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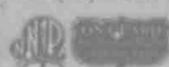
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Community

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

Meetings

- African American Chamber of Commerce, Lubbock meets on the 3rd Monday of each month, from 5:30-6:30pm at the Parkway Community Center, 405 MLK Blvd., 806-771-1815
- Lubbock Area Client Council meets on the 2nd Saturday, 1:00pm at the Patterson Branch Library
- Hub City Kiwanis meets every Tuesday, 7:00pm, 1708 Avenue G
- Dunbar Alumni Association meets 2nd Saturdays, 4:00 pm
- Booker T. Washington American Legion Post 808 meets every 2nd Tuesday at 7:30pm, American Legion Building in Yellowhouse Canyon
- Forgotten West Riders meets on the 1st & 3rd Mondays, 7:00 pm, Patterson Library
- East Lubbock Chapter AARP meets every 1st Thursday at 1:00 pm, Mae Simmons Community Center
- Lubbock Chapter of Black Alumni meets every 3rd Tuesday, 5:30 pm, TTU Merket Alumni Center
- Dunbar/Manhattan Heights Neighborhood Association meets every 1st Thursday at 6:00 pm and every 4th Thursday at 7:00 pm at the Dunbar-Manhattan Heights Neighborhood Outreach Center at 1301 East 24th St.
- West Texas Native American Association Post Luck Supper meets on alternating months prior to meeting, meetings held on 2nd Saturday of each month at 7:00 pm, Educational presentations and demonstrations.
- Texas Juneteenth Cultural & Historical Commission - Lubbock Affiliate meets at Patterson Branch Library every 3rd Thursday at 7:00 pm
- West Texas Native American Association meets 2nd Saturday each month at Groves Library, 5520 19th Street, 7:30 p.m.
- West Texas Chapter of 100 Black Men meets the 3rd Monday evening at 7:00 pm at the Parkway Neighborhood Center.
- The Parkway Guadalupe & Cherry-Point Neighborhood Association meets the 3rd Tuesday evening of each month at 7:30 pm at Hunt Elementary.
- Chatham Hill Neighborhood Association meets the 2nd Thursday of every month at 6:00 pm, at Hies Elementary Cafeteria.

Wayne Havens Will Be Honored With Community Champion Award

Wayne Havens, Lubbock Independent School District Superintendent, will be honored as the Community Champion Award recipient for 2008.

He will be honored with the fourth annual Community Champion Award at a banquet to be held at 7:00 p. m. on Tuesday evening, May 6, 2008, at the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center. Dr. Mike Moses, Senior Educational Advisor for Raise Your Hand Texas and Senior Educational Advisor for School Systems, will serve as keynote speaker. Quincy White, Lubbock Housing Authority Executive Director and Assistant City Manager for the City of Lubbock, will serve as the Master of Ceremonies.

The Community Champion Award banquet serves as a fund raising sing event for the North & East Lubbock Community Development Corporation (NELCDC). The Community Champion Award is presented annually by the NELCDC to an individual or organization that has



Wayne Havens

demonstrated exemplary leadership and service throughout Lubbock.

This award honors Wayne Havens for forty years of providing exemplary education to our youth and future leaders. Wayne Havens is the definition of champion ... one who is clearly superior and is an ardent supporter of the cause.

The mission of the NELCDC is to create, facilitate and promote housing and economic development in north and east Lubbock. In 2006, the NELCDC opened King's Dominion, East Lubbock's



Dr. Mike Moses

first single family residential subdivision since 1954. The NELCDC's counseling services have yielded approximately \$2 million in mortgage origination for the city of Lubbock.

Previous recipients of this award was given to T. J. Patterson, the initial recipient Marc McDougal, former mayor, and the United Supermarkets.

Ticket information for the 4th annual Community Champion Award Banquet can be obtained by contacting the NELCDC at (806) 747-5937

Councilman Klein Proposes To Terminate Visitor's Center Contract

Councilman Klein released the following statement: "I have long opposed the notion of the Visitor's Center since it originally took shape, and I continue to do so. The public outcry against the Visitor's Center following its recent passage serves as a clarion call for the City Council to reconsider this issue. I, along with Councilman John Leonard, will bring forward at this next Council session a resolution for that purpose. I want to thank Councilman Leonard for his support and initiative in this effort, and without it this would not be possible."



Councilman Todd Klein

Though it is difficult to be asked to reflect on matters where the Council has already taken one position, I believe that is in the best interest of the community at large that we listen to the overwhelming opinion of the citizens and tax-payers of Lubbock, as well as examine closely the facts of how best to promote Lubbock."

Councilman Klein Upset Over Remarks Made By Councilwoman DeLeon

On Friday, April 18, Fox News at Nine aired a segment regarding the Visitor's Center. Councilwoman DeLeon made four inaccurate statements in the interview. I am issuing this statement to set the record straight.

1) Ms. DeLeon stated: "This is money coming from hotel/motel... it's their money." It is the public's money, which is derived from a limited use public taxation.

2) Ms. DeLeon stated: "Todd Klein and others are misinforming the public that this is coming out of the general fund." I have always been clear on where this funding is coming from and the accusation that I am misinforming the public on that matter is simply baseless.

3) Ms. DeLeon stated: "It's a fact that Todd Klein is supporting Tom Martin." I have publicly stated countless times that I do not intend to endorse a candidate in the Mayoral race. At this time, it remains my position.

4) Finally, she stated: "Todd

Klein needs to find another issue, and I am sure that next week he will find another ridiculous issue to address." The people's business is never a "ridiculous" issue. The overwhelming response that I have received from the citizens, as well as my recent conversations with Councilman Leonard, made me realize this issue must be reconsidered, and to assert that this is a ridiculous issue is, in my view, highly inappropriate.

For the record, I do not oppose a Visitor's Center. In fact, I have gone on record proposing that we establish a series of Visitor's Centers at each major "points of entry" into our fine city. I merely oppose the Visitor's Center as it is currently proposed, as I believe there is a better way of achieving the laudable goal of increasing visitation to the city.

I take very seriously the fiduciary responsibility I have to ensure that the public's money is spent wisely, and if this makes me a naysayer then so be it.

Alderson April Teen's of Month

The Alderson Middle School is proud to recognize the young people who were named as "April Teen's of the Month."

Shant'E McCallan, the granddaughter of Gwen McCullan, was named as 'April Teen of the Month.' She enjoys fashion design.

Danny Cooks, son of Anjana and Andre Gibbs and Danny Cooks, was the young fellow named as Teen of the Month for April. He participates in athletics, and is a member of the Agape Youth Group.

Ms. Catherine Headley, assistant principal for instruction, says, "We're proud of these young people at Alderson."



Shant'E McCallan



Danny Cooks

Andrews Inducted Into NJHS



Aaliyah Andrews is shown with her pastor, Rev. Sonja J. Beaty.

Aaliyah Andrews, a student at Dunbar-Struggs Middle School, was inducted into the National Junior Honor Society on March 26, 2008.



Aaliyah Andrews with a good friend, Belinda Pettis, daughter of Linda DeVaughn & D. Pettis.

The formal induction ceremony was held in the Dunbar-Struggs Middle School auditorium, surrounded by family and friends.

Students chosen to this society are selected for membership based on careful consideration of student's scholarship, leadership, service and character.

The Dunbar-Struggs Middle School's NJHS sponsor is Janelle Long.

Aaliyah is the daughter of Lesa Rollison, and the granddaughter-daughter of Katy Rollison. She has two sisters, namely, Aarhelle Andrew and Alyssabet Pinkard.

She is a member of the Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church, where Rev. Sonja J. Beaty is the pastor.

"We, members of Bethel, are very proud of Aaliyah and wish her the very best," said Pastor Beaty.

"We need to always congratulate our young people when they well in life," she continued.

Photos of Candidates' Forum

Last Monday evening, April 21, 2008, the Sons of Allen of Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church sponsored a "Candidates' Forum", featuring the three candidates vying for Lubbock City Councilman, District 2.

Those candidates appearing were Floyd Price, incumbent; Armando Gonzales and Gilbert Salinas.

Shelia Harris served as Mistress of Ceremonies, and conducted the forum in a positive manner, a true professional.



Shelia Harris
Mistress of Ceremonies



Pictured above are members of the panelists: Rev. D. A. Smith, Bidal Aguerro and Andrew Taylor Also, at right, are two of the candidates, Floyd Price and Armando Gonzales.

There were many questions asked, which included taxes, infrastructure, police matters and community policing, education.

Gonzales and Price challenged the integrity of each other. Both, however, did apologize for becoming intense in the discussion.

At times, the forum became very intense when candidates

The public gave funds to the MLK Little League.

Bethel Celebrates 87th Birthday Last Sunday



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Chatman Hills Corner

By Doris Reynolds

Friday, April 25, 2008, the Lubbock Independent School District Evening of the Arts begins at 7:30 p.m. in the Lubbock Civic Center Auditorium, 1501 Mac Davis Lane.

Tom Braxton, Dunbar High School graduate and jazz recording artist, is the featured artist along with LISD orchestra, choir, band, drama and jazz groups.

This event is a scholarship benefit to fund scholarships for LISD fine arts students.

For more information, contact Nancy Sharp at 766-1062; Robert Rumphat 766-1989.

Braxton was a member of Mount Vernon United Methodist

Church when he resided in Lubbock.

The Federation of Choirs will meet Sunday afternoon, April 27, 2008, at the Community Baptist Church where Rev. Larry Brooks is pastor. The services will get underway at 2:30 p.m.

The public is cordially invited to attend. "Come and join us," says Ms. Pennie Sims, president.

The Community Champion Award Banquet will be held Tuesday evening, May 6, 2008, at the Lubbock Civic Center, beginning at 7:00 p.m. The honoree will be Wayne Havens, Lubbock Independent School District. Dr.

Mike Moses will be guest speaker. Quincy White will be master of ceremonies.

This event is sponsored by the North & East Lubbock Community Development Corporation (NELCDC). Tickets are \$25.00 each. Call 747-5937 for more information.

SPC Rees Center to offer Certified Nurse Aide training

REESE CENTER - South Plains College Reese Center seeks participants for its Certified Nurse Aide training. SPC will offer two sessions - April 28 and May 27.

Session I - 4:30-8:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday, April 28-May 21.

Session II - 4:30-8:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday, May 27-June 19.

Financial Aide is available to those who qualify through a grant awarded to the college from WorkForce Solutions. Students may receive financial assistance for tuition, books, supplies, transportation costs and other resources.

For more information, call Rafael Aguilera, associate dean, SPC WorkForce Development, at (806) 716-4906.

Lift up your hands in the sanctuary and host the Lord.

The Lord that made heaven and earth. Bless thee out of Zion." Psalm 134:1-3

HAVE A BLESSED AND PROSPEROUS WEEK!

Never let go of God's hand. He's always available!

New Light Baptist Church News

Last Sunday morning, April 20, 2008, church services got underway at the New Light Baptist Church, 3013 Idalou Road, where the proud pastor is Rev. Kenneth Jackson.

Sunday School started at 9:45 a.m. with Brother David Chiles teaching the lesson. It was entitled "Exploring Perseverance." The scripture text was Genesis 26:1-3, 6 & 12. The question to ask was: "What does it take to get me to persevere?"

At 11:00 a.m., the devotional began with the Praise Team leading the devotion.

Rev. L. C. Lee led the pulpit devotion and the Senior Choir marched in singing "O! I Want To See Him." They also sang "Love Lifted Me" and "Jesus Keep Me Near The Cross."

Rev. Jackson brought the message of the hour. His text was Malachi 12:41-44. His subject

was "What's In A Penny?" After the sermon, the Senior Choir sang "Come Unto Jesus."

Let's continue to pray for those in our church, community and surrounding counties who have lost a loved one. As well as those who are sick and shut-in.

New Light Baptist Church was blessed to have Sister Halburden to unite with the congregation last Sunday morning.

On Sunday afternoon, April 27, 2008, at 3:30 p.m., the New Light Baptist Church is on program at St. Mark Baptist Church to help them celebrate their 28th Church Anniversary.

Scripture of the Week: "Behold, bless ye the Lord, all ye servants of the Lord, which by night stand in the house of the Lord."

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



Pastors Johnny & Pat Perez

Meet the Pastors of the Church of the Blessed. The Church is located at 1809 34th Street. They invite those looking for a Church Home to come and visit with their congregation.

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

The Church of the Blessed will be having Outreach at the Clovis Flea Market. Discipleship Classes are held on Tuesday evenings at 7:00 p.m.

YOUR INVITATION TO A NEW BLESSING!

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

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by Shirley Roberson

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Shirley Roberson

Fashion tip: always wear a smile

Fashion... just for the fun of it

Lubbock Library Schedules

Book Discussion at Patterson Branch Library

The Left-to-Right Book Discussion Group will meet at the Patterson Branch Library, 1836 Parkway Drive, at 2 p.m. on Saturday, April 26 to discuss Diva's Last Curtain Call by Angela Henry. Copies of the book are available for checkout at the library. For more information, please call the library at 767-3300.

Prepare for Your Job Search at the Patterson Branch Library

The Patterson Branch Library, 1836 Parkway Drive, is offering a series of classes for teens (15 and up) and adults who are looking for summer jobs or permanent employment. On Monday, April 28 at 6 p.m., we will be discussing transportation options for getting to your prospective job. Please call Christina at 767-3300 if you are interested in attending.

Teen Book Discussion at the Godeke Branch Library

The Godeke Branch Library's teen book group "A Novel Idea" will meet at the Godeke Branch Library, 6601 Quaker, at 7 p.m. on Monday, April 28. Ages 15 and up. For more information, call 792-6566.

Learn to Knit at Groves Branch Library

Come to the Groves Branch Library, 5520 19th Street, and learn the basics of Continental style knitting on Tuesday, April 29 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Bring size 8 knitting needles and worsted weight yarn. For more information, please call the library at 767-3733.

Lubbock Reads Finale

Dunbar Class of 1983 Set Reunion July 5, 2008!

The members of Dunbar High School Class of 1983 are looking for all to get together on July 5, 2008. Please contact Michael Chatman 1-580-312-6153 or Cynthia Lowe-Turner at 1-806-702-4308 (home) or 1-806-549-1328 (cell).

Just think what will happen if we all come together and contact our class members.

The question to ask now is will you help?

Dunbar High School made many things happen for the Class of 1983. So, let's get involved and come together in July. We will be looking forward to hearing from all of you, if you are a parent of one of our graduates, please help us make this happen.

at the Groves Branch Library

The Groves Branch Library, 5520 19th Street, will host a discussion of the Lubbock Reads 2008 featured book From Prairie-Nights to Neon Lights at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, April 29. One of the book's authors, Joe Carr, will be our special guest. For more information, call 775-2835 or visit www.lubbocklibrary.com.

"Life in the U.S. Navy" at Godeke Branch Library

Do you love stories of adventure on the open sea? Come to the Godeke Branch Library (6601 Quaker Avenue) on Tuesday, April 29 at 7 p.m. for "Oh, for the Life of a Sailor: Enlisted Life in the U.S. Navy, 1890-1910" presented by Dr. James Reckner of the Vietnam Center at Texas Tech. This discussion and slide presentation is sure to be interesting and informative. For more information, call 792-6566.

"The Treasure Chest" at

the Godeke Branch Library

The Godeke Branch Library, 6601 Quaker, invites kids age 4 and up to "The Treasure Chest," our workshop for budding artists, at 2 p.m. on Thursday, May 1. You bring the talent and we'll supply the materials. For more information, call 792-6566.

Book Discussion at Groves Branch Library

The Groves Branch Library, 5520 19th Street, will host a discussion of the book The Glass Castle by Jeannette Walls at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 1. Copies of the book are available for checkout. For more information, please call 767-3733.

Attend Church Services This Sunday Morning!

Senior Superintendent

Texas Tech University Physical Plant Utilities is seeking a Senior Superintendent. Bachelor's degree in Engineering or Engineering Technology preferred. Five years experience in managing and supervising maintenance/operations of boilers, refrigeration chillers, steam turbines and associated machinery in the production and distribution of manufactured utilities. Requires leadership/management ability, must be a capable administrator, skilled in oral and written communication. Must pass a drug screen, and background check. Valid driver's license and insurable to operate a university vehicle. Online application available at <http://jobs.texcatech.edu>. Requisition number 76043. (806) 742-3851 ext 238. Texas Tech University is an Equal Employment Opportunity/Affirmative Action/Americans with Disabilities Act Employer.



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Church News



From the Desk of Parson D.A. Smith "Racism - Cognitive Dissonance"

(Editor's Note: This a reprint of this article which was run last week by our readers.)

A few days ago I witness the words of a former member of a religious sect on national media expressing how the present day debauchery in Eldorado, Texas perpetuates itself. What I heard fueled a deep burning in my soul that I have tried to extinguish: the notion that the hatred of black people and African Americans in particular is quickly vanishing in America.

What the former member of the group informed the world was the leaders of these subversive groups teaches children from early childhood is if they want a privilege life on earth and want to go to heaven is they had to adhere to "white male rules and regulation." If their idea of life was in discord with the "white male religious rule" they would turn black like African Americans and live a life of evil and die and go to black hell.

To have this superior and evil mentality in 2008 is an indictment upon the total of American society. How does the world look at us and what does people of the world who do not belong to the so-called "white race" think of America? Will a racial adherence defined as

"cognitive dissonance" based upon white supremacy and religious bigotry topple America as it did ancient Rome and Nazis Germany?

It should be embarrassing to "so-called white America" for people who are so immoral and who disregard the religious rule and rule of society as a whole by consummating marriage vows in a temple's upper room with little girls to see blacks as inhuman.

Whites across America have condemned Rev. Jeremiah Wright for saying "God has damned America" for her evil ways. Those who view this pastor in such a way need to ask why do old white men who called themselves preachers of a special white species from God mate with little girls who have not reached puberty? Why does these creatures of evil justify their ungodly and immoral behavior of marrying little girls through the evil of saying blackness is ungodly and whiteness is righteousness if these children have sex with them?

How does the world view a cognitive dissonance "white America" that let old white men marry as many little girls who have not reached puberty as they want and have as many children out of force sex as they want?

What does the world think of the God of white America that praises and rewards white men that brutally and legally by religion rape and impregnate little children that cannot help themselves because of religious cognitive dissonance?

This writer grew up in an era and region of blatant racism. There was not an area or a mixed neighborhood. The areas were either black or white and there were no racially mixed schools. The books the children read from in the black schools had at least 8 to 10 names of white students who had previously used them - meaning the black student was already 8 to 10 years behind. We did not encounter white children in cafes and there was little communication in department stores.

This kind of de facto segregation ended with my baby sister and we thought America was on its way to a great change. However, today you do not have to look far to find that a more subtle form of racism persist in schools, the workplaces and elsewhere.

I read somewhere that psychologist have some theories about how the experience of racism plays out in the brain of blacks. They believe African Americans Continue on Page 6



We Thank God for Jesus

"The Cold Hearted Church"

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

Revelation 2:2-4 -- Jesus said, I know your works, and your labour, and your patience. And how you can't bear them which are evil, and you tried them which they are apostles and are not. And have them liars. Nevertheless, I have somewhat against you, because you have left your first love.

There was a young man one Sunday who was dancing on the Church grounds. The Preacher's daughter told him to get away or she'll get others and run him down!!!

Isaiah 55:8-9 -- The Lord said, for my thoughts are not your thoughts. Neither are your ways my ways. For as the heavens are higher than the earth. So are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.

God sent this young man to that Church so he could get what he needed. It's the love of the Saints, and in the Church where love suppose to be.

Ezekiel 18:4 -- The Lord said, behold (Look), all souls are mine, as the soul of the Father.

So also the soul of the son is mine. The soul that sins and it shall die.

*** Will A Missionary Rob God??? ***

Many Churches have lost its reason, and its love for lost souls. The Young Missionary lost her chance to reach that goal!!!

Luke 15:1 -- Then drew near unto Him (Jesus) all the Publicans and Sinners for to hear Him and the Pharisees (Preachers) and Scribes (Church Folks) murmured, say saying, this man receives sinners and eats with them.

*** Yes, Many Churches Rob God!!! ***

Churches are suppose to be fishing for the world's lost souls. God sent one right to the bank of the waters and the church was cold!!!

James 2:2-4 -- If there come unto your assemble a man with a gold ring in costly apparel, and there comes in also a poor man in vile raiment, and you have respect to him that wore the gay clothing, and say unto him, sit there in a good place. And say to

the poor, stand there or sit here under my footstool. Are you not then partial in yourselves, and are become judges of evil thoughts?

*** Who Do You Want In Your Church - Rich Or Poor

That Young Missionary reminds me of Jonah when souls needed to be saved. He didn't give out a warning as God said, but went the other way!!!

Matthew 19:14 -- Jesus said, suffer little children and forbid them not to come unto me. For of such is the Kingdom of Heaven.

We know the Church is suppose to be a hospital for the lost, sick, sinful, souls. But many Churches today have lost the way of God and is going after the gold!!!

Matthew 22:21 -- Jesus said, render, therefore, unto Caesar the things which are Caesar's and unto God the things that are God's.

*** Does Your Church Want Souls Of Gold??? ***

Many of the people who come to Churches, but the

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St. Matthew's Baptist Church News

Church services were well attended last Sunday morning, April 20, 2008, at the St. Matthew Baptist Church, 2020 East 14th Street, where the proud pastor is Rev. Edward Canady.

If you are looking for a Church home, then come and visit on any Sunday morning.

Church services got underway with Sunday School, beginning at 10:15 a. m. on last Sunday morn-

ing. Pastor Canady was in charge as our Superintendent, Sister Lucella Harris, is still in Rehab. Let's keep her in our prayers.

The subject of the morning lesson, was "Faith Without Compromise." The scripture text was Daniel 6:4-7, 10, 16, 19, 21 & 25-26.

The lesson was taught by Sister Barbara Johnson who did an outstanding job. Pastor Canady reviewed the morning lesson.

The morning devotion got underway at 11:15 a. m. with Deacon Edward Williams and Sister Ethel Williams presiding. The spirit was very high!

The St. Matthew Baptist Church Choir again sung out of their souls.

Pastor Canady delivered a dynamic sermon. His subject was "The Gospel Is The Power of God to Everyone Who Believe." His

scripture text was Romans 1:11-20. What a wonderful message!

Those who are looking for a Church Home, as we have stated, you are invited to come and visit the St. Matthew Baptist Church. Yes, you're right, the doors of St. Matthew Baptist Church are always open to all who are interesting in attending.

Let us beware of those who are sick and shut-in. Among them include Sister Luella Harris, our dedicated Superintendent, who is recuperating from her illness. Our prayers continue to go to Sister Harris.

Also, on our sick list are Sister Bernice Hameed, Sister Oretta Moore, and Sister Nina Davis. Let us remember all who are shut-in. Just think, today it may be them, and tomorrow it could be you or I. God is still good all the time.

Consistency! How much we need to walk a measured pace. To live the life of which we speak. Until we see his face!

Outreach Prayer Breakfast

The members and friends of the Outreach Prayer Breakfast would like say:

"Rise and Shine, Saints!"

The harvest is white, but labors are few. Our Lord will give you what you need to bring in the harvest, no matter the snares pit falls. All things work together for good to them who love the Lord!

Of course, we want have time to file our trails and fresh up our make up. This warfare is not about beauty. You might get tattered and torn. Just be sure you have on your armour. The battle ground, the World What are you hearing on your phone, TV. Faith cometh by hearing.

We are to fight the good battle of Faith. You can be praying and your mind can be on the Mall. This is not a fervent prayer. A fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.

Faith is something you can't see with your eyes, but continue to wait for the drug dealer to stop his dealing, throw down their needles. The prisons to lose our kids that's wrongfully incarcerated. Our precious children who think that by belonging to a gang is the only way.

We will have to speak to these "mountains" and tell them to "move". The wrong doing law officers, jailers, the murders, molesters, thieves, cults, false teachers, and ask the Lord to change hearts and minds. We can make this world a better and safer place to live for all of us. Saints, we are soldiers in the Army of the Lord. We're no Tweedle Birds.

Saints get angry if the Pastor doesn't come everytime you stomp your toe. You have some measure of Faith, use it! Find

fault about everything the choir not singing your song. The ushers are trying seat you in the wrong seat. The mission president hasn't recognized your talent. So you don't show up for the program. The music is too loud and that's why you stay at home on Sunday afternoon.

The Pastor did not come when I had to sneeze, and you're holding this against him. We have a full time job and that's pray for our leaders, our churches, schools! Repent! Check yourself! Get some Christ like signs following.

Pray for the election that the BEST MAN OR WOMAN BE ELECTED OVER THIS GREAT NATION!!

Pray Saints! Pray for other churches on the way to yours. Do a drive by prayers!

Remembering Jesus' Words -- "I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink," and, "Just as you did it to one of the least of these... you did it to me." (Matthew 25:35, 40), I took him drink. The scripture gives us a clear reason to respond to the needs of others. Whether we are visiting in prisons or hospitals, feeding the hungry, or just giving water to a thirsty worker on a hot summer day, we are giving to Christ. It is easy to think that only deeds of great self-sacrifice matter, but Jesus taught us that small acts of kindness bring the kingdom of God close to us.

Prayer: "Loving God, make us aware of the needs of others. Let us serve them to glorify your holy name. Amen"

We want to thank each of you for reading. Saints! We will meet Saturday, May 3, 2008, in the home

Sister Christene Burleson, 2407 East 9th Street, beginning at 9:00 a. m.

We are looking forward to seeing you there! Remember, all of you are special to all of us! "Come!"

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

Praise God!!

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Obsequies



Dian Jackson

Dian Jackson, 52 of Lubbock, passed away Sunday, April 13, 2008 at University Medical Center. She was born June 30, 1955.

She leaves to cherish her memory: her daughter, Latrice Jackson; her son, Cecil Davis, Jr.; her mother, Annie Jewel; her father, Forrest Mann; four brothers, Archie Jackson, Anthony White, Forrest Mann, Jr., and Orlander Mann; three sisters, Lisa Wheeler, Cassandra Smith, and Vera Mann; five grandchildren; a host of other relatives and friends.

Service were held Saturday, April 19, 2008 at 2 p.m. at Mt. Gilead Baptist Church.

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

The Holy Alphabet

by Kelly McFadden
Submitted by
Rev. Zairreus D. Patterson

Look at my Servant whom I have chosen. He is my Beloved, and I am very pleased with him. I will put my Spirit upon him, and he will proclaim justice to the nations. He will not fight or shout; he will not raise his voice in public. He will not crush those who are weak, or quench the smallest hope, until he brings full justice with his final victory. And his name will be the hope of all the world.—Matthew 12:18-21

Although things are not perfect
Because of trial or pain
Continue in thanksgiving
Do not begin to blame
Even when the times are hard
Fierce winds are bound to blow
God is forever able
Hold on to what you know
Imagine life without His love
Joy would cease to be
Keep thanking Him for all the things
Love imparts to thee
Move out of "Camp
Complaining"
No weapon that is known
On earth can yield the power
Praise can do alone
Quit looking at the future
Redeem the time at hand
Start every day with worship
To "thank" is a command
Until we see Him coming
Victorious in the sky
We'll run the race with gratitude
X-acting God most high
Yes, there'll be good times and
yes some will be bad, but...
Zion waits in glory...where none
are ever sad!*

*Author Unknown

As you probably know, life is not always easy. One of the greatest promises Christians have is in the joy and hope of Christ.

We live not simply for today, but with an eternal perspective. As you go about your day today, think about all the ways you can be thankful. Try to live each day with gratitude!

GOING DEEPER:

1. What is keeping you (or has kept you) from being thankful?
2. How can you live each day with an eternal perspective?

FURTHER READING:

Acts 2:25-29; Romans 8:23-28; Romans 15:1-4
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Deidra Anderson-Griggs

Deidra Anderson-Griggs, 31, was born on October 31, 1976, to her proud parents Rev. Leona and Juanita Anderson.

She graduated from Trenship High in 1995. She married DeShon Griggs on June 20, 1998. She was the owner of Ms. D's Creations Hair Salon.

Left to cherish her memory are her husband; her mother; her sister, Leona; foster brother, John; and her special niece, Janayia (Nay-Nay); and a host of relatives and friends. Deidra was preceded in death by her father.

AAUUC Set Mother's Day Pageant

The African American Unified Umbrella Corp./The Way is sponsoring a Mother's Day Pageant Style Show & Gospel Musical Saturday, May 3, 2008, at 5:00 p.m. at The Church of the Blessed, 1809 34th Street.



L.J. McCallan, Sr.

Services for L.J. McCallan Sr., 59, of Lubbock, were held Saturday morning, April 19, 2008, at 1 p.m., at the Hope Deliverance Church the direction of Ossie Curry Funeral Home.

Burial was follow in the City of Lubbock Cemetery. Mr. McCallan died Monday, April 14, 2008, at University Medical Center.

He was born October 9, 1948 in Lubbock County to Linnie McCallan and Estella Alexander. He grew up in Mt. Vernon Methodist Church. He attended Fila R. Hes. Elementary School and Dunbar High School.

He joined the U.S. Navy in January, 1967 where he served in the Vietnam War. He was honorable discharged. He married Gwen Sims Harris on April 19, 1981.

He is survived by his wife, Gwen McCallan; daughters: Nichelle Connor of North Carolina, and Tyenie McCallan-Robinson (Alphonzo), Leticia McCallan-Lewis (Brandon) and Sharkea Jackson, all of Lubbock; sons: Carl Storey (Geneva), Kelvin McCallan, and L.J. McCallan, Jr., all of Lubbock;



Bennie Lee Blocker

Waco - Funeral services for Bennie Lee Blocker were held last Saturday morning, April 19, 2008, at the Saint James United Methodist Church with Rev. Ralph Steele, pastor, officiating.

Burial was held in Dorris Miller Cemetery under the direction of McDowell Funeral Home.

He passed away April 15, 2008.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Delorse Blocker; daughter,

grandchildren: Akeeya Ward, Breuna Ingram, both of North Carolina; Shante McCallan, Damien Solis, Genesis Anderson, Amada Guzman, Michael Tellez, Dabrina Jackson, TaQuoy Jackson, TyQuandrick Jackson, all of Lubbock; great-grandchildren: Shanlyn Burns of North Carolina, and Daniel Moreno of Lubbock; brothers: L. C. Alexander and Leander Godfrey, both of California; sisters: Dorothy Moye, Jessie Barber, and Percy Williams, all of Lubbock; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, family and friends.

Viola Kaye Blocker of Dallas; stepson, Joel Kelly and wife, Bertha of San Antonio; and step-daughters, Regina V. Mason, Rita Alicia D. Hines-Kelly of Belton and son-in-law, Rev. Frank Mason, Jr., brothers:

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by T.J. Patterson

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Clinton wins Pennsylvania



Sen. Hillary Clinton addresses supporters following her win in Pennsylvania

PHILADELPHIA, Pennsylvania (CNN) -- Sen. Hillary Clinton claimed victory in Pennsylvania on Tuesday, beating out Sen. Barack Obama after a bruising six-week campaign. "It's a long road to 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, and it runs right through the heart of Pennsylvania," she told supporters in Philadelphia.

"I'm in this race to fight for you. You know you can count on me to stand up strong for you every single day in the White House." Clinton commended Obama and his campaign, saying the two are in many ways "on this journey together." Watch Clinton claim victory. Clinton's big-state victory follows her wins in Ohio, New York,

Texas and California. Her campaign said that should raise questions about whether Obama, who leads Clinton in the overall Democratic race, can beat presumptive Republican nominee John McCain in November.

"The tide is turning," Clinton told cheering supporters. Chelsea Clinton's eyes welled with tears as she watched her mother speak. With about 99 percent of precincts reporting, Clinton was leading Obama by 10 points. Clinton will pick up a majority of the state's 152 delegates.

"Yesterday, we had record turnout in Pennsylvania," she said on CNN's "American Morning" Wednesday. "I won that double-digit victory that everybody on TV said I had to win, and the voters of Pennsylvania clearly made their views known -- that they think I would be the best president and the better candidate to go against Sen. McCain."

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Think About It!

"To every thing there is a reason -But to every thing there is a season!"

by Eddie P. Richardson

In this age of the electronic age, super highway, cyber space, text messages, and every kind of electric message or communication imaginable but through it all there was a beginning according to my bible in Ecclesiastes the 3rd chapter 1st -the 9th verse.

This information is taken from the Holy Bible The African American Jubilee Edition-King James Version.

A Time For Every Thing
To Every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heavens: a time to be born, and a time to die; A TIME TO PLANT, and a time to pluck up that which is planted; a time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up; a time to weep, and a time to

laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance; a time to cast away stones, and a time to gather up stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing; a time to get and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to cast away; a time to lend, and a time to sew; a time to keep silent, and a time to speak; a time to love and a time to hate; a time of war, and a time of peace; what profit hath he that worketh in that wherein he laboreth?

There is nothing new under the sun every thing that one can do or even imagine has already been done many times over and over again no matter how new your idea may seem or appear it has been done before many times over. It matters not how creative

one may think they are the time has already set. As the old adage goes no matter how things change they all ways stay the same.

Our life pattern has long been set since the beginning of time our paths has been set and laid out a positive and a negative the choice to a certain degree is ours to make.

Sixth suspect caught in Wilson murder case

The sixth and final suspect in the murder of a Lubbock teen was captured Friday in Louisiana.

U.S. marshals caught up with Keyshira Brown, 35, around 2 p.m. in the Webster Parish of Louisiana, said Maj. Don Carter with the Lubbock Sheriff's Office.

Brown has been charged in the stabbing death of Bernard Wilson, who was 17 at the time of his death. Wilson's remains were discovered in 2005 near Buffalo Springs Lake and were identified in February.

Carter said Brown's capture is a relief to his department, which can begin working on a case to present to the Lubbock County grand jury.

"It's fortunate that we were able to get all six in a relatively short period of time," he said. "I guess it's a little unusual, but we're glad for it."

Shortly after arrest warrants were issued, Joe Aaron Ragan, 21, turned himself in to Lubbock authorities. Following suit, 42-year-old Wanda Wilson and her 21-year-old son, Leslie Evans, turned themselves over to authorities in Detroit. The fifth suspect, Thurman Yasmín, 25, of Phoenix, also turned herself in Tuesday in Lubbock.

Carmel Darteaz Littlejohn was arrested in Lubbock on April 7.

Littlejohn and Ragan are being held in the Lubbock County Jail with bonds set at \$500,000. Yasmín has not had a bond set.

Wilson and Evans are expected to arrive in Lubbock Friday evening.

Mayor, wife get jail in theft of \$20K from little league

A former mayor of a California high desert town and his wife have been sentenced to 6 months in jail for the theft of more than \$20,000 from Little League coffers.

Jim Nehmens, 50, and Kelly Nehmens, 44, pleaded guilty to grand theft by embezzlement and perjury Thursday.

The eight-year councilman and Adelanto mayor had resigned from his post on March 31, about a week before he and his wife were arrested.

The former mayor was president of the Adelanto Little League, and his wife was a board member during the years the money from the league's annual fireworks sales went missing. The money was taken over three years starting in 2004.

Nehmens attorney Grover Porter did not immediately return a call seeking comment Saturday.

Thank God For Jesus

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Parson Smith

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have developed coping strategies for the most hateful kind of racism; it's the constant, vague, just-below-the-surface acts of racism that impair performance, day in and day out.

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In Cinque

by Renetta Howard



Howard

Having been a public school teacher for an excess of thirty years, I have come to the realization that the most important ingredient in any school system, which will attribute to its proper functioning, is an accurate, recognizable, easy-to-understand communications system.

We speak of needing excellent, qualified teachers and administrators, but little good is done by having them. The average school system has them but if the communications system is not up and running, things just do not function properly. The actions and interactions are either too early, late or not at all.

Being too early is likened to

the Ohio and Florida Primaries in the Democratic Party. Those states are being punished for holding their primaries too early. Their votes are not supposed to count for distribution to the candidates running for President of the United States. Schools can take actions prematurely causing a loss of revenue or inclusion and representation in local, state or national affairs or allotments for certain phases of academic or sports activities.

There is usually always a negative consequence for being late with anything. Late reports and activities always throw the whole report or activity off kilter especially when time is of the essence. Something is lost. A whole day of administrative necessities or learning can be affected by lateness. Too often, lateness occurs because of poor communications, just as being too early is often due to poor communications, either in timeliness or clarity.

Sometimes, the message does not make it to everyone who needs it or is involved in a partic-



ular project. These are the times when actions fail to take place. If a person does not know that he is to take a certain action because of poor communications, that action usually never takes place. The whole system is affected when all parties do not do their part. When the administrators and teachers do not know what they are supposed to do, how can we expect students to do what they are supposed to do?

Schools are accountable to their communities and their states. States set guidelines for the qualifications of administrators and teachers. Administrators as leaders should make certain that communications are timely and clear and verify that they reach all destinations. In that way, actions should reflect expediency and clarity down the command chain. Having the qualified administrators and teachers who communicate well should make for better schools. If it does not, there is an unknown variable which we need to get 'in cinque' and identify, locate and rectify.

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Tennis Superstar Venus Williams Takes Indefinite Hiatus



AMELIA ISLAND, Fla. (AP) Six-time Grand Slam champion Venus Williams will be sidelined indefinitely, though she did not say why she will be out of action.

"I've just been having some issues that I need to resolve, so I'm working on that at the moment and I'm hoping to be back playing as soon as possible," Williams said Tuesday at the Bausch & Lomb Championships. "I'm not going to get any further into it, but of course I love the sport."

Williams said last week she was dealing with a medical issue when she announced her withdrawal from the Bausch & Lomb tournament. She played last week in the Sony Ericsson Open, losing to Svetlana Kuznetsova in the quarterfinals.

Williams will not play for the United States in the Fed Cup semifinal against Russia on April 26-27, but did not rule out any other tournaments and said she still wants to play in the French Open beginning in late May.

"Of course I want to be there (in France)," Williams said. "I don't want to be at home watching on TV. Watching this week will be enough on TV, so hopefully not too many more weeks."

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"We need to look at what is happening to African American communities around the country... Now that the value of many of these inner-city neighborhoods is rising, it has brought forth issues around whether poor, and working class people -- particularly people of color -- can afford to live there. I have been dismayed that many of our black leaders have not taken this issue to a national platform."

Harlem Tenants Council (HTC) was created to "provide relief for the poor and to combat community deterioration as a result of the accelerated pace of gentrification in Harlem." HTC's goal is to build a broad-based bottom up tenants' movement that can influence policies and programs that impact on low-income residents and neighborhood small businesses. The group organizes educational forums, provides free legal counseling, builds ties with Harlem churches and businesses and organizes demonstrations to draw attention to the housing crisis. HTC's members are tenants living in public housing, city and privately owned properties and small business owners.

TWC Chairman Announces Returning Veterans Initiative

AUSTIN - Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) Chairman Tom Pauken announced today that TWC has approved \$2.25 million to fund a comprehensive program to assist returning veterans from Iraq and Afghanistan as they resume civilian life in Texas. Pauken thanked Gov. Rick Perry for his strong support of this important initiative.

The Texas Veterans Leadership Program will be modeled on the successful Vietnam Veterans Leadership Program which Pauken, himself a Vietnam Veteran, established during the Reagan administration. The program will enlist Texas veterans who served in Iraq and Afghanistan to lead this initiative to help their fellow veterans throughout our state.

"Gov. Perry and I want Texas to serve as the model for the nation in welcoming our veterans home as they return to civilian

life," said Chairman Pauken. "The best means of thanking them for the sacrifices they have made for our state and nation is to put in place a road map for their successful re-integration into civilian life."

"Returning veterans deserve our utmost appreciation, and we must honor their service by easing their reentry into the Texas workforce," said Gov. Perry. "The military provided them training and leadership experience in high-pressure situations and taught them devotion to unit integrity. Now the state of Texas will ensure that their unique skills are applied and further developed within our economy, helping them to succeed in the next phase of their lives."

Pauken also announced that retired U.S. Marine Corps Gunnery Sgt. Jason K. Doran has been selected to lead the Texas Veterans Leadership Program.

During his 20-year career, Doran earned the Silver Star, Navy Achievement Award, Navy Commendation Award and Combat Action Ribbon during service in Iraq, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Australia and the Philippines.

Download video of TWC Chairman Tom Pauken during the announcement of the Texas Veterans Leadership Program at the following link: <http://www.twc.state.tx.us/news/press/2008/prn0408.html>

The Texas Workforce Commission is a state agency dedicated to helping Texas employers, workers and communities prosper economically. For details on TWC and the programs it offers in unison with its network of local workforce development boards, call (512) 463-8556 or visit www.texasworkforce.org.

Dallas makes it illegal for minors to enter, work in strip clubs

It's now illegal for minors to enter or work in Dallas strip clubs, and closed-door "VIP rooms" are henceforth banned, the Dallas City Council ruled Wednesday as part of a reform of laws governing sexually oriented businesses.

The changes come in part as a result of Dallas police in March discovering a 12-year-old girl dancing nude in Diamond's Cabaret, a Dallas club, which remained open because no city law allowed City Hall to revoke the establishment's sexually oriented business license for employing a minor.

"When we realized we did not have the tools in place -- we have moved quickly to put those tools in place," Mayor Tom Leppert

said of the strengthened law. "We are pressing the issues associated with the minors, and it gives us the tools the police department is going to need to continue to address this situation and address it in a very forceful way, a very aggressive way and a very timely way."

While the protection of children is an obvious goal, the council's new law is "overbroad and overreaching for what they want to do," said Diane Duke, executive director of the Free Speech Coalition, an adult entertainment trade organization. "The City Council had a knee-jerk reaction. It's imposing unnecessary rules that have nothing to do with 12-year-olds on clubs that do not and will not employ 12-year-olds."

But Dawn Rizzo, owner of the Lodge strip club, said the city's new rules make sense and won't be difficult to comply with.

"We support any measures that will prevent such a situation from ever happening again. The Lodge already complies with nearly all the new changes, except for the fingerprinting," she said in a prepared statement.

Dallas revamped sex business law:

Calls for an automatic one-year revocation of licenses for sexually oriented businesses found to be employing or entertaining minors.

Prohibits strip clubs from operating closed-door "VIP rooms" in which sexual performances or activity is taking place.

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