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

Meetings

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

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Lubbock ISD Administrator Named Assistant Principal of the Year

Austin — The Texas Elementary Principals and Supervisors Association (TEPSA) named Amy Stephens of Bozeman Elementary in Lubbock ISD, District 17 Assistant Principal of the Year. The Assistant Principal of the Year Award recognizes outstanding school administrators for their educational leadership and dedication to children. Honorees will be recognized at the TEPSA awards banquet Wednesday, June 11 at the Austin Renaissance Hotel. Stephens, whose career in education spans 11 years, received her M.S. in Educational Administration from Lubbock Christian University. She has completed 27 hours of the Franklin Covey Leadership Training.

"These educators work tirelessly to ensure that Texas students learn and perform at high levels," said TEPSA Executive Director



Amy Stephens

Sandi Borden. TEPSA represents more than 5,300 elementary and middle school leaders. Formed in 1917, TEPSA was created to improve children's futures by bettering education at the elementary level.



Bishop Ronald M. Cunningham Will Preside Over Annual Conference Here

The Annual Conference of the Northwest Texas Region will be held June 1 through 4, 2008 at the Holiday Inn Hotel & Tower, 801 Avenue Q. Each session will begin at 9:00 a. m., with night services beginning at 7:00 p. m.

Presiding over the Annual Session will be Bishop Ronald Cunningham. Continue on Page 8



NAACP Selects Youngest New Leader in Organization History



Ben Todd Jealous

BALTIMORE (AP) — The NAACP chose 35-year-old activist and former news executive Ben Jealous as its president Saturday, making him the youngest leader in the 99-year history of the nation's largest civil rights organization.

The 64-member board of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People met for eight hours before selecting Jealous in the early morning. He was formally introduced Saturday afternoon and will take over as president in September.

"I'm excited," Jealous told The Associated Press. "I think that it's a real affirmation that this organization is willing to invest in the future, to invest in the ideas and the leadership of the generation that is currently raising black children in this country."

Though he is not a politician, minister or civil-rights icon, Jealous provides the organization with a young but connected chief familiar with black leadership and social justice issues.

He takes the helm as the NAACP's 17th president just months before the organization's centennial anniversary and as the group looks to boost its coffers.

"There are a small number of groups to whom all black people in this country owe a debt of gratitude, and the NAACP is one of them," Jealous said. "There is work that is undone. ... The need continues and our children continue to be at great risk in this country."

Jealous succeeds Bruce Gordon, who resigned abruptly in March 2007. Gordon left after 19 months, citing clashes with board members over management style and the NAACP's mission as his reasons for leaving. Dennis Courtland Hayes had been serving as interim president and chief executive officer.

Jealous was born in Pacific Grove, Calif., and educated at Columbia University and Oxford University, where he was a Rhodes Scholar.

He began his professional life in 1991 with the NAACP, where he worked as a community organizer with the Legal Defense Fund working on issues of health care access in Harlem. His family boasts five generations of NAACP membership.

During the mid 1990s, Jealous was managing editor of the Jackson Advocate, Mississippi's oldest black newspaper.

From 1999 to 2002, Jealous led the country's largest group of black community newspapers as executive director of the National Newspaper Publishers Association.

Jealous left the Publishers Association for Amnesty International to direct its U.S. Human Rights Program, for which he successfully lobbied for federal legislation against prison rape, public disapproval of racial profiling after Sept. 11, and exposure of widespread sentencing of children to life in prison without the possibility of parole.

Since 2005, Jealous has served as president of the Rosenberg Foundation, a private institution that supports civil and human rights advocacy. His experiences caught the attention of the

NAACP's search committee, and Jealous said mentors encouraged him to take the job.

"Like all black people in this country, I am deeply grateful for what the NAACP has accomplished in the 20th century, and I want to make sure it's as strong and as powerful in the 21st century," he said. "If I thought that I could help rebuild, if I thought that I could help bring in more funds and give direction to the national staff and increase morale, I needed to take it very seriously, and that's what I've done."

The NAACP was founded in 1909 by an interracial coalition that battled segregation and lynching and helped win some of the nation's biggest civil rights victories. But in the wake of racial advances, the organization has struggled financially.

Despite his own successes, Jealous said that blacks in America still have a hard row to hoe, and that the gains of recent decades have created a false sense of progress.

"Those of us who are 45 and younger were told, 'The struggle has been won. Go out and flourish. Don't worry about the movement,'" he said.

Among his plans for the group are strengthening its online presence to connect with activists, mobilize public opinion and build a database for tracking racial discrimination and hate crimes; ensuring high voter turnout among blacks in the November election; pushing an aggressive civil rights agenda, regardless of the makeup of the Congress or White House; and retooling the national office to make it more effective at helping local branches affect change in their communities.

He said he does not see expect to have the challenges with NAACP leadership of which his predecessor complained.

"I was raised in the civil rights movement," Jealous said. "I don't see anything special here that would be a challenge that I haven't confronted and dealt effectively with before. These are my people."

What Jealous lacks in oratorical appeal, he makes up for as an administrator — skills he honed during his tenure with the Publishers Association, said the Rev. Joseph Lowery. And his foundation experience could help with fundraising — especially as the NAACP looks to raise \$100 million in conjunction with its 100th anniversary in February.

"Ben would be a good administrator and a thorough and detailed kind of executive," Lowery said. "He would meticulously follow through on details." Lowery said Jealous' Publishers Association experience also gave him an edge with national black leadership and maturity — not that Lowery thinks his age is an issue.

"That's not young," Lowery said when told Jealous was 35, pointing out that the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. was 26 when he led the Montgomery bus boycott. "I wouldn't say he's too young. He's an emotionally and intellectually mature fellow."

Jealous said having the energy of a 35-year-old will be an asset to the organization.

"It means having somebody who is impatient and outraged that race is still a factor in our society," he said.

He added that he can attract 25- to 50-year-olds — the missing demographic among most chapters — back to the organization. And he said he is eager to work with other groups to push his agenda.

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Zairreus Patterson Singing With Gregory Jones & Ministry



Zairreus Patterson, a graduate of Estacado High School, center, is shown with leading a solo with his choir, Gregory Jones & Ministry. They were in a concert at First African Methodist Episcopal Church in Los Angeles, California. He is singing "He Loves Me" from their second album "The Romans Road. The words and music are by Gregory Jones.

Zairreus grew a member of Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church. He graduated from Texas A&M University with a BS degree in Engineering Distribution. He is employed at TTI, and is a member of Friendship Baptist Church in Los Angeles.

He is the son of Sheila and Shaun Harris, and grandson of T. J. and Bobbie Patterson.

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The Lubbock Municipal Garden and Arts Center (GAC) will host a reception on Friday, June 6, 2008 from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. during the First Friday Art Trail for the opening of the Lubbock Camera Club Exhibition. Patrons registering for GAC summer classes during the reception will receive a 10% discount on all classes. Refreshments will complete the evening, which is free and open to the public.

The Lubbock Camera Club has been in existence for more than 30 years and consists of photographers from beginners to professionals. They meet the 2nd Tuesday of each month at the Baker Building, 1211 13th Street. If you enjoy photography you can visit the June meeting that will include a program on how to enhance your photographs of

weather. The Lubbock Municipal Garden and Arts Center strives to offer an array of fun and comprehensive classes for all ages, from basic classes in painting, drawing and photography, to specialized classes such as stained glass, mosaics, quilting, gardening and science. The center is located at 4215 University Avenue. For more information on classes or reservations please call the Lubbock Municipal Garden & Arts Center at (806) 767-3724, email pgriffith@mylubbock.us or visit our web site at www.lubbockgac.org.

Let us continue to pray for our sick and shut in citizens who are on the list. As many may say today it is them, and tomorrow it could be one of us. God is able.

Rev. B. R. Moton, pastor of

New Hope Baptist Church, delivered a dynamic sermon. His

subject was "Do What You Say, Match What You'll Do His

scripture text was Matthew 15:1-9; 7-9. Praise God!

Dunbar Magnet Students Make Trip To NASA



Back Row: left to right: Matthew Gardner, JT Cotton, Austin Bulltron, Victor Gomez, Mick Limon, Steven-Jo Garcia, Alex Aleman, Lashawnda Theriac and Coach Jared Lugo.
Middle Row: left to right: Sponsor Nancy Schirke, Roderick Wiggins, Samantha Lopez, Tiara Giddings, Miranda Duncan, Brentanna Mann, Destrae Pena and Sponsor Vicki Bacon
Front Row: left to right: Sha'Kea Curry, Kimberly Chutman, Storm Chapa and Zachary Martinez.

New Light Baptist Church News

On Sunday, May 25, 2008, services got started at NEW LIGHT BAPTIST CHURCH, 3013 Idalou Road, where Rev. Kenneth O. Jackson is the proud pastor.

Sunday School started at 9:45a.m. with Bro. David Chiles teaching the lesson titled: **BE READY TO FORGIVE.** Ephesians 4:22-32; Philemon 8-10&15-18.

The question to ask is: **WHY SHOULD I CARE ABOUT FORGIVING?**

Morning Worship started at 11:00a.m. with the praise team leading the way. The Senior Choir went up in the choir stand singing **WE'VE COME THIS FAR BY FAITH** and truly with the help of God we have come this

far by faith. They also sang **THIS MAY BE MY LAST TIME; I'LL GO AND AMAZING GRACE.** The pulpit devotion was led by Rev. L. C. Lee with the responsive reading coming from **PSALM 125:1-5.** Rev. Kenneth Jackson sermon was **RISE UP AND WALK** coming from **ACTS 3:1-6.** After the sermon Bro. A. W. Brown sang **I DON'T KNOW WHY JESUS LOVE ME.**

Let's not forget about our weekly service which is **SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:45a.m.; MORNING WORSHIP 11:00a.m.; Tuesday at 6:00p.m. is SENIOR MISSION BROTHERHOOD; Wednesday at 6:00p.m. is PRAYER SERVICE AND BIBLE STUDY;**

Saturday at 12:15 is **SENIOR CHOIR** rehearsal and also at 4:00p.m. is **YOUTH and YOUNG ADULT** rehearsal. Let's continue to pray for those on our prayer list and those in our community and surrounding counties.

SCRIPTURE FOR THE WEEK In the beginning God created the heavens and earth. And the earth was without form and void and darkness was upon the face of the deep, And the spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters and God said let there be light and there was light. **GENESIS 1:1-3**

Eighth grade students from Dunbar Middle School Math & Science Academy recently enjoyed a four day Science field trip to the Houston/Galveston Area. Eighteen students were chosen based on their grades, attendance, behavior and their completion of an application essay.

Dunbar Middle School was one of two Texas schools chosen this year as a NASA EXPLORER SCHOOL. One of the highlights of the trip was an overnight visit to Space Center Houston and the Johnson Space Center. Students participated in a mission briefing featuring Astronaut Charles O. "Scorch" Hobough, the pilot of the STS-118 Space Shuttle mission. Dunbar students also competed in a robotics challenge, building a Martian rover from Legos and retrieving a Mars rock sample. The boys and girls also received a private tour of the Neutral Buoyancy Lab - the seven story deep "swimming pool" where astronauts train in near weightless conditions for space walks. Astronauts Ron Garan and Mike Fossum were in the pool at the time training for the May 31 launch of the STS-124 mission on board shuttle Discovery.

The Science field trip also concluded a boat trip in the Galveston harbor on the research vessel Earl Milan provided by the marine biology department of Texas A&M University of Galveston. Students were able to observe many species that inhabit the Gulf of Mexico, including shrimp, blue crab, moon jellyfish and squid. Dunbar students also visited the Galveston Island State Park for a swim in the Atlantic Ocean.

South Plains College announces summer registration

LEVELLAND - South Plains College will offer registration on its Levelland and Reese campus locations May 28. Summer classes on all campuses will begin on June 2.

Regular registration at Levelland will be from 2 to 5:30 p.m. in the Technology Center. To obtain a registration time permit, call 806-894-9611, ext. 2578 or 2572.

Registration for Reese Center is scheduled for 2 to 5 p.m. Registration permit is required. To obtain a permit, call 806-885-3048, ext. 2902 or 4660. Registration will be in SPC Building 8 at the Reese Center.

Late registration will be from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. on June 2. At Levelland, students should report to the Counseling Center in the Student Services Building. At the SPC Reese campus, students should report to the Counseling Center.

Current or new students who have been accepted for admission may register through the Campus Connect link at www.southplainscollege.edu as long as they have a pin number.

All students must bring the following items to registration: time permit, pen or pencil, valid driver's license, vehicle registration information and form of payment for tuition and fees.

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



Pastors Johnny & Pat Perez

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

"We are happy of how God is blessing us with our many Church Ministries," says Pastor Johnny Perez. For information, call 747-9450.

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.

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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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Morning Worship 11:00 am

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Rodney Lewis, Jr.

He is a 1996 graduate of Estacado High School. He attended the University of Texas where he graduated in the Spring 2000 with a degree in Bachelor of Arts. In May 2004, he graduated from the University of Colorado School of Law with a Degree of Juris Doctor.

Rodney is the son of Cecelia Robinson and Rodney Lewis, Sr. and nephew of Glenda Mooney.

Temporary Parking At Preston Smith International Airport

As of Tuesday, May 27, a portion of the short-term parking area at Lubbock Preston Smith International Airport will be closed to make way for repairs to the terminal's entrance road.

Cars parked in the closed area will be towed beginning June 3.

Beginning June 9, a portion of the street in front of the terminal building will also be closed. Terminal access will be restricted to entrances on either end of the building. During this phase of construction, traffic will be routed through the short-term parking area.

"We will make every effort to minimize any inconvenience from the construction," said James Loomis, assistant city manager for transportation and public works.

The project is scheduled to be completed in November.

field trip ended with a tour of the Texas State Capitol in Austin as well.

It's trip caps off an amazing year for 8th graders at Dunbar. "The trip was awesome," says Sha'Kea Curry. "We experienced a lot of great things."

Church News

From the Desk of Parson D.A. Smith "The Threat To Our Young Mexican Drugs"

As fast as the government has cut the tax rate, the cost of gasoline has increased. The business cycle that we learned in Economics just does not seem to work anymore. Prosperity, liquidation, depression and recovery are not the terms we hear now. Where there was once talk of prosperity, all we can hear now is recession instead of liquidation and no one wants to say depression and we know that recovery has not begun. The so-called stimulus package from the Federal Government, designed to get us spending money, has not been successful.

The stimulus package would have worked wonderfully well, but there is that one item which keeps popping up that sucks up all of the stimulus: gasoline. Because of the increase in the cost of gasoline, many of us have had to cut back on other necessary items. As a result of cutbacks already in place before the stimulus package was instituted, it therefore served to pull many of us out of a rut, but did not spur us to make any new purchases. With the soaring cost of gasoline, for many who were not in a rut, they saved the income for future ruts. For the profit that it would make, the money could

have been placed in a shoebox or gallon bucket, because the interest on the savings would hardly buy a cup of coffee. Banks have been reduced to a place to keep your money fairly safe from regular thieves, but subjected to the interest which is tantamount to theft as your money is being used or sold at a profit by the bank.

The cost of gasoline is being blamed on the weak U. S. Currency on the European and Asian markets. The value of the dollar has been greatly reduced and the reductions continue on a daily basis. The Euro and the Yen are worth much more than the dollar causing items to cost more that are bought with American dollars. In order to stabilize American's economy, we must strengthen the dollar.

Strengthening the dollar is going to be a hard sell job. It will mean that the rich will have to give up some profit. The profit of the rich is one of the reasons the dollar is so weak. The Enron and similar scandals where the corporate heads amassed a lot of money for themselves, did irreparable harm to the economy. Putting them in jail has not solved the problems of the many people who lost much or most of their assets

in the companies. The minimum wage has to be increased. Workers must earn more or we will become a welfare country, not socialized, but welfare. The government will have to help working families as well as those who were already unemployed and receiving welfare. There does not need to be a gasoline holiday, but the government needs to subsidize the cost of gasoline for everyone. We must get 'in cinque' and impress our government of the needs that we have that might strengthen the American Economy.

God's Son

Hebrews 1:1-12

1 - God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophet:

2 - Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also made the worlds;

3 - Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins.....

Nehemiah 8:3: "And he read therein before the street that was before the water gate from the morning until midday, before the men and the women, and those that could understand, and the ears of all the people were attentive into the book of the law."

The morning lesson was taught and reviewed by Pastor Canady.

Morning devotion got underway

at 11:15 a. m. with Deacon Edward Williams and Sister Ethel Williams in charge. The spirit was very high as the Lord was with us again. This was done with the continuation in prayer by Sister Annie Stanley

The St. Matthew Baptist Church Choir again sang out of their hearts and souls last Sunday morning.

Pastor Canady delivered



We Thank God for Jesus

"The Fruit Today Is Worse In The USA!!!"

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

Matthew 21:33 - Jesus said, "There was a certain householder, which planted a vineyard, and hedged it round about, and digged a windpress in it, and built a tower, and let it out to husbandmen. He went into a far country.

The Lord did bless America, and it prayed and gave praise to God's name. But now it is one of the bloodiest in all the world. Shame! Shame! Shame!

Isaiah 1:4 - Yes, a sinful nation, A people laden with iniquity, A seed of evildoers, Children who are corrupted, They have forsaken the Lord.

And it all started when a man came and told America, I Have A Dream. I Have A Dream. Now the whole country is in a nightmare, and we know that is no dream!!!

Jeremiah 23:25, 27 & 28 - The Lord said, I have heard that the prophets (Preachers) said that prophesy lies in my name, saying, I Have Dreamed, I Have Dreamed which think to cause my people to forget my name for Ba'al. The prophet that I have a dream. Let him tell a dream, and he that my word. Let him speak my word faithfully. What is the chaff to the wheat?

And when the Preachers didn't preach the Word of God, but preached on man's rights. They didn't preach freedom in Christ Jesus, but of a dream end of their own night!!!

Zechariah 4:6b - Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, said the Lord of Hosts.

*** Did A Preacher March's Dream: Rob God of His Spirit???

God said, Preachers to go into the world, and preach salvation for sin. But the Christians went and marched against the government, and disobedient begins!!!

1 Peter 2:13, 14 & 15 - Submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake. Whether it be to the King (President). As supreme or unto governors as unto them who are sent by Him (Policeman) for the punishment of evildoers (Marchers), and for the praise of them who do well. As free, and not to use your liberty for a cloak of maliciousness, but as the servants of God.

*** Blessed Are The Peacemakers, Cursed Are The Troublemakers!!!

Matthew 5:9-16 - Jesus said, blessed are the peacemakers, for

they shall be called the Children of God. Let your light so shine before men that they may see your goods, and glorify your Father which is in Heaven.

The Church told America that she was to be happy, because she was free at last. All America is crazy with my rights, and the whole country is mad, mad, mad!!!

*** Did The Church Marches Rob God???

The marchers disobeyed the law. Now children disrespect their parents as well. The fruits in America is useless, not worth anything, and on the way to Hell!!!

Micah 7:2 - The good man is perished out of the earth, and there is none upright among men. They all lie in wait for blood that they hunt every man, his brother with a net. They may do evil with both hands earnestly: The Prince ask, and the judge ask for a reward, and the great man, He utters his mischievous desires so they wrap it up.

*** Is That Just Like America???

As Noah's days, Gays were marrying, and the Churches didn't

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St. Matthew's Baptist Church News

Church services at the St. Matthew Baptist Church, 2020 East 14th Street, were well attended last Sunday morning, May 25, 2008, where the proud pastor is rev. Edward Canady.

Services got underway at 10:15 a. m. with Sunday School. The subject of the morning lesson was "Restoration and Renewal. The scripture text was Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 26-14 & 17-18. The main thought was found in

Outreach Prayer Breakfast

Bible Scriptures II Chronicles 7:14

The members of the Outreach Prayer Breakfast would like to share with you.

Let's obey God and turn from our wicked ways. We will find that our Lord is not short on His promises to forgive our sins and heal our land. He is waiting for us to put our trust in Him, and he is a God who can change things thought to be impossible. Turn from bringing wicked devices to pass, turn from evil, "top cheating, stop lying, stop being jealous of your Brothers and Sisters. Stop talking down your people. Did you not know that we are not known we are perfectly made in the image of God.

You know why our Lord did not let those fellows stone that woman who they said they caught in adultery. He was going to the Cross to die for their sins and the woman. That's why we should stop judging.

We're spending too much time judging. When we look around one day, we will be standing all alone, judging empty buildings, vacant lots, while of hers will be busy doing positive things.

Christ died for us all and the word of us still have a chance, because Christ lives! Seek first the Kingdom of God, and all these things we're fighting for. He will give to us. Seek God's face, and turn from doing wicked things. My Brothers and Sisters, when the Church prospers, the Body of Christ prospers. It does not matter what Church you belong. The total body together, all believers. Let's get together and seek the face of God and stop our sinful ways.

This writer believes we're all Eagles!

Just A Little Thought: "You can go to Church 52 Weeks a year, 52 Wednesday Nights, 52 Bible Study and Prayer Meetings. If the word of God is unapplied, it has no meaning!

Freedom is never given by the oppressor, it must be demanded by the Oppressed!

Mark 11:22-26 - For all of you who are hurting in and outside this area. Speak to your problem. Tell it to Move In The Name of Jesus! "Move Mountain!" Get out of our lives of all of these precious people!

When you're feeling better, do a drive by Prayer for someone else who is sick and shut-in. Pray for the Nation!

Give Us This Day ... O God, bless us today. Give us what we need. How many of you can pray like that? Many of us find it difficult if not impossible to pray for others. But in telling us to pray, "Give us this day our daily bread," the Lord's Prayer shows that we are to ask God for the things we need to sustain physical life. Though Jesus said rightly that we do not live by bread alone, Luke 4:4, he also made it clear that we are to look to God for the literal bread we need. Jesus shows us that God is concerned with the details of our lives.

"Give us this day our daily bread" reminds us also that like the Hebrews gathering manna each day in the wilderness, we cannot store up what we need from God. Yesterday's experience with God was for yesterday; today we must come to God again for this day's nourishment, insurance, direction, and challenge. God sustains us one day at a time!

Praying for specifics can raise questions. Sometimes we pray, what we ask for is not given. We must pray and leave the outcome to God. He is able. Do you believe? Hope so!

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

Prayer is the answer!

another dynamic sermon. His subject was "Give Me One Moe Chance." The scripture text was Judges 16:25-30. What a wonderful and inspiring message it was all to hear.

Let us remember those who are sick and shut-in. Among them include Sister Bernice Homeed, who is still a patient at Covenant Health System, Room 874.

Sister Luella Harris, who has been an outstanding Superintendent, is still in rehab. May God continue to bless her is our prayer.

Sister Oretta Moore is recuperating at home. God is able, no matter our situation.

Let always remember, all who are sick and shut-in. Just think, it may be them today, and tomorrow it could be one of us.

When comforts are declining, He grants the Soul again A season of clear shining, To clear it after rain.

Thought of the Week: "If you

sense your faith is unraveling, go back to where you dropped the thread of obedience.

Prayer: "God of true freedom, watch over all prisoners, those behind walls of stone and steel

and those imprisoned by a hardened heart. Show all of us the true freedom that comes from knowing you. AMEN.

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Price Faces Gonzales In District Two Run-Off

Early voting got underway Tuesday, May 27, 2008, and will continue until June 3, 2008, for the upcoming Lubbock City Councilman District Two position.

Incumbent Floyd Price, who received 46 percent of the general election on May 10th, is being challenged by Armando Gonzales, who received 35 percent of the vote.

Also, in District 4, two are vying for that seat. They are Paul Lanza and Jerry Bell. One of them will replace Phyllis Jones who chose not to seek re-election.

Early voting will be held at the following locations: Lubbock County Elections Office, 1308 Cricketer Avenue, Through Saturday, 8 a. m. until 8 p. m.; Sunday, 1 p. m. until 6 p. m. and June 2 & 3 - 8 a. m. until 8 p. m.

United Supermarkets, 2630 Parkway Drive, 1701 50th Street, 2705 82nd Street and 4205 98th Street. Through Saturday, 8 a. m. until 8 p. m.; Sunday, 1 p. m. until 6 p. m. and June 2 & 3 - 8 a. m. until 8 p. m.

To Text or Not to Text by Tracie Miles Submitted by Zairrens Patterson

"Young people are prone to foolishness and fads; the cure comes through tough-minded discipline." Proverbs 22:15 (MSG)

To text or not to text...that is the question. My husband and I struggled with this question when our two daughters entered middle school. Some how they convinced us that we would be better parents, and they would be safer children, if they were given cell phones. We fell for it.

Since then, they have come to believe that texting is one of the four primary food groups which sustains life as we know it.

I am a strong believer in random text checks. On occasion, I will pick up my daughters' phones, without warning, and skim through their messages. Something in my spirit told me it was time for a random check. I immediately glanced at the conversations taking place in her private world of texting. As I read through the messages, my heart sank. I was devastated at the conversations she had been engaging in. Although her responses were not entirely inappropriate, the things that were being said to her were. I was disappointed that she would allow boys in her school to say such offensive things, and crushed that she had not stood up for her faith and distanced herself from people who obviously did not respect her.

As I sat there, feeling like a complete failure as a parent, I received an email. My friend Mary Beth had posted an entry on her blog regarding texting problems among teenagers, and thought I might be interested. I immediately linked over to read it, and praised God as I wiped away the tears from my eyes. Through a simple blog entry, God communicated to me that I was not alone. He used Mary Beth's words to reassure me I was not a failure as a parent. We live in a corrupt world, and the enemy will use whatever means he can to pierce the hearts of our children and gain control of their thoughts and actions.

Although I trust my children, I had to recognize that even good kids make mistakes. Even good kids, from good families, raised in Christian homes, can get caught up in the trappings of this world, and pulled into ungodly actions. It is our job as parents to help our kids set themselves apart from the fads of today's society that are not healthy for them. If we allow our kids the privilege of their privacy so much that they are living a life that parents are not a part of, then we, as parents, have gotten pulled into the trappings of this world as well. As my mom used to say, just because everybody else is doing it, doesn't mean that you have to do it. This also applies to us parents! Just because other parents allow their kids to have cell phones, unlimited texting, and completely private lives doesn't mean I have to! Mary Beth said it perfectly when she wrote, "Today,

Following U.S. Labor Department investigation, American State Bank in Lubbock, Texas, agrees to pay \$225,000 for hiring discrimination

LUBBOCK, Texas — The U.S. Department of Labor's Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs (OFCCP) today announced that American State Bank has entered into a consent decree to settle findings of hiring discrimination against 547 minority class members for office and clerical positions.

"The Labor Department is committed to ensuring that people seeking employment with federal contractors are hired, promoted and compensated fairly, without regard to their race, sex, ethnicity, disability, religion or veteran status," said Joan Sesoms Ford, OFCCP's acting regional director in Dallas. "We strongly encourage other employers to take proactive steps to

Also the Lubbock Municipal Building, 1625 13th Street. Wednesday through Friday, 8 a. m. until 5 p. m.; June 2 & 3 a. m. until 5 p. m. and June 3, 8 a. m. until 8 p. m.

Both candidates are asking everyone to go to the polls and cast their precious vote.

This is a very important election as it will determine who will represent this District for the next four years.

So go and vote!

I realized that our position on cell phones is "weird" by our kids and the rest of the world's standard, but that is okay. If it means helping our kids emerge from the teen years holy and healthy, I am willing to be weird."

My husband and I made the difficult decision that we would not only block texting from cell phones but the phones would be temporarily, if not permanently, taken away. Did that win us the parent popularity award? Absolutely not. Did our daughters expend all of their energies trying to convince us they would be social outcasts in society? Yes. Did they use scare tactics, like something might happen and they won't be able to call us? Yes they did.

But do we believe we are doing what God would have us do to protect our children and teach them what is holy and just? Absolutely.

If need be, are you willing to be "weird"?

Dear Lord, parenting is hard. Please guide me in making difficult decisions that are in the best interest of my child, even if they don't agree. Please wrap your arms around them and keep them safe from the evils of this world. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

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come into compliance with the law to prevent workplace discrimination."

The consent decree settles the department's allegations that during a two-year period American State Bank engaged in hiring discrimination against minority applicants. OFCCP filed an administrative complaint with the U.S. Department of Labor's Office of Administrative Law Judges against American State Bank on Sept. 29, 2006, after conciliation efforts failed.

Under the terms of the consent decree, American State Bank will pay each of the 547 minority applicants a pro-rata share of \$225,000 in back pay and interest, and will hire 21 of the class members into office and clerical

positions. American State Bank, a financial service company offering a full range of banking and financial services, also has agreed to undertake extensive self-monitoring and reporting measures for the next two years, to ensure that all hiring practices fully comply with the law.

OFCCP, an agency of the Department of Labor's Employment Standards Administration, enforces Executive Order 11246 and other laws that prohibit employment discrimination by federal contractors. The agency monitors federal contractors to ensure that they provide equal employment opportunities without regard to race, gender, color, religion, national origin, disability or veteran status.

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Chamillionaire is pictured on the set during the filming of the new Don't Mess with Texas TV spot. He's holding a custom-designed litterbag.

Chamillionaire Cuts Commercial For 'Don't Mess Texas!'

Crammy Award-winning Houston-based rapper Chamillionaire is the newest supporter of the Don't Mess with Texas litter prevention campaign. He donated his time to appear in the campaign's latest TV public service announcement. Chamillionaire joins other Texas stars — including Lance Armstrong, Erykah Badu, Matthew McConaughey and Owen Wilson — in announcing they would never mess with their state. Chamillionaire joined the all-star lineup during a spring video shoot on South Padre Island.

Research of Texans conducted on behalf of the Texas Department of Transportation's Don't Mess with Texas campaign revealed most admitted litterers saw their parents litter. Research also shows the state's worst litterers are young people ages 16 to 24. Four new litterbag designs, released this year, have been made available to Texans.

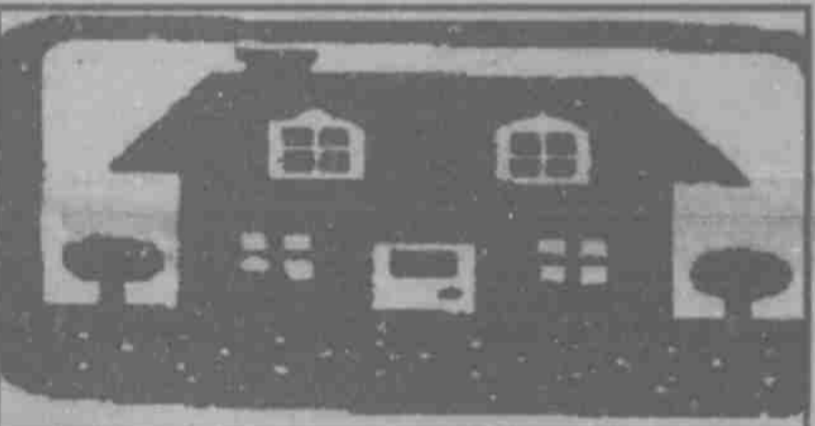
People are invited to view the new TV spot online at www.DontMessWithTexas.org. Click on KFDL for spots "I Wouldn't Do It," "Trash Ball" and "This is."

How Do You Know You Are In A Black Church

By Wilbert Locke

Brother Wilbert Locke is still asking the question: "How Do You Know You Are In A Black Church? Think about these:
 * Someone will feed a baby cheetos, sugar cookies, crackers, or vanilla wafers in the sanctuary.
 * Someone will wear white in December.
 * Men will have on suits in the color of bright yellow, lime green, hot pink, sky blue,

and candy apple red with shoes to match!
 * People will have a \$80 Bible, but will have to look in the table of contents to find the text of the Pastor's message.
 * You see more than 5 people pass someone gum or peppermint.
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Disease prompts pastor to start a medical fund

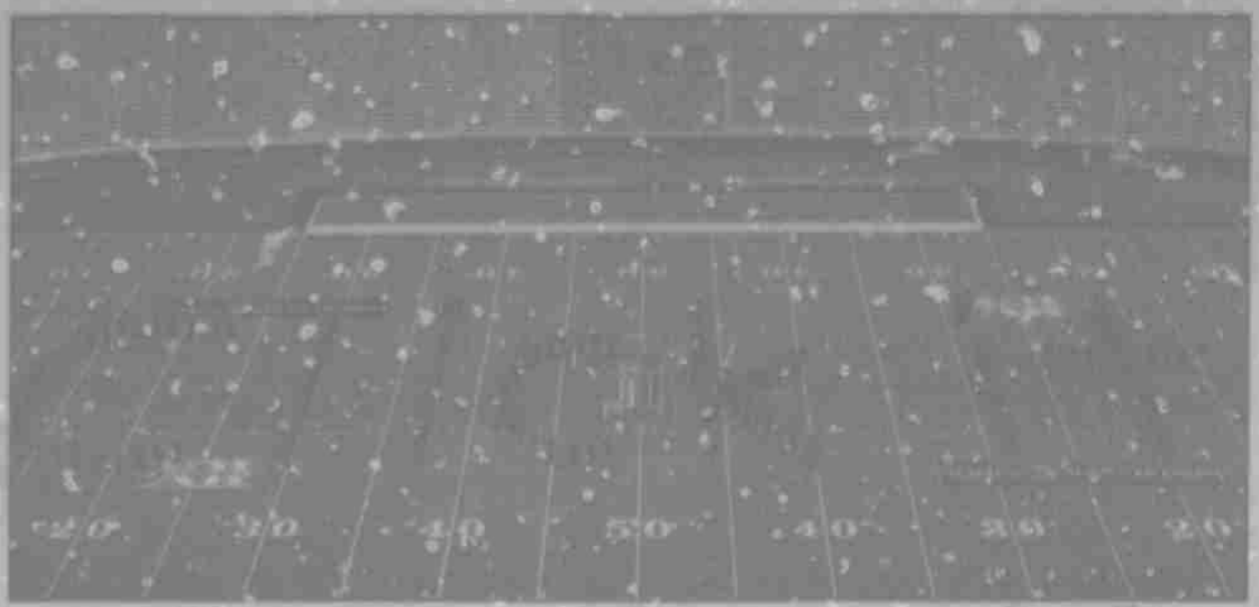
Rocky Mount, N.C. — The Rev. Thomas Walker, pastor of the Ebenezer Baptist Church, started a medical fund named after his wife, Joyce, in January 2008.

Injury and their daughter, Teresa Wilkerson-Mason, have threatened genetic rare disease olivopontocerebellar atrophy (OPCA), also referred to as ataxia.

"We are mounting an effort to deal with the crisis in the family. This disease is more prominent on my wife's side of the family," Walker said. "My daughter is willing to pursue available treatment options like stem cell research to find a cure for OPCA."

The disease affects the person's speech, stability, standing, walking, strength, and breathing. **Continue on Page 6**

Goin' Ban' From Raiderland? Look To the Field in Support of the 7th Annual Click It or Ticket Campaign



LUBBOCK, TX - Texas Tech University's award-winning marching band, nicknamed "The Goin' Ban' From Raiderland," took the field Wednesday, April 30, 2008, at 12:30 p.m. to support the Texas Department of Transportation's 7th annual Click It or Ticket campaign by spelling out the campaign slogan on the field, playing under the direction of Mr. Christopher Anderson. This massive reminder was captured in video and still photography for inclusion in the statewide seatbelt enforcement campaign, set to launch which got underway May 8th. The campaign featured unusual, larger-than-life Click It or Ticket messages adjoining eight other Texas iconic landmarks around the state.

Up Close And Personal With Wendell B An Exclusive Interview

By Gwen Bagley

The ever-enterprising, Wendell B is a very prolific singer and songwriter. His music has been compared to that of the late Luther Vandross, Gerald Levert and Barry White. He has had phenomenal success with the debut of "Good Times," and his latest cd "Time To Relax... Love, Life & Relationships," which was released by Cuzzo Music label in which Wendell is the President.

This St. Louis native has a world wide fan base and was recently listed as #1 on the R/B/Soul music charts. His music has been played on BET and radio stations in America and abroad. His silky smooth R&B sound is a favorite to young and old alike.

I attended his concert when he came to Lubbock and there is only one word to describe what the show was like and that is FUN! I caught up with Wendell B while he was on his nationwide tour. It was an honor and a privilege to interview this polite and down to earth gentleman, who has an obvious monumental sense of self.

Gwen: Your musical talent has been compared to artist like the late Luther Vandross, Gerald Levert, and Barry White. Who are your favorite singers and how have they inspired your musical style and performance?

Wendell: Two of my favorite singers are Luther Vandross and Donnie Hathaway. What I like about Luther's music is how it makes you feel and with Donnie I liked the clarity in his voice. My music is probably more like Luther Vandross than anyone else. My musical style and performance has been influenced by both Luther and Donnie.

Gwen: So you write and produce all of your own music, can you tell me why you have not used music written by other artist or songwriters?

Wendell: When I write my songs I know exactly what I want. Right now my music is working for me and if it is not broken why fix it. I know what I want from start to finish and so far it is working for me. It is hard for me to find good songwriters that can write my style of music.

Gwen: How do you get

inspired to write music? Do you have to be in a terrifically inspired state to write your songs?

Wendell: I get inspired by life itself. I can get inspired by anything. Something going on in my life or my friends' lives. Writing music is easy for me, as a matter of fact, I have been writing since I was a child. I use to listen to my uncles playing love songs and I began writing and singing similar tunes. I have an advantage as a writer because my songs are not geared to just one crowd. There is something for the young, the old and those in between on my cds.

Gwen: Your cd "Good Times" and "Time To Relax... Love, Life & Relationships" are both excellent cds. What was your goal or what were you trying to achieve on those cds.

Wendell: I wanted to talk about love, that's what my cd "Good Times" is about. I want people to know that love still works. "Love, Life & Relationships" with that cd I wanted to express that if you are in a relationship and it is not working for you to get out and move on. I think we spend too much time trying to fix something that was not meant to be.

Gwen: Most successful singers are with a major record label but you have created your own music label Cuzzo Music so how important is it for you to be in control of your own music from conception throughout the promotional process down to selecting a single?

Wendell: I feel that it is important for me at this time in my career to be in control of my music because in the past I was working for another label and I did not have control of my music and the outcome was comprised, but now I am in charge of my own destination and I am doing great!

Gwen: What is one of the most memorable things that has occurred during your recent tour?

Wendell: I was somewhere in the South, I don't know what city exactly but I was on stage and a couple of ladies grabbed my legs and I fell off stage.

Gwen: Wow! Were you injured?

Wendell: Not really. It did hurt a little but I continued my performance.

Gwen: I want to find out something about you that your fans may not know about you.

Wendell: My fans would be surprised to find out that I am a good mechanic. I enjoy working on cars when I have the time. There is not too much that I do not know about cars. My Dad was a race car driver.

Gwen: Your band is sensational! They've got your back so to speak. How great is it to have so much talent on stage with you?

Wendell: It's great to have a whole organization that is comprised of people I consider friends. They enjoy my music and they want to be a part of my band. The entire crew from the band to the video director and manager etc. It's not about money, they just like working with me. They believe in me and



Wendell B

my vision.

Gwen: Like so many others, I am a huge Wendell B fan. Can you tell me why you think your fans are so supportive, dedicated and sincere to you?

Wendell: I believe that my fans know that I am telling the truth. I write songs about things that people can relate to in their own lives. Things like being in love as well as the ups and downs in relationships. My song, "In My Mind", came about as a result of my trying to give one of my friends some advice because he was having some problems in his relationship.

Gwen: You've toured the world, been a lot of places and met many people. How exciting is your life and is working hard the name of the game?

Wendell: I have a good life but I'm still trying to reach perfection. My life is mostly about my children. I have four children that I love very much. In the past I have spent a lot of time working on my career and I did not

get to spend enough time with my children. So now, I am taking out more time with them. My parents were a good influence for me. My Mother showed me what a good woman is like and my Dad was responsible and dedicated to his family. They were married thirty-two years, till he passed away.

Gwen: Well, that's outstanding. Now I want to thank you so much for sharing some of your life experiences with us. I want you to know that your West Texas fans hope to see you real soon.

Wendell: I would like to thank my fans in Lubbock and all of Texas and let them know that I appreciate all of their support and plan to come back to Texas this summer.

Gwen: That's great! To find out more about Wendell visit his website at www.myspace.com/wendellb.

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THIS N' THAT

by T.J. Patterson

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So let's do it! **PENNY HASTINGS THE BARBER SAYS: "TODAY ...**

Pastor's Wife Has OPCA In Rocky Mountain, N. C.

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"We thought for years it was only a male disease until my wife got it, but now we see that both genders can get it," Walker said. "My wife had this disease for years, and she was the first woman in the family to get the disease."

Walker stated that the family is dealing with things head on in the mist; they still have a way to reach out to others. The family has a lot of neurological diseases, and they hope to bring a cure or stability for the disease in their family and others who have the disease.

"I am not what I used to be. My attention span is not so good. The disease affects my focus in addition to the ability to walk and my eyesight. I have physical and speech therapy, and I maintain my life through therapy," Joyce Walker said.

The family is trying to reach for every gleam of hope so that they can find a cure. Walker also

I will refrain from criticizing ... **OTHERS!! GO VOTE JUNE 7, 2008!!**

plan to work with the Institute of Health to help with groups because of the slow research and politics of medicine.

"Sending our daughter, Teresa, to China for stem-cell research is not our first effort to finding answers," Walker said. "My wife has been to every major facility including John Hopkins and Emory in Atlanta."

It cost \$30,000 to \$40,000 to send Teresa to China, which includes airfare and the research that would be conducted. It is not covered by the family's insurance because it is only medical research.

"There is a 50 percent chance for Teresa children to get the disease," Walker said. "When my wife's brother and father died of this disease, there was no autopsy done. We really feel strongly that we missed an opportunity to learn about the disease earlier."

The Walkers are hosting an event called That's What FRIENDS Are For! on June 1 at the Ebenezer Baptist Church to help raise money for Joyce Walker Medical Fund. For more information contact gmnorris477@embarqmail.com.

Think About It!

It Has To Be Us, By Us, For Us, If Not Us Who?

by Eddie P. Richardson

The has long gone when the password is what about us? They need to help us what is the government going to do for us? They mistreated me, they did not give me enough of what I wanted. The new song should be what and how can I do for myself.

You can't beg and borrow at the same time! You can't play civil rights, militant and kick the man in the breeches eleven months and turn around and beg on the twelfth month for help with my banquet and souvenir book. You can't beg and bargain at the same time. You must find a team and play on it, no matter what. To long, we have sit around waiting for some one else, the government to do for us what we must be doing for ourselves. What we must do for ourselves to be successful we must take as our personal "If It Is To Be It Is Up To Me" and live by it. And with the help of God make it a reality.

For our long denied communities to become the self-sustaining market places they should be the leadership and initiative must come from within the community, by us for us with resources, support, guidance, even money from others with us taking the lead.

Government, welfare, aid, assistance and grants are dwindling away fast. Government is becoming a dried up stream while the mighty ocean is business and industry which we should be forming marriages with, business and industry own government, Republicans, Democrats, Independents, suburban, ghetto, barrio, the big boy on the block is business and industry while Government is the small boy down the street which is also owned by business and industry.

One of our major problems we complain but we fail to act but we are fast to react and to much

on emotion and to jilt on fact we do to much negative reaction and to little positive action, we fail to vote but we complain about our elected officials if you don't vote you have no reason to complain the to the politicians look at the election returns from various precinct review the returns and some of them place high priority on the results of results of the returns.

Remember good citizens elect bad politicians by failing to vote remember each vote counts some elections have been won by in some cases less than 10 votes check out one of Abraham Lincoln's elections

We Thank God For Jesus!

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Churches didn't see the signs. It's nothing new or marrying and giving in marriage, and have a good time!!

1 Timothy 3:1-5 -- This know also that in the last days, perilous (Dangerous) times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, overbearing, boastful, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholly, without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despiteful of those who are good, traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasure more than God. Having a form of Godliness, but denying the power thereof, from such turn away.

New Light Baptist Church

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created the heavens and earth. And the earth was without form and void and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters and God said let there be light and there was light. GENESIS 1:1-3

In Cinque

by Renetta Howard



Howard

As fast as the government has cut the tax rate, the cost of gasoline has increased. The business cycle that we learned in 'Economics just does not seem to work anymore. Prosperity, liquidation, depression and recovery are not the terms we hear now. Where there was once talk of prosperity, all we can hear now is recession instead of liquidation, and no one wants to say depression and we know that recovery has not begun. The so-called stimulus package from the Federal Government, designed to get us spending money, has not been successful.

have worked wonderfully well, but there is that one item which keeps popping up that sucks up all of the stimuli; gasoline. Because of the increase in the cost of gasoline, many of us have had to cut back on other necessary items. As a result of cutbacks already in place before the stimulus package was instituted, it therefore served to pull many of us out of a rut, but did not spur us to make any new purchases. With the soaring cost of gasoline, for many who were not in a rut, they saved the income for future ruts. For the profit that it would make, the money could have been placed in a shoebox or gallon bucket, because the interest on the savings would hardly buy a cup of coffee. Banks have been reduced to a place to keep your money fairly safe from regular thieves, but subjected to the interest which is tantamount to theft as your money is being used or sold at a profit by the bank.

The cost of gasoline is being blamed on the weak U. S. Currency on the European and Asian markets. The value of the

dollar has been greatly reduced and the reductions continue on a daily basis. The Euro and the Yen are worth much more than the dollar causing items to cost more that are bought with American dollars. In order to stabilize American's economy, we must strengthen the dollar.

Strengthening the dollar is going to be a hard sell job. It will mean that the rich will have to give up some profit. The profit of the rich is one of the reasons the dollar is so weak. The Enron and similar scandals where the corporate heads amassed a lot of money for themselves, did irreparable harm to the economy. Putting them in jail has not solved the problems of the many people who lost much or most of their assets in the companies. The minimum wage has to be increased. Workers must earn more or we will become a welfare country, not socialized, but welfare. The government will have to help working families as well as those whom were already unemployed and receiving welfare. There does not need to be a gasoline holiday, but the government needs to subsidize the cost of gasoline for

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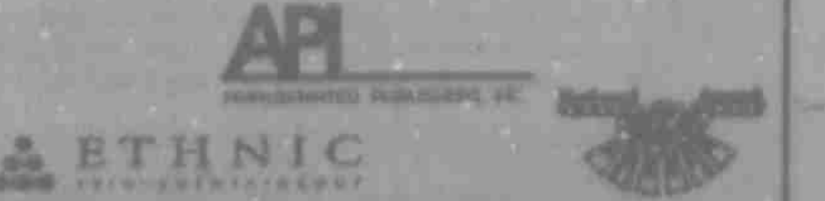
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The Dunbar All-Class Reunion will be held July 17-20, 2008. The following activities have been planned for you:

Thursday, July 17, 2008

9:00 a. m. - 3:00 p. m.

Registration @ Dunbar Middle School

9:00 - 1:00 p. m. Reception @ UMC 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 Ma: Davis Dr.

9:00 p. m. Dance - Lubbock Memorial Center
(Dress Casual, Western or Meroon & 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 Hes/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

11:00 a. m. Attend a Church of Your Choice!

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!"

**Judge to ex-Dallas councilman James Fantroy:
Admit guilt or go to prison**

Dallas -- Former Dallas City Council member James Fantroy was given a choice during his sentencing Wednesday morning: Admit he was wrong or serve a month in prison for stealing from Paul Quinn College.

Whatever he decides, he'll also serve 180 days of home confinement followed by two years of probation. He was also ordered to pay more than \$17,000 in restitution.

U.S. District Judge Ed Kinkead, told Mr. Fantroy to "stand in front of the courthouse or sit in that chair and admit what you did was wrong. I don't think you have the guts to do that. It's up to you."

"You've been on lots of TV interviews and they've all been lies," the judge told Mr. Fantroy during the morning hearing. "I'll be watching."

At about 10:15 a.m., the hearing broke up so that Mr. Fantroy could consult with supporters. About 45 minutes later, Mr. Fantroy left the courthouse without making a statement. He was accompanied by his wife, pastor and a couple other supporters.

David Pire, Mr. Fantroy's attorney, said he would meet with his client over the weekend about the judge's offer. "He's considering the prison time," Mr. Pire said. "I've never seen anything like this. Mr. Fantroy didn't expect this. I never gave him any advice on this when we prepared for sentencing."

Mr. Fantroy was convicted in February for stealing more than \$20,000 from Paul Quinn College.

He had faced up to 10 years in prison and a quarter million-dollar fine, but his attorneys argued that



Former Dallas city councilman James Fantroy (in wheelchair) leaves the Dallas federal courthouse on Wednesday, May 20, 2008, after his sentencing for stealing \$20,000 from Paul Quinn College. The judge gave Mr. Fantroy the option of publicly admitting his guilt or spending a month in prison.

the 70-year-old's kidney cancer should keep him out of prison.

"I ask you judge to sympathize with me this morning," Mr. Fantroy said when addressed the judge prior to sentencing. "Don't send me to prison. Let me do my time at home with my family. I probably have three months left. Kidney cancer, in my condition, there's nothing they can do about it. The heart is too weak."

Mr. Fantroy then choked up with tears, sat back in his wheelchair, and was wheeled back to the defense table by his lawyer. He took off his glasses, rubbed his eyes, and waited for the judge to say his piece.

The judge said, "But for your medical condition, I'd send you to the penitentiary. You're not sorry. A message needs to be sent. I've given my life to public service and you are a bad example."

But the judge's tough choice

wasn't without a touch of respect for Mr. Fantroy's political past. "I will say that you've been a lion-warrior for a lot of good things in your life," said Judge Kinkead.

The prosecution did not object to the judge's unusual sentencing option.

During a four-day trial, prosecutors had presented evidence that from 2001 to 2003, the former councilman stole money from Paul Quinn College's Community Development Corp. by writing checks on the corporation's account to himself, his relatives and his re-election campaign. He controlled the account as the CDC's treasurer.

When college officials confronted him about the missing money, testimony showed that Mr. Fantroy tried to repay it, but refused to explain why he took it.

He was ousted as treasurer, and later sued a college official for

**Fantroy Chooses
Jail Over
Apology!**

Dallas (AP) -- Former Dallas City Council member James Fantroy, has chosen to serve a month in prison over apologizing and admitting publicly that he embezzled public funds.

This decision came about because a federal judge on last week, Wednesday, May 28, 2008, sentenced Fantroy after his February conviction. He was found guilty of stealing more than \$20,000 in government grant money from a Paul Quinn College community development fund.

According to Fantroy's attorney, David Pire, he said Fantroy will appeal this conviction.

slander after she mailed a letter demanding repayment to his office at City Hall. He ultimately dismissed that case.

Mr. Fantroy took the money because he was broke, but always intended to repay it, his attorney told jurors.

Prosecutors pointed out, however, that when Mr. Fantroy received more than \$300,000 from the sale of an apartment complex he owned, he only put \$7,000 back into the CDC's account. It wasn't until he was confronted weeks later that he attempted to re-pay all he had stolen.

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"This is the century when white people will become a minority in this country," he said. "What that means is right now, we need to have a clear picture of where we're headed and work together diligently with Latinos, Native Americans, Asians and progressive white groups as if our collective future depends on it. I'm committed to that."

It's a tall order that isn't likely to happen overnight, but Jealous — whose resume doesn't reflect a record of longevity — said he's ready to settle in for the long haul. He has spent much of his life in California but has roots in Baltimore, where the NAACP is based. His mother was born in Baltimore, and his parents met while teaching at a junior high school in the city.

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