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Community

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

Meetings

- African American Chamber of Commerce, Lubbock, meets on the 3rd Monday of each month, from 5:30-6:30pm at the Parkway Community Center, 405 MILK Blvd., 806-771-1815
- Lubbock Area Chamber of Commerce meets on the 2nd Saturday, 1:00pm at the Putnam Branch Library
- Hub City Kiwanis meets every Tuesday, 7:00pm, 1709 Avenue G
- Dunbar Alumni Association meets 2nd Saturdays, 6:00 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, Putnam Library
- East Lubbock Chapter AARP meets every 1st Thursday at 1:00 pm, Miss 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 Putnam 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 pm.
- West Texas Chapter of 104 Black Men meets the 3rd Monday evening at 7:00 pm at the Parkway Neighborhood Center.
- The Parkway Gardens & Cherry Point Neighborhood Association meets the 3rd Tuesday evening of each month at 7:30 pm at Hunt Elementary.
- Chattam Hill Neighborhood Association meets the 2nd Thursday of every month at 6:00 pm, at the Elementary Center.

Nikki Cruse Makes us West Texas Children's Book Author

Nikki Cruse is one of the newest African American writers in West Texas. Her first book, "The Orchard" was published by Tan Publishing and released in March of this year. Nikki says, "I always loved to write. I used to write everything in my journals - poems, stories, my thoughts - everything. I even tried several times, unsuccessfully, to make the UIL Ready Writing Team at my high school in Post, Texas. I'm sure my teachers back there would probably be surprised to know that I'm already working on my third novel. Sometimes, I can't even believe it myself."



Nikki Cruse

In addition to writing, Nikki loves working with special needs individuals. She left college at Lubbock Christian University, to pursue this interest. It was her desire to work with the disabled that eventually led her to San Angelo, Texas. While living in San Angelo and working as a caretaker, she missed her friends and often reminisced about her days growing up in Post, her journaling and her family. She remembered a time when she was a child and her older brother managed to convince her that a little woman man lived in the tree beside her grandmother's sarpori. The more she thought about it, the more she began to think that it would make a good children's book and that's how "The Orchard" was inspired.

Novelist Nikki Cruse has crafted a heart-winning children's story about Ashley, a girl whose parents' divorce and the subsequent move to the country to live with her grandparents on their apple farm caused her to feel that her whole world is out of control. "The Orchard" takes readers on a journey with Ashley, her family and a few new friends as everyone pulls together to help her adjust to her new life on the orchard, and she learns that just because something seems unbelievable, that doesn't make it less real. She wasn't counting on a summer of unbelievable secrets, new friends, and a lifetime of memories in "The Orchard."

Wheatley Elementary School Poetry Contest

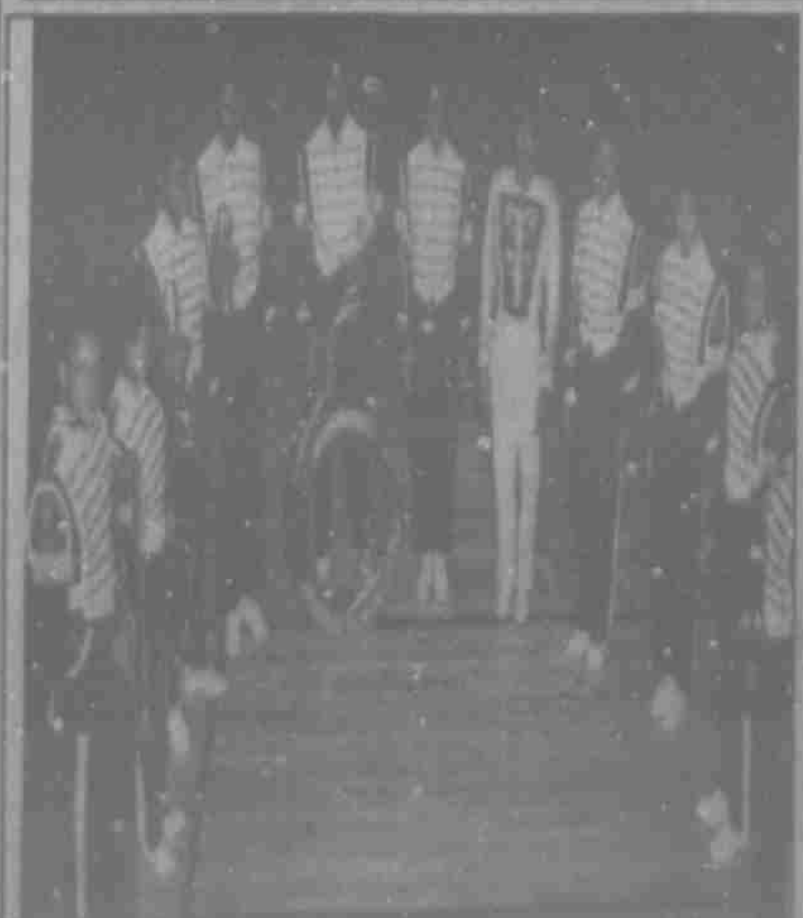


The Wheatley Elementary School's Poetry Contest was a success. With the theme, "Proud to Be An American," the following youth were winners: Vivian Ja'Nell Tyson, president of Wheatley Student Council, winner; Javez Cotton, 1st Place; Destiny Willard, 2nd Place; and Amber Keel, 3rd Place.

The principal, Mrs. Margaret Randle, center, is shown with these young winners. Their teachers were Ms. Lisa Moore and Mrs. Natella Anderson. Congratulations are in store for these young people. "We are all proud of these young ladies," says Mrs. Randle.

HAPPY 2008 LUBBOCK JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION!
TELL OUR YOUNG BLACK YOUTH ABOUT THIS PART OF HISTORY!

Remember When..... 1966 All Region Band Members were:



Lorenzo Bryant, Pearlene Holmes, Tommy Knowles, Austin Garrett, Jimmy Blitt, Marilyn Traveis, Shirley Hooks, Laura Jackson, Elaine Williams, Rose Pillow. These students auditioned in competition with students from all the schools throughout this Region.

The Dunbar International Alumni Association Will Sponsor The Dunbar All-Class Reunion July 17 thru 20, 2008. All Panthers Invited!

Juneteenth Parade Set For Saturday

The 29th Annual Lubbock Emancipation Juneteenth Parade will be held Saturday morning, June 21, 2008, beginning at 10:00 a. m. from the United Supermarket at 2630 Parkway Drive. There will be floats, cars, horses and many young people in this year's parade.

Pictured above is the float which won first place in the parade in June 2007. The Parkway/Cherry Point Neighborhood Association's Senior Citizens Committee. The president is Tina Betts; Chairperson is Cerola Lewis.

For more information, call Tonya Johnson, Chairman of Lubbock Emancipation Juneteenth Committee, at 283-2990.

Annual Men's Day Set At Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church On Sunday Afternoon

The Men of the Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church have been making preparation for their Annual Men's Day which will be held Sunday afternoon, June 22, 2008, beginning at 3:00 p. m.

Guest speaker for the afternoon services will be Rev. Philip Randle, pastor of Johnson Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church of Amarillo. His Senior Choir will be in attendance.

The theme for the program will "About My Father's Business. Chairperson for the program is Brother Victor Robertson, who is inviting the public to attend.

"We are just excited about this program on Sunday afternoon. We

are going to praise the Lord, and do our very best," said Rev. Sonia J. Scott is host pastor.

ally 13 percent of black men cannot vote because of lousy disenfranchisement laws.

"The promise of America will only be achieved by reversing the outcomes that prevent black men and boys from realizing their potential," said Shawn Dove, manager of OSI's Campaign for Black Male Achievement. "Nothing defeats the spirit of open society more than marginalizing a group of people," said Dove, a community leader with more than two decades of experience in youth development, education, and organizing.

Building on U.S. Programs' previous work to promote racial justice and reduce over-incarceration, the campaign aims to reform educational outcomes and improve economic well-being.

"The problems facing men and boys in the African American community do not exist in a vacuum. This is America's problem," said Geoffrey Canada, president and CEO of the Harlem Children's Zone and a board member for U.S. Programs. OSI's campaign, which in its first year will devote \$2 million to programmatic development, will support individuals and organizations working to develop alliances among scholars, social justice organizations, the arts and culture industry, as well as other philanthropic endeavors to address

of slavery than today, and nation-

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Open Society Institute Launches Campaign to Promote Black Men and Boys' Achievement

New York, NY (BlackNews.com) - The Open Society Institute's U.S. Programs today announced a new campaign to address the exclusion of African American men and boys from the economic and political mainstream in the United States.

Today's announcement comes on the heels of a growing body of research revealing that the isolation and negative outcomes for African American men and boys is more extreme than previously acknowledged. For example, more than 51 percent of all African American boys do not finish high school and a mere 18 percent of black males aged 18 to 21 are enrolled in college. A black child was more likely to grow up with both parents during the era of slavery than today, and nation-

Gospel Highlights Will Be Singing Here Sunday



The Gospel Highlights

The Gospel Highlights will be singing at a Big Gospel Explosion Musical on Sunday afternoon, June 22, 2008, beginning at 1:30 p. m. at the Greater Shiloh Baptist Church, 1210 Vanda Avenue, where the pastor is Dr. Leon Armstrong.

Appearing on program will also include B. J. Livingston, Steve Miller, and many others.

The public is invited to attend. All are ask to come and get in the Spirit and be blessed!

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Chatman Hills Corner

By Doris Reynolds

We want the parents of Chatman Hill to know about the 21st Century Summer Program at Des, Wheatley, Alderson and Dunbar, Monday through Friday. Originally a federally-funded, after-school enrichment activity, 21st Century is now able to provide summer programs as well. The programs are designed to teach age-appropriate social, academic, fitness, leadership and community service skills. Wheatley, Alderson and Dunbar have 21st Century from 8 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. The program at Des runs from 12:30-3:30 p.m. Examples of unique programs at each campus include: Organic gardening - Des Elementary, 2401 Dato Avenue

Sound engineering - Wheatley Elementary, 1802 E. 28th

Chess and robotics - Alderson Middle School, 219 Walnut

Cooking and jewelry making - Dunbar Middle School, 2010 H. 26th

21st Century contact Ann Hannel, 786-5698

For more information, contact LISD and ask for Nancy Sharp. She may be reached by calling 766-1062

As parents and guardians, we should also be aware of the many summer programs which affect the lives of our young people who

attend the Lubbock Public Schools.

Also, on Monday, June 23 - The Dunbar Summer Science Camp begins.

For more information, please contact Melissa Gutierrez at 766-1300.

Let us continue to pray for our sick and ailing citizens. As it is always written in this column in the community that for those of you who are ill today that tomorrow it could be one of us who are on the sick and shut-in list.

There are those in the community who have lost loved one during the past week. Let us keep those people in our prayers. If you take time today, it would be a very significant gesture for all to

do. Among them who lost loved ones this past week include: Susan Luella Gates, Irma Sester Charlie Mae Phylow, Sister Katie Parker and Doctor Arthur Lee "Gul" Jones.

Don't forget to attend the Juneteenth Celebration which got underway last Saturday. The Senior Citizens will have breakfast at the Mae Simmons Senior Citizens Building Saturday morning. The parade will be held Saturday morning, June 21, 2008, beginning at the United Supermarket on Parkway Drive.

The Man & Woman of the Year will be held Friday night, June 20, 2008, at Mae Simmons Community Center.

Black Men and Boys Initiative

Dove joins the campaign after serving as one of the founding directors of New York City's Beacon School movement in the early 1990s, initiating a public awareness and recruitment initiative called the Male Mentoring Project in response to the lack of African American and Latino male mentors for New York City's boys, and founding Proud Poppa, a community empowerment publication for African American fathers.

To learn more about Shawn Dove and the campaign please visit www.soros.org/initiatives/usprograms/focus/black

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sion, OSI seeks to shape public policies that assure greater fairness in political, legal, and economic systems and safeguard fundamental rights. OSI works in over 60 countries in Europe, Asia, Africa, Latin America, and the Middle East.

BOOKEND REUNION IN LEVELLAND

Levelland High School Class of 1953 will sponsor a "Bookend Reunion" in Levelland July 11, 12, and 13. The reunion will include all graduates of Levelland High School and Levelland Carver High School from 1950 through 1964.

Carver Schools closed in 1964, and students were integrated into Levelland High School.

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by Shirley Robinson
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Francis & Hightower Reunion Held Here

The members of the Francis and Hightower families had a wonderful Family Reunion and Birthday party in Lubbock May 23 through 26, 2008.

The daughters of Mrs. Roberta Hightower surprised her on Friday night, May 23, 2008, with a wonderful fish fry at the home of Mrs. Hightower.

Saturday, May 24, 2008, there was a dinner at the Mae Simmons Community Center.

There were family members from Midland, Odessa, the Dallas area, Seagraves, Hobbs and Lovington, New Mexico.

"I am blessed to be the oldest Francis family member still living. Thank God for that! I would



Mrs. Roberta Hightower

like to thank all of my church family members who were present," said Mrs. Hightower.

"God bless my family!" concluded Mrs. Hightower.

The reunion is planned to coincide with the Hockley County Early Settlers Day on Saturday, July 12.

All "Bookend Reunion" events will be held in the former Tipps Men's Store located at the northwest corner of the Hockley County Courthouse in Levelland. Registration tables will be available for each graduating class with a sign-in log of local contact information. This information will enable other attendees to reach fellow classmates who are attending the reunion but away from the building. Coffee and water will be provided but those in attendance may bring other refreshments and non-alcoholic beverages.

Informal visiting will begin at 8:30 a.m. and continue throughout the day on Friday and Saturday.

A special reception for Carver graduates will be held Saturday evening from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m.

A short worship service will be held Sunday morning to conclude the reunion. For additional information, contact Leighton Railsback, (817)268-0434, RunPopsRun@aol.com, or Dock Sewell, (432)366-6477, dswell@cableone.net

City's top traffic engineer resigns Tuesday Here

AVALANCHE-JOURNAL
The city's top traffic engineer resigned Tuesday.

Joe Hart, who was closely involved in the city's failed red light camera program, submitted his letter of resignation to public works director Maisha Reed. His last day will be September 15, 2008, but it was not clear what role Hart would have until then.

Reed has already said Sharon Owens will be the interim department head of traffic engineering, and the city will post the job later this week.

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black male achievement. The campaign's first grantees are the Center for Urban Families, for its innovative Responsible Fatherhood strategy, which connects a strong direct service program with public policy, and the 21st Century Foundation, for its

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



Pastors Johnny & Pat Perez

Meet the Pastors of the Church of the Blessed. The Church is located at 1809 34th Street. They invite those looking for a Church Home to come and visit with their congregation. "We are happy of how God is blessing us with our many Church Ministers," says Pastor Johnny Perez. For information, call 747-9430.

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

YOUR INVITATION TO A NEW BLESSING!

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

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Sunday Services

Intercessory Prayer 8:30 am
Church School 9:00 am
Morning Worship 11:00 am

Wednesday Services

Bible Study
12:05 Noon and 6:00 pm

"GOD OUR FATHER, CHRIST OUR REDEEMER, MAN OUR BROTHER"

Church News



We Thank God for Jesus "America Wants God Back Now!"

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

Deuteronomy 11:26-28 - The Lord said, behold (look), I set before you this day a blessing and a curse - A blessing, if you obey the commandments of the Lord, your God, which I command you this day; and a curse if you will not obey the commandments of the Lord, your God, but turn aside out of the way which I command you this day to go after other gods.

Our forefathers prayed and worshiped, giving the praise to God its truth. God said He would bless their seed, the land, and see them through.

Exodus 20:5 - The Lord said, you shall not bow yourself to them, nor serve them; for I the Lord, your God, am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the father upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me.

Now we know America hates God by all the wrong things she says and do. We teach children to disrespect Elders, and this is of the Devil. He's not the truth!!

John 1:6 - Jesus said, I am the way, the truth, and the life. No man comes unto the Father,

but by me. *** When In Trouble America Calls On God!!! *** The Devil gave out rights in the 60's, and America knew they were wrong. He even deceived the Churches' leaders then, and it's going on, and on, and on!!!

Romans 1:19-22 - Because things which may be known of God are manifest in them (The Church Leaders). For God has showed it unto them. For the invisible things of Him (God) from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead. So that they (Church Leaders) are without excuse. Because that, when they know God, they glorified Him not as God, neither were thankful, but became vain in their imaginations (Dreamers), and their foolish heart was darkened. Professing themselves to be wise, they (Church Leaders) became fools.

*** Yes, Church Leaders Robbed God!!! ***

America had a little lamb called Jesus, his fleece was pure white as fresh new snow. The

children would take this lamb with them, no matter where they go.

Deuteronomy 11:18-19 - The Lord said, you shall lay up these my words in your heart and in your soul, and bind them for a sign upon your hand that they may be a front lets between your eyes, and you shall teach them to your children. Speak of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up.

The Lamb followed America's children to school, and there was no joy. It made their day. The schools had love in them, and it was home away from home, and a place to pray!!!

Luke 18:1 - And He (Jesus) spoke a parable unto them to this end, that men ought always to pray, and not faint.

*** Church, It's Praying Time!!! ***

Then America changed the rules to have the Lamb in schools - illegal it became. **Continue On Page 8**



From the Desk of Pastor D.A. Smith "Feeding The Beast"

In the recent months, the level of violence along the U. S. - Mexican border has begun to rise substantially. We have been writing about the violence of the past and continuing across the border in Ciudad Juarez, Mexico. This city is less than 375 miles south-west of Lubbock and is a gateway for legal and illegal commerce including drugs.

History has substantiated the U. S. border with Mexico has been somewhat turbulent since the U. S. occupation of northern Mexico. The annexation of Texas following its anti-Mexican revolution and the Mexican-American War has created a border area that is clear politically but, somewhat foggy as it relates to culture and economics.

Michael Webster, Investigative Reporter wrote: "As America wages its war on drugs and terror with costs to the tax payer in the billions, organized criminal gangs here in the U. S. have merged with the Mexican drug cartels, the threat to U.S. interests from an emerging international crime cartels grows more serious every day."

Michael continues: "Groups like the Sinaloa, Juarez, Tijuana, Gulf Cartels, has virtually taken over law enforcement and high

ranking Mexican government officials in their host country are dangerous and significant players on the international stage, carrying out their criminal activities across borders and threatening the stability and interests of the United States. In other words they are a big security threat to this nation."

As Lubbockites, we should be concerned about the flow of illegal drugs into our city. We are faced with a million dollar budget deficit that could have a great impact on all city employees including the police department. This alleged shortfall comes at a time when the economic is in a waken state and criminal activity is on the rise.

History acknowledges the United States has been willing to tolerate levels of criminality along the border. However, when certain lines were crossed swift actions were taken to alleviate the problem. The current upsurge of violence that has occurred and cross the border into the United States has blurred that line.

Most of us are aware or at least some have knowledge that America has a built-in drug addiction. There is a demand for a range of drugs including "cheese" for the very young, heroin,

cocaine, without-phenamines and Mexican marijuana (not as good as Canadian I'm told).

Webster said and pointed that people will buy illegal drugs at whatever the price and somehow will find the money for the purchase. Those who sell and purchase illegal drugs in our city must be made aware their use of these illegal drugs only feed the flame and open the gates for more violence in Mexico and America and ruin the lives of those we expect to succeed in tomorrow's world.

Webster noted that Mexican cartels have now forged alliances with American street gangs, giving their cartels a deep reach into American life and through that alliance with our gangs that gives them control over most of the \$300 to \$500 billion American drug trade, the largest in the world. These cartels have become a global crime corporation with an international reach of illegal franchises spanning the world.

Webster also noted the ability of these Mexican drug cartels to operate with complete disregard for the law on both sides of the border - trafficking in drugs, weapons, humans, terrorists.

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St. Matthew's Baptist Church News

Church services were well attended last Sunday morning, June 15, 2008. Services were well welcomed as it was 'Father's Day', and what a glorious time all had in the Lord. Our proud pastor is Rev. Edward Canady. We thank God for him and wife for ten years of services to the members of St. Matthew Baptist Church.

Services got underway at 10:15 a. m. with Sunday School. Our new Superintendent is Sister Shirley Jackson who did a marvelous

job last Sunday morning. The subject of the morning lesson was "Guilt Removed." The scripture text was Hebrews 9:11-18. The key verse was: "Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood, he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us." Hebrews 9:12.

It was another wonderful lesson!

The morning worship got underway at 11:15 a. m. with the

morning devotion led by Deacon Williams and Brother Willie Canady, a brother of Pastor Canady from Waco. The spirit was very high.

The St. Matthew Baptist Church Choir was at its place of duty singing God's praises. What a high time in the Lord! It's just great to hear God's praises!

The morning message was delivered by Rev. Monty Smith. His asked a question as his sermon: "Do You Remember?" His scripture text was Luke 22:15-20.

It was a powerful sermon!

Let us continue to pray for our sick and shut-in members as well as those who are members of our community. Let us also remember those who have lost loved ones.

A question for you to think about: What do you appreciate most about having Jesus as your high priest? We know our sins and how far we are from the

Father. We know we do not deserve access to the Father. But we also know that Jesus, as the great high priest, is without sin. Not only does He have access to the Father, He is the Father.

All of or needs are known by the Father because our high priest is there interceding for us. The Father forgives all of our sins because the blood of our high

priest has covered them, and Jesus stands as our defense attorney before the Father. Thus we have hope!

Thought of the Week: "In a world of mystery, it's a comfort to know a God who knows all things."

Keep praying, Saints, each and every day!

Outreach Prayer Breakfast

Some years ago, the members of the Outreach Prayer Breakfast engaged themselves in a drive by prayers, and we can see results. The enemy is on the rampage again. So, let's get back to it, Saints! Ask the precious Holy Spirit to save the young people. Our Lord has done all He's going to do. It's left up to the Saints of God to make this world a better place to live. There is no need to get more bars on your windows and doors. We need to just get down on our knees and pray, People!

You know where there is evil activity going on, pray for houses on your blocks, next door to you, the schools, hospitals, doctors, nurses, patients, the ghettos. Let us pray for peace for downtown decision makers, city council members, police officers, judges, juries, jailers, and inmates. Just pray as you wait in a check-in

line at the supermarkets, at the Mall. Pray for other Church families as you go to your Church. Also, the utility people who send you bills for service each month. Don't forget the boys standing on the street corners and in the dark alleys. The one parent Mother who is standing in a welfare line needs our prayers as well as those who are hanging around crack houses!

Do a drive by prayer for your enemies. You can make them your foot stool. Pray for your Pastors and those who are spreading the Gospel. They, too, need your prayers. Pray for Salvation for all who are not saved! Stop playing! Be real in all we do. Pray for those who are sick! He gave us the privilege to use his name: Jehovah Rapha! God is your Healer! Call Him! Just think of what would really happen in our neighborhood,

that is, if Our People Would Only Pray!"

Anytime is a good time to pray, but have you ever thought about the evening. As it is a time to look back, take stock, and reflect on the events of the day whether good or bad. It's just a time for careful thought and evaluation for prayer.

So as the day comes to an end, just take some time for quiet

reflection. In the serenity of the evening, one can, in God's presence, get a more accurate perspective on life and how we are living it. God is able! There's no doubt about it, those drive by payers are working. Let's continue with them!

A report on Saturday's meeting is forth coming next week!

Although Father's Day is over, still, "Happy Father's Day!"

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

Prayer changes things! Don't forget that!!

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Evening Worship - 6:00pm
Worship:
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Sad's Plan for Sunday Plan
All have shared - Romans 1:21
Jesus Christ did for our sins - 2 Cor. 5:21; Acts 2:36
We must do God's will and obey Him to enter heaven - Matt. 7:21; Heb. 5:9
How do we obey Him?
Read the gospel - Romans 10:17
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Bethel AME Church
Sons of Allen Men's Day Program

Pastor Phillip Randall of Johnson Chapel AME Church of Amarillo will bring the Word.

Refreshments will be served in the A. W. Wilson Fellowship Hall, at Bethel AME Church, 2202 Southeast Drive. Services will begin at 3:00 p. m.

Our Pastor is Rev. Sonia J. Scott.

Obsequies

Luella Gates Harris

Funeral services for Sister Luella Gates Harris were held last Friday morning, June 13, 2008, at St. Matthew Baptist Church with Rev. Edward Canady, pastor, officiating.

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

Sister Harris, 89, died Tuesday, June 3, 2008, at Southwest Regional Medical Complex of Lubbock from cancer. She had been hospitalized since Feb. 25, 2008.

Luella was born June 6, 1918, in Danville, Ark. Luella was united in marriage to Grady Harris, who preceded her in death.

Survivors include three granddaughters, Chanzella Scroggins (Robert) of Kansas City Mo.,



Beatrice Smart of Arlington, and Lillian Smart of Deamison; nine great-grandchildren; seven stepchildren; and three special God children, Roby Faye, Tylusina and Tiny Robinson.

Charlie Mae Phylow

Funeral services were held for Charlie Mae Phylow last Friday afternoon, June 13, 2008, at the Alexander Chapel Church of God in Christ.

Arrangements were under the direction of Ossie Curry Funeral Home of Lubbock in the City of Lubbock Cemetery.

She was born November 30, 1925 to the late Charley and Lilly Garnett.

She passed away Friday, June 6, 2008.

She is survived by four sons: Odell Deary (Ola Mae), Wilbert Deary (Nell), Melvin Deary, and Tommy Williams (Charlene), and



one daughter, Johnnie Mae Stiggers.

Arthur Lee "Gut" Jones



Gut was born on July 26, 1931, to Roy and Charlie Mae Jones in Idabel, Okla. He moved to Lubbock as a child and graduated from Dunbar High School in 1951. After graduating high school, he served four years in the United States Air Force. After an honorable discharge from service to his country, Arthur started work at the US Postal Service, where he retired as a tour superintendent after almost three decades. He was currently employed at the Lubbock Country Club.

His love for children and the community led Arthur to become one of the first YFL coaches on Lubbock's east side, winning several city championships and served as an official with Eastern Little League.

Arthur leaves his legacy to his wife, Joan; his children, Myra Jones of Lubbock, Steve Jones (Della) of Irving, Stacy Jones, Brian Jones, Michelle Harper, all of Austin, Geoffrey Crawford (Toni) of Houston, Craig Crawford and Sonia Crawford of Lubbock; and his grandchildren, ShaStasia Jones, Natalie and Tamara Bell, Brandon, Quentin, Stefan and Alexandria Crawford.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, June 17, 2008 at New Hope Baptist Church, 2002 Birch Ave.

Entombment was held in Resthaven Memorial Park Mausoleum. Arrangements were under the direction of Resthaven Funeral Directors.

Katie Parks

Services for Mrs. Katie Parks, 87, of Lubbock, were held Saturday morning, June 14, 2008, at the Greater St. Luke Missionary Baptist Church with Rev. J.H. Ford, pastor, officiating.

Burial was held in Peaceful Gardens Memorial Park. Services were under the direction of Ossie Curry Funeral Home of Lubbock.

Mrs. Katie M. Parks was born in Hubbard on February 15, 1922. She moved to Lubbock in 1959. She is the wife of the beloved James M. Parks. Mrs. Parks is well-known for years of accomplished community work in the city. She is the recipient of over 200 awards. Organizations affiliated with include Mentor for DHR, Juneteenth Committee, Board of Directors of Community Health Clinic, Lubbock County Historical County Commission Lubbock Centennial Committee, Meals on Wheels, American Cancer Society, Make-A-Wish Foundation, VISTA, Early Settlers Round Up United Neighborhood Association, Chalmers Hill Society, MLK Committee, NAACP, Food



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Three of her greatest achievements include a part of a mural painted on the wall of T. J. Paterson's Library; "Remember When" book, published by Southwest Collection at Texas Tech University; and a dedicated Conference Room in her honor at Larry Combs Wellness Center. She was a member of Greater St. Luke Missionary Baptist Church where she worked faithfully for over 50 years.

Mrs. Parks leaves behind a son, retired Sgt. Joe K. Johnson; a daughter, Mrs. Sheryl J. Hickman; four grandchildren, and ten great-grandchildren.

Oklahoma Investigators: 2 Weapons Used to Kill Girls

Two different weapons were used to murder a pair of young best friends as they walked along a rural road in Oklahoma, investigators said Wednesday, suggesting two or more people killed the girls.

The detectives based their conclusion from ballistics tests on evidence collected along County Line Road in Wiletka, Okla., where the bodies of Taylor Paschal-Packer, 13, and Skyla Whitaker, 11, were found. The tests showed that two different-caliber guns were used to kill the girls, but it isn't clear whether the guns were handguns or long guns.

"Where we were looking for

one [shooter], possibly two, now it looks more likely there are two or more," Special Agent Ben Rosser of the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation said at a press conference Wednesday.

Officials still don't have suspects or an apparent motive in the murder of the girls, killed on Sunday just a few hundred yards from Taylor's home near a bridge she often

visited to for exercise. "This could be some sort of random thrill killing, it could be an attack, and 'til 'em," E. said. "It could be somebody just just had, for whatever reason, had a personal motive, maybe mistaken identity, or possibly they did interrupt something down near the bridge. We just can't know. But all things to be considered."

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R&B Star R. Kelly Acquitted in Child Porn Case



R. Kelly

CHICAGO (AP) — Much was made of whether R. Kelly was the man in the sex tape at the center of his child pornography trial. In the end, the R&B superstar walked away because the jury wasn't convinced the female in the graphic video was the 13-year-old girl who prosecutors said she was.

One juror even said he was certain it was Kelly on the tape. But by no means was that the crux of the charges. "You want to be 100 percent sure it's Kelly and (the alleged victim)," he said. "What we had wasn't enough."

Panelsists said they remained split — seven for acquittal and five for conviction during an early vote — on Friday morning, just a few hours before the ver-

dict. One thing they all agreed on from the start: After heated arguments of the tape during opening and closing statements, no one needed to see it again.

I've seen that videotape way too many times," a woman from the panel said, grunting. "The first time was over too many."

None of the five jurors who spoke after the verdict wanted to be identified.

For Kelly, six years of potential delays came down to an agonizing 15 minutes. As a court official began to slowly read the verdict for each of the 14 counts, Kelly clenched the hands of his flanking lawyers. He kept his head down and eyes shut tight, barely moving.

As the official got to the last few counts, tears began streaming down Kelly's face.

"Thank you, Jesus. Thank you, Jesus. Thank you, Jesus," was all he kept whispering to himself, one of his attorneys, Sam Adam Jr., said.

When it was over, visibly stunned Kelly dabbed tears from his face with a handkerchief. He stood up and hugged all four defense lawyers.

The South Side native, who had faced up to 15 years in prison had been convicted, left the courthouse surrounded by bodyguards. He smiled and waved to dozens of cheering fans before climbing into a waiting SUV.

Kelly, who won the Grammy Award in 1997 for the song "I Believe I Can Fly" and whose biggest hits are nursery ballads like "Jordin Sparks" didn't speak in court.

His publicist, Allen Mayer, released a statement saying Kelly "may" know that "when all the facts came out in court, he would be the real of these terrible charges... all I want to do is move forward and put it behind him."

In the video, entered into evidence as "People's Exhibit No. 1" on the first day of testimony, a man has sex with a young female, who is naked for most of the recording. She is often blushed. The man speaks to her in a lush, J voice, and she calls him "Daddy." In one scene, the man urinates on the female.

Kelly and the now 23-year-old alleged victim had denied they were on the videotape. She never testified, nor did her parents, which several jurors cited as a weakness in the prosecution's case.

One juror said he thought the woman's body appeared too developed for 13. Another said prosecutors left too many questions unanswered.

"All of us felt very much the grayness of this case," he said.

Without the alleged victim's testimony, prosecutors relied in part on a witness who said she engaged in three-way sex with Kelly and the girl. Defense attorneys labeled that woman an extortionist, claiming she sought hundreds of thousands of dollars from Kelly in exchange for her silence.

They also argued that the man on the tape didn't have a large mole on his back, as Kelly does. Jurors said the mole argument rarely came up in deliberations and played no role in their verdict.

The alleged victim's family also presented a puzzle for the jury. Three relatives testified they did not recognize her as the female on the tape, while other relatives said that it was her.

Despite his legal troubles, Kelly — who rose from poverty on Chicago's South Side to become a star singer, songwriter and producer — still retains a huge following, and his popularity has grown over the years.

Many of his albums have sold in the millions, among them the seven he's released since 2002, the year the sex tape was mailed to a Chicago Sun-Times reporter, who turned it over to authorities. Charges soon followed, but the trial was beset by one delay after another.

His recent efforts include "Trapped in the Closet," a multi-part saga about the sexual secrets of an ever-expanding cast of characters; the new song, "Hair Braider"; and a new album that comes out in July.

At his trial, Kelly, always meticulously dressed in a suit and tie, appeared tense at times, furrowing his brow or shaking his head. He seemed particularly ill at ease when prosecutors played the sex tape in court after opening arguments.

Cross examination was often heated. And several witnesses cried on the stand.

The star prosecution witness, Lisa Van Allen, became teary-eyed as she told jurors she engaged in several three-way once on a basketball court.

DIDDY CHANGES HIS NAME - AGAIN!!!

His-hop mogul SUAN UMBERS is set for another name change — he wants to be known simply as SUAN JOHN. The rapper, 38, has changed his stage moniker five times since starting out in the music industry in 1988, but the Come To Me hit-maker reveals he's ready for a new identity. He says, "I have always evolved and taken a different name each time. It's not just unusual where I come from. Right now I want to be Suan John because that's where I am." Cebs has previously been nicknamed Puff Diddy, Puff, Puff, 2 Diddy and Diddy.



Agape Temple invites Families to a Jerusalem Marketplace

"This year we're transforming our church into the Bible times city of Jerusalem," says Mrs. Cicely Alexander, director. "Our Jerusalem Marketplace" program will provide fun, memorable Bible-learning activities for families. Each day kids and adults will join with a small group that's named after one of the 12 tribes of Israel. These family Tribes will come together for singing and then explore traditional Bible-times family life. They might visit the Synagogue school, play authentic games, or sample Middle Eastern snacks. Families will even explore the Jerusalem marketplace where they'll become apprentices in the Pottery Shop and make dreidels in the Carpentry Shop."

"Jerusalem Marketplace is an exciting way for everyone to learn more about the amazing things Jesus did," says Sis. Arnelia Watson. "And the best part is that they learn by becoming immersed in authentic Bible-times culture. Kids and adults will witness real-life dramas in the center of town, chat with shopkeepers about what Jesus has said and done, and discover what it was like to live when Jesus did. We hope Jerusalem Marketplace will make God's Word very real to the people in our community."

Jerusalem Marketplace begins on June 24th and continues through June 26th. Meet at Agape Temple Church at 4510 Ave. Q each day from 9:00 am until 12:00 pm. For information, call Cicely Alexander (806-438-6517).

Queen Latifah Getting Married

According to the "National Enquirer," Queen Latifah and song writer trainer Boyz n the Bay's Ice Cube are about to get hitched.

The week's National Enquirer notes that Queen Latifah, plans to marry her partner of five years, personal trainer Jenette Jenkins, after the groundbreaking ruins in California last year's natural disaster.

But is this tale believable? We all know how tight-lipped King Latifah can be about her love life.

"So if this is true, it's a big step for Latifah, who's never even mentioned Jenette. She has a lot of high profile endorsement contracts as well as her movie career, so maybe she fears a leak if she comes out or just doesn't think it's anyone's business. The Enquirer points out that Jenette isn't out, either, and that she previously denied being gay and once claimed to be engaged to a man."

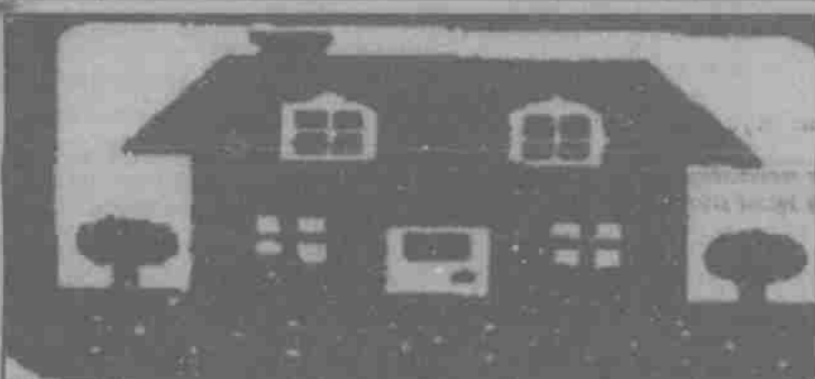
In September of last year, Latifah bought Jenette a new car, a Range Rover she had

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Assembly ... they are all winners ... and have made outstanding contributions ... Anyway ... without knowing who the nominees are ... in advance ... **THIS N THAT** ... says ... **CONGRATS** ... to all for being nominated ... **PENNY HASTINGS THE BARBER SAYS: "HAPPY JUNETEENTH"** ... to all of you ... and continue to ... **STAND TALL** ... for what is always ... **RIGHT** ... for all of ... **US!** ... **REMEMBER WHY WE CELEBRATE JUNETEENTH! THIS N THAT** ... wants all of us who are members of the ... **AFRICAN AMERICAN COMMUNITY** ... to never forget why we celebrate the ... **EMANCIPATION PROCLAMATION** ... which is known as ... **JUNETEENTH** ... in Texas ... You see ... the Emancipation Proclamation ... was signed ... **JANUARY 1, 1862** ... but it took three years to get to Texas ... It was ... **JUNE 19, 1865** ... when it became law in Texas ... that all ... **BLACK SLAVES** ... were set free ... No matter how you feel about ... **JUNETEENTH** ... Don't forget!

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support our community we should spend our money with merchants no matter where they are located and join our dollars to stay away from where they are not respected and appreciated, you know a merchant is friendly and appreciate your business when you see their advertisement in this newspaper and they support our community efforts and events. If we love, trust and respected each other we would all be better. We must not stop supporting each other just because we are black but on the other hand we must not trade with each other and receive inferior service. It is a competitive world out there and we must spend our money where it receives good service. Times are too tight to play the race or any other game with goods and services. Everyone wants the best for their money, so once again

money should not be our total focus, not being good with our goods and services money will come. Election is around the corner from local, city county and even the President of the United States remembers if you vote you have a voice and did your part. If you fail to vote, shut up because you have no right to complain. Local, we have Mayor, City Council, County Commissioner, State Governor, State Senator, State Representative, National President and Congress. If you do not register now is the time-VOTE. Closing Thought-"One of the most weapons in the fight for social justice will be the cumulative political power of blacks. It is foreseeable the black vote becoming consistently the decisive vote in national elections."

In Cinque

by Renetta Howard



Howard

campaigning did not come from Black people. So who voted for Obama in the primaries and donated monies for the primaries, but will not vote in November? Is Mr. Reese alone in his thinking, or are there more racist out there than we imagined? It is too early to make assumptions about what will take place in November until after the party conventions. We can be certain that if Hillary Clinton is not named the Vice Presidential candidate, there will be some caucusing, plots, sub-plots, counterplots and maybe even subterfuge at the Democratic Convention. The Republican Convention should be interesting too, because they need a young candidate for Vice President as McCain is old and ill. Should he be elected, there certainly needs to be someone young enough to carry on should he become disabled, which may happen following the long grueling primary campaigning. On the go traveling is a burden for 72 year olds who have no complaints. Somehow, this country will have a Democratic President elected in November, 2008, be it Barack Obama, John Edwards or Hillary Clinton. This country has suffered too long under the absence of executive leadership sponsored by the Republican Party and supported by the U. S.

Supreme Court. We have had a President for eight years who was never elected by the people of the United States and John McCain represent a "ditto". We know for sure at this time that Barack Obama is the choice of the people supporting the Democratic Party. We know that poor people of all racial and ethnic groups want a change! Obama had promised a change. If elected, he will have a humongous job trying to get the American economy back on an acceptable track. Unlike Herbert Hoover whom was blamed for the great depression of the late twenties, Obama has no choice but to make things better as they become worse with each waking day. On the other hand, McCain has not said anything that would make one feel any change would take place except for the acceleration of war. The majority of the people are tired of war, too. Racist too, want a better day ahead. The world has its eyes on the United States and it would pay for us to get 'in cinque' and start acting like we are all on one accord.

Letter To The Editor

A Need to Register and VOIE

The 2008 presidential election is historic in a number of ways. It is historic because a woman ran a tough campaign for the Democratic nomination for president and narrowly lost the bid. The race is historic because she lost to an African American who for the first time in history became the nominee of a major political party. The race is historic because more people registered and voted in the 2008 presidential election, than in any other presidential primary in history. The Democratic primaries were historic because more money was raised by two candidates than any two candidates in history. Finally, the 2008 presidential election is super historic because the Democratic finalist for president is an African American. This is a first in American history. So many Blacks are so very happy because they believed that this would not happen in their lifetime. Democrats have every right to believe that Barack Obama will win the presidential election in November. The man is intelligent, articulate, well qualified and he is one heck of a fundraiser. In fact, he raised more money than any other candidate in history. In addition, Barack Obama ran a well-organized campaign. He made a few gaffes, but overall he was just magnificent. I know those qualified to be able to vote, will want to be a part of his history. We can become a part of this history by registering to vote today. If it can't be today, then

To missing as Cowboys start mandatory three-day minicamp

The Associated Press IRVING, Texas — Dallas Cowboys receiver Terrell Owens isn't on the field for the start of the team's mandatory off season minicamp. Team officials say Owens missed the first of two workouts Tuesday for personal reasons. It wasn't clear what those were or if he would be on the field for any part of the three-day minicamp. The flamboyant receiver participated in optional workouts the past four weeks. Heading into the final year of his contract, he recently signed a three-year extension worth around \$27 million. Terrell Owens isn't worried about being tested for drugs as many as 24 times a year now. Still, he's frustrated. "They can test me 1,000 times," the Dallas Cowboys receiver said Wednesday. "I know that I don't use illegal stuff, so I'm good."

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Neal Zeal Sunday School & Baptist Training Union Congress Meets In Plainview



Rev. & Mrs. C. C. Peoples
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The New Zeal Sunday School & Baptist Training Union Congress met last week at the United Baptist Church in Plainview. Rev. M. L. White was host pastor.

Rev. C. C. Peoples, pastor of Mt. Olive Baptist Church of Slaton, presided over the session, and reported a great session. Rev. Peoples is President.

Rev. W. Peoples is vice president. Sister U. Peoples is Youth Director. Assistant Youth Director is Sister G. Bolton.

It was a great work by the

Annual Youth Day A Success At Mount Olive Baptist Church



Rev. C. Homer
New Hope Baptist Church
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma



Brother Domingo Wilborn



Sister Vivian J. Tyson

Slaton -- The Annual Youth Day at the Mount Olive Baptist Church was a very blessed one for the young people recently.

Guest speaker was Rev. C. Homer of the New Hope Baptist Church of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. He did a marvelous job for the youth.

Sister Vivian J. Tyson and Brother Domingo Wilborn were named as "Youth of the Year."

"Congratulations to our young-people," says Rev. C.C. Peoples, pastor. "Keep up the good work," he continued.

"It is just good to know our young people are still doing their job in the Church," says Rev. C. C. Peoples.

Rev. Homer did a splendid job in speaking to our young people. It is just a wonderful effort for the young people of Mount Olive Baptist Church.

"A special thanks to all who made it possible to happen at our church. Of course, all the praises go to our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ for everything. He's always able," says Pastor Peoples.

United Baptist Church. It was a job well done," said Rev. Peoples.

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The children were told not to bring the Lamb Jesus back, and don't even speak His name!!!

Matthew 6:24a - Jesus said, no man can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he hold to the one and despise the other.

Every day in America it gets worse and worse. New the days turned into years. No joy in America's schools. It has guns, killings, sex, drugs and many, many tears!!!

Galatians 6:7-8 - Be not deceived, God is not mocked, for whatsoever a man sow, that shall he also reap. For he that sow to his flesh shall of flesh reap corruption. But he that sow to the spirit shall of the spirit reap life everlasting.

What must we do to stop this disaster? That has taken overall of America's land? Put God back in our house, our churches, the White House - in God we trust and stand!!!

Jeremiah 9:23-24a - This said the Lord, let not the wise man glory in his wisdom, neither let the mighty man glory in his might. Let not the rich man glory in his riches. But let him that glory, glory in this, that he understands and knows me, hat I am the Lord!!!

Parson Smith
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prostitution, and money laundering is now threatening to destabilize the American economy and America's way of life, especially in poor areas and in projects and barrios.

Webster made known that by corrupting our government officials and buying and undermining legitimate American business enterprises, these criminal ailments threaten to set back what little progress we as a nation have made in regards to American poor minorities and their offspring.

Lubbockites should support law enforcement in the prevention and stopping of "Feeding the beasts" that are help ruining our world.

Queen Latifah City
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delighted to surprise her at a restaurant where they were having lunch.

The two are said to be planning an intimate ceremony with close family and friends. Latifah has said she would like to adopt a child, particular an American baby, and this may be the first step toward showing her commitment to Jeronette and to providing a stable home life.

It's about time King Latifah quit denying her Leszy status. If this ish is true, we're sure it will be a top secret affair. We'll have to just wait and see.....

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Dunbar International Alumni Association P. O. Box 3362 Lubbock, Texas 79452 Schedule Of Events

The Dunbar All-Class Reunion will be held July 17-20, 2008. The following activities have been planned for you:

Thursday, July 17, 2008
9:00 a. m. - 3:00 p. m.
Registration @ Dunbar Middle School
9:00 - 1:00 p. m. Reception @ LMC Activities Center
5217 82nd Street -- (806) 783-8829

Friday, July 18, 2008
7:00 a. m. Golf
9:00 a. m. - 12 Noon Registration Dunbar Middle School
1:00 p. m. - 3:00 p. m. - JAM Session Dunbar Middle Sch.
6:00 p. m. - 8:00 p. m. - Barbecue & Lubbock Memorial Civic Center - 1501 Mac Davis Dr.
Dance - Lubbock Memorial Center (Dress Casual, Western or Maroon & White) (No Children)

Saturday, July 19, 2008
7:00 a. m. Golf
9:00 a. m. - 12 Noon Free Time To Visit Classmates
12 Noon - 1:00 p. m. Tour of Ella Hies/Roberts School
1:00 p. m. - 2:00 p. m. - Alumni Meeting @ Dunbar Alumni Building (Optional Activities)
2:00 p. m. Banquet/Dance
7:00 p. m. - 1:00 a. m. Semi-Formal/Coat & Tie Lubbock Civic Center

Dinner Lines will start promptly @ 7 p. m. until 8 p. m.
Sunday, July 20, 2008
8:30 a. m. - 10:45 a. m. - Farewell Breakfast/Memorial Services
Lubbock Memorial Civic Center
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To all Alumni and Supporters, we know you are extremely busy getting ready for the Dunbar All Class Reunion, coming July 17-20, 2008. You will be happy to know there are NO price increase for all this fun you're going to have. Children tickets will be available for the barbeque at the cost of \$5.00 per child, ages (4-12). All other children will need a adult ticket which will cost \$7.00. Children below the age of (4) will eat free if accompanied by their parents who have registered for the reunion. Children tickets must be purchased when registration packs are picked up. Please start paying your class reunion dues as soon as possible. Remember our theme for this year is "Dunbar High, Thanks for the Memories!"

Carla spent her junior prom night in a dreary hospital gown.

The next year, she wore a crown.

Carla was diagnosed with leukemia during her junior year. Thanks to Covenant Children's Hospital, she was able to get treated close to home, but she still missed many important events, including her junior prom. To cheer her up, her nurses presented her with a tiara. The next year, she achieved remission—just in time for her senior prom. When the big night arrived, she proudly wore the crown her nurses gave her.

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