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Principal Moore & Faculty of Dunbar Middle School Are Proud of Partnership with NASA



The principal of Dunbar Middle School, Jimmy Moore, and science teachers -- Sandy Davis, Vicki Bacon and Malli Travis, are proud of the partnership Dunbar has with NASA. They are seen displaying the plaque from NASA officially designating Dunbar Middle School as a NASA Explorer School.

Snapshots On The Campus of Dunbar Middle School On Friday, October 26, 2007



NASA Partnership At Dunbar Middle School Doing Well

Representatives of NASA were present last Thursday, October 25, 2007, at the Dunbar Middle School. Those representatives were NASA engineer Alver Ignacio Villarreal, Johnson Space Center Director of Education Susan White and other NASA representatives.

Dunbar Middle School is one of 25 teams selected this year to be part of the nationwide NASA Explorer Schools project.

"NASA is a launch pad that ignites the spirit, engages the mind and opens the imagination of young at heart," said Villarreal. "Participating in this program gives students a glimpse of NASA and what is to come. Our future lies in the courage of our youth to pursue their goals and dreams no matter where they may take them."

Dunbar Middle School Math



WALK YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL: Second graders at Wheatley Elementary School are shown in a march around their campus. This march was to let parents know the importance of walking their child to school.

Three students in front are: John Trotty, Jamal Wilson and Beverly White. Coach Dona Morgan from Estacado High School can be seen in the background.

These second graders are students of Mrs. Christina Skeen. Ms. Margaret Randle is principal.

October Teens of the Month At Alderson Middle School



Jerricea McKinzie



Anthony Robinson

The October Teens of the Month at Alderson Middle School were Jerricea McKinzie and Anthony Robinson.

According to Ms. Catherine Headley, Assistant Principal for Instruction at Alderson, "These are two outstanding young people at Alderson. There are so

many positive young people who are making outstanding contributions to Alderson."

and Science Academy serves approximately 500 students in the East Lubbock area.

McKinzie, an eighth grader, is the daughter of Tara Johnson and Anwon Martin.

Robinson, who is also an eighth grader, is the son of Thelma Robinson.

Mr. George Love is principal at Alderson Middle School.

Daylight Savings Time Begins Sunday!

At 2 a.m. on November 4, 2007, groggy Americans will turn their clocks back one hour, marking the end of Daylight Saving Time (DST).

The federal law that established "daylight time" in the United States does not require any area to observe daylight saving time. But if a state chooses to observe DST, it must follow the starting and ending dates set by the law. From 1986 to 2006 this was the first Sunday in April to the last Sunday in October, but starting in 2007, it is observed from the second Sunday in March to the first Sunday in November, adding about a month to daylight saving time. (See: New Federal Law.)

No More Sunlight in Arizona and Hawaii

Arizona (with the exception of the Navajo Nation) and Hawaii and the territories of Puerto Rico, Virgin Islands, Guam, and American Samoa are the only places in the U.S. that do not observe DST but instead stay on "standard time" all year long. And if you've spent any time in the sweltering summer sun in those regions you can understand why residents don't need another hour of sunlight.

The Dawning of DST in Indiana

Until April 2005, when Indiana passed a law agreeing to observe daylight saving time, the Hoosier state had its own unique and complex time system. Not only is the state split between two time zones, but until recently, only some parts of the state observed daylight saving time while the majority did not.

Community Meetings

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

- African American Chamber of Commerce, Lubbock meets on the 3rd Monday of each month, from 5:30-6:30pm at the Parkway Community Center, 405 MLK Blvd., 806-771-1815
- Lubbock Area Client Council meets on the 2nd Saturday, 1:00pm at the Patterson Branch Library
- Hub City Kiwanis meets every Tuesday, 7:00pm, 1708 Avenue G.
- Dunbar Alumni Association meets 2nd Saturdays, 4:00 pm
- Booker T. Washington American Legion Post 808 meets every 2nd Tuesday at 7:30pm, American Legion Building in Yellowhouse Canyon
- Forgotten West Riders meets on the 1st & 3rd Mondays, 7:00 pm, Patterson Library
- East Lubbock Chapter AARP meets every 1st Thursday at 1:00 pm, Mae Simmons Community Center
- Lubbock Chapter of Black Alumni meets every 3rd Tuesday, 5:30 pm, TTU Market Alumni Center
- Dunbar-Manhattan Heights Neighborhood Association meets every 1st Thursday at 6:00 pm and every 4th Thursday at 7:00 pm at the Dunbar-Manhattan Heights Neighborhood Outreach Center at 1301 East 24th St.
- West Texas Native American Association Pot Luck Supper meets on alternating months prior to meeting, meetings hold 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 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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Church News



From the Desk of Parson D.A. Smith A Sleeper Amnesty from Senators Obama & Clinton?

It is very important that the readers of Parson Smith and the Southwest Digest keep abreast of what is going on in our world. Our world is so close knitted as what happens in China may have an adverse affect on our livelihood.

A few months after the Senate immigration bill failed, those who were in favor of illegal aliens continuing coming and finding refuge in our country resume their efforts despite the majority wishes of Americans who oppose illegal immigration. Richard Durbin, a Democratic Senator from Illinois introduced on the Senate Floor his intention to offer the Development, Relief, and Education for Alien Minors (DREAM) Act as an amendment to the defense authorization bill.

The bill was defeated Wednesday, October 24, 2007 in the Senate. Writers have stated the DREAM Act (s.774) was a nightmare. They concluded it was a massive amnesty that extended to the millions of illegal aliens who entered the United States before the age of 16. The illegal aliens who would have applied for this amnesty would be immediately rewarded with "conditional" lawful permanent resident (green card) status, which could have been converted to a non-conditional green card. The illegal alien would have been able to use his newly acquired status to seek green cards for the parents who

brought him in illegally. The use of this method would be a "slick Willie" approach for back door amnesty for the millions of illegal aliens who brought their children with them to the United States. The bill would have if passed, repeal a 1996 federal law that prohibits any state from offering in-state tuition rates to illegal aliens unless the state also offers in-state tuition rates to all U.S. citizens.

Kris W. Kobach, Professor of Law at the University of Missouri-Kansas City and Visiting Fellow at the Heritage Foundation wrote the following: "It would be absurdly easy for just any illegal alien-even one who does not qualify for the amnesty-to evade the law. According to Section 4(f) of the DREAM Act, once an alien files an application any application, no matter how ridiculous-the federal government is prohibited from deporting him. Moreover, with few exceptions, federal officers are prohibited from either using information to deport the alien or sharing that information with another federal agency, under threat of up to \$10,000 fine. Thus, an alien's admission that he has violated federal immigration law cannot be used against him-even if he never had any chance of qualifying for the DREAM Act amnesty in the first place.

The DREAM Act also makes the illegal aliens eligible for federal

student loans and federal work-study programs-another benefit that law-abiding foreign students cannot receive-all at the taxpayers expense. A consistent theme emerges: Illegal aliens are treated much more favorably than aliens who follow the law. There is no penalty for illegal behavior."

Guest who supported this non-sense: Senator Clinton and Senator Obama. These two supported an Act that would have effectively granted citizenship to more than a million illegal aliens in this country and their relatives. Someone has said, "thanks to the DREAM Act, we got to see the true colors of Clinton and Obama. Unfortunately, they weren't red, white and blue."

I am very surprised at Obama being present for a vote. It lets me know that he has never been around black Methodism or at a Black Baptist Convention. This writer was taught to evade these kind of mistakes when only a rookie preacher.

Creativity represents a miraculous coming together of the uninhibited energy of the child with its apparent opposite and enemy, the sense of order imposed on the disciplined adult intelligence.



We Thank God for Jesus "Its God's Warnings Not Global Warming"

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Mark 13:5-7 & 8b - Jesus said, take heed lest any man deceive you when you shall hear of wars and rumours of wars. Be you not troubled for such things must need to be, but the end is not yet, and there shall be earthquakes in divers places, and not here shall be famines and trouble.

We know of the floodings, the tornados, and even the forest fires. These are some of God's warnings, and the Bible is not a liar.

Luke 17:26-30 - Jesus said as it was in the days of Noe, so shall it also be in the days of the Son of Man. They did eat, they did drink, they married wives. They were given in marriage until the day that Noe enter into the ark, and the flood came and destroyed them all.

When I tell someone, time is winding down, and the Lord is soon to return. They say they've heard that for years, and they're not concerned!!!

II Peter 3:4 - Saying where is the promise of His coming? For since the Fathers fell asleep (Died) all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation.

Luke 12:3-4 - Jesus said, know this that if the Goodman of the House had known what

hour the thief would come, he would have watched, and not have suffered his house to be broken through, but he, you therefore ready also. For the Son of Man comes at an hour when you think not.

***** Was Your Or My Name In The Obituaries This Morning??? *****

Not only are the floods, the tornados, and the forest fires a sign. But the Bible is full of warnings which tells us all about the end of time.

II Timothy 3:1-5 - This known also that in the last days perilous (Dangerous) times shall come and men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient, dishonest to parent to parents, unthankful, ungodly with nature affection, treacherers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those who are good, railors, heady, high minded, lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God, having a form of Godliness, but denying the power thereof, for such turn away.

***** Have You Seen Any Of These Signs??? *****

These are the signs who we're living in the last and evil and wicked days. These are the

signs for the ungodly man, woman, boy or girl to get saved!!!

Mark 13:12a - Jesus said, now the Brother shall betray the Brother to death, and the Father, the Son and the Children shall rise up against their parents.

The Bible tells us what to do, and we're not to be troubled of signs. The Lord is on His way back. He is Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending of time.

Revelation 1:8 - Jesus said, I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning, said the Lord, which is and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty.

You see the death angel is like a policeman going through the land. He has a death warrant for everyone; Woman, Boy, Girl, and Man!!!

So you see you can't run fast enough, and there is no place to hide. So you might as get right with Jesus, and you won't have to even try!!!

Mark 13:32 - But of that day and that hour knows no man. No not the angels which are in heaven, neither the son, but the Father.

Sometimes he takes the baby from its Mother's breath, then
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St. Matthew's Baptist Church News

The St. Matthew Baptist Church, 2020 East 14th Street had outstanding services last Sunday morning, October 28, 2007. The proud pastor is Rev. Edward Canady.

Services got underway with Sunday School beginning at 10:15

a.m. with Superintendent Sister Labele Harris in charge. Another wonderful lesson was taught by Sister Harris, and was reviewed by Pastor Canady. The subject was "Family Reunion." The scripture text was Genesis 33:1-11.

The morning worship hour got underway with the devotion which was conducted by Deacon Edward Williams and Brother Gerald Jackson. The spirit was very high as usual.

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

Pastor Canady delivered a powerful message. His subject was "Don't Stand Around Idle." His scripture text was Matthew 20:1-16.

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Outreach Prayer Breakfast

The members of the Outreach Prayer Breakfast are busy getting ready for their big event on Friday evening, November 9, 2007. With the help of God, all members are hoping for a great event.

The event will be a Gospel Musical Drama which will be called "The Brought A Woman." This drama is being produced by Sister Dorothy Hood, Sister Elnora Brooks-Jones and Brother Maurice Williams are doing the directing.

The drama will be held at the Dunbar Middle School, 2010 East 26th Street, beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Cost to attend this drama is \$10.00 for adults, and children, 6 thru 12, \$3.00 and ages 13-18, \$5.00.

For information call Sister Hood at (806) 762-3347; and Sister LaNell Tates-Adams, (806) 762-4048.

Let's come out and support this great effort.

pray" is exactly what we need to do. During the days of the early church, James wrote to believers who were going through trials - difficulties that most of us know nothing about: stoning, imprisonment, and beatings for their faith. He told them to ask God for the wisdom and comfort to withstand those trials. Let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him."

When you encounter a problem, remember the simple instructions of the "Just Pray" sheep and

talk to God about it. He'll give you what you need.

God is always able to help us in all that we do and need.

Let us continue to pray for our sick and shut in citizens. Just a telephone call, a visit if possible or your precious prayers are so important.

Thought of the Week: "No request is too great or too small to bring to God."

Sister Dorothy Hood, president; Sister Christene Bursleson, vice president; and Sister Elnora Tates, teacher.

Let us remember those among us who are sick and shut-in. Among them are Rev. Monty Smith and ASister Bernice Hameed who are patients in the hospital.

Sister Oretta Moore and Sister Betty Titus are on the shut-in list.

Of course, there are many more who are hurting this week.

Let us remember those who are down today. Just remember, tomorrow it could be one of us who are fortunate to be well today. All we are saying is "God is able!"

Here are a few thoughts to remember: God longs to forgive sinners! But in the minds of many people, this thought seems too

A gentle man was attending church one Sunday morning and heard a sermon that revolutionized his thinking. He said the speaker caught his attention when he said: "The idea that God forgets my sins isn't very reassuring to me. After all, when did He suddenly remembered? In any case,

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How do we obey him?
Heed the gospel - Romans 10:17
Believe Jesus Christ is the son of God - Mark 16:7
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Blanket and Heater Drive to Help Elderly, Disabled

Winter can be a dangerous time for APS clients

Fall's first freeze is on the way, and it is time to start preparing. While planning to protect pets and plants from the dropping temperatures is important, another vulnerable group is also in need of assistance.

Adult Protective Services and the Silver Star Boards across the area are kicking off their second annual Warm Hearts, Warm Homes Blanket and Heater Drive this week, trying to ensure that one of our area's most vulnerable populations is protected from the coming cold weather. The winter months are especially dangerous for the elderly and disabled, so this year, APS is committed to making sure blankets and heaters are available for those who need them the most.

"Every year, somewhere in the state, we see a tragedy when an elderly or disabled person suc-

cumbs to the cold because they did not have the tools to keep themselves warm," said Val Joiner, regional director for Adult Protective Services. "We hope that this year, with the generosity of folks across this area, we can keep that from happening and make sure all of our elderly and disabled folks make it through winter safe and warm."

Elderly and disabled people find themselves particularly at risk during the winter months. Fixed incomes make it difficult to afford rising utility costs, while health issues and some types of medication make them more susceptible to cold injuries.

APS and the Silver Star Boards in the Panhandle and High Plains area are asking the public to donate new blankets and space heaters to help ensure the safety of the elderly and disabled. More than 160,000 elderly and disabled people live in this region. The

The Godeke Branch Library, 6601 Quaker Avenue, invites children age 4 and up to the library for a movie and popcorn at 2 p.m. on Thursday, November 8. We will watch a movie based on a story by Beatrix Potter. For more information, call 792-6566.

items can be dropped off at any Department of Family and Protective Services office. A list of DFPS offices across the area is attached.

"We really hope people will take a few minutes out of their busy schedules to drop off a blanket or a heater," said Gladys Diggs, Silver Star board member. "It's no exaggeration to say that doing so could literally save a life this winter."

Coming Soon! West Texas Gospel Talent Search

The upcoming West Texas Gospel Talent Search will be held in March, 2008. According to the sponsor, this search will include soloists, duets, groups, choirs and other areas of talent.

Information will be going out to schools, churches and organizations about this event.

For more information, contact Ms. Faye Brown at (806) 762-3612.

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Book Discussion at Groves Branch Library

The Groves Branch Library, 5520 19th Street, will host a discussion of the book *Stormy Weather* by Paulette Jiles at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, November 1. Copies of the book are available for checkout. For more information, please call 767-3733.

Muggle Monday at the Godeke Branch Library

Harry Potter fans in middle school and up are invited to the Godeke Branch Library, 6601 Quaker, for "Muggle Monday" on Monday, November 5 at 7 p.m. Discuss the books and films with fellow fans. Refreshments will be served. For more information, call 792-6566.

Movie at the Godeke Branch Library

The Godeke Branch Library, 6601 Quaker, will show a movie about a college football coach trying to rebuild his team after a plane crash kills most of the players at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, November 6. Rated PG. For more information, call 792-6566.

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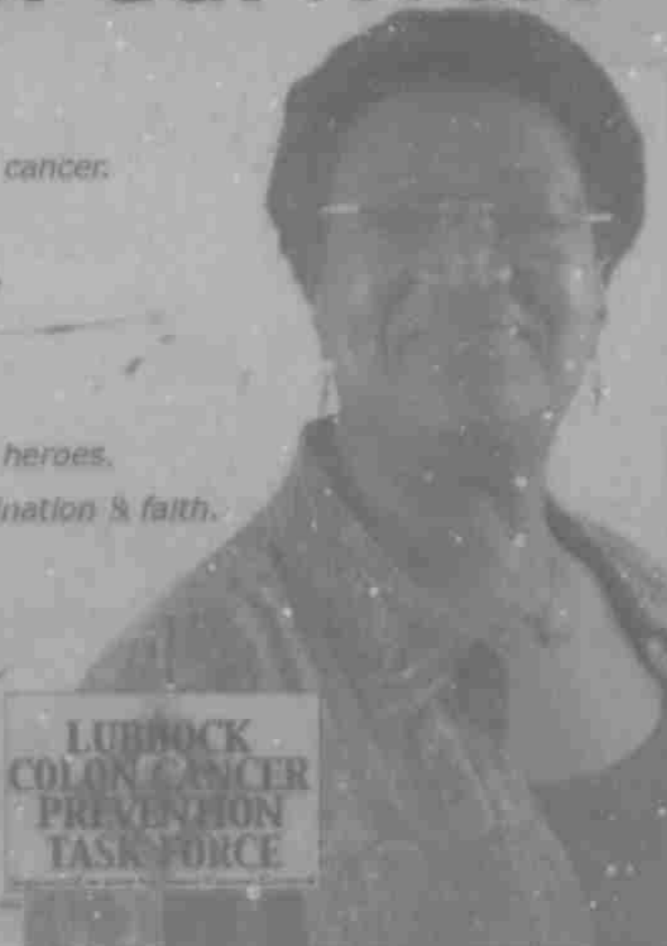
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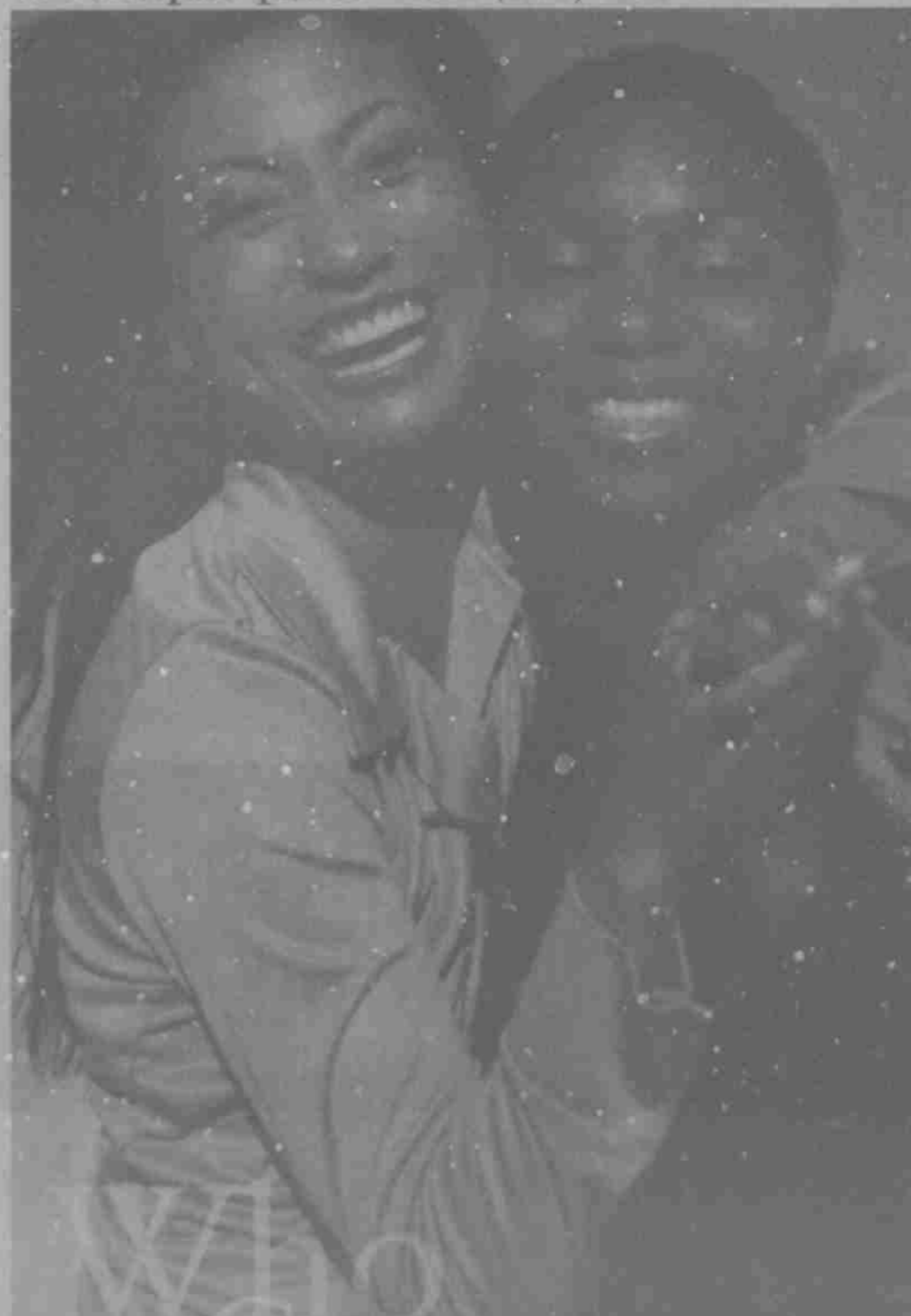
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Georgia Supreme Court Releases Genarlow Wilson From Prison Last Week



ATLANTA - Georgia's Supreme Court on Friday ordered the release of a young man who has been imprisoned for more than two years for having consensual oral sex with another teenager. The court ruled 4-3 that Genarlow Wilson's 10-year sentence was cruel and unusual punishment.

Wilson, 21, was convicted of aggravated child molestation following a 2003 New Year's Eve party at a Douglas County hotel room where he was videotaped having oral sex with a 15-year-old girl. He was 17 at the time.

Wilson was acquitted of raping another 17-year-old girl at the party.

The 1995 law Wilson violated was changed in 2006 to make oral sex between teens close in age a misdemeanor, similar to the law regarding teen sexual intercourse. But the state Supreme Court later upheld a lower court's ruling which said that the 2006 law could not be applied retroactively.

Chief Justice Leah Ward Sears wrote in the majority opinion that the changes in the law "represent a seismic shift in the legislature's view of the gravity of oral sex between two willing teenage participants."

Sears wrote that the severe punishment makes "no measur-

able contribution to acceptable goals of punishment" and that Wilson's crime did not rise to the "level of adults who prey on children."

The state Supreme Court had turned down Wilson's appeal of his conviction and sentence, but the justices agreed to hear the state's appeal of a Monroe County judge's decision to reduce Wilson's sentence to 12 months and free him. That judge had called the 10-year sentence a "grave miscarriage of justice."

Dissenting justices wrote that the state Legislature expressly stated that the 2006 change in the law was not intended to affect any crime prior to that date.

They said Wilson's sentence could not be cruel and unusual because the state Legislature decided that Wilson could not benefit from subsequent laws reducing the severity of the crime from a felony to a misdemeanor.

They called the decision an "unprecedented disregard for the General Assembly's constitutional authority."

A spokeswoman for Wilson's lawyer said his legal team received no advance notice of the decision.



Donnie McClurkin

Gay Groups Attack African-American for Coming Out of Homosexuality

Ex-Gay Organization Calls for Gay Activists to Stop Promoting Hatred Against Former Homosexuals in Obama Presidential Campaign

Washington DC (BlackNews.com) - Parents and Friends of Ex-Gays & Gays (PFOX) has called on gay activists to end their attacks against Donnie McClurkin, an African-American gospel singer and former homosexual. Mr. McClurkin is a Grammy Award winner who is using his singing voice to participate in gospel concerts to raise funds for Sen. Barack Obama's presidential campaign. Some gay activists are demanding that Sen. Obama drop McClurkin from the singing tour.

"Ex-gays have the same right to participate in the political process as other Americans and should not have to endure this type of abuse because they chose to leave homosexuality," said Regina Griggs, PFOX executive director. "Gay rights groups demand hate crimes laws and sexual orientation non-discrimination legislation, but would deny the same protection to ex-gays who want full inclusion in society at the same level that gays currently enjoy."

This irrational behavior towards those who have overcome unwanted same-sex attractions perpetuates misunderstanding and harm against ex-gays. It also

demonstrates a disregard for diversity and a refusal to respect a basic human right to dignity and self-determination," said Griggs.

"It is ironic that gay activists, who used the African-American civil rights movement to win their own homosexual rights, have turned against African-Americans who no longer want to engage in homosexuality," said Griggs.

"Yet many in the African-American community, especially Black churches, support the ex-gay community. PFOX has spoken at Black churches and exhibited at African-American conferences, including the NAACP and Congressional Black Caucus. The support PFOX has received from the African-American community is tremendous."

PFOX urges gay organizations to show the same kind of compassion and acceptance of ex-gays that African-Americans have shown. "Gay groups must stop promoting discrimination against former homosexuals," said Griggs. "Gay activists cannot claim sympathy as victims when they victimize others."

PFOX leads the nation in providing outreach, education, and public awareness in support of families and the ex-gay community. They can be reached via their website at www.pfox.org

Free and Reduced-Price Meals

Texas Tech University Early Head Start Program today announced its policy for free and reduced-price meals served under the Child and Adult Care Food Program for 2005-2006. The Texas Tech University Early Head Start has a copy of the policy, which anyone may review. "The following household size and income criteria will be used to determine eligibility."

Size of Family Unit	Yearly Income
1	\$ 18,889
2	25,327
3	31,765
4	38,203
5	44,641
6	51,079
7	57,517
8	63,955

For family units with more than 8 members, add \$3,480 for each additional member.

Children from households whose income is at or below the levels shown are eligible for free or reduced-price meals. Application forms and a letter to parents or guardians are being sent to all homes. To apply for free or reduced-price meals, households should fill out the application and return it to the contractor. Additional copies are available at the contractor's office. The information provided on the applications will be used to determine eligibility; it may be verified any time during the contract year by the contractor or other program officials. Households must provide the following information on the applications: all household members' names; the Social Security number of the head of the household (or other responsible adult); and all household members' incomes by source; OR the household's food stamp or AFDC case number, if appropriate and the signature of an adult household member certifying that the information is correct. Applications may be submitted any time during the year. According to the free and reduced-price policy, Head Start staff will review applications and determine eligibility. Parents or guardians dissatisfied with the ruling of the official may discuss the decision with the Texas Tech Health Specialist. Parents may request a formal appeal either orally or in writing by contacting:

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Student Shoots 4 Blacks at Cleveland High School; Commits Suicide

CLEVELAND (AP) — A 14-year-old suspended student opened fire in his downtown high school Wednesday, wounding four people as terrified schoolmates hid in closets and bathrooms and huddled under laboratory desks. He then killed himself.

A fellow student at SuccessTech Academy alternative school said Asa H. Coon, who was suspended for fighting two days earlier, had made threats in front of students and teachers last week.

"He's crazy. He threatened to blow up our school. He threatened to stab everybody," Doneisha LeVert said. "We didn't think nothing of it."

Armed with two revolvers, Coon fired eight shots and may have targeted teachers, Police Chief Michael McGrath said.

Math teacher David Kachadourian, who was treated at a hospital for a minor wound to the back of one shoulder, said Coon had been a student in a beginning algebra class he taught. But the 37-year-old teacher said he had not disciplined Coon and knew of no reason why Coon might target him.

"I never felt personally threatened or personally at risk," Kachadourian said after leaving the hospital. "I had concerns about him, yes. He seemed like an angry young man. I did not fear for my own safety."

Police found a duffel bag stocked with ammunition and three knives in a bathroom but found no suicide note, McGrath said.

Parents were angry that firearms got into a school equipped with metal detectors that students said were intermittently used.

Coon spent time in two juvenile facilities after a domestic violence episode and was given home detention, and he was suspended

from school last year for trying to injure a student, according to juvenile court records obtained by The Plain Dealer. He had a history of mental health problems and threatened to commit suicide last year while in a mental health center, the paper reported.

"That's the most basic, profound and saddest part of the whole thing, knowing he was in so much pain and torment," Kachadourian said. "Anytime someone takes his own life, it shows he was desperate."

Officials said two teachers and two students were shot, and that a 14-year-old girl fell and hurt her knee while running out of the school.

Witnesses said the shooter moved through the converted five-story downtown office building, working his way up through the first two floors of administrative offices to the third floor of classrooms. Officials said he was wearing a Marilyn Manson con-

cert shirt, black jeans and black-painted finger nails.

Police released audio from three 911 calls — two from students who had fled the building after the first two shots and one from a distraught mother, calling on behalf of her son, who was huddled in the back of a fourth floor classroom.

"They just shot somebody in his room!" the crying mother told the dispatcher.

The first person shot, 14-year-old student Michael Peek, had punched Coon in the face right before the shootings began, said student Rasheem Smith, 15.

Coon "came out of the bathroom and bumped Mike and he (Mike) punched him in his face. Mike started walking. He shot Mike in the side," Smith said.

Antonio Deberry, 17, said he and his classmates hid under laboratory tables and watched the shooter move down the hallway. "I saw him walking past. He didn't see us, we saw him." The shooter swore and shot several times,

Deberry said.

LeVert said she hid in a closet with two other students after she heard a "Code Blue" alert over the loudspeaker. She said she heard about 10 shots.

Darnell Rodgers, 18, was walking up to another floor when the stairway suddenly became flooded with students. It took me a couple of minutes to realize that I was actually shot, when I felt my arm burning in the area, that's when I realized that I had got shot," Rodgers said.

"They were screaming, and they were saying, 'Oh my God, oh my God.' I knew something was wrong, but thought that it was probably just a fight, so I just kept going," Rodgers said.

Rodgers was released from a hospital after treatment for a graze wound to his right elbow.

Coon had been suspended since Monday for fighting near the school that day, said Charles Blackwell,

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by T.J. Patterson

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WE CAN'T WAIT!

by Eddie P. Richardson

Too long, we as Black people have sat around complaining, moaning and groaning about what the U.S. Government agencies or programs are not doing for us. But what about us? What are we doing for ourselves? Jesus and His 12 white men are not going to come down from heaven and do for us what we must, should, or do for ourselves. As it was said by one of our Black heroes of history too long has sit around waiting for someone else to do for us what we must do for ourselves.

Poverty is no excuse, but not the only reason why we haven't. What we should we have earn over 20 million dollars as Black people in Lubbock County, plus food stamps. These monies mostly help the merchants across town. We have money, but it is misplaced. With all sincerity, a dollar bill should turn around about seven times, but we as Black people in Lubbock County doesn't allow the dollar bill to remain the seven times. Eight or more times become very good, but below is average or poor.

We must educate our dollars to go where they (dollars) are wanted and appreciated. As a people, we need to support those merchants who support your community. We mean those who are willing to help and give back to the ones who gives our dollars must learn to keep away from places that take all of our money across town and leave none of it in our community.

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munity or not in the community should be avoided just because they are Black. But on the other hand, they must realize this is a competitive world and they must be competitive at the market place in order to survive.

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In Cinque

by Renetta Howard



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The closer we come to the election year, we hear all about how much money each candidate is raising in an attempt to secure the office of President of the United States of America, the "land of the free," so why is it necessary to raise millions of dollars just to campaign for the office. One million dollars should carry every candidate and his family around the fifty states and purchase signs, slogan, food and bedding.

As candidates raise money for their campaigns, President Bush is asking Congress

to put up another \$40 plus billion dollars to fund his war in Iraq and \$30 plus to help Mexico fund the curbing of the drug industry. Where is this money coming from? It must have been earned by the poor working man. Katrina victims are still in a lurch. What will the future hold for the victims of California's wild fires?

The poor working man just got the news that his Social Security benefit will have the smallest percentage increase in ages and that the Medicare premium will be raised to a degree that will wipe out the little raise in benefits. The working man's money is not helping the working man or the working man's children. President Bush vetoed a bill that would provide better medical care for our children. His argument was that it would help families with income up to \$86,000. A family with children earning \$86,000 is not exactly upper class in this day and age. With the price of homes now, old or new,

\$86,000 and good credit may find one eligible to purchase a decent home. Any amount below \$86,000 should be considered in the poverty zone. After income taxes, Social Security and Medicare, plus the cost of medical insurance, it could be very difficult to live on \$86,000 if one had a car note, house note and several children, especially if one child is in college. The average college attendance is about \$20,000 per year.

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will have one huge burden of debt to try to clean up and it will be at the expense of the working poor. They will need to tackle the health care problems and the financial problems which have been created by the current administration. We need to get 'in cinque' and carefully choose the candidates we need in office in the immediate future because the cutting of interest rates in the face of soaring prices will make our choices crucial in the areas of health care and finances.

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