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Community

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

Meetings

- African American Chamber of Commerce, Lubbock meets on the 3rd Monday of each month, from 5:30-6:30pm at the Parkway Community Center, 405 MLK Blvd., 806-771-1815
- Lubbock Area Client Council meets on the 2nd Saturday, 1:00pm at the Patterson Branch Library
- Hub City Kiwanis meets every Tuesday, 7:00pm, 1708 Avenue G
- Dunbar Alumni Association meets 2nd Saturdays, 4:00 pm
- Booker T. Washington American Legion Post 808 meets every 2nd Tuesday at 7:30pm, American Legion Building in Yellowhouse Canyon
- Forgotten West Riders meets on the 1st & 3rd Mondays, 7:00 pm, Patterson Library
- East Lubbock Chapter AARP meets every 1st Thursday at 1:00 pm, Mae Simmons Community Center
- Lubbock Chapter of Black Alumni meets every 3rd Tuesday, 5:30 pm, TTU Merket Alumni Center
- Dunbar/Manhattan Heights Neighborhood Association meets every 1st Thursday at 6:00 pm and every 4th Thursday at 7:00 pm at the Dunbar-Manhattan Heights Neighborhood Outreach Center at 1301 East 24th St.
- West Texas Native American Association Pot Luck Supper meets on alternating months prior to meeting, meetings held on 2nd Saturday of each month at 7:00 pm, Educational presentations and demonstrations.
- Texas Juneteenth Cultural & Historical Commission - Lubbock Affiliate meets at Patterson Branch Library every 3rd Thursday at 7:00 pm
- West Texas Native American Association meets 2nd Saturday each month at Groves Library, 5520 19th Street, 7:50 p.m.
- West Texas Chapter of 100 Black Men meets the 3rd Monday evening at 7:00 pm at the Parkway Neighborhood Center.
- The Parkway Guadalupe & Cherry-Point Neighborhood Association meets the 3rd Tuesday evening of each month at 7:30 pm at Hunt Elementary.
- Chatham Hill Neighborhood Association meets the 2nd Thursday of every month at 6:00 pm, at the Elementary Cafeteria.

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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Estacado High School Matador Standout Signs With SPC



Shown left to right are South Plains College Womens Basketball Coach Michelle Wyatt, Estacado High School senior Taniqua Ards, and Estacado High School Womens Basketball Coach Diane Morgan.

Sponsored By Sons of Allen "Candidates' Forum" Set Here For Monday Night, April 21st

One of the disciplinary questions ask by the Presiding Elder of the African Methodist Episcopal Church during a Quarterly Conference is: "How many members are qualified voters?" Not only is it asked, but the follow up question is: Are they voting?

The Sons of Allen of Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church wanted to go another step by sponsoring this "Candidates' Forum" featuring the candidates seeking the position of Lubbock City Councilman, District 2.

In looking back over the history of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, which grew out of a situation in Philadelphia, Pa., when Africans were asked to leave the St. George Methodist Church because of their unusual behavior during worship services. A young man, Richard Allen, asked if they (Africans) could pray one more time and they will never have to worry about this situation again. After having prayer, according to history, the Africans walked out of St. George Methodist Church and went to a

blacksmith shop where work began in establishing the African Methodist Episcopal Church.

History also reveals that the United States of America is only ten years older than the African Methodist Episcopal Church. It is also known that the African Methodist Episcopal Church is the oldest church founded on American soil.

"This is why we are sponsoring forum to enlighten voters in District 2 about the candidates in the upcoming city election," says Clifford Collins, president of the Sons of Allen.

The forum will be held Monday night, April 21, 2008, at Mae Simmons Community Center, beginning at 7:00 p. m.

Candidates participating in the forum will be Floyd Price, Incumbent; Armando Gonzales, and Gilbert Salinas. The public is invited to attend. Early voting will begin Monday, April 28, 2008, through May 6, 2008. Election day is May 10, 2008, from 7:00 a. m. until 7:00 p. m.

Top Chef To Speak at Annual Mentor Tech Banquet



Jeff Henderson, award-winning chef and "New York Times" best-selling author will be the keynote speaker at the 31st Annual Texas Tech University Mentor Tech scholarship banquet at 7 p.m. April 25 in the Lubbock Civic Center Banquet Hall.

Senator John Cornyn NELCDC Sets Conference



U. S. Senator John Cornyn will be special guest Saturday afternoon, April 19, 2008, at a North & East Lubbock Community Development Corporation and King's Dominion at the Matthews Community Learning Center, 417 N. Akron Avenue, Room 104-A, beginning at 1:30 p. m.

Senator Cornyn will speak at 2:00 p. m. Tours of the King's Dominion will be held during ring the afternoon. This is the East Lubbock's first residential since 1954.

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Henderson, who became the first African American Chef de Cuisine at Caesar's Palace in 2001, told his story of redemption and finding his passion for cooking while in prison in his memoir "Cooked" which was published in 2007. His life story is now the subject of a motion picture produced by the team that made "The Pursuit of Happiness."

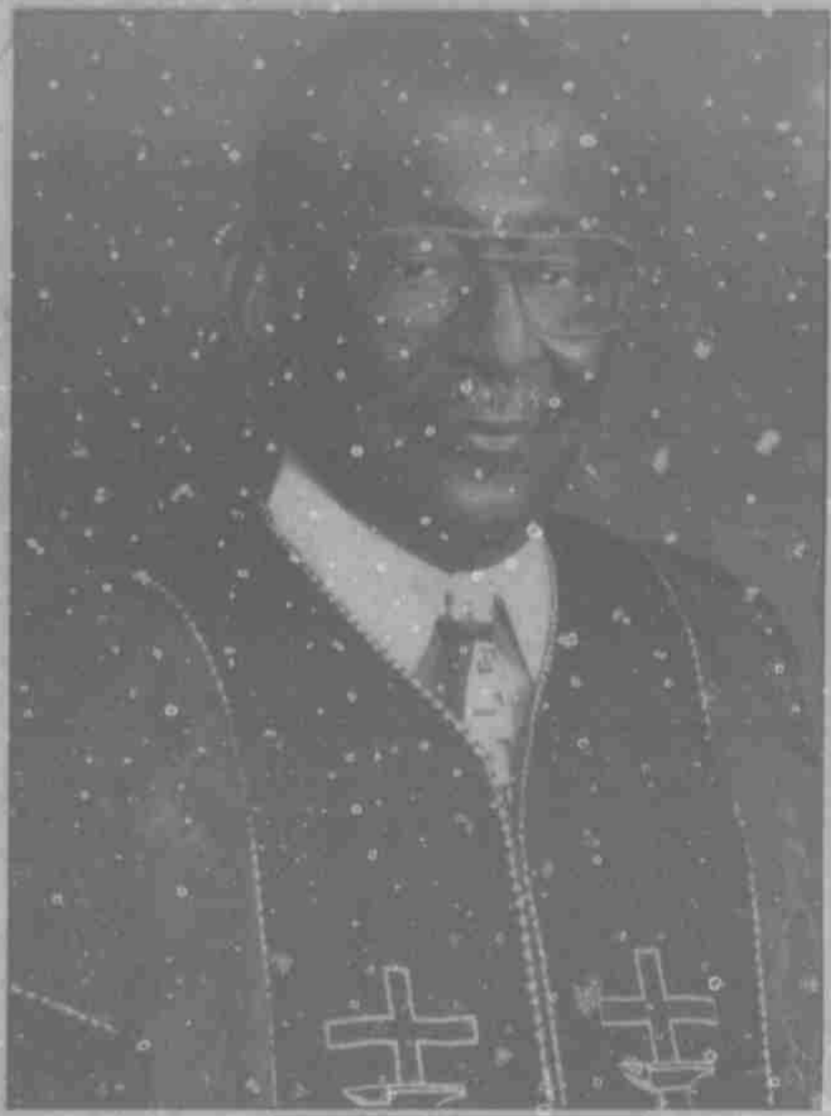
Henderson went to prison in 1988 for drug trafficking. While there he learned to cook. A newspaper article about black chefs prompted him to consider that career field when he was released from prison. Today he is the executive chef at the Cafe Bellagio in Las Vegas.

Mentor Tech enhances the educational experience of students from under represented populations by teaming each student with a faculty or staff mentor.

"Mentor Tech provides a support group that is in line with our students' academic, social and cultural needs," said Cory Powell, associate director of Mentor Tech. "We hope by giving these students support when they first come on campus that we can help them stay in school and graduate."

To qualify for the program, a student must be a freshman, first year transfer or first year graduate student at Texas Tech. The students must commit to be part of the program for one year, but may continue beyond that point.

Mentor Tech's formal name is -
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Rev. W. L. Brown

Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church Will Celebrate Its 87th Birthday Sunday

The members of the Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church will celebrate the 87th Church Anniversary of this historic church on Sunday afternoon, April 20, 2008, at 3:00 p. m. This year's theme is, "Reviewing the Journey."

The speaker of the hour will be Rev. W. L. Brown, a former Presiding Elder in the Northwest Conference and pastor in the 10th Episcopal District Texas. He is also the father of Rev. Sonja J. Beaty, pastor of Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church.

The Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church was organized in April, 1921 in a room of a dwelling house in the 1700 block of Avenue A., with Rev. Davis as leader and pastor for a few weeks. The known members were Waymond Henry, Mildred Lambert, and her son, Pius Lambert, Elnora Tunstall, and a Mr. Haley.

At that particular time in history, the church's furniture consisted of a bench and four chairs. Several months later er, the church was moved to a Masonic

Hall on Avenue B.

Some of the past pastors included: Rev. Wormsley, Rev. W. H. Hightower, Rev. N. M. Melton, Rev. V. T. Herron, Rev. Jones, Rev. Smith, Rev. T. B. Reese, Rev. M. C. Young, Rev. Charles Thomas and Rev. A. C. Johnson.

Other pastors were: Rev. A. W. Wilson, who served for 27 years; Rev. Stephen Pierson, Rev. W. O. Johnson, Rev. D. A. Smith, Rev. A. L. Dunn, Rev. N. H. Franklin, Rev. Danny Poe, and Rev. Beaty, who is the first female pastor.

Records reveal there were dedicated work done by the pastors of this church, with the complete cooperation of members and friends of Bethel. The mortgage of this church was paid off in 1967.

Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church has much history. The 87 years have blessed the City of Lubbock.

Mrs. Denise Jordan is chairperson of the 87th Church Anniversary.

The public is invited to attend.

31st Annual Lectureship Set For Twentieth & Birch



Shirley Bradshaw

The Twentieth & Birch Street Church of Christ Sisters are inviting you to attend their 31st Annual Lectureship on Saturday morning, April 26, 2008, with registration beginning at 8:30 a. m. until 9:15 a. m.

This year's theme is "The Role of The Christian Woman in The Church." Romans 16:11, Titus 2:3.

The speaker of the hour will be Shirley Bradshaw of the Wheelers Lane congregation in An sin. She is a native Texas, and is a nurse.

Chairperson of this annual lectureship is Lottie Harper; co-chairperson is Joyce Childers.

The public is invited to attend their 29th Singing session on
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Chatman Hills Corner

By Doris Reynolds

Here is a nice opportunity for those of you who have baby clothes and want a way to get rid of them.

Sell your infant, toddler, preschool (up to size 5T) clothing, maternity items, toys, and miscellaneous accessories in a community garage-sale setting! Maxey Community Center is hosting their 4th annual Baby Sale Bonanza on Saturday, April 26, 2008, from 9:00am-Noon. Tables are available for \$10 each, space for a rack is \$5. You must supply your own clothing rack. Space is limited and pre-registration is required. On the day of the sale, the public is invited to come and purchase items, and admission is

free! Registration forms are available at Maxey Community Center located at 30th Street and Oxford Avenue. They are open Monday-Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Fridays from 8:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. and Saturdays from 9:00 am to 1:00 p.m. For more information, call 767 3796

Services were well attended last Sunday morning, April 13, 2008, at the New Hope Baptist Church where the proud pastor is Rev. B. R. Moton.

Services got underway with the Meditation & Prayer. The Praise Team did a splendid job for

the Lord on last Sunday morning. Praise God for them. After the reading of the morning scripture and morning prayer, the New Hope Choir did an outstanding job.

Pastor Moton delivered a very provoking sermon. His subject was "If God Don't We Know He Can!" His scripture text was Phil. 4:19.

The morning announcements were read by Sister Beverly Moses and Brother Bruce McKnight welcomed all visitors. Let us not forget our sick.

Sister J. Campbell. A welcome was given by Sister R. Hood. Speakers were: Belt - Sister Eddington, New Zion Baptist Church; Breastplate - Sister L. Green; Shoes - Sister Ruby Doss; Shield - Sister S. Johnson, St. Matthew Baptist Church; Sword - Sister L. Hightower, Hopewell Baptist Church; Wrap-Up - Sister A. Johnson

An invitation and remarks were given by Rev. Kenneth Jackson, pastor.

All were blessed in attendance!

Press Conference

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A welcome will be given by Isaac G. Garnett, NELCDC Executive Director. Also, remarks will be given by Irasema Velasquez, NELCDC Chairperson. A video presentation will be given to those in attendance.

A questions and answers session will be made available to Senator Cornyn.

For more information, call 747-5937.

New Light Baptist Church News

Church services for the New Light Baptist Church, 3013 Idalou Road, were well attended last Sunday morning, April 13, 2008.

Sunday School began at 9:45 a. m. with Sister Alvera Johnson teaching the lesson. The subject was "Exploring Devotion." The scripture text was Genesis 22:1-14, 17-18. A question to ask is: How far will I go in my devotion to God?

The morning worship hour started at 11:00 a. m. with our devoted Praise Team leading the way. What a time!

The New Light Baptist Church Senior Choir marched in singing "I'm On My Way To Heaven." They also sang "Just A Closer Walk With Thee."

Our pastor, Rev. Kenneth Jackson, brought a dynamic sermon. His subject was "God Is Available." His scripture text was Matthew 8:23-27.

After the sermon, the invitation to discipleship was done by singing "Come To Jesus."

Let us continue to pray for those in our church family and community who are on the sick and shut-in list. Don't forget those who have lost loved ones.

The weekly service is held with the Senior Mission and Brotherhood on Tuesdays at 6:00p. m. and Wednesdays at 6:00 p. m. Prayer service and Bible study are held at 6:00 p. m.

Senior Choir rehearsal is held on Saturdays at 12:15 p. m. At 4:00 p. m., Youth and Young Adult rehearsals is held.

The Mission Department had a wonderful program last Sunday afternoon, April 13, 2008, beginning at 3:30 p. m. The theme was "All Or Nothing."

Mistress of Ceremonies was

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



Pastors Johnny & Pat Perez

Meet the Pastors of the Church of the Blessed. The Church is located at 1809 34th Street. They invite those looking for a Church Home to come and visit with their congregation.

"We are happy of how God is blessing us with our many Church Ministries," says Pastor Johnny Perez. For information, call 747-9430.

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

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 FUN

by Shirley Roberson

PANEL PANTS

Panel pants are ready to make their grand entrance this season.

These pants are beautifully surrounded by four panels of light weight material on the front and back of each leg, the panels flow loosely,

freely and elegantly from the waist line to the hem line.

Ladies as you move, the panels move and at times giving the appearance of being a skirt, that illusion within itself is just another way of getting attention. A head turner for sure!

Try it you will like the feel..have fun!

AT YOUR FINER DEPT. STORES... SOUTH PLAINS MALL
Fashion tip.. always!



Shirley Roberson

wear a smile Fashion.. just for the fun of it



Sweettooth Donuts

Sweettooth Donuts is the newest business to take root in East Lubbock, in the Mackenzie Village, Shopping Center. Owned by Jimmy Hong, Sweettooth has been in business for a month and is living up to its namesake. Jimmy began in the donut business with his older brother, Jeong, in 2004 in Henrietta, Texas, since then Jimmy and his uncle have established donut shops in Lamesa, Brownfield, Levelland and now Lubbock. Jimmy says, "My uncle drove me around the Parkway Neighborhood of Lubbock and we looked at the number of people that lived here and the vast area of Parkway and Dunbar neighborhoods and

this strip mall suited our desire to establish a business here." "I talked with other business owners in the village here (Ms. Kim, T-Mart, and Dominos Pizza) and they encouraged me to bring my business here to the neighborhood." Jimmy stated that many customers say "thank you" for bringing my business to East Lubbock. "There were two people that I wish to give special thanks to, Tiger Pratt and FreShonia Hamilton at the Wells Fargo bank in the United Supermarket here on Parkway Drive, they went as far as to help me with moving counter tops here in the donut shop. The appreciation from the community was more than expected. I

expected some appreciation, but the appreciation from the community was than I could have imagined." Sweettooth Donuts is located at 1726 Parkway Drive in the Mackenzie Village Shopping Center. Stop by and say hello. Oh yes, you have to try the pigs-in-a-blanket they are the BEST!!
(Courtesy of Clinton D. Robby, Jr.)

Remember, God Is Love! He Loves All of Us! Don't Forget That!

A Big Thank You To All Of You!

Thanks to each of you for prayers, telephone calls, and visits during my illness in the hospital and home. I could not walk, plus other problems. But, thank God, I was able to walk in Church on Easter Sunday morning, and I'm still going. Thanks to God!

I was shut in from December until March. I received telephone calls from out-of-the-city of those who have been praying for my recovery.

I have been blessed with good friends, my family, and my church family. They kept me with food, flowers, and other gifts.

Oh, yes, serving the Lord will surely pay off.
God Bless Each of You!
Catherine (Mother) McCormick

P. S. - I Love Everybody

South Plains Obedience Club Offers Trials

The South Plains Obedience Training Club will be hosting two days of American Kennel Club All Breed Dog Agility Trials. The event will be held at the Texas Tech Equestrian Center on Friday, May 2 thru 4, 2008. Trial hours will start at 8:00 a. m. and end at approximately 5:00 p. m. each day. Approximately 150 pure breed dogs from surrounding states will be judged at this event -- many of which are the top agility dogs in the country.

For more information, call (806) 794-1256 or email at spote@compuserve.com.

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"Candidates' Forum"

Sponsored By The Sons of Allen of Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church

Monday Night, April 21, 2008
7:00 p. m.
Mae Simmons Community Center

Come Hear Candidates Seeking Office of Lubbock City Councilman, District Two
* Floyd Price (Incumbent)
* Aramando Gonzales
* Gilbert Salinas

Come & Hear What Their Platforms Are & What Ideas Do They Have For East Lubbock!

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Church News

From the Desk of Parson D.A. Smith "Racism - Cognitive Dissonance"

A few days ago I witness the words of a former member of a religious sect on national media expressing how the present day debauchery in Eldorado, Texas perpetuates itself. What I heard fueled a deep burning in my soul that I have tried to extinguish: the notion that the hatred of black people and African Americans in particular is quickly vanishing in America.

What the former member of the group informed the world was the leaders of these subversive groups teaches children from early childhood is if they want a privilege life on earth and want to go to heaven is they had to adhere to "white male rules and regulation." If their idea of life was in discord with the "white male religious rule" they would turn black like African Americans and live a life of evil and die and go to black hell.

To have this superior and evil mentality in 2008 is an indictment upon the total of American society. How does the world look at us and what does people of the world who do not belong to the so-called "white race" think of America? Will a racial adherence defined as "cognitive dissonance" based upon white supremacy and reli-

gious bigotry topple America as it did ancient Rome and Nazis' Germany?

It should be embarrassing to "so-called white America" for people who or so immoral and who disregard the religious rule and rule of society as a whole by consummating marriage vows in a temple's upper room with little girls to see blacks as inhuman.

Whites across America have condemned Rev. Jeremiah Wright for saying "God has damned America" for her evil ways. Those who view this pastor in such a way need to ask why do old white men who called themselves preachers from God mate with little girls who have not reached puberty? Why does these creatures of evil justify their ungodly and immoral behavior of marrying little girls through the evil of saying blackness is ungodly and whiteness is righteousness if these children have sex with them?

How does the world view a cognitive dissonance "white America" that let old white men marry as many little girls who have not reached puberty as they want and have as many children out of force sex as they want? What does the world think of the

God of white America that praises and rewards white men that brutally and legally by religion rape and impregnate little children that cannot help themselves because of religious cognitive dissonance?

This writer grew up in an era and region of blatant racism. There was not an area or a mixed neighborhood. The areas were either black or white and there were no racially mixed schools. The books the children read from in the black schools had at least 8 to 10 names of white students who had previously used them - meaning the black student was already 8 to 10 years behind. We did not encounter white children in cafes and there was little communication in department stores.

This kind of de facto segregation ended with my baby sister and we thought America was on its way to a great change. However, today you do not have to look far to find that a more subtle form of racism persist in schools, the workplaces and elsewhere.

I read somewhere that psychologist have some theories about how the experience of racism plays out in the brain of blacks. They believe African Americans Continue on Page 8



We Thank God for Jesus

"Blind Leading The Blind"

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

Matthew 24:11-12 - Jesus said, take heed that no man deceive you. Many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many, and because iniquity shall abound the love of many shall wax cold.

Lord, we can see we're living in the last and wicked days. It's in your word. You told us of the great falling away!!!

Mark 16:16-16 - Jesus said, go into the world and preach the Gospel to every creature. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved, but he that believes not shall be damned.

When you told your Disciples to go into the world and preach. You know souls are on their way to hell, and needed to be reached!!!

But Christians are like in the day you told Adam and Eve. Obey your word, but Satan told them to eat of the forbidden tree!!!

Genesis 2:16-17 - The Lord God commanded the man saying of every tree of the Garden you may freely eat. But of the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil. You shall not eat of it. For in the day that you eat thereof, you shall surely die.

*** It's The Same Death Cain Killing Able!!! ***

But the Christians wanted to give mankind his so called rights. Now there is trouble all over the land, both day and night!!!

Everywhere you go, there is so much killing and stealing. It's out of hand!!! That's what the Devil gave out to America in their My Rights demands!!!

*** Yes, The Christians Did Rob God!!! ***

Lord, as we see our children as young as 10 years old killing one another just to be a member in a gang, and then can be called their Brothers!!!

It is true in your word that if the Blind shall lead the Blind, then they both shall fall into the ditch - the end of the line!!!

*** All America Has Gone Blind!!! ***

Lord, America is more concerned about saving the Bald Eagle, the Raccoon, the Dogs, the Black Bear, and even the Beaver!!!

Matthew 23:37-38 - Jesus said, O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you that kill the prophets, and stoned them which are sent unto you. How often would I have

gathered my children together. Even as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, and you would not! Behold (look), your house is lifted up unto you desolated.

Lord, we can see all the sins growing around us, it's out of control. But the leaders are not returning to you. It's where we need to go!!!

II Chronicles 7:14 - The Lord said, "If my people (The Christians), which are called by my name (Christians), shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face (God's), and turn from their (Christians) wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sins (Christians), and will heal their land.

Lord, even the leaders are suppose to be concern about our children. But they're playing Church as the Devil is ruling and is in command!!!

John 14:30 - Jesus said, hereafter I will not talk much with you, for the Prince of this world is to come, and has nothing in me.

We have that TV selling sex and violence like its going out of style. It's a shame and a disgrace the things the TV puts before a Continue on Page 8

St. Matthew's Baptist Church News

Church services again were well attended last Sunday morning, April 13, 2008, at the St. Matthew Baptist Church, 2020 East 14th Street, where Rev. Edward Canady is the proud pastor.

Church services got underway with Sunday School beginning at 10:15 a. m. last Sunday morning with Pastor Canady in charge.

The subject of the morning les-

son was "Holding On To Your Faith." The lesson scripture was Daniel 3:10-13, 16-18, 21 & 24. Pastor Canady did a marvelous job in teaching and reviewing the lesson. It was well received and enjoyed by all in attendance.

The morning devotion got underway at 11:15 a. m. with Deacon Edward Williams and Sister Ethel Williams in charge.

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

Pastor Canady delivered another dynamic sermon. His subject was "The Sincereness of Working." His scripture text was Ephesians 2:4-10.

Those of you who are looking for a church home are invited to be our special guest on any

Sunday morning at the St. Matthew Baptist Church. The doors are always open!

Thank God, St. Matthew Baptist Church had two young ladies to be immediately baptized after church services. God is good all the time. All the time, God is good!

Something to think about: Truth is truth even if it doesn't seem to affect our lives directly. But the truth that God gives us in the Bible not only opens heaven's door for us, it also changes our lives.

A leading advocate of the poor recently talked about a conversation he had with a well known theologian. As they were discussing the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, the theologian emphatically declared, "The evidence for Jesus' resurrection is so strong that nobody would question it except for two things: It is a very unusual event, and second, if you believe it happened, you have to change the way you live."

This is something to think about, but you believe, there is no problem in believing.

Remember our search for the truth is hindered by -- the darkness of the night, until the bright

and morning star reveals His brilliant light.

Thought of the Week: "Faith in Christ is not a leap into the dark; it's a step into the light."

Outreach Prayer Breakfast

The members of the Outreach Prayer Breakfast are always happy to share information with you each week. You see, it is only because of the goodness of God we are able to do so each week.

So when ever you have an opportunity to visit us on Saturday morning, please do so. Remember, we're still looking for you!

Here are some questions for you this week:

How does your culture ask us to suspend our faith temporarily? How have you resisted doing so?

Hostility to Christian faith can take various forms. A Christian may be expected to go along with deceptive business plans for the sake of the company. Sales people are at times instructed in ways of bending the truth to close the deal. Accountants may be asked to "cook the books" to show profits where none exists so stockholders will be pleased. Have you forgotten Enron?

Some companies support various charitable organizations that are involved in practices that violate a Christian's conscience; the workers are asked to be "team players" as they make contributions to support those organizations. On the other hand, companies have been asked to conduct "diversity training" in which employees are taught to accept homosexual lifestyles. No one is allowed to speak against it; attendance is required.

In each of the above situations, the Christian is asked to suspend his or her beliefs and principles. Having a "faith buddy" to stand alongside you can make you stronger to take a stand.

What are some "faith loopholes" you have used to try to avoid being honest about your beliefs with others? How have you learned to avoid such loopholes?

Because of fear of what someone might say, we may make excuses for not living out our faith. Though praying before a meal is not a command of Scripture, it is a regular practice in many Christian homes. But when out in public, many Christians do not do so. Choosing not to pray before a meal is not necessarily a sin. Yet to shy away from praying because someone looking might make fun of us is to use a loophole. Sometimes secret prayer is appropriate, but sometimes it is not; motive is all-important.

Sometimes we may be asked to participate in an activity when we have already committed ourselves to something with the church. We may feel embarrassed to say that we have a church commitment, so we simply say we already have plans. Saying that in kind of itself is not a sin. But if we do so simply because we fear rejection, then we have used another loophole.

What are some ways that God may use the demonstration of your faith for good?

Jesus said, "By this shall men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another." Jesus also said, "Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples." "Invisible fruit" is a problem.

Referring back to the loopholes discussed in the previous question, God may use your response that you are involved in a church activity as an open door for the future discussions on matters of faith with someone. Scripture presents ways in which our demonstrations of faith can have positive effects.

Let us continue our drive by prayers as we go to and fro in the Lubbock community. Don't forget our Pastors and our Churches as well as our local schools. Prayer is

needed for all of us. Not matter our situation, God is always able because He loves each of us.

Let's not forget those who are on the sick and shut in list as well as those who have lost loved ones.

Keep reading us each week. Sister Dorothy Hood, president; Sister Christene Burleson, vice president; Sister Elnora Jones, teacher.

Manhattan Heights Church Of Christ
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Sunday:
Bible Class-9:00am
Worship-10:15 am
Evening Worship-5:00pm
Bible Study
Bible Class Devotion-7:00pm

God's Plan for Saturday:
All have sinned - Romans 3:23
Jesus Christ died for our sins - 2 Cor. 5:21; Acts 2:36
We must do God's will and obey Him to enter heaven - Matt. 7:21; Heb. 5:9
How do we stay his? Hear the gospel - Romans 10:17
Believe Jesus Christ is the son of God - Mark 16:16
Repent of your sin - Luke 13:3
Confess - Romans 10:10
Be baptized for the forgiveness of your sins - Acts 2:38
Be faithful until death - Rev. 2:10

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Obsequies

Hazel Hill

Slaton — Funeral services were held for Hazel Hill, who resided in Fort Worth, last Saturday morning, April 12, 2008, at the Mt. Olive Baptist Church with Rev. C. C. Peoples, pastor, officiating.

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

A former resident of Slaton, she passed away Friday, April 4, 2008 at her residence.

She was born July 18, 1934 to Ludella and J. D. Wilborn in Slaton.

She is survived by her children: Ray Charles (Windy), Linda Hill, Dewayne (Ledita), Cynthia Brown (Ronald),



Brenda Smith (Milton), Frances Hill, Jeanette Pettigrew, Michael Hill (Shelia), Sherry Hill, Roy Hill, Lamar Hill, and Edward Hill (Paula); two brothers, Earl Wilborn (Mary) and Billy Wilborn; four sisters; Hattie M. Jones, Lucille Lewis, Novel Hill and Carolyn Powell; 26 grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; a host of other relatives and friends.

Gloria Jean Hyder-Smith

Funeral services for Gloria Hyder-Smith were held last Saturday afternoon, April 12, 2008, at the Full Armor Ministries.

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

She passed away Thursday, April 3, 2008, at the University Medical Center.

She was born September 22, 1938 in Lubbock to Kermit and Thelma Marshall.

She had worked at Texas Tech University Law School as an Administrative Assistant when she retired in 2001 after over twenty years.

She leaves to cherish her memories: daughters: Sharon



Harvey (Bernard), Angela Hyder, Tammy Hyder, and Yolonda Dotson (Larry); one son, Shannon Hyder; one granddaughter, Ty'Keria Cash; two grandsons, Chile Lewis (Yolonda) and Javien Hyder; one great-granddaughter; three sisters: Annie Fillmore, Dorothy Sandifer, and Leomae Mann (Forrest); one special sister-in-law, Sylvia Barnett; a host of other relatives and friends.

Odessa Long

Graveside rites were held for a longtime resident, Mrs. Odessa Long, on Friday morning, April 4, 2008, at the City of Lubbock Cemetery.

Griffin Mortuary & Funeral Home of Lubbock was in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Long, a retired educator in the Lubbock Public schools, passed away in Whisperwood Nursing Home on Sunday, March 30, 2008.

She was the owner and operator of the Odessa Long Beauty School which was located in the 1700 block of Avenue A in the 1950's. Many Black beauticians were privileged to be a student under Mrs. Long. She also taught Cosmetology at Dunbar High



School. She was also the owner and operator of a juke box and recreation equipment.

She is survived by a God-son, Robert Hastings.

This photo was taken out of a 1966 Dunbar Annual.

Grant Workshop Set May 1st

Civic Lubbock, Inc. has scheduled a grant workshop in preparation for the May 30, 2008 deadline for the first round of the 2008 City of Lubbock/Civic Lubbock, Inc. Cultural Arts Grant Program. The Grant Workshop will be held on Thursday, May 1, 2008 from 4:30pm-6:30pm in Room 104/105 of the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center, 1501 Mac Davis Lane. The workshop is free and is open to all local cultural and arts organizations who may be interested in applying for a Cultural Arts Grant for projects that begin after September 1, 2008.

The Grant Workshop will cover the Cultural Arts Grant Program's guidelines and procedures and the application process. Two workshops are held each year and all organizations wishing to apply for a Cultural Arts Grant must send a representative to at least one workshop in a 12-month period. Applying organizations must be a 501(c) 3 non-profit organization (or government equivalent) and have been actively pursuing their goals for at least one year. Applications and other associated documents are available online at: www.civclubbock.com or by calling 775-2236 or 775-2267.

The City of Lubbock's Cultural Arts Grant Program, as administered by Civic Lubbock, Inc., provides local cultural organizations with financial support for projects that promote Tourism and the Arts in Lubbock. Funding

VISIT A LUBBOCK PUBLIC SCHOOL THIS WEEK!

Velma Jean Jones



Memorial services were held for Velma Jean Jones last Saturday afternoon, April 12, 2008, at Griffin Mortuary.

Burial was held in the Vasalia Cemetery in Vasalia, California under the direction of Griffin Mortuary & Funeral Home.

A former resident of Lubbock, she passed away Monday, March 31, 2008, in Vasalia, California.

She was born March 28, 1928 to Frank and Lilly Deary. She attended Dunbar High School. In 1970, she became a member of St. Luke Baptist Church.

Those who will cherish her memories are: two sons, Joe Middleton and Alfred Jones; two daughters, Judy Goodwin and Bennie Crawford; seven grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; a host of other relatives and friends.

Willie James Harris



Funeral services were held for Willie James Harris on Wednesday morning, April 16, 2008, at the First Progressive Baptist Church with Rev. Homer Avery, pastor, officiating.

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

He passed away at Tennessee Colony, Texas on Wednesday, April 9, 2008.

Mr. Harris was born September 2, 1952 to James and Thelma Harris in Sequin, Texas. He graduated from Dunbar High School in 1971. He played for the Panther football team and also ran track. He was creative in woodwork, and boxed for the Golden Gloves.

He leaves to cherish his memories: a daughter, Stacy E. Collins; a son, Dwight D. Mosley; his father, James Harris; four sisters: Irene Rivers, Helen Rowe, Cecil J. Harris and Peggy Brown; a brother, Charles V. Harris; four grandchildren; and a host of other relatives and friends.

is reminding you about the Black Church. His thoughts are:

* The choir discusses 10 minutes over which song to sing.

* The parents whip the kids during worship.

* The members socialize and speak during the tithes and offering.

More next week!

Sean Levert Passes Away

Sean Levert was found dead in his jail cell over the weekend.

Sean Levert, son of O'Jays lead singer Eddie Levert, was found dead in a Cleveland, Ohio, jail over the weekend. Sean Levert, 39, was being held for allegedly failing to pay about \$80,000 in child support. The cause of death was not immediately known.

Sean Levert was a member of the R&B group LeVert with his late brother Gerald Levert and Marc Gordon. Gerald Levert died Nov. 10, 2006 at the age of 40.

We can't even begin to imagine what his family must be going through right now. Gerald Levert passed away just 2 years ago. We send our thoughts and prayer to them.

Source: Beazip



Sean Levert

Praying for the People

Daniel 9:1-7; 17-19

1 - In the first year of Darius the son of Ahasuerus, of the seed of the Medes, which was made king over the realm of the Chaldeans;

2 - in the first year of his reign, I Daniel understood by books the number of the years, whereof the word of the Lord came to Jeremiah the prophet, that he would accomplish the seventy years in the desolations of Jerusalem.

3 - And I set my face unto the Lord, to seek by prayer and supplications, with fasting, and sackcloth, and ashes.

4 - And I read unto the Lord my God, and made my confession, and said, O Lord, the great and dreadful God, keeping the covenant and mercy to them that love him, and to them that keep his commandments;

5 - We have sinned, and have committed iniquity, and have done wickedly, and have rebelled, even by departing from thy precepts and from thy judgments;

6 - Neither have we hearkened unto thy servants the prophets, which spake in thy name to our kings, our princes, and our fathers, and to all the people of the land.

7 - O Lord, righteousness belongeth unto thee, but unto us confusion of faces, as at his day; to the men of Judah, and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and unto, all Israel, that are near, and that are far off, through all the countries whither thou hast driven them, because of their trespass that they have trespassed against thee.

17 - Now therefore, O our God, hear the prayer of thy servant, and his supplications, and cause thy face to shine upon thy sanctuary that is desolate, for the Lord's sake.

18 - O my God, incline thine ear, and hear; open thine eyes, and behold our desolations.....

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Open Mic Poetry Night:
Date: May 19, 2008
Time: Sign-up starts at 6:30pm
Reading starts at 7:00pm
Theme: Women/ Mothers

Left-to-Right Book Discussion
Please join us Saturday, May 24, 2008 at 2:00pm as we discuss "Sin No More" by Kimberla Lawson Roby. We welcome new members or those who would like to drop-in from time to time to discuss the monthly selection. Titles up for discussion are made

available for free checkout at the library. For more details, please call Helen Viser-Fitzgerald at 767-3303 or email at: hviser@mail.ci.lubbock.tx.us

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Thursday, May 15, 2008
10:30am Microsoft Excel
Tuesday, May 20, 2008
7:00pm Microsoft Excel
Thursday, May 22, 2008
10:30am Library Orientation
Tuesday, May 27, 2008
7:00pm Library Orientation
Thursday, May 29, 2008
10:30am Overview

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The Thomas Jefferson Center for the Protection of Free Expression on Tuesday announced 19 recipients of the "awards." The Muzzles have been handed out since 1992 to call attention to what the Jefferson Center considers to be "particularly egregious or ridiculous affronts to free expression," according to a release from the Charlottesville, Va.-based center.

Jena Six Attorney Awarded for Taking Down Hate Crime Inciter



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Think About It!

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by Eddie P. Richardson

"CANDIDATES FORUM" SET FOR MONDAY NIGHT! THIS N THAT is hoping as many of you who can and really care about the ELECTION of the Lubbock City Councilman for District Two will be in attendance for the upcoming "CANDIDATES FORUM" on Monday evening April 21, 2008 at the MAE SIMMONS COMMUNITY CENTER beginning at 7:00 p.m. Those running for this position who will be present are FLOYD PRICE Incumbent ARMANDO GONZALES & GILBERT SALINAS..... All will be taking QUESTIONS from a local panel who are versed in this area of political action..... The public is invited to attend and hopefully there will be much accomplished from this forum..... which is being sponsored by a group of AFRICAN AMERICAN MALES who are members of the BETHEL AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH in Lubbock who are called THE SONS OF ALLEN..... They will tell you of the importance of VOTING in all elections

..... and are encouraging all concerned citizens to GET INVOLVED BY VOTING Hopefully many will be in attendance at this event on Monday evening..... and hope many of you will bring someone with you to the meeting Monday night.....

PENNY HASTINGS THE BARBER SAYS: "GRATITUDE should not be an OCCASIONAL INCIDENT But a CONTINUOUS ATTITUDE."

EAST LUBBOCK STILL NEEDS A BANKING INSTITUTION! THIS N THAT is still making it known that there is a dire need for some kind of a financial institution in EAST LUBBOCK Of course THIS N THAT is most appreciative about the ATM by PlainsCapital Bankand the effort by the WELLS FARGO BANK At the United Supermarket on Parkway Drive..... Both are outstanding efforts and are making positive contributions to the growth of East Lubbock But there is still a GREAT NEED for either a FULL SERVICE BANK OR BRANCH BANK..... This would really enhance this part of

Lubbock as there is need for additional wealth and this would help tremendously..... So let's hope there will be much discussion in the community.....

STILL HAVEN'T HEARD YOUR PLAN, COUNCILMAN KLEIN! THIS N THAT as well as many other residents of East Lubbock is still waiting for your plan about upgrading EAST LUBBOCK from District Three councilman TODD KLEIN..... Hopefully there will be something coming in the near future..... Will be waiting.....

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SCHOOL IS ALMOST OUT! THIS N THAT is still asking how many of you have visited a LUBBOCK PUBLIC SCHOOL

The Black Press was born out of and from protest - protest against slavery, discrimination, segregation, lynching, disenfranchisement, rape, character assassinations, and an unending variety of cruelties perpetrated against us by our oppressor, and such heinous acts have always been applauded and glorified by the white media.

Ever since The Rev Samuel Cornish and John Russwurm published on March 16, 1827, The Freedoms Journal, the first Black newspaper in America, Black print media has heroically survived political oppression, social and economic repressions against our printed word in any form. Yet, the Black Press still survives and is on the threshold of excellence. Take a look at the variety of new Black publications, journals, magazines and newspapers that adorn the newsstands across the nation. They are alive vibrant with information and entertainment specifically tailored for black folks. Especially, the magazines are emerging stronger despite a few stillborn run-of-the-mill variety of magazines are born every year.

Today's Black publications have more variety than that of our

short lived predecessors, because we, Blacks as a nation, have become a better educated, self-reliant people, proud of our African heritage and our unique contributions to the American civilization.

In spite of the high mortality rate of magazines these days, it is clear that the Black press is getting better organized since it's entering new phase - the highly competitive and sophisticated because magazines are not just concerned with factual reporting alone. They go beyond that by capturing and defining concepts and trends in our society. In fact, Black magazines are holding up the mirror to our society and the environment in which we live. The images that are reflected in this mirror are our own. Most of the time these images are flattering to our ego; don't become complacent. At other times these reflections are disturbing but don't be disappointed and break the mirror. Keep on looking into it and it will open up wonderful vistas for our future. Treasure the magazines as true records of our past and present history in the making of a vibrant, indestructible race. Although the general Black

publications with sound philosophical moorings are harbingers of Black resurgence/renaissance, some of the new breed of specialized publications entering the newsstands are spurious, destructive, vulgar and despicable.

Eddie P. Richardson and the Southwest Digest totally renounce these destructive offensive materials both print and electronic (blogs-my space etc) in our opinion such trash either in print or electronic form are fragmenting the unity of Blacks and others by dividing our audiences and confining them to fantasy cubicles. These types of activities serve the function peep movies in red light district, the publishers and promoters and producers of these activities are no more than money hungry, money grabbing vultures. On the other hand, these fluffist/cultist are clearly undermining the family, creating a wedge between man and woman, children and parents, body and soul. We recommend you shun mushroom crop of activities. But otherwise, the Black Press and the Black Magazine in particular are heading toward excellence in quality and contents.

In Cinque

by Renetta Howard



Howard

If we have not started to thinking about the future of our country, our world, we are either very sick or plain dead. There are so many things out of synch in our country now until only God will be able to solve all of our man-made problems and unpleasant situations. The utmost thing on the mind of most of us who have to travel any distance of the day is the exorbitant cost of vehicle fuel. It is unreal!

The cost of fuel is about to overtake the legal minimum wage. This is ridiculous! If a fellow uses 5 gallons of fuel to get to and from work and is earning minimum wage, the cost of the fuel will average \$17.25 to \$25.00

per day. Nineteen states use the \$5.85 per hour minimum wage amount which was instituted last July, 2007. Four states already use \$6.55 which will go into effect in July, 2008. Only California, Massachusetts and Washington have minimum wages which exceed the \$7.25 targeted for July 24, 2009 at \$8.00 each. That means that virtually half of the states pay somewhere between \$5.85 and \$7.95 per hour as minimum wages (<http://www.labor-lawcenter.com>). The ratio of the cost of fuel to hourly wages is unreal.

At \$8.00 per hour, working 8 hours per day, the salary will be \$64.00 per day. The gross profit for a day's work will be \$39.00. This is about one third of one's salary being spent for necessary transportation. That is the good news. For an individual earning the \$5.85 per hour and paying \$20.00 per day for fuel, he has a gross profit of \$26.80 per day and fifty percent of his earnings are going to necessary transportation. This is the profit before deduc-

tions for Social Security and Medicare, insurances and income taxes: local, state and federal.

The cost of fuel is the underlying cost of all of the other monetary problems of Americans. One must be able to get to work and keep a job, just to eat these days. The lost of homes, rise in prices of everything except pay, on a daily basis, and overall economic turmoil can be traced back to the War in Afghanistan and Iraq; control of the oil industry. We need to get 'in cinque' and end the fighting and needless loss of lives which is not making the cost of oil go down, but up each day. When you add the cost of heating and cooling fuel to the mix, the average American is spending upward of fifty percent of his monthly income for energy. Seniors on a fixed income are shoved into the abyss of eternal hardship.

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City manager resigns, gets one year's pay

FRIENDSWOOD — City Manager Bo McDaniel resigned from his post Monday night after a marathon closed-door meeting in which the council discussed whether to approve a lucrative separation package that would pay him a year's salary.

Under the approved agreement, McDaniel will receive \$175,000 on top of his vehicle allowance, cell phone allowance and medical benefits.

Although the decision to accept his resignation was unanimous, it was emotional for some people, such as Public Works Director Kaz Hamidian, who hugged McDaniel as he left city hall, and council member Leslie Reid, who appeared teary-eyed and flushed.

None of the council members commented on the decision after the meeting.

More than 30 residents waited in council chambers for more than four hours to see whether McDaniel's firing would take place during the special meeting called only to discuss his employment.

"I enjoyed the experience of being here," McDaniel said as he left the meeting. "There are some good folks here to work with."

But some council members claimed it was McDaniel's inability to work with the development community that caused major

problems for the city.

Those problems culminated in February, when prominent plaintiff's attorney Tony Buzbee announced plans to cancel his \$20 million downtown development project and asked for McDaniel's firing.

He blamed his project delays on inefficient management, indecisive staff and an overcomplicated project approval process.

Buzbee and other developers' complaints about McDaniel renewed the effort to fire him that began in November.

During a performance evaluation that was held in open session then, McDaniel lashed out at council members he said expected him to "wink at the rules" and dis-

regard protocol for friends.

He also alleged some council members met in secret to circumvent the Texas Open Meetings Act, although he never elaborated on his claims.

Council members pushing for his removal at first said McDaniel didn't act quickly to council requests, took five months to file a permit for a drainage project, missed a deadline for a fire station bid that cost the city \$120,000 and claimed his comments caused a lawsuit against the city.

The council voted 4-3 to keep him as city manager after that evaluation.

The council voted to appoint Administrative Services Director Roger Roeker as the interim city manager, a job he held before McDaniel was hired in November 2006.

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Services will be held Friday night, April 18, beginning at 7:30 p. m. and Sunday afternoon, April 20, beginning at 3:30 p. m.

Congratulations are store for this Pastor and Wife who have dedicated themselves over the years. As the members of Mount Olive Missionary Baptist Church are saying: "We are so grateful to have them!"

The public is invited to come and help celebrate!

Parson Smith

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have developed coping strategies for the most hateful kind of racism: it's the constant, vague, just-below-the surface acts of racism that impair performance, day in and day out.

Americans needs to understand that African Americans are not going away! A new and subtle racism may lead to a de facto exclusion. However, America will suffer greatly economically, morally, spiritually and become the laughing stock of the world for

being fools. China will become the leader of the world. The top rail will become the bottom rail. Conservative religious bigots should know this! Presently, America is on the verge of becoming economically and morally bankrupt!

Thank God For Jesus

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child!!!
Isaiah 5:20 -- The Lord said, woe (Curse) unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put

Candidates swap remarks in first TV debate



Mayor David Miller and Tom Martin squared-off in their first televised debate Monday night, each touting his accomplishments on separate councils and warning of a return to the leadership of his opponent.

The candidates strove for an hour to maintain consistent themes. Miller talked repeatedly about a partnership between government and private business and criticized Martin for valuing low taxes more than the city's needs.

Martin touted his three decades in municipal government and attacked Miller for creating a divisive atmosphere that has wearied the public's perception of City Hall.

"Frankly, the lack of leadership at City Hall has been an embarrassment," Martin said during his opening statement. "Securing water for Lubbock was not a No. 1 priority the past two years; it's been mega-buck bond plans."

Miller fired back later in the night: "I'm so glad the generations that came before didn't have the

darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter."

non-progressive attitude that Mr. Martin just described."

The debate was sponsored by the Lubbock Chamber of Commerce, and its questions were formed by the chamber as well as high school business students in Lubbock.

Left out were candidates Roger Settler and Gilbert Montes, as the chamber focused on the two primary candidates who also ran two years ago when Miller topped Martin to become the city's mayor.

The candidates split on a question about a possible bond election in November. Miller said he anticipates another laundry list of suggestions, similar to the \$300 million worth of projects a Citizens Advisory Commission put forth last year.

He said the council has heard repeatedly it must renovate the Memorial Civic Center to attract conferences and the City Bank Auditorium and Coliseum for safety. Yet next time, he said, the city would do a better job of explaining the needs and impacts to taxpayers, something that doomed the last bond project.

Chef Henderson

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