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Former Principal Brings Perspective to LISD Board of Trustees

Vernita Woods-Holmes knew since she was a little girl she would go to college and be a teacher. Her father, civic leader George Woods, instilled in her an expectation that she would continue her education after graduating from Dunbar High School. Her career choices were to be a nurse or teacher.



Trustee Vernita Holmes

"I chose to be a teacher!" she said. Now, secretary of the Lubbock Independent School District Board of Trustees and representative for District 2, Woods-Holmes draws on her experience as a teacher and principal when making decisions as a board member.

"When I say that I have been there and done that, I mean it!" Woods-Holmes laughed.

She grew up in a tight-knit neighborhood. "My first-grade teacher was also my piano teacher. Her husband was my principal and they lived on my street... They were part of my family, so to speak," she added. When new teachers moved to

Lubbock, they often lived with her family. "That impacted me to be a good girl at home and school!" she said.

Her teachers and principal would be proud of her.

(Editor's Note: This article in the LISD's The Reporter on January 11, 2008. When you see her, tell her you appreciate what she has accomplished. Ye Ed.)

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemorative Council Presents

During the four days of the Martin Luther King Commemorative Council of Lubbock, Inc., perhaps what stands out is the recognition of local citizens who have made some very positive contributions to this annual program. These citizens were recognized during the Annual Banquet which was held at the KoKo Palace.



Sarah Delorse Blocker - Posthumous

Those citizens honored were Bill Couch, pastor of Lake Ridge United Methodist Church and L. V. Andrews who received the Humanitarian Award. The late Sarah Delorse Blocker received a posthumously award for her work with young children in organizing the Martin Luther King Youth Choir. She provided resources for these young people to participate, and was always seen driving these young people to and from various events.

Mrs. Blocker passed away in 1994. A graduate of Dunbar High School and Paul Quinn College, she was a member of the Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church. She was married to Willie Blocker.

Accepting this award was her brother-in-law, T.J. Patterson.

The speaker for the evening was Quincy White, Assistant City Manager and Executive Director of the Lubbock Housing Authority. He spoke on the theme "Still Running With The Vision." Habakkuk 2:1-3.

Mr. White talked about effective Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was during his tenure in the Civil Rights Movement as how it effected the Brown vs Topeka Board of Education; the Voting Rights Act signed in 1965 by President L. B. Johnson and the Civil Rights Act of 1968.

He made it very clear that many citizens who live in District 2 just don't go to the polls and vote. He said, "In the city election in 2004, there were 16,434 registered voters, but only 1,471 voted for the city councilperson."

"Yes, we have made some strides, but if Dr. King came back he would be very unhappy with

what he would see in the voting area," he said.

"Today, he said, "we're using leadership in raising our children. There appears not to be any sense of pride city wide. Our children have gone absolutely crazy, using vulgar language, wearing britches below their buttocks and are disrespecting their parents. Oh, yes, Dr. King would be very unhappy," he continued.

Oh, yes, he did remind those in attendance of the banquet that there is a high drop out rate, STD's are in high gear, drugs are everywhere and there is a problem with teenage pregnancy," Mr. White said.

A former Lubbock resident, Dr. Lydia Jackson-Waters, retired Pastor of Crossroads/Nija Panda United Methodist Church of Compton, California, delivered a powerful message at the Lake Ridge United Methodist Church on Sunday evening, January 20, 2008, during the Annual City Wide Services.

Dr. Waters, who gave credit to local citizens and her Dunbar High School, for teaching her many basic ingredients needed to go into the world. "I will never

forget where I came from, and that is Lubbock, Texas," she said. Continuing before beginning her speech, she said, "Can you believe a lady from Lubbock, Texas spent two weeks teaching at Oxford University in England last summer?"

Speaking on the theme, she reminded the audience that the late Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was not just a dreamer. "You see, Dr. King was a doer!"

Rev. Sonia J. Beaty, pastor of Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church, gave an electrifying occasion.

The names of Doris Dickens and Samuel Curtis will be placed on plaques at the waterfall.

The Board members of the Martin Luther King Commemorative Council of Lubbock are L. V. Andrews, 1st Vice President; M.C. Brock, Rev. Wendell Davis, Joan Y. Ervin, President; Dough Hensley, Vice President; Sylvester Jackson, Gwen Stafford, Gwen Titus, Frances Bell, Lynn Day, Deborah Deary, Rev. E. L. Harris, Tracey Jackson, Rev. J. J. Johnson, Dianna Thomas, & Donnie Wright, President at Large.

National Recording Artist Tom Braxton to Perform at Jazz Tribute February 1st

Saxophone virtuoso and national recording artist Tom Braxton will help to honor his father's legacy as he performs at the J.T. Braxton Jazz Scholarship Concert on Friday evening, February 1, 2008, at 8:00 p. m. in the Allen Theater at Texas Tech University.



Tom Braxton

Tom has played along side some of the biggest names in the music industry and has been featured nationally on such television programs as NBC's Inside Staff, BET's Jazz Central, and CBS' The Saturday Early Show. Smooth Jazz Magazine described Tom's horn play as "sparkling" and remarked that they were absolutely "blown away" by his sixth and latest CD *Imagine This*.

Tom credits his dad with connecting him to jazz at an early age. "My dad would say, 'Come here. I want you to hear something. This is Lester Young... they called him Prez. This is Miles, Coltrane, Charlie Parker, Sitt, Getz, Ben Webster, Coleman Hawkins and many more!' He would share how he had heard Count Basie and Duke's original bands and the great Ella Fitzgerald. He put the alto sax in my hands in the 6th grade."

Tom's father, JT, is 88 years old and still plays his tenor sax and violin everyday. Though the senior Braxton taught band and orchestra in the public schools for over 40 years, his debut release JT's Classics came only after he retired.

The upcoming Jazz Tribute

honor the legacy of James T. Braxton, by showcasing the extraordinary talents of his son at the opening event of Texas Tech University's Black History Month Celebration. A spokesperson for the Black Faculty Staff Association (BFSA) commented, "This tribute is a celebration of living history."

The Jazz Tribute will take place in the Allen Theater at Texas Tech University on Friday evening, February 1, 2008, beginning at 8:00 p.m. Ticket prices are \$20 and \$15 for students with a valid Tech ID and are available at all Seize-a-Seat locations. For more information contact Dr. Aretha Marble at Aretha.marble@ttu.edu.

The public of Lubbock is invited to attend this sporting event and help this special scholarship program which will benefit many young people in Lubbock and West Texas.

Photos of 39th Martin Luther King Commemorative Council of Lubbock, Inc. Celebration Last Week!



Dr. Damon Hill, Jr. is presenting the speaker of the hour, Quincy White, Assistant City Manager.



Doug Hensley, Vice President, serving as master of ceremonies at Annual Banquet last Friday night.



Officers and members of the 100 Black Men of West Texas during their annual program last month.

Gospel Highlights Will Sing Here Sunday Afternoon, February 3rd!



The well known Gospel Highlights will be singing at the Greater St. Mark Baptist Church, 1210 Vanda Avenue, on Sunday afternoon, February 3, 2008, where the proud pastor is Dr. Leon Armstrong. The public is invited to come and hear this inspiring group.

Community

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

Meetings

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

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

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Chatman Hills Corner

By Doris Reynolds

The Federation of Choirs will meet Sunday afternoon, January 27, 2008, at Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church, 2202 Southeast Drive, beginning at 2:30 p. m. Host pastor is rev. Sonia J. Beary. Sister Bennie Sims is president.

The Lubbock Roots Historical Arts Council has partnered with the Lincoln-Douglass Committee to bring forth the spirit of Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass to Lubbock. Two notionally recognized performers: John Voehl of Colorado and Michael Crutcher, Sr. of Kentucky, will portray the two American heroes who helped make possible the precious freedoms we celebrate today. This year's event will be a dinner theater-styled event and will take place Sunday afternoon, February 10, 2008, at the Texas Tech University, Market Alumni Center on the campus of Texas Tech. For more information, contact Emma Jackson at (806) 762-3350.

The New Hope Baptist Church women will sponsor a Women's Conference February 22 and 23, 2008 at the Embassy Suites, 5215 South Loop 289. The theme is "Empowered By The Holy Spirit!" Acts 1:8-11. Pastor Amelia E. Jones, New Jerusalem Holiness Church of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, will be the facilitator.

Let us continue to pray for and visit those who are on the sick and shut in list this week. At the same time, let us not forget those who have lost loved ones. Among them include the family of Brother Clarence Denson, who died in Tyler, Texas last Sunday. He was a Dunbar High School graduate and was involved in the Concerned Citizens of Lubbock. He was a member of the Greater St. Luke Baptist Church.

Church services were well attended last Sunday morning, January 20, 2008, at the New Hope Baptist Church.

Rev. B. R. Moton delivered a powerful sermon entitled: "This Year Your Life Is Making A Transition, Don't Mix The Old With The New." His text was Mark 2:13-22.

Mayor David Miller To Teach Sunday School At Bethel AME Church

As America has just celebrated the birthday of the late Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and as we approach Black History Month in February, Mayor David Miller will teach Sunday School Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church, 2202 Southeast Drive, Sunday morning, January 27, 2008, beginning at 9:30 a. m.

"We are elated over Mayor Miller agreeing to teach this lesson," said Rev. Sonja J. Beary, pastor.

The subject is: "Inspired To Trust." Luke 12:22-34.

"We are looking forward to this presentation," said Sister Ruby Donaldson, superintendent.

Words of Encouragement will be offered by Mother E. C. Jackson of Richmond, California; Sister Leola Clark of Rowlett, Texas; Rev. Dr. O. W. Gentry, pastor of Hopewell Baptist Church, Petersburg; Rev. Claude Mullins, Hopewell Baptist Church; Rev. Anthony Sisemore, pastor First Baptist Church of Floydada; Mr. Gary Brown, City Manager, Floydada; Mr. Walter Davis (Walter Davis Construction), Floydada; and Rev. Elijah Austin, Assistant Director of Mission, LABA.

The afternoon will begin with the call to worship by Rev. L. C. Lee. The processional will present Rev. Kenneth and Ambra Jackson who will be escorted by Deacon Ricky & Eva Dixon of Fort Worth.

Mistress of Ceremonies will be Sister E. Richardson.

Sister Alvera Johnson will welcome all visitors. A response will be given by Rev. J. Doss, pastor Freewill Baptist Church, Slaton. Sister Sudell Cavanaugh will welcome the new Pastor. Sister Angela Johnson will sing a solo as will be Rev. K. Burns.

The New Light Baptist Church Senior Choir will sing several selections.

Public is invited.

FASHION FUN

by Shirley Roberson

SATIN SENSATION PANT SUIT

Pich colors of the season create a brazen sateen

jacket and pant combo.

Embroidered buttons undetail along the collar add to the intricate detail of this outfit. Mesh bead work along the side of the leg. Plum color, flare leg. This sexy little number will definitely take you places, and wow! what a way to go.



Shirley Roberson

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Lubbock ISD students named to UIL All-State music groups



LISD students pictured (L-R) are Sarah Young, Sarah Rhoades, Cole Seifert, Preston Wickersham, Philip Palmer, Natalie Ham, Devon Langford, Bethany Rumph and Catherine Swindle

The most prestigious accolade a high school vocalist or musician can achieve is to make the University Interscholastic League All-State band, choir or orchestra. Nine Lubbock ISD students recently attained that honor. In addition to months of preparation, the students compete in a series of auditions against other students from this area and the Dallas-Fort Worth metroplex.

The students will perform at the Texas Music Educators Association annual convention in San Antonio February 13-16.

The 2008 LISD All-State students are:

Orchestra - Sarah Rhoades,

Dunbar Alumni Association Making Ready For All Class Reunion

The members of the Dunbar International Alumni Association are gearing up for another Dunbar All Class Reunion set for July 17 thru 20, 2008.

All former graduates duatics and students of Dunbar High School are asked to start making preparation for this gala event.

Those interested are asked to send their registration to: Dunbar International Alumni Association and send it to P.O. Box 3362, Lubbock, Texas 79452. No personal checks will be accepted.

Lubbock High School junior Choir - Philip Palmer, Lubbock High School senior Cole Seifert, Coronado High School junior Sarah Young, Coronado High School senior Devon Langford, Coronado High School junior Catherine Swindle, Monterey High School junior Band - Preston Wickersham, Lubbock High School senior

Natalie Ham, Lubbock High School senior Bethany Rumph, Coronado High School senior.

Registration Set For MLK Little League

The MLK Little League Registration will be held at East 19th Street and Aspen Avenue on Saturday, January 26, 2008, from 10:00 a. m. until 3:00 p. m. Hot dogs and Cokes will be served.

New Light Baptist Church News

Installation Services Set For Reverend Kenneth Jackson, Pastor-Elect



Rev. & Mrs. Kenneth (Amber) Jackson

The installation services for Reverend Kenneth Jackson, Pastor-Elect, of the New Light Baptist Church will be held Sunday afternoon, February 24, 2008, beginning at 3:30 p. m.

Reverend Ralph E. Jackson, pastor of Mt. Zion Baptist Church of Floydada, will be officiating.

With theme, "A Vision For The Future," Rev. Jackson will be delivering the sermon of the hour.

Various pastors will appear on the program. The Charge to the Church will be delivered by Rev. M. Veals, pastor of New Fellowship Baptist Church of Tulia. The Charge to the Pastor will be presented by Rev. Otis Cooks, pastor of Cornelius Chapel Church; and the Installation Prayer will be offered by Rev. Claude Mullins, associate minister of Hopewell Baptist Church of Petersburg.

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Baseball Is Here!!! Martin Luther King Little League Registration

Will Hold Sign-Up On Saturdays
 January 5th, 12th, 19th And 26th, 2008
 10:00am Untile 3:00pm
 Ages 5 Through 13 Can Play
 Little League Baseball Ages 5-12
 Juniors League Baseball Ages 13
 Registration Fee Of \$85.00 Must Be Paid By January 26th, 2008

Church News

From the Desk of Parson D.A. Smith
Will Latinos Support A Black Candidate?

Last week this writer asked the question: "Will Latinos support a black president?" This writer explained while surfing the web surprising mask hostility toward African Americans were revealed. This hostility seemed to surface twenty or more years ago. The prejudice against black was said to have been transplanted to this country by older Latin Americans. This writer along with many others blacks perhaps had no idea of this masked hatred. This type of behavior displayed by older Latinos seemed to be out-of-character with a people who suffered economic discrimination and class distinctions. One would think these people who were considered "white" until 1954 by the federal government and then regrouped to a different class on the census were sympathetic with the African American plight of injustice.

Had not the suppressed people heard the words of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. speech "I Have a Dream?" - "I am not unmindful that some of you have come here out of great trials and tribulations. Some of you have come from narrow cells. Some of you have come from areas where your quest for freedom left you battered by the storms of persecution and staggered by the winds of police brutality. You have been the veterans of creative suffering. Continue to work with the faith that unearned suffering is redemptive. . . I have a dream that one day every valley

shall be exalted, every hill and mountain shall be made low, the rough places will be made plain, and the crooked places will be made straight, and the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together. . . When we let freedom ring, when we let it ring from every village and every hamlet, from every state and every city, we will be able to speed up that day when all of God's children, black men and white men, Jews and Gentiles, Protestants and Catholics, will be able to join hand and sing in the words of the old Negro spiritual, "Free at last! Free at last! Thank God Almighty, we are free at last!"

One thing that stands out very clear from a MSNBC report is "It's dangerous to assume the two groups 'black-brown' will complement each other at the ballot box. It's not clear that there would be a lot of enthusiasm for an African-American from a Latino electorate."

Case in point: CNN reporting from the Nevada caucuses says "With solid backing from Latino voters and women over all, Sen. Hillary Clinton claimed her second win of the Democratic presidential race in Saturday's Nevada caucuses."

Nearly complete results from Nevada showed Clinton edging out her leading rival, Illinois Sen., Barack Obama, 51 percent to 45 percent among Democrats who split along ethnic, racial and gen-

erational lines, according to entrance polls.

But women made up nearly 60 percent of those taking part in Saturday's contest, and the New York Senator and former first lady led Obama 52 percent to 35 percent among those voters.

Clinton, who won last week's New Hampshire primary, was winning the Latino vote nearly 3 to 1 in Nevada, according to entrance polls. Latinos make up about a quarter of the state's population and 14 percent of caucus participants, those polls found.

Meanwhile, the pro-Obama Culinary Workers Union fought to keep a caucus plan that allowed the nearly 200,000 casino and hotel employees on the Las Vegas strip to take part at caucus sites in their workplaces—a plan thought to give Obama an edge after the union endorsed him last week."

One wonders if the unions endorsement which included a huge number of Latinos was a mask like to those of older generation, that is "playing both end against the middle" to achieve a Latino advantage.

The African Americans of District 2 need to learn who their friends are! We must not be fooled by a line that Councilperson Price is not doing anything but serving self-interest. This type of criticism serves those who oppose the good of African Americans and the best for their people. We as a people in Lubbock should be tried

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We Thank God for Jesus
"Are You Free For Real Are Playing?"

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

Galatians 5:1 - Sund fast, therefore, in the liberty where with Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage.

Jesus said, go and preach the good news into this dying world. The Church didn't do that. Now look at the sick: Men, Women, Boys and Girls!!!

Galatians 6:7 - Be not deceived, God is not mocked. For whatsoever a man sow, that shall he also reap.

The Church didn't want to do God's work. They wanted man to have rights, but Jesus wanted them to know I am the way, the truth to eternal life!!!

John 8:31-32 - Jesus said, if you continue in my word, then are you my disciples indeed, and shall know the truth shall make you free.

***** Are You Free In Jesus Or Civil Rights??? *****

The Civil Rights March was the new beginning or disobedience in the land. Now we're reaping what we have sowed, and it's way out of hand!!!

Isaiah 55:8-9 - For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, said the Lord. For as heavens are higher than your thoughts.

Out of that Civil Rights thing came no prayer in our schools. Now th schools have killings, drugs, condoms, I ask who is the fool???

Romans 1:21-22 - Because that when the knew God (The Christians). 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 became fools.

***** Yes, The Churches Did Rob God *****

Now the world wants their rights to drugs, alcohol, diamonds, cars and clothes. They will get it anyway they can, not caring for the human souls!!!

(The Rights from t he Devil, Kill The Girlfriend, Copk and Eat Rights, Women Rights, Black Rights, White Rights, Chil Molestation Rights, Cloning Rights, No Spanking Rights, Abortion Doctor Rights, KKK Rights, My Space Suicide Rights, Throw My Four Children Off the Bridge Rights, Drive By Shooting Rights, Teacher And Student Sex Rights, and many more Divil Rights).

Matthew 11:28-30 - Jesus said, come unto me, all you that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke (The Bible) upon you, and learn of me. For I am meel and lowly in heart, and you shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

***** Then You're Free At Last; Free At Last!!! *****

Jesus wa obedient unto deith.

That He died on the Cross of Calvary. I was never a White man's slave. I was sin, and only sin that enslaved me!!!

You see didn't nobody have to give up their seat while riding the Citibus. My freedom came from above, and God said that was enough. Didn't nobody have to get kicked and hit with the Police Billy Club. My freedom came down from up above in the form of God's own love!!!

John 3:16 - For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believes in him, should not perish, but have everlasting life.

Didn't nobody have to get bit in the butt by the Police's vicious dogs. My freedom came from Jesus dying out there on that Old Rugged Cross!!!

Didn't nobody have to get sprayed by the Fireman's high pressure hose. My freedom came on the Sunday morning when Jesus Christ arose!!!

John 8:36 - Jesus said, if the Son, therefore, shall make you free, you hall be free indeed (Truly).

ATTEND CHURCH THIS SUNDAY MORNING! GOD LOVES EACH OF US!!

St. Matthew's Baptist Church News

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

Services got underway with Sunday School with Sister Luella Harris, Superintendent, in charge. It was another wonderful lesson taught by our teacher, Sister Nina

Davis. The lesson was reviewed by Pastor Canady. The subject was "Finding A Listening Ear." The scripture text was Luke 11:5-13.

The morning worship hour began with devotion at 11:15 a. m., with Deacon Edward Williams and Deaconess Ethel Williams in charge.

Onasaryn, Sister Barbara Johnson, Brother Albert Wilson and Brother Gerald Jackson.

able! Just a little kindness to someone on the sick and shut-in list will go a mighty long ways. Let's not forget that!

Outreach Prayer Breakfast

Members and friends of the Outreach Prayer Breakfast have discussed a wonderful subject -- "What A Waste!" The scriptures based on this subject are found in St. Luke 15:1-2 & 11.

ALIVE AGAIN; HE WAS LOST, AND IS FOUND," St. Luke 15:24.

use them for our schools, churches and our part of the city. Prayer is key for all of us. Keep those drive bys going each day!

Remember if you are looking for church home, the St. Matthew Baptist Church's doors are always open.

Always remember God is

Thought of t he Week: "God pursues us in our restlessness, receives us in our sinfulness, holds us in our brokenness." This is something to think about over the week.

Here are some key scriptures: St. Luke 15:2.

"AND THE PHARISEES AND SCRIBES MURMURED, SAYING, THIS MAN RECEIVETH SINNERS, AND EATETH WITH THEM."

Let us continue to pray for and visit those who are ill in our city. If you are able, why not go by and sit with them. God is good, all the time.

Have you begun with your drive by prayers for the year of 2008. They will work. Why not

Thought of the Week: "ARE OUR CHURCHES ATTRACTING A LARGE NUMBER OF SINNERS WHO WANT TO INQUIRE ABOUT CHRISTIAN TEACHING? WHY OR WHY NOT? HOW CAN OUR CHURCH BECOME MORE

Let us remember our sick and shut-in list who include: Sister Annie Stanley, Sister Annie

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 Wednesdays: Bible Class & Devotional - 7:00pm

God's Plan for Saving Men
 All men saved - Romans 8:28
 Jesus Christ died for our sins - 1 Cor. 15:3-4
 We must do God's will and obey Him in order to be saved - Matt. 23:1; John 8:54
 How do we obey Him?
 Trust Him unconditionally - Romans 10:17
 Believe Jesus Christ is the son of God - Mark 16:7
 Repent of your sins - Luke 13:3
 Confess - Romans 10:10
 Be baptized for the forgiveness of your sins - Acts 2:38
 Be obedient - 1 Pet. 1:22

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Obsequies

Eora T. Jimison

Funeral services for Don T. Jimison were held last Tuesday morning, January 22, 2008, at the Christ Temple Church of God in Christ with Supl. W. David Haynes, pastor, officiating.

Burial was held in the City of Lubbock Cemetery under the direction of Griffin Mortuary & Funeral Home of Lubbock.

At age 87 years, she passed away Tuesday, January 15, 2008, at her residence.

She leaves to cherish her memories, two daughters, Wanda Ann Jimison and Brenda Deal; a grand niece, Shantaye Jimison; four grandchildren; and a host of other relatives and friends.



Dovie Ward

A longtime resident of Lubbock, Dovie Ward passed away at her residence on Wednesday, January 16, 2008. She was 80 years of age.

Funeral services were held last Tuesday afternoon, January 22, 2008, at the Greater St. Luke Missionary Baptist Church with Rev. J. H. Ford, pastor, officiating.

Burial was held in the City of Lubbock Cemetery under the direction of Griffin Mortuary & Funeral Home of Lubbock.

She was born October 27, 1927.

She leaves to cherish her memory: three daughters: Brenda Ward Davis, Sharon Ward and Nancy Ward; four sons: Don Ward, Wyatt Ward, Jr., Toney Ward and Ricky Ward; 18 grandchildren; 42 great-grandchildren;



5 great-great-grandchildren; and a host of other relatives and friends.

Lisa Logan Douglass



Graveside services for Lisa Logan G. Douglass, were held in the City of Lubbock Cemetery last Friday afternoon, January 18, 2008, under the direction of Griffin Mortuary & Funeral Home of Lubbock.

She passed away Monday, January 14, 2008.

She attended Western Hills and received a nursing degree from South Plains College.

She is survived by Michael Qualls; a daughter, Linda Riegel; sons: Bulba and Lance Burleson; and Randall Douglass; grandchildren: Anthony, Steven, Bobby and Isaac, all of Lubbock; brother, Will Logan of Sparks, Nevada.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Willard and Francis Logan; and a sister, Lora Logan also of Lubbock.

Celebration of Gospel

Los Angeles, CA (BlackNews.com) - With spiritually-uplifting performances by some of the biggest names in gospel and mainstream music, BET's CELEBRATION OF GOSPEL is a hand-clapping, foot-stomping two-hour revival! Hosted by veteran comedian/actor and popular syndicated radio personality Steve Harvey, this inspirational affair was taped at the historic Orpheum Theatre in Los Angeles. Themed "Spirit in Song," CELEBRATION OF GOSPEL is filled with rousing performances by Patti LaBelle, John Legend, Kirk Franklin, Yolanda Adams, Pastor Shirley Caesar, Dr. Bobby Jones, Fred Hammond, J. Moss, Marvin Sapp, Mighty Clouds of Joy, Kiki Sheard, Crystal Aiken, Israel and The New Breed, and T-Bone. The telecast also includes special appearances by Rev. Jesse Jackson and Henry Simmons, and premieres on BET Sunday, January 27 at 8:00 p.m. ET/PT.

The Alliance for Digital Equality Appoints Texas State Senator Rodney Ellis and Marketing Executive Bill Lamar to Board

New Members Join Recording Industry Pioneer Clarence Avant, Former Morehouse College President Roy Keith, and Tallahassee, Florida Mayor John Marks in Consumer Empowerment Coalition

Atlanta, GA (BlackNews.com) - Chairman Julius H. Hollis and The Board of Directors of The Alliance for Digital Equality today announced the appointment of two new Board members, Texas State Senator Rodney Ellis and William "Bill" Lamar.

"Both Senator Ellis and Mr. Lamar bring keen insight to our organization," stated Alliance Chairman Julius H. Hollis. "In both instances, their peers have oftentimes honored them for their leadership, determination and innovative approaches to consumer or constituent relations. And now, technology consumers across the nation will benefit from their involvement with our organization."

Both Board appointments are effective immediately.

Senator Ellis and Mr. Lamar join a distinguished roster of individuals who have pledged to work for the improvement of access to cutting-edge technologies, products and services for all communities - regardless of race, ethnicity or income. Other Alliance Board members include Vice Chairman

Clarence Avant, the Los Angeles, California-based President of Avant Garde and Interior Music Corporation; Roy Keith, the Managing Director of Almanac Capital, former President of Morehouse College and former CEO of Carson Products Company; Tallahassee, Florida Mayor John Marks; Miami-Dade

Chamber of Commerce CEO Bill Diggs; National Housing Group Corporation's Principal Maggie Pedraza; and United Parcel Service's Legal SVP Teri Plummer McClure.

The Alliance, an Atlanta, Georgia-based national non-profit organization, is currently engaged in the development of Digital Empowerment Councils in four additional cities - Detroit, Michigan, Houston, Texas,

Miami, Florida, and Charleston, South Carolina.

Senator Rodney Ellis is a Democratic member of the Texas State Senate for the 13th District, and co-founder of Apex Securities. Senator Ellis is currently Chairman of the Senate Committee on Government Organization, as well as, a sitting member of the Senate Committees on State Affairs, Criminal Justice, and Transportation and Homeland Security. As state Senator, Mr. Ellis has authored over 100 bills that have become law. Senator Ellis also serves on the National Commission on Energy Policy, the University of Texas Law School Foundation Board, and is Chair of the Board of Directors for The Innocence Project of New York.

Ma Jones Missionary Society Will Sponsor Program

The Ma Jones Missionary Society of the Bethel African Methodist - Episcopal Church will present 'Fall In Love With Mission' on Sunday afternoon, February 17, 2008, beginning at 3:00 p. m. at 2202 Southeast Drive.

The public is invited to spend a blessed afternoon filled with the spirit of our Lord. Those appearing on program presenting inspirations are Lola Gilmore, Cecil Eddington and Mona Cleveland-Shaw.

After the program, a Tea and Completion of Silent Auction.

The Silent Auction bidding will be from 2:00 p. m. until 2:45 p. m. Also, 4:00 p. m. until 5:00 p. m. in the A. W. Wilson Fellowship Hall.

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WHAT: ALL-STAR SPORTS CAMP INFORMATIONAL BREAKFAST & MEETING
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WHERE: BETHEL A.M.E. (2202 SOUTHEAST DRIVE)
TIME: 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM
WHO: ANY ADULT WHO MIGHT BE INTERESTED IN HELPING WITH THIS YEAR'S CAMP
RSVP: 535-6427 by January 24th

This year, we are changing the way the leadership of the camp operates. Over the last few years, God has continued to grow the sports camp. This year, we need reliable people to help with all of the preparations leading up to camp. At this upcoming meeting, we will discuss the core group that will be formed, and also let people know of the ways to help before the camp begins.

If you have any questions or to RSVP, please call Cullen Manny at 535-6427.

Black Men In Action In East Lubbock!

Photos Courtesy of Clinton Hobby



Milton Lee, Joe Brown, and Willie Bolton made a hole-in-one on the mini golf course. Not pictured is Karen Peoples who she also made a hole-in-one.



Rev Hankson with retirement trophy from Goulds pump after a distinguished 35 year career



Brothers of the 100 Black Men of West Texas are shown going through one of their rituals during a recent program. It was their Annual Gala.



Dorothy & Homer Norville at 100 Black Men Gala Last Month.



Carla Snell Singing At Annual Banquet Last Friday Night.



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THIS 'N' THAT

by T.J. Patterson

GOOD TO KNOW DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. BIRTHDAY WILL BE OBSERVED BY LISD IN 2009! THIS N THAT..... It is glad to know that the LUBBOCK INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT will continue to recognize the national holiday DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. in 2009. It had been celebrated over the past years but because of a mandate by the TEXAS EDUCATION AGENCY which would have made it difficult for the past year. Hopefully as VERNITA WOODS-HOLMES School Board member for District Two has suggested this holiday DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. Should be a PERMANENT HOLIDAY in LISD. Hopefully this will become a permanent one in the very near future. Our children in LISD should learn more about this GREAT AMERICAN regardless of where they live in Lubbock.

SET THE RECORD STRAIGHT! THIS N THAT..... has attempted to explain how the beginning of the DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. HOLIDAY got started in Lubbock some THIRTY YEARS AGO but something VERY IMPORTANT was left out. Prior to the Celebration of the Annual Day LOCAL CITIZENS had begun a drive to change the name of QUIRT AVENUE to

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. BLVD. It took more than TEN YEARS. For this to become a reality. Many of us have forgotten the efforts done by a young lady VERA NEWSOME who began the charge. And there were others who worked very hard and included REV. D. A. SMITH, FULTON BERRY. And many others. In those days there were some businesses on the then Quirt Avenue who didn't want to budge. But with persistence POSITIVE THINGS did happen. THIS N THAT appreciates those of you who knew the true story about all of this. Oh yes, a special thanks to BROTHER BERRY! THIS N THAT recalls in a meeting at City Hall in the old building. In a public hearing about the name change when some business didn't want to bear any cost to change their letter heads and envelopes when a co-publisher of the Southwest Digest EDDIE P. RICHARDSON said "WE'LL PAY FOR YOUR ENVELOPES!" You guessed it. The rest is history!!!

PASTORS, YOU WERE MISSED LAST FRIDAY NIGHT! THIS N THAT wants our local PASTORS to know they were truly missed at the annual Banquet of the DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. BANQUET. Hopefully next year there will be a good representation of our LOCAL BLACK PASTORS & MINISTERS. THIS N THAT did receive some calls asking why

you were not seen in numbers and as one person said DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. WAS A PASTOR!

PENNY HASTINGS THE BARBER SAYS: "THE BEGINNING" doesn't mean a thing, as it is the END which really counts!

HOPE YOU ARE A REGISTERED VOTER! THIS N THAT is hoping as many of you BLACK PEOPLE are really REGISTERED VOTERS. Time is winding down before the first election. Just think in a few weeks the DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY will take place on March 4, 2008, and in a few weeks after it the CITY OF LUBBOCK CITY ELECTIONS where a mayor and city councilpersons will be elected. Just think this year all of these elections will be very interesting. So you had better suit up because the water will be fine.

VERY GOOD SPEECHES! THIS N THAT heard two very good messages last week during the 30TH ANNUAL CELEBRATION of the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration. Those gifted speakers both educated in Lubbock and have done some outstanding things in their lives. They were QUINCY WHITE & DR. LYDIA JACKSON-WATERS retired pastor of the Crossroads/Nija United Methodist Church in Compton, California. did a wonderful in getting the message out. Both were on target about OUR ATTITUDES TODAY and we need EACH OTHER!! THANKS TO YOU!!

Think About It!

Where Do We Take The Legacy?"

by Eddie P. Richardson

"Martin" as he was known and called by those who knew him, Dr. King as he was called by the world, and was an eloquent man with a simple & righteous mission. "I have the audacity to believe that people everywhere can leave Three Meals a day for their bodies, education and culture for their minds and dignity, equality, and justice for their spirits. I believe that what have self-centered men have torn down, and other centered men can build up." - Martin Luther King, Jr.

If 80 year old Martin could revisit today, he would be very happy and very sad at the same time. He would see the unbelievable in just a few years we see a Clinton and Obama on the road to possibly the Presidency of the United States of America, across the board elected officials at the local, state and national levels

across America, positions in corporate America, business and industry as well as coaches in major sports. Not as many in all aspects as it could and should be, but a giant beginning everything has to start and, hopefully, continue to advanced.

Now on the sad side, the number of persons in jail, prison, probation, and in the justice system in one way or another. The decline of respect for self and others, and, most of all, the stinking nasty attitudes, the apathy, compacency in our young and some old our old people.

People of all races have shed blood and died for us to have the right to vote and use the toilet and look at us today. We think we have arrived, but we do not even know what stagecoach we were on.

My just look at some of the

Hip Hop generation pants down below. The behinds dirty, funny drawers, even girls. Worse of all as far as respect and self pride is some of the Rap Music which is dirty with filthy lyrics.

When the positives and negatives are compared the positives will edge out the negative and continue to move forward for a better America for all Americans, because America is not American for anyone until it is America for Americans for many that Dr. King's dream let us not let it die.

Closing Thought: "Many White Americans of goodwill have never connected bigotry with economic exploitation. They have deplore prejudice, but tolerated or ignored economic injustice. But the Black person knows that these two evils have a malignant kinship."

Hillary Clinton, Barack Obama Engage in Bitter Debate

MYRTLE BEACH, S.C. -- Democratic presidential rivals Hillary Rodham Clinton and Barack Obama accused each other of repeatedly and deliberately distorting the truth for political gain Monday night in a highly personal, finger-wagging debate that ranged from the war in Iraq to Bill Clinton's role in the campaign.

Obama told the former first lady he was helping unemployed workers on the streets of Chicago when "you were a corporate lawyer sitting on the board at Wal-Mart."

Moments later, Clinton said that she was fighting against misguided Republican policies "when you were practicing law and representing your contributor in his slum landlord business in inner city Chicago."

Obama seemed particularly irritated at the former president, whom he accused in absentia of uttering a series of distortions to aid his wife's presidential effort.

"I'm here. He's not," she snapped.

"Well, I can't tell you I'm run-

ning against sometimes," Obama countered.

The two rivals, joined by former Sen. John Edwards, debated at close quarters five days before the South Carolina primary and 15 days before the equivalent of a nationwide primary across 20 states that will go a long way toward settling the battle for the party's nomination.

Hillary Clinton was the national front-runner for months in the race, but Obama won the kickoff Iowa caucuses three weeks ago, knocking her off-stride. She recovered quickly, winning the New Hampshire primary in an upset, and on Saturday, won the popular vote in the Nevada caucuses while Obama won one more delegate than she.

The Democratic electorate in South Carolina is expected to be roughly 50 percent black, an evident advantage for Obama in a historic race that matches a black man against a woman.

Even in the superheated atmosphere of the primary, the

statements and exchanges between Clinton and Obama were unusually acrimonious. The debate came as the two campaigns continued to complain about dirty politics and disenfranchisement of voters in last Saturday's Nevada caucuses.

Obama suggested the Clintons were both practicing the kind of political tactics that had alienated voters.

"There's a set of assertions made by Senator Clinton as well as her husband that are not factually accurate," Obama said. "I think that part of what the people are looking for right now is somebody who's going to solve problems and not resort to the same typical politics that we've seen in Washington."

Clinton countered: "I do think that your record and what you say does matter."

Edwards, who badly trails his two rivals, tried to stay above the fray while pleading for equal time.

"Are there three people in this debate, not two?" he asked.

In Cinque

by Renetta Howard



Born in Chicago on the anniversary of the great fire of 1871 which has provided the impetus for Fire Prevention Week, I am compelled to make us all aware of the seriousness of fire prevention. October is Fire Prevention Month. Like all other causes, fire prevention has a

whole, mouth new. Though fire prevention awareness is emphasized in October, we need to be aware of and prevent fires all the year. Sometimes the wind is very high in October in many states of the union making October one of the dangerous months for difficulty in controlling fires, as it was alleged that Mrs. O'Leary's cow kicked over a lantern in the barn and the high winds spread the fire all over the business section of Chicago. This was one of the reasons initially given for how the fire started, but native Chicagoans blame the fire on boys attempting to smoke tobacco and accidentally set the fire.

Many fires are started acci-

dently. Some are due to carelessness and others to a lack of knowledge about what can ignite an unwanted fire. Believe it or not, many fires are caused by cigarettes and other tobacco products or products used to light a tobacco product. We worried about keeping matches out of reach of children, but very few people really use matches now since the invention of the cigarette lighter and the utility lighters used to ignite gas and charcoal barbecue grills. Some people use utility lighters for their kitchen stoves when their pilots no longer work. These can be dangerous in places where there are "No Smoking" signs. You may think, "I am not going to smoke," but just igniting the lighter may cause an explosion or a fire. Turning on an electric light

where there is gas, can cause a fire and explosion.

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We keep a lot of hazardous materials in our homes without even thinking about what is capable of igniting a fire, so we need to

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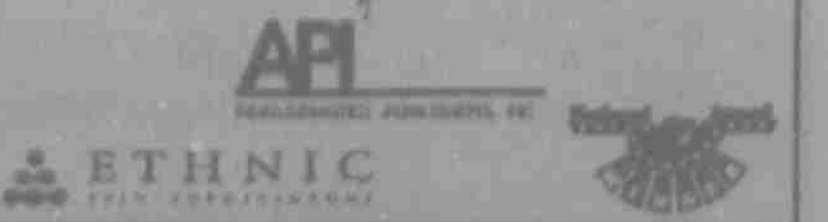
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Parson Smith
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of bending over and making others feel good. I realize and well as the business community of Lubbock that East Lubbock is not near what it should be and in some respect a sore eye for the total community. All of the problems that District 2 has must not be blame or others. We as a community have to step up to the plate and do our part.

As a community we must return to family values. The men of this community must quit being sub-servant to other ethnic groups. They may need also to come to grip with the fact some of the so-called females leaders in this community has sold them out as being lesser than white or Latino males. One does know that "action speaks louder than words."

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6:30 - 8pm | Dunbar Middle School

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 14

6 - 7:30pm | Hutchinson Middle School

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 18

6:30 - 8pm | O.L. Slaton Middle School

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 21

6:30 - 8pm | Cavazes Middle School

HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSES

THURSDAY, JANUARY 24

7:30 - 9pm | Lubbock High School

MONDAY, JANUARY 28

7:30 - 9pm | Estacado High School

YOUNG WOMEN LEADERS SCHOOL

INFORMATION SESSIONS BEGIN JANUARY 21

Call 766-1744

APPLICATION DEADLINE - March 3, 2008

For additional information contact Carolyn Thompson-Conwright at 766-1134 or ckthompson@lubbockisd.org



All your life you've been told you have a Heart of Gold.

Bring it in for an appraisal.

Covenant's Fifth Annual Heart Symposium

Holiday Inn Park Plaza

3201 S. Loop 289

Saturday, February 2

Brunch will be provided

8 a.m. to 11 a.m. - Free Heart Screenings*

9:30 a.m. - Healthy Heart Cooking Demonstration

11:30 a.m. - Keynote Speaker Amy Doneen, A.R.N.P.

As Director of the Heart Attack & Stroke Prevention Center in Spokane, Wa., she is considered one of the nation's foremost thought leaders in heart attack prevention.

*Water only for 12 hours prior to your free health screening



To pre-register call 1.866.4COVENANT (1.866.426.4362)

