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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 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, Moe Simmons Community Center
- Lubbock Chapter of Black Alumni meets every 3rd Tuesday, 5:30 pm, TTU Market Alumni Center
- Dunbar/Manhattan Heights Neighborhood Association meets every 1st Thursday at 6:00 pm and every 4th Thursday at 7:00 pm at the Dunbar-Manhattan Heights Neighborhood Outreach Center at 1301 East 24th St.
- West Texas Native American Association Pot Luck Supper meets on alternating months prior to meeting, meetings held on 2nd Saturday of each month at 7:00 pm. Educational presentations and demonstrations.
- Texas Juneteenth Cultural & Historical Commission - Lubbock Affiliate meets at Patterson Branch Library every 3rd Thursday at 7:00 pm
- West Texas Native American Association meets 2nd Saturday each month at Groves Library, 5520 19th Street, 7:30 p.m.
- West Texas Chapter of 100 Black Men meets the 3rd Monday evening at 7:00 pm at the Parkway Neighborhood Center
- The Parkway Guadalupe & Cherry-Point Neighborhood Association meets the 3rd Tuesday evening of each month at 7:30 pm at Hunt Elementary.
- Chattman Hill Neighborhood Association meets the 2nd Thursday

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Here's To All - A Very Merry & Happy Christmas and a joyful and prosperous 2008 Happy New Year! Southwest Digest & Friends

Sharpton Denounces Reports of Federal Probe Into His Financial Records, Employees

NEW YORK (AP) - The Rev. Al Sharpton angrily denounced federal authorities for investigating him and his civil rights organization, suggesting that the U.S. Justice Department was retaliating against him for his civil rights advocacy.

"I have probably been under every investigation known to man and I can't remember a time that I've not been under investigation," Sharpton said at the Harlem headquarters of his civil rights organization.

He continued: "The issues raised are issues that we've learned over and over again, particularly when we are approaching an election season."

Sharpton, 53, called the news conference after reports emerged Thursday of a federal probe into his finances. The U.S. attorney's office in Brooklyn, where the investigation is based, declined to comment.

The FBI and the IRS are investigating Sharpton for tax fraud and possible campaign finance violations stemming from his 2004 presidential bid, according to a person familiar with the investigation. They also are investigating the National Action Network and several businesses he runs.

A grand jury is scheduled to begin hearing evidence in the case at the end of the month.

Sharpton said he thought the

timing of the investigation was suspicious, coming just weeks after he led a march on the Justice Department to demand federal intervention in the Jena Six case in Louisiana and better enforcement of hate crimes.

The charges against the six black students accused of attacking a white student in Jena, Louisiana, led to the September demonstration by Sharpton and other activists who alleged local authorities were prosecuting blacks more harshly than whites.

Sharpton and his lawyer, Michael Harding, said between eight and 10 Sharpton associates, employees and former employees including one man who worked for him 12 years ago received subpoenas Wednesday asking them to produce documents related to the Sharpton's finances and those of his civil rights organization.

Neither Sharpton nor his spokesman, Charlie King, received a subpoena. Sharpton said he was cooperating with the probe.

Sharpton agreed in 2005 to repay the government \$100,000, plus interest, for taxpayer money he received during his failed effort to win the Democratic presidential nomination the year before, though he denied wrongdoing. The Federal Election Commission had determined that he spent more



Al Sharpton

of his own money on the campaign than the qualifications for federal matching funds allow. In 1993, Sharpton pleaded guilty to not filing a state income tax return in 1986.

Tuskegee, AL (BlackNews.com) - For the past 40 years, the Negro Airmen International, (NAI) "Black wings in Aviation," the oldest black civilian aviation organization in the world, has sponsored a "Fly-In," during the Memorial Weekend, at Moton Field, Tuskegee, Alabama. It is one of the most celebrated events of the south. This year they promise the event will be more exciting as many new groups come from all over to take part in the Memorial Day festivities.

The theme for this year is OPERATION HOMECOMING: From Selma to Tuskegee, Making an Economic Impact. Coming to take part in this year's event will be the Bio Fuel Racing Alliance, Atlanta, Georgia; The Atlanta Metropolitan Black Chamber of Commerce; members of the East Coast Bad Boys Sport Bike Club; CND Promotions; Alabama Black Farmers Association; and the Organization of Black Farmers.

These very different groups have come together for two major purposes, to celebrate Alabama's premier role in Black Aviation, and to inject much-needed dollars into the Black Belt.

The Black biker allies have a national membership of about twenty-five thousand, which annually attend Black Biker Week at Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. This year all roads lead to Alabama, as they travel to take part in making an economic

Back From Kuwait War After Three Years



Lt. Colonel Pat Gaston

If you ask Army Reservist Lt. Colonel Pat Gaston about her tour of duty in Kuwait, she will say, "This is it, she recalls as her unit was deployed to Kuwait. "This is war!"

Gaston, the daughter of Sylvester and Gladys Gaston of Lubbock, she is a graduate of Friendship High School.

Gaston entered the Army the day her college graduation in 1985, and has been home from Kuwait three years.

She would also tell you that a clean, cool drink of water is special. You see in Kuwait water just may come from a Humvee window. There, the sand and dust never stops swirling and the tem-

perature hits 100 degrees by 10 o'clock in the morning. The land is brown, and so is the sky.

One of the hardest aspects of coming home from war, she will tell you, is stripping away the veneer that hardens the soul. "It is difficult to start feeling again when numbness and indifference have become a protective cloak," she says.

Lt. Colonel Gaston is only of many U.S. Armed Forces soldiers who serve all of us each day. Sometimes, but we take them for granted. But they are really needed and all play an important as Lt. Colonel Pat Gaston has done.

Thanks to all of them for all have done for all of us!



Negro Airmen International, Inc. 41st Annual Memorial Day Fly-In, "From Selma to Tuskegee, Making an Economic Impact"

Aviators, Bikers and Entrepreneurs Come Together in a Historic Event

impact in the Black Belt. Biker leaders Big Bam and Ice both agree that Myrtle Beach does not really want African-Americans there, and the Black Belt and mayors of the cities surrounding this Memorial Day weekend event welcomed them with open arms. "Every biker who wishes to visit Tuskegee for the Fly-In is welcome in Tuskegee. Think of our town as your home away from home," announced the Honorable Johnny Ford, mayor of Tuskegee.

Alabama's black belt includes some of the poorest counties in the United States. Along with high rates of poverty, the area is typified by declining populations, a primarily agricultural landscape with low-density settlement, high unemployment, poor access to education and medical care, substandard housing and high rates of crime. The Black Belt is also a area which has a rich African American history. There are places like Selma, home of the Edmund Pettus Bridge and the passage of the Voting Rights bill, Montgomery, Alabama, known for Rosa Parks and the Bus Boycott, Tuskegee, known for

George Washington Carver and Booker T. Washington. Against this backdrop NAI and their allies are determined to bring money to an area richly deserving investment and often overlooked for tourism. The location for the Fly-In will be expanded this year to include cities in the Black belt like Selma, Montgomery, and Shorter Alabama. Thursday May 22, 2007, the celebration will begin in Selma, Alabama and end Sunday night, May 25, 2007 in Tuskegee, Alabama, with the annual Ed Gibbs banquet.

Moton Field is the birthplace of the world famous Tuskegee Airmen. The Tuskegee Airmen are a black group of aviators who received the Congressional Gold Medal last year for their aviation accomplishments during WWII. Moton Field is also the place of the soon to be dedicated Tuskegee Airman National Historic Site. Many of the Original Airmen will return to Moton Field for the Memorial Day event. Sam Jones, the National president for NAI says, "Next to a Tuskegee Airman convention, you will find the most

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Mentors, Mentees Holiday Party



Shown are Estacado High School Army Junior ROTC instructors (left to right) First Sergeant Ernest Hopkins, USA retired, and Colonel Richard Best, USA retired.

In a reversal of traditional roles, the sergeant is mentoring the colonel.

Colonel Best joined Maindor Battalion at the beginning of this school year and was paired with meritorious Sergeant Hopkins.

Both are wishing all of you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year!

This is a good team!

Chatman Hills Corner

By Doris Reynolds

Young people are asked to join the Martin Luther King, Jr. Youth Choir Celebration this coming January, 2008. Those young people who would like to sing in the youth choir are asked to meet Friday evening, December 21, 2007, at the Full Armor Ministries, 4201 Avenue J, beginning at 7:00 p. m.

Parents are asked to encourage their young people to participate in this upcoming event. Hopefully, you will help the Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration. They need to know more about the late Dr. Martin

Luther King, Jr. ***
The Federations of Choirs will be held at New Hope Baptist Church, December 23, 2007 at 2:30 P.M., Rev. Billy Moton is pastor. Please come and help us lift up the name of Jesus, for he is worthy to be praised. Remember "JESUS IS THE REASON FOR THE SEASON". Our prayer is that you and yours will have a peaceful, and spirit filled Christmas.

President Bennie Sims and Officers of the Federation of Choirs are looking forward to see-

ing each of you. ***
Let us continue to pray for our sick and shut in citizens of Lubbock. Also, don't forget those who have lost loved ones.

Let's take this time and wish each of you a Merry Christmas. Remember why we are celebrating this time of the year. Also, each of us blessed.

Service and Bible Study is held Wednesday at 6:00 p. m. ***

Let us continue to pray for not only our sick and shut-ins in our congregation, but our community as well as a special prayer for rev. Elijah Austin and Sister Penny Hopkins. ***

Let's not forget the upcoming Christmas Banquet which will be held Friday evening, December 21, 2007, at 7:30 p. m. at the KoKo Palace, 50th & Avenue Q. All choir members are asked to be present at 7:00 p. m.

There were 30 in attendance at our church services. ***

We can do all things through Christ who strengthen us, Phil. 4:13.

Lubbock I.S.D. Trustees Meeting: Martin Luther King's Birthday Holiday Set For January 19th

Lubbock I.S.D. trustees praised the performance of LISD Superintendent Wayne Havens and extended his five-year contract through 2013 at the Board of Trustees meeting this morning. In other action, trustees approved the calendar for the 2008-2009 school year, recognized three LISD employees for winning statewide awards and approved signing incentives for new math and science teachers.

The Texas Legislature established the school start date to be the fourth Monday in August or later. For 2008-2009 school year, LISD students will begin on August 25 and the last day of classes will be May 28. Developed with input from teachers, administrators, parents and the business community, the school year includes 177 instructional days for students.

Highlights of the 2008-2009 calendars are:

- Labor Day holiday September 1
- Thanksgiving holiday November 26, 27, 28
- Christmas holidays December 22 - January 2
- Martin Luther King's birthday January 19
- Spring Break March 16 - 20

Graduation dates May 29 and 30

Trustees approved a one-time signing incentive of \$5000 to be paid to new hires in the dire need areas of math and science, which would reflect an increase of \$3500. The Texas Legislature increased the number of math and science courses required for high school graduation beginning in 2010. In addition, a statewide drop in the number of certified math and science teachers coming out of colleges has contributed to the need for increasing incentives.

Lynn Akin, principal at Irons Middle School, was lauded by the board for being named 2007 Principal of the Year by the Texas Art Education Association. James Harris, Positive Behavior Support coordinator for secondary schools, was recognized for receiving the statewide Friend of Teacher Education Award. Lubbock High School science teacher Brad Neu received the 2007 Science Teacher of the Year by the Science Teachers Association of Texas and the Texas Medical Association.

The next board meeting will be on January 24, 2008.

FASHION FUN

by Shirley Robertson

Metallic Plus Knit Pleated Skirts!



Beautiful figure flattering pleated skirt, looks great with boots, flats or your high heel pumps.

This skirt ladies will take you places, other skirts dare to go. Add a simple top and you are ready, colors, red, gold, silver and black, just enough metallic to glide you into the holidays... where's the party?

South Plains Mall

FASHION TIP ALWAYS WEAR A SMILE

Fashion - Just for fun of it!

New Light Baptist Church News

Sunday morning, December 16, 2007, church services were well attended at the New Light Baptist Church, 3013 Idalpu Road.

Sunday School begun at 9:50 a. m., with Sister Green as superintendent. Brother David Chiles taught the morning lesson. The subject was "Being Changed By The Saviour." The lesson scripture was Luke 1:26-31; 34-35; 38 & 46-50. A question to ask: How has Jesus' birth made an impact on your life? There were eleven members in attendance.

The morning worship hour started at 11:00 a. m., with the devotion led by the Praise Team. After the devotion, the Senior Choir marched in singing "We've

Come This Far By Faith," Rev. Adolphus Cleveland delivered the morning message. His subject was "The Gift of Containment." His scripture text was Phillipians 4:10-13. Once again, the Lord was present in the services, and all had a good time in the Lord.

Remember, visitors are always welcome. So come by and join us if you are looking for a Church Home. It will be a rewarding and uplifting time.

The Senior Mission meets Tuesdays at 6:00 p. m. Prayer

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Church School 9:40 am
Morning Worship 11:00 am

Wednesday Services
Bible Study
12:00 Noon and 6:00 pm

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Sister Dorothy Terrell Honored For Her Church Contributions



Sister Dorothy R. Terrell

Crosbyton -- On October 14, 2007 the ladies of Greater Mount Zion's Missionary Department and it's pastor, Rev. Ruby Price

honored it's president Sister Dorothy R. Terrell with a special day of appreciation and love. Sister Terrell has been presi-

COME AND SHARE IN THE 2008 Martin Luther King YOUTH CHOIR CELEBRATION



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Rehearsal: Friday, December 21, 2008
Place: Full Armor, 4201 Avenue J
Time: 7:00 p. m.
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dent of the Missionary Department for over 30 plus years. She also served on the usherboard for many many years and president of the BTU. Sister Terrell is also mother of our church and wife of 21 years to Brother L.D. Terrell, Sr. They have a combined family of 15 living children and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Four of their children are also members at Greater Mount Zion.

She is a tireless warrior for God and dedicated servant to her church, family and community.

It was a wonderful day and "better than blessed day". Sister Terrell has been very ill since about August of this year but her love for God and her church keeps getting stronger.

We thank God for all of you that took part in the celebration and for all of the prayers and we pray that God will bless her with many more years to come.

Story By Deborah Hutchinson

Seventh-ranked Matadors hold off LHS

Duran Minjares scored 13 points to help pace Estacado to a 55-49 road victory Tuesday over Lubbock High in boys basketball.

The No. 7 Matadors (13-1) led 34-25 at halftime.

Al Duvall added 11 points for Estacado before fouling out.

Robert Wiggins paced Lubbock High (5-9) with 17 points and 10 rebounds. Darris Washington and T.J. Washington each scored nine points for the Westerners.

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Church News



From the Desk of Parson D.A. Smith Changing Criminal Natures of Black-Black/Hispanics Americans

Several weeks past, an Anglo gentleman, Joe Horn in Pasadena, Texas took the life of two illegal immigrants. These illegal immigrants were from Colombia and were identified as a mixed race of black and Hispanic. The two males had entered the house of the shooter's neighbor and were removing goods. The two illegal aliens were confronted and told to halt and consequently were shot by a 12 gauge shotgun at approximately 15 feet in the back when they allegedly step on his property and were said to be threatening.

A poll taken by Rick Sanchez on CNN and 80% of those who participated said the Anglo gentlemen from Pasadena was right for shooting these two crooks. They not only committed a crime by taking property, they were also in this country illegally and threaten to a neighbor who was holding a shotgun with live ammunition (This act showed their level of intelligence).

If I am correct, Texas Penal Code state, a person can use deadly force to defend another person's property if he reasonably believes he has a legal duty to do so or the property owner had requested his protection.

Horn is to have said "Any loss of life casts permanent devastation over the lives of everyone involved. The events of that day will weigh heavily on me for the rest of my life. My thoughts go out to the loved ones of the

deceased." There are those who believe Mr. Horn was frustrated. However, his frustration did not give him the right to seek vigilante style justice. They believe Mr. Horn's actions were both legally and morally wrong.

There are also Texans who believe that if you step on some one's property with the intent to rob or steal you left your rights at the exact point. They also believe that those who do the crime must be made responsible for their actions and skin color has nothing to do with it.

This writer like many others of his generation have devoted their lives to the challenges facing our country: "How to help young black men build constructive lives." Robbing and stealing another's property leads to moral and physical death. We understand because of the politics and the evil of our times young black men are more likely to be unemployed than other groups. We understand that young black males are more than likely to be dropouts, in prison, in poverty and because of their negative actions-dead!

We also know doors have been opened through the Civil Rights Act and dues paid by my generation for the good of the whole nation. However, many young black males have abused the privilege of a wholesome life for the evils of society. They want to blame the "white male" for their

victimization. When in reality, they glorify in their self-destructive nature. They want to be like the sub-culture from Colombia, Mexico and other nations that have a popular drug culture. They feed the illegal immigrants of these nations who bring in drugs that destroy the lives of their so-called friends. They leave their friends addicted to "CRACK" for the rest of their short-lived lives, while they drive \$50,000 SUV's with 22-inch reams and impregnate young black girls and produce children while not paying CHILD SUPPORT! Refusing to pay child support leave their children with not having a snowball change in hell to achieve in America because of their illicit behavior. They are unaware that my blue-eyed cousin know they are sneaking in public housing at night.

These scumbags of black males have bought into the black world an illegal alien culture and have left a major scar on African Americans worldwide because of their behavior. Black males and their illegal aliens suppliers need to know there is an awoken in America that will not continue to allow their evil behavior. There will be more grand juries that will indict and prosecutors will prosecute severely when a black or Hispanic or black/Hispanic disrupt a wholesome society with their evil behavior. Young black males who continue with such

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We Thank God for Jesus

"The Gift That Keeps On Giving"

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

James 1:17 -- Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and come down from the father of light, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning.

Now that Christmas is over, and the lights that never goes out. Did you him or not???

John 9:5 -- Jesus said, as long as I am in the light of th world.

***** Is Jesus The Light For Your Life???** ***

That Christmas Tree must come down, many will be taken to the landfill. Jesus is the tree of life, and everlasting life is what he will give!!!

John 4:1-2 -- Jesus said, I am the true vine, and my father is the husbandman. Every branch in me that bears not fruit he takes away, and every branch that bears fruit. He purges it that it may bring forth more fruit.

***** Are You In The True Vine???** ***

The gift of that big money, it will be spent till it's all gone. Jesus is the gift forever, and keeps going on, and on, and on!!!

Mark 8:36 -- Jesus said, who shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?

That big Christmas dinner, it will be digested and passed on through. Jesus is bread and water of life. He that comes to me shall never hunger, and that believes on

me shall never thirst.

***** Are You Full Of Jesus**

Those clothes you received for Christmas will be old rags and cast away. Jesus will clothe you in your right mind each and every day!!!

Isaiah 26:1-4 -- You (God) will keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee. Because he trusted in thee. Trust you in the Lord forever, for in the Lord Jehovah is everlasting strength.

O'lying Santa Clause must leave to return and to lie again next year. Jesus is the way to God, and the only way so-dog't wait until next year!!!

II Corinthians 6:2b -- In the day of salvation have I succored (Helped) thee. Behold, now is the accepted time. Behold, now is the day of salvation.

***** Today Is Your Day Of Salvation; Tomorrow Is Too Late!!!** ***

Everyone thanks they deserve a gift of value, and that's true. God so loved the world, He gave His greatest gift, Jesus Christ, to you!!!

John 3:17 -- Jesus said, for God sent not His son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.

***** Are You Truly Saved???**

There was a lot of money spent this X-masa n't it was all in vain. Many people are now in so much debt. They're almost going insane!!!

Jeremiah 9:23 -- The Lord said, let not the wise man glory in his wisdom, neither let the mighty man glory in his might. Let not the rich man glory in his riches, but let him that glories glory in this that he understands and knows me, that I am the Lord which exercises loving kindness, judgement, and righteousness in the earth for in these things I delight, said the Lord.

Many people think that the parties they had were the gift of a life time. Jesus wants to be a party of joy and happiness, now and forever at all times!!!

***** Did You Receive Jesus, The Gift Of Life???** ***

II Corinthians 9:15 -- Thanks be unto God for His unspeakable gift (Jesus).

Attend The Church Of Your Choice On Sunday Mornings!

St. Matthew's Baptist Church News

Church services at the St. Matthew Baptist Church, 2020 East 14th Street, were well attended last Sunday morning, December 16, 2007, where the proud pastor is Rev. Edward Canady

Church services got underway with Sunday School with Superintendent Luella Harris in charge. The lesson was taught and reviewed by Pastor Canady. It was a very wonderful and uplifting

lesson. The subject was "Life-Changing Events." The lesson passage was Luke 1:67-80.

The morning worship services began at 11:15 a. m. The devotion was led by Deacon Edward

Williams and Brother Gerald Jackson.

The St. Matthew Baptist Church Choir sang out of their hearts and souls to the congregation. These dedicated choir members are always eager to sing for the Lord.

Rev. Monty Smith delivered the message and what a powerful message it was. His subject was "Way Maker." His scripture text was Phillipians 4:19.

Let us not forget our sick and shut-in. Among those on the sick list include Sister Nina Davis, Sister Katie Bolden, and Sister Oretta Moore who are still shut-in.

Brother Gerald Jackson will be leaving to be at the bedside of his daughter who resides in Tennessee. It reported that she is gravely ill. Let us pray for the Jackson family.

Remember as always, we know today those who are on the sick and shut-in list, but tomorrow it could be you or I. Remember

always, God is able!

A few thoughts: Proverbs 15:1 tells us that "a soft answer never turns away wrath." While it's true that a humble response to wrath will normally cause it to subside, it's equally true that some people will never be pacified. Because of long-term bitterness and resentment, the tide of their wrath runs too high.

The only thing we can do -- and the thing we must always do -- is be meek and lowly in the face of their anger and leave consequences with God. This doesn't mean we must stay in an abusive

situation, for no one has the right to mistreat another human being. But it does mean we can by God's grace respond calmly to another's anger.

Calm, quiet words may not always turn away another's wrath. You may be grieved because they go unheeded, but you can never go wrong with a soft answer.

Thought For The Week: The proof of our love for God is our obedience to the commands of God.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Outreach Prayer Breakfast

This season is all about "Jesus." Do you know him???

Isaiah 9:6 & Matthew 16:13-19 -- For unto us a child is born, unto us a Son is given and the government shall be upon his shoulder and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace.

We truly thank God for the wonderful gift He gave the world on that special day.

What Manner Of Man Is Jesus To You???

Matthew 16:13-19 -- When Jesus came to Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples saying, whom do men say that I the son of Man am? And they said, some say that thou art John the Baptist, some, Elias and others, Jeremiah, or one of the prophets. He saith unto them, "But whom say ye that I am???"

And Simon Peter answered and said, thou art the Christ, the Son of the Living God.

How many more will stand up for Jesus in the midst of trials???

And I say also unto thee that thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my Church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. So when you try to knock the Church, think twice. The gates of hell can't handle it. Be careful Church knockers. If you are out there, remember the Christmas season is about Jesus Christ, Happy Birthday, Jesus! I'm so glad it's your Birthday!

Saints, don't get lost in the tinsel and papers, Frosty the Snow Man, Jelly Old Saint Nick, Jesus is the Prince of Peace, and this time of the year we need His peace on this earth.

Did you know that truth is truth even if it doesn't seem to affect our lives directly. But the truth that God gives us in the Bible not only opens heaven's

door for us, it also changes our lives.

There was a leading evangelical advocate for the poor who told a story about a conversation he had with German theologian Wolhart Pannenberg. As they were discussing the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, the theologian emphatically declared,

"The evidence of Jesus' resurrection is so strong that nobody would question it: except for two things: It is a very unusual event, and second, if you believe it happened, you have to change the way you live."

That's a challenging statement. If we really believe Jesus rose again, that belief mandates a change of life. Peter's life was turned upside-down after he saw the resurrected Christ. Once an impetuous fisherman-disciple who denied even knowing Christ after His arrest, he became a bold witness for Him. What about you?

Pray for the sick and bereaved families everywhere. God bless you. Thanks for reading, Saints! Do your drive by prayers in your community today!

Manhattan Heights Church of Christ
763-0582 - Tyrone N. DuBoise, Minister
1702 E. 26th St. (corner of E. 26th St. and North Luther King, Jr Blvd.)

Sundays:
Bible Class - 9:00am
Worship - 10:15am
Evening Worship - 5:00pm
Wednesday:
Bible Class & Devotional - 7:00pm

God's Plan for Serving Men
All have sinned - Romans 3:23
Jesus Christ died for our sins - I Cor. 15:3; Acts 2:24
We should do God's will and obey His moral laws - Rom. 1:27; 14:23
Honor the church - 1 Cor. 12:18
Honor the gospel - Romans 10:17
Believe Jesus Christ is the son of God - Mark 16:7
Repent of your sins - Luke 13:3
Confess - Romans 10:10
Be baptized for the forgiveness of your sins - Acts 2:38
Do His will with all - Rom 7:22

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James Howard Jamison, Sr.

Funeral services for a longtime resident, James Howard Jamison, Sr. were held last Friday morning, December 14, 2007, at the Community Baptist Church where Rev. Larry Brooks is pastor.

The eulogy was given by Minister Curtis Wiley. A prayer of comfort was offered by Pastor Brooks.

The Old Testament scripture was read by Minister Clemis Jamison. Minister Nathaniel Bonner read the New Testament scripture, Ms. Helaine Jamison and Ms. Marquita Jamison read poems. Minister A. J. Barrie also gave a prayer. The King Sisters sang two songs.

Mr. Jamison was born November 2, 1935 in Lubbock to Mack Jamison and Pearl Baker.

He passed away Friday, December 7, 2007. His wife of more than 50 years, Cora Lee Jamison, and daughter, Shree Ann Chime, preceded him in death.

He married his wife, Cora Lee Atkins, on September 7, 1955. To this union seven children were born: Minister Evon Thomas of Lawton, Oklahoma, James, Jr. and Clemis Jamison, both of Fort Worth, Warrnetta and (Lewis) Williams of Dallas, Minister Arlena and (Nathaniel) Bonner of Austin, Jacqueline Jamison of Lubbock and Demetra and (Willie) Barrington of Seattle, Washington; a brother, Billy Jack



Richardson of Denver, Colorado; 32 grandchildren, 15 great-great-grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Pallbearers were Tyron Adams, Donnie Wright, Ronnie Roland, Jimmy Johnson, David Moody, Lewis Luckey, Walter Foley, and Fred White.

Honorary pallbearers were Cory Jamison, Christopher Jamison-Anzley, Damon Jamison-Anzley, Billy Anzley, Marcus Jamison, J. Michael Jamison, Brandon Chimes and Tony Jamison.

Interment was held in the City of Lubbock Cemetery under the direction of Jackie Warren Funeral Home of Midland.

Black Aviators

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convention, you will find the most Airmen at this event, because it's like a home coming for them, visiting family and friends." Sam says that many of the Airmen are still members of NAI.

Edward Gibbs founded NAI in 1967 along with other trainers of the Tuskegee Airmen. Many of other major African American Aviation groups found their roots in NAI. Another notable member of NAI was Alfred "Chief" Anderson, a self-taught aviator who is known as the father of African American aviation. Anderson is also known for his flight of Eleanor Roosevelt, the wife of President Franklin Roosevelt. His flying the first lady lead to the deployment of the Tuskegee Airmen and to them making history representing our country in World War II.

Many aviation enthusiasts from around the country make their way to Tuskegee during the Memorial Day Celebration to be a part of this event. This year promises much more as Bikers, Race Car Divers, and Entrepreneurs join the Aviators in an attempt to make a difference. In the past, entertainment consisted of groups like Harold Melvin and the Blue Notes, Roy Ayers, and Blue Magic. They also listened to speakers like Dick Gregory and George Curry. Children from the age of five and

above were given airplane rides. This year promises more of the same, along with bike races, race car exhibitions, farm products and empowerment seminars. There will also be an opportunity for our audience to participate in the production of the Fuel at Moton Field.

You can get more information and register for hotel and program events by going to www.blackwings.com, or by contacting NAI president Sam Jones at 912-232-1710 or e-mail at jones973@comcast.net. Event registration will be available on line by January 15, 2008. We are looking for other brothers and sisters from around to help us make a difference. Sponsorships opportunities are still open.

Christmas Tree Recycling Campaign

The Solid Waste Services department is announcing its Annual Christmas Tree Recycling Campaign. The purpose of the campaign is to reduce the amount of waste taken to the landfill and to provide beneficial reuse of the discarded fresh-cut evergreen Christmas trees. Christmas trees should not be placed in dumpsters or in alleys.


Beginning Wednesday, December 26, 2007, residents can drop-off their fresh-cut Christmas trees at a City of Lubbock Recycling Drop-off Center:

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From December 26th through January 31st, the Recycling Drop-off Centers will accept the trees 24 hours a day. Roll-off containers will be placed outside the gates for easy drop off.

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Parson Smith
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 negative behavior should come to grip with the fact this is a conservative Judea-Christian society. Their jailhouse religion does not meet society's standard.

Grammy Nominee Beverly Crawford Performing at Stellar Awards

Los Angeles, CA (BlackNews.com) - The incomparable Beverly Crawford has been tapped to perform her smash hit "He's Done Enough", at the Stellar Gospel Music Awards television taping on Jan 12, 2008 at the Grand Ole Opry in Nashville.

Hosted by Kirk Franklin, CeCe Winans, and Byron Cage, the Stellar Awards is gospel music's premier event which recognizes & honors excellence in gospel. This year marks the 23rd annual presentation of this signature event.

Riding high on the success of her chart-topping single "He's Done Enough" (currently the most heavily added song in the country according to Billboard and R&R), JDI Records artist Beverly Crawford is regarded as one of the world's premier vocalists. Ebony Magazine says "...Beverly Crawford is one of the truly great voices of our times!"

Featured on her new CD Live from Los Angeles, debuting at #8 on Billboard, "He's Done Enough" marks the return of one of music's signature voices and her debut release with hit maker JDI Records/Sony BMG Red.

From Democratic presidential candidate Barack Obama - who recently enlisted Ms. Crawford to join him on the campaign trail as a special musical guest.

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THIS 'N' THAT

by T.J. Patterson

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO EACH OF YOU! ONLY WISH EAST LUBBOCK WOULD RECEIVE SOMETHING UNDER THE CHRISTMAS TREE! THIS N THAT is still wishing for something GREAT TO HAPPEN in East Lubbock. Like a BRANCH BANK from one of the TWENTY-FOUR BANKS IN LUBBOCK. Of course THIS N THAT really appreciates the special effort at the UNITED SUPERMARKET on Parkway Drive where there is a WELLS FARGO BANKING OUTLET and the PLAINS CAPITAL ATM also on Parkway Drive but what about a BRANCH BANK. If you look at the locations of those TWENTY-FOUR BANKS you would discover that there is no FULL SERVICE BRANCH BANK east of Avenue A. The question to be pondered is "IS THERE A PROBLEM WITH THE EAST SIDE?" Really THIS N THAT is not complaining just reminding those who can and hopefully will look into this matter. If you really think about it if it becomes a reality it would best serve the ENTIRE CITY OF LUBBOCK. Perhaps PERCEPTION IS REALITY! THIS N THAT hopes not because if ever there was a time it is now to bring all of us

under the same team. You see LUBBOCK NEEDS ALL OF US! Hopefully there will be a local bank who would like to talk to THIS N THAT about this opportunity. Oh by the way it would be a very POSITIVE CHRISTMAS PRESENT for all of the community. YOUNG PEOPLE NEEDED FOR MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. YOUTH CHOIR! THIS N THAT is asking for the PARENTS of young people to help with the MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. YOUTH CHOIR CELEBRATION to be held in January, 2008. The local committee is looking for 100 VOICES to sing in this year's celebration. The REHEARSAL will be held FRIDAY DECEMBER 21, 2007 beginning at 7:00 p.m. at the Full Armor Ministries 4201 Avenue J. These YOUNG PEOPLE are needed to take part in this WONDERFUL EXPERIENCE as the citizens of Lubbock CELEBRATE THE LEGACY OF A GREAT MAN. GILBERT FLORES WILL CHALLENGE YSIDRO GUTIERREZ IN RACE! THIS N THAT has learned that former Lubbock County Commissioner GILBERT FLORES will challenge LUBBOCK COUNTY COMMISSIONER YSIDRO GUTIERREZ in the March Democratic Primary. He held a press conference yesterday to proclaim

his candidacy. Not only will he be entering the race but the whispering grass says that there will be two REPUBLICANS who will run in the MARCH REPUBLICAN PRIMARY. Now keep this in mind after the DEMOCRATIC & REPUBLICAN PRIMARIES another young man will enter the race who will run as an INDEPENDENT for the position. He is ISABELL LUNA who will seek the same position. As a matter of fact there will be much debate this coming election year. Stay tuned for more information about what is going on. TENNIS SHOES ARE STILL ON TELEPHONE WIRES! THIS N THAT mentioned several weeks ago about THREE PAIRS OF TENNIS SHOES over the wires at the alley at East 25th Street & Globe Avenue. THIS N THAT hopes someone from the LP & L will call and help us get these TENNIS SHOES of wires. It could be of benefit for some young people. Hopefully these tennis shoes will come down soon. HAVE A MERRY CHRISTMAS! THIS N THAT is wishing all of you A MERRY CHRISTMAS and hope all of you are well at this time of the year. There are many things we can be thankful for but we must continue to do what we can do to make our community a much better place to live. THIS N THAT appreciates you!!!

Think About It!

As We Wind Down 2007, We Must Rewind For 2008

by Eddie P. Richardson

2007 is winding down, 2008 is fast approaching. We must leave our mistakes and shortcomings behind and look to the future, 2008 and beyond. We must or maybe we should say we should take as our personal creed "if it is to be it is up to me." And live by it, mean it and you can be assured or guaranteed there will be a change in the situation. We need to stop saying one person can't make a difference. Many changes in life have been made by one vote or one person who refuses to quit. One of the most disgusting things to see or hear someone complaining, moaning and groaning about what is wrong with whatever the case may be. Our answer to them is what are you doing to make the situation much better? If the answer is nothing or what the difference nothing is going to change. Nothing will change if no one makes an effort to change. Remember when you are moaning, groaning and complaining, you are a part of the problem if you are not a part of

the solution. Everyone can make a difference either positive or negative. If you get involved and make your voice heard, believe it, it will make a difference. Remember the adage, "One man, one vote." This holds true to any situation. If you don't say it will not be heard. The key to life is being heard. Making your voice heard. One voice can help change things and make a noticeable. Soon it will be election time. It is a time that we hear, listen to and check out all of the candidates seeking political office. Check their past performances, their future plans and promises. Question them and let them know you are watching them. You are a voter, and have the influence over a number of other voters, families, associates, and you are all concerned about what is happening now and as well as in the future. At one time, it was an honor to be from Texas. From a political point of view, because Texas politicians at one time put Texas first, and the good of Texas above party, special interest, power, and

selfishness. But, it appears as though, Texas is falling into the political fold with the first step with ex-congressman Tom (The Hammer) Delay. It is hoping that redistricting in Texas will get back on track in 2008. In other words, we as Texans and Americans must be aware of what is taking place in America. We, as Texans, must do what is best for Texas and leave something our kids will very proud. Our kids need for us to do what is best for all Texans. With all sincerity, my people, remember how important it is for us to vote in all elections. For example, this next election, there will be a need to get involved in what is best for all of us. Keep your eyes and ears open on the upcoming Lubbock County Commissioner's Court. There will be several individuals running for this position for Precinct 3. Keep your eyes open. Closing Thoughts: "Watch it when you lie to yourself if you do it enough even you will believe it. Merry Blessed Christmas!"

Ike Turner
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broke musician managed to garner a comfortable income as his songs were sampled by a variety of rap acts. In interviews toward the end of his life, Turner would acknowledge having made many mistakes, but maintained he was still able to carry himself with pride. "I know what I am in my heart. And I know regardless of what I've done, good and bad, it took it all to make me what I am today," he once told the AP.

Federation of Choirs Will Meet Sunday Afternoon at New Hope

In a few days, we will celebrate the birthday of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. The Federations of Choirs will be held at New Hope Baptist Church, December 23, 2007 at 2:30 P.M., Rev. Billy Moton is pastor. Please come and help us lift up the name of Jesus, for he is worthy to be praised. Remember JESUS IS THE REASON FOR THE SEASON". Our prayer is that you and yours will have a peaceful, and spirit filled Christmas. President Bennie Sims and the Officers of the Federation of Choirs invite the public to come and celebrate His Birthday. Merry Christmas!

In Cinque

by Renetta Howard



Howard

were invited to a Christmas dinner and joyously, the invitation was accepted. The dinner was served cafeteria style since it was a school affair, wherein one had to get in a line, and show your preference for the items of food from which a choice could be made. The offering included large sirloin steaks, large baked potatoes with all of the trimmings, a tossed salad, a choice of breads, corn on the cob, tea, coffee or soda, a dessert of cookies, cake or pie. Needless to say, I was ecstatic as such a meal offering in a reputable restaurant would cost anywhere from \$15.00 to \$25.00. As I ate my meal, I looked around surveying the whereabouts of my students to find that only about two of them chose to partake of the meal. When I learned this, I quickly attempted to find out why they were not eating. I was shocked to find out that the non-participating students did not eat steak, baked potatoes or tossed salads and corn on the cob.

Instead, they wanted some fried chicken, barbecued ribs, French fries, some hamburgers and hot dogs. Thinking back over the normal school day lunch, somehow the sight of the fast food restaurant came into my mind as well as the daily hamburgers fixed some way at the average public school. I realized that our children are growing up on hamburgers and French fries. School lunches are the normal hamburger, chili, steak fingers, chili Mac, chili burgers and tacos. All of these main menu items contain ground beef which is usually served five days a week. Once in a while, there may be the ground chicken patties, fish sticks and every blue moon, some fried chicken or turkey in gravy form. Every day, some form of

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