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

Meetings

- African American Chamber of Commerce, Lubbock meets on the 3rd Monday of each month, from 5:30-6:30pm at the Parkway Community Center, 405 MLK Blvd., 806-771-1815
- Lubbock Area Client Council meets on the 2nd Saturday, 1:00pm at the Patterson Branch Library
- Hub City Kiwanis meets every Tuesday, 7:00pm, 1708 Avenue G
- Dunbar Alumni Association meets 2nd Saturdays, 4:00 pm
- Booker T. Washington American Legion Post 808 meets every 2nd Tuesday at 7:30pm, American Legion Building in Yellowhorse 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, Mac 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 to meeting, meetings held on 2nd Saturday of each month at 7:00 pm, Educational presentations and demonstrations.
- Texas Juneteenth Cultural & Historical Commission - Lubbock Affiliate meets at Patterson Branch Library every 3rd Thursday at 7:00 pm
- West Texas Native American Association meets 2nd Saturday each month at Groves Library, 5520 19th Street, 7:30 pm.
- West Texas Chapter of 100 Black Men meets the 2nd Monday evening at 7:00 pm at the Parkway Neighborhood Center.
- The Parkway Guadalupe & Liberty Point Neighborhood Association meets the 3rd Tuesday evening of each month at 7:30 pm at Hunt Elementary.
- Chautau 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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Gloria H. Danford

Retiring After 35 Years of Service With AT&T

Reaching a milestone in her life, Gloria H. Danford, Service Representative Major Accounts, will retire Monday, March 3, 2008, after 35 years of dedicated service to AT & T. A reception will be held in her honor on Thursday afternoon, March 6, 2008, at 2010 Avenue in Pioneer Room, from 2:00 p. m. to 4:00 p. m. A resident of Lubbock and a member of Community Baptist Church, she admits how she has enjoyed her years of service. "It goes to show that you can accomplish anything in life if you keep your focus on what you are attempting in life. I thank God for this opportunity to be able to serve others in the position afforded me," she says. The public is invited to attend her reception.

Lubbock's Centennial

by
Bryant Whitten

Founded in 1909, the city of Lubbock is preparing for its hundreds years of existence in West Texas with a year of events. Since November 26th 2006, a fifteen member committee appointed by Lubbock city council, has been meeting for more than two hours a week in preparation for the centennial events. The comity chair, Linda Gaither, disclosed some of the upcoming events that will set the tone for Lubbock's Centennial Celebration.

The first event will be on March 2nd 2008 at the historical Lubbock Municipal Coliseum. The event will start at 7:00 pm and the tickets are on sale at Select-a-Seat for \$5 each. Gaither said, "We wanted everybody to have the opportunity to attend the function." At this opening ceremony, performances will be by Lubbock's own Barry Cojain, Joe Ely, David Gash, and the voice of centennial year, Mac Davis. "We will tie on to other existing events, but we will have our own as well," Gaither added.

One of these events is the Easter egg hunt on March 15th. Underwritten by American State Bank, the hunt for lost eggs will be free for all children and will be held in six different locations. In May, 100 Years of Art in Lubbock will be presented at the Louise Hopkins Underwood Center. The art show will showcase Paul Milosevich's acclaimed "Pioneer Visions" as well as other beautiful artwork by Lubbock artists. An event called the Cowboy Cotton Ball will be on June 13th; "We will tie on to many events, like 4th on Broadway" said Gaither.

Though not written in stone or posted on the event calendar at lubbock100.com, a motorcycle rally is in negotiation for the month of August. Gaither also stated that "We're going to do something called Grandma's attic, where if you have lived in Lubbock for many years, you can bring pictures to be scanned and we'll keep the scanned copies for a history book of Lubbock." Fast forward to March of 2009, a time capsule will be the last event along with the closing ceremony on the 28th of March at the United Spirit Arena.

The Centennial level sponsors are: Lubbock National Bank, LP&C



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L. Names and Numbers, Genco, Covenant, United Supermarkets. Each sponsor gave \$100,000. "In excess to the money raised, we been given in-kind and cash donations to help fund the different events," said Gaither. "Companies like Atmos Energy, Lamar Advertising, Plains Capital Bank, Cit, Bank and Marjorie Kastmen." The Centennial committee is still looking for donations and volunteers to help make this celebration a big success. Those interested, can sign up and be a part by going to www.lubbock100.com.

Lubbock Area Affiliate Wins National Award!

The Lubbock Area Affiliate of Susan G. Komen for the Cure has been recognized with a national award. Recently, Komen Lubbock was named the winner of the national media award for their Passionately Pink campaign which resulted in a 5,000 dollar donation to the Affiliate.

The contest was judged on creativity, media comprehension and the overall effectiveness of the campaign. The Lubbock Area Affiliate competed against other Komen Affiliates from around the world.

This is the second year in a row that Komen Lubbock has been named the winner of the media campaign. It's Passionately Pink Committee is made up of a very dedicated group of volunteers who work tirelessly to create a campaign

From Cowboys to Desegregation: Recent Books on African Americans in Texas

by
Alywn Barr



Famous Cowboys . . .
Bulldoggin' Bill Pickett

who invented the sport of bulldogging on his horse Spradley. . . . Bill Pickett holding a cow by biting its lip. This technique was invented by Bill Pickett and is known as bulldogging.



African American history continues to attract historians and writers who in turn provide the public with new information about important individuals and groups in the black community of Texas during the nineteenth and twentieth centuries.

An important African American in West Texas is the focus of Bones Hooks: Pioneer Negro Cowboy, by Bruce G. Todd, published by Pelican Publishing Company in 2005. Hooks began to work while still a boy in East Texas after the Civil War. By his teens he became a bronc rider who tamed wild horses on a North Texas ranch. Later he followed that difficult but skilled career on ranches in the Pecos River area in the 1870s. He also became the wrangler who took care of the horse herds on ranches and on trail drives. In the 1880s he worked in both the Texas Panhandle and the Pecos region still taming and herding horses.

At Clarendon in the 1890s Hooks took on the role of leader in the small African American community when he convinced a preacher from Fort Worth to come and establish a church. In 1900 he married and moved to Amarillo to work in a hotel. By 1907 he

bought a ranch in New Mexico, but the land proved to be too harsh for success.

He then found a position as a Pullman porter with the Santa Fe railroad in 1909 and continued until retirement in 1930. As the black population of Amarillo grew, he joined other leaders to create a school and later a Baptist church. At the same time he worked with other black as well as white leaders to create an expanded African American neighborhood at the edge of Amarillo, which became North Heights in the 1920s. There he opened Pioneer Hall with a grocery and meeting rooms for fraternal and business groups. Churches and a high school soon developed in the area, followed by civic and boys clubs in the 1930s. In recognition of his contributions to the region he became the first black member of the Panhandle Plains Historical Society and in 1945 the first African American to serve on the grand jury for Potter County.

The Hooks biography also describes the mixture of acceptance and racial prejudice he faced. Discrimination appears to have been less rigid in West Texas when the number of African Americans remained small before

1900, while it became more elaborate as the black population grew in the early twentieth century.

Several books with a more general focus have also been published in recent years.

For the period after the Civil War, the University of Texas Press in 2007 produced The Dance of Freedom: Texas African Americans during Reconstruction, a collection of essays by Barry A. Crouch. An opening section explains how the views of historians about this period have changed over the past four decades. Freedom is the focus of the following section with essays on former slaves trying to stabilize their families and seeking equal justice in state and Freedmen's Bureau courts, and black women in Houston trying to establish and protect their personal and economic rights in society.

The problems African Americans faced from white violence, segregation, and legal discrimination are then explored. A final section considers struggles by Freedmen's Bureau agents to aid former slaves, and presents discussions of the state and local level black political leaders who emerged during Reconstruction.

Two new volumes analyze the tragic history of violence and especially lynching in Texas from Reconstruction into the early twentieth century. William D. Carrigan describes The Making of

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Project To Help Biblical Israel Community In Lubbock

A very unique minister in Judea and Samaria, Sondra Oster Baras, will visit Lubbock and will speaking at the University Medical Center McLauriff Center on Tuesday evening, March 4, 2008.

For more information, call 747-9430.

She was born in Cleveland, Ohio in an Orthodox Jewish home. She was educated at the Hebrew Academy of Cleveland, a religious all-day school sponsored by the Cleveland Jewish community. Upon graduation from high school, Sondra studied religious studies at the Jerusalem College for Women in Israel. She completed her B.A. in history and English at Barnard College in New York. She obtained her J.D. at Columbia University's School of Law.

In 1984, after practicing law in New York, for a short time, Sondra moved to Israel. Sondra continued her legal career in Israel, after being accepted to the Israeli bar.

In 1985, the Baras' joined Neve Aliza, a group of North American Orthodox Jews that were building a new neighborhood in the small Samaritan town of Karmel Shimon. Sondra soon became an active member of the governing board of the group and moved into the new neighborhood in 1987. Shortly thereafter, the first latituda began, and Mrs. Baras



Sondra Oster Baras

was drawn into activities advocating for their settlement movement. Since then, Baras has been an active spokesperson for the communities of Judea, Samaria and Gaza.

Baras maintained contact with Christian Friends of Israeli Communities, since its inception in 1995, and in 1998, she opened the Israel office of CFOIC Heartland in an effort to enhance the organization's activities in support of the communities of Judea, Samaria and Gaza. Since then, Sondra has been the director of the Israel office, coordinating much of CFOIC Heartland's community support programs worldwide.

CFOIC Heartland has become a resource in Israel for connecting Christians to the people of Biblical Israel, while working in close cooperation with Christian organizations in the Land and with Jewish organizations interested in linking with Christians from around the world. In addition to the main U.S. and Israel offices, there are CFOIC Heartland offices in Germany and Holland and representatives in the U.K., South Africa and Bulgaria.

Sondra remains a devoted Jewess who currently resides in Karmel Shimon, together with her husband Edward, a computer programmer, and their five children.

Chatman Hills Corner

By Doris Reynolds

Thursday, February 23 - Students and teachers at Wheatley Elementary, 1802 East 28th Street, will participate in the First Annual Wheatley Elementary Black History March. The walk begins at 8 a.m. The purpose of the march is to teach the students about the freedom riders and the struggles they experienced.

Let us support these young people in this annual event.

Thursday, February 28 - The fifteenth annual African American History Bowl opening ceremonies begin at 9:30 a.m. Alderson Middle School, 219 Walnut, is host for the event.

Thursday, February 28 - Hodges Elementary, 5001 Avenue P, will host a Black History program from 9-10 a.m. featuring dance, poetry, the Estacado High School Choir, show dogs and motivational speakers.

The remaining meetings of the Chatman Hill Neighborhood Association are: March 13; April

10, and May 8, 2008. These meetings will be held at the Iles Elementary Cafeteria, beginning at 6:00 p.m. The meetings for June 12 and July 10, the location will be announced. Tuesday evening, August 5, is 'National Night Out' and the Annual Picnic at Booker T. Washington Park.

The remaining meetings are: Thursday, September 11; Thursday, October 9; Thursday, November 13; and Thursday, December 11, 2008.

A Pre-Woman's Day Activity will be a 'Good Medicine for the Soul' will be held at Mae Simmons Community Center at 10:00 a.m. For more information, contact Sister Pam Roberson at Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church, 744-7552. Rev. Sonja J. Mitchell is pastor.

Several hundred of Lubbock were in attendance of the 6th Annual Legends and Legacies at the Bobbie Gene & T.J. Patterson Branch Library, 1836 Parkway Drive. A very inspiring recitation

was done by Kamron Taylor. Many pastors, ministers and evangelists were present at this affair.

Mrs. Helen Vines-Fitzgerald, Branch Director, thanked all for participating and attending. She was presented flowers for her dedication.

Ms. Myrta Haynes was surprised by the group. With tears in her eyes, she received flowers which was presented by Mrs. Shirley Davis.

Services were well attended last Sunday morning, February 24, 2008, at the New Hope Baptist Church where the proud pastor is Rev. P. R. Moton.

The morning sermon was delivered by Ms. Ellen Jones. His subject was "I Never Could Have Made It Without You." His scripture was Genesis 50:15-20.

The morning prayer Pastor Moton.

A Thought For Today: "Even in hard times 'Thank God'. God is truly Good."

Words of Encouragement was done by the Dean of Pastors, Rev. Dr. O. W. Gentry, Hopewell Baptist Church of Petersburg; Mr. Gary Brown, City Manager of Floydada, gave remarks about Pastor Jackson, and Mr. Walter Davis of Davis Construction of Floydada gave sincere comments Pastor Jackson as an employee and a good citizen.

Sister Sudell Cavanaugh welcomed Pastor Kenneth Jackson and wife.

Rev. Kenneth Jackson thanked every one for attending as well as his wife, First Lady Ambra. She said, the baton was well done for them.

FASHION FUN

by Shirley Roberson

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LISD Trustees Vote To Give Substitute \$10 Pay Boost

At the meeting of the Lubbock ISD Board of Trustees last Thursday morning, February 21, 2008, seven businesses and individuals were recognized as statewide winners in the Texas Association of Partners in Education program (TAPE). Trustees also gave approval for one-time signing incentives in four dire-need areas, an increase in substitute teacher pay and approved a request to the Texas Education Agency for a revised master schedule for high school students.

Honored for their outstanding partnerships with LISD schools were: McLane High Plains, Texas Medium Business Partnership Award; Betenbough Homes, Texas Small Business Partnership Award; Texas Tech University Basketball, Texas Sports Partnership Award; Texas Tech University Chess Club, Texas Collegiate Partnership Award; Sherry Orona, Texas Top Adult Volunteer Award; City of Lubbock Water Utilities, Texas Government Agency Partnership Award; and Nancy Neal, Texas Top Partnership Liaison Award.

New teachers hired for the 2008-2009 school year in the areas of special education and bilingual/ESL education will receive a one-time \$1,500 signing bonus while new teachers in secondary math and secondary science will receive a \$5,000 one-time bonus. Beginning in 2011, the state will require all students have four years of math and four years of science to graduate. The

increased number of math and science courses will continue to increase the demand for teachers in those subject areas.

Substitute teachers will get a \$10 pay boost for working on Mondays and Fridays beginning immediately. Lubbock ISD Assistant Superintendent for Personnel Ralph Madrid told trustees the low unemployment rate in the state had reduced the pool of substitute teachers. The District will increase the pay rate on Mondays and Fridays which are the days the substitute pool is the lowest. Applicants must have a minimum of 60 semester hours of college credit, pass a criminal background check and interview to be eligible to substitute teach. Interested applicants should call 766-1138. The current pay for substitutes with a minimum of 60 hours of college credit is \$50 per day, with a bachelor's degree is \$60 a day and for certified teachers is \$65 a day. The increase will raise each of the amounts by \$10 for substitute teachers working on Monday or Friday.

In other action, the board discussed possible changes to expand the high school class schedule. The change would allow students to take more classes and tailor their day to meet their individual needs and interests. The Legislature recently mandated an additional year of science and math to the graduation requirements which limits the number of class times available for students to take enrichment and remedial classes.

New Light Baptist Church News

The members of New Light Baptist Church had a wonderful last Sunday afternoon, February 24, 2008, sponsoring the Installation Services for Rev. Kenneth Jackson as pastor. He and wife, Ambra, were escorted inside the church by Deacon Ricky & Eva of Fort Worth, Texas. Mistress of Ceremonies were Sister E. Richardson. Several selections were sung by the New Light Baptist Church Choir.

Rev. Homer Avery, pastor of First Progressive Baptist Church,

introduced the speaker of the hour, Rev. Ralph Jackson, pastor of the Mt. Zion Baptist Church of Floydada.

He delivered a dynamic sermon.

A special welcome was done by Sister Angela Johnson, and Rev. K. Burns sang a solo. The Charge to the Church was done by Rev. M. Veals, pastor of New Fellowship Baptist Church of Tulia; the Charge to the Pastor was done by Rev. Otis Cooks, pastor of the Cornelius8s Baptist Church.

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.

"Night In Africa" to Close Out Black History Month

The Sixth Annual Night in Africa Celebration will provide a unique flair to this year's Black History Month Celebration. Sponsored by the African Student Association (ASO) of Texas Tech, the annual event showcases several varieties of African American art, drama, fashion, poetry, dru

ming, and dancing from many countries throughout Africa.

Representatives from the ASO indicates that the event is their way of trying to reach out to the Lubbock and Texas Tech communities. The event encourages the community to reach out beyond what they know, and embrace diversity through knowledge and presents a great opportunity to get involved in world affairs.

The event is scheduled on the last day of Black History Month,



Beautiful Black Model who will modeling in the Sixth Annual Night February 29th.

February 29th at 7 pm in Allen Theater at Texas Tech. Tickets for the event are \$3.00 and \$5.00 at the door. For more information, contact Emy Udo at (915) 383-1644.

Pre-Opening Set For Lubbock Youth Outreach Center

The Lubbock Youth Outreach Center, Inc. will be having its Pre-Opening Ceremonies on Sunday afternoon, March 8, 2008, at 3:00 p.m. The Center is located at 301 North Zenith Avenue and 4th Street.

The Lubbock Outdoor Center is set up and designed to be a blessing for the entire community.

The public is invited to join in this special effort. There will be bar-b-que and cold drinks free for everyone.



Rev. P. B. Phelan



Rev. Sonja J. Beary

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Church News



From the Desk of Parson D.A. Smith "Burning of the American Flag"

This writer is one of those Americans who believe that desecrating the American flag is an insult that goes beyond the realm of the ordinary. I like many Americans believe in freedom of speech; however I take issue with the act or the thought of burning the American flag.

My blood boiled last week when I saw on CNN protesters burning the American flag in Belgrade, Serbia. Bostjan Videmsek and Dan Bilefsky report the following from the New York Times-

Demonstrators attacked the United States Embassy and set part of it ablaze on Thursday as ten of thousands of angry Serbs took to the streets of Belgrade to protest Kosovo's declaration of independence.

The United States has been a strong advocate of Kosovo's independence from Serbia and was among the first countries to recognize the new state, sipping deep resentment. Rian Harris, an embassy spokeswoman, said that a body had been found inside the building, but that all embassy staff members were accounted for.

Witnesses said that at least 100 people broke into the embassy, which was closed, and burned some of its rooms. One protester ripped the American flag from the facade of the building. An estimated 1000 demonstrators cheered as the vandals, some wearing masks, jumped onto the building's balcony waving a

Serbian flag and chanting "Serbia, Serbia!" the witnesses said. A police convoy firing tear gas dispersed the crowd.

A friend of intellect reminded me that burning the U. S. flag is an act of free speech protected by the Bill of Rights. I agreed with his legal definition. However, I argued that desecrating the U. S. flag should be an act of treason that should be punished under the law.

Silvio Carrillo wrote: "On One Hand...Bans on flag-burning are clear violations of the free exercise of speech, a fundamental right in our democracy. Using the Constitution to promote patriotic sentiments would be a cynical abuse of legislative power.

Those who support amending the Constitution to protect flags would establish a dangerous precedent that would erode our liberties. They are merely trying to score political points by appearing as the standard bearers of patriotism. Those who burn the flag are merely trying to provoke a reaction. Allowing them to proceed with his particularly abhorrent protest would prove that despite all they say, the U.S. is a country which honors freedom to speak.

On the Other Hand...The flag deserves special legal protection because it is the ultimate symbol of our history and heritage. The U. S. flag is an important symbol of democracy. Allowing American to burn it insults the

millions of citizens who have fought and died to protect our way of life. Using flag-burning as protest is not legitimate form of expression because it doesn't invite any sort of debate."

Those who disagree with this writer's position should know that there are Standards of Respect for the U. S. Flag known as "flag etiquette." The standards include:

§ The flag should never be dipped to any person or thing. It is flown upside down only as a distress signal

§ The flag should not be used as a drape, or for covering a speaker's desk, draping a platform, or for any decoration in general. Bunting of blue, white and red stripes is available for these purposes. The blue stripe of the bunting should be on top.

§ The flag should never be used for any advertising purpose. It should not be embroidered, printed or otherwise impressed on such articles as cushions, handkerchiefs, napkins, boxes, or anything intended to be discarded after temporary use. Advertising signs should not be attached to the staff or halyard.

§ The flag should not be used as a part of a costume or athletic uniform, except that a flag patch may be used on the uniform of military personnel, fireman, policeman and members of patriotic organizations.

§ The flag should never have placed on it, or attached to it,



We Thank God for Jesus

"We Thank God For Jesus"

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

Jeremiah 8:7-8a - The Lord said, yes, the stork in heaven knows her appointed times, and the turtle and the crane, and the swallow observe the time of their coming. But my people know not the judgment of the Lord. How do you say, we are wise, and the law of the Lord is with us?

America was found on the word of God. It was use to be her only guidelines. Then she wanted her rights like Adam in the garden wanted to use his own mind!!!

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

*** Mankind Can Only Be Free In Jesus Christ!!! ***

When the Churches marched against the law, and didn't obey the policeman. This was disobedient in America. She wanted rights, and became a troubled land!!!

1 Peter 2:13-16 - Submit your self to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake. Whether it be to the king (President) as supreme or unto governors. As unto them who are sent by him (Policeman) for the punishment of evildoers (Marchers), and for the praise of them who do well. For so is the will of God, who with well doing you may put to silence the maliciousness (Troublemakers), but as the servants of God. Honor all men. Love the Brotherhood her-

hood. Fear God. Honor the King (The President).

*** Blessed Are The Peacemakers; Curse Are The Troublemakers!!! ***

When the children watched the adults, and the policeman. They didn't obey. The children use the my rights now to be disobedient to parents today!!!

Matthew 15:14 - Jesus said, let them along. They be blind leaders of the blind, and if the blind lead the blind, both shall fall into the ditch.

Now America is bringing fourth her fruits; it's her sins from her labor. The rights to rob, suicide, steal, kill your mother, and even the neighbors!!!

Galatians 6:7-8 - Be not deceived. God is not mocked. For whatsoever a man sow (plant) who shall also reap (Harvest). For he that sow to his flesh shall reap life everlasting. Corruption, but he who sows to the spirit shall of the spirit reap life everlasting!!!

Isaiah 57:20-21 - The wicked are like the troubled sea when it cannot rest. Whose waters cast up mire and dirt. There is no peace, said my God to the wicked.

America has gotten so proud of herself. She kicked God out of her schools. Now she's in trouble in every way, because her leaders played the fools!!!

Romans 1:18-21a-22 - For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness

and unrighteousness of men who hold the truth (The Leaders) in unrighteousness, because that when the knew God, They glorifies him not as God, neither were thankful, professing themselves to be wise. They (Leaders) became fools.

America has school killing, wild fires, floods, terroristis killing, disasters of all kinds. The high price of gas. Now we can hear her crying out to God all the time!!!

Deuteronomy 28:15a-16; 20 - The Lord said, it shall come to pass. If you will not listen unto the voice of the Lord of the Lord. Cursed shall you be in the city, and cursed shall be in the field. Cursed shall be your basket in the store. Cured shall be the fruit of your body, and the fruit of your land. The increase of your kine (Cattle), and the flocks of your sheep. Curse shall be your be when you come in, and cursed shall be when you go out. The Lord shall send upon the cursing, vexation, and rebuke in all the things you set your hands to do until you be destroyed, and until you perish; quickly, because of the wickedness of your doings, whereby you have forsaken me.

Remember, God is Love! Each of Us Need Love!

St. Matthew's Baptist Church News

Last Sunday morning, February 24, 2008, church services were well attended at the St. Mat. Baptist Church, 2020 East 14th Street, where the proud pastor is the Rev. Edward

Canady. If you are looking for a church home, then do come and visit St. Matthew Baptist Church. *** Services got under way with

Sunday School beginning at 10:15 a. m. Rev. Canady taught the morning lesson. The subject was "Becoming Passionate Supporters". The lesson scripture was Luke 14:25-33. What a won-

derful inspiration lesson it was. ***

The morning worship services got underway at 11:15 a. m. with the morning devotion led by Deacon Edward Williams and Brother Gerald Jackson.

The St. Matthew Baptist Church Senior Choir was responsible for singing God's praises. What a time. What a time they had singing God's praises!

Pastor Canady delivered a powerful sermon. His subject was "This world Is Not My Home." His scripture text was St. Luke 9:58.

Let us continue to pray for our sick and shut-in church members. We have Sister Luella Harris, a patient at University Medical Center, Room 404. Sisters Bernice Hameed and Oretha Moore are on the shut-in list. God

is able, just a little kindness to someone on the sick and shut-in list will go a mighty longways. Let us not forget that!

Also let us not forget those who have lost loved ones. God is able and He cares.

Remember God knows our burdens and our crosses. He cares for every soul that cries. God wipes the tears from weeping

eyes. If you doubt that Jesus cares, remember His tears!

My Bible tome is a treasure house. Where I can always find whatever I need from day to day For heart and soul and mind *** God Bless All of You!!

Outreach Prayer Breakfast

The members of the Outreach Prayer Breakfast has a question for you this week. Are you on the sidelines or in the game?

Human life is like a ball game, or a game of any kind. Use your own imagination; paint a picture in your mind. Let there be millions of people and take the whole world as your park. Let the game be almost ended in their uniforms be men. There must be two groups of fellows. come to lose and some to win.

demand. Keep in mind that every person in the game is on a test. There are millions who are watching, and the world expects your best. There are many on the sidelines, but in the game we just a few.

But remember every fellow on your side depends on you. If your men are successful, be sure you are not the blame. Are you standing on the sidelines or do you play

in the game?

There is not one single person in the game to take your place. Run, Saints, and don't stop running until you have won your race. There is someone on the sidelines bet betting his last fifty cents if you lose the game, my Sisters and Brothers, you destroy his confidence. They who play the game must but stand firm, be
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Manhattan Heights Church of Christ
763-0582 - Tyrone N. DuBose, Minister
1702 E. 26th St. (corner of E. 26th St. and 1st Ave. N. 1st St.)

Sunday:
Bible Class - 9:00am
Worship - 10:15am
Evening Worship - 7:00pm
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God's Plan for Saving Men
All have sinned - Romans 3:23
Jesus Christ died for our sin - 1 Cor. 15:3; Acts 2:24
We must do God's will and obey him to enter heaven - Matt. 7:21; Heb. 5:9
How do we stay holy?
Fear the Lord - Romans 15:17
Believe Jesus Christ is the son of God - Mark 16:7
Report of your sin - Luke 12:5
Confess - Romans 10:10
Be baptized for the forgiveness of your sins - Acts 2:38
Be baptized with the Holy Spirit - 1 Cor. 12:13

There is another question, we must ask at this time. We don't know you all by name, but are you standing on the sidelines or do you play in the game?

Any game is a great battle where contesting soldiers fight. They, who prove to be the heroes play the game with all their might. They will meet some bitter conflicts, and they may fall as they run, but they will be compensated. When the busy game is done. Now it is nice to be a Booster. It is fine to sympathize, but the fellow who is playing is the fellow who is wise. Tho he may not be the winner, he gets something just the same. Are you standing on the sidelines or do you play in the game?

You might win a little money on the sidelines if you bet. But will there be satisfaction in the money which you get? Will you make a reputation simply yelling from the sidelines? Will you help your weaker Brother and will God be satisfied. It is great to cheer the players and encourage them to play, but the game will end at sunset. Will the sideline business pay? It is well to render service. If you want to press your claim. Are you standing on the sidelines or do you play in the game?

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Obsequies

Vincent Edward Thomas

Funeral services for Vincent Edward Thomas were held last Friday afternoon, February 22, 2008, at the New Hope Baptist Church with Rev. B. R. Moton, pastor, officiating.

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

He passed away Saturday, February 16, 2008, at University Medical Center.

Vincent, who was known as Venny, was born in Lubbock on January 26, 1958. He was employed by the Lubbock Independent School District for fourteen years, and was an employee of Gene Messer Ford.

He leaves to mourn his passing: his mother, Marjorie



Sherman Thomas of Lubbock; his father, Hammick Thomas, Jr. of Lubbock; brother, Bobby Thomas of Lubbock; a sister, Jacqueline Thomas Lenord; a niece, Jocelyn Lenord; brother-in-law, James Lenord, all of Houston; and a host of other relatives and friends.

Carla Jane Morris

Services for Carla Jane Morris were held at the Ivory Street Church of Christ last Saturday, February 23, 2008.

Burial was held in Englewood Cemetery in Slaton under the direction of Ossie Curry Funeral Home.

She died Saturday, February 16, 2008.

She was born July 24, 1945 in Slaton. She attended Lubbock Christian University where she received her pharmaceutical license. She was a devoted member of the Church of Christ.

Survivors include a son, Gregory; daughter, Angela; a grandson, Bryce, all of Lubbock; four sisters: Doris of Slaton, Jean of Pittsburg, California, Lavoyne, and Betty of Pflugerville; and a host of nieces and nephews, and cherished friends.

She is preceded in death by Herbert E. and Dora Mitchell, her



parents, and four brothers, Otis, Linnie, Edward, and Buford.

Larry Monroe Hambrick & Ruby Pearl Hambrick



Funeral services were held Tuesday morning, February 26, 2008, for Larry Monroe Hambrick and Ruby Pearl Hambrick at the Parkway Drive Church of Christ.

Burial was held in the Hale Center in Hale Center, Texas under the direction of Griffin Mortuary & Funeral Home of Lubbock.

Larry passed away Sunday, February 17, 2008 and Ruby passed away Monday, February 18, 2008.

Larry was born November 16, 1940 in Shamrock, Texas to Love Hambrick, Sr. and Corine Hambrick. He married Ruby Pearl Williams on February 21, 1957 in Hale Center. He was a member of the Northside Church of Christ in Levelland. He was a graduate of the Sunset School of Preaching.

He preached for 31 years in several cities in the West Texas area. Larry moved from Post to Lubbock in 1976. He was employed at Durham School Services for eighteen years as a bus driver and bus assistant.

Larry leaves to mourn: his mother, Corine, Hambrick of Lubbock; and a brother, Love Hambrick, Jr. of Odessa.

Ruby was born February 21, 1942 in Tyler, Texas to Robin Williams and Lorine Williams. Ruby married Larry Monroe Hambrick on February 21, 1957 in Hale Center. She was a member of Northside Church of Christ in Levelland. Ruby moved from Post to Lubbock in 1976. She was employed at Lubbock Christian University for one year and Dillard Department Store for 31 years.

Ruby leaves to mourn a brother, Robert Williams of Lubbock; and a sister, Lena Williams of San Dimas, California.

Larry and Ruby are survived by four daughters; Dora Norris and Lola Aguilar, both of Lubbock; Shirley Trotty and Teresa Norris, both of Grand Prairie; two sons, Larry Hambrick, Jr. and Billy Hambrick, both of Lubbock; 9 grandchildren; 7 great-grandchildren and other relatives.

Roosevelt Lee Whitfield



Services for Roosevelt Lee Whitfield were held last Friday morning, February 22, 2008, at the Ford Memorial Church of God in Christ.

Burial was held at Ralls Cemetery under the direction of Griffin Mortuary & Funeral Home of Lubbock.

He passed away at Heritage Oak Nursing Home on Thursday, February 14, 2008.

He was born August 29, 1929 to Mozelle Hubbard and James Willie Whitfield. He was the fourth child of the union. He attended public school in Ralls, and later moved to Lubbock.

R. L. was united in Holy Matrimony with Sedalia Anderson on September 10, 1966. Two children were born to this union.

He is survived by five daughters: Linda Lou, Elizabeth, Willie Katherine, Queta Shenell and Va Rita Kay; a brother, James Willie Whitefield, Jr.; a sister, Nell Collins, a godson, Omar D. Jones; a special brother and sister, Jeremiah and Mable Yates; three very special nieces: Willi Hervey, Mozelle Wilson and Annie Alexander; 11 grandchildren: J. Amon, Kiraten, Roosevelt "Tee", Simone, Michael, Sha Stasia, Ke Andrea, Tiesha, La Tarus, Shavia and Sha Kea; five great-grandchildren; and a host of other relatives and friends.

Alan D. Hardaway



Funeral services for Alan Devayne Hardaway were held Tuesday morning, February 19, 2008, at the Griffin Mortuary Chapel.

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

He passed away Friday, February 15, 2008, at University Medical Center.

Mr. Hardaway was born July 23, 1961.

He leaves to mourn his passing: his mother, Betty Johnson (Rufus); his sons, A. J. Hardaway and Adam Hardaway; one step-son, Jessie Lindsey; two step-daughters, April Cardenas and LaChrista Coleman; four brothers: James Hardaway, Troy Hardaway, Billy Hardaway, and Rufus Hardaway; three sisters: Sharon Malone, Linda Hardaway, and Cynthia Rodgers; five grandchildren and a host of relatives.

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▲ Charlie Stenholm

Party Participation

Attendance Precinct Chair Monthly Executive Committee Meetings

▼ Zero

Attendance Annual Fundraisers

▼ Two?

Consistent Local Party Financial Contribution

▼ Zero

Cooperation with County Chair

▼ Zero

Party Participation

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Katie Parks

Tuesday, March 11, from 4:30 to 6:30 pm there will be a reception in the Formby Room at the Southwest Collection/Special Collections Library honoring Katie Parks, author of Remember When? A History of African Americans in Lubbock, Texas. Ms. Parks is a long-time friend of the Southwest Collection and subject of the current exhibit Volunteer! A Lifetime of Katie Parks. The Southwest Collection is on

the campus of Texas Tech University, behind the main library and under the towers at 15th Street and Boston Avenue. Visitors should enter from Flint Avenue and request a parking pass from the attendant at the traffic kiosk. Hours for the Collection are Monday-Wednesday-Friday 9:00-5:00, Tuesday-Thursday 9:00-7:00, Saturday 9:00-1:00. Parking is unrestricted after 5:30. Friends should note that Ms. Parks is currently hospitalized following surgery at Covenant Medical Center. Wishes for a speedy recovery should be addressed to East Tower 478 (phone 725-3478) or to her home at 2402 Cedar Avenue, Lubbock, Texas 79404.

Black History Month at the Southwest Collection
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Volunteer! A Lifetime of Katie Parks - Special for Black History Month, we celebrate the spirit of volunteerism in the poet, playwright, and author of Remember When? A History of African Americans in Lubbock, Texas. From counseling cancer patients to mentoring the young, delivering meals to shut-ins and serving on the city Arts Commission, no one is busier or of greater service to the community.

**Outreach Prayer
Breakfast
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strong, be men and women with God give... power. There are millions on the sidelines who will see you lose or win. Let us run this race with patience, without envy, fear or shame. Are you standing on the sidelines or are you playing on the winning team? earn of righteousness, hating: Believe the scriptures II Chronicles 7:14 and Mark 11:22-26.

Have blessed day, Thanks for reading, Keep praying for us. As we continue to do for you.

Just pray Saints! Just pray Saints, Love you.

The breakfast missed two more names from the Cast. They were: Brother Jimmy Hollie & Sister Roberta Hightower.

If there are others who you know about, please advise.

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

**Parson Smith
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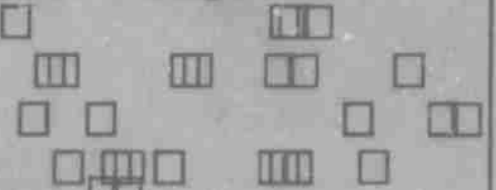
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THIS 'N' THAT

by T.J. Patterson

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meeting delegates will be chosen from that precinct to go to the ... Lubbock County Convention ... and from there delegates will be chosen for the state convention ... So you see ... it is ... **VERY IMPORTANT** ... that you must vote twice ... Just think ... If you do that ... **YOU WILL HAVE COMPLETED YOUR RESPONSIBILITY AS AN AMERICAN VOTER!** ... Please understand ... **THIS 'N' THAT** ... is not telling you what to do ... but hoping you will take note and be a part of history ... **PENNY HASTINGS THE BARBER SAYS: "THE CHOICE ... you make ... TODAY ... will determine ... YOUR TOMORROW!"** ... **AN OUTSTANDING LEGENDS AND LEGACIES!** **THIS 'N' THAT** ... was amazed with the large number of the ... **BLACK PASTORS, MINISTERS, EVANGELIST & LAY PERSONS** ... in attendance last Saturday afternoon ... February 23, 2008 ... at the Alderson Middle School ... at the 6th Annual Black History Month program ... sponsored by the ... Bobbie Gene & T. J. Patterson Branch Library ... **MR. HELEN FITZGERALD** ... and her dynamic professional ... Are to be congratulated for a job well done ... It proves ... Beyond any doubt ... that the Patterson

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More Jubilee Biblical Black History

by Eddie P. Richardson

As we wrote in our first Black History issue, we referred to the Holy Bible King James Version the African American Jubilee edition on now as in Biblical days things are the same. The supplementary material, presents a way for African Americans to see how they are inextricably connected to the ancient world of the Bible (it allows to fully understand the inter-relatedness of biblical stories and their own rich heritage by critically examining the elements of place, people, culture and story ... This culturally-relevant edition of the Bible invites readers to reconnect with the historic struggle their ancestors whose lives were fashioned Jubilee Laws and it reminds them that despite dispersion, historical dislocation, and disenfranchisement, Gods enabling Spirit has been present all the time.

The supplementary material is designed to encourage readers, especially those of this generation to read and in some cases re-read

the Bible in light of their own cultural and social locations. As readers bring their own experiences to Biblical text and interact with the various stories, remarkable similarities will emerge between the issues they face today and those of the ancient world. Issues of race, gender, oppression, exploitation, prejudice, and xenophobia are all addressed in the Bible, God is God who is God of all wisdom and all knowledge, reconciled those issues Christ and has provided, through Scriptures, guidance for our life in a faith community.

As members of the body of

Christ, we need to know one another story. We embrace this opportunity to share the African American story as part the restoration and healing that is needed to bring all of us into a Jubilee community. It is a story that repeating it is the sacred history of a people and their engagement with the God of liberation.

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by Renetta Howard



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such fierce campaigning for the party primaries by presidential candidates as is currently taking place now, especially in the Democratic Party. The fact that this current campaign is so intense is due to the presence of a Black male candidate and a White female candidate, a first for a female and the first very serious Black male. It is a tight race and the Black male is currently leading in the polls and some of the Super-Delegates are switching their options.

The option switchers may very well decide the national party nominee in the Democratic Party as it seems apparent that neither Clinton nor Obama will command enough votes to command the party nomination. If this happens, the Super-Delegates will decide who the nominee will be.

It was in 1984 that the Democratic Party instituted the Super-Delegates because of the nomination of George McGovern

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Black Cowboys

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Pictured above is proof we have our own Black Cowboy Legacy in Lubbock. Billy "B. J." Morrison, who writes weekly in the Southwest Digest, *Thank God For Jesus*, is often seen riding his horse in the East Lubbock Community as he talks about Jesus Christ, our Savior.

a lynching culture; Violence and Vigilantism in Central Texas, 1836-1916, published by the University of Illinois Press in 2004. He emphasizes the historical memory of many Anglo Texans who believed that violence had led to their gaining control of the state from Mexicans and Indians, as well as controlling the black slave population before the Civil War. As a result, many white Texans continued to use violence or condone its use as a way to sustain their dominance after the Civil War and into the twentieth century. Patricia Bernstein presents a more focused account of The First Waco Horror: The Lynching of Jesse Washington and the Rise of the NAACP, published by the Texas A&M University Press in 2005. She describes the break down of law and the mob mentality that led to the brutal burning of Washington. The author then points to the success of the NAACP in informing people across the nation about the tragedy, which led to public condemnation of lynching and the decline of such violence.

To avoid the threat of violence, as well as other forms of discrimination after the Civil War, African Americans in Texas created over 500 small rural settlements in the eastern part of the state, most of them on unclaimed lands. In an important new book, Freedom Colonies: Independent Black Texans in the Time of Jim Crow, published by the University of Texas Press in 2005, Thad Sitton and James H. Conrad develop a picture of these communities. Living on their own land allowed economic independence as well as the development of churches and schools under African American control. The final chapters of the book discuss the decline of these communities as farming changed and people moved into larger towns or cities in the state and beyond.

As African Americans moved to Texas cities they found new opportunities in the form of more diverse jobs and social life. Yet they also faced new versions of old problems such as discrimination. Problems with law enforcement are discussed in Dwight Watson, Race and the Houston Police Department, 1930-1990, published by the Texas A&M University Press in 2005. The Houston Police Department saw its role as maintaining the segregated social order through most of the twentieth century. The police also resisted modernization in Houston because politics influenced advancement in the department. Excessive force toward minorities in the growing and evolving city finally brought change to the police in the 1980s beginning with the appointment of African American Lee Brown to head the department.

Economic issues in Houston also brought change described in Michael R. Botson, Jr., Labor, Civil Rights, and the Hughes Tool Company, published by the Texas A&M University Press in 2005. Hughes Tool maintained segregated company unions that favored white workers in the 1920s and 1930s. Black workers and leaders in Houston divided over whether African Americans should accept the segregated local union or favor the national Congress of Industrial Organizations union that favored integration.

At Independent Metal Workers Union continued segregation from the 1940s into the 1960s. Finally the National Labor Relations Board in 1964 ruled segregated unions and discrimination illegal, beginning a new pat-

tern for Houston and across the South.

Nearby on the Texas gulf coast, desegregation began in the 1950s, as shown in Robert J. Robertson, Fair Ways: How Six Black Golfers Won Civil Rights in Beaumont, published by the Texas A&M University Press in 2005. African American golfers won a court case opening city parks and golf courses to all citizens in the mid-1950s. Robertson provides biographical sketches of the successful plaintiffs and their black attorneys as well as a history of race relations in the city.

The complex process of desegregation in college education is



Sidney Poitier
First Actor in Raisin in Sun

explored in Dwonna Goldstone, Integrating the 40 Acres: The 50-Year Struggle for Racial Equality at the University of Texas, published by the University of Georgia Press in 2006. Many white faculty and students cooperated with desegregation, while some state legislators and regents pressed administrators to move slowly and limit changes in housing and opportunities to participate in activities outside the classroom or off campus. That view seemed especially true in the 1950s and 1960s. As society began to change in the 1970s, the move toward equality for African American students encountered fewer obstacles.

Thus new studies of African American history in Texas continue to be published in this first decade in the twentieth-first century. Together those studies clarify more and more of what was once an overlooked part of Texas

and American history.

'Raisin in the Sun' Rises on ABC

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What better actor to really understand Walter Lee?"

Rashad could see growth in her glamorous co-star.

"What I saw was a natural progression that comes with the doing of it, with the working of it. He is a very disciplined professional," says "The Cosby Show" star, who was the first black woman to win a Tony as a leading actress.

"It was news to me," she says of the historic win for her "Raisin" role. "My question was, Well, what happened? Nobody was ever nominated before? I wondered why the reporters all had such strange looks on their faces when I entered the press room, and that question let me know."

The 1959 play was historic in its own right. "Raisin" was the first drama by a black woman produced on Broadway.

"Lorraine Hansberry is one of those playwrights that sits in the company of August Wilson or Tennessee Williams," says Leon. "Raisin in the Sun" is a specific story about this African American family but has a universal appeal for all Americans."

The original Broadway cast featured Poitier, Claudia McNeil, Ruby Dee, Diana Sands and Louis Gossett, Jr. - all reprised their roles in the film two years later.

Besides the 1961 version, "Raisin" was adapted as a 1989 telefilm starring Danny Glover

nee. "He missed what pride and what being a human being is about and the loving impulses that dictate all of that."

Dee, and her husband, the late Ossie Davis, supported the "Raisin" revival.

"She came to the play like three times," says Lathan. "She came backstage and was so encouraging. But we had several people who had seen the original production and they were just amazed at how the play still works ... but in a different way."

Emmy winner Paris Qualles ("Tuskegee Airmen") adapted the television script from Hansberry's unpublished screenplay "Raisin" - which was ultimately not used for the 1961 film. (Hansberry died four years later at 34 from cancer.)

Bridging the past and present was important to Leon, who consulted the late Lloyd Richards, the play's original Broadway director.

"We all realized that we wanted to be a part of history and wanted to be part of carrying the baton," says Leon.

Coombes even invited Poitier to lunch to "get his permission," he says. "It's like if somebody came and did 'Scarface.' They should at least put in a courtesy call (to Al Pacino). So I called him up and he was honored and he told me to do it my way."



"P. Diddy"

and Ester (Rolle as Lena. All involved with the current production hope a new generation will embrace "Raisin" and its message; family is fundamental.

"Despite all the things they were going through, everybody still had a strong relationship with each other," says Justin Martin, 13, who plays Walter's son, Travis, in the film. "Any kind of family can relate to this because everybody has family problems. What's really important is sticking together."

It is the family love story, not just the race and class dynamic, that was always at the heart of the story, says Dee.

"Lorraine was trying to write a play for a man struggling for his freedom, his dignity, his self-respect ... his pride, and he felt it was in buying his wife diamonds and moving into a white neighborhood," says the "American Gangster" Academy Award nomi-

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