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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
- Lub 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 7:30am, 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 p.m.
- West Texas Chapter of 100 Black Men meets the 3rd Monday evening at 7:00 pm at the Parkway Neighborhood Center.
- The Parkway Guadalupe & Cherry-Point Neighborhood Association meets the 3rd Tuesday evening of each month at 7:30 pm at Hunt Elementary.
- Chatham Hill Neighborhood Association meets the 2nd Thursday of every month at 6:00 pm, at the Elementary Cafeteria.

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In the Past, Pennsylvania Voters Elect Few Women and Blacks

HARRISBURG, Pennsylvania (AP) — Voters in Pennsylvania rarely elect black and female candidates. But they will have to choose one or the other in the April 22 Democratic presidential primary between Sens. Barack Obama and Hillary Rodham Clinton.

There is no consensus explanation among political operatives and scholars for the political glass ceiling in this state, which currently has only one black person and one woman in its 21-member congressional delegation and has never had a black or female governor. Only one black and one woman have ever sought the governorship on a major party ticket.

Some chalk it up to the parties' failure to recruit more women and blacks, and a tendency to favor incumbents over untested upstarts. Some theories hold that juggling young families and political careers deters women from seeking full-time office or voters from choosing them. Some believe the concentration of blacks in urban areas works against black candidates for statewide office who must seek votes in predominantly white rural counties.

Pennsylvania's voting-age population is more than 50 percent female and about 10 percent black, but neither group has comparable representation among top state and federal elective offices. One of the worst showings: Only 15 percent of the 253 seats in the Legislature are filled by women, leaving Pennsylvania 43rd nationally.

State Democratic Party chairman T.J. Rooney sees no "inherent bias" against black or female candidates. "The challenge that confronts candidates of any stripe is being able to put together the money and the organization," he said.

But racial bias is still a reality in much of the state, said J. Wyatt Mondesire, state president of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. Outside Philadelphia and its suburbs, he pointed out, few minorities hold positions of power in county party organizations.

Gov. Ed Rendell, who backs



Mrs. Ruby Phenix

Clinton, said in February that some white Pennsylvanians would likely vote against Obama because he is black. Rendell said racial bias may have contributed 5 percentage points to his own 22-percentage-point victory in 2006 over Republican Lynn Swann, the former Pittsburgh Steelers star who is the only black ever to run for governor on a major party.

When criticized for his remarks, Rendell added that Clinton faces similar obstacles because of her gender. Rendell said both Clinton and Obama have done a good job overcoming stereotypes and Obama could benefit from his "ability to bring new voters into the electoral pool."

Driven by the contest between Clinton and Obama, Democratic registration in the state has soared over 4 million, the first time by any party.

Thaddeus Mathis, co-director of Temple University's Center for African American Research and Public Policy, attributes the paucity of elected blacks to the concentration of the black population in Philadelphia and Pittsburgh.

U.S. Rep. Chaka Fattah, a Democrat who backs Obama, said Pennsylvanians' previous reluctance to vote for black candidates will not necessarily hurt Obama.

"Race is a factor in American life, ... but it doesn't preclude you from winning any vote," said Fattah, Pennsylvania's only black congressman. "What you have to do is show you can identify with the issues and concerns of the

people you are seeking support from."

Like blacks, women also say party organizations could do more to promote their candidacies.

Barbara Hafer, a former auditor general and treasurer, is the only woman to run for governor or a major party ticket. As the Republican nominee, she was soundly defeated by incumbent Gov. Robert P. Casey in 1990.

Hafer had to launch her own political career; she was not recruited to be a candidate.

"You have to do it on your own, with your own family and friends," Hafer said. "You cannot rely on party leadership."

Ruth Rudy, a Democratic National Committee member who spent 14 years in the Legislature, said rural voters "don't view women as being effective in positions of power as they do men."

"When I first took my petition (for Legislature) around to get signed," said Rudy, who lives near State College in the center of Pennsylvania, "there were people who said, 'I just don't think a woman is capable of handling the job.'"

But Pennsylvania did not always trail other states in electing women. In 1922, two years after women got the vote, Pennsylvanians elected the first women to the Legislature. Eight won state House seats, making Pennsylvania a national leader, Manderino said.



Mrs. Ruby Phenix

Longtime Child Care Professional Will Be Honored Here For Her Dedication Helping Children

Mrs. Ruby Phenix will be one of three ladies, along with Trinity Schools, who will be honored Wednesday morning, April 16, 2008, at the Champions for Children Banquet. It will be held at the Jay Gordon Room, 1628 19th Street. Tickets are \$25.00 each.

The other ladies are Canzada Bray and Susan Weiland.

This special honor is a means to highlight the dedicated work of the five-facility organization who make up The Early Learning Centers of Lubbock. It is being done with other activities during the National Association for the Education of Young Children's "Week of the Young Child" April 13-19, 2008.

According to Joanne Cotter, executive director of the Early Centers, "Our mission is to provide the highest quality child-care regardless of the family income."

The organization, which accepts newborns to 5-year-olds, focuses on getting children up to speed for kindergarten while freeing their parents to earn a living.

"We provide child care mostly for low-income families, but any

one can come to our centers. We base our fees on their income," continues Cotter.

An open house will be held at the Carver Early Learning Center, 2509 Elm Avenue, from 9:30 a. m. until 11:00 a. m. Tuesday, April 15, 2008. A Mayor's Proclamation announcing the Week of the Young Child in Lubbock will also be made at 10:00 a. m. at the Carver Center.

Mrs. Phenix, who has been an employee of the Carver Early Center for more than 45 years, is an active member of Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church where she serves as a Steward, a member of the Chancel Choir, and coordinator of refreshment activities of the church.

"I've enjoyed what I've been able to do, because of God. Helping young children is what I have always wanted to do, and I am blessed to be able to do so," said the graduate of Dunbar High School.

"Many people have asked me when am I going to retire, and I tell them just wait and see," she smiles.

Rabbi Tommy L. Parker Serves Community



Rabbi Tommy L. Parker is the Great, Great Grandson of Nocoona, a chief of the Comanche Indians. Quannah Parker and Jonah Parker (Pecos) were sons of Chief Peta Nocoona and an Anglo woman, Cynthia Ann Parker, a settler's daughter from Texas. Quannah was the oldest son and the last chief of the Comanche Indians. Jonah Parker (Pecos) is the Great Grandfather of Rabbi L. Tommy Parker.

Rabbi Tommy L. Parker was born in Bryan, Texas on January 9, 1945, 100 years after his Great, Great Grandfather Quannah Parker was born. His parents are Billie Parker, his father and Pauline Jenkins, his mother. Because they were not married, Tommy spent the first years of his life being raised by his maternal Grandmother Elizabeth Moses Jenkins. She was also the midwife who delivered him into the world.

Times were very difficult for a

young woman with a child and no husband. And work was hard to find in Bryan, Texas. Without having any special skills, Pauline traveled to west Texas in search of a job. She found one as a migrant worker picking cotton. The work was hard and back breaking. And the wages were low. But she still sent money back home to support Tommy while his grandmother cared for him. After living several years with his grandmother, she passed away. Then Tommy was brought to Lubbock, Texas to live with his mother.

Tommy started school later than most children because of the way his mother worked. He started school in the second grade at 3 years old. But because he was so bright he made up for lost time quickly.

As time went on he became the oldest of nine children. The needs at home continued to grow greater and more demanding. Tommy's part time jobs did not pay enough to make a real difference. And he felt the pressure to do more. He saw only one option. Tommy quit high school and joined the Army. He knew there would be one less mouth to feed and he could earn more money to help the family by being in the military. Tommy joined the Army during the height of the Vietnam War. However, instead of Vietnam, Tommy was sent to Germany. He finished his high school education at the military academy in Hohen, Germany.

(Editor's Note: Let's encourage helping our young people in Lubbock.)

FIRSTKO II (The Company) Founded In Lubbock By Cyphers

FIRST KO II, from this point on will be called The Company, will be a Lubbock, Texas based company dedicated to providing "specialized" and "customized" Domino Markers, Sprinklers, Trash Bag Holders, Water Guns, and Gordissa Hoes. These products will be useful to small businesses, consumers, colleges/universities, schools, organizations, entrepreneurs and business professionals. The products are being designed to input the names, insignia, or initials, based on individual's specifications.

The Company is developing five (5) innovative and practical products and accessories. Mr. Edwin C. Cyphers is able to produce weightable product lines because his products are customized, diverse, and can be used by people of all ages. The Company will quickly gain market penetration and be established as an innovative inline product company.

Lubbock, Texas was strategically chosen since Lubbock is Mr. Edwin C. Cyphers home.

Introduction
A market exists for a business that provides Specialized and Customized Domino Markers, Sprinklers, Trash Bag Holders, Water Guns, and Gordissa Hoes. The Company is a small business, established to design and supply these products to other small businesses, consumers, colleges/universities, schools, organizations, entrepreneurs and business professionals. The company will be located at Lubbock, TX 79404. The products that will be manufactured, produced and sold by The Company are being made of PVC Pipe and Fittings and are being assembled by Mr. Edwin C. Cyphers on location. Due to the future needs, and overwhelming request for these products, additional staff, and warehouse space will be needed so that products may be assembled on site and sold/shipped to consumers and/or distributors.



Coach Bob Knight visiting with Edward Cyphers about new business in Lubbock.

These consumers through word of mouth, flyers, advertisements in trade publications, newspapers, the internet, through an in-house sales force, and a network of salaried and commission-based sales reps.

(More Product To Follow)

Chatman Hills Corner

By Doris Reynolds

Congratulations to the Ella R. Hies Elementary's Ballet Folklorico for a job well done. The group won four trophies in their division competing against dancers from across the state on March 14, 2008.

Congratulations to Karen Grant and Tanique Ards, both seniors at Estacado High School. They were named all state by the Texas Girls Coaches Association.

Services were well attended last Sunday morning, April 6, 2008, at the New Hope Baptist Church, where the proud pastor is Rev. B. R. Moton. New Hope is the Church Where The People Really Care.

Services got underway at

10:50 a. m. with Meditation and Prayer. The Praise Team blessed all present with inspirational singing. The morning scripture was read by Minister L. Moore. Minister C. Wilson offered the morning prayer.

After the singing of several selections by the New Hope Choir, Pastor Moton delivered a very strong sermon entitled "Lord, I Want To Be In Your Presence." His scripture text was Psalm 16, Psalm 100 and James 4:8. It was truly a blessing for all in attendance.

After the invitation to discipleship, the morning announcements were read by Sister Beverly Moses. All visitors were welcomed by Brother Bruce McKnight.

For all of you who were visiting with us last Sunday morning, remember God sent you our way to visit us on last Sunday morning. New Hope welcomes you! Keep your life in God's hands. He'll forgive and understand.

Let us continue to pray for those who are on the sick and shut-in list. Among them include Sister Charlie Bell Pratt who has been a patient at the University Medical Center. Also, Dr. Heenan Johnson who had surgery last week. Both are recuperating at this report. God is able.

The City Wide Ushers will meet Saturday evening, April 12, 2008, at the Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church, 2202 Southeast Drive, beginning at 5:00 p. m. All Ushers are invited to attend this important meeting.

Presiding Elder of the Northwest Texas Conference. He is also the father of Rev. Beaty.

The public is invited to attend. The Sons of Allen of the Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church will sponsor a "Candidates Forum" on Monday night, April 21, 2008, at Mae Simmons Community, beginning at 7:00 p. m. All City Councilmen candidates for District Two will be present for the affair.

City Wide Ushers Will Meet Saturday Evening, April 12, 2008 5:00 p. m. Bethel AME Church!

Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church News

As of last week, Rev. Sonia J. Beaty advised all members of Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church to be positive in all that they do, regardless of circumstance, just remain positive. So all agreed to the pledge to not become negative the rest of the month of April, 2008.

Church services were very inspiring last Sunday morning at the Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church, where the proud pastor is Rev. Sonia J. Beaty.

Last Sunday was the first Sunday and it was Communion Sunday. All members were invited to take of the Communion by coming to the altar.

Pastor Beaty delivered a strong sermon on the subject "Satan Is Real." Her scripture text was Ephesians 6:10-12. In her sermon, Pastor Beaty reminded all

present that Satan is always around. "He's there, so you'd better be aware," she made known.

Let us continue to pray for those who are sick and shut in. Among those in attendance last Sunday morning was Brother S. L. Sanders who has been on the shut-in list. He also attended Sunday School. He told the congregation how good it felt to be back in the House of the Lord.

Sister Charlie Bell Pratt has been a patient at the University Medical Center. Also, Dr. Heenan Johnson had surgery last week at the University Medical Center. Both are doing much better at this report.

The 87th Church Anniversary of the Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church will be held Sunday afternoon, April 20, 2008, at 3:00 p. m. Guest speaker will be Rev. W. L. Brown, former

FASHION FUN
by Shirley Roberson
Lattice Animal Trim Set
SEXY SEXY
SEXY set has leopard print lattice cutout work at neckline, sleeves and pant leg accented with scattered rhinestones.

Easy pullover style, pull on pants have elastic waist and side pockets. This set will turn heads for sure. Fantastic colors red, black and dark brown. Don't blend in, stand out.



Shirley Roberson
Fashion tip... always wear a smile
Fashion... just for the fun of it

SOUTH PLAINS MALL. YOU BETTER DEPT. STORES

Weekly Library Schedule

Prepare for Your Job Search at the Patterson Branch Library

The Patterson Branch Library, 1836 Parkway Drive, is offering a series of classes for teens (15 and up) and adults who are looking for summer jobs or permanent employment. On Monday, April 14 at 6 p.m., the topic will be "What's the Right Job for You?" Please call Christina at 767-3300 if you are interested in attending.

or visit www.lubbocklibrary.com.

"Share a Book with a Child" at the Patterson Branch Library

The Patterson Branch Library, 1836 Parkway Drive, presents "Share a Book with a Child," a special storytime for children and their parents, on Tuesday, April 15 at 6 p.m. Each family will receive a free book to take home, courtesy of Literacy Lubbock. While children are in storytime, parents are invited to listen to motivational speaker Keith Graves. For more information, call 767-3300.

Learn to Knit at Groves Branch Library

Come to the Groves Branch Library, 5520 19th Street, and learn the basics of Continental style knitting on Tuesday, April 15 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Bring size 8 knitting needles and worsted weight yarn. For more information, please call the library at 767-3733.

Noon Tunes at the Mahon Library

Noon Tunes continues at the Mahon Library, 1306 9th Street, with a performance by Dustin Garret and the Texas Cruisers at noon on Wednesday, April 16. Bring a bag lunch and listen to some great music. This program is part of Lubbock Reads 2008. For more information, call 775-2835 or visit www.lubbocklibrary.com.

Screening of "Lubbock Lights" at the Mahon Library

The Mahon Library, 1306 9th Street, will show the documentary "Lubbock Lights" at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, April 15. "Lubbock Lights" tells the story of Lubbock music with a focus on the history of the Flatlanders, the country band founded by Joe Ely, Jimmie Dale Gilmore, and Butch Hancock. This program is part of Lubbock Reads 2008. To learn more, call the library at 775-2835.

Show & Tell Storytime at Godeke Branch Library

The Godeke Branch Library, 6601 Quaker Avenue, invites children age 4 and up to a "show & tell" storytime at 2 p.m. on Thursday, April 17. Bring something special to show the group. For more information, call 797-6566.

KidsFest Will Be Held April 12th

The City of Lubbock Health Department will hold its KidsFest Roundup this Saturday, April 12th at the Health Department. There will be free childhood immunizations with shot record, free finger printing kits, and information booths on nutrition, bike and animal safety, child car seats, and more. Plus, there will be face painting, live animals, clowns, candy art, and free food and drinks! There's something for adults as well, as the Health Department will be administering adult blood pressure checks.

The KidsFest Roundup is Saturday, April 12th from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Health Department, 1902 Texas Avenue.

City Elections Set For May 10th!

"Candidates' Forum"
Sponsored By The Sons of Allen of Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church
Monday Night, April 21, 2008 7:00 p. m. Mae Simmons Community Center
Come Hear Candidates Seeking Office of Lubbock City Councilman, District Two
* Floyd Price (Incumbent)
* Aramando Gonzales
* Gilbert Salinas
Come & Hear What Their Platforms Are & What Ideas Do They Have For East Lubbock!

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 747-9430.

YOUR INVITATION TO A NEW BLESSING!
Pastors Johnny & Pat Perez and the family at Church of the Blessed invite you to join them for service this week
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Attend Church Services This Sunday Morning It's Great To Serve!

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Intercessory Prayer 8:30 am
Church School 9:30 am
Morning Worship 11:00 am
Wednesday Services
Bible Study 12:00 Noon and 6:00 pm
"GOD OUR FATHER, CHRIST OUR REDEEMER, MAN OUR BROTHER"

Church News



From the Desk of Parson D.A. Smith "A Foolish Preacher"

I was taken aback last week when I was walking by the television and heard a preacher crossing the line about another human being. The preacher was Rev. James David Manning, pastor of Itah World Missionary Church in Harlem-New York. He was being interviewed on Hannity & Colmes Fox News.

What grabbed me was the fact this preacher was talking about Senator's Obama mother. I had to brace myself because I could not believe that a black man would be foolish enough to slander another black man's mother. In the black world that I grew up in it was a quick way for you to sing soprano or join the heavenly choir.

A clip was played of Manning sermon with him expounding the following message: "Obama is a Mac Daddy, Obama pimps white women and black women. He got started, you didn't notice him until he brought out those big-chested white women with their tight t-shirts and their short pants. That's what a pimp does. Oh, come on. You don't get your campaign started with a big-chested white woman. She must be 5'4", double D. I haven't trashed him. I haven't trashed Obama."

His African in heat father went a-whoring after a trashy white

woman. He was born trash. I said he was born trash. I didn't trash him. I'm speaking the truth about him. Now, once again, I'm a diplomat, but I'm not a compromiser. I've got the word in my mouth. I said I've got the word of God in my mouth, and God's not afraid of Obama or anybody else."

If this is not enough by someone who has the appearance of a religious African teddy boy, Manning answering one of Colmes questions about "where in the Bible does it say that Barack Obama is trash," said look in the book of Pralms, chapter 51, verse 5. Colmes said, "This is Barack Obama's trash." Manning replied "No, David the great king said I was born in sin and shaped in inequity and sin did my mother conceive me and it was a trashy woman that conceived Barack Obama."

Colmes questioning Manning more asked "And you talk about him having a white mother as if that somehow doesn't make him good enough as a black person? Because he has a white mother? To which Manning replied, "No, I think that what I'm trying to say with that is if black people are looking for a black president, then why don't they get a black president, get a black person who has a

black father and a black mother rather than a mixture. And Colmes continued "So, he's not good enough. We shouldn't have a president who's half white and half black, that he should be automatically disqualified."

What trouble this writer are the unseen hands of the financial supporters of this allegedly nut case? These anti-whatever find fools and nuts to support their agenda while keeping their heads clean. I hope the Rev. James David Manning knows by now or will come to realize that he has placed himself in a position to be vituperated. Is a moment of fame and a few dollars worth a rear-end whipping by the IRS? I would think not!

On an up note, I would congratulate former presidential candidate and governor of New Mexico for his stance as it relates to supporting Barack Obama. He was recently criticized by political commentator James Carville, who is known for making his living by being confrontational and provocative and a Clinton supporter.

Governor Bill Richardson said "While I certainly will not stoop to the low level of Mr. Carville, I feel compelled to defend myself
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We Thank God for Jesus

"Lord, They're Voting The Wrong Again"

Part 2

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

Revelation 1:2-7a - Jesus said, I have something against you, because you have left your first love. He that hath an ear, let him hear what the spirit said unto the Churches.

Lord, the Church folks use your name to make theirs known. Then say, trusting in this man to make theirs known. Then say, trusting in this man to make theirs known. Then say, trusting in this man to make theirs known.

Jeremiah 8:7-8 - The Lord said, y yes, the stork in the he l'aven know her appointed times, and the turtle, the crane, and the swallow observe the time of their coming, but my people know not the judgement of the Lord.

Lord, the Christians are always looking for someone to trust. That they can see. They trust not in the only true God, and the only one to trust in and not see!!

*** God Is The Same Yesterday-Today-And Forever!!! ***

Lord, 40 years ago, the Christians one day put trust in Martin Luther King. But you being a jealous God, His sins had him taken off the scene!!!

Luke 9:62 - Jesus said, no man having put his hand to the

plow, and looking back, is fit for the Kingdom of God.

They trust in the man who sits in the government seat, ungodly men. They think whosoever is in the seat is right, but Satan is in command!!!

Matthew 4:8 - The Devil took him up into an exceeding high mountain, and showed him all the Kingdoms of the World, and the glory of them, and said unto him, all these things I give you. If you will fall down and worship the Lord your God, and only Him shall you serve.

*** Satan Is The God Of This World!!! ***

Lord, when Jesse Jackson ran for President, he preached to build his name. Then he left the Gospel plow for the Devil's seat. Shame! Shame!!!

Jeremiah 9:23-24 - The Lord said, let not the wise man glory in his wisdom. Neither let the mighty man glory in his might. Let not the rich man glory in his riches. But let him that glory in his that he understands and knows me. That I am the Lord which exercise lovingkindness, judgement, and righteousness in the earth for in these things I delight,

said the Lord.

*** There Is No Greater To Know And Trust In God!!! ***

Lord, it is my prayer that those you called will keep their eyes on you. And keep trusting in you and your word. Like we're suppose to do!!!

Isaiah 26:3 - (Lord), You will keep Him (Us) in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on tee, because He (We) trust in you.

Lord, the Christians are looking for a man or woman, who they can trust. But they have your word, the Holy Bible, and I know that's enough!!!

The Devil is sifting God's people as if sifting nothing but sand. They don't have their trust in God, but it is in the flesh of a man!!!

*** Christians Are Suppose To Be In God We Trust!!! ***

Lord, but we know it is just the signs of time that you are soon to come. The Church folks are going around and around. They are just having fun!!!

James 2:5 - Listen my beloved Brothers have not chosen the poor of this world, rich in faith, and heirs of the Kingdom which He has promised to them.

St. Matthew's Baptist Church News

Church services were well attended last Sunday morning, April 6, 2008, at the St. Matthew Baptist Church, 2920 East 14th Street, with Rev. Edward Canady as the proud pastor.

Church services got underway with Sunday School beginning at 10:15 a. m. last Sunday morning with Pastor Canady in charge. Our Superintendent, Sister Luella Harris, is still on the sick and shut-in

list. Thank God, she was able to be in attendance for Sunday School and morning worship last Sunday. Our prayers continue to go out for Sister Harris.

The subject of the morning lesson was "Holding To Your Convictions. The lesson scriptures was Daniel 1:8-20. Pastor Canady did marvelous job in teaching and reviewing the lesson. It was enjoyed by all in atten-

dance. It made us pay close attention of the need to be obedient.

The morning devotion got underway at 11:05 a. m. with Deacon Edward Williams and Brother Gerald Jackson in charge. Continuation in prayer was one by Sister Barbara Johnson.

The St. Matthew Baptist Church Senior Choir again sang out of their hearts and souls.

Pastor Canady delivered another dynamic sermon. His subject was "If Baal Be God Follow Him; If God Be God Then Follow Him." His scripture text was I King 18:20-24. What a wonderful message.

The Ushers of St. Matthew Baptist Church will sponsor their Annual Day on Sunday afternoon, April 13, 2008, beginning at 3:00 p. m. Sister Lorraine Conaway, president, is asking all to be in attendance. "We want to continue to serve as doorkeepers for the so come and be with us," says Sister Conaway.

Those who are looking for a Church Home are invite to be our special guest on any Sunday morning at the St. Matthew Baptist Church. The doors are always open!

Let judgement should be based on wrong conclusion, Distinguish right from vain and carnal pleading; The world is rife with error

leading.

Thought For The Week: "Jumping to wrong conclusions is one of the greatest of all dangers."

*** Here's hoping each of you

will have a great week, because God continues to bless each of us. Did y you know that if you truly love God, then you are all winners. God is the answer to anything we need in this world. Let us never forget that!

Outreach Prayer Breakfast

The members and friends of the Outreach Prayer Breakfast are saying out loud:

"Do Justly"

Often in our daily walk of life as Christians, situations present us the alternative to do justly or unjustly; neither the Church nor the lives of Christians are the place for injustice. Yet, it is present and practical among Christian Sisters and Brothers. Much too often, as a matter of fact, a Christian woman, disturbed about the spiritually cold and apathetic condition of her Church, shared with us how favoritism and injustice are responsible for the sad condition of her Church. The choice to do justly or unjustly is a choice each of us must make at one time or another. May God help us to do justly and receive the blessing given to those who obey God's command and do justly.

How long will Christians allow the things of the world to lure them into doing unjustly?? They forsake justice to join friendship, prestige, power, and money. Christians, we are called to be examples of divine justice in an unjust world. We must pray for strength to deny the things of this world that's unjust.

Seek the ways of God. If we sincere, want to do justly, we must begin with pure Holy thoughts, scriptures which teaches us that the thoughts of the righteous are right. Proverbs 12:5. Whatsoever things are just thank on these things. Phil. 4:8.

If your thoughts are right, your deeds will be right. Let's pray that God will constantly renew our minds in the spirit as we willingly yield ourselves to him.

Thought of the Week: "How do you judge yourself??? Pray for the Election Please Pray For All Elected Officials!"

"Let's Pray"

Almighty God, help each candidate to not judge another, but to give them clear and clean hearts to do the best job for our county. This world will be a better place to live in. This is our prayer. Amen.

Something To Take Note:

One day a man was talking to his five-year-old grandson some- weeks after he had begun kindergarten. He asked him, "Seth, what do you like best about school?"

He said, "I like resting." At first he thought that was funny. But later it was concluded that we adults could take a lesson from Seth's response. Rest is important and should be part of our daily lives. We can scurry about in our business and become so tired and weary that we don't have energy left over for god. Our lives and our minds are quite often so cluttered with things to do that we simply don't have time to sit down and reflect on our blessings and God's goodness. Instead, we shut God out of our lives.

Rest is important. In fact, beyond offering us daily rest, God created a whole day for it and called it the sabbath. It is crucial for us to stop, to allow God to help us regain our focus on right priorities for our lives. This rest gives us time to commune with God and to listen for God's direction.

*** Let us continue to pray for those people on the sick and shut-in list. Yes, i here are many and they need your precious prayers, visits and any means of showing concern for those who are unable to leave their homes to do anything. Just think how good God has been to each of us who are

able to be mobile each day.

Also, let us not forget those who have lost loved ones over the past week. Yes, God is able!!!

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Worship-10:15 am	Jesus Christ did for our sins - 2 Cor. 5:21; Acts 2:36
Evening Worship-6:00pm	We must do God's will, and obey him to enter heaven - Matt. 7:21; Heb. 5:9
Monday:	How do we obey him?
Bible Class Devotion-7:00pm	Hear the gospel - Romans 10:17
	Believe, Jesus Christ is the son of God - Mark 16:16
	Repent of your sins - Luke 13:3
	Confess - Romans 10:10
	Be baptized for the forgiveness of your sins - Acts 2:38
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Obsequies

Claude Ivory "Big Bubba" James, 74, of Lubbock passed away Wednesday, April 2, 2008 at Covenant. He was born May 22, 1933. He leaves to cherish his memory, his wife, Mary Lou James; five daughters, Shirley Ivory and Bernice Chisholm (Bobby) all of Naples, Texas, Virginia Avery (Butch) and Melva James Smith (Ronnie) of Lubbock, Texas, and Latrecia Dial of Arlington, Texas; five sons, Burnis Johnson of California, Kenneth James, Bernard Lewis, Patrick Lewis (Rhonda) all of Lubbock, Texas, and Curtis Draper of Amarillo, Texas; one sister, Emmidean Hill of Naples, Texas; one sister-in-law, Doris L. James of Waco, Texas; 38 grandchildren, 52 great grandchildren, three great-great grandchildren; a

Claude Ivory James "Big Bubba"



host of nieces, nephews, other relatives, and a very special friend Lillie Jones of Midland.

Service were Monday, April 7, 2008 at New Hope Baptist Church at 11 a.m. in Lubbock, Texas.

Graveside service were held Wednesday, April 9, 2008 at 11 a.m. at Mt. Olive Cemetery in Naples, Texas under the direction of Griffin Mortuary & Funeral Home of Lubbock.

He was a longtime resident of Lubbock.

Taking A Stand

Daniel 3:10-13, 16-18, 21, 24-26.

10 — Thou, O King, hast made a decree, that every man that shall hear the sound of the cornet, flute, harp, sackbut, psaltery, and dulcimer, and all kinds of music, shall fall down and worship the golden image.

11 — And whoso falleth not down and worshippeth, that he should be cast into the midst of a burning fiery furnace.

12 — There are certain Jews whom thou hast set over the affairs of the province of Babylon, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego; these men, O king, have not regarded thee; they serve not thy gods, nor worship the golden image which thou hast set up.

13 — Then Nebuchadnezzar in his rage and fury commanded to bring Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. Then they brought these men before the king.

(Editor's Note: These a portion of scriptures for Sunday School lesson for April 13, 2008).

Later, Rodney transferred to the University of Houston. After his college years, he resided in Houston, Dallas and Denver, Colorado.

Upon returning back home in Lubbock, he became employed by the Texas Tech Health Science in the Department of Psychology. He relocated to the University Medical Center in Patient Services. While maintaining a healthcare profession, Rodney became employed for Covenant Medical Center and Covenant Lakeside. Rodney's final years of employment were with McLane Company.

He is survived by two daughters, DejaNe and Arianna Roberson; his mother, Missionary Ora L. Brown; his father, Rev. Jimmy E. Roberson (Ocie); his sisters: Vickie Roberson-Cooper (Tommy) and Kimberly Brown; his brother, Quincy Roberson; his niece, Alexis Cooper, and other aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends.

Darshoel Talon Willis



Funeral services were held for Darshoel Talon Willis last Saturday morning, April 5, 2008, at Lyons Chapel Baptist Church with Rev. W. D. Davis, pastor, officiating.

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

He passed away Saturday, March 29, 2008, at Breckenridge Medical Center in Austin.

He was born April 2, 1974 to Jimmy and Bettye Willis, the fourth of four children.

He attended Parkway Elementary, Alderson Junior High, Estacado High, and graduated from Coronado High School. He also attended Lubbock Christian University, where he earned honors on the debate team. At an early age, he united with the New Hope Deliverance Temple under the leadership of Elder Charles Tanner and Lyons Chapel Baptist Church under the leadership of Pastor W. D. Davis. He later united with Trinity Church under Pastor Randall Ross.

After graduation from college, he moved to Austin to pursue a career in politics in the State Capitol. He served as the House Appropriations Committee Clerk for the 77th and 78th Legislative Sessions. In 2004, he was Director

of the Lone Star Chapter of the Ebony Caucus, a group dedicated to environmental protection and ensuring that environmental policies include an African American perspective. He was Republican Precinct Chair for the 26th Precinct (2006 to 2008) and in 2008 served on the Temporary Resolutions Committee for the Republican Senatorial Convention, District 14. His most recent assignment was with the State House of Representative under the leadership of Helen Giddings.

He leaves to cherish his memories: his mother and father; brothers: Roderick D. Willis, Sr. and his wife, Tina of Frisco, and Glenn O. Willis and Amanda Perez of Lubbock; sister, Trena Willis of Plano; and extended family; Chris and Tina Games of Austin. Special recognition to: Suzette Gibson, Celce-tine Mosley, Mac Ollie Walker, Annie Compton, Paulette Fraizer, Luke Spence, and Sandra Phillips.

He is also survived by four nephews: Glenn Willis, Jr. of San Angelo, Taydrick Willis of North Little Rock, Arkansas and Ro-Jerick, Jr. and Elijah Willis of Frisco; two nieces, Taiyvn Willis of North Little Rock, Arkansas and Zaydraine Willis of Lubbock; and a host of other relatives and friends.

Kenyon Elizah Bailey



Funeral services for Kenyon Elizah Bailey were held last Saturday afternoon, April 5, 2008, beginning at 12 noon at the Griffin Mortuary with Brother Eddie Quinones officiating.

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

Pallbearer was Tyree Woodard. Honorary pallbearers were Tharon Woodard, Aijon Purify, Emile Williams and Michael Taylor, Jr. Kenyon was born March 31, 2008 at Covenant Lakeside Hospital to Timothy and Roxie Bailey.

He is preceded in death by his grandfather, Tyree Woodard, Sr.; great grandchildren, Chester McGowan; great grandmother, Ruthie Mae Moore; an aunt, Vergie Perkins.

He leaves his memories: his parents, Timothy and Roxie Bailey; a sister, Lakeisha Bailey; three brothers: Timothy Bailey, Jr., Christopher Jones, and Talon Jones; his grandparents, Annie Woodard, Bobby and Patricia Walker; great grandmother, Emma Rowe, all of Lubbock; aunts, uncles, cousins, and dearly cherished friends.

Rodney LeMar Roberson



Funeral services were held for Rodney LeMar Roberson last Saturday afternoon, April 5, 2008, at Agape Temple Church of God in Christ.

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

He passed away Sunday, March 30, 2008 at Covenant Medical Center.

He was born September 10, 1970 to Reverend Jimmy E. Roberson and Missionary Ora L. Brown. He grew up in Lubbock and attended Ham, Posey and Stubbs Elementary Schools. Later, he attended Alderson Junior High School. He graduated from Estacado High School.

While at Estacado, Rodney participated in Student Council, National Jr. Honor Society, varsity football, basketball, and track. He received a track scholarship to Texas Tech University where he majored in Computer Information Systems.

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10 fresh ways to boost your energy now

Must. Stay. Awake. Yes, it's the 3 o'clock mantra. And who hasn't mumbled it while fighting off midday yawns and drooping eyes?

Fatigue and flagging energy seem to be epidemics, especially among women who burn the candle at both ends (and who doesn't?). Instead of moping, pump up your mojo with these 10 strategies from experts in sleep, fitness, nutrition, psychology, and alternative medicine.

1. See the light
Get the right light, and you'll have lots more energy. But that can be a challenge, given the poorly lit offices we sit in and the scant doses of daily sunlight (which contains brain-activating short-wavelength blue light) we get. "Our circadian rhythms are more sensitive to blue light than any other kind," says Mariana Figueiro, assistant professor at the Lighting Research Center at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, New York.

To take advantage of that energizing blue boost, lift your shades the minute you get up or take a 30-minute walk first thing in the morning. And go outside as often as you can during the day (especially right before you need to be extra-alert), says

Scott Campbell, Ph.D., director of the Human Chronobiology Laboratory at New York-Presbyterian Hospital/Weill Cornell Medical Center in Westchester, New York. To up your blue light at work, use lamps with "natural" lightbulbs — try Sylvania's Daylight Extra bulbs, an Ott-Lite, or a light box that uses blue-light technology.

2. Get pumped with protein
Unless you plan to run a marathon, carbo-loading for energy is out. Instead, eat protein to increase mental alertness and energy, says Debra Hollon, M.S., R.D., a clinical nutritionist at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston, Massachusetts. Protein contains tyrosine, an amino acid that elevates the brain chemicals dopamine and norepinephrine. It increases satiety, too. And when you feel fuller, you're not apt to overdo the breads and sweets that induce rollercoaster highs and lows.

Eat plant- and animal-based protein throughout the day — an egg or high-protein cereal for breakfast, 10 almonds midmor-


ning, a cup of low-sugar yogurt in the afternoon — and your stamina should stabilize. Health.com: Get pumped with protein — reconsider the egg

3. Lend a hand
Research shows that you get a "helper's high," a rush of endorphins that lasts for hours, when you volunteer, says Kimberly Kingsley, author of "The Energy Cure: How to Recharge Your Life 30 Seconds at a Time." You don't have to look far to help out, she says.

There may be a single mom in your family who needs a babysitter or a lonely neighbor who'd love to chat.

Judith Orloff, M.D., a Los Angeles-based psychiatrist and author of "Positive Energy: 10 Extraordinary Prescriptions for Transforming Fatigue, Stress, and Fear," agrees, and she often folds anonymous good deeds into her day. During her morning coffee run, she sometimes buys an extra cup of joe for a homeless person. To Continue Next


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THIS 'N' THAT

by T.J. Patterson

CANDIDATES FORUM SET FOR APRIL 21ST! THIS 'N' THAT has been advised that an upcoming **CANDIDATES FORUM** Featuring the candidates seeking the position of **CITY COUNCILMAN** Will be held Monday evening April 21, 2008 beginning at 7:00 p. m. at the Mae Simmons Community Center..... With only three candidates seeking the office It should be a very informative evening for those who are in attendance..... Those three candidates are **FLOYD PRICE (INCUMBENT)** **ARAMANDO GONZALES & GILBERT SALINAS** who are seeking this four year term Another candidate **FREDDY GREEN** who dropped out this week and admits he will be coming backing the future..... Regardless of how you feel about the upcoming election there needs to be some excitement about this upcoming election..... If you are a **REGISTERED VOTER** then it is your American Right to stand up and **VOTE** For the candidate of your choice..... If you are not a **REGISTERED VOTER** you still have until 5:00 p. m. today Thursday April 10, 2008

to qualify for the election set for May 10, 2008..... Early voting will get underway April 28, 2008..... So let's get it on!!
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Think About It!

!Up With Hope, Down With Dope!

by Eddie P. Richardson

We have lost three generations to drugs, gangs and violence. Black on Black crime is up and has been on the rise and is still rising. Drugs is the basic of it all, young people use of drugs are at epidemic levels, but believe it or not, old people are also using large amounts of it. What an example to set for our young people? Believe it or not, most of them could care less what kind of example.

Drugs, drugs, drugs are everywhere and who really care? Sagging pants, both boys and girls, show us their dirty boxer drawers, even sometimes with two pairs of dirty drawers as they show their nasty behinds. Now where is the shame, morality, decency and pride? What ever happened to decency, self pride and self-esteem? We are going backwards fast in the wrong direc-

tion, vulgar language and disrespect for self and kind and others.

The thing today is "I got over on you," with no regards to the circumstances. You are trying to help someone, because they need help, they take your kindness, goodness, concern, and caring for weakness or stupidity when you are trying to help them in the first place and they think they are getting over on you. So really, who's paying who? Come down to it, drugs are always at the bottom of the whole affair. Drugs are a disaster about to happen, and continuing to get worst.

One only needs to take a look around at the world today and see the mess it has caused for all of us. There are more stupid drug deals, because many things have gone bad. The whole drug scene

is just stupid and gone beyond any sense of reality. So the only way back to reality is for the nation to come back to hope and down with all this dope in the community. To this writer, this is the only way out and we need bring into account the need for prayer and away with the dope which has caused many of the problems in our many neighborhoods in Lubbock and across this nation.

It will take all of us working collectively to do our part no matter how small it may appear to be. When we come together, things will happen and benefit all of us. Sure, there are many problems, but with God on our side, we can accomplish our goals we set many years ago.

It appears to be bleak at this time, but by coming together, things will happen for all of us. In this writer's opinion, our parents and guardians need to do their part in rearing our children like they should.

If we would only come together, many of the problems facing our community would be handled in a way in which we could overcome this evil. Sure, many of us may ask the question, how did we get into this mess? It could be attributed to the fact that we went home and began to watch television and said it wasn't our business. But it was, if we didn't have any kids in school or no kids at home, it still is our business to do what we can to cleanup the neighborhood so it can be a much better place for all of us to live +

An Evening of Jazz

By Bryant Whitten

On Thursday April 3, Brad Leali, a Grammy award winning musician, amused a 43 person crowd (47 if waitresses and bartenders are accounted for) with his saxophone runs and solo at Stella's on 50th. Accompanied by an organ, played by Todd Caldwell, and percussions, played by Toby Caldwell to keep the tempo, Leali played his saxophone with much poise, yet, passion. Interacting with the audience by telling jokes and taking request, Leali put on a spectacular performance. Captivating the audience with the soothing instrumentals of songs such as, "Just the two of us" and "Imagination," just to name a couple; all earned a round of applause with slight cheering.

A student and a fan of Leali named Maureen Robertson, said, "I think Professor Leali is a great musician; he is able to make some amazingly beautiful sounds with his horn. I think all three musicians are very talented, Todd Caldwell makes the organ sound like the old school style and Toby Caldwell's timing is always right. They complement each other. When hearing them play I can never sit still in my seat you will always see me doing a little chair

dancing and swaying to the music. I enjoyed myself so much."

A music professor at Texas Tech University, Brad Leali was a Grammy award while participating in the Count Basic Orchestra for their cd entitled, "Count Plays Duke" in 1999. If interested in catching another performance by the talented musician, one would have to travel to Europe where he and his band, The Brad Leali Quartets, will be touring. His scheduled performances and additional information on Leali can be found on his website, bradleali.com.

In Cinque

by Renetta Howard



Howard

Every day, it has become so blatant that our young adults have lost their pride. In addition, the young children are following in their footsteps. One does not have to make a conscious effort to see what is transpiring. We have long obsessed and worried about how our young men dress, but not much has been said about our young ladies.

Our young men have gone to a point of obnoxious dress until some cities have passed legislation to institute a dress code for them which carries a fine if not observed. In spite of that, many young men prefer to pay the fine rather than observe the law. The irony of this is that the young rap

stars who got the ball rolling on sagging pants, too big shirts and weird looking caps, do not really dress that way. They made money wearing those outfits on stage when they performed, and made money selling their lines of dubious looking clothing to naive young men and boys. This way of dressing has even penetrated schools where uniforms are required. Young boys refuse to wear a uniform properly. They still insist on wearing the shirt pulled out so you cannot see their belt, if they wear one, or how low their pants are sagging. They put earrings in their ears larger than those that the girls wear and cram grids of silver and gold onto their teeth giving the appearance of a Cheshire cat. They are a part of the "in group." This failure to follow dress codes in school often leads to some form of discipline which is not the goal of a good student.

Good students can be found among the uniformed populations, but some of the young ladies and girls find ways to be just as

obnoxious as the young men and boys. If the young girls cannot find clothing short enough, they wear their clothing tight enough to see themselves as 'hot' or sexy. No matter how cold it is, they will try to wear shoes or 'flipflops' to show their painted toes that often match their long painted silicone fingernails. Wearing house slippers in the street is just as bad. This is mild. The older young ladies, no matter what their sizes, seem to want to look like the Victoria Secret models and the young singing stars of television. The less they have on, the better they feel. The belly out, no matter what the weather is, with a piece of jewelry in the belly button is the current rage.

Young mothers whom have done nothing to eliminate the sagging belly still want to show it off. Someone forgot to tell them about the other supportive clothing that young ladies wear. It seems that size does not matter. The low cleavage is also in style. Modest dressers have to purchase 'dick-eyes' to wear some of the styles on the market, but the average young lady wears them right off the rack. Bare backs go with low cleavages.

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Lubbock Police issue six warrants in Wilson murder



Law enforcement officials are looking for six people believed responsible for the murder of Bernard O'Neill Wilson, whose remains were found near Buffalo Springs Lake in 2005.

The Lubbock County Criminal District Attorney's office on Monday issued arrest warrants for Joe Aaron Ragan, Leslie Kelli Evans, Carnell D. Littlejohn, Wanda A. Wilson, Keyaira Brown and Thamar Snyder.

The suspects, who range in age from 21 to 42, are accused of beating and stabbing then-17-year-old Wilson.

Wilson's body was found in December 2005 in the 7800 block of FM 835 near Buffalo Springs Lake. Officials estimate he was killed around April 21, 2005, according to arrest warrants.

For more than two years, the

remains were unidentified. The Lubbock County Sheriff's office released a sketch and 3-D model of what Wilson may have looked like, but neither produced any leads. It wasn't until officials released a computer generated image in December 2007 that they were able to identify him.

Wilson's father, Bruce Wilson, saw the computer image and contacted officials, saying he thought it might be his son. A DNA test confirmed it.

Many of the suspects now live out-of-state but are believed to be acquaintances of Wilson's.

One suspect has retained an attorney and is expected to turn himself in, said Maj. Don Carter of the Lubbock Sheriff's office.

Authorities believe they have a motive in the slaying but are not releasing that information at this time.

NAACP: 'Barbie bandits' got slap on wrist



MARIETTA, Georgia (AP) - The head of the Georgia NAACP called for the state to investigate the sentences given in the so-called "Barbie bandits" bank theft case, saying the two white defendants got less prison time than two black men.

Edward DuBose said Monday he will ask state Attorney General Thurbert Baker to look into the case.

Baker's office did not immediately respond to a call seeking comment Tuesday.

Last month, Cobb County Superior Court Judge Mary Staley sentenced 20-year-old Heather Johnston to 10 years probation after she pleaded guilty to

Wilson, who was a student at Coronado High School, had been suspended from school and often cut class. Since he had disappeared for days at a time, his family thought he had simply run away and never filed a missing persons report.

Investigators believe Wilson was killed at 45th Street and Boston Avenue before the suspects disposed of him near Buffalo Spring Lake

a charge of theft by taking in the 2007 heist. The judge gave 19-year-old Ashley Miller two years in jail and eight years probation. Both women are white.

Michael Chastang, 28, was sentenced to 10 years for being the mastermind of the robbery, and bank teller Bennie Allen III, 23, who pleaded guilty, was sentenced to five years. Both men are black. Chastang also is serving 15 years on unrelated drug-trafficking charges and Allen was on probation for a drug conviction.

Johnston and Miller -- both former exotic dancers who went by the stage names "Charlie" and "Adrienne" -- were nicknamed the "Barbie bandits" after they were videotaped wearing sunglasses and laughing as they appeared to rob a Bank of America branch in Acworth of \$11,000.

How Do You Know You Are In A Black Church?
by Brother Wilbert Locke

From time to time, Brother Wilbert Locke will remind you about the Black Church in his own wisdom.

Parson Smith
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against character assassination and baseless allegations, Carville has made it very clear that this is a personal attack-driven by his own sense of what constitutes loyalty. It is this kind of venom that I anticipated from certain Clinton supporters and I campaigned against in my own run for president....As I have pointed out many times, and most pointedly when I endorsed Sen. Obama, the campaign has been too negative, and we Democrats need to curb the rhetoric and personal attacks so we can come together as a party to defeat the Republicans....More than anything, to repair the damage done at home and abroad, we must unite as a country. I endorse Sen. Obama because I believe he has the judgment, temperament and background to bridge our divisions as a nation and make America strong at home and respected in the world again...I do not believe that the truth will keep Carville and others from attacking me. I can only say that we need to move on from the politics of personal insults and attacks. That era, personified by Carville and his ilk, has passed and I believe we must end the rancor and partisanship that has mired Washington in gridlock.

Perhaps the good Reverend in New York could learn a lot from a statesman like Governor Richardson.

The first thought is: Services usually starts at 11:00 a. m., but 50% of the Black members arrive at 11:20 a. m. All the cars in the parking lot have been freshly washed. More Next Week.

American Legacy Magazine and The San Antonio Convention and Visitors Bureau Present the Second Annual "Gospel on the Plaza" Competition in San Antonio, Texas on May 16-17, 2008

New York, NY (BlackNews.com) - American Legacy, the premier magazine of African-American history and culture, and the San Antonio CVB will present the Second Annual "Gospel on the Plaza" Competition as part of the Ninth Annual Soul Food Fest sponsored by the La Villita Heritage Society. The Soul Food Fest features two days of good music, great food, plus arts and crafts in downtown San Antonio. The Soul Food Fest, sponsored by the La Villita Heritage Society, raises funds for arts enrichment and educational assistance for the city's Eastside Boys and Girls Club.

Adult and youth choirs are invited to submit a video; or audiotape of themselves performing. Ten (10) adult choirs and five (5) youth choirs will be selected to compete in the finals in San Antonio on May 16-17, 2008.

"Gospel on the Plaza" celebrates gospel music as a truly distinctive art form, and the rich multicultural heritage of San Antonio provides an ideal setting for this celebration," says Rodney J. Reynolds, American Legacy founder and publisher.

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