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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 5:00-6:30pm at the Parkway Community Center, 405 MILK Blvd., 806-771-1815.

Lubbock Area Chant Council meets on the 2nd Saturday, 1:00pm at the Patterson Branch Library.

Hub City Koinonia meets every Tuesday, 7:00pm, 1708 Avenue G.

Danbar Atlanta Association meets 2nd Saturdays, 4:00 pm.

Booker T. Washington American Legion Post 808 meets every 2nd Tuesday at 7:30pm, American Legion Building in Yellowhouse Canyon.

Forgotten West Riders meets on the 1st & 3rd Mondays, 7:00 pm, Patterson Library.

East Lubbock Chapter AARP meets every 1st Thursday at 1:00 pm, Mae Simmons Community Center.

Lubbock Chapter of Black Alumni meets every 3rd Tuesday, 5:30 pm, TTU Market Alumni Center.

Danbar-Manhattan Heights Neighborhood Association meets every 1st Thursday at 6:00 pm and every 4th Thursday at 7:00 pm at the Danbar-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 Ametooth 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 Greves Library, 5526 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 3rd Tuesday evening of each month at 7:30 pm at Hans Elementary.

Chattam Hill Neighborhood Association meets the 2nd Thursday of every month at 6:00 pm, at the Elementary Cafeteria.

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TABCCM Coming To Lubbock March 20th!



Members & Officers of TABCCM

Members of the Texas Association of Black City Council Members (TABCCM) will hold their spring meeting in Lubbock at the Holiday Inn Plaza on Saturday morning, March 21, 2009. They will also attend the Scholarship Banquet for T. J. & Bobbie Patterson on Friday evening, March 20th. In Texas, there are more than 400 Black elected officials in Texas. Serving as president is Theresa Scott of Elgin, Texas, and represent cities, towns, villages and municipalities all over Texas. "We are looking forward to attending the meeting in Lubbock," says Ms. Scott. "We appreciate what T. J. Patterson did for the TABCCM as he was its first president," she said. Along with other members, Patterson was accredited with organizing the Texas Association of Black City Council Members. He recalls the efforts of City Councilwoman Neil Weber of Fort Worth, who worked untiringly. A scholarship will be named in T. J. & Bobbie Patterson's name at Texas Tech University for students to have an opportunity to receive.

Longtime Lubbock Resident Celebrated 80th Birthday

Congratulations to Mrs. Dorothy Hood!

The Mission ladies of Lyons Chapel Baptist Church, members of the Outreach Prayer Breakfast, friends and family shared in the celebration of Mrs. Dorothy Hood's 80th birthday. This event was a surprise. She was overwhelmed with joy. It was held Monday evening, February 2, 2009. Her birthday today is February 4th. Mrs. Hood was born in Waxahatchie. Most of her life has been in West Texas. Mrs. Hood is faithful member of Lyons Chapel Baptist where she has served in many capacities. She is the founder of the Outreach Prayer Breakfast, presently serving as President. Mrs. Hood has been very active in community services. Among her many accomplishments were 'Woman of the Year, 1992; Humanitarian Award, 1994; NAACP George Woods Award for Outstanding Service in Religion, 1994. Also, the Leadership Award from Lyons Chapel Baptist Church, 1977. She received the Extra Mile Award in 1989. She has also been the producer of two plays entitled: "If My People Pray!", 1992 and "And They Brought A Woman," 2007. Mrs. Hood also designs African attire, along with other types of clothing, arts and crafts, upholstery, alteration and other areas of design.



Mrs. Dorothy Hood

Mrs. Hood is the wife of Delbert Hood; a daughter, Doris Smith of Lancaster; two grandsons, Dwight and George. "I was very much surprised over this special effort in my honor," says Mrs. Hood. "May God continue to bless all of those who made this possible. It is just so exciting to be a part of working in the Lubbock community and being able to help someone in the community," she says. "We enjoy each week with the members of the Outreach Prayer Breakfast as we continue to reach out and help others," says Mr. s. Hood. The Outreach Prayer Breakfast meets once a month in various homes. Anyone interested in attending this meeting may do so. For more information, call Mrs. Hood at (806) 762-3347. This month's meeting will appear in next week's issue.

Special Attention To Southwest Digest Readers

During the Annual Celebration of Black History Month, the Southwest Digest will give three (3) yearly subscriptions to the first three persons with postmarks envelopes with the correct answer to the following question: What does the middle initial 'G' in Carter G. Woodson mean or stand for. As you may recall, he is the Black American who developed 'Black History Week' and today it is called 'Black History Month'. All persons affiliated with the Southwest Digest are dis-

Free Concert!

The West Texas' First Live Gospel Recording, featuring Gospel Recording Artists Luther Barnes, and the West Texas Mass Choir and the West Texas Mass Choir will be providing a Free Concert on Saturday afternoon, March 21, 2009, beginning at 3:00 p.m. at the Church of The Blessed, 1809 34th Street. This Free Concert is sponsored by Each One Reach One, Southwest Digest, BLACC-BRICCC, and Church of The Blessed. For more information, call (806) 744-6123 or 831-9986.

ALDERSON CONTINUES TO STRIVE FOR ACADEMIC & SPORTS EXCELLENCE



Congratulations to the Alderson Middle School 7th grade girls' basketball team for their undefeated season and winning the city championship. Members of the team include Shantavia Ay, Hope Monicado, Vanessa Johnson, Kiera Tubbs, Shantavia Turner, and Keyona Walton. The girls are coached by LuCoya Bagley. Way to go Lady Hornets.



Students at Alderson Middle School have continued to put Mr. Love's slogan of "be ready to learn all day every day" to the test. Each grading period students are given academic assessments in the area of Math, Reading, Science and Social Studies. These rigorous assessments are administered to ensure that students have mastered the content being taught in the classroom. Pictured here are 7th grade students Angelica Tijerina and Jevonte Thompson-Brown who have earned membership in the "100 CLUB" by

Family Of Man Cleared By DNA Still Seeks Justice

by Wade Goodwyn



The family of a man convicted of rape will be in an Austin, Texas, courtroom Thursday to try to clear his name — joined by the woman whose testimony helped imprison him. In 1985, Timothy Cole was a student in Lubbock when he was arrested and accused of being the Texas Tech rapist. A string of coeds had been raped, and the young African-American man from Fort Worth, who'd never been in trouble with the law before, was convicted largely on the eyewitness account of one rape victim. Nearly two decades later, a jailhouse confession by another man prompted new DNA testing in the case. Those tests proved that Cole was innocent, that he should be exonerated and released. But in this case, that proved impossible. It was Sunday night, March

24, 1985, and Texas Tech sophomore Michele Mallin had just returned to her dorm room after a weekend visiting her relatives. It was getting late when she remembered that she needed to move her car to a legal parking spot. "I thought, well, I'll just run over there and do that real quick — it was almost 10 o'clock. Then I'll come back and get ready for bed," Mallin says. (Editor's Note: This is an important story and will be continued next week. It is a very important story for all to read.)

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Chatman Hills Corner

By Doris Reynolds

The Federation of Choirs will hold its monthly meeting on Sunday afternoon, February 22, 2009, at the Christ Temple Church of God in Christ, 2411 Fir Avenue, Supt. David Haynes is host pastor. Services will begin at 2:30 p.m.

Sister Bennie Sims is president of the Federation of Choirs. The public is invited to attend this monthly meeting.

The 2009 Women's Conference, sponsored by the New Hope Baptist Church Praise Team and Women's Missionary Society, will be held Friday and Saturday, February 20 & 21, 2009, at the Embassy Suites, South Loop 289, beginning at 5:00 p.m.

This year's theme is: "Kept

By A Good Man." Breakout topics will be: "Broken But Mended" and "It's My Due Season."

Returning Clinician is Pastor Amelia Jones of the New Jerusalem Holiness Church of Pittsburg, Pennsylvania.

For more information, call Sister Winnie Jackson at 793-3352 or Sister LaVerne Williams, Church Secretary, at 744-3352. Rev. B. R. Moton is pastor.

On Sunday evening, March 2, 2009, the Missionary Society of New Hope Baptist Church will sponsor a "Meet & Greet" session for all of the women of the New Hope Baptist Church. This session will begin at 6:00 p.m.

Let us continue to pray for those who are on our sick and shut-in list. Among them include: Brother Alfred Caviet, Brother & Sister Clarence and Joan Y. Ervin, Sister Dorothy Kinner, Sister Emma Jackson, Sister Charlie Bell Pratt, Sister Gerri Johnson, and others in the community.

Let us also continue to pray for those who have lost loved ones. Among them include the family of Sister Ella Mae Cook.

Word comes of the death of Ms. Ruth Harris, who died in Lufkin last week. She is the sister of Mrs. Helen Visser-Fitzgerald. Services are scheduled to be held Friday, February 20, 2009, in Fort Worth, Texas.

Bethlehem Baptist Church last Sunday afternoon, with several other churches which were in attendance and the spirit was felt by all.

Pray in season and out of season.

Scripture For Week: "Shout triumphantly of the Lord all the earth, serve the Lord with gladness, come before him with joyful songs. Acknowledge that the Lord is God; he made us and we are his people, the sheep of his pasture. Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise. Give thanks to him and praise his name. For the Lord is good and his love is eternal, his faithfulness endures through all generations." **Psalm 100:1-5**

You are always invited to attend New Light Baptist Church!

New Light Baptist Church News

On Sunday morning, February 15, 2009, church services got started once again with high spirits at New Light Baptist Church, 3013 Idalou Road, where Rev. Kenneth O. Jackson is the proud pastor.

Church School started at 9:45 a.m. with Brother David Chiles teaching the lesson entitled: "Risky Commitments"

The morning worship started at 11:00 a.m. with the devoted, dependable and trustworthy Praise Team leading the way.

Rev. L. C. Lee led the pulpit devotion. The Senior Choir marched to the choir stand singing "We've Come This Far By Faith". The responsive reading was led by Rev. Lee comes from Psalm 121:1-8. The altar pray was led by Rev. Jackson with the choir and congregation

singing "I Need Thee."

Sis. Rochelette Hood told of all the morning announcements, birthdays and the upcoming events that will be taking place. There was a moment in black history that was presented and then the offering was taken up.

The senior choir sang "Hush" and "All My Help". "Amazing Grace" was sung before the sermon.

Rev. Jackson preached the sermon entitled: "We've Come This Far By Faith". The scripture Exodus 14:9-13. Sis. Sudell Cavanaugh sang "No Ways Tired" after the sermon.

There was the invitation to discipleship that was extended. Several went up for prayer. Sis. Angela Moesly acknowledged all visitors that was present.

We were on program at

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. The number of baptisms is 40. The Church of the Blessed is still visiting the Lubbock County Jail with its Jail Ministry where there were 24 saved and continuing. Prayer at the Lubbock County Jail is held at 5:00 a.m. Monday through Friday. Saturday evenings English Services begins at 7:00 p.m.

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

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FASHION FUN

by Shirley Roberson

BLACK HISTORY FASHIONS

Black History Month is a time to reflect and represent, and what is more suitable than the fashion you choose to wear. This month we should see a lot of... President Barack Obama T

shirts, caps, and beanies, also Negro League Base ball shirts.

Beautiful colorful Africa American shirts: Ladies exotic pantsuits with long tops. Remember color, color and more color!

You can find these items and much more at Clovis RD. National Flea Market (Barn) The cheapest prices in town.

Fashion tip...always wear a smile



Fashion...always wear a smile

Let us not forget the many contributions made by Blacks in the United States of America.

Special Needs Registry

Public Health Preparedness, a division of the City of Lubbock Health Department, and the Special Needs Alliance are introducing the Special Needs Registry to better serve the special needs population of Lubbock County. The Special Needs Registry is a free voluntary program that was created to provide assistance to people with special needs during times of emergency such as during a natural disaster or terrorist incident.

The information collected is important to first responder efforts and assists the Fire and Police Department during search and rescue operations. It may also be used in the event of a bioterrorism attack when people may require special medications.

Lubbock County residents may register by printing and

Alderson Students

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receiving a perfect score on one or more assessments. Please continue to encourage and support our youth at Alderson Middle School where every action MIRRORS SUCCESS.

Truth About Alcohol Sales



Rev. Otis Cooks

An informative community wide meeting will be held at New Zion Baptist Church, located 1601 Martin Luther King Blvd., on February 21, 2009, at 10:00 a.m. referring to the upcoming "alcohol" election on May 9, 2009. There will be discussions on alcohol sales and the effects on our community.

The meeting will include the organization Truth About Alcohol Sales, "TAAS".

A Continental Breakfast will be served. For more information, concerning this matter, please feel free to contact Pastors Ernest E. Hopkins at 470-2733, Elijah Austin at 441-4895 or Otis Cooks at 765-9527.

SPC to host Job Fair 2009 on March 3

LEVELLAND - South Plains College will host Job Fair 2009 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on March 3 in the Sundown Room and Mall Area in the Student Center in Levelland.

The deadline for employer registration was Friday, February 13, 2009.

The event is open to current and former SPC students as well as job-hunters in the community. Last year, more than 50 employers set up booths during the Job Fair.

"The recent downturn in the economy makes it even more important for SPC student and community member job applications to rise to the challenge and impress the approximately 50 employers who will be attending," said Susan Rushing, job fair coordinator. "In addition to the online student job database, the CareerSpots videos and the Job Centre resources that are available year-round for SPC students and community

members to improve self-marketing skills, everyone is welcome to participate."

Representatives from a variety of career field will be present at the SPC Job Fair including agriculture, banking, customer service, computer, construction, education, engineering services, finance/loan, food distribution, food services, government, home health care, human services, industrial, law enforcement, manufacturing/distribution, medical, military, non-profit organizations, nursing, restaurant/hotel management, retail, security, social services, radio/telecommunications, transportation and utilities.

For more information, call Rushing at 806-716-2359.

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Sunday Services

Interspersory Prayer 8:30 am

Church School 9:30 am

Morning Worship 11:00 am

Wednesday Services

Bible Study
12:00 Noon and 6:00 pm



Pastor Sonia Scott

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You are Invited to Our 7th Annual African American History Month Program & Reception

Theme: Remember When Look At Now

Take A Glimpse into the Future!

Program Location: Alderson Middle School Auditorium
219 Walnut Avenue

Date: Saturday, February 28, 2009

Time: 2:00PM

Reception Location: Bobbie Gean & T. J. Patterson Branch Library
Mildred Deo Community Room
1836 Parkway Drive

Church News



FROM THE DESK OF PARSON D. A. SMITH "The Hypocrisy of a Leader"

I want to congratulate Emilio E. Abeyta for his view expressed on Representative Randy Neugebauer in the "Your View" page of the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal.

Mr. Abeyta is not alone in questioning the latest voting behavior of Mr. Neugebauer. Mr. Neugebauer voted with his fellow colleagues against President Obama's legislation to stimulate an economy that went sour under a Republican administration.

Allow me to quote Mr. Abeyta: "Will Rep. Neugebauer now stand before the house and declare that we West Texas are not hypocrites?"

No, we are not! We will refuse all money from the stimulus bill because it represents 'only waste.'

Will he make plain to the nation that our schools will not obligate future generations by accepting money to improve the buildings and provide laboratories and computers for instruction?

Our teaching hospital will turn back funds intended to digitize patient records. Our district will turn down Texas' portion of the stimulus package to pay for Medicaid bills incurred by our aged in nursing facilities.

In fact, West Texans are so committed to the philosophy that Rep. Neugebauer expounds that he should announce the ces-

sation of all work on the federally funding Marsha Sharp Freeway, and that we will not accept funds for any other public works, educational or health care projects.

My heart beats faster as I wait for Rep. Neugebauer's oration."

Like Mr. Abeyta I cannot wait until Mr. Neugebauer's comes to Mae Simmons with his \$2000 suit and \$600 shoes to a group of poor whites, blacks and Hispanics and explain why he voted against a "stimulus package" that would not only help Lubbock but the entire 19th Congressional District.

A report was released a few days ago that West Texas is losing population. All one has to do is visit the smaller towns in West Texas and hear the echo's of ghosts to come! The closing of the Peanut Plant in Plainview will have a devastating effect on the economy of Hale and the surrounding counties. The action of the Anglo boy from Georgia with tainted products sprayed with rodent water and done that West Texans consumed is cause for a good ole China cane whipping.

However, as Representative Neugebauer voted to stop stimulus funds that give tax breaks that help workers who lose their health insurance when they lose their jobs, money that repair and improve District's 19 highways

and bridges, keep teachers on the job, help the environment, protect our loved ones by hiring new police officers, increase the maximum Pell Grant, which helps the lowest-income students attend college, helping poor West Texans who live in poverty get food stamps, people drawing unemployment checks, helping those who receive SSI get a one-time extra payment, emergency fund to provide temporary assistance to needy family and infusion of cash to Medicaid to help poor people avoid being cut off benefits is a shame and disgrace.

Because one's government salary and amenities exceeds \$200,000 per year does not give them the right to look down on their constituents while staying true to a culture of thievery, racism, hypocrisy, a puppet of the rich etc.

At least John Cornyn had enough political sense to make like he was raising money and not be present to vote NO!



We Thank God for Jesus "America Was God's Blessed Vineyard"



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

Mark 12:1b - Jesus said, a certain man planted a vineyard, and set a hedge about it, and dugged a place for the winevet, and built a tower. And let it out to husbandmen, and wet into a far country.

America is that land, God blessed, and planted it with his very, very best, Oil, Cotton, Wheat, Corn, Cattle, and 1 he Bible. His word gave us rest.

John 14:27 - Jesus said, peace I leave with you, My peace I give unto you, not as the world gives. Give I unto you, Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

America has been bless to go to the moon. Does it transplant of every kind. She thinks she is doing it on her own. She has got to be out of her minds!!

Jeremiah 9:23-24 - This said, the Lord, let not the wise man glory in his wisdom. Neither let the mighty man glory in his might. Let not the right man glory in his riches. But let him that glorieth glory in this that he understands ands and know me. That I am the Lord which exercise loving kindness in the earth. For in these things I delight, said the Lord.

**** Why Say, God Bless America When He has already!!!! ****

one to tell her wicked ways. She thinks she's too big to fall. God's word says it will come someday!!

Matthew 7:26-27 - Jesus said, everyone that hears these sayings of mind, and do them not. Shall be like a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand. And the rain descended, and the floods came. The winds blew, and beat that house, and it fell, and great was the fall of it.

America became very proud and high minded, and left the Lord's word. In her courthouses, and in her schools, God's word is not to be heard!!

Revelation 2:2-4a - Jesus said, I know your works, and your labor, and your patience. How you cannot bear them which are evil. Nevertheless, I have something against thee, because you have kept your first love.

America gave her children their rights. Not use God's name in the schools to use God's name inside those wall. It's now against the rules!!

Romans 1:18, 21-23 - For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth (The Churches) knew God. They glorified his not as God. Neither were thankful, but became vain in their imaginations (Dreamers), and their foolish

heart was darkened. Professing themselves (The Churches) to be wise, they became fools, and changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image like to corruptible man (Martin Luther King, Jr.)

**** Which King Is America Following M. L. K., Jr. or King Jesus???

America use the death penalty to correct and repay, and to help rebuild. Not using the death penalty where's the fear? Killings done for a thrill!!!

Genesis 9:6 - The Lord said, whoso sheds man's blood. By man shall his blood be shed: for in the image of God made he man.

**** Take The "B" from Bless And It Reads: GOD LESS AMERICA!!!!

America, God is coming back one day. He's looking for his fruit from his land. He will judge America for her wrong doings. From every woman, boy, girl, and man.

Proverbs 14:34; 15:8 - Righteousness exalts a nation. But sin is a reproach to any people. The sacrifice of the wicked is abomination to the Lord, but the prayers of the upright is his delight.

**** God said, If my people, which are called by my name would humble themselves and pray!!!! ****

God Bless America!!!

St. Matthew's Baptist Church News

Church services again were well attended last Sunday morning, February 15, 2009, at the St. Matthew Baptist Church, 2020 East 14th Street, where the proud pastor is Rev. Edward Canady.

Services got underway with Sunday School, beginning 10:10 a. m. with Superintendent Sister Shirley Davis in charge.

The subject of the morning lesson was: "Risky Commitments". The scripture

text was Esther 4:1-3, 9-17. The morning lesson was taught by Sister Nina Davis, and was reviewed by Rev. Monty Smith.

The key verse was Esther 4:16: "Go, gather together all the Jews that are present in Shushan, and fast ye for me, and neither eat or drink three days, night or day: I also and my maidens will fast likewise; and so will I go in unto the king, which is not according to the law: and if I perish, I perish."

The morning devotion got underway at 11:15 a. m. with Deacon Edward Williams and Brother Gerald Jackson in charge. Continuing in prayer was done with Sister Barbara Johnson in charge.

The St. Matthew Baptist Church Choir sung out of their hearts and souls last Sunday morning.

Rev. Monty Smith delivered a wonderful sermon. His subject was "What Have You Done For Me?" His scripture text was

Mark 14:3-9, and Luke 7:36-50.

The weekly meetings are as follows: Wednesday evening, Mission Ladies meet at 5:00 p. m. Bible Study: 6:00 p. m. Friday evening, Choir Rehearsal. The Ushers will meet each Saturday morning beginning at 11:00 a. m.

Sister Shirley Canady read the announcements and welcomed all visit visitors last Sunday morning.

There was a moment in "Black History" read by Sister Annie Onasanya.

There was a mistake last week which reported that Sister Barbara Johnson was chairman of Black History Month. It should have read "Sister Susie Brown is Chairman and Sister Barbara Johnson read an article."

Thanks for receiving this correction.

Let us remember all our sick

and shut-in members of our church and community. Our pastor, Rev. Edward Canady, was on our sick and shut-in list. Let us keep him in our prayers. God is able.

The St. Matthew Baptist Church is still looking for a musician. Call Rev. Canady at 744-2445 if you are interested.

Thought of the Week: "Knowing about God is fascinating. Knowing God personally is life changing."

Outreach Prayer Breakfast

Isaiah Answers God's Call (Isaiah 6:1-8)

This passage is one of the most powerful narratives in the Bible. Isaiah answers God's call immediately with a great eagerness to serve. I should do the same. Here I am, send me!

Background

Why does the call of Isaiah come in chapter 6 and not chapter 1? Some background information might help give understanding. We are told this event takes place the year King

Uzziah died. This comes at the beginning of the Assyrian threat. Now Isaiah has a renewed calling. The northern kingdom of Israel and Syria have formed a coalition against Assyria. However, Judah refuses to join that coalition. Isaiah makes it clear that Judah is to trust in God alone. The Lord now finds the time right to issue this commission. God's call to Isaiah becomes clear when we discover where to look.

Look Up—See God (Isaiah 6:1-4)

The heavenly scene with its

symbolic language and actions leaves no doubt; God is the Lord of all! From the very beginning of this chapter, we see God's eternity. Uzziah is dead, but the eternal King never dies. We see God's holiness. The Lord is sinless, perfect, set apart. Finally, we see God's glory. Everything in that throne room declares God's glory, from the seraphs singing their praises to the smoke that fills the temple.

If we will ever answer the call that God has challenged us with, we need to look up and see the Lord God in all his glory. I grew up near railroad tracks. My friends and I spent a lot of time walking on the rails, trying to balance ourselves without falling off. The best way to do it was to look straight ahead, not at our feet.

Peter also discovered this when he saw Jesus walking on the water. Peter wanted to join Jesus on the waves, but as soon

as he took his eyes off Jesus, he began to sink.

How is your vision? We need to have "tunnel" vision, and focus only on the Lord God.

Look In—See Yourself (Isaiah 6:5-7)

When we put things into perspective, we begin to see our own sin. Even though God allows Isaiah to behold this awesome scene, Isaiah does not have a "holier than thou" attitude. Isaiah realizes he is not worthy. But it is at this point that

God is willing to work.

Who does God restore? The repentant. Who does God bless? The humble. Who does he oppose? The proud who think they can handle things on their own. God does not deny Isaiah's sinfulness, but he does provide an escape.

When we look in ourselves, we must see the righteous person we can become. It might require some pain, but we can become a new person.

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Obsequies

Myrtle Brooks

Funeral services were held last Saturday, February 14, 2009 at Mt. Gilead Baptist Church with Rev. J. Jerome Johnson, pastor.

Burial will follow at Peaceful Garden Cemetery in Woodrow under the direction of Griffin Mortuary & Funeral Home in Lubbock.

Ms. Brooks, 86, of Lubbock, passed away at her residence on Sunday, February 8, 2009.

She was born August 14, 1922 in Idabel, Okla. to Mr. Joel and Louisa Johnson.

She leaves to cherish her memory three sons, William McKinney Brooks of Fort Smith, Ark., Billy Ray Brooks and Chester Lee Brooks, both of



Lubbock; four daughters, Velma Jean Gibbs of Slaton, Ethel Lee McDowell and Laverne Young, both of Lubbock, and Gloria Jean Blackmore of Plainview; 22 grandchildren; 48 great-grandchildren and a host of other relatives and friends.

Ta Reginald Ray Stevenson, Jr.



Services were held last Friday morning, February 13, 2009, at Full Armor Ministries where Bishop Leonrd Chatman, pastor, officiated.

Burial followed at City of Lubbock Cemetery, under the direction of Griffin Mortuary & Funeral Home.

Ta Reginald, 6 months, of Lubbock, passed away Tuesday, February 3, 2009, at UMC.

He was born July 14, 2008, to Ta Reginald Ray Stevenson, Sr. and Shawnee L. Hudson. He divinely shared, and would have shared, his precious life on this Earth with his mother and father, two grandmothers, Hazel L. Wilson and Marsha Johns Stevenson, three grandfathers, Minister Fred Wilson, Gary D. Phenix, and Ricky Stevenson, Sr., and a host of precious aunts, uncles, other relatives and friends not mentioned, but definitely not forgotten.

Mae Jessie Mathis Cage

Services were held for a longtime Lubbock resident, Mae Jessie Mathis Cage, last Saturday morning, February 14, 2009 at Lyons Chapel with Rev. W. D. Davis, pastor, officiating.

Burial followed at the City of Lubbock Cemetery under the direction of Griffin Mortuary & Funeral Home in Lubbock.

Ms. Cage, 74, of Lubbock, passed away at her residence on Saturday, February 7, 2009.

Mae Jessie Cage was the daughter of Erther and Curtis Mathis and was born on September 3, 1934 in Gladewater.

Ms. Mae Jessie was baptized at an early age at New Hope Baptist Church and continued her faith at Lyons Chapel Baptist Church under the leadership of O. D. Hollins and continued faithfully with Pastor Wendell Davis for 45 years.

Ms. Mae Jessie began her early education in Gladewater and in 1943, moved to Lubbock with her family and continued at Dunbar High School.

She was employed at the Lubbock State School from 1969 to 1999 and retired after 30 years of service. Her passion was her Church and



Community. She ushered for 60 years in the Lubbock Community.

She leaves to celebrate her outstanding life: five children, Barbara Rhodes of Dallas, Terry Paul Williams and Jill Williams Jones, both of Lubbock, Curtis Williams and Erther Faye Williams, both of Houston; and a host of grandchildren, other relatives, and friends.

Laraine V. McCallum



Memorial service honoring the life of Laraine V. McCallum was held Saturday morning, February 14, 2009, at the Texas Tech Law School, Lanier Professional Development Center with Jarrod Dugger, senior Pastor, Fresh Fire Fellowship, officiating.

Monday, February 2, 2009, God called home our beloved Laraine Vivian McCallum.

She was born October 9, 1969 to Lawrence and Hilda McCallum in Philadelphia, Pa.

As a youngster, Laraine was a sweet, quiet, Unassuming child. She loved family birthday parties and picnics. Early on she acquired a love for school, becoming fascinated with reading and literature. Her parents, who were both educators, felt it necessary to give Laraine and her brother an excellent education, so enrolled them in the private school sector of Philadelphia at St. Peter's School and later Wyncote Academy until high school graduation. She later attended West Chester University in West Chester, Pa. to pursue goals aspirations she set for herself.

She received a Bachelor and Master's degree in education.

She leaves to cherish her memory her cousin Juan Norris, many more Philadelphia cousins - Odessa Brown, Clarence Story, Ann Jewett, Carol Swint, Charles Story, Barbara Jones, Juanita Seabourne, and close friends, Delorse Redfern and Nicole Hall and other relatives.

SPC to host Go For It! Seminar on April 7

REESE CENTER - South Plains College Reese Center presents Go For It! a free seminar providing step-by-step planning for college, now in its 16th year! Go For It! will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. April 7th in Room 101 of the Byron Martin Advanced Technology Center, 3201 Ave Q.

The Go For It! seminar targets potential technical students who might not be aware of the support and financial assistance currently available for college. Single parents, displaced homemakers and others with perceived barriers to college attendance are encouraged to attend.

The primary focus is to share information about resources for individuals in need of answers to questions about financial aid, assistance with child care while attending school, funding for transportation to and from school, paying for textbooks and numerous other areas of concern. The agenda includes brief presentations by local agency representatives as well as agency displays featuring resource materials on all topics related to obtaining a technical education. Additionally, there will be ample opportunity for

participants to speak individually to individuals who work daily with students.

Counselors, Academic Advisors, Financial Aid and Testing Experts, Instructors and Technical Program Coordinators from South Plains College will be on hand as well as representatives from

AAB Youth Financial Literacy Group - "Out Of The Mouths of 'Babes' Part 1

Here's a guy who punctuates the term, "Put up or shut up."

Back in September of 2004, finance titan, Ryan Mack walked away from a cushy situation on Wall Street to start his own company, Optimum Capital Management, a thriving personal finance development consulting firm in New York City. In 2005 the community-at-large started to feel the clench of the submerging economy. Unemployment and prices began to rise and people began to lose confidence. Critics and complainers surfaced in droves, pointing fingers and placing

blame. Ryan was troubled that financial literacy was not being taught in the public schools system. But rather than blaming and complaining, Ryan opted to go out and volunteer his time a day a week to teach financial literacy to high school students. Hence, All About Business Youth Program (AAB) was formed.

For the past three years, AAB has been a self-funded program sustained by Mack along with his partners, Lloyd Cambridge, CEO of Optimum Capital Management, LLC and Damon Jenkins, CEO of TSD Construction. So, for the most part, Mack, Cambridge, Jenkins and a young man named Marquise Terry went out and taught financial literacy to whomever would listen.

Without funding, yet still growing, the four decided that the best way to keep the vital program going was to recruit others to go out and teach the AAB curriculum which includes their 7 Principles of Financial freedom. They decided on creating a multi-layer design that would enable a lay person to teach. And so the outreach process begins. Ryan is inviting youth, adults, friends, neighbors, CBOs, government officials, community advocates and activists, everyone who is willing to get involved to come out and not just learn about financial literacy, but to learn how to teach it.

Mack, a frequent CNN commentator and contributor stated during a recent volunteer recruitment orientation, "You don't have to be a financial planner to do this. What we want is to give students the ability to articulate."

Ryan will provide volunteers with three to four FREE classes on how to teach the 7 Principles of Financial Freedom. Other Elements of the AAB curriculum include adequate insurance coverage, up-to-date estate planning documents, how to establish a working budget, how to improve your FICA score, how to give properly, how to avoid high risk credit card debt, how to properly allocate your company retirement plan, how to manage your 3-6 month living expenses and where you need to stash money to keep pace or be above inflation - an emergency fund, the value of tax deferred savings plans, minimizing your taxes and increasing your wealth, student loans, auto loans, mortgages, how to purchase a home, stocks, bonds, business, real estate and more.

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by T.J. Patterson

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THINK ABOUT IT!

"Black History Month" Part 3

by Eddie P. Richardson

For the past few weeks we have been talking about the origin and reason for Black history month we ended with Dr Woodson becoming the Dean of the school of Liberal Arts at Howard University. After two years, he became the Dean of West Virginia State College. While at Howard, he started a publishing company, The Associated Publishers. Dr Woodson authored more than 16 books, in excess of 100 articles, and greater than 125 book reviews. Some of his books include The Negro In Our History, The Education Of The Negro prior to 1861, A Century Of Negro Migration, The History Of The Negro Church, The Negro Professional, African Myths, Negro Makers Of History, The story Of The Negro Re Told, and The African Background Outlined.

the founding of the NAACP. While he worked with Du Bois, this did not negate his involvement with Marcus Garvey. Woodson was a regular columnist in Garveys newspaper, The Negro World. He died in 1950 of heart

disease while working on a six volume encyclopedia. African American Woodson never married because he his travel and research schedule were not conducive to marriage. He said, "I am married to my work."



Opportunity to Comment

On The Lubbock Metropolitan Planning Organization's FY 2008 - 2011 Transportation Improvement Program & Metropolitan Transportation Plan: 2032 Revisions

Residents of the Cities of Lubbock and Wolforth and Lubbock County citizens living within the Metropolitan Area Boundary of the Lubbock Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) are encouraged to review and comment on the FY 2008 - 2011 Transportation Improvement Program and the Metropolitan Transportation Plan 2032 Revisions. Written comments will be received until 4:00PM, March 16, 2009.

Public Forums will be held as follows:

February 24, 2009
Patterson Library
1836 Parkway Drive
Lubbock, Texas
4:00 - 6:00 PM

March 17, 2009
Room 103 Lubbock City Hall
1625 13th Street
Lubbock, Texas
8:30AM

In Cinque

by Renetta Howard



Howard

Most of 2008 and all of 2009 have been consumed with the state of the economy. While we must admit that this is now a worldwide problem, we must also focus on local problems in this country which affect us most drastically and the resolution of which, might help the economy. Our young men need attention. They need help. They need help with morals, goal planning and goal achievement.

Sure, most will say, but why is this so important? It is important because the first bodies to be called up for military service are our young men. The irony of this is that it is our young, strong and healthy young men who are called upon. At the same time, our states are building more and larger prisons, mostly to house our young men. The other irony is that so many of the young men being shipped off to prison are fathers. Aside from being fathers, most are not married to their baby mamas. There exists a single parent home and too often, the young mother either leaves the baby with her parents or she and the child remain in her parents' home for a livelihood. There is a chance that her father is not in the home either. He too, just

may be in prison. The cycle repeats itself. The family becomes weaker and weaker. The word father becomes synonymous with 'absentee.'

Our President Obama and Comedian Bill Cosby have attempted to press homeward the need for men to take care of their families and be the role model that their children need. The only problem with the realization of this need lies deeper than talking about it. Something has to be done with regards to education.

The first area of education for young men should begin at home. Many young men have come from single parent homes and have gone on to become mature adults who settle down and become a family man; a good husband and a father. These young men were taught the virtues of a man. They learned that lesson and as they went forward, they learned more about what a man is, what a man does and what a man stands for. There were mentors along their way; men who sought to help young men become the man they should be. They gave them helpful advice and in some instances, finances when in dire need, and even checked on them to insure that they remained on the right path. Young men with a father, not just another pair of pants, in the home have been especially blessed.

The second area of education for young men should be found in the social institutions of the community; school and church or whatever religious organization they choose to be affiliated. Schools should teach morals

and wholesome thinking in every subject area that is in the curriculum. There should be reinforcement of the ideals taught in the home.

Churches or religious institutions should reinforce the teachings of the schools and the home and deal realistically with the everyday temptations of the world in setting examples of how to deal with those temptations, especially those which can land a young man in the city, state or federal prison. Homicides and drug use and sales are the two most common areas of the downfall of our young men. We need to get 'in cinque' and make them know that fast illegal money means a slow, long time in the jailhouse, disgrace and isolation from family and friends. It is not worth it!

The NAACP Plans To Hold Obama's Feet To The Fire

By BET.com Staff & Wire Services

The honeymoon is over. The NAACP celebrated Barack Obama's inauguration in full swing, even throwing a ball to celebrate the first Black President. Now that he's in office, the oldest civil rights organization in the country says it is ready to press the president on social issues. The president being Black gives us no advantage," NAACP President and CEO, Benjamin Todd Jealous, told the Associated Press yesterday. Jealous, 35, took the helm of the organization in September 2008.

"If he aspires to be the next Abraham Lincoln, I aspire to be his Frederick Douglass," Jealous pushed.

Jealous, who heads the organization that will celebrate its 100th anniversary next week, says he holds Barack Obama to a high standard because of his background as a community organizer. Among the organization's top priorities for the Obama administration are ensuring Blacks get a fair share of the stimulus package and bailout funds, Black unemployment, education, as well as crime and criminal justice issues to minority communities.

In 1926, Woodson Founded Black History Week. He chose February because most African Americans did not know the 13th Amendment freeing the Africans had been signed in January 1863. (Africans in southern states i.e., Texas and Louisiana did not find out until June 1865 giving us the holiday Juneteenth.) Woodson selected the second week in honor of Frederick Douglas and Abraham Lincoln.

Woodson lived during an exciting era. His life encompassed Booker T Washington, W.E.B. Du Bois, Marcus Garvey, A Philip Randolph, and the Harlem Renaissance. He was a member of the Niagn Movement that led

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I give you all 2 thumbs up for a job well done

I would like to let Mr Patterson/Mr Richardson and staff know the paper looks fantastic. The colored print and pictures are wonderful. Even the black and white print looks better than ever before. It looking good last week but this week you all outdid yourselves.

I give you all 2 thumbs up for a job well done, keep up the good work and for all of you in the community you should continue to support the Southwest Digest.

May God continue to bless the Southwest Digest staff and a extra special blessing to Mr Patterson and Mr Richardson for the tenacity and spirit.

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Deborah M Hutchinson

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Who Owns Your Facebook Content?

By Tracy Stokes BETNEWS

If you have a Facebook page and you like to post pictures of you and your friends, you might want to think twice before you do it again.

About two weeks ago, the fine print explaining Facebook's privacy rights quietly and subtly changed. The company deleted language that said its ownership of your content would cease when you removed that content or closed your account.

So, exactly what does that mean? It means that even if you close your account, Facebook will continue to have access to your photos and your personal information. As one Facebook user wrote, "Facebook's New Terms of Service: 'We Can Do Anything We Want With Your Content. Forever.'"

However, Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg issued a statement Monday to reassure users that they still control their information, saying, "In reality, we wouldn't share our information in a way you wouldn't want. The trust you place in us as a safe place to share information is the most important part of what makes Facebook work."

Some Facebook users still weren't put at ease by Zuckerberg's words and started closing their accounts. More than 18,000 members have joined groups that are against

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One professional photographer wrote, "Guess I'll be taking my stuff down. BYE BYE FACEBOOKADVERTISERS. I won't be seeing your ads. :-)"



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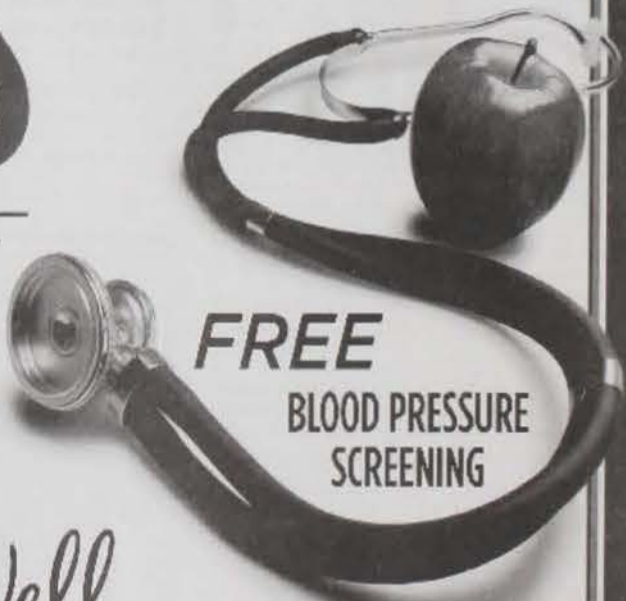
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 Schedule of Rehearsal for November 15, 2008 thru February 21, 2009
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T.D. Jakes' Son Arrested for Lewd Behavior

Dallas —The 29-year-old son of popular TV evangelist T.D. Jakes was arrested after allegedly whipping out his private in front of two undercover vice detectives in a Dallas park last month, CBS 11 News reports.

According to a Dallas Police report, Jermaine Jakes was charged with indecent exposure on Jan. 3 after the incident at Keist Park.



Jermaine Jakes, son of Dallas pastor T.D. Jakes, was arrested on a charge of indecent exposure in January, 2009. This mug shot is from 2003.

The police affidavit says that Jakes walked up to one of the two detectives at the park with his pants unzipped. He then began to masturbate while making eye contact with the detective, according to the document.

Faith Johnson, an attorney for Jermaine Jakes, issued a statement that read, "We are aware of potential allegations involving Jermaine Jakes and are undertaking our own investigation of these allegations at this time. Given an apparent government investigation, we have no further comment at this time."

Jermaine's father is the renowned pastor of the 30,000-member mega-church Potter's House in Dallas.

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completing the Special Needs Registry Form found online at [www. specialneeds-lubbock.org](http://www.specialneeds-lubbock.org) then mailing or faxing it to the Health Department. Residents may also obtain and complete a form from the following drop-box locations:

- Public Libraries: Groves (5520 19th St.), Mahon (1306 9th St.), and Patterson (1836 Parkway Dr.)
- Senior Centers; Lubbock (2001 19th St.), Mae Simmons (2302 Oak Ave.), Rawlings (213 40th St.), and Trejo Supercenter (3200 Amherst St.)
- Downtown Citibus station (801 Broadway Ave.)
- City of Lubbock Health Department (1902 Texas Ave.)

The information collected is confidential and will only be shared with emergency response agencies to improve

SPC to host Black History Celebration Dinner Feb. 19

LEVELLAND - South Plains College will host Black History Celebration Dinner at 7 p.m. Thursday (Feb. 19) in the Sundown of the Student Center. The event is hosted by the SPC Black Student Organization and the Diversity Program/Maria Lopez-Strong.

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

Leon Williams of the Lubbock Public Schools will deliver the keynote address. The program also will include praise dancers and poetry readers.

For more info call 716-5244.

their ability to serve. For more information, contact the City of Lubbock Health Department at (806) 775-2953 or visit www.specialneeds-lubbock.org.



Shaq, Kobe Co-MVPs as West Dominates All-Star Game

PHOENIX (AP) — Three-time champions together, now three-time All-Star MVPs. And leave it to Shaquille O'Neal to coin a nickname for himself and Kobe Bryant. "The Big Legendaries," O'Neal said. Long ago broken apart, Shaq and Kobe were together again Sunday. Just like the good ol' days, they were winners - and the MVP trophy they shared.

Bryant led all scorers with 27 points, O'Neal partied his way back onto the All-Star stage with 17 in just 11 minutes, and the Western Conference beat the East 146-119.

"It felt like old times," O'Neal said. "I miss those times. He was really looking for me, especially when we went to a pick-and-roll and they had Rashard Lewis on me."

Back on the same team for the first time in nearly five years, they helped the West get untracked after an awful start, then teamed up for a few buckets that helped blow it open in the third quarter.

"I tell you what, those two guys together, that's a deadly combination as we all saw tonight and we have all seen in the past," East coach Mike Brown said.

"They are where they are right now, but if they were to

stay together, not telling how many more rings they would have had on their fingers and toes."

And they did it in the ways that made them so different - Bryant with his cold-as-ice stare and focus, O'Neal as the oversized clown who made fans and foes alike laugh.

O'Neal is now complimentary of Bryant, calling him the best player in the NBA. Bryant still seems uncomfortable talking about his relationship with O'Neal - if there is much of one.

"We are not going to go back to the room and watch 'Steel Magnolias' or something like that, you know what I'm saying, crying, all that stuff," Bryant said. "We had a good time. That's all."

It was their first time on the floor as teammates since the 2004 NBA finals. O'Neal was traded to Miami that summer, breaking apart a duo that produced three straight titles but was perhaps better known for the bickering that made the breakup inevitable.

I think it is a great life lesson for people," said West coach Phil Jackson, who led O'Neal and Bryant to their titles with the Lakers. "This is something that the people work together, people find a way to get through situations, find harmony in their life, find cohabitation."

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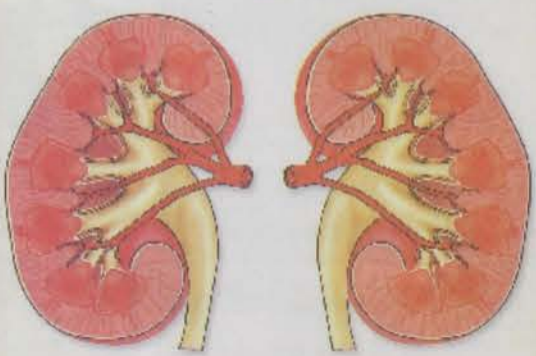
Date & Time:
 Saturday, February 28, 2009
 2:00 p.m.
 Alderson Middle School Auditorium
 219 Walnut Ave.

Reception Immediately Following:
Patterson Branch Library-Mildred Deo Community Room

We will be recognizing and honoring some of our past and present businesses in the Northeast Lubbock area.

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