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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 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
- Danbar 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 Silverdome 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, Main Business Community Center
- Lubbock Chapter of Black Alumni meets every 3rd Tuesday, 5:30 pm, TTU Market Alumni Center
- Danbar/Marshman Heights Neighborhood Association meets every 1st Thursday at 6:00 pm and every 3rd Thursday at 7:00 pm at the Danbar-Marshman Heights Neighborhood Outreach Center, 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 Twentieth 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 pm
- 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 2nd Tuesday evening of each month at 7:30 pm at Albritton Middle School, 219 Walnut Ave.
- Chatham Hill Neighborhood Association meets the 2nd Thursday of every month at 4:00 pm, at the Elementary Cafeteria.



YES YOU CAN: Earvin "Magic" Johnson spoke to attendees of the National Black MBA Association's 30th Annual Conference and Exposition about the gratification and responsibilities of being a business owner, showing through his example that blacks should seek to dominate not simply in sports but also in business and financial endeavors. "It's all about the customer. You have to over-deliver in this market, over-deliver to them and to yourself," Johnson advised. "If you want to get into business look to urban America - I wanted to invest in my own people, even though everyone said it wouldn't work."



MORE THAN GAME: NBA legend and Magic Johnson Enterprises Chairman and CEO Earvin "Magic" Johnson poses with National Black MBA board members Thomas W. Dorich, Jr., (left) and Dr. de'Asia (right) after his remarks at the organization's 30th Annual Conference & Exposition in Washington, D.C. Johnson partnered with the Burger King Corp. to engage attendees at the Conference's Industry Theatre during his presentation about ownership and franchising opportunities in the food and beverage industry.



O. J. Simpson Found Guilty

Las Vegas, NV - O.J. Simpson, who went from American sports idol to celebrity-in-exile after he was acquitted of murdering his ex-wife and a friend, was found guilty Friday of robbing two sports-memorabilia dealers at gunpoint in a Las Vegas hotel room.

The 61-year-old former football star could spend the rest of his life in prison after he is sentenced Dec. 5.

A weary and somber Simpson released a heavy sigh as the charges were read in rapid fire by the clerk in Clark County District Court. He was immediately taken into custody.

The Hall of Fame football star was found guilty of kidnapping, armed robbery and 10 other charges for gathering up five men a year ago and storming into a room at hotel-casino, where the group seized several game balls, plaques and photos. Prosecutors said two of the men with him were armed; one of them said he brought a gun at Simpson's request.

Simpson's co-defendant, Clarence "C.J." Stewart, 54, also was found guilty on all charges and taken into custody.

Simpson showed little emotion as officers handcuffed him and walked him out of the courtroom.

His sister, Carmelita Durio, sobbed behind him in the arms of Simpson's friend, Tom Scott. As spectators left the courtroom, Durio collapsed and paramedics were called, according to court spokesman Michael Sommermeier.

The jurors made no eye contact with the defendants as they entered and each of them answered firmly when asked if "this was their individual verdict."

Judge Jackie Glass made no comment other than to thank the jury for its service and to deny motions for the defendants to be released on bail.

She refused to give the lawyers extended time to file a motion for new trial, which under Nevada law must be filed within seven days.

The attorneys said they needed time to submit a voluminous record, but she rejected that.

"I've sat through the trial," Glass said. "If you want a motion for new trial, send me something."

The verdict came 13 years of

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**VOTE ON TUESDAY,
November 4, 2008!!**

First Black Lawyer in Selma, J.L. Chestnut, Dies



SELMA, Ala. (AP) — J.L. Chestnut Jr., the first black lawyer in Selma and a prominent attorney in civil rights cases across a half century, has died at age 77.

Chestnut's law partner, state Sen. Hank Sanders of Selma, said Chestnut died Tuesday morning at a Birmingham hospital. He said Chestnut's kidneys had begun to fail from an infection after an operation.

A Selma native who got his law degree at Howard University, Chestnut returned to his hometown in 1958 and became a key legal figure in the civil rights battles in Selma. Later he defended blacks in major voter fraud prosecutions and helped black farmers make financial claims against the U.S. Agriculture Department.

"He was really a giant as far as fighting for black voting and legal rights for half a century," said Julia Cass, a former journalist who co-authored Chestnut's autobiography, "Black in Selma: The Uncommon Life of J.L. Chestnut Jr."

"He was just an indomitable advocate for black people, whether it was getting them to vote, getting them on juries, desegregating the schools, having a black Santa in the mall, getting black people to run for office. So over the course of his lifetime there's certainly no one more important in terms of black empowerment in Selma than J.L. Chestnut," she said.

Friends and co-workers also remembered him as a character whose clowning could always make for an entertaining lunch or get-together. He had a knack for injecting humor into tense discussions and wasn't afraid of pointing out elephants in the room when others were too afraid to, they said.

Rev. C.T. Vivian of Atlanta worked with Chestnut when activists arrived in Selma surrounding the "Bloody Sunday" beatings that eventually led to

the passage of the 1965 Voting Rights Act.

"He was one of our most important lawyers in that whole struggle in Selma. He represented Dr. Martin Luther King because he was often the person to go to City Hall and he knew everybody in town," he said.

Chestnut brought Sanders and his wife, Faya Rose Toure, both black lawyers who graduated from Harvard Law School, into his Selma law practice, expanding its reach.

His legal work included defending blacks in major voter fraud prosecutions brought by the Justice Department in west Alabama in the 1980s. He joined other black leaders in a meeting with then-attorney General Edwin Meese in 1985 to complain about the department's handling of civil rights issues.

Later he was a lead attorney in a class-action lawsuit that thousands of black farmers filed against the U.S. Department of Agriculture for regularly denying subsidies and other assistance to them because of their race.

A federal judge approved a settlement of the case in 2000 and Chestnut led the appeals for thousands of farmers who were denied compensation in the federal settlement.

Cass, who lives in New Orleans and with Chestnut's help recently finished a biography set in a small fictional Alabama town in 1964, said their friendship taught her there is "a white point of view and a black point of view."

"People would always tell Chestnut, 'Oh, you bring up race too much. Everything with you is about race.' And when you think about it, when he was growing up everything was about race," Cass said. "It decided what school you were going to go to, what law school you could get into, where you could sit in the movie theater - everything was determined by race, so why wouldn't it be important? I guess that's what I really learned from him."

Sanders said Chestnut fought mightily to keep his health.

"He'd get better and come back to work, then he'd end up sick again," Sanders said Tuesday.

Chestnut awoke from a coma on Sunday and "when I touched him, he opened his eyes and tried to smile ... now he's gone," Sanders said. "It's a mighty fine voice that is now silent."

Funeral arrangements were pending.

East Lubbock Head Start Preschool Grand Opening Events

The South Plains Community Action Association Head Start program is holding a grand opening ceremony Wednesday, October 15, 2008, from 10:00 a. m. until noon for its newest preschool in east Lubbock, the Eddie Richardson Center.

The new center is dedicated to Eddie Richardson for his community and civic involvement. Richardson partnered with I. J. Patterson in 1977 to establish the Southwest Digest, a newspaper serving primarily East Lubbock, and has volunteered his time with the SPCA Head Start program for many years.

State Representative Carl Iselt will speak on early childhood education and a representative from the office of Congressman Randy Neugebauer will present a flag to be raised by the East Lubbock High School Color Guard.

A 41-year-old program, SPCAA Head Start currently serves 1,324 3- and 4-year-olds in 12 counties of the South Plains as well as 48 children under 3-years-old and pregnant

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Race, The Final Frontier

Is the Obama - McCain Battle the Truth of America?



Herbert J. Harris

"As the presidential election tightens, race is becoming the final frontier in the campaign for president," claims H. J. Harris, author of *America the Racist?*, a new book that takes a bare knuckles approach to racism.

With the economy tanking, the war dragging on, and unemployment rising, the only issue to raise against Obama and the change he represents is that he is a black American. Other cover-up excuses and reasons will be given not to support Obama. Outright lies and distortions about Obama's religion and background are circulating in the religious and secular communities. Some churches are even violating the tax codes by publicly endorsing McCain and criticizing Obama. First, in the end, race will be the deal-breaker. This is documented in a poll conducted August 25th through September 5th of this year.

According to this poll conducted by Stanford University in conjunction with the Associated Press and Yahoo, racial prejudice could cost Obama the presidency.

The poll found that one-third of white Democrats have negative views against black Americans. Along party lines, the poll found that 71% of white Democrats supported Obama as opposed to 85% of white Republicans supporting McCain.

"This is not surprising. In fact it is absolutely predictable," says Harris. *America* was inherent in the birth of America and, "the framers of the Declaration of Independence never intended for black Americans to participate in the benefits of freedom and equality in America."

America the Racist? shows how the Declaration of Independence and the United States Constitution were impacted by signers who owned slaves and endorsed slavery.

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America the Racist? is a must read for all Americans as this presidential campaign evolves. People will be seeking to understand subtle forms of racism like the "Bradley Factor". When Tom Bradley ran for Governor

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Chatman Hills Corner
By Doris Reynolds

Rev. Sonia J. Scott, pastor of the Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church, will speaking at Women Conference in San Angelo tomorrow night, October 10, 2008.

The Lubbock Area Client Council will meet on Saturday afternoon, October 11, 2008, at the Patterson Library, 1836 Parkway Drive, beginning at 12:00 noon.

Guest will include State Rep. Delwin and State Rep. Carl

Isitt.

Church services were well attended last Sunday morning, October 5, 2008, where the proud pastor is Rev. B. R. Moton.

Services got underway with the morning meditation and prayer. The Praise Team sang some uplifting selections. Minister Gary Moore and Minister C. Wilson were responsible for the morning scripture reading and prayer.

Pastor Moton delivered a dynamic sermon. His subject was "True Expression From Worship To Praise." The scripture text was Psalm 100:1-5.

After the invitation to Discipleship, Sister Tamara Clay read the morning announcements. Brother Billy Dailey welcomed all visitors.

Let us continue to pray for all who are sick and shut in who live in Lubbock and South Plains of Texas as well as other parts of the nation.

Among those who are ill this week include Brother Robert Cork, who is a patient at Covenant Medical Center.

Your precious prayers will always help in this situation. As it has always been said, God is able!

The daughter of the late Sister Katie M. Parks, Sheryl J. Hickman, is asking if there are anyone who had pictures for Mr. A. Parks for her publication of "Remember When", may contact Mrs. Hickman at (325) 200-5889, in order to get their photos.

The open house for the Eddie P. Richardson At The Bridge Head Start Center will be held

Let's continue to come out on Tuesday for Senior Mission & Brotherhood at 6:00 p.m. and on Wednesday for Prayer service & Bible study at 6:00 p.m.

SCRIPTURE FOR THE WEEK: The lord is my shepherd. I shall not want. He makes me to lie down in

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New Light Baptist Church News

On Sunday October 5, 2008, services got started at New Light Baptist Church, 3013 Idalou Road, where Rev. Kenneth O. Jackson is the proud pastor.

Sunday School started at 9:45 a.m. with Rev. David Chiles who taught the lesson entitled: Everyone Is Lost I Sin" Romans 1:18-25, 28-32; 3:9-10

Morning worship started at 11:00 a.m. with the devoted Praise Team leading the way.

The prapit devotion was led by: Rev. L. C. Lee.

The Senior Choir went up in the choir stand singing "We've Come This Far By Faith" and "Truly We Have Come This Far By Faith Leaning And Depending On Jesus."

The responsive reading was read by Rev. L. C. Lee which was found in 1 Corinthians 11:23-30. The altar prayer was led by Rev. Jackson with the Choir singing "He Is Lord." Sis. Rochelette Hood read all the announcements and told of all the upcoming events which will

be taking place.

There was the fellowship period which was held for about 5 minutes and afterwards the offering was taking up.

Before the Choir sang Sis. Jennifer Richardson did a praise dance, and what a great job she did. The Senior Choir sang the song "Finishing Line" and "Holy Holy Holy." "Amazing Grace" was also sung before the sermon was preached. Rev. Jackson preached the sermon entitled: "Let Nothing Separate You From God", Psalm 139:1-7, 13 & 23-24.

The invitation to discipleship was extended and there were several of the members who came for prayer.

Continue to pray for those on our sick/prayer list; those that has lost a love one; those that are in jails, prison and also nursing home. A special prayer goes out to the Pastor & Wives who will be traveling up and down the dangerous highways to Glorieta, Texas for their retreat.

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



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. Pastoral Counseling & Prayer for Healing, Marriage, Drug Addiction, Alcohol Abuse, Youth, Single Parents on Monday thru Friday from 10:00 a. m. until 2:00 p. m. All are welcome to attend these important programs. Jail Ministry is still held each morning at 5:00 a. m. Saturday evenings English Services begins at 7:00 p. m.

YOUR INVITATION TO A NEW BLESSING!

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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Where's the Party?
South Plains Mall!

Fashion tip.. always wear a smile
Fashion.. just for the fun of it

Activities Scheduled For Local Libraries Next Week

Pink Bag Luncheon at the Patterson Branch Library

The Patterson Branch Library, 1836 Parkway Drive, will host a "pink bag luncheon" on Monday, October 13 at 11:30 a.m. for anyone who wants to learn about breast cancer. There will be a presentation by Covenant Health System, as well as time to ask questions. Bring a lunch with you. Beverages will be provided. For more information, call 767-3300.

Breast Cancer Screenings at Patterson Branch Library
Covenant Health System's mobile mammography unit will provide breast cancer screenings at the Patterson Branch Library, 1836 Parkway Drive, on Monday, October 13. Appointments are required.

Wednesday morning, October 15, 2008, from 10:00 a. m. until 12 noon. The public is invited to attend this special event. The center is located at 1301 Redbud Avenue, the former location of Pose Elementary School.

Race The Final Frontier

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In 1982, the polls were showing a comfortable lead for certain victory. When the votes were counted, Bradley lost.

White voters said one thing to political pollsters about voting for a black American -- professing a non-racist attitude. When they voted, they did the opposite -- expressing a subtle, hidden racism.

The recent poll suggests that white Americans are coming out of the closet and expressing their racism freely and, in some cases, proudly. According to a recent article, a white American expressing the sentiment of his friends at an Ohio coffee shop said, "We still don't like black people."

In order to change these deep-seated racist attitudes, every

East Lubbock Head Start Opening

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mothers through the Early Head Start program.

In addition to preschool education, Head Start and Early Head Start programs offer health and dental exams, disability evaluations, and family support services to prepare enrolled children for school. Services are free with optional extended hours of care for a small charge.

The center is located in the Bridge of Lubbock building at 1301 Redbud Avenue in what was formerly the Posey Elementary School.

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GOD OUR FATHER, CHRIST OUR REDEEMER, MAN OUR BROTHER

Church News

FROM THE DESK OF PARSON D. A. SMITH "WATCH THOSE DOGS"

Some years ago a black preacher recorded a sermon entitled: "Watch Those Dogs." The sermon compared the sinful nature of humans to that of some domesticated canine and group nature of wild dogs.

As a young preacher I did not grasp the true meaning of the sermon. In other words, I had not lived long enough to experience what true life was all about. I had a textbook vision that highlighted the good and breezed over the ugly behavior of humankind.

I really didn't understand as a young black male why a group of men who didn't look like me would spook my beautiful horse so that I could be thrown to the ground with the possibility of being seriously injured. I was overcome with consternation at the dog barking behavior of tailing me the "N" word and to get my black (?) off of their property at a café in Navasota, Texas when I walked up to the window on the outside and ordered a hamburger for my mother and older sister who we were bringing home from Prairie View A&M University.

I was beginning to understand the carnivorous mammal behavior of those who did not look like me when shepherding a church in south Texas not long after the signing of the Voting Right Bill. The previous pastor

in the town was assigned to another charge because he was a civil rights activist and his life was threatened.

Upon my arrival the town that did not look like me sent its police force to deal and frighten this young educated black male. That was when I began to truly understand the nature of domesticated and wild dogs and its malign effects as related to humankind. The town leaders planted a Raccoon dog that reported to the leaders after every board meeting.

As a result of my many encounters with the carnivorous mammal behavior of humankind the words of the preacher ring true, that is "Watch those Dogs."

I was reading an article about a carnivorous mammal called the African wild dog. This dog has a total of 42 teeth. The premolars are relatively large compared to other canines, allowing it to consume a large quantity of bone. It has a Bite Force Quotient of 142, the highest of any existing carnivorous mammal. This African wild dog hunts in packs. It pursues its prey in a long, open chase. During pursuit, it may reach speeds of up to 47 mph.

It is reported that nearly 80% of all hunts end in a kill. Members of a pack vocalize to help coordinate their move-

ments. Their voice is said to be characterized by an unusual chirping or squeaking sound, similar to a bird. Watch those dogs!

The Wikipedia encyclopedia notes a few packs will also include large animal in their prey. Hunting larger prey requires a closely coordinated attack, beginning with a rapid charge to stampede the herd. One African wild dog then grabs the victim's tail, while other attacks the upper lip, and the remainder disembowels the animal while it is immobilized. This behavior is also used on other large dangerous prey such as the warthog, the African buffalo and giraffe calves and large antelope.

The report also says this large-animal hunting tactic appears to be a learned behavior, passed on from generation to generation with specific hunting packs, (sound familiar) rather than an instinctive behavior found commonly within the species.

Carnivorous behavior is not only a part of the canine family but also exists as I learned from the sermon of the black preacher and experience in life, but also in humankind. One would think America with its multitude of problems that is quickly moving us to financial ruin would

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We Thank God for Jesus

"The Boss Preachers"

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

Jeremiah 7:11 - The Lord said, is the house which is called by my name become a den of robbers in your eyes? Behold (Look), even I have seen it.

Brother T.J. and I were talking the other day. He asked where are the BOSS preachers in the churches today. I told him, because the Brothers & Deacons let him have his way!!!

Acts 6:2b-4 - It is not the reason that we should leave the word of God and serve tables. Wherefore, Brothers, look ye you out among you seven men of honest report, full of the Holy Ghost and wisdom who we may appoint over this business. But we will give ourselves continually to prayer, and to the ministry of the word.

When the Deacons know what to do, and let wrong go out on it way. God is going to judge them for that one of these days!!!

Matthew 23:25-26 - Jesus said, woe (Cursed) unto you, Scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you make clean the outside of the cup and platter, but within they are full of extortion (Stealing) and excess. You blind Pharisee, cleanse first that which is within the cup and platter that the outside of them may be clean also.

I told Brother T. J., God only

puts the preachers in the Church to preach HIS Word. But the Boss Preachers have taken over, and only wants HIS VOICE to be heard!!!

Ezekiel 3:17-18 & 26 - The Lord said, Son of Man (Preachers), I have made you a watchman unto the house of Israel; therefore, hear the word of my mouth, and give them warning from me. When I say unto the wicked, you shall surely die; and you give him no warning, nor speak to warn the wicked from his wicked way, to save his life. The same wicked man shall die in his iniquity, but his blood will I require at your hand. Again, when a righteous man do turn from his righteousness, and commit iniquity, and lay a stumbling block before him. He shall die, because you have not given him warning. He shall die in his sin, and his righteousness which he has done shall not be remembered, but his blood will I require at your hand (Preachers).

*** That's How Preachers Rob God!!! ***

When God put the Preacher in the Churches, he is to lead in the word of God. Many have taken over the BANK ACCOUNT BOOKS, and write checks to fill heart - \$\$\$.

Luke 16:13 - Jesus said, no

servant can serve two masters, for either he hates the one, and loves the other, or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon (Money).

When God's word said to obey those that have the rule over you. It didn't mean the BOSS Preacher is to take the BANK ACCOUNT AND DO WHAT HE WANTS TO DO!!!

Ezekiel 34:2b - This said the Lord God unto the shepherds: Woe be to the shepherds of Israel that feed themselves! Should not the shepherds feed the flock? You eat the fat, and clothe you with the wool. You kill them that are fed, but you feed not the flock.

*** That's How Preachers Rob God!!! ***

I am told of a BOSS preacher who took the Deacon's name off the BANK ACCOUNT. The Church's business was going well for 30 years, but now he can write HIS AMOUNT!!!

Isaiah 56:10-11 - The Lord said, His watchmen are blind. They are all ignorant. They are all dumb dogs. They cannot bark; sleeping, lying down, loving to slumber. Yea, they are greedy dogs which can never have

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St. Matthew's Baptist Church News

Church services at the St. Matthew Baptist Church, 2020 East 14th Street, were well attended last Sunday morning, October 5, 2008, where the proud pastor is reverend Edward Canady.

Church services got underway with Sunday School beginning at 9:00 a. m. with Superintendent Sister Shirley Jackson in charge. The subject of the morning lesson was "United By The Spirit." The lesson was text was Acts 2:1-17.

The lesson was taught by Sister Nina Davis, and reviewed by Pastor Canady.

It was another wonderful lesson as it applied to all in attendance.

The key verse was, "And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance."

The morning devotion got underway at 11:15 a. m. with Deacon Edward Williams and

Brother Randall Byrd in charge.

The St. Matthew Baptist Church Choir sang out of their hearts and souls. What a blessing it was to hear them sing God's Praises.

Pastor Canady delivered the morning message. His subject was "The Battle Is The Lord's." His scripture text was 1st Samuel 17:47.

Let us remember all who are sick and shut-in. Let us remember Rev. Canady's daughter who is

a patient at Covenant Medical Center. Let us pray she will be recovering soon.

Just think, it could very well be you or I this week. God is able!

Let us remember our weekly Church Services: Wednesday evening, Mission Ladies, 5:00 p. m. Also, Wednesday evening Bible Study, beginning at 6:29 p. m. Friday evening, Choir Rehearsal, 6:30 p. m. Saturday morning, Ushers will meet at 11:00 a. m.

If you are looking for a Church Home, remember St. Matthew Baptist Church is here for you. Do come and bring your family members with you.

Our doors are always open for you. Shall we see you on Sunday morning? Hope so!

St. Matthew Baptist Church will be sponsoring a "Fish Fry" Saturday, October 11, 2008, beginning at 11:00 a. m. Dinners are \$7.00 each. We will deliver you dinner. Call 744-7154 or come by and dine with us. You are Welcome! Come to 1414 East 14th Street. The menu is: Fish, French Fries, Salad & Pound Cake.

*"It's mine to choose if self shall die
And never rise again;
'Tis mine to yield the throne to Christ and
Bid Him rule reign."*
Thought For The Week:

"Facing an impossibility gives us the opportunity to trust God."

The St. Matthew Baptist Church is looking for a Musician. If you are interested, please call Rev. Canady at 744-2445.

If you are interested in a Church Home, please feel free to contact us as we would love to have you in attendance at St. Matthew Baptist Church.

"No weapon formed against you shall prosper, and every tongue which rises against you in judgement you shall condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of the Lord, and their righteousness is from Me, says the Lord. Isaiah 54:17"

Outreach Prayer Breakfast

The members and friends of the Outreach Prayer Breakfast want to share this article published by Kelly McFadden.

Looking Past the Now by Kelly McFadden

"Here is my servant whom I have chosen, the one I love, whom I delight; I will put my Spirit on him, and he will proclaim justice to the nations. He will not quarrel or cry out, no one will hear his voice in the streets. A bruised reed he will not break, and a smoldering wick he will not snuff out, till he leads justice to victory. In his name the nations will put their hope."—Matthew 12:18-21

Life's not fair. I've heard that phrase since I was a kid. Honestly, I don't like it anymore now than I did then. Truth be told, the phrase is legitimate. Life, flat-out stinks some times. It's not fair and it's not easy.

A painful breakup, a lost loved one, a phone call reporting cancer, losing a job or not getting a promotion at work, difficulty with the kids, financial strain...you name it, we have all struggled. Life isn't easy for any of us. In college, I watched two friends on the football team struggle with injuries. One of them had chronic problems with his feet, wincing in pain with each step he took. The other blew out both of his knees within a year of each other. The difference between them:

One is a Christian and one was not.

One had hope, and one did

not. One knew that football was temporary and not his only identity, that his identity and hope was in Christ, the other did not.

As Christians, we can look past the now. God sent His Son, Jesus, as the Servant who, by His death and resurrection, makes all of the difference for us. It is He Who will bring justice and mercy. It is He Who is the hope of the world. What a gift we have in Jesus!

Through Him, hope motivates us to store up treasure in heaven, not treasures on earth.

Through Him, we have the promise that God works for the good of those who believe. (Romans 8:28)

Through Him, we have the hope that this life - with all of its struggles - is just our temporary home before moving onto the glorious eternity with our Father in heaven.

I've never understood how nonbelievers make it through struggles without the hope God gives to those who love Him. It will always be hard when the bad news and difficult times come, but as a Christian, you can rely on heavenly hope.

This is the hope that helps us look past the now and focus on treasures in heaven.

GOING DEEPER:

1. Think through what separates Christians from others. What does Matthew mean when he writes that, "In his name the nations will put their hope?"

2. Think through the struggles you have faced in your life. In what ways did you learn on

the Lord? How did that help you through?

FURTHER READING:
Psalm 42:5-6; 1 Timothy 4:7-9; Romans 15:13

The load has been heavy and your heart burdened, and this has created a spiritual fog so that you have not been able to see clearly where you are headed or where to take your next step. You must release your burden and cast your cares upon

Me in order to regain clarity. Refuse to allow fear to overtake you. Changes are inevitable, but you can make the necessary adjustments easily if you will trust Me to bring you through this time of transition. Even though you feel that you have to

bear the burden of responsibility, you are not alone; I am with you to carry the load, says the Lord.

Matthew 11:28-30 "Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give

you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy and My burden is light."

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Obsequies

L. T. Runels

Funeral services for L. T. Runels were held last Friday afternoon, October 3, 2008, at Mount Gilead Baptist Church with R. Rev. J. J. Johnson, pastor, officiating.

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

Mr. Runels died Friday, September 26, 2008, at the Southwest Regional Medical Complex.

He was born February 17, 1932 in Clarksville, Texas to Mary M. Runels and Billy Runels. He moved to Lubbock in 1955.

He leaves to mourn his passing: three sons: Billy, L. T., Jr. and Tony Runels; eight daughters: Jeanette Washington, Juridene Bass, Ola Collier,



Lorraine Jackson, Doris Lacy, Sharon Lewis, Regina Lewis, and Sandra Smith; three sisters: Viola Robinson, Mary Thomas, and Mattie Williams; five brothers: J. B. Runels, George Runels, Willie Runels, Clyde Runels and Herman Runels; and a host of grandchildren; great-grandchildren; nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Dora Faye Moore

Tahoka - Funeral services for Dora Faye Moore were held last Saturday afternoon, October 4, 2008, at the First Baptist Church in Tahoka with Rev. Henry Brawley officiating.

Burial was held in the Nevels Memorial Cemetery in Tahoka under the direction of White Funeral Home of Lubbock.

She passed away Tuesday, September 30, 2008.

She was born in Edge, Texas on July 24, 1938 to Tony and Alberta (Harris) Wilson. She married Alred Roosevelt Moore, Sr. in Franklin, Texas on June 4, 1955.

She moved from Hearne, Texas to Tahoka in 1955. Dora was an Avon Representative for 22 years until she retired in 1996.

Mrs. Moore was a member of Greater Antioch Baptist Church in Tahoka where she was the "First Lady."

She leaves to cherish her



memories: her husband, Roosevelt; six sons: Alred R. Moore, Jr. (Sylvia) and Travis Moore (Myra) of Lubbock, Danny Moore (Estella) of Tahoka, Alvin Moore (Kay) of Fort, Trent Moore (Lois) of Mansfield, and Brian Moore (Kindra) of Denver, Colorado; a special nephew, Charles Wilson (Monia) of San Angelo; eighteen grandchildren; eleven great-grandchildren; a sister, Alice Hatchett; a brother, Elmer Wilson (Laura) of Tahoka.

Clarise Taylor

Funeral services were held for Clarise Taylor last Saturday morning, October 4, 2008, at the Hope Deliverance Temple with Elder Charles Tanner, pastor, officiating.

Interment was held at the City of Lubbock Cemetery under the direction of Griffin Mortuary & Funeral Home of Lubbock.

She passed away Monday, September 29, 2008, at the University Medical Center.

She was born April 4, 1936 in Henderson, Texas to Ben Washington and Loraine Sheffield. She was raised by Howard and Loraine Sheffield.

A very loving wife, she was a homemaker and a wonderful mother.



Preceding her in death were: her mother, Loraine Sheffield; her father, Howard Sheffield and Ben Washington; her daughter, Opal Williams; and her grandson, Rodney Lewis, Jr.

She leaves to cherish her memories: her husband, Robert Taylor; her daughters: Brenda Harrison, Cecelia Robinson,

Andrew Hood



Memorial services for Andrew Hood were held last Saturday morning, October 4, 2008, at the First Progressive Baptist Church.

Mr. Hood passed away Monday, September 22, 2008, at Odyssey Health Care in Amarillo.

He was born November 24, 1933 to Gilbert and Mildred Hood. Andy graduated from Dunbar High School and enlisted in the U. S. Army in 1956.

He leaves to cherish his good friend, Eve Evans, a son, Dana Charlotte (Renee); brothers: James Hood and Billy Hood (Wanda); cousins: Ida Mae Thomas, Delbert Hood, Winnie Blacknell, Ollie Vee, Robert Lee, Henrietta, William, Robert, and B. J.; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Dorothy Mae Moye



Funeral services were held for Dorothy Mae Moye Tuesday morning, October 7, 2008, at the New Hope Baptist Church with Rev. B. R. Moton, pastor, officiating.

Interment was held in the City of Lubbock Cemetery under the direction of Cassie Curry Funeral Home in Lubbock.

She was a longtime resident of Lubbock. She will be missed by family and friends.

Rosa Nell Williams, Teresa Williams, and Eleanor C. J.; her sons: Melvin Williams, Bobby Williams, Robert Taylor Jr., David Taylor, and Julius Williams; her sisters: Nettie Harlan and Irene Springer; her brothers: Julius Sheffield, Willie Sheffield and Willie Sheffield; 30 grandchildren; 8 great-grandchildren; nieces, nephews, and other relatives and friends.

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Jean Johnson

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Ocie Lee Wilson



Funeral services were held for Ocie Lee Wilson Tuesday afternoon, October 7, 2008, at St. Matthew Baptist Church with Rev. Edward Canady, pastor, officiating.

Interment were held in Peaceful Gardens Memorial Park in Woodrow under the direction of Griffin Mortuary & Funeral Home.

She passed away Wednesday, October 1, 2008 in the Covenant Medical Center.

She was born September 13, 1931 to Homer and Laura Edgington.

She was a member of the St. Matthew Baptist Church and singing in the Senior Choir for many years.

She had her own janitorial business.

She leaves to cherish her memories: her companion, Henry Stephenson; a daughter, Karen Isaac (Kenneth); two sons: Herman, Jr. (Shadda) and Charles Wilson; two sisters: Mae Lewis and Martha Dupree; a step-sister, Annie Bennett; grandchildren; a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

200th Anniversary of the Abolition of U.S. Transatlantic Slave Trade Commemorated

New York, NY (BlackNews.com) - To commemorate the 200th anniversary of the abolition of the Transatlantic slave trade by the United States, New York University will host Slave Routes: Resistance, Abolition and Creative Progress, an international symposium convened to examine slavery, the slave

Mays Angelou will host the opening plenary at Harlem's Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture on Thursday, October 9 at 7:00 p.m., which will feature Amiri Baraka, Mary Frances Berry, Howard Dodson, Manthia Diawara, Jynn Cortez, Ali Mazrui, Rex Nettleford and Michael Gomez.

Recognition of the 200th anniversary of the Transatlantic slave trade's abolition effectively provides an opportunity to pause and reflect upon the experience and progress of the nation's African-descended population," explained Michael Gomez, a professor at both NYU's Department of History and Department of Middle Eastern and Islamic Studies, who is considered one of the leading scholars on slavery in the Americas.

"The 1807-1808 abolition, though it ended neither slavery nor clandestine trafficking in enslaved Africans, was nonetheless a critical turning point in the long and difficult transition from slavery to citizenship. The extent to which full citizenship has been achieved remains an open question, and is inextricably bound to issues of race, gender, class, and culture," pointed out Gomez, who is also the former chair of the Department of History for both NYU and Spelman College and the author of Reversing Sail: A History of the African Diaspora and The Transformation of African Identities in the Colonial and Antebellum South.

Slave Routes will showcase three days of panel discussions, literary readings, musical performances, film, and video screenings presented by distinguished scholars, writers, musicians, visual artists, and organizers from the U.S., Africa, Europe, the Caribbean, and South America. Participants include: Quincy Troupe, Keith David, Melvin Edwards, Marysae Conde, Eugene Redmond, Clyde Taylor, Saidiya Hartman, Robert Christian Kabosu ya Salaam, Randy Weston, Gloria Browne-Marshall, Seret Scott and Jennifer Morgan.

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THIS N THAT

by T.J. Patterson

NOT ONLY IS THERE A PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION, BUT A PRECINCT 3 LUBBOCK COUNTY COMMISSIONER COURT RACE! THIS N THAT ... wants to remind all of you who are **REGISTERED VOTERS** ... that there is another important election on on Tuesday **NOVEMBER 4, 2008** ... It will be a race between **GILBERT FLORES & FRANK GUTIERREZ** ... who are vying for this seat which was held by **YSIRO GUTIERREZ** ... who was defeated by **FLORES** ... in the May Democrat Primary ... Flora is the Democrat ... while Gutierrez is a Republican ... There will be a large **TURNOUT** ... because of this historical presidential election ... where there is a White Female and an African American man ... Flores is a veteran of 12 years on the Lubbock County Commissioner Court ... while Gutierrez is seeking to be elected for the first time ... The **SOUTHWEST DIGEST** ... will feature an article on each candidate ... beginning next week ... Hopefully ... as many registered will take advantage of this election year ... and go to the polls ... and show some concern about the **LOCAL & NATIONAL ONAL ELECTIONS** ... **THIS N THAT** ... is asking each of you ... who are qualified voters ... to please

VOTE ... as there is something about **VOYING!! PENNY HASTINGS THE BARBER SAYS: "YOU ... are rich ... when YOU are satisfied ... with what you have!!!" GRAND OPENING FOR EDDIE RICHARDSON HEAD START CENTER!! THIS N THAT** ... is happy to report the **DEDICATION** ... of the newly established **EDDIE RICHARDSON HEAD START CENTER** ... on next Wednesday morning ... October 15, 2008 ... from 10:00 a. m. until Noon ... This dedication is being done ... because of **RICHARDSON'S DEDICATION** ... to the Head Start program for many years ... as well as his community involvement ... The center is located at **1301 REDBUD AVENUE** ... the location of the former Posey Elementary School ... The public is invited to attend. **AFRO AMERICAN MUSEUM PETITION DRIVE UNDERWAY FOR MRS. PARKS!! THIS N THAT** ... learned this week ... there is a **PETITION DRIVE** ... underway for an **AFRO-AMERICAN MUSEUM** ... which is for the late **KATIE M. PARKS** ... According to her daughter ... the institution will be designed to foster the heritage ... culture ... and phenomenal works performed by **AFRO-AMERICAN** ... both locally and

nationwide ... The purpose of establishing an afro-American Museum ... is to preserve the "vast" amount of stupendous works accomplished by many Black Americans locally ... to amplify and inform others of Afro-American gifts ... work ... and art nationwide ... and to keep the vision of **MRS. KATIE M. PARKS** ... serving others while serving **GOD** ... alive and not forgotten ... The **PETITIONS** ... are being circulated in the various churches in the community. **COMMUNITY COLLEGE IS GETTING GOOD MARKS FOR EAST LUBBOCK! THIS N THAT** ... is still receiving very **POSITIVE COMMENTS** ... about the development of a **COMMUNITY COLLEGE** ... in East Lubbock ... It will be an affiliation of **SOUTH PLAINS COLLEGE** ... and if we will only need **TEN STUDENTS** ... to begin this program in this area ... According to officials at South Plains College ... there could be some movement by January 2009 ... No matter how you may feel about it ... a branch of **SOUTH PLAINS COLLEGE** ... will help tremendously merrily in adding more development in **EAST LUBBOCK** ... as neighborhoods are enhanced by ... prestigious education facilities at the **SOUTH PLAINS COLLEGE** ... Let's

THINK ABOUT IT!

"Up With Hope, Down With Dope"

by Eddie P. Richardson

We have lost three generations to drugs, gangs and violence. Black on Black crime is up and has been on the rise and is still rising. Drugs is the basic of it all. Young people use of drugs are at epidemic levels, but believe it or not, old people are also using large amounts of it. What an example to set for our young people? Believe it or not, most of them could care less what kind of example.

Drugs, drugs, drugs are everywhere and who really care? Sagging pants, both boys and girls, show us their dirty boxer drawers, even sometimes with two pairs of dirty drawers as they show their nasty behinds. Now where is the shame, morality, decency and pride? What ever happened to decency, self pride and self-esteem? We are going backwards fast in the wrong direction, vulgar language and disrespect for self and kind and others.

The thing today is "I got over on you," with no regards to the circumstances. You are trying to help someone, because they need help, they take your kindness to support this effort! Hopefully ... in the future ... more information will be available to the local churches and organizations ... **EAST LUBBOCK** ... will benefit from the outdoors ...

ness, goodness, concern, and caring for weakness or stupidity when you are trying to help them in the first place and they think they are getting over on you. So really, who's saving who? Come down to it, drugs are always at the bottom of the whole affair. Drugs are a disaster about to happen and continuing to get worse.

One only needs to take a look around at the world today and see the mess it has caused for all of us. Their are more stupid drug deals, because many things have gone bad. The whole drug scene is just stupid and gone beyond any sense of reality. So the only way back to reality is for the nation to come back to hope and down with all this dope in the community. To this writer, this is the only way out and we must bring into account the need for prayer and away with the dope which has caused many of the problems in our many neighborhoods in Lubbock and across this nation.

It will take all of us working collectively to do our part no matter how small it may appear to be. **When we come together, Constitution**," said Meredith Bell-Platts, staff counsel with the ACLU Voting Rights Project. "Two different courts came to the same conclusion - that every eligible voter who registered close to the 30 day deadline will be certain of their right to vote absentee. As a result of today's decisions, we are confident that disenfranchisement will be minimized. These decisions enhance civic participation by removing unnecessary and discriminatory barriers to people's access to the ballot."

The situation began as a result of Secretary Brunner's August 13, 2008 directive requesting that local Boards of Elections prepare for people who wish to register and vote during a five day overlap in voter registration deadlines and the beginning of absentee bal-

loting. According to state law, a voter must be registered to vote 30 days before the date of the election, and absentee balloting begins 35 days before the election. The Board of Elections in Madison County stated it will only provide absentee ballots to voters who have been registered more than 30 days before the date they requested an absentee ballot, rather than 30 days before Election Day.

"Today, judges in the Ohio Supreme Court and federal court overwhelmingly agreed that all voters should have equal access to the ballot box, regardless of when they registered to vote," said Carrie Davis, ACLU of Ohio staff attorney. "These decisions send a strong message that all Ohioans' voting rights must be protected equally."

Closing Thought: "If you do your part, things will happen!"

In Cinque

by Renetta Howard



America, but it has taken the toll of 650,000 jobs and \$700,000,000,000 'Bailout' to the Secr Long ago, we spoke of the recessed and depressed economic conditions in the United States of ctary of the Treasury of the United States, recently passed by Congress and signed by President George Bush, to acknowledge to the citizens whom have lost their jobs and their homes, to admit the existence of the depression at hand.

What does this 'Bailout' mean to the citizens of this country? For those whom have already lost their jobs and homes, it probably will not mean much. They may have the prospect of another job and another home of their own in the far away future, but right now it only offers hope, not any concrete benefits. Big corporate

failures historically have been indicators of a depression and history will certainly refer to the \$700 Billion Dollar Bailout of October, 2008 as a year of Depression and continuous inflation.

Some of us have noticed that the inflated cost of gasoline and other fuels have caused a sharp increase in the cost of food. Companies are making their packages smaller and charging more for their products. Each trip to the grocery store finds the purchase of any food item at least a dime more than you paid the last time you bought that item. The most economical loaf of bread now is about \$1.50, up from 97 cents last year and a gallon of milk keeps pace with a gallon of gasoline. Canned milk is 88 cents, up from 68 cents, a gallon of water is 84 cents, up from 67 cents and the cost of fresh fruit is almost unthinkable, especially oranges. One must eat regardless of the cost. The few of us who made gardens this year did save on the contaminated tomatoes and jalapeño peppers by growing our own.

Hardest hit by this depression are these Americans whom

are unemployed and either were not eligible for unemployment compensation or their compensation has expired. Compensation is just that, compensation, but by no means adequate for an individual or family to survive, especially in a time of depression. The second group of Americans suffering fallout from this depression is the retired senior citizens who are surviving on a fixed income of Social Security or pension funds and stock investments. Pension funds and many stock investments lost money this year, because pension funds invest in the stocks. When stocks go down, so does the return on the investment. Some pension funds gave a one time cost-of-living payment to retirees which had never done so before because the economy has been and still is terrible. In addition, family and school reunions dropped drastically this year and many had to be cancelled because members could not afford to attend. This is a time when we need to get in "cinque" and weigh all of our options for a brighter economic future and prosperous political climate in this country.

Overwhelming Victory For Voting Rights

CLEVELAND - In an overwhelming victory for voting rights, two different Ohio courts today ruled that counties cannot deny absentee ballots to newly registered voters in violation of directives issued by Secretary of State Jennifer Brunner. Last week, the American Civil Liberties Union filed a federal lawsuit and two friend-of-the-court briefs challenging efforts to prevent new voters from casting absentee ballots.

"This is a resounding victory for Ohio voters and the

Parson Smith

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race baiting. One would think that America who is standing as a lone African Wild Dog would treat all of its citizens as equals. No way! Conservative talk "Fox" hosts and their kind in all walks of life are bent to hell on having it their way or the highway! Why are Americans crazy enough to listen to these self serving (you fill in the blanks that suits your thought process) people who will have all of us spending Chinese and working as slaves in the cold oil fields of Russia? What those Dogs!

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Veterans Asked To Bring Proper Credentials

San Francisco, CA (BlackNews.com) - Registers voters across America, particularly people of color, are being urged to bring the proper credentials to the voting booth on Election Day because many states have toughened the identification requirements for people to be able to cast their ballots.

New America Media (NAM), a collaboration of ethnic news outlets, is working with the Advancement Project and a number of public officials and entertainers to ensure voters are aware of the identification requirements in their states. NAM is focusing the outreach efforts in nine states where the rules may confuse voters—Arizona, Colorado, Florida, Michigan, Missouri, New Mexico, Ohio, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin.

"The 2000 and 2004 elections reminded us that every vote matters," said Rep. Jesse Jackson Jr. (D-Ill.), who is supporting the project. "Now, we've got to counter any efforts to discourage people of color from voting. We can do that by

encouraging registered voters to take the proper identification to their polling place, and educating voters on how to make sure their votes will."

This will be a close election, and it is imperative that every vote be counted," Harper said. "In the past, it was good enough to just urge people to vote. But with these new restrictions—we need for everyone to understand what is required for their vote to count. So, I am urging people to take the time to know the requirements in their state, and then go out and vote on Election Day. To bring about change in America, we need for everyone to exercise their civil responsibility and get out and vote."

For detailed information about what identification is required at their local polling station, voters are urged to call 866-MYVOTE1 or 866-OUR-VOTE. Someone will provide

you with information about what you need to register and what identification you need on Election Day. This week, NAM will release radio and television PSAs to stations around the country, which include celebrities such as Harper, Actors Andre Braugher, Suzanne Douglas, Kim Fields, Vivica A. Fox, R & B singer Lloyd, NY Knicks/NBA player Stephen Marbury, Actor Joseph C. Phillips, Producer/singer PURE, Actor/Comedian Chris Tucker, and others.

"This is an important project for our nation," said Sandy Close, NAM's executive editor and director. "We want to ensure that everyone who wants to vote can actually cast their ballot. That is what it means to be a democracy."

Chatman Hill Neighborhood Association Will Meet Tonight

The residents of the Chatman Hill Neighborhood Association will meet tonight, Thursday, October 9, 2008, beginning at 6:00 p. m. at the Iles Elementary Cafeteria, 2401 Date Avenue.

All neighborhood residents are asked to be in attendance. There is some important business which needs to be discussed. Bring someone with you. The Association needs you.



This is the location of the new Eddie Richardson Early Child Center at The Bridge which is located at 1301 Redbud Avenue. The dedication of this facility will be held Wednesday morning, October 15, 2008, from 10:00 a. m. until 12 noon. This is the former Posey Elementary School. The public is invited to attend.

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green pastures. He leads me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul. He leads me in the paths of righteousness for his name sake. Yea though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, you prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies, you anoint my head with oil. My cup runneth over. Surely goodness & mercy shall follow me all the days of my life and I will dwell in the house of the lord forever. Psalm 23:1-4.

O. J. Simpson Found Guilty
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After Simpson was cleared of murder in Los Angeles in one of the most sensational trials of the 20th century.

From the beginning, Simpson and lawyers argued the incident in Las Vegas was not a robbery; instead, they said, he was trying to reclaim mementos that had been stolen from him. He said he did not ask anyone to bring a gun, and did not see any guns.

The defense portrayed Simpson as a victim of shady characters who wanted to make a buck off his famous name, and police officers who saw his arrest as an opportunity to "get" him and avenge his acquittal.

Prosecutors said Simpson's ownership of the memorabilia was irrelevant; it was still a crime to try to take things by force.

"When they went into that room and forced the victims to the far side of the room, pulling out guns and yelling, 'Don't let anybody out of here!' - six very large people detaining these two victims in the room with the intent to take property through force or violence from them - that's kidnapping," prosecutor David Roger said.

Kidnapping is punishable by five years to life in prison. Armed robbery carries a mandatory sentence of at least two years behind bars, and could bring as much as 30 years.

Simpson, who now lives in Miami, did not testify, but was heard on a recording of the confrontation, screaming that the dealers had stolen his property.

"Don't let nobody out of this room," he declared and told the other men to scoop up his items, which included a photo of Simpson with former FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover.

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Rasberry to Speak at Mount Vernon UMC Oct. 12th

Reverend Todd W. Rasberry, the Director of Development at Southern Methodist University's Perkins School of Theology, will be the featured speaker at the 83rd Anniversary Celebration of Mount Vernon United Methodist Church. The Anniversary event, described as a milestone of faith, is scheduled for Sunday, October 12, 2008, at 3:00 p. m. in the church sanctuary located at East 23rd Street and Cedar Avenue. The theme of Rasberry's Anniversary message will be "Working Together with God's Direction."

Rasberry is no stranger to the members of Mount Vernon; he served the church's pastor before becoming the Senior Development Officer for the College of Arts and Sciences at Texas Tech University. He also served as the Director of the Lubbock Inter-Ethnic Parish of United Methodist Churches. Rasberry holds a B. A. Degree from McMurry, a Master's of Divinity from Perkins School of Theology and is currently pursuing a PhD from Texas Tech University.

Mount Vernon was established in Lubbock in 1925. Members of the congregation are quick to point out that the church has gone through its share of struggles, including the Great Depression, a devastating fire during the 1960's that burned the church building to the ground, as well as other significant challenges. Through it all, the congregation at East 23rd Street and Cedar Avenue has managed to stay together.

Pastor Michael Hinton and the members of the congregation at Mount Vernon United Methodist invite the entire



Rev. Todd W. Rasberry

Lubbock community to join them in this stirring celebration of faith.

This will be a great occasion for the 83rd Anniversary of the Mount Vernon United Methodist Church.

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Thank God For Jesus

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enough, and they are shepherds that cannot understand, they all look to their own way, every one for his gain from his quarter (Anniversary).

I am reminded of the two BOSS Preachers the sons of Eli, who said and, do it my way or else.

1 Samuel 2:12 - Now the sons of Eli were of belief. They knew not the Lord. And if any man said unto him, let them fail to burn the fat presently, and then take as much as your soul desire. They answered him, no, but you shall give it to me now, and if not, I will take it by force.

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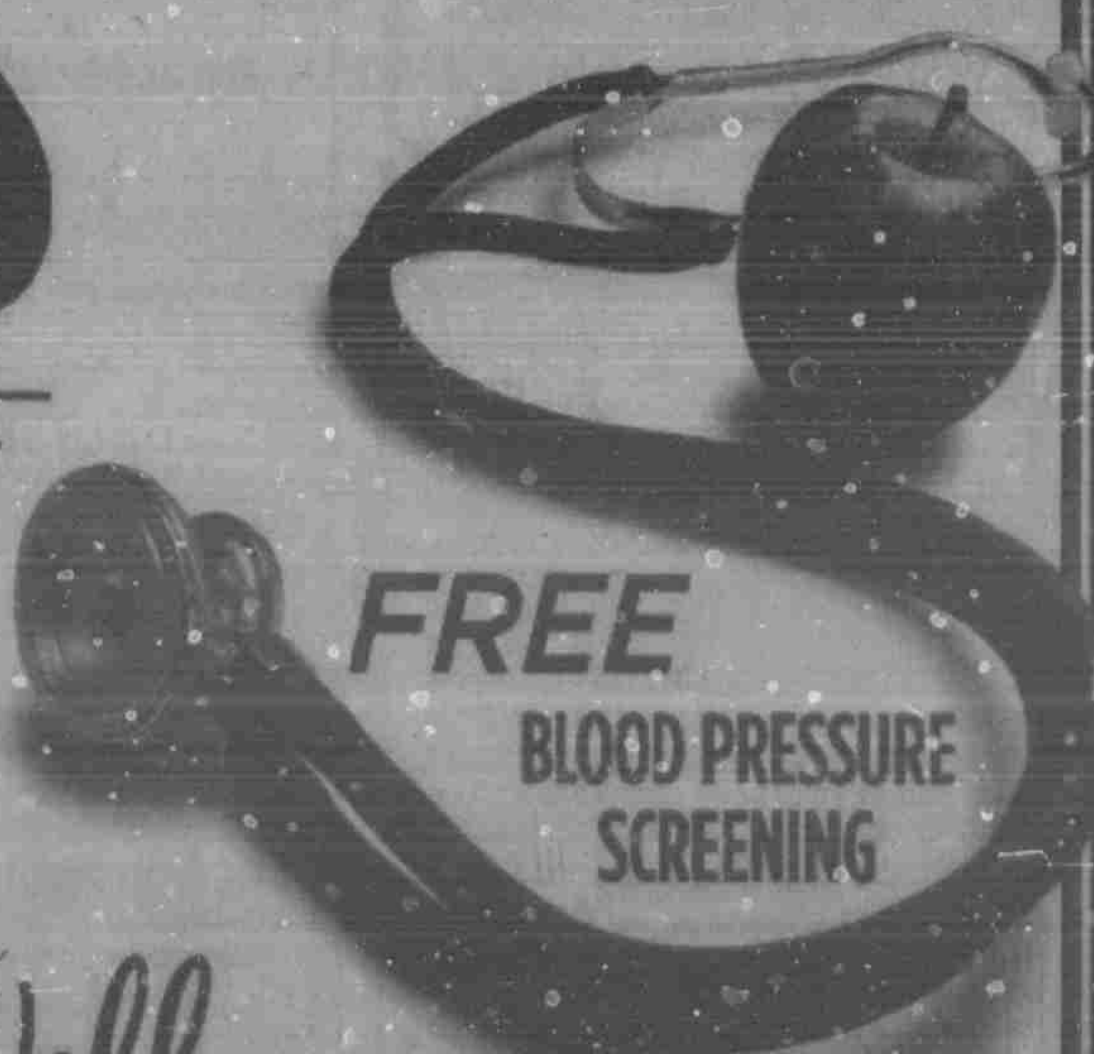
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