas. When it cannot rest, whose water cast mire and dirt. There is no Peace, said my God to the wicked.

**\*\*\* CHRISTIANS, IT'S PRAYING TIME!!! \*\*\***

America is raising up a nation full of liars and killers, like Adam and Cain!!! The commit the crime: THEN PLAY CRAZY, SAYING WE'RE INSANE!!!

**Deuteronomy 28:15a, 16-20** — The Lord said, it shall come to pass, if you will not listen unto the voice of the Lord, your God, **Continue on Page 6**

# St. Matthew's Baptist Church News

Church services were well attended last Sunday morning, July 5, 2009, at the St. Matthew Baptist Church, 2020 East 14th Street, where Rev. Edward Canady is the proud pastor.

Church services got underway with Sunday School, beginning at 10:00 a. m. with Superintendent Sister Shirley Davis in charge.

The morning lesson was entitled "Accepting Rules For Living." The scripture text was

Deuteronomy 5:1-9, 11-13; and 16-21. The morning lesson was taught by Rev. Canady.

The key verse was: "And Moses called all Israel, and said unto them, Hear, O Israel, the statues and judgments which I speak in your ears this day, that ye may learn them, and keep, and do them." Deuteronomy 5:11.

What a wonderful time we had listening to our Pastor!

The morning worship hour got underway with Deacon Edward Willis and Deaconess Ethel Williams in charge.

The Senior Choir of the St. Matthew Baptist Church sang out of their hearts and souls.

The morning sermon was delivered by Pastor Canady. His sermon was entitled: "Why Accuse Someone Else, When You Are Guilty Yourself?" His scripture text was John 8:1-11.

The Song of Inspiration was "I

Almost Let Go."

If you are looking for a Church Home, then consider becoming a member of the St. Matthew Baptist Church, remember our doors are always open for anyone. Will you join us? Hope you will consider the St. Matthew Baptist Church when you decide to join a good Bible based Church. God bless each of you is our prayer.

Our weekly meetings include the following: Mission meets at 6:00 p. m. on Wednesday evenings and Bible study at 7:00 p. m.

Friday evenings, Choir Rehearsal beginning at 5:00 p. m.

On Saturday mornings, our Ushers meet at 11:00 a. m.

The St. Matthew Baptist Church is still looking for a Musician. If you are interested,

then contact Rev Canady at (806) 744-2445. You will be glad you called. God is able!

The Lord's our Rock, In Him we hide, A shelter in the time of Storm; Secure whatever ill betide, A shelter in the time of Storm.

Thought of the Week: "To survive the storms of life, be anchored to the Rock of Ages."

Pastor Edward Canady and the members of the St. Matthew Baptist Church would love to hear from you concerning our weekly report. You may do so by writing it to: 2020 East 14th Street, Lubbock, Texas 79404.

Come and meet with us on Saturday morning!

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

## Outreach Prayer Breakfast

The members and friends of the Outreach Prayer Breakfast would like to share with you a very interesting subject this week. It is called "Deny Yourself" The scripture text include the following scriptures: II Corinthians 2:10-11; Ephesians 6:11; Romans 7:23; Galatians 5:13; and Ephesians 4:25-32.

To whom ye forgive anything, I forgive also for if I forgive anything to whom I forgive it. For your sake, forgive it in the person of Christ.

Last, Satan should get an advantage of us. For we are not ignorant of his devices. Watch out for Satan devices known his tricks. We are in a warfare, and it's not against men with hearts, not against flesh and blood, but principalities men without hearts.

Ephesians 4:15-32: Wherefore putting away lying. Speak every man truth with his neighbors. For we are members one of another, be ye angry and sin not. Let not the sun go down upon your wrath. Neither give place to the devil, let him that stole, steal no more.

Put on the whole armour of God, because you are going to need it, Christians, in order to stand even if you have to stand alone!

**Thought of the Week:** "Those who feel they have no reason to bow, get ready because you will be bowing." Not only that, but you will have to tell him about how you tried to keep his name out of the mainstream of things in the world He created. You will have to stand before the judgement sent of God. That's not going to be a pretty picture. What do you think?

America, America get ready, because a change is coming.....

Getting Wisdom is the most important thing you can get and with your wisdom, develop Common Sense and good judgement. If you exalt wisdom, it will exalt you. Wisdom can be learned, while the evil man gripes and stumbles in the dark. Can't you hear the voice of wisdom???

Our one desire is that the Church be saved, we're all saved and don't know it. Our sins were nailed to the Cross.

We only have to receive this Free Salvation that Christ has already paid for.

God does not intend for us to live in poverty. Just because he said the poor we will have with us always!

In order to please God, it will have to be through the vehicle of Faith!

Our monthly meeting, which was scheduled for Saturday morning, July 4, 2009, has been

set for this Saturday morning, July 11, 2009, beginning at 9:00 a. m. in the home of Sister Elnora Jones.

Here are some thoughts for you this week:

The art of being wise is the art of knowing what to overlook.

A man's wisdom gives him patience; it is to his glory to overlook an offense.

**Proverbs 19:11**

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Tony Brewer

# Obsequies

## Burlene Henry

Funeral services for Burlene Henry were held Friday morning, July 3, 2009 at New Hope Baptist Church with Rev. B. R. Moton, pastor, officiating.

Burial followed at Peaceful Garden Memorial Park in Woodrow under the direction of Griffin Mortuary & Funeral Home of Lubbock.

Henry, 83, of Lubbock passed away Sunday, June 28, 2009 at Whisperwood Nursing and Rehab.

Burlene was born September 7, 1925 to the union of Lula Pearl and Lawrence Meekins. Burlene lived in Navarro County until the family moved to Lubbock.

Burlene was an active member of New Hope Baptist Church until God called her home.

She leaves to cherish her



memory, five daughters, Patricia Henry, Anita Henry, Sandra Henry, Donna Williams (Tommy), and Peggy Howard; seven grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and a host of other relatives and friends

Beverly Delaney and a host of nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

Services for Elzo Ware, Jr., 64, of Lubbock, were held Friday afternoon, July 3, 2009, Community Baptist Church with Rev. Larry Brooks, pastor, officiating.

Burial will follow at Peaceful Gardens Memorial Park.

Ware, Jr. was born in Slaton on June 12, 1945, to Elzo and Carrie Ware, Sr.

He attended Lubbock Public Schools, and was enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1964, and he served four years. He was loved by many family members and friends.

Mr. Ware is survived by his wife, Lena Mae Hamilton of Lubbock; two sisters; five



brothers; two daughters, Ruth Ann Clark of Denver, Colo. and Martha Wooten of Clarksville.

## Joe West

Funeral services were held for Joe West were held Thursday, July 2, 2009 at Agape Temple COGIC with Bishop W. H. Watson, pastor, officiating.

Burial will be at City of Lubbock Cemetery under the



direction of Griffin Mortuary & Funeral Home of Lubbock.

West, 54 of Lubbock passed away Monday, June 29, 2009 at Vista Care.

Joe graduate from Lubbock Estacado High School in 1974 where he played football for the Matadors. He worked at Mrs. Baird's Bakery for many years.

He was well known for being the kind of guy who loved his family and friends.

He is survived by his mother, Ella Mae West; six brothers, Sammy West (Brenda), Jonathan West (Vera), Charles West (Marsha), Ricky West (Crystal), and Shawn West (Grace); three sisters, Annie Williams (James), Mary Spencer (Raymond), and Shelia Johnson (John); two step-sisters, Tabitha Shedd (Edward) and Shirley Johnson (Kevin); and a host of other relatives and friends.

## The Late Faye Crawford Bremond Leaves \$508,781 Gift to UNCF

FAIRFAX, Va. UNCF—the United Negro College Fund—the nation's largest and most effective minority education organization, has received a \$508,781 gift from the estate of the late Faye Crawford Bremond. Proceeds from the bequest will be placed in an endowed fund for scholarships or fellowships in her name for students at her alma mater, Huston-Tillotson University UNCF member institution in Austin, Texas.

Mrs. Bremond spent most of her professional career as a faculty member in the biological science department at San Jose City College where she taught for 26 years before retiring in 1983. A native of Texas, she attended a one-room, one-teacher, seven-grade elementary school. She graduated from Edwards Negro High School in 1949.

## John T. Cameron



Services were held Monday morning, June 29, 2009, at Saint John Baptist Church with Rev. Billy R. Delaney, Pastor, officiating.

Interment will be in Lakeview Cemetery under the direction of Wells Funeral Home, Wichita Falls.

He was raised in Pecos, Texas where he was loved by many. He accepted Christ at an early age and united with the Saint James Baptist Church in Pecos, Texas, where he was a very active member. He attended Pecos High School. He graduated from Texas Tech University, Lubbock, Texas, with a Master's Degree in Business Administration. He attended Avalon Vocational Technical Institute receiving a diploma as a Computer Word Processing Specialist. He relocated to Wichita Falls, where he met his loving wife, Barbara Childress. They shared 19 years of love until his untimely death. At the time of his death he was employed at the Econo Lodge as a Front Desk Administrator.

John was a kind and outgoing spirit. He loved to serve others. He left a special trademark that was his own. His love for flowers were ever present in his home. He was a faithful and obedient servant of Saint John Baptist Church, Wichita Falls, where he served until his death. He was a member of the male chorus. He loved his family and enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

He is survived by his loving wife, Barbara; stepmother, Earline Cameron, Pecos, Texas; sons, Anthony and Randy Cameron of Lubbock, Texas, John T. Cameron, III, New Mexico; stepsons, Torry Anderson, Wichita Falls, and Anthony Anderson of Iowa; stepdaughters, Marsha (Calvin) Harrell, Derra Washington, Reslen (Michael) Dawkins, all of Wichita Falls; brothers, Charles Cameron and Lloyd White, Wichita Falls, Texas, Hiawatha Cameron, Lubbock, Texas, Glen Cameron, Odessa, Texas, Darnell Cameron, Las Vegas, Nev., and Wayne Cameron, Miss.; sisters, Mary (Robert) Mack, Arlington, Texas, Linda Cannady, Wichita Falls, Texas, Faye Runnels, Killeen, Texas and Patricia, Tyler, Texas; eleven grandchildren; close dear friend, Julie Cameron; special friend, Mrs.

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## THIS 'N' THAT

by T.J. Patterson

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**TER PLACE TO REAR OUR CHILDREN** ..... and for that reason ..... and many more ..... we will not ..... **QUIT!!!** ..... So regardless of who you are ..... who made it difficult last week ..... **WE** ..... will not roll over and give up ..... Both of us ..... **EDDIE P. RICHARDSON & T. J. PATTERSON** ..... have agreed to continue to do what God wants us to do ..... You see ..... we realize that with God on our side ..... things will be alright ..... **LUBBOCK JUNETEENTH COMMITTEE, WE REALIZE WHAT YOU HAVE DONE!! THIS 'N' THAT** ..... wants to appreciate the hard works of the ..... **LUBBOCK JUNETEENTH COMMITTEE** ..... and understands there were problems this year ..... **THIS 'N' THAT** ..... would recommend that they take the ..... **ANNUAL CELEBRATION** ..... back to ..... **MAE SIMMONS PARK** ..... as this was a major concern this year ..... Why not have a ..... **COMMUNITY**

**MEETING** ..... later in the year ..... and involve some of those ..... **SENIOR CITIZENS** ..... who were involved some 30 years ago ..... with some of the ..... **YOUNG FOLK IN THE COMMUNITY** ..... so they will understand why we ..... **CELEBRATE JUNETEENTH!** ..... Once many of our ..... **YOUNG PEOPLE** ..... understand ..... then the ..... **LUBDOCK JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION** ..... will always continue ..... Hope the ..... **LUBDOCK JUNETEENTH COMMITTEE** ..... will take this under advisement ..... Again ..... thanks for what you have done and will continue to do ..... **PENNY HASTINGS THE BARBER SAYS: "YOU** ..... can't lead where you don't go ..... and ..... **YOU** ..... can't teach what ..... **YOU** ..... don't know ..... **THANKS!! KEEP PRAYING FOR US EACH DAY! YOUR PRAYERS ALWAYS APPRECIATED! THANKS!!**



## THINK ABOUT IT!

How Low Can A Scumbag Go?

by Eddie P. Richardson

After over 32 years of dedicated active service to the community service being a newspaper for all people, but primarily reflective of and basically oriented to the Black community, the Southwest Digest is no way near tucking tail and running or hiding. No punk is going to send us to the house. We have had ups and downs over the past 30 plus years. A few break ins, some destroyed property but through it all, we have survived through out the ups and downs and we will eventually move from ups and downs as time goes by. There will be more ups than downs and eventually all ups and no downs. Even though this last stupid break in was the most expensive simply, because over the years we have acquired more electronic equipment that is necessary in this day and time. You can not put a price tag on this break in, because of the importance of the equipment, but a stupid crack head cost us

time, delayed lost of computer memory, rebuilding of the paper set up only to get some stupid crack. It's a pity and a shame but rest assured the Digest is not gone. The Digest is a reflection of what our community is, could and should be and does. We are and still will be printing news and information that empowers our readers. The Black press is still very important to the community and more than anything it has a positive impact on the United States and is headed by a Black man, President Barack Obama. The Black community still has a long way to go. Don't think that by any stretch of the imagination, we are free. We still are not, in many cases, equally and fairly open to access. Black newspapers are sorely needed to report the experiences and ideas of the Black community. The Black press is still needed to report the real perspective.

The Digest will be around many more years as long as we continue to provide services and activities that our readers want. We will survive! Our recent break in was a punk trying to make a crack hustle or a poor sabotaged job. We are still on the case of animal shelter in Mackenzie Park as much as we ever were. We just had a temporary hold up beyond our control, and we highly encourage our readers to continue to oppose this action by our city council, because it is wrong. The presentation, the motive, and even the reason are not they should have been. Just think about Mackenzie Park after other parks rejected it even two of our city council persons led the protest in the Clapp Park, using City of Lubbock logos, supplies to protest in another park, but strongly support Mackenzie Park.

## In Cinque

by Renetta Howard



Howard

The Moonwalk. That name took off and it has been a popular move most imitated of Michael's dance repertoire as his signature along with his socks and glove. The socks and short trousers mimicked the spats (short for spatterdash), that the earlier dancers wore. One has to be at least seventy years old to remember spats. (I am not telling my age).

Spats or long socks, Michael Jackson captured the hearts of young and old and whether he was rich or poor, the chances are that he will earn more money and glory in his afterlife than he ever did on earth. Like all mortals, he has paid the price that we will all pay one day as sure as we live. Jesus paid it all. As humans, be we ever so popular and render so much good to the world, we must remember that Jesus died that we may all have life everlasting and that is because of grace, and only grace.

When popular people die,

what ever the reason or how, fans tend to rush to the places where they have known or felt the presence of those individuals, such as Steve McNair just the other day, in downtown Nashville, Tennessee. The fans rush in with flowers, stuffed objects, notes, signs, banners etc. as a display of their love and concern for the deceased. They follow their hearts and their feelings of loss; they weep and mourn and reminisce. Two television stations played Michael Jackson all day long for at least two days, non-stop as soon as word was out that he had died. Alcorn State University Alumni and Ex-students are hoping for a great memorial for Steve McNair at their alma mater.

If the world can become as inspired by their religions and flock to places of worship as they do about the dying places of people they claim to love so much on this earth, "What a Wonderful World This Would

## NATION'S TOP 37 MINORITY STUDENTS AWARDED PRESTIGIOUS UNCF/MERCK SCIENCE SCHOLARSHIPS & FELLOWSHIPS

Partnership Impacts Global Economy & STEM Discipline

UNCF—the United Negro College Fund—the nation's largest and most effective minority education organization, and the global research-based pharmaceutical company Merck & Co., Inc., today announced awards of scholarships and fellowships to 37 African American biological and chemical science students. The awards were part of the UNCF/Merck Science Initiative, a fifteen-year partnership that has supported 516 promising undergraduate, graduate and post-doctoral science students. UNCF/Merck recipients have gone on to pursue careers in a wide range of disciplines, from biochemistry and microbiology to pharmacology, neuroscience, biophysics, chemistry and bio-engineering.

UNCF/Merck scholarships and fellowships include financial support, hands-on training, close mentoring and networking

relationships and institutional support. Recipients are chosen through a competitive application process that selects candidates based on their academic achievements and potential in the field of biomedical research. "American economic and scientific competitiveness depend on our ability to meet the demand for a more diverse and better-educated workforce by building a pipeline of minority students in the biosciences that starts in preschool and extends through undergraduate.

The world of Pop Music is mourning the death of the 'King of Pop,' Michael Jackson of the famed 'Jackson Five,' later called 'The Jacksons' due to a rift with Motown Records. Michael was the lead singer of the group with hits like ABC, I Want You Back, I'll Be There and many others that started the pre-schoolers to moving to the rhythms. Today's fifty year olds are perhaps the most ardent fans as they go back to the sixties with Michael.

In 1969 when the astronauts walked on the Moon, Michael Jackson re-named the dance movement, "The Backslide," to

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**We Thank God**

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 Whereby you have forsaken Me.

**Paris Jackson Talks**  
 Continued from Page 1

and traveled the world with him, their faces often covered by veils and masks when appearing in public.  
 In its execution, the speech appeared to be a surprise to those onstage and off.  
 "It was a surprise they were there. All of us who know them were delighted they were strong enough to come and feel this love and great outpouring for their dad," Kenny Ortega, the choreographer ("Dirty Dancing") who was directing Jackson's "This Is It" comeback concerts in London, England," it was made known to CNN.

**Michael Vick Loves the Kids**



Michael Vick has signed on to work at the Boys and Girls Club, which is a definite step in the right direction. Suspended NFL quarterback Michael Vick is leaving his federally ordered construction job and is working for the Boys & Girls clubs in the Hampton Roads area of Virginia.



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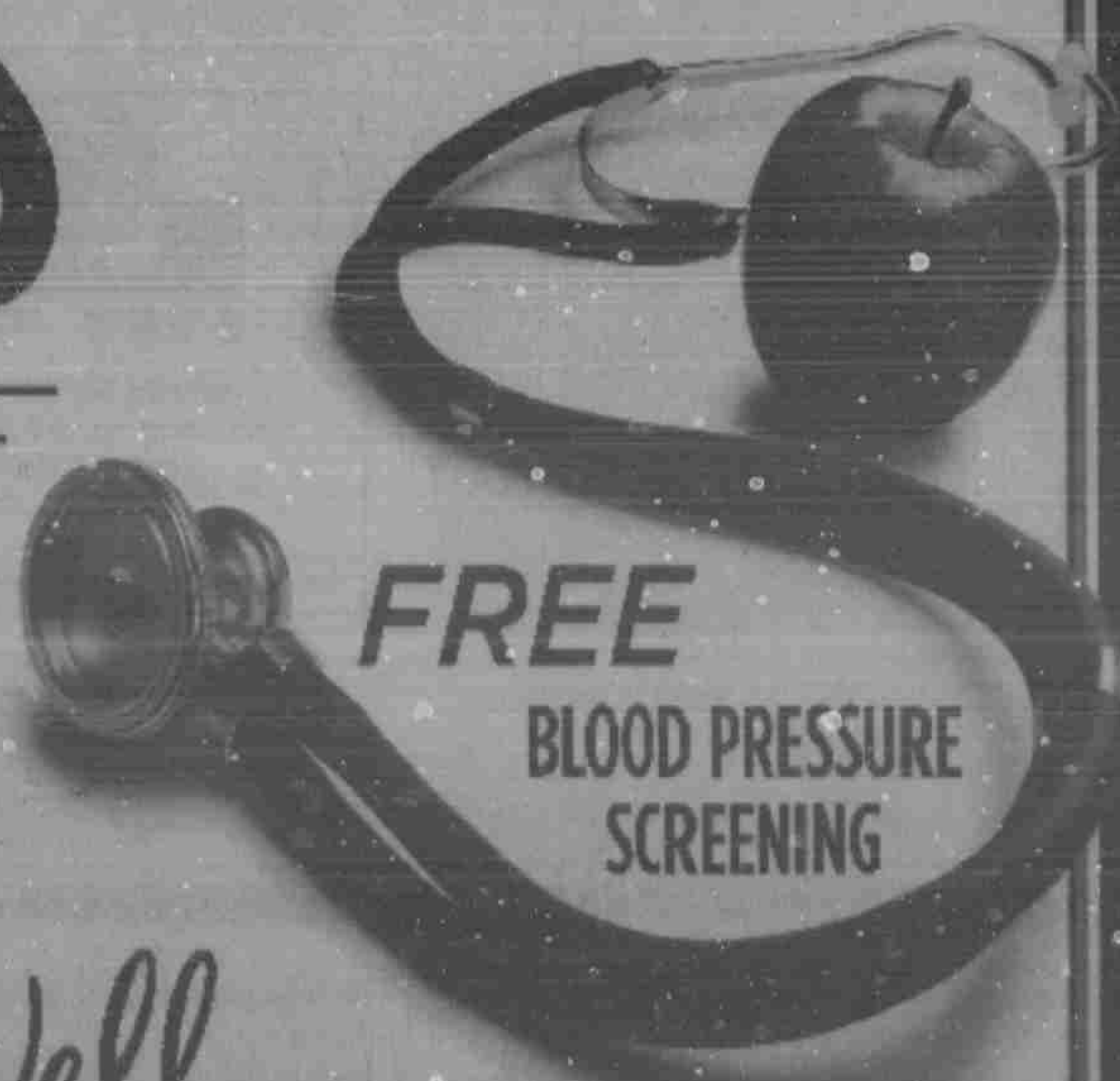
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**Former D.C. Mayor Barry arrested, charged with stalking woman**

WASHINGTON (AP) — Police say former Washington Mayor Marion Barry has been arrested and charged with stalking a woman. The United States Park Police says Barry was arrested Sunday, July 5, 2009, in the

national capital after a woman flagged down an officer and complained that Barry was stalking her.

Barry was charged with misdemeanor stalking and released.

A message left seeking comment from a spokeswoman for Barry wasn't immediately returned early Sunday. Barry is currently a D.C. Council member.

Barry served four terms as mayor. In 1990, during his third term, he was videotaped in a hotel room smoking crack cocaine in an FBI sting. He served six months in prison and in 1994 regained the mayor's office.

**Jena Six**

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sympathy for Barker and his family, and acknowledged the past two-and-a-half years had "caused Justin and his parents tremendous pain and suffering."

**Joe Jackson**

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for a local band and a crane operator at U.S. Steel. When he recognized the musical talents of his children, he organized and trained the Jackson 5, also serving as their manager.



Steve McNair, 36, spent 13 seasons in the NFL, the majority with the Tennessee Titans.

**Police: Ex-NFL star McNair dated woman before both found dead**

(CNN) — The death of former NFL quarterback Steve McNair was a homicide, though police said Sunday they have not classified the death of woman who was involved in a romantic relationship with him.

Police found McNair, 36, and Sahel Kazemi, 20, fatally shot in a condominium in downtown Nashville, Tennessee, Saturday afternoon after receiving a phone call about an injured person. McNair was shot twice in the head and twice in the chest, while Kazemi was shot once in the head. Nashville Metropolitan Police Department Spokesman Don Aaron told reporters Sunday after announcing the autopsies were complete.

Asked whether the shooting was a murder-suicide, Aaron said investigators had ruled out nothing.

"I would expect that it would be a number of days before the classification is placed on Miss Kazemi's death," he said.

McNair, a married father of four, and Kazemi "apparently were involved in a dating relationship over the past several months," Aaron said.

There were no signs of forced entry at the condo, which was rented by McNair and a friend of his, sporting-goods dealer Wayne Neeley, Aaron said. Neeley used a key to enter the building and discovered the clothed bodies Saturday afternoon, Aaron said.

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"The two had been dead for a period of hours prior to the bodies being discovered," Aaron said.

Neeley then called his friend, Robert Gaddy, who went to the condo and called police.

Asked why Neeley had not called police himself, Aaron said, "My conjecture would be that he was shocked and horrified by what he had just discovered and, for some reason, his inclination was to contact Mr. Gaddy, who was a close friend of Mr. Neeley's and Mr.

McNair's."

McNair's body was found seated on a living room sofa, Aaron said. A semi-automatic pistol was found under Kazemi's body, which was on the floor, he said.

The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives was assisting local authorities in tracing the gun, Aaron said.

Police are also interviewing Kazemi's former boyfriend, Aaron said.

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