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Community Meetings

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

African American Chamber of Commerce, Lubbock meets on the 3rd Wednesday of each month, from 12:00-1:00pm at the Chatman Hill Restaurant, 512 E. 23rd St. 806-535-8081

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

Hub City Kiwanis meets every Tuesday, 7:00am, 1708 Avenue G

Dunbar Alumni Association meets 2nd Saturdays, 4:00 pm

Booker T. Washington American Legion Post 806 meets every 2nd Tuesday at 7:30pm, American Legion Building in Yellowhouse Canyon

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

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

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

Dunbar/Manshattan Heights Neighborhood Association meets every 1st Thursday at 6:00 pm and every 4th Thursday at 7:00 pm at the Dunbar-Manshattan 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 & Cherry-Point Neighborhood Association meets the 3rd Tuesday evening of each month at 7:30 pm at Hunt Elementary.

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

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

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Obama announces surgeon general choice



Dr. Regina Benjamin holds advanced degrees in medicine and business administration.

WASHINGTON (CNN) — President Obama announced Monday he has chosen Dr. Regina Benjamin, a family practice doctor from the Gulf Coast, to serve as surgeon general.

The rural family physician has long provided medical care on the Gulf Coast. In 1990, she founded Bayou La Batre Rural Health Clinic in the fishing village of Bayou La Batre, Alabama.

The clinic was heavily damaged by Hurricane Georges in 1998 and Hurricane Katrina in 2005, but Benjamin rebuilt it each time and continued to offer medical care to the village's 2,500 residents.

Many of her family practice patients are uninsured, according to the MacArthur Foundation, which last year awarded her one of its \$500,000 "genius" grants.

Her patient population includes immigrants from

Vietnam, Cambodia and Laos, who make up a third of Bayou La Batre's population.

Benjamin received a bachelor's degree in 1979 from Xavier University of Louisiana, attended Morehouse School of Medicine from 1980 to 1982 and received a doctor of medicine degree in 1984 from the University of Alabama at Birmingham.

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Concerned Citizens Recognizes Parkway United Store Manager



Dwight Pierce, left, president of the Concerned Citizens, is shown shaking hands with Chris Edwards, right, Parkway Drive United Supermarket manager.

The Concerned Citizens presented United Supermarket - Parkway Store Manager Chris Edwards with a Certificate of Appreciation.

Dwight Pierce, President of the Concerned Citizens, stated: "Not only does United provide the items needed by community residents, they also go above expectations in support and

service." "That the certification by no means is a measure of how we feel about our United Supermarkets," continued Pierce.

The certificate reads: "For the outstanding support and services rendered to the people and organizations of the East Lubbock Community."

NAACP to Use Latest Technology to Fight Racism



The NAACP has launched a program that lets people use their cell phones to report incidents of police misconduct.

NEW YORK (AP) — Combining its century-old mission of fighting for equality with the instantaneous reach of modern-day technology, the NAACP has launched a program that lets people use their cell phones to report incidents of police misconduct.

The "rapid response system" was officially launched Monday as part of the annual convention for the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. This year, the organization is marking the centennial of its founding in New York City in 1909.

The system allows people who capture photos or video of incidents of alleged police misconduct on their cell phones to send it through a Web browser to the organization or upload it through a computer. A form will then be transmitted to the sender, who can use it to provide more information about an incident.

"Technology has basically put a video camera in the pocket of every child in this country over the age of 12 and most grown-ups as well," said Benjamin Jealous, president and CEO of the NAACP.

He said the information gathered would be used in several ways. Some video could be used immediately, to present footage for a situation the organization wants to highlight. Another purpose would be to compile a database of incidents that could show a history of discriminatory patterns and practices in particular law enforcement jurisdictions - information the group

could take to the Justice Department.

The head of the Justice Department, Attorney General Eric Holder, praised the NAACP's dedication to championing equality but acknowledged the work left to be done.

"We must resist the temptation to conclude that our nation has fulfilled its promise of equality based on one moment or on one election," he said, in reference to Barack Obama being elected president.

"The efforts to harmonize our laws with our best ideals is not yet done," he said.

Monique Morris, the group's vice president of advocacy and research, said the ease of reporting an incident will help give a clearer picture of the prevalence of misconduct.

"What this database will provide is a more accurate account in real time of what's happening in our communities," she said.

B.E.S.T. Presents Annual Feeding In Chatman Park

The B.E.S.T. Service Mission presents Each One Reach One's Annual Feeding in Chatman Park, plus a Rally for community strength and unity.

This event will begin Saturday morning, July 18, 2009, beginning at 11:00 a.m.

Our motto is: "Let our children be our reason to exercise our power together always and forever."

Everybody is invited! Hope to see all of you present!

Two Ordained By Crowne Of Eternal Life Church Here



Freddie Jean Boyd



Angela Joyce Brooks

It was an outstanding afternoon at the Crowne of Eternal Life Church, where Rev. Gladys Mae Smith is the proud pastor.

Last Sunday afternoon, July 12, 2009, beginning rning at 3:00 p. m., two Lubbock ladies were licensed and ordained as ministers.

They were Sister Freddie Jean Boyd and Sister Angela Joyce Brooks.

Under the leadership of Pastor Smith she was assisted by Evangelist Ruthie Planks of Smith Temple Community Church, and Brother Charles Planks, Jr., who provided the music by singing.

"It was a moving afternoon, and had a glorious time," said Rev. Smith.

"We are looking for many positive efforts from these young ladies, Sister Boyd and Sister Brooks," she said.

"God is in the business of making everything alright, and with hi on our side, there's nothing we can't accomplish," concluded Pastor Smith.

"We are just praising God for all he has done," she said. Why not join us on Sunday mornings?

Red Box Connection Serving Good Food On East 5th Street In Lubbock - All Invited To Come!



Tommy Hodge - Owner

A longtime resident of Lubbock, Tommy Hodge, is the owner & operator of the Red Box Connection, 1513 East 5th Street.

A graduate of Dunbar High School, Hodge will tell you that after working for people for many years, he decided to manager a business he owns and operates.

He will tell you, the Red Box is a learning experience. "I have been able to grow in asking the right decisions as a business manager.

"However, it gets difficult at times, but with good customers as we have in Lubbock, the road is not as bumpy," he advises.

"I also realize that with God anything is possible, no matter

how it may appear," he continued.

After taking the Red Box Connection in his hands, they are serving delicious hamburgers, fish, and pork chops. "All are cooked like you would to eat them," he smiles.

"Our meals are cooked the way you would desire them, and you will be pleased," he said.

He invites all to come by and order a delicious meal. The Red Box Connection is open from 11:00 a. m. until 10:00 p. m., Monday through Friday. On Saturdays, from 12 noon until Sundays, it is open from 1:00 p. m. until 6:00 p. m.

For food orders, call 744-4233.

Chatman Hills Corner

By Doris Reynolds

Preparation is being made for the Annual Friends and Family Day will be held at the Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church, 2202 Southeast Drive, where the proud pastor is Rev. Sonia J. Scott.

The three day celebration will get underway on Friday evening, August 7th, with a Gospel Musical featuring local talent. Saturday afternoon, August 8th, will be Youth Day in Booker T. Washington Park. There will be all kinds of games for young and old to enjoy.

The celebration will conclude on Sunday afternoon, August 9th, with

worship services beginning at 1:00 p. m. Guest speaker will be Presiding Elder Ford of Dallas, a well know preacher in the Tenth Episcopal District of the African Methodist Episcopal Church.

Former members of Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church will be recognized for their many works as members of Bethel and the Lubbock community.

An afternoon of fellowship will be held immediately following worship services in Mae Simmons Park, which was named after a former member of the Bethel African Methodist

Episcopal Church. "We are inviting the community to come and celebrate with us," said Pastor Scott.

The New Hope Baptist Church, 2202 Birch Avenue, will have its 2009 Annual Church Family Picnic on Saturday afternoon, August 1, 2009, beginning at 5:00 p. m. at the Booker T. Washington, which is located across from the church. Rev. B. R. Moton is the proud pastor.

Let us continue to pray for those who are sick and shut-in who reside in the Lubbock community.

New Light Baptist Church News

Church services got underway with a lot of excitement at the New Light Baptist Church, 3013 Idalou Road, where the proud pastor is Rev. Kenneth O. Jackson.

Church School started at 9:45 a. m. with Sister Ambra Jackson teaching the lesson entitled "Remembering and Celebrating." The scripture text was Deuteronomy 16:1-8. It was another very interesting lesson, and one we can use each day.

The morning worship our b begun at 11:00 a. m. with the Praise Team leading the way. What a job they did!

Rev. L. C. Lee led the pulpit devotion. The Senior Choir marched to the choir stand singing "We've Come This Far By Faith." The responsive reading was led by Rev. Lee. The reading came from Psalm 23:1-6. The altar prayer was led by Rev. Jackson with the Senior Choir singing "He Is Lord."

Sister Rochelette Hood read all of the morning announcements, and reminded all of the upcoming events which will be taking place at the church.

All birthdays for the week were acknowledged also. There was the Pastorial Period held by Pastor Jackson, and then the offering was taken up by the officers and members.

The Senior choir

sung "Finishing Line" which was led by Sister Lin da Green and "Jesus Keeps Me" which Deacon Carlton Hicks. "Amazing Grace" was sung before the sermon. Sister Jackson sang "Amazing Grace."

Rev. Jackson preached the sermon entitled "What Shall I Give." His scripture text was Psalm 116:2. A selection was sung after the sermon.

The invitation to discipleship was held and several came for prayer. Sister Green acknowledged all visitors who were present.

Let us continue to pray God will continue to bless and use his children as he sees fit. Pray for those who are in the hospital.

July 20-24, 2009, Vacation Bible School will be held, beginning at 12:30 p. m. at New Light Baptist Church.

All are invited to come and join us!

The New Light Baptist Church attended the Pastor's Appreciation at the New Mount Olive Baptist Church where Rev. H. K. Thomas, Sr. is the proud pastor.

Churches appearing on program were New Jerusalem Baptist Church, Rev. H. K. Thomas, Jr.; First Progressive Baptist Church, Rev. Shaun

Avery, pastor; and New Light Baptist Church, Rev. Kenneth O. Jackson, pastor.

Pastor Avery delivered a dynamic sermon.

Scripture For Week:

"Rejoice in the Lord always and again I say rejoice. Be careful for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving. Let your requests be made known unto God." Philippians 4:4-6

Concerned Citizen's Raffle Winner

Brandon Jenkins was the winner of the Concerned Citizens \$125.00 United Supermarket Gift Card raffle. United Supermarket-Parkway added an additional \$75.00 for a \$200.00 total raffle.

The Concerned Citizens appreciates all who contributed to the raffle, and a very appreciative thank you to United Supermarket-Parkway Store Manager Chris Edwards for their contribution.

FASHION FUN

by Shirley Roberson

LOOK 10 lbs. SLIMMER

Hidden slimmers, ladies you can look 10 lbs. slimmer instantly in these knit dresses. Inside liner slims waist, tummy and hips. Your dress

will fit you perfectly
A - lace print dress with a surprise empire waist, feminine lace print with sequined lace trim, designed especially for the woman with waist problems. The slimming liner is in the waist.
B - Faux wrap dress, universally flattering faux wrap dress features hidden polyester/spandex panel to trim the tummy area, so you look one size smaller. Shirt collar and three quarter sleeves with ruffle and tie detail, this dress can easily go from



work to an evening out.
C - Jewel neck dress, long and flowing dress with three quarter sleeves has a hidden liner panel that trims your hips, this dress is to die for, your friends will think you found a new diet.

"If It Hadn't For My Grandma"

From the days of yester-years, grandmothers have worked mentally and physically to help provide, raise, mold, discipline and guide their grandchildren down the right path.

To show grandmothers how much they are so loved, cherished and appreciated, Omicron Omega Zeta Graduate Chapter of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. will host a citywide event entitled "If It Hadn't Been for My Grandma" to honor four grandmothers from the Lubbock community. These grandmothers have been the strength, the iron, the thread, rocks, stones, glue, and pillars of their families.

This event will be held on Grandparents Day, Sept. 12, 2009, 6:00 PM at the Scottish Rite Building - 1101 70th St. Lubbock, TX. Tickets are \$20.00 each which includes a meal provided by Honey Child Catering Services.

Proceeds from this event will partially benefit Zeta Phi Beta Scholarship Fund and The Stork's Nest.

After reading the title for this event, everyone should have a flashback of yesteryears, and bring a grandparent to dinner. It does not have to be your grandmother, but a grandmother or

grandfather, or a senior citizen, or any parent of your choice. Make this their day of appreciation.
You may also submit a poem, a letter, an anecdote or a story about a grandma to be included in A Book and Letters for Grandma. The cost is \$10.00 per page. Your article will appear as

submitted.
For more information about this upcoming grand event, you may contact Gloria Carter, or Lillian Jefferson at 806-794-2097.

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Looking Back Over The Jackson Five History



Atlanta, Ga. --When Nancy Hill-Cooke was in the 8th grade she took this picture with the Jackson Five. It was taken at the King's home (Yolanda and Marty wanted their own picture) and we played ping pong. What an experience! They were very quite but nice. Just wanted to share.

Nancy Cooke is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Jesse Hill of Atlanta. She is also the daughter-in-law of Mrs. Vivian Cooke of Lubbock; Her son, Riekey, past recently.

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Pastor Sonia Scott

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Church News



FROM THE DESK OF PARSON D. A. SMITH

"Southern Whites Conservative Mentality Toward Minorities"

Parson Smith would like to thank those of you who called, sent cards and offered prayers during my two stays in the hospital. With your prayers for the guidance of the hands of the physicians we are recovering quite well. We have a long way to go. However, we are on our way to recovery. Thanks again for your concern about our physical well-being.

Now to the issue at hand! One would think many conservative Americans would be happy that President Obama has regained the respect for all Americans as the leader of the free world. However, there are those in America who still have the Southern (white only) Dixie mentality. These pieces of works still believe that if you are not "lily white" you are genetically mutated and are inferior to their kind.

A practical example is seen a column posted July 9, 2009 by Lan Millhiser of Legal Research Analyst; Center for American Progress Action Fund entitled Sessions Uses Sotomayor as a Pawn in His Lifelong Crusade Against Civil Rights. Miller writes the following:

In 1986, an ambitious young United States Attorney named Jefferson Beauregard Sessions III was denied a seat on the federal bench because of his own deep-seated hostility to the very notion of civil rights. As a feder-

al prosecutor, Sessions conducted a tenuous criminal investigation into voting rights advocates that registered African-Americans to vote—an investigation that culminated in an unsuccessful prosecution against a former aide to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. He once quipped that he "used to think (the KKK) were OK until he found out some of them were 'pot smokers,'" and he routinely referred to an African-American attorney who worked for him as "boy" even once warning that attorney to be "careful what you say to white folks" after Sessions overheard him chastising a white secretary.

Moreover Sessions remains unrepentant for these incidents, although he did reluctantly concede at his confirmation hearing that it "probably was wrong" when he attacked the NAACP as an "un-American" and "Communist-inspired" organization that "forced civil rights down the throats of people."

Twenty-three years later, Sessions is the highest ranking Republican on the Senate Judiciary Committee, and he is the architect of a right-wing campaign which claims that Sotomayor's past service on the board of the Puerto Rican Legal Defense and Education Fund (PRLDEF) makes her unsuitable for the bench. Last week, Sessions claimed that this main-

stream civil rights organization took "extreme" positions in litigation. This week, Sessions clarified this remain in an interview with Fox News, explaining that he is concerned that PRLDEF "brought several race discrimination lawsuits for minorities."

We agree with the writers thinking that given Sessions' long history of baseless assaults on civil rights organizations, one has to wonder whether conservatives chose him as their leading voice on Sotomayor because they fundamentally agree with his lifelong stance on race.

One has to re-examine the mindset of the Republican Party as it relates to any other race than lily white Americans as to why they would select a man with a questionable racist past to become the GOP's point-man for confirmation hearing for the next Supreme Court Justice. This sure does help the like of Uncle Tom Clarence Thomas and Yes Mr. Gilmore: Michael Steel Clarence Thomas voted against the ruling of Sotomayor's on the fire-fighters ruling.

Hispanics and Blacks in the city of Lubbock need to always stay vigilant and watch carefully everything that affects their livelihood. This includes watching other Hispanics and Blacks

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We Thank God for Jesus

"Michael Jackson Did Rob God"

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

Jeremiah 2:11 - The Lord said, have the nation changed their gods, which are no gods? But my people have changed their glory for that which does profit.

God blessed Michael Jackson and his family with many great Talents. It is God is in on Control, even with the Money they Spent.

James 1:17 - Every good gift and every perfect gift is above, and come down from the Father of lights, and who is no variableness, neither shadow of turning.

The people of this World have made Michael Jackson Their King. BUT THIS WORLD IS SICK, AND DON'T KNOW, ONLY JESUS CHRIST IS KING!!!

Isaiah 42:8 - The Lord said, I am the Lord, that is my name; and my glory will I not give to another, neither my praise to graven images.

Even with God Kicked out of our Homes, Churches, Schools, and Court House. Now the world is in BIG TROUBLES, AND THROUGH IT, GOD IS SPEAKING OUT!!!

Deuteronomy 28:15a, 16-20 - The Lord said, it shall come to pass, if you will not listen to the voice of the Lord your God, to observe and do all his commandments. Cursed shall

you be in the city, and cursed shall you be in the field, cursed shall be your basket and your store. Cursed shall be the fruit of your body, and the fruit of your land, the increase of your cattle, and the flocks of your sheep.

Cursed shall you be when you come in, and cursed shall you be when you go out. The Lord shall send upon you Cursing, and vexation, and rebuke, in all that you set your hand unto for to do, until you be destroyed, and until you perish quickly, because of the wickedness of your doings, whereby you have forsaken me.

When Michael Jackson went out on his own to do his own thing. God was yet blessing WITH THAT BEAUTY VOICE HE DID SING.

**** YES, AND MICHAEL JACKSON DID ROB GOD!!! ****

Psalms 29:1-2 - GIVE unto the Lord, O you mighty, give unto the Lord glory and strength. Give unto the Lord the glory due unto his name; worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

(Did Michael Jackson ever sing a Christian song, so to God be the Glory; Elvis Presley did some, Little Richard did some, and Aretha Franklin did some. Like Amazing Grace or How Great Thou Art, Love Lifted Me, Near The Cross of Jesus, Jesus On The Main Line. And

so on, DID HE???)

Even Michael Jackson made his millions, he died owning more of the same. God gave him his Money, BUT HOW MUCH WAS SPENT IN GOD'S NAME???

Proverbs 21:20 - There is a treasurer to be desired and oil in the dwelling of the wise. But a foolish man spend it up.

I never heard what was Michael Jackson's religious plains? Did He not know he would have to BOW TO JESUS, SITTING AT GOD'S RIGHT HAND???

Philippians 2:10-11 - At the name of Jesus very knee shall bow of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under he earth. And every tongue shall confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. The world has forgotten the first of GOD'S 10 Commandments.

Not to make god's of anything, AND THAT'S COMMON SENSE!!!

Jeremiah 3:25 - We lie down in our shame, and our confusion covers us: for we have sinned against the Lord, our God. We and our Fathers, from our youth even this day, and not obeyed the voice of the Lord, our God.

Michael Jackson's funeral got more attention than any Continued on Page 6

St. Matthew's Baptist Church News

Church services were well attended last Sunday morning, July 12, 2009, at the St. Matthew Baptist Church, 2020 East 14th Street, where the proud pastor is Rev. Edward Canady.

Church services got underway with Sunday School, beginning at 10:00 a. m. with Superintendent Sister Shirley Davis in charge.

The morning lesson was titled "Remembering And

Celebrating." The scripture text was Deuteronomy 16:1-8. The morning lesson was taught by Sister Davis, and was reviewed by Pastor Canady.

The key verse was "Observe the month of Abib, and keep the passover unto the Lord thy God: for in the month of Abib the Lord thy God brought thee forth out of Egypt by night." **Deuteronomy 16:1.**

Everyone enjoyed the lesson! What a blessing!

The morning worship hour got underway with Deacon Edward Williams and Deaconess Ethel Williams conducting and very inspiring devotional. Praise God for the spirit!

The Senior Choir of the St. Matthew Baptist Church sang out of their hearts and souls for the Lord.

The morning sermon was delivered by Pastor Canady. His subject was "A Personal

Invitation." His scriptural text was Matthew 11:28-30. What a message for all in attendance.

The Song of Inspiration was "The Lord Is Blessing Me."

If you are looking for a church home, then consider becoming a member of the St. Matthew Baptist Church. Remember our doors are always open. God bless each of you in our prayer.

Our weekly meetings inclu-

de the following: Mission meets at 6:00 p. m. on Wednesday evenings, Bible Study at 7:00 p.m.

Friday evenings Choir Rehearsal begins at 5:00 p. m.

On Saturday mornings, our Ushers meet at 11:00 a. m.

The St. Matthew Baptist Church is still looking for a Musician. If you are interested, then contact Rev. Canady at

(806) 744-2445.

"Since I have no gold to give,
And Love alone must make amends,
My daily prayer is while I live,
God make me worthy of my friends!"

Thought For The Week: "A friend is the first person who comes in when the whole world has gone out."

All the members at St. Matthew Baptist Church wish First lady Sister Shirley Canady a Happy Birthday!

steadily the rocking ark—and fell dead on the spot. "David was afraid of God that day..." (1 Chronicles 13:12). I'm sure he was!

Sister Dorothy Hood, president; Sister Chastene Burleson, vice president; and Sister Elmore Jones, teacher.

Outreach Prayer Breakfast

"Saints, Let's Walk On The Water"
Matthew 14:29

Peter was not testing Jesus. Something we are told not to do. Instead, he was the only one in the boat to react in Faith. His impulsive request led him to experience, a rather unusual demonstration of God's power.

Peter started to sink, because he took his eye of Jesus, and focused on the high waves around him. Then his faith wavered, when he realized what he was doing.

WE may not walk on water, but we do walk through tough situations. If we focus on waves of difficult circumstances around us without looking to Christ for help, we go through much despair and sink.

In order to maintain our Faith in the midst of difficult situations, keep your eyes on Jesus, rather than on your inadequacies aries. Keep your eyes on Jesus. He is bigger than any problem we can have.

When Peter ask to walk on the water, our Lord said to him: "Come." He's saying to many of us today. When the storms of

life keep on raging in your life, he's saying to you "Come." Come unto me all that labour and heavy laden and I will give you rest. My yoke is easy and my burdens are light!

Thoughts:
Without Faith, Saints, don't try to walk on water. We see you as a radiant spiritual being. We behold the Christ in you. We see you shedding the cares and doubts of the past.

We see you entering into a new thing and it's unfolding before you like dawning light. **Healthier, Happier, more Prosperous and Successful** than ever before.

Love you, and keep reading, Saints!!

Sometimes life is hard, but it is basically what we make of it.

The Ark Comes to Jerusalem
(1 Chron 15:1-3, 14-16, 25-28)

What do you think of when you hear the word worship? Many of us think of music—and sigh. The "worship wars," rumored to have ended, still rage in many congregations.

Members still fight over musical "turf," glaring at one another over their gun sights—contemporary versus traditional, live accompaniment versus CD, dancing versus standing. Not only do musical issues distract from genuine worship, such conflicts create an unmelodic disharmony in the body of Christ.

Music is an important ele-

ment of worship. It certainly is biblical. When God's people left Egypt, songs and instruments went with them (cf. Exodus 15). By the time of King David, singers and musicians played a vital role in the praise of God. Please note the last word of the last sentence. Isn't it ironic that, in the heat of debate over worship, the object of worship is often forgotten?

Worship is for and about the living God. Forms and styles aren't nearly as important as the

knowledge of the presence of God. David learned that lesson at some cost. Having taken the stronghold of Zion from the Jebusites, the king decided to bring the ark of the covenant from the village of Kiriath Jearim. Forgetting the history of this mysterious box, he allowed it to be transported by oxcart to Jerusalem. Along the way, David discovered the box was more than a mere symbol. When the oxen stumbled, a man named Uzzah reached out to

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Obsequies

Ronnie Lee Pace, Sr.

Services for Ronnie Lee Pace, Sr. held Saturday morning, July 11, 2009 at New Hope Baptist Church with Rev. B. R. Moton, pastor, officiating.

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

Pace, Sr., 43, of Lubbock passed away on Saturday, July 4, 2009 at Covenant.

He was born on August 4, 1965 to the parentage of Erma Jean Dockins and Vernon Lee Pace. After his graduation from Dunbar High School, he attended Prairie View A & M University, and then joined the Marines. He owned several clubs.

He leaves to cherish his memory, his long term companion, Tamara; four daughters, Erica Cisneros (Jacob), Destinee Cooper, Prechea and Schanel Pace; two sons, Anthony Smith (LaSonia) and Romny Lee Pace, Jr.; mother, Erma Jean Dockins; five brothers, Tommy Briley



(Rufel), Lowry Briley (Debbie), Larry Briley, James Briley (Joyce) and Dwight Briley (Cassandra); ten sisters, Pat Matthews, Janice Briley, Linda Briley, Francis Briley, Roba Holder (Glen), Ruby Neal Bond (Wilbert), Barbara Ann Pace, Pauline Pace, Leigh Ann Smith and Stacey Smith; special aunt, Theolia Giddens; and a host of other relatives and friends.

Supt. Jimmie D. Brown

Funeral services for Supt. Jimmie D. Brown were held Friday morning, July 10, 2009 at Texas Northwest Headquarters.

Burial followed at Peaceful Memorial Park under the direction of Griffin Mortuary & Funeral Home in Lubbock.

Brown, 84, of Lubbock, passed away on Monday, July 6, 2009 at his residence.

Supt. Jimmie Brown was born on May 25, 1925. He served as Pastor of One-Way COGIC for 34 years.

He was Emeritus overseer of the Slaton Memorial District until death. He retired from



Texas Tech University after 28 years.

He leaves to cherish his memory, his children, Jimmie Brown, Jr., Floyd Ray Brown and Ruthie Mae Brown-Thornton; one sister, Mable Jones; 13 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; and a host of other relatives and friends.



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Johnny James Ross



Funeral services for Johnny James Ross were held last Friday morning, July 10, 2009 at Alexander Chapel COGIC, with Elder W.H. Watson, pastor, officiating.

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

Ross, 74, of Lubbock, passed away on Saturday, July 4, 2009 at Southern Specialty Nursing & Rehab.

Johnny was born on February 2, 1935 in Madisonville, Texas to the parentage of Eva and Willie B. Ross, Sr.

He leaves to cherish his memory, his wife, Mary Ross; four daughters, Shandra K. Smith, Catherine M. Ross, Angelina A. Ross and Lasherra Smith; seven sons, Kenneth L. Ross, James Ross, Jr., Michael L. Ross, Eddie W. Ross, Christopher, L. Ross, Johnnie W. Ross and Calvin R. Ross; four sisters, Mattie L. Goodwin, Ester L. Cleaveland, Dorothy L. McDowell and Eva Mack; three brothers, Wesley B. Ross, James A. Ross and Kenneth G. Ross; 25 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; and a host of other relatives and friends.

Silent Museum Offer Courses In August

On August 8, 2009 the Silent Wings Museum will host an educational class for children ages 6 and up. The class, Codemasters of Station X, will teach children about the construction and implementation of codes and ciphers with emphasis on WWII cryptograms such as the Navajo code talkers and the Enigma machine.

Activities will include creating their own code to send and receive encrypted messages between friends and a secret mission within the Silent Wings Museum. Kids will use their newfound knowledge to break codes and translate messages as they complete the activity.

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THIS 'N' THAT

by T.J. Patterson

NEEDS SOMETHING DONE ABOUT THE CORNER OF EAST 24TH STREET & GLOBE AVENUE! THIS N THAT — is asking for the **CITY OF LUBBOCK** — to help with a serious problem at the co corner of **GLOBE AVENUE & EAST 24TH STREET** — where the **WEEDS ARE VERY TALL** — and are blocking on's view when traveling — **SOUTH ON GLOBE AVENUE** — as one is blind sided b the weeds near the telephone pole... If something is not done immediately — it could very well lead to a terrible **CAR ACCIDENT** — which could lead to a fatality... Surely — there will be something done about this condition... Also — a half a block on East 24th Street — there is a very large tree connected to a telephone pole in the alley way... It has really grown — and it is hoped something will be done...

PENNY HASTINGS THE BARBER SAYS: "GOOD THINGS — come for those who — work hard in — LIFE — as nothing in life is — FREE —
THERE ARE TOO MANY BURGLARIES OF OUR EAST LUBBOCK BUSINESSES! THIS N THAT — has noted the large **NUMBER OF BURGLARIES IN EAST LUBBOCK** — as it appears as though they are apparently by people who have no idea about the history of East Lubbock... It is easy to so that if we keep this kind of activity — most of the businesses we have could very well leave this area... It would be a great thing if we would all work toward making sure these kinds of activities would cease... **THIS N THAT** — can report that the **SOUTHWEST DIGEST OFFICE** — has had three burglaries — with last one being on early Tuesday morning — July 14, 2009... Really — there is

much we can do to overcome this kind of a situation... Some may call it... **SNITCHING** — but if someone is responsible for breaking into our **BLACK OWNED BUSINESSES OR OTHER BUSINESSES IN EAST LUBBOCK** — and we know who they are — then it's duty for the betterment of the **EAST LUBBOCK COMMUNITY** — to tell it... Aren't you... **SICK AND TIRED OF THIS KIND OF A MENTALITY??** Let's be about our business and do what we must do — that is... **GET INVOLVED!!**
WHY NOT PUT PRESIDENT UNDER HIS NAME! THIS N THAT — was advised by a Black Couple — one day at the VA Administration about the **OFFICIAL PHOTO** — of **PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA** — being hung in the hallway of the building... But — they apparently forgot to put **PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES!!**



THINK ABOUT IT!

The Coalition Is In Place And Working Well

by Edsie Richardson

The political structure of Lubbock has forever changed and will never be the same when people of different cultures, back grounds, ethnic back grounds come together for a common cause that effects the masses, both good and bad and stand by it things will change in their favor if they do not waiver. Doing what ever it takes marching, protesting, filing a law suit or what ever it takes. According to the rumor mill, many things are happening and most of them allegedly are in our favor. One of the strongest is the word is Councilman Floyd Price was wavering and Councilperson Linda Deleon beat him to the draw by announcing at an unusual time in an unusual way. She said she changed her mind on her own. There was no pressure from the coalition, the district, public opinion allegedly many maneuvers are being done it will

be interesting to see the results.

Do not forget the annual feed on Saturday morning, July 18th, from 11:00 a. m. until

The public on the 29th at unfortunately at 9:00 a. m.

There is a possibility of many things happening from now on. The pressure will stay on the city do not too much more negative publicity. So it stands to reason the hopefully if the city has a consensus it will be trying to do the right thing.

Stay tuned more details next week. It is just time for some positive things to happen in the community. Lubbock needs to have a change where all of its citizens will be afforded to the see opportunities as any citizen. We need each other. God is with us!

This will be the fifth year that

a very good friend of us is Chef Lynne Davis at the Holiday Inn who will be preparing a tasty meal for all in attendance.

There will be some fellowship and good food. There will also be Rally for those interested to attend to talk about issues who involve our children.

Hopefully, many of you will be in attendance as we discuss some important issues. Of course, there will talk about the proposed Animal Shelter which has been proposed for Mackenzie Park. It could be a possibility that this might not happen, but let's just wait and see what the outcome will be.

So, let's hop we will see you on Saturday morning, beginning at 11:00 a. m. in Chatham Park. It should be a very good morning for all of us.

In Cinque

by Renetta Howard



Howard

becoming too short or too tight and would have to be put aside for something larger.

I was thirteen when I decided that I wanted to be like the other teenaged girls. The problem was that one needed to be sixteen to go to the party hops and eight o'clock movies and inasmuch as my age said "teen", I figured that I was just so mature as the sixteen year olds and should have the same privileges and wear the same kind of clothes. Most adults did not see it that way.

The family rule and the dormitory rule where I attended high school, stated that a girl had to be sixteen years of age in order to have male company on any day that visitation was permitted. If a young man escorted a girl to the movie on Saturday evening, it was mandatory that he called on her on Sunday unless she called it off. These were the days for socializing. Both, the young man and the young lady had to have a clean

alone with no punishment for any reasons prior to their socializing. They also had to have their parent's or guardian's permission to keep company. Once you completed high school, you had a little more freedom to socialize with the opposite sex. Socializing with young men added some zest to growing up.

Once I became an adult, I felt like the world was really my oyster. There was no limit to what I could do and as some of us say, "we rolled up the streets and turned out the lights," in our heyday. It does not take as long as we think to look back and reflect on what senior citizens looked like to us when we were in our heyday. Before we know it, we are the senior citizens. In times like these, senior citizens are suffering. Let us all get "in cinque" and give more respect, more love and more help to our senior citizens. If you keep on living, you will become a senior citizen.

Settlement of \$17.5M in Bias Suit By Black Truckers Against Wal-Mart Becomes Final

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) — A federal judge has given final approval to a \$17.5 million settlement of a discrimination lawsuit that accused Wal-Mart Stores Inc. of not hiring black truck drivers.

U.S. District Judge William R. Wilson Jr. on Wednesday signed an order in Little Rock approving the settlement in the class-action case, a ruling that will also have the world's largest retailer take steps to hire more black drivers.

Attorney Morgan "Chip" Welch said Thursday that members in the class applied to drive for Wal-Mart between 2001 and 2008 and were turned away in disproportional numbers. Of the approximately 4,500 plaintiffs, those that applied earliest stand to receive the greatest settlement payments.

The settlement includes job placements for 23 of the black drivers who sued.

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O.J. Makes Request for Bail

LAS VEGAS (AP) — O.J. Simpson is promising not to disappear or endanger the community if he's freed from prison pending his appeal in an armed hotel room heist, his lawyers told the Nevada Supreme Court.

"Simpson recognizes that he has a heavy burden in demonstrating that his release will pose no danger to the community and that he is not a flight risk," attorneys Yale Galanter and Malcolm LaVergne said in a follow-up document filed Monday with the state's only appellate court. "Simpson will strictly adhere to whatever conditions this court sets for bond."

A three-member panel of Nevada Supreme Court justices plans oral arguments Aug. 3 in Las Vegas on Simpson's request

to post unspecified bond while the seven-member court considers his appeal.

This week's filing followed an initial appeal for bail filed May 28.

The new papers include an affidavit from one of the two memorabilia dealers robbed in the September 2007 encounter, renewing his allegation that Clark County District Attorney David Roger wouldn't let him drop the charges against Simpson.

"I wanted all of the charges against O.J. Simpson dropped," Alfred Heardsley said in the document. "After I testified, the Clark County district attorney's office fabricated the idea that the reason I was a reluctant witness was because Mr. Simpson,

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Soledad O'Brien: The CNN Presents: Black in America 2 Interview

Born on September 19, 1966 in Saint James, NY, Maria de la Soledad Teresa O'Brien is the fifth of sixth children born to Edward and Estrella, immigrants from Australia and Cuba, respectively. She and her siblings excelled academically, and all attended Harvard University. But while her brothers and sisters pursued postgraduate degrees in either medicine

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At his Funeral, the Preacher didn't give GOD HIS GLORY. When the Preachers come before GOD, IT WILL BE A DIFFERENT STORY!!!

Matthew 7:23 - Jesus said, I will profess unto them, I never knew you; depart from me, you that works iniquity.

Parson Smith
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who has the "Uncle Clarence" and the "Yes Mr. Gilmore" nature trying to get a crumb for their self. These pieces of work are a great danger to our community. When I lived on the farm we had a remedy for these kinds of little pigs!

around the television dial for a few years, enjoying stints on The Today Show, NBC Nightly News and at MS-NBC before finally finding a home at CNN where she co-anchored American Morning from 2003 to 2007, often going

on location to report such disasters as Hurricane Katrina and the tsunami in Thailand.

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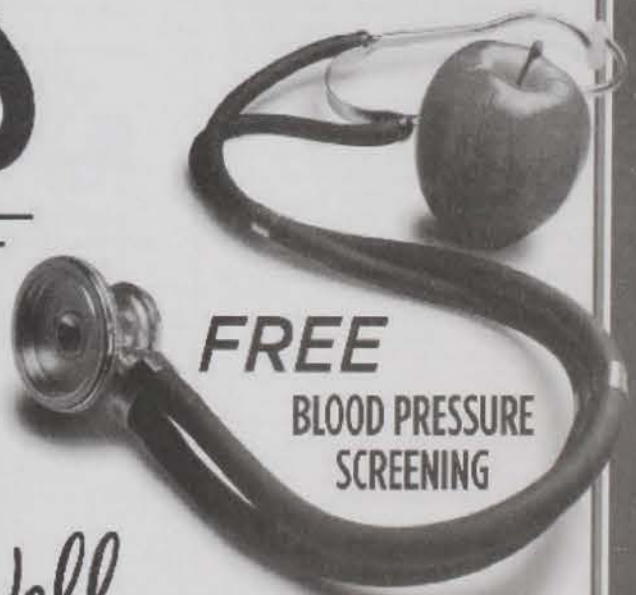
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Agency investigating alleged discrimination at pool

A state agency is investigating a Huntingdon Valley swim club for possible racial discrimination after the club revoked a contract to let children from a Northeast Philadelphia day camp swim in its pool.

Officials and antidiscrimination groups expressed concern over the allegedly race-motivated decision and protesters assembled outside the Valley Club's locked gates twice yesterday.

Among them were Silvia Carvalho, 32, of Northeast Philadelphia, and her daughter, Araceli Bagwell, 9, who had been among the city campers swimming at the club.

"This is pathetic," Carvalho said. "The next day, she was telling me she was a minority. I don't want her looking at herself that way. We are not going to allow someone to humiliate



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us like this," director of the state Human Relations Commission, said the

civil-rights agency began its investigation after receiving requests from the NAACP and other groups.

"We thought that with issues like this - swim clubs and so forth - we had crossed that hurdle, but clearly we have not," Floyd said.

In a letter to the club, U.S. Sen. Arlen Specter (D., Pa.) suggested the day campers be allowed to return.

The city camp Creative Steps Inc. made their first visit to the Montgomery County club and heard some members make racial remarks and escort their own children away from the pool, Creative Steps executive director Aletha Wright said.

Last Friday, the Valley Club refunded a \$1,950 check to the camp in Oxford Circle to terminate the agreement allowing children from kindergarten through seventh grade to swim at the club.

A statement on the club's Web site yesterday said its leaders were "deeply troubled by the recent allegations of racism, which are completely untrue."

The statement says the day campers were turned away because they overwhelmed the 110,000-gallon pool.

"We quickly learned that we underestimated the capacity of our facilities, and realized that we could not accommodate the number of children from these camps," the statement says.

A worker at another Northeast Philadelphia day

camp that had an agreement to use the Valley Club this summer, Storybook Children's Center, said she believed the club's account.

Valley Club president John Duesler apologetically refunded Storybook's money, as he did for Creative Steps.

Other board members could not be reached for comment.

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