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Community

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

Meetings

- African American Chamber of Commerce, Lubbock meets on the 3rd Monday of each month, from 5:30-6:30 pm at the Parkway Community Center, 405 MLK Blvd., 806-771-1815
- Lubbock Area Client Council meets on the 2nd Saturday, 1:00 pm at the Patterson Branch Library
- Hub City Kiwanis meets every Tuesday, 7:00 pm, 1708 Avenue G
- Dunbar Alumni Association meets 2nd Saturday, 4:00 pm
- Booker T. Washington American Legion Post 808 meets every 2nd Tuesday at 7:30 pm, 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/Marshalls Heights Neighborhood Association meets every 1st Thursday at 6:00 pm and every 4th Thursday at 7:00 pm at the Dunbar-Marshalls 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 Janitor's Cultural & Historical Commission - Lubbock Affiliate meets at Patterson Branch Library every 3rd Thursday at 7:00 pm
- West Texas Native American Association meets 2nd Saturday each month at Groves Library, 5520 19th Street, 7-30 pm
- West Texas Chapter of 100 Black Men meets the 3rd Monday evening at 7:00 pm at the Parkway Neighborhood Center
- The Parkway Guadalupe & Cherry Point Neighborhood Association meets the 3rd Tuesday evening of each month at 7:30 pm at Hunt Elementary
- Chatham Hill Neighborhood Association meets the 2nd Thursday of every month at 6:00 pm, at the Chatham Community Center

Longtime Hillcrest Member Has Interesting Spiritual Background

Ruby is her name

(Editor's Note: This article appeared in the May 2008 Hillcrest Herald and written by Ernest Holsendolph.)

Ruby Giddens made her Christian commitment early and grew it fabulously as a Marshall Keeble kid. Her life has been an exemplary one, with faithful family all around her.

We know her now as the faithful mother of a Hillcrest family, including David, Twyla, Davette, Ryan and the late Eddie Jr., and the wife of Eddie Sr.

But the spiritual beginning for Ruby started in her home town of Lubbock, Texas, when renowned Evangelist Marshall Keeble conducted meeting there.

At age 12 Ruby obeyed the gospel. And just two years later she followed the Keeble trail to Tennessee, where she enrolled in the Nashville Christian Institute, a church preparatory school perhaps best known for preparing black gospel preachers.

Ruby, at age 14, was one of the few NCI young ladies, and had very special living quarters. "We girls lived in the Keeble home, about six of us," she said.

"One of the boys could come by and drive us to school," she added. "It was a very good education, and we attended chapel services every day. And, of course, one of the special rewards was listening to Pops, as we called Brother Keeble."

Some historians say NCI, which was state-accredited from the beginning and whole president was Marshall Keeble, produced as many as 500 gospel preachers between 1940 and the school's closing in 1967.

"Two of the graduates known to just about everybody are Billie Washington and Joe Brown," she said, referring to two prominent gospel preachers from Fort Lauderdale, Florida and Richmond, Virginia, respectively.

Another famous graduate is attorney Fred Gray.

Fred, for a time, was one of Keeble's young student preachers who followed him on the road, and whose speaking prowess was so great it that aided in fundraising for the



Ruby Giddens

school. Brother Gray became Martin Luther King's first lawyer during the 1956 Montgomery bus boycott.

He later became the first African American elected to the Alabama House of Representatives since Reconstruction.

The educational and spiritual uplifting experience at NCI played a big part in shaping her life, Ruby Giddens says, but just as important was the contribution of her mother, a single parent.

"She raised me by herself as a farm worker in the fields," said Giddens, "but she found time to talk to me at the time, and encourage me and give me confidence."

Ruby and Eddie reared three children including David, the oldest, a daughter, Angela Dunn, and the late Eddie Jr.

"For a while we had all three of them," she said, "and I would just practically sign over my pay check to keep those kids going, but we were able to get them through without incurring any student loans. That was a blessing."

Her son David is a minister of the gospel and member of Hillcrest, along with his wife Twyla and daughter, Davette.

A turning point for the Giddens clan occurred nearly 15 years ago when Ruby's job at Texas Instruments was about to be relocated.

During a visit to Atlanta many years earlier, Ruby had found the city fascinating.

"I came from Lubbock, Texas, a city flat as a table, and I was just impressed with the rolling hills of this city," Ruby said.

I wouldn't mind living there one day," she told her family.

Well, that opportunity came in 1994, when she and the family moved from West Texas to

Atlanta, Georgia, and she almost immediately found suitable employment with Lithonia's Lighting.

When the family landed here, Ruby said, "Let's give this seven

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Romana Wilson Will Speak At New Hope Sunday Morning



Romana Wilson

Every fifth Sunday, New Hope Baptist Church celebrates Woman's Day with special music, a special speaker and special tributes. The next fifth Sunday will be no different. All are expecting a great time in the Lord on Sunday morning at 11:00 a.m. and afternoon at 3:30 p.m., June 29, 2008. Special guest speaker will be Romana Wilson, the daughter of Anny and Florina Stakley. She will be returning to her roots from Austin.

Romana is very grateful and appreciative for her relationship with God. She realizes He has blessed her with many gifts and she has dedicated each of them to His service. She grew up here in Lubbock and is a graduate of Dunbar High School and the Lubbock School of Vocational Nursing. She gave her life to Christ at an early age. She was given the opportunity to utilize her gifts at New Hope and as a youth she participated in youth programs, served as a Sunday School teacher and played the piano for the Sunday School and the Board of Christian Education. Today, she is a member of Faith Cathedral Church of God in Christ in Austin. She continues to use her gifts and wisdom for the building of God's Kingdom. Romana is a licensed Evangelist.

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Fox News Refers to Michelle Obama as 'Baby Mama'

NEW YORK (AP) — Fox News Channel referred to Michelle Obama as "Obama's baby mama" in a graphic on Wednesday, the latest in a trio of references to the Democratic presidential campaign that have given fuel to network critics.

The graphic "Outraged liberals: Stop picking on Obama's baby mama" was flashed during an interview with conservative columnist Michelle Malkin about whether Barack Obama's wife has been the target of unfair criticism.

In the past two weeks, Fox anchor E.D. Hill has apologized for referring to an affectionate on-stage fist bump shared by the couple as a "terrorist fist job," and Fox contributor Liz Trotta said she was sorry for joking about an Obama assassination.

The incidents are further indications of how closely the endless cable campaign chatter is being watched this year. Hillary Clinton's campaign was angered by what it described as the pro-Obama tilt of some MSNBC commentators. Amid protests, MSNBC's Chris Matthews said he was writing this winter to say Clinton was a candidate because "her husband messed around." And MSNBC reporter David Shuster was suspended for two weeks for saying Clinton's campaign had "pimped out" daughter Chelsea by having her make political phone calls.

"Obama's baby mama" was never said on the air, Malkin said during her interview that she had seen no gratuitous or cheap shots taken against Michelle Obama by Republican or conservative critics.

Joan Walsh, a columnist from Salon.com, criticized the graphic on Thursday as a slur.

"Do you try to explain that 'baby mama' is slang for the unmarried mother of a man's child, and not his wife, or even a girlfriend?" Walsh wrote. "Are they racist, or just clueless? Isn't there racism even in their cluelessness, if somebody didn't know what 'baby mama' means, but used it anyway? Even at Fox, won't somebody have to apologize?"

"Baby Mama" also was the title of a recent movie about a

woman who hired a surrogate to bear a child. It starred Tina Fey and Amy Poehler, both of whom are white.

Bill Shine, senior vice president of programming at Fox, said in a statement that a producer "exercised poor judgment" during the segment. The producer was not fired, no other disciplinary action was announced.

Hill's "terrorist fist job" comment came in a tense to a segment on the candidates' body language, and it wasn't repeated during the subsequent interview. She told Fox it was taken from something she had read online.

No matter, "terrorist fist job" quickly became an online sensation.

Hill apologized on-air four days after she said it. Hill said some people "thought I had personally characterized it inappropriately. I regret that. It was not my intention and I certainly did not mean to associate the word 'terrorist' in any way with Sen. Obama and his wife."

Fox subsequently canceled Hill's weekday afternoon program as part of a larger reorganization. She remains on staff.

Trotta's assassination joke came May 25 as she commented about how some considered it distasteful for Clinton to refer to Robert F. Kennedy's assassination when explaining why she was staying in the presidential race.

"Now we have what some are reading as a suggestion that somebody knock off Obama," she said, quickly correcting herself. "Obama. Well, both if we could."

Obama's name has often been confused with terrorist leader Osama bin Laden's, by people ranging from Mitt Romney to CNN's Alisa Cho. And MSNBC once flashed a picture of bin Laden as Chris Matthews talked about Obama.

Trotta apologized on-air the next day, and hasn't appeared on Fox since.

"I sincerely regret it and apologize to anybody I've offended," she said. "It's a very colorful political season and many of us are making mistakes and saying things that we wish we hadn't said."

Hankson & Swisher Named 'Man & Woman of the Year'

During the Thirty-Fourth Annual Community Service Awards, sponsored by the Lubbock Alumni Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Society, Inc., last Friday evening, June 20, 2008, at the Mae Simmons Community Center, Ma Holscher Swisher was named "Woman of the Year," Rev. Charles Hankson was named "Man of the Year."

Others nominated were "Woman of the Year" - Ms. Tonya Johnson and Ms. Julie LeVande.

These other participants vying

for "Man of the Year" were Hillary S. Hutchinson, Rev. Chris Myers and LaCarl Richardson.

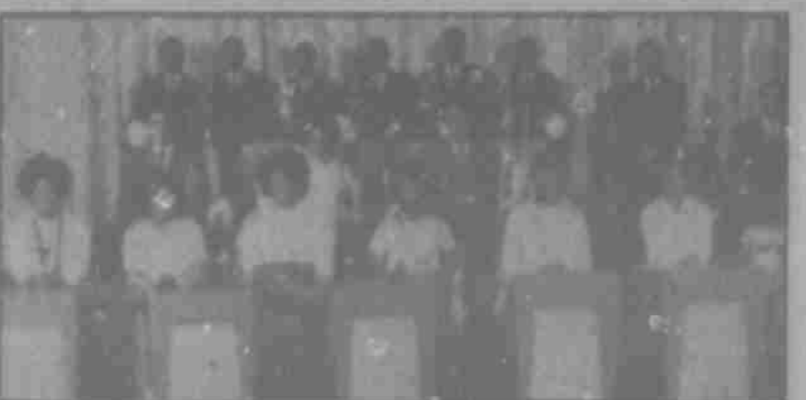
Scholarships were awarded to Keva Adkins, the Mildred Dee Scholarship, Kaitlyn Crawford, Lucille Scott Scholarship, and Ashley Christian, Gwen Tina Scholarship.

Dr. Annita Markley, Associate Professor of Education at Texas Tech University, was keynote speaker.

The public was entertained with refreshments. See page 8.

Remember When.....

These young men and women who performed in the 1966 Dunbar High School Stage Band, and the 1966 Boys Chorus. Boy, they were outstanding!



1966 Dunbar High School Stage Band

Stage members are: 1st Row: Jacqueline Green, Jo Long, Jennette Nathan, Linda Rainwater, Lula Smith, Carolyn Rollinsou. 2nd Row: Loranza Bryant, Pearlina Holmes, James Newton. 3rd Row: James Page, Austin Garrett, Tommy Knowles, Derrick Thomas, Jerry Colquitt, Roy Locke, and Mr. Roy Roberts. Drums: John Gentry, Vibes: Paul Rick Moore, Piano: Michael Roberts & Isaac Chilton Garrett



1966 Dunbar High School Boys Chorus

Boys Chorus: 1st Row: Danny Carroll, Glen Williams, James Lester, Clifton Mason, Howard Gibbs. 2nd Row: John Mayo & Don Ward. 3rd Row: Larry Anderson, Charles Calhoun, Lee Harris, Charles Planks & Lawrence Wiler.

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The Donber Summer Science camp provides many hands-on science, engineering and math activities. These are typically very "visual" activities. Dulzak Middle School is located at 2010 East 26th Street. The students will travel to several different locations throughout the week including: Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center on Thursday and Friday, June 26 and 27.

For more specific library information, please contact Ms. Melissa Gutierrez, Science Camp Coordinator or Ms. Nancy Sharp, LISD contact.

The City Health Department Immunization Clinic will be closed from Monday, June 23rd till Monday, June 30th. Immunizations will resume at 8:30 am, Monday, June 30th.

The STD Clinic will be open Friday, June 27th - June 27th. We will be doing outreach Tuesday and Wednesday. See below for the times and locations.

This is valuable, and this writer advises if you have need for more information to call Beckie Barclay at 775-2941 or Jamie Parker at 775-2922.

The Martin Luther King Committee will meet Thursday

evening, July 10, 2008, at 6:00 p.m. at the Lyons Chapel Baptist Church. All committee chairperson are asked to please be in attendance and give their reports.

The New Hope Baptist Church Missionary Society will be sponsoring Women's Day on Sunday afternoon, June 29, 2008, beginning at 11:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Special guest speaker will be Sister Rapsana Wilson, a former member of New Hope and graduate of Dumbur High School. She is the daughter of the late Harry Stokley and Sister Florina Stokley.

The public is invited to attend this special day in New Hope where the proud pastor is B.R. Moton.

Sister Alma Colquitt serves as Women Missionary Society president.

Let us continue to pray for those who are sick and stricken. Remember God is able as He is also when we need Him.

Also, let us not forget those who have lost loved ones. Among them include the family of Brother Arthur Lee "Out" Jones who was funeralized at New Hope on Tuesday morning, June 17, 2008.

Pastor Moton delivered a splendid sermon last Sunday morning. His subject was "Can You See Beyond Your Mirror." His scripture text was St. John 5:1-9.

debts. And do not bring us into temptation but deliver us from the evil one. For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever.
Matthew 6:9-13.

New Light Baptist Church News

On Sunday, June 22, 2008, service got started at New Light Baptist Church, 3013 Idalou Road, where Rev. Kenneth O. Jackson is the pastor.

Sunday School started at 9:45 a.m. with Bro. David Chiles teaching the lesson titled, "Word Power Made Wise. The Question to ask is: WHY SHOULD I ALWAYS SAY EXACTLY WHAT COMES TO MIND AND LET THE CHIPS FALL WHERE THEY MAY?"

Morning Worship started at 11:00 a.m. with the devotional praise team leading the way. What a spirit filled worship it was.

The Senior Choir marched in the choir stand singing "We've Come This Far By Faith." Rev. Jackson led the altar call prayer and the choir sang "Pray For Me." The choir also sang "Til Go" and "Jesus Keep Me Near The Cross", led by Brother Carlton Hicks.

Sister Rochette Hood read all the morning announcements and

up coming events that is to take place.

The pulpit devotion was led by Rev. L. C. Lee, with the responsive reading coming from Psalm 126:1-6.

Rev. Jackson preached the sermon titled, "Get On Board" His text was Matthew 8: 23-28.

After the sermon the choir sang "Old Ship of Zion".

Sister Angela Johnson welcomed all visitors.

Continue to pray for those that are sick shut-in and has lost a love one. Also pray for those in our community & surrounding counties.

Let's not forget about our weekly services throughout the week.

Scripture For the week: Our father in heaven your name be honored as holy. Your kingdom come; your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread and forgive us our debts as we also have forgiven our

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.

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

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

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Fifth Annual Parks Photography Contest Set

Parks and Recreation announces their call for entries for the Fifth Annual Parks and Recreation Photography Competition and Exhibit. The exhibit consists of photographs taken in a City of Lubbock park (more than 75 to choose from) or park facility, including Lake Alan Henry and Lake Tarrant by the

**SPC will offer
Certified Nurse Aide
Training course in July**

LEVELLAND - South Plains College will offer a Certified Nurse Aide Training course, Nurse Aide for Health Care Organizations I, starting July 14 through Aug. 14 on the Levelland campus.

The course provides detailed education, training and work-based experience as well as patient/client care, generally at a clinical site. Students will learn the necessary skills to work in long-term care, home health or hospital environments.

Classroom instruction will be offered on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. in Room 112 of the Technical Arts Building. Clinical instruction also will be held on Saturdays (July 26, Aug. 2 and Aug. 9) from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Levelland Nursing Home.

After completing 60 hours of classroom and 24 hours of clinical works, students are required to take the State of Texas Certified Nurse Aide Competency Examination.

The fees are \$350 course fee, \$45 for the textbook and \$83 for the state test. The required textbook is "Skills and Techniques for the New Nursing Assistant," seventh edition, by Barbara Gillogly. The instructor is Barbara Brittain, L.V.N.

Students must provide proof of immunization for MMR since 1981, tetanus not older than eight years; Hepatitis B series; a current negative TB test not older than six months; social security card; and photo id. A criminal background check will be performed for all students. Enrollment is limited to 10 students.

For more information, call the Office of Continuing Education at 806-894-9611, ext. 2341.

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Lubbock Library News

Book Discussion at Patterson Branch Library

The Left-to-Right Book Discussion Group will meet at the Patterson Branch Library, 1836 Parkway Drive, at 2 p.m. on Saturday, June 28 to discuss Casanegra by Blair Underwood. Copies of the book are available for checkout at the library. For more information, please call the library at 767-3300.

Revolutionary Fair at the Public Library

Children of all ages are invited to the public library to learn about life during the American Revolution. There will be period clothing, toys, games, and more. Our special guest will be First Lady Abigail Adams! This program is presented by the Nancy Anderson Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Dates and times are as follows:

Groves Branch Library, 5520 19th Street, Monday, June 30, 2 p.m.
Godeke Branch Library, 6601 Quaker, Tuesday, July 1, 2 p.m.

Patterson Branch Library, 1836 Parkway Drive, Wednesday, July 2, 2 p.m.
Muhon Library, 1306 9th St., Thursday, July 3, 2 p.m.

Visit the library's website at www.lubbocklibrary.com to see a complete list of summer activities. Don't forget to sign up for the summer reading program at **Continue on Page 4**

Support Your Libraries!

**2008 All Star Sports Camp
Running With Purpose 1 Corinthians 9:24-27**

Dates: July 28th - August 1st.

Location: Alterson Middle School (219 Walnut)

Time: 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

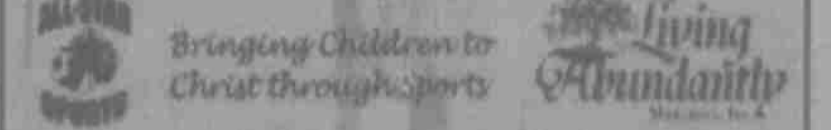
Sports: Basketball, Baseball, Football, Soccer, Cheerleading, and Arts and Crafts, Track & field, Praise Dance

Volunteers Needed: Coaches, Youth Workers, Registration, Snack/Meals, Crowd Control, and Counselors' Prayers

Important Notice: The volunteers must be in High School or older. Any child from K- 6th grade in the 2007-2008 school year can attend the camp.

You can Register for camp, HERE.

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Church News



We Thank God for Jesus "God's Requirements"

Written by Evangelist Billy "E.J." Morrison, II - your brother in Christ Jesus always.

Revelation 2:7a - Jesus said, he that have an ear, let him hear what the spirit says unto the Churches.

Micah 6:8 - He has showed you, O Man, what is good, and what do the Lord require of you, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God.

As the world sat in all of its troubles, there seems to be no peace to be found. Mankind is looking near and far, and can find none a until God is abounded!!!

John 14:6 - Jesus said, I am the way, the truth, and the life. No man come unto the Father, but by me.

There are Churches that offer a good time if people come to their Church! But there is no love of the heart. God is in the heart them in the Church!!!

Malachi 1:6-7 - A son honors his Father, and a servant his master. If I then I be a Father where is my honor? And if I be a master where is my fear? said the Lord of host unto you, O polluted bread (Church Players) on my altar, and you say, Wherein have we polluted you? In that I say, the table of the Lord is contemptible.

**** Yes, The Preachers Are Robbing God!!! ****

Many people love to live all week like the Devil - all six days long. Then on Sunday mornings, there they are in Church singing Zion's songs!!!

Amos 5:21, 23-24 - The Lord said, I hate, I despise your feast days, and I will not smell in your solemn assemblies. Take away from me the noise of your songs. For I will not hear the melody of your booms. But let judgment run down as waters, and righteousness as a mighty stream.

**** Worship God in Spirit and In Truth!!! ****

I am reminded of the Preacher's son who plays in the clubs all weekend long. Then on Sunday mornings, he's directing the choir, singing the Lord's songs!!!

1 Samuel 2:22-25 - Now Eli was a very old and heard all that his sons did unto of Israel, and how they lay with the women that assembled at the door of the door of the tabernacle of the congregation. And he said unto them, why do you such things? For I hear of your evil dealing by all the people. No, my sons, for it is no good report to hear: You make the

Lord's people to transgress. If one man sins against the Lord, who shall entreat for him? Not withstanding they listen not unto the voice of their Fathers, because the Lord would slay (Kill) them.

**** What In Hell Do You Want???

People say going to Church on Sunday is my thing. I find happiness in the crowd. I am not saved, but it's a place I can go, and there and sing out loud!!!

Many Churches only require that you pay all your offerings and tithes. They don't care of the kind of marks is left on the Church from the outside!!!

Matthew 23:25-26 - Jesus said, woe (Cursed) unto you, Scribes and Pharisees, Hypocrites! For extortion and excess, you blind pharisee. Clean first that which is within the cup and the pottle, that the outside of them may be clean also.

**** Yes, Even The Ungodly Knows It's Wrong!!! ****

Some people say I don't want to get saved. I'm just going to Church is fun. But this is the day of Salvation, because no man knows when the Lord is to come!

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From the Desk of Parson D.A. Smith "On Being a Father and Not a Deadbeat Dad"

On Father's Day 2008 (June 15th) Barack Obama, the presumptive Democratic nominee for the president of the United States gave a Father's Day message at the 20,000-member Apostolic Church of God, a vast structure on the South Side near Lake Michigan in Chicago, Illinois.

Senator Obama called on black fathers, who he described as MIA and AWOL, "missing from too many lives and too many homes" to become active in raising their children. He said, "They have abandoned their responsibilities, acting like boys instead of men. And the foundations of our families are weaker because of it." To these statements, Mr. Obama received a roaring approval from the audience.

Senator Obama reminded the spirited audience of his first hand experience of growing up without a father. His father left when he was 2 years of age. He said as he did while campaigning for the nomination that he was lucky to have loving grandparents who help his mother. He received support, second chances and scholarships that helped him obtain an education.

In his message Obama stated, "I resolved many years ago that it was my obligation to break the

cycle that I could be anything in life, I would be a good father to my girls." He also reminded his mostly black audience not to "just sit in the house watching SportsCenter, and to stop praising themselves for mediocre accomplishments."

He said, bringing many members of the audience to their feet, applauding, "You're supposed to graduate from the eighth grade." He noted that parents who tell him their child gets great grades, all B's, should encourage them even more. "All B's? Is that the highest grade? It's great that you can get a B, but you can get a better grade. It's great that you've got a job, but you can get a better job."

Mr. Obama also said "we need families to raise our children. We need fathers to realize that responsibility doesn't just end at conception. That doesn't just make you a father. What makes you a man is not the ability to have a child. Any fool can have a child. That doesn't make you a father. It's courage to raise a child that makes you a father."

Mr. Obama speaking of his own life talked about the burden that single parenthood was on his mother, who raised him with the help of his maternal grandparents. He said, "I know the toll it took on

me, not having a father in the house. The hole in your heart when you don't have a male figure in the house who can guide you and lead you. So I resolved many years ago that it was my obligation to break the cycle that if I could be anything in my life, I would be a good father to my children." My Obama also acknowledged his own flaws as a father.

One would think the speech of Senator Obama would encourage black fathers to become better fathers. However, I stumbled upon Pajamas Media (pajamas-media.com) which carried an article dated June 17, 2008 by Earl Ofari Hutchinson entitled "Lay Off Black Fathers."

Mr. Hutchinson who has written a book "The Ethnic Presidency: How Race Decides the Race to the White House" tends to have a negative feeling about the way Senator Obama address the issues as it relates to absent fathers.

There are 104 comments to his article (negative and positive).

Of the 104 comments the latter seems to be a 3rd base run following an earlier comment which reads "Let's face it: Obama is not a very smart man. The media can

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St. Matthew's Baptist Church News

Again our church services at the St. Matthew Baptist Church, 2020 East 14th Street, were well attended last Sunday morning, June 22, 2008, where the proud pastor is Rev. Edward Canady.

Church services got underway with Sunday School, beginning at 10:45 a. m. last Sunday morning. Our Superintendent, Sister Shirley Jackson, was in charge. The subject of the morning lesson was "Trustworthy Leadership." The scripture text was Hebrews 12:1-13.

The key verse was: "Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us." Hebrews 12:1.

It was another wonderful lesson about the goodness of God! The morning lesson was taught by Sister Nina Davis. She did another wonderful job. Pastor Canady reviewed the lesson.

The morning devotion got underway at 11:15 a. m. with Sister Shirley Jackson and Sister Barbara Johnson presiding. The spirit was very high with continuing prayer by Sister Nina Davis. The St. Matthew Baptist Church Choir sang out of their hearts and souls. What a blessing we have at St. Matthew Baptist Church.

We want our Choir Members to know they are appreciated very much!

Pastor Canady delivered a dynamic sermon. His subject was

"Sell Out". His scripture text was Mark 10:17-22. It was another wonderful message.

Let us remember those who are on our sick and shut-in list. Among them include: Sister Bernice Homeed, who is a patient at Covenant Health System, South 462; and Brother Gerald Jackson, Covenant Health System, Room East 762.

Remember all who are sick and shut-in. Just think today, it may be them and tomorrow it could be you or I.

What a blessing! Rev. and Sister Canady were blessed to have their grandchildren, Michael Canady of Bay City, California, and his children, and Chatta Whaley of Long Beach, California and her children to visit with them last weekend. They all attended church services, beginning with Sunday School, and what a glorious day it was for all.

As Rev. Canady said, "What a time we had!" They are expected to come back through Lubbock on their return to California.

Thought For Today: "An honest talk with God is the first step in finding peace of mind."

Another thought to take note: Read this coming Sunday School lesson: The scripture text will be Hebrews 13:1-16. The key verse will be Hebrews 13:8. It states: "So that we may say, the

Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me."

May God continue to bless each of you is our prayer. If you get an opportunity, do come and visit St. Matthew Baptist Church. Our doors are open for you.

Until next week, take care of yourself as God is able to do all things.

Outreach Prayer Breakfast

Members and friends of the Outreach Prayer Breakfast met on June 14, 2008 in the beautiful home of Rev. and Sister Larry Brooks. What a blessing it was.

Through a DVD showing of how great God is, and this great universe He made. In Genesis 1:26-28; 31 - "And God said, let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowls of the air, and over all the earth, and over all the creeping things that creep upon the earth."

So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him, Male and female created he them.

And God blessed them, and God said unto them, be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it.

(I'm going to say this again.) He told them be fruitful and multiply. Genesis 2:1-2. Finished in seven days. What a mighty God we serve! Be real, Saints!

Thanks to Brother Hezzie Nichols for your encouraging remarks.

Sister Lucella Spence brought a spirit filled testimony. Thanks to our guest for your presence. You are special!

Thanks Sister Oreda Brooks for preparing the breakfast. You're such a precious Host! Thanks Rev. Brooks for your prayers and loving us in your home.

Thanks Sister Spence for having a portion of our Prayer Group in attendance.

Keep those drive by prayers going, Saints! Also, pray for our World!

Who Speaks for God? by Dan Johnson Submitted to Outreach

Prayer Breakfast by Minister Zairreus Patterson of Riverside, California "You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God..." (Exodus 20:7a)

I could probably finance my daily coffee habit for a year if I had a nickel for every time someone said, "God told me..." Since childhood, I've heard God's Name used to make sales, to convince, to justify actions and even to break up with someone. Invoking the Name of God helps us to make sense of otherwise random events. And it's understandable why we do it. The quickest comeback and the most thoughtful arguments are instantly nullified when someone plays the "God card."

Carelessly saying, "God said this" or "God said that" can leave serious thinkers cold, turning off the doubters who want to believe, convincing them that "God" is really just our own stream of consciousness - a crutch for people who can't come up with logical arguments to support their beliefs. We used to stuff a song in church (a mill-on years ago) that said, "Take the Name of Jesus with you..." I'm a big believer in that! In fact, the Bible says that in Him we live and move and have our being. It says that we can ask God for things and use the Name of Jesus Christ when we pray.

But the same Scriptures also warn us not to take the Name of God in vain. This is such a major issue that it occupies its own spot on the list of Ten Commandments. The verse isn't just about

swearing, it also contains the idea that we must not misrepresent God by using His Name to justify our own traditions or ideas.

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



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Six years have passed. We will always love you even though you're not here. Our hearts will always hold a piece of you that no one can ever replace. There are not too many days that go by that you aren't thought of, spoken about or we remember the good times we spent with you.

So many celebrations that we wish you could have been a part of, we miss your smile, laughter, friendship, wisdom, and just you being a wonderful husband, father, son, brother, brother-in-law and son-in-law.

Knowing and having you in our lives was the best gift our family could have asked for. We



all love and miss you dearly. We will always celebrate you in our lives.

Love always,
Your Wife, Son, Family and Friends

Effie Lee Jones

Funeral services for Effie Lee Jones were held Saturday morning, June 21 at Manhattan Heights Church of Christ.

Burial followed in Peaceful Gardens Memorial Park under the direction of Resthaven Funeral Home.

She passed away on June 18, 2008, at Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene, where she had lived with her daughter for the past 14 months.

On September 28, 1926, Effie Lee Wright was born to Dan and Berdis Wright in rural Hillsboro. Most of her youth was spent in East Texas. She graduated from Grandview High School. She married Verge Jones Sr. on May 23, 1946 in Cleburne, and to this union nine children were born. Effie was baptized at 20th and Birch Church of Christ, and later moved her membership to the Northside Church of Christ. Effie was a loving and caring person who was always doing something for family and friends. She loved to gather family at her home. Her generosity was widespread. Her favorite gifts were homemade cakes. She was deeply loved and will be greatly missed.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, only brother, Willie Wright, and her daughter, Berdis Jackson. Effie is survived by her daughters, Wilma



Jean Jones of Dallas; Pearl Mae Crittenden of Austin; Ruby Nell McKnight of Austin; Katherine Stevenson of Abilene; Carolyn Jones of Arlington; and sons, Verge Jones Jr. of Arlington; Bobby Lee Jones of Dallas; and Curtis Wayne Jones of Lubbock. Effie Lee Jones had 30 grandchildren, 52 great-grandchildren, three great-great grandchildren, one niece, one nephew, and a host of other relatives and friends.

Zetha Berline Watley

Zetha Berline Watley, 74, of Tyler, formerly of Lubbock, passed away Friday, June 13, 2008, at her residence in Tyler.

Funeral services were held Friday, June 20, 2008, at St. James Baptist Church.

Burial followed at the City of Lubbock Cemetery under the direction of Griffin Mortuary & Funeral Home of Lubbock.

She was born Dec. 4, 1933, in Big Sandy, to the Late Jerome and Leta Mary Lee Brooks. As a young lady, Zetha attended Big Sandy ISD and graduated from Hawkins High School and Texas Tech University and she married the late Alfred Watley. Sister Zetha took the Lord by His word and was a long time faithful member and secretary of St. James Baptist Church of Lubbock in her early twenties.

She is survived by three sons, Donald Ray Watley (Linda) Michael Watley (Linda) and Jerry Watley, all of Lubbock; three daughters, Shirley Grundy (Harold) of Los Angeles, Calif.; Lavonda Jones (Jessie) and Yvonne Watley, all of Tyler; three brothers, Tammie and Howard Brooks of Victorville, Calif.; and Robert Brooks of Tyler; three sisters, Betty Lincoln



of Lubbock, Alma Sedberry and Maxine Caudle both of Tyler; one sister-in-law, Emma James of Lubbock; 17 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren. Lubbock Victim Assistance Services will always cherish Zetha, known as our beloved "Mrs. Z." She went to work shortly after LVAAS doors opened and was with us for 10 years, never missing a day! She was truly our angel on earth! LVAAS is what it is today because of her precious presence in our office! We loved her dearly with all our hearts and have tears of joy to see her a true child of GOD! LVAAS, the world, and our lives are a better place because of Mrs. Z. and now heaven is a better place with her presence.

Bodiband Partners With Greek Fraternities and Sororities to Raise Scholarship Dollars for HBCU Students

Mitchellville, MD (BlackNews.com) - Bodiband, the creator of the Bodiband Wrist Wallet announced its partnership with Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. and Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. Educational Advancement Foundation in its effort to raise scholarship dollars for students attending Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs). As part of the partnership agreement Bodiband will give a percentage of each organization's special edition Bodiband wrist wallet sales back to their respective scholarship funds.

Bodiband will present its first contribution to the AKA Sorority in July at the sorority's 100 year

celebration to be held at the Washington, DC Convention Center during the week of July 11-18, 2008. More than 25,000 sorority members are expected to attend. Likewise, Bodiband will also present its first contribution to the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. in July at the Fraternity's 75th Grand Conclave to be held at the Birmingham, Ala. Convention Center during the week of July 11-18, 2008.

"WE GOODY GOODY A'IN"

In last week's issue, June 19, 2008, a mistake was made in naming the Officers of the New 2861 S. S. & B.V.U. Congress. They should have been: President, Rev. C. C. Peoples; Vice President, Rev. W. F. Peoples; Youth Director, Sister U Peoples; and Assistant Youth Director, Sister G. Bolton.

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Guitar Hero for Teens at the Patterson Branch Library

Teens (grades 7-12) are invited to the Patterson Branch Library, 1836 Parkway Drive, from 2 to 4 p.m. on Tuesday, July 1 to play the video game Guitar Hero. For more information, call 767-3300.

Book Discussion at Groves Branch Library

The Groves Branch Library, 5520 19th Street, will host a discussion of the book *Animal Vegetable Miracle* by Barbara Kingsolver at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, July 3. Copies of the book are available for checkout. For more information, please call 767-3733.

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Kirk urges FW leaders to foster education among black youth

By Sandra Baker
Fort Worth Star-Telegram

FORT WORTH — Former Dallas Mayor Ron Kirk Friday urged African American business and civic leaders at Fort Worth on Thursday to foster education among today's black youth and restore family values.

Speaking at the Fort Worth Metropolitan Black Chamber of Commerce Annual Awards Luncheon, Kirk told the sell-out crowd that they need to live up to their responsibility as leaders and mentor black teenagers. He also said the government and the nation need to do more to support black colleges and universities.

"I believe our community is in peril," Kirk said. "Our future is in crisis. If we don't step up and do what so many have been employing us to do, and that's to restore our families, to make ourselves whole, to reach out to young boys that we may not otherwise feel comfortable talking to and to have a radical embracement of the power and the value of education as a tool to uplift us and move us forward."

Kirk is the Texas chairman of Barack Obama's presidential bid.

Citing statistics, Kirk said that in 1865 less than 5 percent of the African American freed slave population could read and yet they were denied access to school. About 50 years later, 80 percent of



Ron Kirk

blacks, though, could read and write. But today, in every major urban area in the country, less than half of the African American boys and girls entering the 8th grade will graduate from high school, he said.

Moreover, Kirk said it is a sad that census statistics on the number of 13- and 14-year-old black and Hispanic boys are used to determine how many prisons will be needed in the future.

"We cannot sit here and just celebrate this day and celebrate the accomplishments of those here and not recognize that our generation has been the beneficiaries of everything our parents and grandparents fought for," Kirk said. "Our generation has to be reengaged in saving the future of our children."

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Imus Should Apologize for the Latest Racial Insult

Reprieved talk shock jock Don Imus has done it again. On his nationally syndicated WABC morning talk show on Citadel Broadcasting Corporation, Imus in response to a statement from another WABC programmer about Dallas Cowboys defensive back Adam "Pacman" Jones legal difficulties asked "What color is he?" When the programmer responded he's African-American, Imus responded, "Well, there you go. Now we know."

The response reinforces the worst racial stereotypes of crime and violence.

The response reinforces the worst racial stereotypes of crime and violence about African-Americans. White football players and other sports notables have run afoul of the law but there is no known Imus statement linking their misdeeds to their race. But he did it with Jones.

Beyond that there are a couple of things really interesting about Imus' latest shtick. When Citadel brought the thought to be disgraced shock jock back to the airwaves, the brass at the media syndicate solemnly pledged to closely monitor Imus' remarks and on-air conduct to insure that there would be no embarrassing aspect of the sappy-headed ho ringer that brought the Reverend Al Sharpton and packs of civil rights and women's rights advocates screaming for his head. They ultimately got it. CBS and MSNBC camed him.

Imus took the warning to heart for a time. He kept a properly low keyed, subdued, almost dignified presence on the airwaves. He knew that he was being watched and listened too for any sign that he would revert to his old ways. The betting odds were that it would sooner or later do just that. Imus being Imus first of all, and secondly, shock jock radio is still big stuff on the airwaves, and there's not much value as in ratings and ad dollars by apewing verbal pabulum. It was only a matter of time for Imus.

The other interesting thing is that Imus would choose to tread again on old, dangerous ground with a racial crack about an African-American athlete. Remember it was his racial insult of black athletes (the Rutgers women's basketball team) that got him banned in Boston for a hot minute. But again old habits die hard, especially when it comes to racially stereotyping African-Americans. These stereotypes are always the most durable, convenient, and even crowd pleasing ones. In any case, Imus has done it again.

So what's to be done? Imus and Citadel Broadcasting can clean up his latest mess by issuing an immediate public apology for Imus' racially offensive remark. Citadel must go further and issue a public reprimand of Imus.

If Citadel is true to its word about closely monitoring Imus' on-air conduct and statements, it should have no problem with laddling out what's really nothing more than a gentle wrist slap for his on-air bigotry. Let's monitor the media conglomerate to see if they can do that much.

Earl Ofari Hutchinson is an author and political analyst. His new book is *The Ethnic Presidency: How Race Decides the Race to the White House* (Middle Passage Press, February 2008).

Texas Employers Add 8,700 Jobs in May Texas Unemployment Rate Rises to 4.5 Percent

AUSTIN — Texas' seasonally adjusted nonagricultural employment grew by 8,700 jobs in May. Texas employers now have added 238,700 jobs in the past 12 months for an annual job growth rate of 2.3 percent, compared with a 0.2 percent annual job growth rate nationally. After a record low Texas unemployment rate of 4.1 percent in April, the statewide seasonally adjusted unemployment rate rose to 4.5 percent in May, up from 4.4 percent a year ago. The U.S. seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 5.5 percent in May, up from 5.0 percent in April 2008.

"Job growth in Texas remained strong, outpacing the national trend," said Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) Chairman Tom Panken. "Despite the fact that the number of those seeking work went up this month, the Texas unemployment rate remained at historically low levels, staying below the 5.0 percent mark for nearly two years."

The Midland Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) experienced the lowest unemployment rate in the state at 2.7 percent (not seasonally adjusted). The Amarillo and Odessa MSAs were second at

3.1 percent, respectively. The Education and Health Services industry saw the biggest job gains with 5,400 positions added in May, for an over-the-

year increase of 38,500 jobs. Professional and Business Services followed with 1,700 jobs added for an industry gain of 64,500 positions in the past year.

"Across nearly every industry, Texas employers added jobs at a stronger pace than the nation as a whole," said TWC Commissioner Representing Employers Ron Lehman. "For example, our Natural Resources and Mining industry reached an annual job growth rate of 6.8 percent, followed by Professional and Business Services at 5.0 percent, and Leisure and Hospitality at 4.0 percent."

Leisure and Hospitality grew by 1,300 jobs in May, adding 38,900 positions in the past 12 months, followed by Construction, which grew by 1,100 jobs this month for an annual gain of 23,300 jobs.

"The state continues to gain jobs, providing opportunities for those seeking work," said TWC Commissioner Representing Labor Ronny Congleton. "In May, Texas recorded the largest number ever in the civilian labor force at 11.7 million people."

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DESMA MOORE ... As many of you may recall **SISTER DESMA MOORE** ... was an outstanding musician and director for the Greater St. Luke Baptist Church and the Federation of Choirs ... This

event is set for **SUNDAY EVENING** ... July 6, 2008 ... at the Lyons Chapel Baptist Church ... The pastor **W. D. Davis** ... will deliver the message as well as many other great present ... **THIS N THAT** ... remembers the efforts of **Sister Desma Moore** ... as well as her husband **Brother LORENZO Moore** ...

THANKS, JUNETEENTH COMMITTEE! THIS N THAT ... (wants) to take this time effort to say **THANKS** ... to the **LUBBOCK JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION COMMITTEE** ... for a job well done ... well done for the **2008 JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION** ... **THIS N THAT** ... realizes you had your **UPS & DOWNS** ... but you hung in there ... and the year of 2008 ... that is a major accomplishment ... Better get started today for the **2009 JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION** ... Wouldn't it be great if **CHURCHES GOT INVOLVED?**

PENNY HASTINGS THE BARBER SAYS: "NOTHING ... easy as you must give all you have and then some! See you next week!

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In Loving Memory of Lorenzo & Desma Moore

In Cinque

by Renetta Howard



Howard

To say the least, our economy is a mess. The cost of everything has skyrocketed and continues to do so on a daily basis. If you are in the market to purchase a house, even in the wake of an astronomical number of foreclosures, it is seldom that you can find a house on the market for under \$100,000. With a ten percent down payment, the usual mortgage note for a house at this price will be approximately \$1,000 to \$1,500 depending on the costs for taxes and property insurance. Who is eligible to make the purchase?

The average student graduating from college will have a difficult time paying for an apartment on a beginner's salary, to say nothing of purchasing a home, even if he is earning top dollars unless he lives in the same complex in which he works. Transportation will take a large bite out of his earnings. The other difficulty with recent graduates is the fact that most will owe for college

loans which they will need to fit into a struggling budget. There will be tough choices to make: to eat, sleep, ride, rest, recreate, keep warm or cool, be healthy or just survive.

Retirees face another problem. Their monthly income is usually only about half of what they earned per month while employed, therefore they may have an advantage of living in a paid for home. If they are not living in a home which is paid for, moving to another locale will be difficult unless they have a nice nest egg. In order to survive, they may have to downsize in the type of home they choose to live in. Downsizing would include available space as well as financial obligations. This may sound easy, but it poses a very difficult problem for people who have been very active during their days of employment and then have to adjust to a slower pace with less money at their disposal in an economy spiraling out of control and no prospect for an income increase.

On the other hand, we must admit that it is the poor working persons whom have lost access to their homes because of the large numbers of foreclosures. New ways of making and investing money permitted borrowers who were not qualified for a legitimate

loan to purchase high priced homes which they could not afford, while making millions for unscrupulous bankers. When the loans were called in, there was no money to pay. Some bankers became rich at the expense of homeowners who had to abandon their homes or be evicted. It pays to not make purchases that you do not have enough income to cover as Ed McMahon has said on the Larry King Live Show. He is an example of purchasing a home which either exceeded his income or he spent his income on other unnecessary items and is therefore facing foreclosure due to an excessive amount of leverage.

No matter which category one fits into, in times like these, the road will not be easy. We all need to take inventory and map out the best path to take to keep our heads above the water. It is 'get real' time. What is necessary and what is not? We must get 'in cinque' and decide, soon.

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Think About It!

"If It Is To Be, It Is Up To Me?"

by Eddie P. Richardson

If it is to be, it is up to me should be the creed of each and everyone of us whether a pastor. For too long, we have sit around and waited for someone else to do what we should be doing and could be doing. This should be done, no matter what the resources may cost. We must be committed in helping ourselves.

We have as a people, to some extent, become sorry and lazy. I just waiting on John Doe to do it for us. It doesn't matter why it may entail, we just look for someone else to do it for us. What a pity!

The old saying which goes like this: "God helps those who help themselves." Not only God, but people as a whole will help those who help themselves. When you help yourselves, not only will others help you, but they will respect and support you.

One thing which is very crucial now is our young people and their future. They are a shining models as their life style role models. Some of these role models are not

of a good nature. Some of them are eccentrics and some of them are not as positive as we would expect them to be. In many cases, our young people are walking over and by passing many true role models in their own homes, their moms and dads. Yes, there are very positive neighbors and the man or lady in the same block in which the reside. Of course, there are good family people with positive jobs, attend church with their family members who work within the community with his wife or husband.

Sometimes, these young people overlook those who are close to them who are outstanding citizens and will make outstanding role models, but yet, some of these young people do the opposite. Young people need to know that our school workers, administrators, teachers, cafeteria workers, custodian workers,

and many others who work in their various churches, city and county organizations as well as businesspersons who will make outstanding role models.

Our young people must keep in mind that all good role models do not have to be a super star on the basketball floor, football field or baseball diamond. It is the person is a superb human being with good morals, citizenship and good character, they are outstanding candidates for their role-model.

Now a good guide for our young people is to first look to and at themselves, and then look around their own home, neighborhood and community. Then, without any doubt, they will be in position to make the right decision as to who will be their role model. Thus, don't be surprised, if the goose who laid the golden egg could be in their own back yard. You see, young people, you are outstanding young people, and you don't need some low down person to bring you down!

Letter to the Editor

Reveals It's Against The Law

Dear Editor:

On June 25, 1941, five months before the United States' entry into World War II, President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed into law Executive Order 8802, prohibiting racial discrimination by government defense contractors. The order, which required defense contracts to include a "provision obliging contractors not to discriminate against any worker regardless of race, creed, color, or national origin," was challenged in January 1942, when a US merchant ship refused to take on twenty-five African American sailors. Roosevelt responded with a strongly worded letter stating that "questions of race, creed and color have no place in determining who are to man our ships. The sole qualifications for a worker in the maritime industry, as well as any other industry, should be his loyalty and his professional or technical ability and training."

Relieved Talk shock jock Don Imus has done it again. On his nationally syndicated WABC morning talk show on Citicel Broadcasting Corporation, Imus in response to a statement from another WABC programmer about Dallas Cowboys defensive back Adam "Pacman" Jones legal difficulties asked "What color is he?" When the programmer responded he's African-American, Imus responded, "Well, there you go. Now we know."

The response reinforces the work racial stereotypes of crime

Roosevelt's order of June 1941 and his letter in defense of the African American merchant sailors were harbingers of President Truman's 1948 order desegregating the US armed forces and the nascent civil rights movement. The original letter is now at the Gilder Lehrman Collection in New York City. To see this document, and learn more about this era, visit the Gilder Lehrman Institute website at www.gilderlehrman.org.

Sincerely,
James G. Bosker, President
The Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History

(Thanks for this piece of valuable information as our readers need to know about this important piece of legislation which will enhance the lives of people of color. Ye Ed)

Attend Church Services This Sunday Morning!

Thought For You To Ponder Over Week!

"In the final analysis our great problem with holiness is not that our concepts of holiness are feeble, but that our hearts are rebellious. We are selfish, that's our problem. And the fact that we often won't admit our selfishness shows how deep the pride goes."

Submitted by Zairreus Patterson

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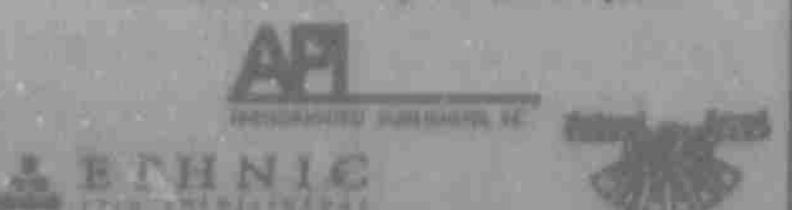
People will react to that which is precise, and we will publish these articles as precisely and truthfully as is humanly possible. We will also give credit and respect to those who are doing good things for the Lubbock Area and the people. We will be critical of those who are not doing as they have said they would, and this, we think, is fair.

So, this is our reaction to you. Feel free at any time to call this office for information concerning this newspaper or any other matter that is of concern to you.

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2008 Juneteenth Snapshots

by Hillary Hutcherson



Rev. Charles Hankerson
"Man of the Year"



Sister Blanche Swisher
"Woman of the Year"



Lubbock Citizens Enjoying Juneteenth Celebration



Young Folks Enjoying Juneteenth At Mae Simmons Community Center last week.

Parson Smith

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any otherwise, but his shil-
lens, very resolved, from 20-25
7-8 in all in and wrong on nearly
all issues in America-which is
hard to do. No wonder the name
Left wants him to be America's
leader. To which the latter
replied.

Obama may be a fraud, but if
he gives an impression that blacks
are experiencing the destruction
of the family, he's simply not
wrong there. Single parenting in
the urban black community (a
product of generational influences of
welfare dependency and the federal
incentives that pay parents to
be single-it's called welfare
"reform" and it dates from the
Clinton Administration.) This
Orwellian federal influence actually
creates huge incentives for
walk-away fathering by way of a
modified mothering that partners
her with the State, and not with
the father.

You may want to read Stephen
Baskerville's "Taken Into
Custody"; you may want to
research Title IV-D of the welfare
act, and you may want to change
your perspective about the
destruction not just of the black
family, but of the family in general.
It's very big government business
and on that matter, even if as
the broken clock he is, Obama is
correct.

This writer believes in the
message of Senator Obama to
black fathers. We simply cannot
be irresponsible and absent. We
need to wean from mother's milk
and the welfare state and become
real men! Are black men seen by
other men as "you know what
kind" of babies because they want
support their children?"

New Hope Special Speaker

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Ministry in the Church of
God in Christ. She serves as the
President of the YWCC
(Young Women's Christian
Council) in the Capitol City
District where her Pastor Dennis
Watson serves as superintendent.

Ramona is a highly sought
after speaker and a gifted
author. She has spoken at
retreats, conferences and pro-
grams across the state. She
recently had the lead role in the
critically acclaimed SAAP
gospel play "Bruised But Not
Broken", directed and written
by Jeanette Hill. She has been a
licensed vocational nurse for
over thirty years and realizes
that whatever she accomplishes
medically, it is because of
Jehovah-Rapha (God our
Healer). She realizes her time
with patients to share the good
news of Jesus every opportunity.

Romana is married to her
best friend and fellow Hub City
native, Minister Stanley Wilson.

All are invited to join in
attendance of these services at
New Hope Baptist on Sunday
morning or afternoon. If your
schedule will not permit you to
attend, please pray for the
speaker and those who are in
attendance.

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Dunbar International Alumni Association

P. O. Box 3362 Lubbock, Texas 79401

Schedule Of Events

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

Thursday, July 17, 2008

9:00 a. m. - 5:00 p. m.

Registration @ Dunbar Middle School

9:00 - 1:00 p. m. Reception @ DMCC Activities Center
5217 82nd Street - (805) 783-8829

Friday, July 18, 2008

7:00 a. m.

Golf

9:00 a. m. - 12 Noon Registration Dunbar Middle School

1:00 p. m. - 3:30 p. m. - JAM Session Dunbar Middle Sch.

6:00 p. m. - 8:00 p. m. - Barbecue @ Lubbock Memorial

Civic Center - 1581 Mar Davis Dr

Dance - Lubbock Memorial Center

(Dress Casual, Western or

Mazon & White)

(No Children)

Saturday, July 19, 2008

7:00 a. m.

Golf

9:00 a. m. - 12 Noon Free Time To Visit Classmates

12 Noon - 1:00 p. m. Tour of Ellis Hles/Roberts School

1:00 p. m. - 2:00 p. m. - Alumni Meeting @ Dunbar

Alumni Building

(Optional Activities)

2:00 p. m.

7:00 p. m. - 1:00 a. m. Banquet/Dance

Semi-Formal/Coat & Tie

Lubbock Civic Center

Dinner Lines will start promptly @ 7 p. m. until 8 p. m.

Sunday, July 20, 2008

8:30 a. m. - 10:45 a. m. - Farewell Breakfast/Memorial

Services

Lubbock Memorial Civic Center

Attend a Church of Your Choice!

11:00 a. m.

To all Alumni and Supporters, we know you are extremely
busy getting ready for the Dunbar All Class Reunion, coming
July 17-20, 2008. You will be happy to know there are NO price
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ages (4-12). All other children will need an adult ticket which will
cost \$7.00. Children below the age of (4) will eat free if accompanied
by their parents who have registered for the reunion. Children tickets
must be purchased when registration packs are picked up. Please start
paying your class reunion dues as soon as possible. Remember our
theme for this year is "Dunbar High, Thanks for the Memories!"



"We had a good time!"



"What a day we had!"

Thank God For Jesus

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Matthew 12:54-56 - Jesus
said, when you see a cloud rise out
of the west straightway you say,
there coming a shower, and so it
is. And when you see the south
wind blow, you say, there will be
heat, and it comes to pass. You
Hypocrites, you can discern the
face of the sky and of the earth.
But how is it that you do not discern
this times (End Times)

Ruby is her name

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years and see if we can make it -
and if we can't, we'll go back
to Lubbock." Everyone agreed.

"In five years time, we felt
secure," she explained.

And so the Giddens family,
inspired by a strong, spiritual
mom and father, has made a firm,
Christ-centered life in a land they
never knew before they arrived.

Faith led them here, and faith,
it seems, has anchored them.

Some years ago Ruby got a
diabetes scare.

The disease, which has run in
her family, fortunately had not
taken hold. But the scare served
as a warning and changed her life.

Since then she has resolutely
worked on keeping in good physical
condition, by doing water
aerobic exercises everyday, six
days a week.

She does it like clockwork,
just as she did in those decades of
employment without missing a
single day of work. And she does
it while taking care of husband
Eddie, who has been in poor
health.

That sense of responsibility,
she says, is how her mom raised
her, and that same kind of resolve
has helped to anchor her family.

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

The next year, she wore a crown.



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

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