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

Meetings

- African American Chamber of Commerce, Lubbock meets on the 3rd Monday of each month, from 5:30-6:30pm at the Parkway Community Center, 405 M.K. Blvd., 806-771-1815
- Lubbock Area Client Council meets on the 2nd Saturday, 1:00pm at the Patterson Branch Library
- Hub City Kiwanis meets every Tuesday, 7:00pm, 1708 Avenue G
- Dunbar Alumni Association meets 2nd Saturdays, 4:00 pm
- Booker T. Washington American Legion Post 808 meets every 2nd Tuesday at 7:30pm, American Legion building in Yellowhouse Canyon
- Forgotten West Riders meet on the 1st & 3rd Mondays, 7:00 pm, Patterson Library
- East Lubbock Chapter AARP meets every 1st Thursday at 1:00 pm, Mac Simmons Community Center
- Lubbock Chapter of Black Alumni meets every 3rd Tuesday, 5:30 pm, TTU Market Alumni Center
- Dunbar/Maitland Heights Neighborhood Association meets every 1st Thursday at 6:00 pm and every 4th Thursday at 7:00 pm at the Dunbar-Maitland Heights Neighborhood Outreach Center at 1301 East 24th St.
- West Texas Native American Association Pot Luck Supper meets on alternating months prior to meeting, meetings held on 2nd Saturday of each month at 7:00 pm, Educational presentations and demonstrations.
- Texas Juneteenth Cultural & Historical Commission - Lubbock Affiliate meets at Patterson branch Library every 3rd Thursday at 7:00 pm
- West Texas Native American Association meets 2nd Saturday each month at Groves Library, 3520 19th Street, 7:30 p.m.
- West Texas Chapter of 100 Black Men meets the 3rd Monday evening at 7:00 pm at the Parkway Neighborhood Center.
- The Parkway Guadalupe & Cherry-Point Neighborhood Association meets the 2nd Tuesday evening of each month at 7:30 pm at Hunt Elementary.
- Chatman Hill Neighborhood Association meets the 2nd Thursday of every month at 6:00 pm, at the Elementary Cafeteria.

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

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"It's A Family Affair"



John Brandon, Quentin Anthony & Stefan Gerelle

Geoffrey and Toni Johnson Crawford, 1980 graduates of Dunbar High School are the very proud parents of three sons all of whom are Eagle Scouts. These young are of the W.L. Davis District, Troop 500 of the Brentwood Church: John Brandon, Quentin Anthony, and Stefan Gerelle. The Eagle Scout Award is the highest honor in scouting and only about 4% of all boy scouts ever attain this rank.

Brandon is a 2006 graduate of John Foster Dulles High School in Sugar Land, Texas, and is currently enrolled at Truman State University in Kirksville, Missouri, on a football scholarship. He is a member of the youth choir and the Y.E.S. Ministry (Youth Enlightening Souls). He was inducted into Who's Who Among American High School Students, served on the Fort Bend ISD area superintendent advisory council, a member of the Dulles Principal's Advisory Council and served as first chair saxophonist in his high school band. He was always active in sports and music during his high school years; he was a three year starter and defense captain on

his varsity football team; lettered on the track team as a sprinter. He was also a member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. As his Eagle project, had a book drive where he collected more than 1000 books and built 2 portable bookshelves to hold them, presenting them to Shared dreams. Brandon also mentored to elementary students and worked as a volunteer for Houston Child Protective Services.

Quentin is a senior at Dulles High School where he is a percussionist in the award winning band. His UIL awards include those in both solo and ensemble categories. He is also a member of the cross country team, track team, and basketball team. He performs well academically earning a place in Who's Who Among High School Students as well as the Dulles High School Honor Roll and is a member of the Boy Scouts National Honor Society. He has received academic scholarships from Howard University, Morehouse and Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge, La. Quentin plans to major in computer engineering with a minor in music production. He is a member of

the Fort Bend Church where he is an active member in the youth ministry. He was one of the organizers of the reach Out Concert for Muscular Dystrophy, and also served on the Mayor's Youth Advisory Council, as his Eagle project he planted Oak trees at Kitty Holly Park.

Stefan is following in his brothers' footsteps. At fourteen, he is the youngest in his troop to become an Eagle. He is a member of FCA, his high school football team and baseball team. Stefan has been involved in many community service projects. He worked on the campaign to end hunger in Houston, helped put together 20,000 bicycles for the less fortunate. For his eagle project, he built 6 traffic barricades and refurbished 12 already in existence, painting them red and white - the colors of Dulles High School.

These young men have become self confident, self assured, and self reliant and committed to community service as they take their place in the 21st century.

CONGRATULATIONS!!

Presidential Campaign Continues

The Presidential election between Senators Hillary Clinton and Barack Obama will continue with Wyoming on Saturday, March 8th.

Obama leads with delegates, but the way the campaigns going now, both will end up short for delegates at Democrat Convention.



Gospel Fest 2008 Set For Sunday, March 23, 2008

Gospel Fest 2008 will be held Sunday afternoon, March 23, 2008, at the Church of the Bless, 1809 34th Street, beginning at 3:00 p. m.

A workshop will be held at the New Light Baptist Church, 3015 Idalou Road, where the pastor is Rev. Kenneth Jackson, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, march 20, 21, 22, 2008, beginning at 6:00 p. m. until 8:00 p. m. with the Saturday workshop from 9:00 a. m. until 12 noon.

Luther Barnes from Rocky Mount, North Carolina, will conduct the workshop. Local citizens have already signed up for the workshop and will be a part of the West Texas Mass Choir.

Barnes, who is a minister, will be preaching at New Light Baptist Church on Sunday morning.

Award-winning gospel artist Luther Barnes began performing professionally when he was only nine years old. During his long career he has been part of a number of groups, released a long list of albums, had his songs featured in films, and even appeared in off-Broadway plays. He has many talents, including singer, songwriter, and pianist.

Luther Barnes was raised in North Carolina as part of a large extended family comprised of many musicians and vocalist. Another love the members shared was of the gospel, in both word and song. When Barnes was only nine, he became part of a group called the Barnes Juniors. It was formed by his father, Reverend F.C. Barnes. Other members were Luther's brothers and one of his uncles. Luther also took part in

another family group, the Sunset Jubilaires, and then later in the Budd Gospel Choir. When time came for college, Barnes entered the St. Augustine College located in Raleigh, NC. There he earned a B.A. degree in Music Education. He used that training to become a music teacher at both his former junior high and high schools, and to give private piano and vocal lessons. He has also served as minister of music at his church, and director for On the Rise Youth Choir. Barnes' recording career began in 1987 with the completion of the album, See What the Lord Has Done, released under the Atlanta Records label. Between then and the year 2000, he recorded nearly 20 full-length gospel offerings. Some of the tunes listeners can sample from his albums include "It's a Good Thing to Be Chosen," "How Can You Walk or By," "He'll Come to My Rescue," "We Must Be Ready," "Sometimes I'm Burdened," "Lord I'm Waiting," and "So Satisfied." - Charlotte Dillon, All Music Guide.

Appearing with Luther Barnes will be Keith Wonderboy Johnson of Brooklyn, New York. Some of his recordings include: "Hide Behind The Mountain," "Don't Be Afraid," "Lord I Want To Be A Christian," and "God's Amazing Grace."

The public is invited the performance on Sunday afternoon, March 23rd. For more information, call Ms. Faye Drown at (806) 831-9986 or (806) 744-6123.

This concert is sponsored by the Each One, Reach One.



"It's A Family Affair!" This family consists of the following family members - Geoffrey and Toni Crawford, father and mother, and sons - John Brandon, Quentin Anthony and Stefan Gerelle.

Winners In 15th Annual African History Bowl

In celebrating February as Black History Month, Alderson Middle School hosted its 15th Annual African American History Bowl. This year's theme "Celebrating Our Past and Embracing a Promising Future," allowed students from across LISD to compete and learn about the many achievements and contributions made by African Americans. This year's competition included 9 middle schools, 33 teams and a total of 132 participants.

Alderson is pleased to announce the following results of

the competition:

- INDIVIDUAL WINNERS**
- 8th Grade - 2nd Place - Ja'Kefee Faulk - Alderson M.S.
 - 8th Grade - 1st Place - Roberto Agosto - Alderson M.S.
- TEAM WINNERS**
- 6th Grade - 3rd Place - Alderson M.S.
 - 7th Grade - 3rd Place - Alderson M.S.
 - 8th Grade - 2nd Place - Alderson M.S.
 - 8th Grade - 1st Place - Alderson M.S.



Young People Who Participated 15th Annual African American History Bowl

Thank you to the St. John Baptist Church members for their continued prayers and support of our students who attend Alderson Middle School. Please continue

to keep the students, parents and faculty members lifted up in prayer.

All of the young people who participated in this 15th Annual

African American History Bowl are all winners.

This is a very positive event each year, and let's keep supporting it each year!

Chatman Hills Corner

By Doris Reynolds

One of the Lubbock residents to be honored at the Champions for Children Banquet will be held April 16, 2008, from 11:30 a. m. until 1:00 p. m.

One of those being honored will be Mrs. Ruby Phenix, a professional with young children at Carver Heights Day Care for 45 years. She is a dedicated lady. She is a Stewart at Bethel African Methodist Episcopal

Church, and responsible for the many tasty meals served at Bethel.

Last Sunday morning, her daughter, Marion Benson, presented a special plaque to her along with flowers. Sister Phenix was a very excited lady. She is a very dedicated member of the Church and will tell you about the goodness of God.

Two citizens of Houston, Texas visited a relative in Lubbock the week of February 22, 2008. They were Vella D. Wright and Harold Mitchell, who were a sister and nephew of Sister Elard Devenport. They attended Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church, where the pastor is rev. Sonia J. Beaty. They reported a wonderful visit. Boy, Sister Devenport was all in smiles!

Let us continue to pray for our sick and shut-in citizens. It is reported that Brother S. L. Sanders is doing nicely at Heritage Oaks Nursing Home. Your prayers are most appreciative.

Brother Tommy Cage continue to amaze many with his recovery. He is still singing "This Old Building Got A Leak In It."

Let us not forget those who have lost loved ones. There are many. Your prayers are most appreciated to all who have lost loved ones.

A local businessman, Al Caviel, lost a brother, William Caviel, in Houston last week. Funeral services were held Monday, March 3, 2008, in Houston. He attended those services. Our prayers goes out to him.

FASHION FUN

by Shirley Roberson

FLOWER POWER DRESSES

Raise some eye brows and turn some heads! Spring is bringing with it quite a bit of excitement. Ladies make an unforgettable entrance with some of the hottest new trends, bold patterns and floral prints.

Simple A-line dresses are amazingly sexy, yet the pretty floral arrangements make them outrageously sweet. Beautiful earthy colored colors offers a fresh breezy summer mix. There's nothing more beautiful to the eyes, more pleasing to the heart or more satisfying to the soul, than a lovely creative cluster of flowers, and it's even more fun, if you are wearing them.

KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR THEM. THEY ARE EVERY WHERE!



New Zion Baptist Church News

The New Zion Baptist Church's Women of Excellence Mission are inviting you to attend their First Missionary Program on Sunday afternoon, March 9, 2008, beginning at 3:30 p. m.

The theme is "Make a Vessel God can Use." Timothy 2:21-22.

Appearing on program are Missionary Mary Paul, Evangelist Janioe Hill and Minister Ethel McDowell.

"We are looking forward for an outstanding effort as we worship God. Missionary work is so important," says Minister Cecil Eddington.

Rev. Ernest Hopkins is pastor. "We're looking forward to seeing as many of you as possible," says Pastor Hopkins.

City Wide Ushers Will Hold Annual Meeting On Saturday Afternoon

The City Wide Ushers will hold its Annual Day on Saturday afternoon, February 8, 2008, beginning at 5:00 at the Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church where the pastor is Rev. Sonia Beaty.

The speaker of the hour will be Brother Donald Williams of the Rising Star Baptist Church.

All Ushers are invited to attend.

Sister Sarah Bunton is president. "Do come out," she says.

New Light Baptist Church News

Church services got underway last Sunday morning, March 2, 2008, at the New Light Baptist Church, 3015 Idalou Road. Rev. Kenneth Jackson is the proud pastor.

Sunday School began at 9:45 a. m. with Brother David Childs teaching.

The lesson was taught in a very positive posture.

The morning worship hour got underway at 11:00 a. m. The Senior Choir marched in singing out of their hearts and souls.

Brother Carlton Hicks led the devotions.

Rev. Jackson preached on the subject "There Is Still Room In My Father's Kingdom." His scripture text was Luke 14:16-24. It was another powerful sermon.

Let us continue to pray for the sick and shut-ins in our church and community.

There are families in the community who have lost loved ones. Your prayers are very much appreciated from all of you. Let us not forget that God is able. Come visit New Light!

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. "We are happy of how God is blessing us with our many Church Ministries," says Pastor Johnny Perez. For information, call 747-9430.

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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SPCAA Needs Board Members

South Plains Community Action Association, Inc. (SPCAA) is conducting a search for interested individuals to serve on the Board of Directors. Participation on the board is voluntary. SPCAA provides reimbursement for travel, per diem and childcare.

SPCAA is a private non-profit organization with over 42 years of experience "Helping People, Changing Lives," in West Texas.

The minimum qualifications are: must be 18 years of age or older; must be a resident of the SPCAA area; Bailey, Cochran, Garza, Hockley, Lamb, Lynn, Terry, Y oakum, Lubbock, and the surrounding counties; must be willing to serve a term of two (2) consecutive years; must be willing to attend board of Directors

meetings every ten weeks in Levelland, Texas; and must be willing to participate in committee and training.

The following organizations may be eligible for Board of Directors membership: United Way, Major Industry, Community Chest, Utility Company, Farmers Union, Farm Bureau, Girls Town, USA, Housing Authorities, Senior Citizens Group, Salvation Army, Chambers of Commerce, Industrial Foundations, Business, Union Local, NAACP, Lions Club, Rotary Club, and Kiwanis Club.

Interested individuals may call the SPCAA office and ask for Bill Powell (806) 894-6104 or call Community Services Division and ask for Roger Carlomas (806) 894-4560.

60th Anniversary Set For St. Matthews Baptist Church

The 60th Church Anniversary will be held for 1st St. Matthew Baptist Church March 7, 2008 & March 9, 2008. Services will be held at 7:00 p. m. on Thursday night and Sunday afternoon at 3:00 p. m.

Rev. Edward Canady is pastor.

With the theme, "Remember The Days of Old. Consider The Years of many Generations." Deuteronomy 12:7.

The Friday night services will be sponsored by the Sunday School, Brotherhood, Choir, Mission and Ushers. Guest churches will include: First Progressive Baptist Church, Dr. Homer L. Avery, pastor; Triumph Baptist Church, Rev. Henry Brawley, pastor; and Divine Love Baptist Church, Rev. Kenneth Burns, pastor.

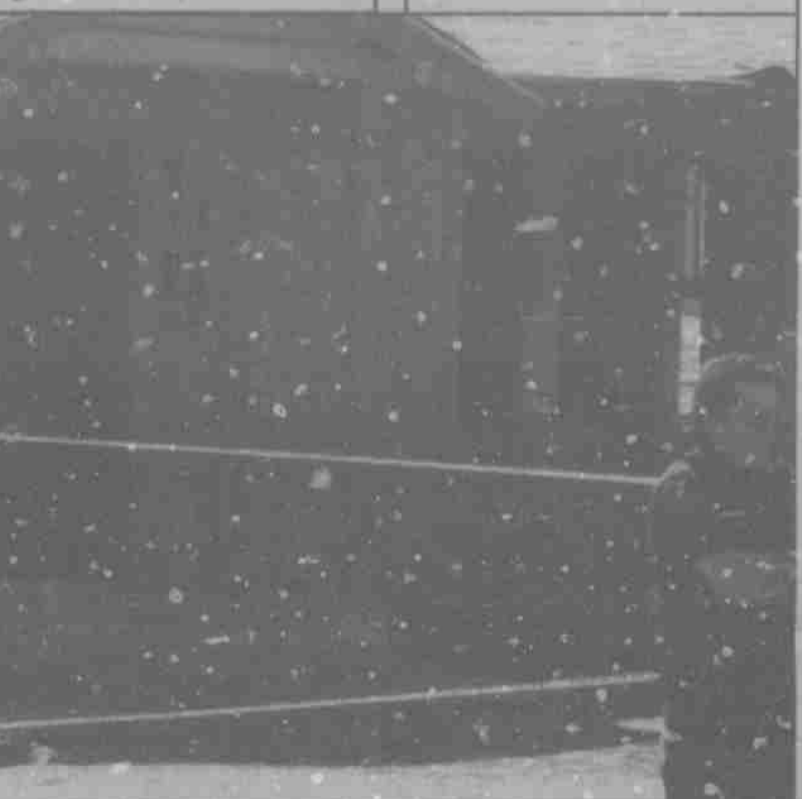
Sunday afternoon at 3:00 p. m. The sponsors will be the General Church. Guest churches invited are Friendship Holy Baptist Church, Bishop Forrest Mann, pastor; St. Mark Baptist Church, Dr. Leen Armistead, pastor; and Church of The Living God, Elder Willie Barber, pastor.

The St. Matthew Baptist Church was organized in 1948. It was formed out of the vision of the late Rev. R. S. Stanley, who was the leader and served as pastor of the Church rich from February until his health rendered him unable to carry out his duties as under Shepherd of the Lord's Church.

The Church was organized in the home of Brother and Sister Son Mathis. The band included: Brother and Sister Bony, Sister Joe Williams and Rev. R. Stanley. Brother and Sister Son Mathis and Rev. C.A. Burns assisted Rev. Stanley in the organization of this great Church.

The first physical edifice was rented from Rev. S. S. Scott on East 33rd Street and Teak Avenue. As the Church grew in size a house was rented from Mr. Miles Steen where worship was held for years. A building was purchased and the church moved to East 35th Street and Walnut Avenue. As the Church was blessed, the Church moved to 2020 East 14th Street in 1963.

In November 1997, Pastor Stanley's health deteriorated, and Rev. Edward Canady became the Assistant Pastor. January 5, 1998, he became pastor.



Fire at E. Lubbock home kills woman, 3-year-old son

By Robin Pyle | Avalanche-Journal

A single mother and her young son were killed in an East Lubbock house fire late Tuesday morning.

Alisha Loftis, 35, and her 3-year-old son were rushed to University Medical Center, where they later died, said Garrett Nelson, with the Lubbock Fire Marshal's Office.

Firefighters had found Loftis and her son in the burning home at 1728 E. 31st St. and pulled them out.

The fire broke out shortly before 11 a.m. in one of the bedrooms, causing heavy smoke and heat damage throughout the home.

Fire officials and Lubbock police spent the afternoon investigating the fire but had not released the cause late Tuesday.

Neighbors said Loftis, a mother of three, often spent her days at home taking care of her youngest child while her other children - ages 8 and 13 - were at school. She usually worked in the evenings.

The neighborhood will be a little quieter without the family there, neighbor Shanna Roe said, adding she often saw the children playing in the yard and that the family always appeared happy.

And she said Loftis seemed to be a dedicated mom. "She was a wonderful, very loving mother," Roe said. "She was a very well-respected lady."

The neighbor arrived home shortly after the fire started and was immediately concerned because she knew Loftis was home with her son.

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Church News

From the Desk of Parson D.A. Smith
"An Anti-Obama Syndrome"

In a Gateway Pundit Blog an "anonymous" (anonymous mean a person lacking individuality, distinction or recognizability or one liking to a person who throws a rock and hide his or her hand) person wrote the following hostile rhetoric against Barack Obama: If this individual (Barack Obama) governs us, it will become reality what Marxism-Leninism forecasted in regard to the disappearing of Imperialism as the superior phase of Capitalism. What is regrettable is the fact that the transition we would face is a transition toward Terrorism. Don't be scared, since we are entering a new century, we need a "change". We will be witnesses of a historic stage: the appearing of Terrorism as the superior phase of Imperialism. People who don't believe in such a "change" should vote for another candidate. Be grateful; don't give away America's destiny to an individual like this.

Others who shared "anonymous" views wrote "Obama's paternal family is all Muslim...As we are now in a world war against Muslims, that makes me very uncomfortable...Obama's longtime political family are almost all socialists...As we are in a perpetual war against the left, this makes me very uncomfortable...There is nothing about Obama that I find comforting...Even the church he belongs to is a Black-Nationalist Church whose pastor loves Farrakhan...The political

machine which has coddled Obama is among the most corrupt in the USA...Obama is entirely discomfoting, at best...I see his candidacy and a potential Obama presidency as a grave threat to the USA...Obama is a clear and present danger to the security of the free world, our national security, and our way of life...Amen...Something seriously wrong is going on with America and their love for Obama. I suggest those people watch the movie "United 93" in case they have all but forgotten about 9/11 and deaths of all those innocent people on those planes and in those buildings. I know people are resilient and have short memories, but this is ridiculous.

In the Gateway Pundit dated Saturday, March 1, 2008 there was a picture from the Sun Times with Obama in a Family photo with his half-sister Auma, her mother Kezia Obama, Obama's step-grandmother Sarah Hussein Onyango Obama, his half-brother Abongo (Roy) Obama who is a Luo activist and a militant Muslim who argues that the black man must "liberate himself from the poisoning influences of European culture."

The Pundit said Obama wrote the following of his brother in "Dreams From My Father": Abongo's new lifestyle has left him lean and clear-eyed, and at the wedding, he looked so dignified in his black African gown with white trim and matching cap

that so me of our guests mistook him for my father.

The Pundit also noted that Barack cousin Ralls Odinga is accused of ethnic cleansing and is currently battling for power in Kenya.

If this is any indication of what the election for the presidency of the United States will be in the general election this fall if Barack Obama is the Democrat nominee it will be years away from what Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. heart wanted to believe that a person would not be judge by the color of their skin but by the content of their character.

Reports indicate that America is quickly losing it status in the world. We are at the verge of an economic quagmire. Bank profits are falling and some are expected to fail. Regulators are bracing for a hundred of banks to fail within the next 24 months. Our money has dropped in value against other currencies. Gasoline is expected (even though President Bush was not aware of it) to rise above \$4.00 a gallon this year. From a world's view we appear to be gazed upon as saturated with pompous rhetoric. We speak with forked-tongue when it truly means loving and respecting our brother if he does not look like one of us.

In our own back door, Hugo Chavez is preparing to call America's hand by whatever means he can and deflate our false ego. Yet we as a people still have a racist attitude toward one who

We Thank God for Jesus
"America Need To Return To God"

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

Jeremiah 8:7-8a -- The Lord said, yes, the stork in heaven knows her appointed times, and the turtle and the crane and the swallow observe the time of their coming. But my people know not the judgment of the Lord. How do you say, we are wise, and the law of the Lord is with us?

America was found on the word of God. It was use to be her only guidelines. Then she wanted her rights like Adam in the garden wanted to use his own mind!!!

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

***** Mankind Can Only Be Free In Jesus Christ!!! *****

When the Churches marched against the law, and didn't obey the policeman. This was disobedient in America. She wanted rights, and became a troubled land!!!

1 Peter 2:13-16 -- Submit yourself to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake. Whether it be to

the king (President) as supreme or unto governors. As unto them who are sent by him (Policeman) for the punishment of evildoers (Marchers), and for the praise of them who do well. For so is the will of God, who with well Joing you may put to silence the maliciousness (Troublemakers), but as the servants of God. Honor all men. Love the Brotherhood herhood. Fear God. Honor the King (The President).

***** Blessed Are The Peacemakers; Curse Are The Troublemakers!!! *****

When the children watched the adults, and the policeman. They didn't obey. The children use the my rights now to be disobedient to parents today!!!

Matthew 15:14 -- Jesus said, let them along. They be blind leaders of the blind, and if the blind lead the blind, both shall fall into the ditch.

Now America is bringing fourth her fruits; it's her sins from her labor. The rights to rob, suicide, steal, kill your mother, and even the neighbors!!!

Galatians 6:7-8 -- Be not deceived. God is not mocked. For whatsoever a man sow (plant) who shall also reap (Harvest). For he that sow to his flesh shall reap life everlasting. Corruption, but he who sows to the spirit shall of the spirit reap life everlasting!!!

Isaiah 57:20-21 -- The wicked are like the troubled sea when it

cannot rest. Whose waters cast up mire and dirt. There is no peace, said my God to the wicked.

America has gotten so proud of herself. She kicked God out of her schools. Now she's in trouble in every way, because her leaders played the fools!!!

Romans 1:18-21a-22 -- For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men who hold the truth (The Leaders) in unrighteousness, because that when the knew God. They glorified him not as God, neither were thankful, professing themselves to be wise. They (Leaders) became fools.

America has school killing, wild fires, floods, terrorists killing, disasters of all kinds. The high price of gas. Now we can hear her crying out to God all the time!!!

Deuteronomy 28:15a-16; 20- -The Lord said, it shall come to pass. If you will not listen unto the voice of the Lord of the Lord. Cursed shall you be in the city, and cursed shall be in the field. Cursed shall be your basket in the store. Cured shall be the fruit of your body, and the fruit of your land. The increase of your kine (Cattle), and the flocks of your sheep. Curse shall be your be when you come in, and cursed shall be when you go out.

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St. Matthew's Baptist Church News

Last Sunday morning, March 2, 2008, church services were well attended 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 at 10:15 a. m. The lesson was taught by Pastor Canady. The subject of the lesson was "A Symbol of God's

Presence." The lesson text was I Chronicles 15:1-3; 25-28. Pastor Canady reviewed the lesson as well.

The morning services got

underway at 11:15 a. m. with the morning devotion was led by Deacon Edward Williams and Brother Gerald Jackson. This was followed by a continuing prayer by Sister Annie Stanley and Sister Barbara Johnson.

Mrs. Chanzella Scroggins, is visiting with her from Kansas City, Missouri.

Sister Bernice Hameed and Sister Oretta Moore are still shut-in.

based on wrong conclusions, Distinguish right from vain and carnal pleading; The world is rife with error and confusion. Rely alone on God the Spirits Leading.

Outreach Prayer Breakfast

The members and friends of the Outreach Prayer Breakfast met in the home of Sister Annie McBride last Saturday morning, March 1, 2008, beginning at 9:00 a. m. The members thank God for the Outreach Prayer Breakfast. The meeting got underway with Sister Christene Burleson in charge of devotions. It was led by the Holy Spirit.

Sister Elinora Jones blessed all present with a spirit filled scripture lesson Luke 11:5-13, John 17. Parable of the persistent friend. Christ's high priestly intercessory prayer.

ended up learning from one another.

Think about what it means to us in difficult times, when we face unexpected grief and ask "Who?" we get this answer: "The Father of mercies and god of all comfort" (2 Corinthians 1:3). When we face a period of weakness, we discover that "the Lord is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer" (Psalm

18:20). When the ungodliness of this world seems overwhelming, we can know that the "God of peace will crush Satan under your feet shortly" (Romans 16:20).

When "Why God?" is on your heart, ask instead, "Who are You, God?" Then seek Him in His Word.

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

Pastor Canady delivered a wonderful sermon. His subject was "What Kind of Seeds Are You Sowing?" The scripture text was Galatians 6:7-9. What a wonderful time all had in the word.

Let us continue to pray for our sick and shut-in church members. Among our sick and shut-in are Sister Luella Harris, a patient at the University Medical Center, Room 404. Her granddaughter,

Let us not forget those who have lost loved ones. Remember God is able. He knows what's best for each of us.

Let judgement should be

Remember: Jumping to wrong conclusions is one of the greatest of all dangers.

"Prayer"

(5) And now, O' Fat her, glorify me together with yourself, with the glory which I had with you before the world was;

(7) Now they have known that all things which you have given me are from you. For I have given to them the word which you have given me; and they have received them, and have known surely that I come forth from you, and they have believed that you sent me.

(9) I pray for them, I do not pray for the world, but for those whom you have given me, for they are yours,

(11) Now I am no longer in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to you, Holy Father, keep through your name those whom you have given me; that they may be one as we are.

Read both scriptures, Saints! Come and hear this lady teach the word. Keep praying for this world that the Lord of this harvest will send the best laborers.

Sister Minnie Dardhard was the receiver of the door prize.

Something To Think About: A young man was appearing on a panel with other behaved parents, and he was surprised at how much he learned by listening. They were there to help a group to minister to the grieving, but it all

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Obsequies



Charlene Washington

Charlene Washington, 58, of Slaton, passed away at UMC Tuesday, February 26, 2008. Charlene Powell Washington was born on March 8, 1949.

She leaves behind a daughter, Crystal Washington; four grandsons, Jamal, Gene, Tyheid and Keishawn; her father, Charlie Powell; her mother, Melissa Coleman; two sisters, Ella White and Jackie Coleman; three brothers, Tyrone Powell, Charles Powell and Joseph Coleman; a host of nieces, nephews, other loving relatives and friends.

Service were held Monday, March 3, 2008 at the Triumph Baptist Church, Slaton, Texas; burial will follow at Englewood Cemetery, Slaton, Texas under the direction of Griffin Mortuary.

Edith L. Quinney



Funeral services for Edith L. Day Quinney were held last Monday morning, March 3, 2008, at the Mt. Vernon United Methodist Church with Rev. Sonia Deaty, pastor of Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church, officiating. The eulogy was given by Lay Pastor James E. Fuller.

Edith L. Quinney was born April 26, 1924 in Avinger, Texas to Earl A. Day and Mattie Montgomery Day. She graduated Fairview High in Linden, Texas, and was a graduate of Bishop College in Marshall. She did her graduate work at the University of Arizona in Tempe. She taught at Lubbock Independent School District for 26 years before retirement, and became a substitute teacher for another 17 years. She was a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, and Mt. Vernon Methodist Church. She married Senior Master Sergeant Dan Quinney Jr. She moved to Midland in January 2006. She loved and respected among everyone that knew her and will be greatly missed.

She died February 26, 2008 in Midland.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, two sisters, and one brother.

She is survived by her sisters, Mary E. Newton of Midland, Thelma R. Robinson of Lubbock; a brother Earl Day of Oklahoma City; nieces Bernadette Thompson Barber, Lubbock, Karen Walker McAfee, Midland, Evelyn Dawson Stroud, Rochester, NY, Marlorie LaRue Britt, Princeton, NJ, Regina Robinson Leggett, Dallas, Dawn Day Newcomb, Oklahoma City, Shirley Montgomery, Denver, Colo.; nephews, Bernard Thompson, Lubbock, Charles E. Brown, Marcus D. Brown, and Michael Robinson of Lubbock, Anthony Robinson of Phoenix, Ariz., and Roland B. Robinson of El Paso; and a host of great nieces and nephews.

Arrangements are under the direction of Thomas Funeral Home of Midland.

Arsenia Mae Joiner Adams



This in remembrance of Arsenia Mae Joiner Adams. She was born Oct. 15, 1941, in Spur. She graduated at Haynes High School in Spur. She passed away in Seattle, Wash. Jan. 14, 2008. Her mother, Norvice, preceded her in death, as well as her brother, John. She has nine children who will always remember their mother. She was a member of Hope Deliverance Church while in Lubbock. She is survived by her siblings, Hattie Walls, Earnestine Barrett, John L. Joiner, and Albert Patterson. We will always cherish you.

Timothy Blocker



Waco, Texas — Funeral services were held Friday morning, February 22, 2008, for Timothy Blocker, a brother of Willie Blocker of Lubbock.

He died Thursday, February 14, 2008.

Timothy Blocker was born in Waco on March 17, 1930. He was the son of the late Bernice and Emma Blocker.

He was the father of four children: a son, Tommy Lee Blocker, preceded him in death.

He leaves to mourn his passing: Ronnie Blocker and Ashley Annette Blocker-Brown, both of Portland, Oregon, and Barbara Ann Reed-Hill of Houston; and seven siblings: Willie Blocker, Bennie Blocker, Louise Blocker-Kinard, Louis Blocker, Oran Blocker, Rotan Blocker, and Nathan Blocker, and a host of relatives and friends.



Lorans Wilson Murrell

Mrs. Murrell died February 23, 2008, at a Tyler hospice.

She was born November 5, 1957, in Palestine and attended Palestine High School and Tyler Junior College. She lived in Dallas, Lubbock and Shreveport, La., moving to Tyler 12 years ago. She was a nurses' aide with Cornerstone Home Health Care, and a member of Tyler First United Methodist Church, where she served as secretary and a member of the choir. She was preceded in death by her mother, Johnnie M. Edwards.

Survivors include her husband, Nathaniel Murrell, Dallas; sons, Cedric Wilson and Isaac Wilson, both of Tyler, and Arnold Wilson III, Bamberg, Germany; daughter, She'Laundra Waters, Tyler; father, Robert Simpson Sr., Palestine; brothers, Jessie Gray, Flint, Charles Hall, Alabama, John Hall and Earl Adams, both of Houston, and Robert Simpson Jr., Round Rock; sisters, Linda Adams, Dallas, Lois Ogidi, Palestine, and Jaecynthia Holmes, Texarkana; and three grandchildren.

Dora Lee Garrett



Mrs. Dora Lee Garrett, 74, passed away at UMC. She was born on September 20, 1933, to Jonah and Gertrude Calvin. She was converted at an early age to Christianity. She was also a devoted friend. She had many friends and loved ones. Dora was very active in the community as a volunteer. She was a faithful member of the Church of Christ. She departed this life on March 1, 2008.

Preceding her in death are her parents, Jonah and Gertrude Calvin, and one brother, Glen

Black Jewels Ladies Golf Association Helping to Change the Face of Golf Nationwide

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The National Golf Foundation reports that more than 780,000 women between the ages of 18 and 49 took up golf in the last few years. Forty-one (41%) percent of new golfers are women, representing the fastest growing segment of the golf industry. The Black Jewels Ladies Golf Association, Inc. (BJLGA) membership is well versed in the game of golf, and having lots of fun exercising and socializing while learning, competing and mentoring girls. Establish a Black Jewels Ladies Golf Association chapter in your area.



Rasheena Wilson, Founder/CEO Black Jewels Ladies Golf Assoc.

York City-based organization's founder and CEO Rasheena Wilson is establishing Black Jewels Ladies Golf Association chapters nationwide.

"Each week, my office receives a growing number of inquiries from ladies asking how they can locate recreational and social golf activities in their cities and towns across the country," said African American Golfer's Digest publisher Debert Cook. "Still others seek to learn how they can become involved on the business side of the game to work in the golf industry in sales and marketing."

Like Tiger Woods' influence on the game, Black Jewels Ladies Golf Association is "Changing the Face of Golf." Wood's success and notoriety is responsible for several hundred thousand African Americans having become

involved in the sport over the last nine years. After Woods won The Masters — his first major professional championship — scores of blacks came to view golf as a sport in which they could participate, and even excel." The Golf Channel reporter Brian Hewitt said, "Trying to measure the breadth and depth of Tiger Woods' influence on the game of golf is a little like trying to get your hands around the sun; it is impossible and even a little dangerous." Black Jewels Ladies Golf Association is looking to make a similar impact on the game by influencing women and girls nationwide to take up the sport.

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THIS 'N' THAT

by T.J. Patterson

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Tamara Bianca Bell (Granddaughter of Joan Crawford Jones)



Tamara has been attending "The Art Institute of Houston School of Fashion Merchandising-Fashion and Retail Management" since

June 15, 2007.

Although Tamara is in her freshman year, she has been given the opportunity of participating in "The Art Institutes

PARIS, FRANCE ... where she will be participating ... **THE ARTS INSTITUTES STUDY ABROAD CONSORTIUM** ... leaving March 24, 2008 and returning June 15, 2008... **THIS N THAT** ... wishes her the best... Her grandmother is ... **JOAN CRAWFORD JONES!**

Study Abroad Consortium" which will be in beautiful Paris, France.

Tamara will be departing for Paris, France on Monday, March 24, 2008, and returning to Austin on Sunday, June 15, 2008. She will then have a break until Monday, July 7, 2008, at which time she will be returning to Paris, France and completing the remainder of her studies abroad through Sunday, September 28, 2008.

This is a wonderful opportunity for Tamara and will not only afford her valuable hands-on access to some of the great fashion designers of our time, but it will also afford her valuable access to some of the great fashion designers of her time and their work as well.

Congratulations, Tamara!
We are so proud of you!
Love,
Grandmommy and G.G.

Think About It! !Role Models!

by Eddie P. Richardson

We hear so much about role models, but who or what should young people look up to as role models? Many of the people out there, at least many or most of them, are not what decent parents would like for their children to look up to this day and time.

Most of the so-called role models come from the sports and entertainment industry, but many in these fields are of the worst moral character and are living a very low life style. Many of them are young people, but bad influence. On the other hand, young people, in some cases, their influence is so terrible that they should be ashamed of themselves when they review their actions in the news, especially if they are a celebrity.

Sometime, you do not have to

look all around for the goose that laid the golden egg, it could be in your own backyard. Someone in the community, your school, your church or even your own home. It may be the janitor at a local school who set a very positive example by rearing their family who did attend school. He has made a very positive contribution to his community in various ways. There are local teachers, the Sunday School teacher, the Scout leader, the camp worker, the football coach, and many, many other people who you don't see daily. There are just so many good people who have to offer.

Yes, there are many who are overlooked daily who live around us in various places. In many instances, we take what they do

for granted and fail to see the positive influence they display.

There is nothing wrong with celebrities being role models if they warrant being one. The honor is great, but not just because of the status. It will be because of their character and positive actions. Local people should not be overlooked, because they are local and you know them. You see them daily without really seeing who and what they are. The word role model means just what it says, role model. Only we should say positive role model.

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Thought of the Week:

"While you are searching all over for the goose that laid the golden egg, it (egg) could be in your own backyard!"

Letter To The Editor

Help Needed To Stop Driving Mad In The Community!

Dear Editor:

I am writing this letter out of concern, just the other day I was on my way dropping my children to school and although this is something that I see almost everyday are folks speeding through the school zones. Especially the ones that are located on Parkway Drive and East Itasca.

Everyday there are children walking across those streets. The thing that has outraged me is the

fact that this guy coming out of the neighborhood ran a stop sign going onto Parkway Drive speeding, he continued to speed on up the street and up through the zone right across the street from Alderson in which a child was crossing at the time. The kid had to literally skip out of the way to keep from being hit. The driver just kept barreling through there along with some other's as if the child should not of been there.

This outrages me, because this is senseless driving. People be more thoughtful and careful when coming up to these school zones. They are there for a very good reason. Just because you think this is not your child someone loves and cares about these children.

Concerned East Lubbock Citizen
(Name on File for Citizen)S

African American Entrepreneurs Find Huge Success With New Online Tool

Columbus, OH
BlackExperts.com was created in response to a growing epidemic of African American experts being overlooked by the media. The concept was to allow entrepre-

neurs and authors the opportunity to profile themselves in front of journalists and radio/TV producers.

This revolutionary idea has successfully created a win-win situation for individuals looking for more publicity, and media companies looking for new and fresh talent to interview. Many of the people listed on BlackExperts.com are reporting phenomenal feedback.

Here's what some are saying:
"Being listed on BlackExperts.com has garnered me several speaking engagements totaling \$7k! Additionally, I have appeared on numerous radio shows - most noteworthy, The Michael Baisden radio show, and I was just interviewed for Essence Magazine." - Elon Boman, a Black health/wealth expert

"TV One's Black Men Revealed called and booked me. I was also booked to speak at the Minority Health Partnership in Battle Creek Michigan. All of this was due to my listing on BlackExperts.com." - Dr. Alduan Tart, a Black motivational speaker

"I have done about 5 interviews so far, and I have three speaking engagements that I'm

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In Cinque

by Renetta Howard



Howard

Today, just before I prepared to attend my regular church services, I decided to take a look at the morning newspaper's headlines and editorial page. I was shocked to read the article by Charley Reese in The Vicksburg Post, in which he feels that 'reparations for slavery is a scam to milk the innocent.' He calls 'reparations for slavery a con-an attempt to wheedle money from the innocent for the benefit of the uninjured.' He goes so far as to call anyone who apologizes for slavery to be a fool as slavery ended in 1868 and nobody alive today should pay for something which they did not do.

One does not have to see Charley Reese's picture in his syndicated column to know that he has never been Black or a slave, physically, though Charles Chestnut appears to be more White than Mr. Reese, physically, though he was a Black man who wrote and fought for equality for all races. It seems that Mr. Reese feels that we were all born to equality and none of the stains of slavery have touched anyone alive today, 140 years later. The one thing that he forgot when speaking of slavery as a global phenomenon, legal and constitutional, is the fact that nowhere in the world did the kind of slavery in America exist where slaves were chattel; property like cows, horses, goats, sheep; to be bought and sold at will without regard to family. In the same manner, slaves were bred in the same manner as bulls and cows to obtain stronger working slaves with no regards to their families. To say the least, this was inhumane in itself, not to mention the other indignities of being chattel. Slaves in other countries had

families and were allowed to keep their culture. African slaves in America were stripped of their culture; language, religion, social customs, traditions and anything which remotely remained of their homeland. This did not happen to the Jews when they were in bondage in Egypt or anywhere else.

America is the only place in the world where a people have had to make up a culture of their own once they were free. Freedom was not in 1868 or 2008 working for someone for a few pennies in the same place where you worked for nothing for years, not earning enough to be an entrepreneur of anything; just enough to keep body and soul together, most of the time.

Free Black men continued to sharecrop on the plantation of their previous owners. They did all of the work as usual, but their share was usually not enough to tide them over until the next year, making them fall deeper in debt to the property owner as long as they stayed on the plantation. As a result, many former slaves in the South went to Northern cities and learned a new kind of sharecrop.

A very few became entrepreneurs. The '40 acres and a mule' did not materialize anywhere. The few Black Americans who have made a million dollars have done it in the past quarter of a century, since Brown V. The Board of Education decided that schools were separate but not equal. A few Blacks have had doors opened to them as they have taken advantage of higher education and working two jobs to try to make it to the top. Most Black people today, especially in Southern cities and Northern ghettos are still one payday away from the welfare line! Reparations to Blacks would be a great way to stimulate the American Economy. Had it been done in 1868, recessions would not take such a great toll on the economy today. There are only a few nouveau rich in this country. Old money still talks in Washington, D.C. and it is being voiced by those young alive millionaires whose great, great, great, grandparents profited from slave labor. This whole country needs to get 'in cinque' and rethink reparations for Black Americans. Dignity Welfare.

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LOS ANGELES, California (AP) — Public documents show Michael Jackson has repeatedly failed to make mortgage payments on a Los Angeles home that has been used for years by his family.

Documents filed with the Los Angeles County Recorder's Office indicate the reclusive pop star was most recently in default last month on the property in Encino, an area in the San Fernando Valley.

The singer had \$153,910 in missed payments as of January 17 on a \$4 million loan serviced by Pasadena-based mortgage lender IndyMac Bancorp. Documents dated February 7 show the notice of default was withdrawn.

Documents also show Jackson previously faced possible default over missed payments on the home in April and August.

A spokeswoman for Jackson



As of January 17, 2008 Michael Jackson had \$153,910 missed payments on a home used by his family.

did not immediately return a call for comment.

Jackson's Neverland property in Los Olivos, California, is set to

be auctioned off March 19 because of missed payments on a \$24.5 million loan.

Friends of brothers killed criticize intersection

By Robin Pyle | Avalanche-Journal



Terry Goree, 47, (left) and Marvin Goree, 46

The jazz tunes Marvin and Terry Goree often worked to were not playing, a somber reminder the two brothers had died the night before. Marvin Eugene Goree, 46, and Terry Wayne Goree, 47, were killed while heading home from work Monday evening. A tractor-trailer slammed into their pickup at what co-workers describe as a "dangerous intersection."

They were about a block from work driving west on the North Loop 289 access road when the tractor-trailer, heading south on an Interstate 27 access road, ran a stop sign and broadsided them at about 6 p.m., according to Lubbock police.

Charges are pending against the tractor-trailer driver, 26-year-old Eric Figueroa of Paris, Calif., police said. He and his girlfriend, 19-year-old Judy Lopez-Malencia, were both airlifted to local hospitals with serious injuries.

In light of the particularly gruesome fatal wreck — the pickup was crushed into a cement pillar connected to the Loop bridge — Texas Department of Transportation officials are evaluating the intersections at the Loop-interstate interchange. They already have checked out the Loop bridge and deemed it safe.

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Texas Tech to Host Regional Economic Opportunity Conference in El Paso

Texas Tech University and the State of Texas Historically Underutilized Business Discussion Outreach Committee will host the sixth annual Regional Economic Opportunity Forum from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. April 2 at El Paso Community College located at 9050 Vicount Blvd. in El Paso.

This year the forum will be held in conjunction with one of two small business summits held across the state by the State of Texas Historically Underutilized Business (HUB) Discussion Workgroup Committee.

The theme for the one-day forum is "Selling Texas One Region at a Time." The summit will include discussion and education on a variety of topics of concern to small businesses including how to get HUB certification and how to do business with the state are the major topics to be discussed. Small business vendors will have an opportunity to network with state procurement officers on how to bid on government contracts.

Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst will be the keynote speaker at the luncheon. He will discuss Texas and West Texas business climates as well as the role small businesses and entrepreneurs play in Texas' continued growth.

Pre-registration deadline is

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BJLGA programs promote healthy personal development and relationships for African American women and girls through programs focused around the game of golf. The golf course and clubhouse are ideal venues for networking, socializing, making new friends and developing business relationships while encouraging fair play and healthy competition.

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March 12 for the luncheon and for businesses, state and federal agencies wishing to set up an exhibit booth. The registration fee for state and federal agencies is \$250 and \$300 for non-governmental agencies. The forum is sponsored by Texas Tech University, Office of the Governor, Economic Development & Tourism, and the State of Texas HUB Discussion Workgroup Outreach Committee.

Forum exhibits and workshops are free to the public. The cost of the luncheon is \$20 per person.

To register for the luncheon or to obtain more information about the forum, contact: Lorenzo "Bubba" Sedeno, Texas Tech University manager of HUB operations, at (806) 742-4440, bubba.sedeno@ttu.edu or irene.mantoya@ttu.edu.

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