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100 Black Men Of West Texas, Inc. Presents Its 14th Annual Scholarship Gala

On Saturday, December 27, 2008 the 100 Black Men of West Texas, Inc. (100) will present its 14th Annual Scholarship Fundraiser and Gala. The Gala will be held at the Hillcrest Country Club located at 4011 Boston Avenue in Lubbock, Texas. Dinner service is from 7:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. and entertainment is from 9:00 p.m. until 1:00 a.m.

The most significant initiative of the 100 Black Men of America and its 109 chapters is the "mentoring program" which involves mentoring youth and providing scholarships to high school students who seek the opportunity of entering college. Over the past 14 years, with limited public or private support, the 100 has provided scholarships for many students who otherwise would never have been able to attend college. The West Texas Chapter has mentored over 3,000 youth of varying ages, ethnic, racial, and economic backgrounds in its 15 year existence. The 100's mentoring program has been delivered through one-on-one and group mentoring scenarios. Public Relations Liaison for the 100, Calvin Davis states: "With the help and support from our members and our partners, the 100 has provided an invaluable service to Lubbock and West Texas through our mentoring, educational, health and wellness, and economic development initiatives. Most particu-

larly, the 100 has made a tremendous impact through our annual hosting of the highly successful Kid's Fishing Derby which occurs on the first Saturday of June each year at Mae Simmons Park. Davis further states: "The 100 appreciates all of the support that the 100 has received over the years and we wish to thank everyone in this regard. The 100 seeks the continual support of our existing partners and we seek the support of potential new partners especially in our scholarship effort. This year, the 100 extends a special thanks to our new partner, Lubbock Power & Light and Water (LP&L) for serving as the "Lead Sponsor" of this year's Scholarship Gala. Kudos to LP&L!

Individual tickets are available from any 100 member for the price of \$40.00. This price will include admission to the Gala; the enjoyment of one of Lubbock's finest buffet dinners; door prizes; and entertainment by the group "Element" which has established itself as West Texas' most popular rhythm and blues band. To find out more information about the 100 Black Men of West Texas, please visit the website at <http://100bmtw.homestead.com>. To get detailed information regarding the Gala and to obtain tickets, please contact Gala Chairman, Clemmie Payne at (806) 549-0986.

school campuses will dismiss at 12:40 p.m. and high school campuses will dismiss at 1:30 p.m. Lubbock ISD holiday break begins with the dismissal of classes on Friday, December 19, 2008, for students. Elementary campuses will dismiss at 12 noon, middle

LISD Christmas Holidays Set

Lubbock Public Schools will dismiss early Thursday and Friday, December 18 & 19, 2008, for students. Elementary campuses will dismiss at 12 noon, middle

Scholarship Awarded to Plainview Resident for Embracing Life with Rheumatoid Arthritis

Brittney LeFevre, a Plainview, Texas resident, has been selected as one of 10 students who will receive a scholarship of up to \$10,000 for embracing life and overcoming the burden of living with rheumatoid arthritis, a chronic, systemic disorder that causes the immune system to attack the joints. Brittney was selected from a pool of 116 applicants from 26 states. She will be honored at an awards dinner in Atlanta, Georgia with the nine other recipients on February 21. She is applying the scholarship toward tuition at West Texas A&M University.

Diagnosed at the age of 9, Brittney struggled with juvenile idiopathic arthritis (JIA) until it went into remission while she was in high school, allowing her to participate in basketball and cheerleading. However, during her senior year of high school, the disease came back as the more severe adult onset Still's Disease. For Brittney, living with JIA is a battle she must face every day. Brittney has not let the disease hold her back. With the encouragement and support of her family and health care providers, Brittney has been able to fulfill her aspirations and attend college full time at West Texas A&M University, while also holding down a part-time job. Brittney hopes to pass her passion for school and learning



Brittney LeFevre

on to her students as an elementary school teacher. Rheumatoid arthritis (RA) is a progressive disease that can cause inflammation of the body joints, including the fingers, thumbs, wrists, feet and ankles. Affecting an estimated 1.3 million in the U.S. [1], RA can cause painful inflammation and structural damage that can be disabling. This may ultimately lead to substantial loss of function and mobility. Individuals with RA often experience difficulties with the simplest everyday tasks such as combing hair, turning a doorknob or taking a walk. The 2008 UCB Family RA Scholarship Program is sponsored by UCB Inc., a global pharmaceutical company committed to developing innovative treatments for inflammatory diseases such as RA.

Cleaver Elected First Vice Chair Congressional Black Caucus Recently

Rep. Emanuel Cleaver, a cousin of T. J. Patterson of Lubbock, was elected first vice chair of the Congressional Black Caucus today, a path to leading the organization himself two years from now.

He has been second vice chair during the current session of Congress. The newly-elected chair, Democratic Rep. Barbara Lee of California, previously served as first vice chair.

Cleaver, a Democrat, said that he was "honored" to serve in the new post. He noted that he does not represent a "typical" black caucus district because 70 percent of his constituents in Missouri's Fifth District are white.

"My election is recognition that the challenges facing America affect us all, regardless of race, and it is more important than ever to reach beyond our historic voting blocks and work together to find solutions," Cleaver said.

Congressman Emanuel Cleaver, II is currently serving his second term representing the Fifth District of Missouri in the House of Representatives and sits on the exclusive Financial Services Committee and the Speaker's Select Committee on Energy Independence and Global Warming.

He was born in Waxahachie, Texas, grew up in public housing and graduated high school in Wichita Falls, Texas. Congressman Cleaver went on to attend Prairie View A & M University, earning a B.S. in Sociology.



U. S. Congressman Emanuel Cleaver, II, left, (D-5th District, Missouri) is shown on June 3, 2005, visiting with his cousin, T. J. Patterson, III, while he was here as guest speaker for the Spirit Awards Banquet honoring his grandfather, T. J. Patterson, Sr. Shown in the background is Ursula Patterson, mother of Patterson, and wife of T. J. Patterson, Jr.

Congressman Cleaver arrived in Kansas City as an activist in the Southern Christian Leadership Conference charged with founding a Kansas City chapter of the civil rights organization. In 1974, after the Kansas City Chapter of the SCLC received its charter, he began his pastoral career at St. James United Methodist Church with a membership of 47. Today, St. James has a membership of 2,800.

In 1979 Cleaver was elected to City Council of Kansas City. After three terms, he ran for and was elected to the office of Mayor, where he made history as the first African American to hold the City's highest office.

As Mayor, Cleaver worked tirelessly to improve the quality of life for the City's residents.

He championed programs and initiatives designed to create jobs and stimulate economic development, including infrastructure improvements, city planning and youth outreach. Cleaver's exemplary leadership earned him a two-term position as President of the National Conference of Black Mayors.

Congressman Cleaver and his wife, Dianne, have been married for more than thirty years, where they have made Kansas City their home. They have four grown children and three grandchildren.

"He will continue to do an outstanding job representing his congressional district as well as citizens of the United States of America," says Patterson.

Biennial Legislative Breakfast Featuring Area Texas Legislators

The League of Women Voters with Covenant Health System and the Junior League of Lubbock invites the public to the Biennial Legislative Breakfast on Wednesday, January 7. This event which will take place from 7:30 until 9:00 a.m. at Covenant Lakeside's Armet Room, 4000-24th Street. The Legislative Breakfast provides an opportunity to hear the perspectives of our Lubbock area delegation, ask questions,

and wish them well as they leave for Austin. Cost of the Breakfast is \$20. For reservations or information, contact LWV at 744-0023 or lwlvlubbock@att.net by Tuesday, December 30.

The League of Women Voters, a nonpartisan organization, is dedicated to the informed participation of citizens in government and to influencing public policy through education and advocacy.

Knoxville College Offering a Future for Students: Now, It's Time to Act



Tom Joyner

As far as we can tell, Knoxville College has done just what it should have done especially when you consider the way things are with the nation's economy. Knoxville is the nation's only HBCU "work college". It's providing students with an affordable education and helps them offset their tuition, books and housing costs by helping them find jobs on campus. With so many people out of work now, these students are graduating from college with a degree and work experience. That means they'll have a leg up on someone who leaves college with a degree, tens of thousands of dollars in debt and no job!

Look, I know Knoxville has been going through a rough period, who hasn't? But I really believe Knoxville is on to something, and I want to do whatever I can to make sure they have the resources they need to survive well into the future. That's why I'm trying to help them raise money. Like so many HBCUs (Historically Black Colleges and Universities), they're trying to rally their alumni, friends and local business community support their school. What a lot of people don't know is that Knoxville has 17 active alumni

Panchos Clos Will Arrive Sunday

Panchos Clos will be arriving at Rogers Park, Maggie Trejo Super Center, Sunday afternoon, December 21, 2008.

Panchos Clos would like to invite all the needy children of the Lubbock community and the surrounding area to come

and see him and let him know what they want for Christmas.

The Panchos Clos project is sponsored by the American GI Forum, and is celebrating their thirty-seventh anniversary since the origin of Panchos Clos.

The American GI Forum is a veterans non-profit organization. They are thanking all businesses and organizations who helped with this project.

Former Dallas mayor Kirk vetted for transportation secretary role

WASHINGTON — Former Dallas Mayor Ron Kirk is a finalist to be secretary of transportation in an Obama Administration, the Fort Worth Star-Telegram reported last week.

Kirk himself confirmed in an interview that he was under consideration and spoke from his Dallas law office Thursday evening while he said he was filling out a final vetting form for the Obama transition team.

"Yes, I am being vetted, I've met with the transition team," said Kirk, the first black mayor of Dallas. "I'm honored. I got into this interesting relationship with Sen. Obama. I'm honored



Ron Kirk

that my name would even be mentioned." Kirk, a partner at Houston-based Vinson & Elkins law firm, was an early supporter of Sen. Barack Obama for president.

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 M.L.K. 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, 1768 Avenue G
- Dunbar Alumni Association meets 2nd Saturdays, 4:00 pm
- Booker T. Washington American Legion Post 808 meets every 2nd Tuesday at 7:30pm, American Legion Building in Yellowhouse Canyon
- Forgotten West Riders meets on the 1st & 3rd Mondays, 7:00 pm, Patterson Library
- East Lubbock Chapter AARP meets every 1st Thursday at 1:00 pm, Mae Simmons Community Center
- Lubbock Chapter of Black Alumni meets every 3rd Tuesday, 5:30 pm, TTU Market Alumni Center
- Dunbar/Manhattan Heights Neighborhood Association meets every 1st Thursday at 6:00 pm and every 4th Thursday at 7:00 pm at the Dunbar-Manhattan Heights Neighborhood Outreach Center at 1301 East 24th St.
- West Texas Native American Association Pot Luck Supper meets on alternating months prior to meeting, meetings held on 2nd Saturday of each month at 7:00 pm. Educational presentations and demonstrations.
- Texas Juneteenth Cultural & Historical Commission - Lubbock Affiliate meets at Patterson Branch Library every 3rd Thursday at 7:00 pm
- West Texas Native American Association meets 2nd Sunday 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 & Cherry Point Neighborhood Association meets the 3rd Tuesday evening of each month at 7:30 pm at West 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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Chatman Hills Corner

By Doris Reynolds

The Federation of Choirs will have its monthly meeting on Sunday afternoon, December 21, 2008, with the St. Matthew Baptist Church being the host for December. Rev. Edward Canady is host pastor.

Sister Bennie Sims is president of the Federation of Choirs.

Local citizens, Mr. & Mrs. Lester (Buelah) Winters celebrated their 53rd wedding anniversary on Thanksgiving Day, November 27, 2008. They were married by the late Rev. O.

D. Hollins in 1955. A special congratulations to the Winters for their 53 years of Holy Matrimony.

Watch Services will be held at the Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church on Wednesday evening, December 31, 2008, with Rev. Leon Moore and the Carter Chapel C.M.E. Church will be special guest. Services will begin at 10:00 p.m.

Let us continue to pray for

those who are on the sick and shut-in list this week. Among them include: Sister Emma Rowe, Sister Lillie Smith, Sister Charlie Bell Pratt, and Sister Sammie Nelson.

Sister Eloise Smith of Synder is still shut-in. Brother Alfred Cavie is still recuperating. God is able.

Explore New Worlds: Patterson Branch Library

January 6th & 13th Storytime & Winter Craft

Share-A-Book - January 20th @ 6 pm. Story time for children and their parents. Each family will receive a free book, courtesy of Literacy Lubbock.

Special Events

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT - 1st Monday of every month @ 6 pm - Bring the whole family and enjoy a movie on our big screen with refreshments provided by Friends of the Library.

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PSALM 103:1

Have a safe and Happy and Merry Christmas. Remember the reason for the season. Do come and visit with us this coming Sunday morning, December 21, 2008.

New Light Baptist Church News

On Sunday morning, December 14, 2008 services got started at New Light Baptist Church, 3013 Idalou Road where Rev. Kenneth Jackson is the pastor, with much excitement to be in the House of the Lord!

Sunday School started at 9:45 a.m. with Brother David Chiles teaching the lesson entitled "Coping With Multiple Commitments."

Morning worship hour started at 11:00 a.m. with the Praise Team leading the way.

Rev. C. Lee led the pulpit devotion. The Youth of the church marched in the choir stand singing "I Loved To Praise Him." The responsive reading was read by Rev. Lee and it came from Psalm 96:1-13. The altar prayer was led by Rev. Jackson with the congregation singing "Have Thine Own Way."

Sis. Rochelette Hood read all the morning announcements and told of all the upcoming events that will be taking place. There

was the fellowship period which was held for about 5 minutes and then the offering was taken up.

The Youth Choir sang "Glory Hallelujah" and "For God So Loved The World". "Amazing Grace" was sung before the sermon. Rev. Eden preached the sermon entitled: "What Are You Speaking?" His scripture text was Matthew 8:7-9.

After the sermon Sis. Sudail Cavanaugh sang a selection.

The invitation to discipleship was extended and there were several who came for prayer.

Sis. Angela Mosley acknowledged all the visitors who were present for the day.

Pray for those who are sick and shut-in, either in the nursing homes, jail, prisons & those who have recently lost a lost one.

Pray a special prayer for all the sickness that's going around.

SCRIPTURE FOR THE WEEK: "Bless the lord o my soul and all that is within me bless his holy name."

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



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. The number of baptisms is 40! The Church of the Blessed is still visiting the Lubbock County Jail with its Jail Ministry where there were 24 saved and continuing. Prayer at the Lubbock County Jail is held at 5:00 a. m. Monday through Friday. Saturday evenings English Services begins at 7:00 p. m.

YOUR INVITATION TO A NEW BLESSING!

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

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FASHION TIPS

by Shirley Robinson

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Have Yourself and Family A Most Happy & Merry Christmas!!

LISD Board Accepts Havens Resignation

The Lubbock ISD Board of Trustees accepted Superintendent Wayne Havens' request for retirement at their board meeting this Thursday morning, December 11, 2008. After serving 41 years in public education, Havens announced his retirement last week. He has served as LISD superintendent since the spring of 2003, in addition to two stints as interim superintendent.

Havens said, "This district has been great to me and I will make the transition to the next superintendent as smooth as possible." Gordon Wilkerson, president of the LISD Board of Trustees, said of Havens, "There is not a finer person in this community than Wayne Havens. He exemplifies servant leadership. The district and the children of our community have been blessed by his service."


Board President Gordon Wilkerson said the search for a new superintendent would begin soon as the board examines their options for conducting a search of this magnitude. He added, "The good news is that Wayne Havens isn't going anywhere before we find a new superintendent."

Trustees also recognized 39 campuses for being awarded Gold Performance Acknowledgements (GPA) by the Texas Education Agency. The 101 GPAs received this year far exceeds the 60 awards earned in 2007. The GPA indicators, determined by the Texas Education Code or by the Commissioner of Education, include high performance in one

or more of fourteen areas. Elementary campuses recognized were: Bayless, Bean, Bowie, Brown, Centennial, Guadalupe, Hardwick, Harwell, Haynes, Honey, Iles, Maedgen, McWhorter, Murfee, Overton, Parkway, Parsons, Ramirez, Roberts, Rush, Smith, Stewart, Waters, Wester, Wheatley, Wheelock, Whiteside, Williams, Roscoe Wilson, Wolfarth and J Wright.

Middle school campuses recognized included: Algeron,

Cavezo, Evans, Hutchinson, Irons, Mackenzie and Smylie Wilcox. For the first time, alternative campuses were eligible to earn Gold Performance Acknowledgements. Lubbock County Juvenile Justice Center, a regional facility whose students are included in LISD TAKS scores, received two acknowledgements. In other action, trustees rescheduled the January board meeting to January 22, 2009, at 7 a.m.



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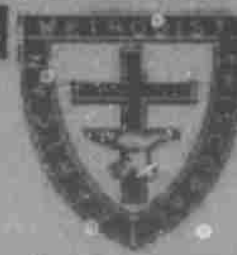
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Church News

FROM THE DESK OF PARSON D.A. SMITH

"Channing Criminal Natural Of Black / Hispanic American"

Several weeks past, an Anglo gentleman, Joe Horn in Pasadena, Texas took the life of two illegal immigrants. These illegal immigrants were from Columbia and were identified as a mixed race of black and Hispanic. The two males had entered the house of the shooter's neighbor and were removing goods. The two illegal aliens were confronted and told to halt and consequently were shot by a 12 gauge shotgun at approximately 15 feet in the back when they allegedly step on his property and were said to be threatening.

A poll taken by Rick Sanchez on CNN and 80% of those who participated said the Anglo gentlemen from Pasadena was right for shooting these two crooks. They not only committed a crime by taking property, they were also in this country illegally and threaten to a neighbor who was holding a shotgun with live ammunition (This act showed their level of intelligence).

If I am correct, Texas Penal Code state, a person can use deadly force to defend another person's property if he reasonably believes he has a legal duty to do so or the property owner had requested his protection.

Horn is to have said "Any loss of life casts permanent devastation over the lives of everyone involved. The events of that

day will weigh heavily on me for the rest of my life. My thoughts go out to the loved ones of the deceased."

There are those who believe Mr. Horn was frustrated. However, his frustration did not give him the right to seek vigilante style justice. They believe Mr. Horn's actions were both legally and morally wrong.

There are also Texans who believe that if you step on someone's property with the intent to rob or steal you left your rights at the exact point. They also believe that those who do the crime must be made responsible for their actions and skin color has nothing to do with it.

This writer liken to many others of his generation have devoted their lives to the challenges facing our country: "How to help young black men build constructive lives." Robbing and stealing another's property leads to moral and physical death. We understand because of the politics and the evil of our times young black men are more likely to be unemployed than other groups. We understand that young black males are more than likely to be dropouts, in prison, in poverty, and because of their negative actions-dead!

We also know doors have been opened through the Civil Rights Act and dues paid by my generation for the good of the whole nation. However, many

young black males have abused the privilege of a wholesome life for the evils of society. They want to blame the "white male" for their victimization. When in reality, they glorify in their self-destructive nature. They want to be like the sub-culture from Colombia, Mexico and other nations that have a popular drug culture. They feed the illegal immigrants of these nations who bring in drugs that destroy the lives of their so-called friends. They leave their friends addicted to "CRACK" for the rest of their short-lived lives, while they drive \$50,000 SUV's with 22-inch reams and impregnate young black girls and produce children while not paying CHILD SUPPORT! Refusing to pay child support leave their children with not having a snowball change in hell to achieve in America because of their illicit behavior. The are unaware that my blue-eyed cousin know they are sneaking in public housing at night.

These scumbags of black males have bought into the black world an illegal alien culture and have left a major scar on African Americans worldwide because of their behavior. Black males and their illegal aliens suppliers need to know there is an awoken in America that will not continue to allow their evil behavior.

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We Thank God for Jesus JESUS, THE GIFT THAT KEEPS ON GIVING !!

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

James 1:17 - Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and come down from the father of light, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning.

Now that Christmas is over, and the lights are out, and back in the box.

Jesus is the light that never goes out; did you chose him or not???

John 9:5 - Jesus said, as long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.

**** Is Jesus the light for your life????****

That Christmas tree must come down, many will be taken to the landfill.

Jesus is the tree of life; and everlasting life; is what he will give!!!

John 15:1-2 - Jesus said, I am the true vine, and my father is the husbandman. Every branch in me that bears not fruit; he takes away; and every branch that bears fruit, he purges it, that it may bring forth more fruit.

**** Are you in the true vine????****

The gift of that big money; it will be spent, till its all gone.

Jesus is the gift of life forever; and he keeps going; on, and on, and on!!!

Mark 8:36 - Jesus said, what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and

lose his own soul?

That big Christmas dinner it will be digested and passed on through.

Jesus the bread and water of life; and every day, he will be within you!!!

John 6:35, Jesus said, I am the bread of life; he that comes to me shall never hunger; and he that believes on me shall never thirst.

**** Are you full of Jesus????****

Those clothes you received for Christmas; will be old rags and cast away.

Jesus will clothe you in your right mind; each and every day!!!

Isaiah 26:3-4 - You (God) will keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee; because he trusted in thee. Trust you in the Lord forever; for in the Lord Jehovah is everlasting strength.

O' lying Saint Claus must leave; to return and to lie again next year.

Jesus is the way to go; and the only way; so don't wait till next year!!!

2 Corinthians 6:2b-In the day of salvation have I succeeded (helped) thee; behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.

****Today is your day of salvation; tomorrow may be late!!!!****

Everyone thinks they deserve a gift of great value; and that's true.

God so loved the world; He gave his greatest gift; Jesus Christ too you!!!

John 3:17 - Jesus said, for God sent not his son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.

**** Are you truly saved????****

There was a lot of money spent this x-mas; and it was all in vain.

Many people are now in so much debt; they're almost going insane!!!

Jeremiah 9:2 - The Lord said, let not the wise man glory in his wisdom, neither let the mighty man glory in his might, let not the rich man glory in his riches; but let him that glories glory in this, that he understands and know me, that I am the Lord which exercise loving kindness, judgment, and righteousness, in the earth; for in these things I delight, said the Lord.

Many people think that the parties they had was the gift of a lifetime. Jesus want to be your party of joy and happiness; now and forever; for all time!!!

**** Did you receive Jesus; the gift of life????****

2 Corinthians 9:15, thank be unto god for his unspeakable gift (Jesus).

St. Matthew's Baptist Church News

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

Services got under way with Sunday School begining at 10:10 a.m. Our Superintendent, Sister Shirley Davis, was in charge. The subject of the morning lesson was "Coping With Multiple Commitments." The scripture text was Luke 1:39-

45. The morning lesson as taught and reviewed by Pastor Canady. The key verse was: "And it came to pass, that, when Elizabeth heard the salutation of Mary, the babe leaped in her womb; and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Ghost: And she spake out with a loud voice, and said, Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb." ***

The morning devotion got

underway at 11:15 a.m. with Deacon Edward William and Brother Randell Byrd in charge. The St. Matthew Baptist Church Choir sang out of their hearts and souls again.

What a blessing we have at St. Matthew Baptist Church.

Pastor Canady delivered a dynamic sermon. His subject was "Do You Believe?" His scripture text was as Acts 8:35-37. It was another wonderful message coming from our pastor.

*** Let us remember those who are sick and shut-in among us this week.

Remember all who are sick and shut-in. Just think today, it could have been you or I.

*** Our weekly meetings are as follows: Wednesday evenings, Mission Ladies meeting, 5:00 p.m.; Wednesday evenings, Bible Study; 6:00 p.m., Friday evenings, Choir Rehearsals, 5:00 p.m. Saturday mornings, Usher meeting, 11:00 a.m.

*** "Lord, take my life and make it wholly thine; Fill my poor heart with thine great love divine; Take all my will, my passion, self and pride; I now surrender, Lord, In me abide." ***

*** Thought For The Week: "Without Christ, we can do nothing. With Him we can do every thing He wants us to do." ***

If you don't have a Church

Home, then come and visit with the St. Matthew Baptist Church. Our doors are always open to you. God is able!

*** Let us take this time and wish each of you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all of You!

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2 Corinthians 9:15, thank be unto god for his unspeakable gift (Jesus)

Outreach Prayer Breakfast

The Conception of Jesus Foretold

Mary, a virgin, was living in Galilee of Nazareth and was engaged to be married to Joseph, a Jewish carpenter. An angel visited her and explained to her that she would conceive a son by the power of the Holy Spirit. She would carry and give birth to this child and she would name him Jesus.

At first Mary was afraid and troubled by the angel's words. Being a virgin, Mary questioned the angel, "How will this be?" The angel explained that the child would be God's own Son and, therefore, "nothing is impossible with God." Humbled and in awe, Mary believed the angel of the Lord and rejoiced in God her Savior.

Surely Mary reflected with wonder on the words found in Isaiah 7:14 foretelling this event, "Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel." (NIV)

The Birth of Jesus: While Mary was still engaged to Joseph, she miraculously became pregnant through the Holy Spirit, as foretold to her by the angel. When Mary told Joseph she was pregnant, he had every right to feel disgraced. He knew the child was not his own, and Mary's apparent unfaithfulness carried a grave social stigma. Joseph not only had the right to divorce Mary, under Jewish law she could be put to death by stoning. Although Joseph's initial reaction was to break the

engagement, the appropriate thing for a righteous man to do, he treated Mary with extreme kindness. He did not want to cause her further shame, so he decided to act quietly. But God sent an angel to Joseph in a dream to verify Mary's story and reassure him that his marriage to her was God's will. The angel explained that the child within Mary was conceived by the Holy Spirit, that his name would be Jesus and that he was the Messiah, God with us.

When Joseph woke from his dream, he willingly obeyed God and took Mary home to be his wife, in spite of the public humiliation he would face. Perhaps this noble quality is one of the reasons God chose him to be the Messiah's earthly father.

Joseph too must have wondered in awe as he remembered the words found in Isaiah 7:14, "Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel." (NIV)

At that time, Caesar Augustus decreed that a census be taken, and every person in the entire Roman world had to go to his own town to register. Joseph, being of the line of David, was required to go to Bethlehem to register with Mary. While in Bethlehem, Mary gave birth to Jesus. Probably due to the census, the inn was too crowded, and Mary gave birth in a crude stable. She wrapped the baby in cloths and placed him in a manger.

The Shepherd's Worship the Savior:

Out in the fields, an angel of the Lord appeared to the shepherds who were tending their flocks of sheep by night. The angel announced that the Savior had been born in the town of David. Suddenly a great host of heavenly beings appeared with the angels and began singing praises to God. As the angelic beings departed, the shepherds decided to travel to Bethlehem and see the Christ-child.

There they found Mary, Joseph and the baby, in the stable. After their visit, they began to spread the word about this amazing child and everything the angel had said about him. They went on their way still praising and glorifying God. But Mary kept quiet, treasuring their words and pondering them in her heart. It must have been beyond her ability to grasp, that sleeping in her arms—the tender child she had just borne—was the Savior of the world.

The Magi Bring Gifts:

After Jesus' birth, Herod was king of Judea. At this time wise men (Magi) from the east saw a star, they came in search, knowing the star signified the birth of the king of the Jews. The wise men came to the Jewish rulers in Jerusalem and asked where the Christ was to be born. The rulers explained, "In Bethlehem in Judea," referring to Micah 5:2. Herod secretly met with the Magi and asked them to report back after they had found the

child. Herod told the Magi that he too wanted to go and worship the babe. But secretly Herod was plotting to kill the child.

So the wise men continued to follow the star in search of the new born king and found Jesus with his mother in Bethlehem.

Continue Next Week: Hope you enjoy reading this story by Prayer Breakfast!

Sister Dorothy Hood, president; Sister Christine Burleson; and Sister Elnora Jones, teacher. God Bless You!!

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Obsequies

W. A. "Dub" Adams

Funeral services for W. A. "Dub" Adams were held last Saturday afternoon, December 13, 2008 at Hope Deliverance Temple.

Burial followed in Peaceful Garden Memorial Park in Woodrow under the direction of Griffin Mortuary & Funeral Home of Lubbock.

Adams, 33, of Lubbock passed away Tuesday, December 9, 2008 at Southwest Regional Medical Complex.

He was born February 14, 1925 to the parentage of Walter and Bertha Adams in Clarksville. He served his country for three years in the United States Navy during World War II. He worked construction for



30 years until he retired.

He is survived by his siblings: Glenn Adams, Earl Jean Scott, Charlene Jackson, Arlene Jackson, Sue Flowers, and Linda Johnson; and a host of other relatives and friends.

Isaw Green

Funeral services for Isaw Green were held Monday afternoon, December 15, 2008, at House of Prayer.

Burial followed at Peaceful Garden Memorial Park in Woodrow under the direction of Griffin Mortuary & Funeral Home of Lubbock.

Green, 95, of Lubbock passed away Monday, December 8, 2008 at his residence.

He was born April 18, 1913 to Jimmie and Bell Green.

He leaves to cherish his memory four daughters, Vera Chatman, Eddie Atkins, Portice Knox, and Sheryl Green; three sons, Vincent Green, Avance



Green, and Jimmy Green; one sister, Lillie Cooper; 31 grandchildren; 68 great-grandchildren; 29 great-great grandchildren; a host of other relatives and friends.

Gracie Lee Foster

Funeral services for Gracie Lee Foster were held Tuesday, December 2, 2008, at the United Baptist Church with Pastor Adolphus Cleveland officiating.

Interment was held in the City of Lubbock Cemetery under the direction of Willie Waddell's Riverside Funeral Directors of Houston.

She was born to Henderson Ward and Sarah Ward on February 14, 1925 in Waller, Texas. She was an active member of United Baptist Church



(formerly the New Jerusalem Baptist Church, for over thirty years. Gracie united in holy matrimony to Elbert Knox Foster on March 17, 1943. Six

Elder James David Lewis

Arlington, Texas -- Funeral services for Elder James David Lewis were held last Saturday, December 13, 2008, at the Cornerstone Baptist Church. The church, which was full to capacity, had more than 3,000 in attendance.

He died Sunday, December 7, 2008.

Elder Lewis, age 62, was born September 17, 1946 in Lubbock to the parents of George and Lee Ester Lewis wis.

He was married to Vera Simmon Lewis, and was the father of three children: Michelle, Stephanie and Aaron.

A brother, George Lewis, preceded him in death.

He graduated from Lubbock High School.

He leaves to cherish his



many memories—his wife, Vera Simmon Lewis; children: Michelle, Stephanie and Aaron; siblings: Mary Ann, Ester, Beverly, Sherry, Winnie, Madelene, Curtis, Debbie and Pam; step-mother; six grandsons, 4 step-brothers, a host of nieces, nephews, other family members and friends.

American Legion Sponsors Annual Christmas Party

The Annual Christmas sponsored by the Booker T. Washington, Post 808, American Legion will be held Sunday evening, December 21,

2008, at the Yellowhouse location.

The annual event will begin at 6:30 p. m. There will be fruit and candies for those in attendance.

The youth of the community is invited to attend.

Obama Picks Arne Duncan for Education Post

President-elect Barack Obama named Arne Duncan, the superintendent of schools in Chicago, to be his Secretary of Education. Mr. Duncan is a Harvard graduate whose friendship with Mr. Obama began on the basketball court and flowered into frequent discussions of education policy. He has seven years' experience as chief executive of the Chicago Public Schools.

Parson Smith Continued from Page 3

There will be more grand juries that will indict and prosecutors will prosecute severely when a black or Hispanic or black/Hispanic disrupt a wholesome society with their evil behavior. Young black males who continue with such negative behavior should come to grip with the fact this is a conservative Judea-Christian society. Their jailhouse religion does not meet society's standard.



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disenfranchised areas at a disadvantage. This group of Lubbock citizens and children from the old Lubbock group constitutes the majority of Lubbock not the new Lubbock area, also it causes a transportation problem for the less affluent areas. The gate way funds closed book until east Lubbock started questioning it's disbursement.

Closing thought We have not inherited the Earth from our parents; we have borrowed it from our children.

Bethel Youth Perform During Church Services Last Week

The Youth of the Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church did a splendid job last Sunday morning in their Annual Christmas program. This program was held Sunday morning, December 14, 2008, during the morning services.

The following young people participated on the program: Belinda Pettis, Christa Cole, Dwight Pettis, Belinda DeVaughn, Callie Cole, Mikechia Cozy, Erkyjah Hood, April Arevalo, and Rhosean Amah.

Also, Alyssabeth Pinkard, Montel Johns, Wilbert DeVaughn, Jr., Triston Johnson, Joshua and Caleb Cleveland-Shaw, Alyssa Cyphers, Cascell Carl, Deniqua Adams, Aaliyah

An-Ireus, and Dominique Binton.

Special music was done by Belinda Pettis, who sang a solo; Paige Diggs, who rendered a violin solo; and Tasha Johnson also sang a solo. Thomas Payton sang a solo.

Music was also performed by the Bethel Youth Choir which was under the direction of Sister Sheila Harris, a former member of Bethel.

A special presentation of Twas the Night Before Christmas" was done by Sister Lisa Rollinson with little children listening, sitting around the Christmas tree.

Rev. Sonia J. Scott is pastor.



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How can it be prevented?

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 - o Before and after eating or handling food
 - o Always after using the toilet
 - o After frequent diaper changes
 - o Frequently throughout the day

What should I do if I think I may be infected?

- Call your doctor immediately
- Use good handwashing while you are ill to prevent spreading the illness to your family and/or co-workers.

Editorials • Comments • Opinions

THIS 'N' THAT

by T.J. Patterson

THREE REASONS OBAMA'S VICTORY & HIS PRESIDENCY WILL IMPROVE RACE RELATIONS!! THIS 'N' THAT ... read an article in the December, 2008 issue of ... The Focus ... Published by the Joint Center For Political and Economic Studies ... by U. S. Congressman James P. Clyburn of South Carolina ... Who is the Majority Whip and the highest ranking African American in the U. S. House of representatives ... When he gave three things to consider about race relations ... Number One! ... The victory was a ... giant step towards the fulfillment of the search for a more perfect union ... Second ... Obama's victory ... gave credence to the edicts uttered by parents of school children and school teachers when they say to the four and five year olds that if you stay out of trouble and you study hard ... you can grow up to be anything you want to be

... and ... Third ... This victory reconnects us to a majority of the global community that has been very ... very upset with this country for sometime now ... Not because of its people ... But because of its leadership ... And they see in this man an internationalist who can get us to where we need to be ... Just something to think about ...

PENNY HASTINGS THE BARBER SAYS: "EDUCATION ... IS A ... MOUNTAIN ... and our ... YOUNG PEOPLE ... need to be able to ... CLIMB IT!"

STILL WAITING TO HEAR FROM TRUSTEE HOLMES! THIS 'N' THAT ... is still waiting to hear from ... **SISTER VERNITA HOLMES** ... About when she will call a ... **DISTRICT TWO TOWN HALL MEETING** ... and discuss information about our Lubbock Public Schools ... And what we can do to help our young people in school ... There is much discussion about

the future of ... **ESTACADO HIGH SCHOOL** ... in the East Lubbock Community ... and this needs to be made known in the meeting ... So ... **THIS 'N' THAT** ... is still waiting to hear from ... **TRUSTEE HOLMES** ... about the upcoming meeting ... **AMERICAN LEGION STILL SPONSORS ANNUAL PARTY! THIS 'N' THAT** ... Is always happy to see the Annual Christmas Party ... sponsored by the ... Booker T. Washington ... Post 808 ... American Legion ... which will be held this Sunday ... December 21, 2008 ... Beginning at 6:30 p.m. ... at the Yellowhouse Canyon location ... For years ... **COMMANDER ALFRED CAVIEL** ... has been at his post ... but due to health reasons ... He will not be seen this year at the Annual Christmas Party ... **THIS 'N' THAT** ... really appreciates the efforts of this American Legion ... as it is a valuable asset in Lubbock.

THINK ABOUT IT!

"You Can Not Have A Future Without A Past"

by Eddie P. Richardson

We wrote an article similar to this one some time in the past but nothing has changed since that time so we decided to keep it out there and keep it on the mind of the people and not let it get stale with the hope it will be transpired on some minds and touch a conscious or the heart of some one who can make a difference and want to do the right thing.

Look around Lubbock and you will see a major problem with the present growth pattern and you see the serious problem, nothing wrong with growth this writer applauds growth unconditionally but properly

and fairly planned inclusively applied to old Lubbock as well as new Lubbock. Good to see the Mc Dougal down town redevelopment plan with East Lubbock being on the rims of downtown Lubbock. some of the re-development should spill over because East Lubbock borders downtown. It must be remembered during the redevelopment stages of down town Lubbock it is pasttime for this needed help.

Just a small look back and it is very easy to see the new game plan. Just to point out a few things that are relative fresh at this time the five baseball fields

that was voted on in a bond issue by the total city of Lubbock. This was to be able to accomodate major tournaments. Also the present soccer fields win around two million dollars could be updated with a minimal amount of renovation could be a better soccer field than the proposed new fields in new Lubbock. This would better serve a larger number of citizens and children in east, north, central, and the innercity areas of the city of Lubbock. The proposed new field would place a problem in Lubbock.

Continue next week.

Did slaves build the White House? THE WHITE HOUSE HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION Timelines - African-Americans 1790s The information was taken from WHITE HOUSE HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION

(Editor's Note: This is one of several articles about the history of The White House. It was published by The White House Historical Association. We thought this would benefit the total community. Ye Ed.)

Part II

Paul Jennings, who was born a slave on President James Madison's estate at Montpelier in 1799, was a "body servant" who attended the president until his death in 1836.

Jennings later purchased his freedom from Daniel Webster. Webster acquired Jennings from Pollard Webb who in turn bought the manservant from Dolley Madison in 1846.

After meeting the terms of his agreement with Webster, Jennings became a free man and found work at the Department of the Interior. In 1865, Jennings published, *Colored Man's Reminiscences of James Madison, the first memoir about the White House by one*

China Room, offices, and the formal oval Diplomatic Reception Room. However, this vaulted corridor once accessed a great kitchen 40 feet long with large fireplaces at each end, a family kitchen, an oval servants hall, the steward's quarters, storage and work rooms, and the servants' bedrooms. An inventory for the year 1826, during John Quincy Adams' administration, records the typical furniture used by servants in the first half of the 19th century. For example, the cook slept on a cot, and had a pine wardrobe and a pine table; other servants' rooms were similar, with cots and mattresses and "low post" bedsteads, blankets, and sheets; sometimes they had benches, chairs, and tables. Often the furniture was described as "worn out" or "in want of repair."

Read more: William Seale, *The President's House, White House Historical Association, 1986*; William Seale, *"Upstairs and Downstairs: The 19th-Century White House,"*

American Visions, February-March, 1995, 16-20.

1830s

President Andrew Jackson was a slaveholder who brought a large household of slave domestics with him from Tennessee to the President's House. Many of them lived in the servant's quarters, but the president's body servant slept in the room with him. Jackson's servants worked under Rachel Jackson's management at his Tennessee home for the better part of their lives and were country folk. Mrs. Jackson died before her husband began his first term. At the President's House these slaves came under the direction of the steward Belgian Antoine Michel Giusta, a holdover from the Adams administration. Most of the lower level white servants were replaced by slaves who wore the livery of blue coats appear in the public rooms, used a long white apron, reaching to hems at the floor. Giusta did not like Jackson or his black servants and left the president's service in 1834.

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In Cinque

by Renetta Howard



This has been a week of gloom and doom for our country. Just as we arrive at the time of the year when we are gearing up for a joyous holiday and a celebration of the birth of the Christ child, Christmas as we call it, the most discussed activity of the day is the political scandal in the state of Illinois.

Mr. Obama has not been sworn in yet as the new U. S. President and the governor of Illinois has been accused of trying to sell Mr. Obama's Illinois Senate seat. The probe is on and has been going on now for months of the governor's office, according to the daily news on most television stations. The governor's refusal to step down from office has some sources saying that he is mentally unbalanced. The probe into the seat selling incident allegations continue and the scope widened to Mr. Obama's camp.

Beset by the seat selling incident, the Obama family discovered that they cannot move into the Guest House at the presidential residence in order for their children to begin school with the New Year because there is no room in the inn. How ironic, at Christmas time, yet.

This time of year has also proved to be a bad time for Mr.

Bush to visit Iraq. He was not the victim of one, but two shoes sailed toward his head in an unscheduled meeting in Iraq this weekend. According to the news sources, the act of throwing one's shoe at someone is intended to show contempt for the person on the receiving end. Surely it is time for Americans to vacate Iraq for good and especially for Mr. Rush. It appears that he was not a bearer of good cheer during this holiday season.

Good cheer is quite far fetched during this time as economic experts are saying that only about fifty percent of the subprime mortgages have been foreclosed as there is another wave of them to show up in the

next few months as the price of homes decrease. Homeowners are expected to walk away from their loans because they cannot pay them. Many of them were duped into purchasing by being invited to deals too good to be true and they were, because the mortgage companies got their money up front and did not care if the borrowers were not able to pay. Some were not even checked out to see if they were able to pay. Consequently, our economy is headed toward a long and hard road to recovery. Let us get 'in cinque' and pray, tighten our belts for the long haul, and gear up on holiday cheer to help us weather the storm.

Happily Nappy: Actress Ella Joyce Goes Natural & Plays Rosa Parks

Actress Ella Joyce is paying homage to a civil rights icon in her one-woman show, 'A Rose Among Thorns.'

The show captures the historic incident in which the late Rosa Parks refused to obey an Alabama bus driver's order that she give up her seat to make room for a white passenger.

'A Rose Among Thorns' also shows that Parks was not just an "iconic figure," but a real woman with real emotions.

"I have been talking that show around the country," Joyce told me. "My premiere year of that performance was last year. From her birthday Feb 4, 2007 to this year, I've done over 50 performances around the country."

The former 'Ros Thoms' has been received very well and she



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who had lived there. The publication remained obscure for many years because it was printed in a limited edition, but today it is acknowledged by scholars as a classic. It provided details about one of the most critical periods in the history of the city of Washington—the War of 1812—and the formation of the city's enterprising free Negro community in the antebellum period. It also recounted Jennings's involvement in a plan in 1848 to undertake a large-scale escape of slaves from the capital aboard the schooner Pearl.

1820s

White House Kitchen, c. 1820. A great kitchen in the basement story was at the heart of the servant and workspace of the White House throughout the 19th century.

The African American staff, and other servants, who lived in the President's House, most often had rooms in the basement. Open at ground level on the south, the basement (referred to as the ground floor today) had windows on the north facing a steep arcaway that was entirely hidden from view. Visitors on the public tour of the White House walk through the long cross-hall of this space with rooms opening to the sides. Today the rooms are used as a library.

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"Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that.
Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that." - Martin Luther King, Jr.

Bluegrass Queen Honors Family Traditions for the Holidays

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — One of the most important gifts of the holiday season is the time spent with family — coming together to share traditions that stay true generation after generation.

For bluegrass music sensation Rhonda Vincent, the holidays provide a much anticipated break from her non-stop Martha White® Bluegrass Express Tour schedule — allowing her to enjoy an extended stay with her family in northern Missouri. And, as with many families, sharing meals with family and friends has always been the centerpiece of the holidays.

"It seems there's always a recipe attached to a special family memory," Vincent said. "Everyone looks forward to going to my parents' home for homemade cinnamon rolls. My mom, Carolyn, makes the ultimate cinnamon roll. After Christmas dinner, we enjoy her cinnamon rolls as dessert — and again for breakfast the next morning."

Swirled with cinnamon, sugar and butter, Carolyn's Holiday Cinnamon Rolls bake up soft and oozing with goodness. Fast acting yeast and a no-knead method simplify the

preparation of this classic American favorite.

With Vincent's daughters — Tensel and Sally — now carrying on the family's tradition of music as artists in their own right, being able to spend time together during the holidays carries special meaning. For them, a family favorite has always been the chocolate roll. They enjoy making it together and then delivering the special delight to their family and friends. "Our early attempts were not exactly picture-perfect, but they were definitely delicious," the girls said.

"Cake rolls are popular holiday desserts traditionally fill

with whipped cream," said Linda Carrman, Martha White baking expert. "For a holiday version, we've filled this chocolate cake roll with peppermint whipped cream and covered it with chocolate cream cheese frosting. Be sure to read through the recipe before you start because the cake must be rolled up while it is still hot out of oven."

And while Vincent has always focused on making traditional family recipes, baking mixes have become more and more a part of her life as her tour schedule becomes increasingly demanding. "Muffin mixes are a great answer for us on the road,"

Vincent said, "because they are so quick and easy to make."

And these same mixes are now making an appearance during the holidays. Bake Shop Cranberry Banana Muffins are quick and easy to make with a Martha White® Banana Nut Muffin Mix. The addition of dried cranberries and a luscious brown sugar topping transforms the mix into a holiday treat destined to become another family tradition.

"Baking has always been such an important part of the holidays," Rhonda said. "We always look forward to our time together in the kitchen — and then sharing what we create with family and friends. It makes the holidays so special for all of us."

Holiday Cinnamon Rolls

- Rolls
- 2 cups lukewarm water
- 2 (3/4 oz.) pkgs. fast-acting yeast
- 1/2 cup granulated sugar

- 1/4 cup Crisco® All Vegetable Shortening
- 1 teaspoon salt
- About 5 cups Martha White® All-Purpose Flour
- Crisco® Original No-Stick Cooling Spray
- Filling
- 1/2 cup melted butter or margarine
- 1/2 cup firmly packed brown sugar
- 1/2 cup granulated sugar
- 2 teaspoons cinnamon
- Glaze
- 2 tablespoons melted butter or margarine
- 1 cup confectioners' sugar
- 1 tablespoon milk
- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract

Sprinkle yeast over warm water; stir until dissolved. Add 1/2 cup granulated sugar, shortening and salt; stir until sugar is dissolved. Stir in enough flour to make a soft dough. Cover and let rise in a warm place until dough has doubled in bulk, about 45 minutes. Punch down dough.

Heat oven to 350° F. Spray two 9-inch cake pans with no-stick cooking spray. Combine brown sugar, 1/2 cup granulated sugar and cinnamon in a small bowl. Divide dough in half. On floured surface, roll dough into a rectangular shape about 1/4-inch thick and about 12-inches long. Brush with 1/4 cup melted butter, sprinkle with half the cinnamon sugar mixture.

Beginning with long side, roll up dough jelly-roll style. Pinch seam together. Cut into 1-inch slices; place cut side in prepared pan. Repeat with remaining dough. Cover; let rise until doubled in bulk, about 30 minutes. Bake for 20 for 25 minutes or until golden brown. Remove to serving plate, if desired.

Combine all glaze ingredients in small bowl. Spoon over hot rolls. Serve warm.

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Jackson says he didn't 'pay to play' Illinois politics

(CNN) — A law enforcement official connected to the investigation into Illinois Gov. Rod Blagojevich confirmed Wednesday that the person referred to in the criminal complaint against the governor as "Senate Candidate 5" is Rep. Jesse Jackson Jr.

The law enforcement official said there was no evidence — other than the governor's taped remarks — that Jackson or others on his behalf ever approached the governor in an improper way.

The official also emphasized that no conversations with Jackson were ever picked up on bugs or wiretaps, and there is no evidence that he was aware of anything improper.

Jackson denied Wednesday participating in the "pay to play" politics federal prosecutors allege Blagojevich conducted in his search to fill President-elect Barack Obama's Senate seat.

"I want to make this fact plain: I reject and denounce pay-to-play politics and have no involvement whatsoever in any wrongdoing. I did not initiate or authorize anyone at any time to promise anything to Gov. Blagojevich," Jackson, an Illinois Democrat, said during a Capitol Hill press conference Wednesday. Watch: Jackson denies involvement with Blagojevich »

Jackson said he was informed by the office of U.S. Attorney Patrick Fitzgerald — tasked with investigating Gov. Blagojevich's alleged misconduct — that he was not a target of the investigation.

"In the days ahead, federal law enforcement officials want to meet and discuss what I know about the Senate selection process," Jackson said. "I look forward to cooperating with the hardworking men and women of the United States Attorney's Office and the Justice Department."



Jesse Jackson Jr. says he is confident he "engaged in no wrongdoing."

Jackson said Blagojevich, "in the best interests of our state, should resign and forfeit his authority to make the Senate appointment."

While defending his innocence, Jackson said he was qualified to fill the vacant Senate seat in large part due to his previous experience in Washington.

Jackson noted he has missed only two votes during his 13 years in Congress, and has served in the U.S. House longer than almost all of the other members of the Illinois congressional delegation being mentioned as possible replacements for Obama.

"I thought, mistakenly, that the process was fair, above board and on the merits," Jackson said. "I thought, mistakenly, that the governor was evaluating me and other Senate hopefuls based upon our credentials and qualifications."

Noting he met with Blagojevich for the first time in four years on Monday, Jackson said he "thought, mistakenly" that he "had a chance" for the Senate seat because he "earned it."

A criminal complaint released Tuesday details conver-

sations Blagojevich allegedly had with potential Senate candidates, who are identified only by numbers. As sitting governor, it is Blagojevich's duty to appoint Obama's Senate replacement.

Jackson's attorney, James Montgomery Sr., told reporters Wednesday, "Everyone is speaking of Jesse Jackson Jr., as 'Senate Candidate 5.' My comments will assume that is the case."

Montgomery said he made his assumption based on conversations with U.S. Attorney Patrick Fitzgerald and information in the criminal complaint.

Montgomery said the U.S. attorney confirmed Jackson is not a target of the investigation and that Jackson never authorized anyone to seek the governor's support in exchange for anything.

Fitzgerald said none of the people mentioned as Senate candidates is accused of wrongdoing.

"People should not cast aspersions on people who are discussed on wiretap or bug tape," he said.

Fitzgerald's complaint against Blagojevich says the governor allegedly tried to garner money or jobs in exchange

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Belgian, Joseph Boulanger, became the steward. Boulanger apparently left the White House and when he was away, the black doorkeeper Jimmy O'Neill, a great favorite of Jackson's, kept the keys to the house. He had a porter's lodge to the right of the north door with a perspective onto the Entrance Hall where he monitored the comings and goings of the public.

Read more: William Seale, The President's House, White House Historical Association, 1986; William Seale, "Upstairs and Downstairs: The 19th-Century White House," American Visions, February-March, 1995, 16-20, 1840s

When John Adams moved into the White House in November 1800, one-third of the capital city's population was black. Few of these African Americans were free. However, with brass buttons, white shirts, and yellow or white breeches. Maids, who did not with the end of the African slave trade in 1808 and the depletion of lands and decline of Tidewater tobacco plantations, free African Americans became more common and soon outnumbered the city's slave population. On the eve of the Civil War, the census

Blagojevich is said to have called the open seat a "f—ing valuable thing" and something you don't give away "for nothing."

The complaint said that last week Blagojevich said he might be able to cut a deal with Candidate 5 "with something tangible upfront." The complaint also said that Blagojevich claimed an aide to Senate Candidate 5 said that candidate would raise \$500,000 for the governor.

No one mentioned as a possibility for the seat is saying he or she is one of the unnamed candidates in the complaint.

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