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## Community Meetings

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

- African American Chamber of Commerce, Lubbock meets on the 3rd Monday of each month, from 5:30-6:30pm at the Parkway Community Center, 405 MLK Blvd., 806-771-1815
- Lubbock Area Client Council meets on the 2nd Saturday, 1:00pm at the Patterson Branch Library
- Hub City Kiwanis meets every Tuesday, 7:00pm, 1708 Avenue G
- Dinbar 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
- Ford Jen 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
- Dinbar/Mundy-Han Heights Neighborhood Association meets every 1st Thursday at 6:00 pm and every 4th Thursday at 7:00 pm at the Dinbar-Manhattan Heights Neighborhood Outreach Center at 13 East 26th 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, 7:30 p.m.
- West Texas Chapter of 100 Black Men meets the 3rd Monday evening at 7:00 pm at the Parkway Neighborhood Center.
- The Parkway & Cherry Point Neighborhood Association meets the 3rd Tuesday evening of each month at 7:30 pm at Hunt Elementary.
- Chattam Hill Neighborhood Association meets the 2nd Thursday of every month at 6:00 pm, at Ben 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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## O.J. Simpson Sentenced To Up To 15 Years In Prison

LAS VEGAS, NV - A broken O.J. Simpson was sentenced Friday to as much as 15 years in prison for a hotel armed robbery after a judge rejected his apology and said, "It was much more than stupidity."

The 61-year-old football Hall of Famer stood shackled and stone-faced when Judge Jackie Glass quickly rattled off his punishment soon after he made a rambling, five-minute plea for leniency, choking back tears as he told her: "I didn't want to steal anything from anyone ... I'm sorry, sorry."

Simpson could serve up to 15 years but could be eligible for parole after nine years, according to Elana Roberto, the judge's clerk.

The judge said several times that her sentence in the Las Vegas case had nothing to do with Simpson's 1994 acquittal in the slaying of his ex-wife Nicole Brown Simpson and her friend Ronald Goldman.

"I'm not here to try and cause any retribution or any payback for anything else," Glass said. Simpson was immediately led away to prison after the judge refused to permit him to go free on bail while he appeals.

Simpson's co-defendant and former golfing buddy, Clarence "C.J. Stewart," also was sentenced to at least 15 years.

Outside court, Goldman's father, Fred Goldman, and sister, Kim, said they were delighted with the sentence.

"We are thrilled, and it's a bittersweet moment," Fred Goldman said. "It was satisfying seeing him in shackles like he belongs."

The Goldmans took a measure of credit for Simpson's fate, saying their relentless pursuit of his assets to satisfy a \$33.5 million wrongful-death judgment



"pushed him over the edge" and led him to commit the robbery to recover some of his sports memorabilia.

Simpson and Stewart were both brought to the courtroom in dark blue jail uniforms, their hands shackled to their waists with chains. Simpson, who looked weary and had not been expected to speak, delivered a somber statement to the judge.

As he spoke in a hoarse voice, the courtroom was hushed. His two sisters, Shirley Baker and Carmelita Durio, sat in the front row of the courtroom, along with his adult daughter.

Both men were convicted Oct. 3 of 12 criminal charges, including kidnapping and armed robbery. "As stupid and as ill-conceived as it was, it wasn't something that was from this evil mind they teach us about," Simpson attorney Yale Galanter said before sentencing.

"Not bright, not smart, not well thought out, but certainly not from an evil mind," Galanter

said. Most of the 63 seats in the courtroom were taken by media, lawyers and family members of the defendants. Fifteen members of the public were also allowed.

After sentencing was over, the Goldmans left the courtroom and Kim threw her arms around her father and wept.

Simpson's sisters declined to comment, but Shirley Baker said on her way out: "It's not over." Jurors who heard 13 days of testimony said after the verdict that they were convinced of Simpson's guilt because of audio recordings that were secretly made of the Sept. 13, 2007, robbery at the Palace Station casino hotel.

The confrontation involved sports memorabilia brokers Alfred Beardsley and Bruce Fromong. It was recorded by collectibles dealer Thomas Riccio, who was acting as middleman.

"Don't let nobody out of this room!" Simpson commands on the recordings, and instructs other men to scoop up items he insists had been stolen from

## Wayne Havens Retires From LISD!

After serving 41 years in public education, Lubbock ISD Superintendent Wayne Havens announced his retirement at a morning press conference. Havens has served as LISD superintendent since the spring of 2003, in addition to two stints as interim superintendent.

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

Wilkerson said the Board of Trustees will review Havens' request for retirement at their next board meeting and then start the process of a search. He added, "The good news is that Wayne Havens isn't going anywhere before we find a new superintendent."

Superintendent Havens joined the Lubbock Independent School District in 1974 as a teacher and coach at Thompson Junior High School. After more than thirty years in LISD and forty years as an educator,

Havens and his wife Gina are actively involved at Calvary Baptist Church and have two grown sons, Brad and Kelly, and four grandchildren.

Michael McClinton, Charles Cashmore, Walter Alexander and Charles Ehrlich could receive probation or prison time. McClinton could get up to 11 years, the others face less.



Wayne Havens

Havens doesn't spend quite as much time in the classroom, but his heart has never gotten far from the students he continually seeks to serve in every part of the school district.

Havens graduated from Childress High School and earned his bachelors and masters degrees from Texas Tech University. He was an original board member of the North and East Lubbock Community Development Corporation. His volunteer service is expansive and includes advisory boards for Success by Six, Habitat for Humanity, Science Spectrum, the South Plains Workforce Development Project, and the Lubbock Chamber of Commerce, among others. He is on the United Way board and is the 2008 campaign chairman.

Respected by his colleagues across the state, Havens has received several educator awards from professional organizations and was named a Distinguished Alumnus of Texas Tech University. Senator Robert Duncan selected him for his public education advisory group.

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## Thanksgiving Dinner Donation

The Concerned Citizens donated a Thanksgiving Meal to Geneva York and her family. The York Family was very happy to receive this donation, especially one of the young children who gave the turkey the name of "Shemaron." Ms. York was very thankful to the Concerned Citizens.

"The Concerned Citizens is an organization that addresses the needs of the residents of Lubbock. Donations and scholarships are methods we use to address city wide concerns," stated Dwight Pierce, President of the Concerned Citizens.

He also stated "applications for the Clarence and Gwen Denson Scholarship for 2009 can be obtained by calling 741-0497."

"A Christmas dinner will be donated to a family this year," said Mr. Pierce.

## American Legion Sponsors Annual Christmas Party

The Booker T. Washington Post 808 of the American Legion will sponsor its Annual Christmas Party on Sunday evening, December 21, 2008 in Yellowhouse Canyon. The doors will open at 6:30 p. m.

## GO Centers at the Phea Boys and Girls Club



"We enjoy Theodore Phea Boys and Girls Club"



"What a wonderful time we have at this facility"

The Theodore Phea Boys and Girls Club would like to introduce that they have called GO Centers at the club located at 1801 E. 24th. This is a program to assist all students who are interested in attending college to gain a better understand of the college culture and to assist in acquiring scholarships and financial aid as well.

This program allows students from 1st grade through the 12th grade to come and access the computers to find out more about colleges from around Texas in order to see what is out there and also what is better for

them. One of the greatest things about the program is that Dr. McKenzie and his staff encourage students to look at Historically Black Colleges and Universities as well because everyone may not have a desire and drive to attend a college in the Lubbock area.

The students may come daily to the boys and girls club and use the computers to access information that will inform them about higher education. Club personnel also assist students in signing up for the college entrance exams such as the



"The games are great at Phea's Boys and Girls Club"



"It's a good place to visit with your friends"

ACT and SAT. The club also has staff and volunteers that will tutor students on passing these tests as well.

The beauty about this program is that it is open to adults as well. The GO Center staff will assist adults in navigating the college field and to also tutor in areas of need.

So as you can see there are great things happening at the Theodore Phea Boys and Girls Club. For more information contact Dr. Robert L. McKenzie at 806-763-0204



Dr. Robert L. McKenzie  
Executive Director

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# Chatman Hills Corner

By Doris Reynolds

It is about that time of the year again when we celebrate the birth of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ through Christmas Day. Let us not forget the reason for the season.

As in the past years, the Booker T. Washington, Post #808 of the American Legion will be sponsoring its Annual Christmas Party for the young people of the community as well as those who are young in heart. It will be held Sunday evening, December 21, 2008, with the doors opening at 6:30 p. m. in

Yellowhouse Canyon. All young people are invited to attend as well as those who are young in heart.

The Annual Celebration of the Birthday of the late Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. is not far. It will be held January 16-19, 2009. This year another special effort is being made to continue the Martin Luther King Children's Choir as well as the Martin Luther King Youth & Young Adult Choir which include Middle School and up.

The Children's Choir will involve Kindergarten through 5th Graders. The rehearsals are being held at Alderson Middle School, on Fridays December 12 & 19, 2009, at the Alderson Middle School, beginning at 6:00 p. m. Also, the Martin Luther King Praise Dancers will rehearse at the Parkway

### New Zion Sets Christmas & Watch Night Services

The New Zion Baptist Church, 1601 MLK Blvd, will be having their Christmas services, entitled "Jesus Is The Reason For The Season" on Wednesday evening, December 17, 2008, beginning at 7:00 p. m.

Watch Night Services will be held Wednesday evening, December 31, 2008, beginning at 10:00 p. m.

Breakfast will be served immediately after Watch Night services.

Rev. E. E. Hopkins is pastor.

with the disease of cancer. **SCRIPTURE FOR THE WEEK:** Do not fret because of evildoers nor be envious of the workers of iniquity. For they shall soon be cut down like the grass and wither as the green herb. Trust in the Lord and feed on his faithfulness. Delight yourself also in the Lord and he shall give you the desires of your heart. Commit your way to the Lord trust also in him and he shall bring it to pass.

### New Light Baptist Church News

On Sunday morning December 7, 2008, services got started at New Light Baptist Church, 3013 Idalou Road, with a lot of inspiration. Rev. Kenneth O. Jackson is the proud pastor.

Sunday School started at 9:45 a.m. with Sis. Alvera Johnson teaching the lesson entitled: Making Total Commitment.

Morning worship started at 11:00 a.m. with our devoted Praise Team leading the way, and what a great job they did. Rev. Lee led the pulpit devotion. The Senior Choir marched the choir stand singing "We've Come This Far By Faith". The responsive reading read by Rev. Lee, and it came from 1 Corinthians 11:23-30. The altar prayer was led by Rev. Jackson with the choir singing.

Sis. Rochelette Hood read all the morning announcements and told of all the upcoming events which will be taken place. There was the fellowship period held which consists of picking

names for the Christmas celebration. Then the offering was taken up.

The Senior Choir sang two selections which were "It's Good To Know Jesus" and "I Am Redeemed."

Rev. Jackson preached the sermon entitled: "Time For Change." Luke 19:1-10. After the sermon the congregation sang "Something Got A Hold On Me."

The invitation to discipleship was extended and there were several who came up for prayer and the Lord continues to add to the church as He sees fit. Sis. Angela acknowledged all the visitors who were present.

Last Sunday afternoon, the church had its annual musical and there were several churches in attendance. The spirit was full by all who were in attendance.

Pray for the bereaved families; the sick & shut-in; those that's not able to get up and move around. A special prayer for all those that are battling

## FASHION

### ELIN

by Shirley Robinson

#### Christmas Fashions!

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Community Center at 12:00 p. m. on Saturdays, December 13 & 20, 2008.

The Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church will be sponsoring its monthly feeding program, on Saturday morning, December 13, 2008, beginning at 11:00 a. m. and continuing through all the food is gone. The feeding will be held in the A. W. Wilson Fellowship Hall. This is an outreach program which began in the Sunday School Department. Sister Ruby Donaldson is superintendent and Rev. Sonia J. Scott is pastor. The public is invited to attend.

Let us continue to pray for our sick and shut in citizens. Among them include longtime businessman, Brother Alfred Cavell, who is a patient at Covenant Medical Center.

Let us not forget those who have lost loved ones. Among them include Brother Joe Benson, who lost his brother, Supt. Lonnie Benson, in Chilton, Texas.

Let us not forget the Presidential Inaugural Ball, which is being hosted by the Lubbock Juneteenth Celebration Committee, will be held Tuesday evening, January 20, 2009, from 7:00 p. m. until 11:00 p. m. Tickets are \$25.00 and \$40.00 a couple. It will be held at the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center/Banquet Hall. For more information, call Tonya Johnson at (806) 283-2990 or Kathleen McPherson at (806) 787-4513.

Have a Happy Holiday!

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



Meet the Pastors of the Church of the Blessed. The Church is located at 1809 34th Street. They invite those looking for a Church Home to come and visit with their congregation. The number of baptisms is 40. The Church of the Blessed is still visiting the Lubbock County Jail with it's Jail Ministry where there were 24 saved and continuing. Prayer at the Lubbock County Jail is held at 5:00 a. m. Monday through Friday. Saturday evenings English Services begins at 7:00 p. m.

## YOUR INVITATION TO A NEW BLESSING!

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

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### Charges Dropped Against Suge Knight

A judge on Friday dismissed drug and battery charges filed against Marion "Suge" Knight, the hip-hop mogul accused of beating a woman in a parking lot in August.

Clark County Court spokesman Michael Sommermeier says Justice of the Peace Abbi Silver dismissed the charges without prejudice in a morning hearing. Knight's attorney, David Chesnoff, said the prosecution had "discovery problems and witness problems." Prosecutor Susan



Benedict did not immediately return a call for comment.

## SOUTH PLAINS COLLEGE

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# Church News

## FROM THE DESK OF PARSON D. A. SMITH "The Smell of Racism"

A poll was taken by CNN that shows most Americans, white and black, considered racism a lingering problem in the United States. The polls indicated that blacks more than twice as likely as whites were to call racism a "very serious" problem. This poll was taken before the election of President-elect Obama.

One of the persons involved in the poll (University of Connecticut professor Jack Dovidio, who has researched racism for more than 30 years) estimated that up to 80 percent of white Americans have racist feelings they do not even recognize. He indicated that 21st century racism is different from that of the past. Contemporary racism he says is not conscious and it is not accompanied by dislike and as of such it gets expressed in indirect, subtle ways. He declares "stealth" discrimination reveals itself in many different situations.

When I read the "Your View" opinion page of Thursday, December 4, 2008 Lubbock Avalanche-Journal the views of Professor Dovidio became real. A gentleman who someone or something gave the name or someone wrote under: "Barry McPherson"/Brownfield expressed the following under the title: "Obama election portends a sea change in America."

Re: The letter Support the new direction Obama has inspired in us" (A-J, Nov. 24))

For those of you who are welcoming the Messiah Obama's win, here is some reality. While he claims to be a Christian, he sat in the pew of a church for 20 years where the pastor Wright spewed hatred of whites and of America in the teaching of black liberation theology. He comes from the corrupt and thuggish political machine of Chicago and has associated with terrorists (Ayers) and criminal slum lord (Rezko). And if it matters to you, he is a full-blown socialist.

What really matters about this sea change in America is it regrettably is a beginning of the Democratic Socialist Revolution—a time that begins the massive redistribution of wealth from the rich and middle-class to the lazy and illegal (note: this phrase is a metaphor for African Americans and Mexican Americans), of unbridled regulation of free enterprise, of the notion freedom is not worth w.r. laziness and envy are good, and Christianity means accepting that Christianity and atheism played the same role in the founding of our country.

America has turned to the hope you can get something for nothing; you are better off living

of the government than working for private business; and our quality of life can be just like our neighbors to the south (meaning the poor Hispanic Mexicans including the black Mexicans not the white Mexicans). Let us (who is the us?) all resolve to educate ourselves on just what direction this man (President-Elect Obama) will take us, to create a country of the government, for the government and by the government. "Don't be afraid to see what you see."—Ronald Reagan

This writer was raised on a farm owned (not share cropped or rented) by his parents. This farm and ranchland was stock with livestock. Consequently, this writer and reader know the difference between a racehorse and a jackass! Point should be well taken.

For those Americans who detest the negative and racist behavior of those Americans who linger in the cesspool of the "Bell Curve" thought we must remind you of what will have been considered as of December 5, 2008 as whether or not to take up a lawsuit challenging President-elect Barack Obama's U. S. citizenship. This suit is a continuation of a New Jersey case embraced by some opponents of Obama's elections.

The Chicago Tribune reports Continue on Page 8

## We Thank God for Jesus

### CHRISTMAS FOR CHRIST OR MERCHANDISE

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

Mark 7:6 - Well hath Isaiah prophesied of you hypocrites, as it is written, this people honor me with their lips, but their heart is far from me.

Jesus told his disciples, go into the world, and let your light shine.

But now the un-godly is running Christmas; blind leading the blind!!!

Romans 1:21-22-25 - Because that when they (the Christians) knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain (idolatrous) in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened. Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools. Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the creator, who is blessed forever. Amen.

The celebration of Christ's birth: has lost its intent.

There is no speaking of Jesus; but only where your money is spent!!!

Matthew 4:10 - Jesus said, Satan: for it is written, you shall worship the Lord your God, and him only shall you serve.

Give to Santa that which is Santa's; and God that which is God's!!!!

The world celebrates Xmas with Santa, deer, trees, lights,

parties and drinking. They are mocking the birth of god's son; and not even thinking!!!

Galatians 6:7 - Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man sows, that shall he also reap (receive).

Jesus was born into the world; God gave him for only one reason.

Not to give gifts, show off lights; but to die for ours sins in due season!!!

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

When the world picked up Xmas; it added Saint Claus and rain-deer in the sky.

Telling children of the gifts he brings; its nothing but a lie!!!

1 John 2:15 - Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man loves the world, the love of the father is not in him.

(Can you tell the difference, between the lights on the dopers house, the pimp's house; the drug dealer's house? And the lights on the houses of a Christians???)

Christians: if the angle came to Mary in the 6th month in the city of Galilee.

Nine months from the 6th

month; then December 25th, then it can't be!!!

Luke 1:26 - And in the sixth month the angle Gabriel was sent from god unto a city of Galilee, named Nazareth.

Yes December 25th, and Christians are robbing God!!!!

Christians have gone along with the devils and Santa's; game just like a sap.

Taking their children and grandchildren; and putting them in some pervert's lap!!!

Matthew 23:37b - Jesus said, how often I would have gathered your children together, even as a hen gathers her chickens under her wings, and you would not!

The world wants Xmas to be with drinking, doping, parties and lights.

And will get mad; when you ask them to except Jesus; into their life!!!

John 15:19 - Jesus said, if you was of the world, the world would love his own; but because you are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hate you.

The way to tell if anything is not of god; is if the world wants in on it, then its not of

God is able to do anything. He is able!!!

## St. Matthew's Baptist Church News

Church services were well attended last Sunday morning, December 7, 2008, at the St. Matthew Baptist Church, 2020 East 14th Street, where the proud pastor is Rev. Edward Canady.

Church services got underway again with Sunday School beginning at 10:10 a. m. with Superintendent Sister Shirley Davis in charge.

The subject of the morning lesson was "Making Total Commitment." The scripture

text was Luke 1:46-55.

The morning lesson was taught and reviewed by Pastor Canady.

The key verse was: "And Mary said, my soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour."

The morning devotion got underway at 11:15 a. m. with Deacon Edward Williams and Brother Gerald Jackson in charge.

The St. Matthew Baptist

Church Choir sung out of their hearts and souls last Sunday morning.

Pastor Canady delivered a wonderful sermon. His subject was "God Got His Eyes On You." His scripture text was Daniel 5:21-23. It was another wonderful and inspiring message which came from our dedicated Pastor.

The St. Matthew Baptist Church is still looking for a Musician! If you are interested,

then call Pastor Canady at (806) 744-2445.

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*Thou art the Bread of Life, O Lord, to me.*

*Thy holy word the truth that saveth me;*

*Give me to eat and live with thee above,*

*Teach me to love thy truth, for thou art love.*

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**Thought For The Week:** "Only Christ the living bread can satisfy our spiritual hunger

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**Hope in the Midst of Suffering**

"Since I know it is all for Christ's good, I am quite content with my weaknesses and with insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong." . . . 2 Corinthians 12:10

We all go through distressing times in life. These seasons of suffering may be brought about by relational difficulties, financial hardships, or other trials.

But as God's children, we can take heart in knowing that our pain is not wasted.

Sometimes our pain is for the eternal benefit of others—the Lord uses it to reveal the genuineness of our faith so that others might see it and be drawn to His Son (1 Peter 1:7). By the way we respond to adversity, our belief in Jesus becomes visible to those around us. Believers will be encouraged, and seekers will ask us questions about our faith.

## Outreach Prayer Breakfast

The friends and members of the Outreach Prayer Breakfast met last Saturday morning, December 7, 2008, in the home of Brother & Sister Delbert Hood. The precious Holy Spirit truly was there in the midst. The morning scripture was read by Sister Cassandra Reed. Prayer was offered by Sister Sockie Martin.

The scripture lesson was as taught by Sister Brenda Hargers. Her subject was "At The Midnight Hour." Her scripture text was Matthew 25 for Virgins and Matthew 24 - No One Knows the day or the hour of our Lord's return.

There were five virgins - 5 wise and 5 foolish. At the midnight hour, there was a cry made that the Bride Groom cometh. Come out to meet him.

Read these scriptures: Ephesians 1:3; Matthew 25; II Corinthians 11:2; II Peter 3:8; Matthew 24:43; John 15:16; Romans 8:9; Colossians 1:24; II Timothy 4:7 and Revelations 19:6.

Read and get the full message. This lady is truly a teacher of the word.

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Remember this, "Our Lord will come as a thief by night. One word I leave with you, be ready!!"

God bless you! Let us continue to keep those drive by prayers going as we go to and from our various jobs and shopping each day.

Looking Past the Now

Here is some information to be read by it was written by

Kelley McFadden and made possible by Minister Zairreus Patterson.

"Here is my servant whom I have chosen, the one I love, in whom I delight; I will put my Spirit on him, and he will proclaim justice to the nations. He will not quarrel or cry out; no one will hear his voice in the streets. A bruised reed he will not break, and a smoldering wick he will not snuff out, till he leads justice to victory. In his name the nations will put their hope."—Matthew 12:18-21

Life's not fair. I've heard that phrase since I was a kid. Honestly, I don't like it anymore now than I did then. Truth be told, the phrase is legitimate. Life, flat-out stinks some times. It's not fair and it's not easy.

A painful breakup, a lost loved one, a phone call reporting cancer, losing a job or not getting a promotion at work, difficulty with the kids, financial strain...you name it, we have all struggled. Life isn't easy for any of us. In college, I watched two friends on the football team struggle with injuries. One of them had chronic problems with his feet, wincing in pain with each step he took. The other blew out both of his knees within a year of each other. The difference between them:

One is a Christian and one was not.

One had hope, and one did not.

One knew that football was temporary and not his only identity, that his identity and hope was in Christ; the other did not.

As Christians, we can look past the now. God sent His Son, Jesus, as the Servant who, by His death and resurrection, makes all of the difference for us. It is He Who will bring justice and mercy. It is He Who is the hope of the world. What a gift we have in Jesus!

Through Him, hope motivates us to store up treasure in heaven, not treasures on earth.

Through Him, we have the

promise that God works for the good of those who believe. (Romans 8:28)

Through Him, we have the hope that this life - with all of its struggles - is just our temporary home before moving onto the glorious eternity with our Father in heaven.

I've never understood how non believers make it through struggles without the hope God gives to those who love Him. It will always be hard when the bad news and difficult times

come, but as a Christian, you can rely on heavenly hope.

This is the hope that helps us look past the now and focus on treasures in heaven.

GOING DEEPER:

1. Think through what separates Christians from others. What does Matthew mean when he writes that, "In his name the nations will put their hope"?

2. Think through the struggles you have faced in your life. In what ways did you lean on the Lord? How did that help you

through?

**FURTHER READING:** Psalm 42:5-6; 1 Timothy 4:7-9; Romans 15:13

Have A Blessed Day!!!!!!!

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The hard working Officers of the Outreach Prayer Breakfast are Sister Dorothy Hood, president; Sister Christene Burleson, vice president; and Sister Elnora Jones, teacher.

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# Obsequies

## Sharolott Yvonne Baldwin

Funeral services for Sharolott Yvonne Baldwin were held last Friday, December 5, 2008, at Griffin Mortuary Chapel.

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

Mrs. Baldwin, 54, of Lubbock, passed away Friday, November 28, 2008, at Covenant Medical Center.

She was born Dec. 16, 1954, to the parentage of Katherine Montgomery and William Baldwin.

She leaves to cherish her memory, sons Toriano A. Jackson and Marlon A. Jackson;



brothers, Williams Baldwin, James Baldwin, and Thomas Clark; sisters, Rose Baldwin Clark and Sandra Kay Baldwin; 12 grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

## Dennis "Danny Boy" Love

Funeral services for Dennis "Danny Boy" Love were held Monday afternoon, December 8, 2008 at Full Armor Ministries.

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

"Danny Boy" Love, 51, of Wichita Falls, formerly of Lubbock, passed away Sunday, November 30, 2008.

He was born January 12, 1957 to Emma Lee Love and Robert Turner, Sr.

He leaves to cherish his memory his daughter, Priscilla Love; granddaughter, Kiaree Love Chatham; grandmother, Carrie Jackson; mother, Emma Lee Love; siblings, Rocco Love, Danny Love, Gaylon Love, Roderick James, Michelle Love,



Jada Love, Ocie James, and Robert Turner, Jr., two sons, Magic Langston (Sonny) and Emma Chatham (William Henry); one uncle, Edmon Turner; a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives, and friends.

## Huey J. "H.J." Manahan

Funeral services for Huey J. "H.J." Manahan were held last Thursday, December 4, 2008, at Hope Deliverance Temple COGIC.

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

"H.J." Manahan, 80, of Lubbock, died Wednesday night, Nov. 26, 2008.

H. J. was born October 4, 1928, in Ferris, Texas, to the parentage of Irvin and Annie (Cyrus) Manahan.

He served in the US Army from May 1952 to April 1954.

He is survived by his wife, Brenda Manahan; one son, Huey Manahan, Jr. "Jeff"; six stepsons, Brett Luton, Winston and Cleave Caraway, Curtis Hill, Verdell Price, III and Brandon Wooten; four daughters, Deborah Manahan, Debra



Boyd, Louise Manahan-Ross and Monica Vester; two stepdaughters, Shantequa Doss and Jade Price; two brothers, Dock Manahan and Leroy Manahan; one sister, Jessie Pearl Furnace; 39 grandchildren; 20 great grandchildren; 2 great-great grandchildren; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and countless friends.

## Janet Gayle Love



Funeral services were held for Janet Gayle Love was held Friday, December 5, 2008, at Griffin Funeral Chapel with Rev. Roy Davis officiating.

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

She passed away Friday, November 28, 2008.

Janet was born to Lonnie and Eva Banks Love in Ardmore, OK. Her parents preceded her in death. Her family moved to Lubbock, Texas when Janet was very young. She received her grade school education and was a 1962 graduate of Dunbar High School here in Lubbock.

Janet moved to Los Angeles, California and married Julius "Ed" Sturdivant, and they had two sons who loved them both dearly. "Ed" preceded her in death. In 1983 she married C.L. Harris in Lubbock, Texas. While in Los Angeles, Janet attended Trade Tech College receiving a Psychology Technician Certificate. She earned a Bachelor of Science in Behavioral Sciences from Cal State University, Dominguez Hills Carson City, CA and a Master of Science in Behavioral Sciences from Loyola Marymount University Los Angeles, CA.

She received Christ at an early age and was a third generation long time member of Greater St. Luke Baptist Church Lubbock, Texas. Currently she was a member of Church of the Nations, Pastor Roy Davis. She never was too ill to share a counseling, comforting, or gospel word. Many lives were touched as Janet ministered in the community and several church congregations in Los Angeles and here in Lubbock. Her gift and credentials certainly warranted monetary compen-

## Lubbock Man's Brother Succumbs in Chilton



Supt. Lonnie Benson

Funeral services for the brother of Joe Benson, Supt. Lonnie Benson will be funeralized in Waco on Saturday, December 3, 2008.

He was the pastor of the Jude Chapel Church of God in Christ of Chilton.

be recognized on the state level."

According to Smith, the partnership with Texas Tech is designed to combat the nationwide shortage of teachers. By aligning the coursework, SPC students can make the transition more smoothly. Smith and her colleague Margaret Johnson, associate professor of education at Texas Tech, work together on the project and shared the honor.

## SPC, Texas Tech partnership win state award

LEVELLAND - South Plains College and Texas Tech University's College of Education partnership recently was presented the 2008 Star Award by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board. The winners were announced during the eighth annual Star Award ceremony and luncheon

Dec. 2 at the Sheraton Austin Hotel in Austin.

The luncheon was presented in conjunction with the 2008 Texas Higher Education Leadership Conference.

"It's an honor to win the award," said Annette Davis Smith, assistant professor of education and coordinator of the Associate of Arts in Teaching Program. "It's very competitive, and it's a feather in SPC's cap for the success that we've had to

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sation, however she generously helped many live of change.

In 1992 Janet returned to Lubbock to take care of her mother. She worked in several social services departments including Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center and the Billy Meeks Center.

Those left to cherish her memory include her two sons Cecil James Stewart, Jr. of Lubbock, TX and Darrell LaWayne Stewart of Los Angeles, CA; two daughters Glenda Daniels of Tacoma, Washington and Gaila Fisher (Herman) of Wingate, NC; one sister Charlotte Ellis (Willie) of San Antonio, TX and one brother Marcus Love (Rhonda) of Houston, TX; step-mother Jewel Love of Lubbock, TX; six grandchildren Marquita, Janna, Monica, Ranihan, Rory and Akniya; two great-grandchildren Jayla and Jaeden; husband C.L. Harris of Lubbock, TX; special friend Myrtle Finch of Lubbock, TX and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and other relatives and friends.



They are back and proud. They stay with Momma who appreciates their smiles.

## Letter to the Editor

### Very Unhappy Over Alleged Gesture By Gilbert Flores

Dear Editor:  
I pondered over writing this letter, about an elected individual who has reputation among serving Eastsiders. This letter is not intended to defame the character of this official. What's being printed was witnessed by two unbiased people.

Now that the winner has been declared in the Lubbock County Commissioner's race between Gilbert Flores and Frank Gutierrez, allow me to inform those who elected Flores about his appalling behavior on the day of the national, state and local election.

At the Patterson Library, Mr. Flores made a brief appearance at this voting site on the outer perimeter assembling with some of his Democrat supporters. While assembling with what appeared to be his cronies, Flores spoke to me and proceeded while bending over in a forward manner, pointed his foot with one hand, pointed to his rear-end with his other hand and invited me to partake of his rear.

I informed Mr. Flores that he was barking up the wrong tree. His actions can be validated.  
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• By food or drink handled by the person infected.

How can it be prevented?  
• GOOD HANDWASHING (with soap and water)  
• Before and after eating or handling food  
• Always after using the toilet  
• After contact with someone who is infected  
• Frequently throughout the day

What should I do if I think I may be infected?  
• Call your doctor immediately  
• Use good handwashing when you are ill to prevent spreading the illness to your family and/or coworkers.



# Editorials • Comments • Opinions

## THIS N THAT

by J.J. Patterson

**A VERY GOOD TOWN HALL MEETING! THIS N THAT** ... was among the more than **FIFTY PERSONS** ... who were in attendance of the **TOWN HALL MEETING** ... which was held last Saturday afternoon ... December 6, 2008 ... at the Mae Simmons Community Center... it was a **VERY INTERESTING** ... meeting and much was discussed... Hopefully ... the information given out by all the speakers were beneficial to all in attendance... **THIS N THAT** ... would hope this kind of a format would continue in the near future ... and that there be given much discussion be given about our youth... There are so many **TALENTED** ... young people in the Lubbock community ... and anything we can do to help them ... then this must be done... Let us salute two young men **DONNELL HOOPER & HILLARY HUTCHINSON,**

**JR.** ... for their effort and others who have done well... It is hoped that the next Town Hall Meeting ... will be some kind of a **YOUTH SUMMIT** ... **STILL WAITING TO HEAR FROM TRUSTEE HOLMES! THIS N THAT** ... is still awaiting to hear from **SISTER VERNITA HOLMES** ... Lubbock School Board District Two Board Member ... to call a community meeting to discuss what's taking place in the **LUBBOCK PUBLIC SCHOOLS** ... **THIS N THAT** ... wants Ms. Holmes to know ... **THIS N THAT** ... supports what she will do with the community meeting. Hopefully ... this kind of a meeting will clarify the alleged problems which may be happening in the East Side Schools... **THIS N THAT** ... Is still waiting to hear from her... **PENNY HASTINGS THE BARBER SAYS: "THE BEGINNING** ... doesn't mean a **THING** ... It's the

**END** ... that really **COUNTS!** **FEEDING IN COMMUNITY ON SATURDAY! THIS N THAT** ... is glad to see the **SUNDAY SCHOOL DEPARTMENT** ... of Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church ... Sponsor a **feeding program** ... **MIS-SION ON THE MOVE** ... which will be held again Saturday ... December 13, 2008 ... beginning at 11:00 a.m. until all food is gone... at the A. W. Fellowship Hall ... 2202 Southeast Drive... This is a special outreach program ... and the entire community is invited to come and fellowship... **EAST LUBBOCK WILL BOUNCE BACK! THIS N THAT** ... readily believes that **EAST LUBBOCK** ... will bounce back and move in the same direction as the areas of **SOUTH & SOUTH-WEST LUBBOCK** ... until **Continue on Page 8**

## THINK ABOUT IT!

### Black On Black Crime

by Eddie P. Richardson

Last week we talked about Black on Black crime which is a plague in our community which must be immediately radiated, through education, religion, mind focusing and refocusing, and any other means necessary. God knows it's necessary. We must learn to take license plate numbers, vehicle descriptions and questionable people and what they are wearing and report it or them to the police. Most of all, we must become involved and start coming forward. When we see crimes committed, we must start speaking out when questioned by law enforcement authorities, we must do for others when we see crimes being committed against them as we would want them to do for us. We must be

concerned all the gangs, drugs and crime in our communities, we must start signing petitions, calling the police and again, please report suspicious characters in our neighborhoods and communities by taking actions before they rape, mug, hurt or take the life of some one in our community. You may save your life or the life of some one else. Remember, one thing, the police is there to help. The key and crucial thing is the only one who can save us from us: for us: is us: and if it is to be it is up to me. We can not set around and wait on some one else to solve our community's problems. The leadership and initiative must come from us within our own communities, solving our own

problems, economic, social, crime and others, who care and are concerned about us and our welfare using their capitol, resources, but still the leadership must come from us: for us. But if it is to work we have to get the tone and take the lead. No one else knows our needs and our concerns like us. Until we start turning in relatives, friends and friends of friends acquaintances who commit crimes on or against us, and say I or we can't get involved things will only get worse. If we fail to act, we will leave no future for the generations to come. The overriding factor is we have to come out of ourselves report suspicious actions and cheaters. Even testify when we witness crimes. Get Involved!!

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

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

**Part I**  
 Construction on the President's House began in 1792 in Washington, D.C., a new capital situated in sparsely settled region far from a major population center. The decision to place the capital on land ceded by two slave states—Virginia and Maryland—ultimately influenced the acquisition of laborers to construct its public buildings. The D.C. commissioners, charged by Congress with building the new city under the direction of the president, initially planned to import workers from Europe to meet their labor needs. However, response to recruitment was dismal and soon they turned to African Americans—slave and free—to provide the bulk of labor that built the White House, the United States Capitol, and other early government buildings.

House Historical Association, 1986; Robert J. Kapsch, "Building Liberty's Capital," American Visions, February/March 1995, 8-10, 1800s.

The White House is a large structure and from its earliest days domestic operations have demanded a general manager. For this purpose President Thomas Jefferson, through his two administrations, relied heavily on his French steward Etienne Lemaire. There were two other white servants, Julien, a French chef, and Joseph Dougherty, an Irish coachman. The remainder of Jefferson's regular household staff, which numbered a dozen, included slaves from Monticello. Even under the best management this was a small staff. However, in the early years the president paid his household personally. The domestic "offices" and servants' quarters were located in the rooms of the basement. Kitchen staff, directly under the Entrance Hall, cooked busi-

ness on all day providing food for servants, staff, and any guests who might be visiting. Jefferson's style of living was simpler than that of many rich citizens along the eastern seaboard. His one concession to grandeur was to dress his menservants in livery, knee breeches, and gilt or steel-buttoned blue coats with crimson trimmings and lace edging. Although Jefferson wrote his daughter that he preferred white servants so that he could dismiss them when they misbehaved, he did care for his slaves. When a sickly child was born at the President's House (11 months after Jefferson's own grandson, James Madison Randolph) to Fanny and Eddy in 1806, he provided for the nursing care of the baby and mother. Sadly, the child died before its second birthday. Read more: William Seale, The President's House, White House Historical Association,

## In Cinque

by Renetta Howard




Howard

It seems only a few years ago in 1999 that we had come to the closing of a year of anxiety about entering the new millennium and the twenty-first century. Once again we are closing out another year of anxiety with several reasons being responsible.

The first reason for anxiety on our list is the one nearest and dearest to many of us and that is the status of our pocketbook and breadbasket. The federal government has finally admitted that this country is in the midst of a recession. We must remember that a recession for some of us is a depression for others of us. As we look back over the years when the big corporations were going bust while employees lost their life savings and pension plans and the CEOs of these companies were cooking the books, some of us have been in a recession and or depression ever since that time. It was not the housing slump that sent this country into a tailspin, but the collapse of big businesses committing fraud and other unmentionable crimes against their employees and the public. One of our past Presidents, of the United States once said that "The business of the United States is

business." It is still business and until business is up and running again we will continue to have a recession and depression. It is important that we have business, otherwise there is no life. This is not just true of our country; it is true for our social entities on all levels of mankind, especially our local communities, towns and cities. When a community has no business, it loses its vitality. It is time to erect a tombstone.

The second reason we are suffering anxiety is due to the wars in which this country is involved. Taxpayer dollars are being spent to wage war in foreign countries where our young men are being killed or suffering physical, mental and emotional harm while enlisted in the military service. War kills any way you put it. There is no way to return to a normal lifestyle when you have been in the midst of mass dying and bloodshed. It brings on nightmares when you sleep in a sheltered place. Time may help them to subside, but they never really go away. Mothers, wives and children who have lived with a veteran of combat can identify with this logic. The true irony of this is that we put our best stock out to war and leave the less able to continue to propagate the population. Citizens of peace want to see the wars come to an end.

The third reason for our anxiety is the upcoming inauguration of the first U. S. President of color. We are full of anxiety to see the change he is destined to bring to the nation. While this is very positive, there are many subversive engagements afoot

to derail the inauguration. This is our time to get 'in cinque' and pray that our country lives up to the world's expectation of us as a leader.

### Christmas Musical Sponsored By Rising Star Baptist Church

The Rising Star Baptist Church will sponsor its Annual Christmas Musical on Sunday afternoon, December 14, 2008, beginning at 3:30 p.m.

Special guest will include: D. J. Mann & Cosily Anointed, Uction, The Eddingtons and The Lewis Sisters.

"It will be a musical which will bless all of our souls," says Sister Janelle Williams, Choir Director.

Sister Nettie Edward is Choir Director.

Rev. H. Culver is host pastor. "We are inviting all of you to come and celebrate with us on our Annual Day," says Rev. Culver.

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



### Estranged Relative Arrested in Hudson Killings

CHICAGO (AP) — Police arrested the estranged brother-in-law of Jennifer Hudson on Monday in the shooting deaths of the entertainer's mother, brother and young nephew, taking him from a prison where he had been held on a suspected parole violation.

William Balfour, 27, was arrested at Stateville Correctional Center on a warrant accusing him of murdering the relatives of the singer and Oscar-winning actress, said Chicago police spokeswoman Monique Bond.

Until Monday, police had identified Balfour only as a "person of interest" in the investigation. He had not been formally charged as of Monday night, said Tandra Simonton, spokeswoman for the Cook County state's attorney's office.

Balfour's attorney said Monday night that his client told him he is innocent.

"He vehemently denies that he is guilty in this case," Joshua Kutnick told reporters outside police headquarters.

"Any evidence pointing to Mr. Balfour is not even thin. It is very, very weak," Kutnick said.

The bodies of Jennifer Hudson's mother, Darnell Hudson Donerson, and brother,

Jason Hudson, were discovered October 24 at the family's home on the South Side of Chicago. The body of 7-year-old Julian King was found three days later in a sport utility vehicle on the West Side. All three had been shot.

Police took Balfour into custody the same day the bodies of Donerson and Hudson were discovered. After 48 hours — the longest Chicago police can hold a person without charges — Balfour was taken by the Illinois Department of Corrections on the suspected parole violation.

Balfour — Julian's stepfather and the estranged husband of Jennifer Hudson's older sister, Julia Hudson — served seven



Jennifer Hudson

years for a 1999 attempted murder and vehicular hijacking conviction.

Balfour had refused to take a

lie-detector test and stopped cooperating with detectives, according to a police official who was not authorized to discuss the case publicly and spoke on condition of anonymity.

Police have confirmed they found the gun used in the killings. The .45-caliber gun was discovered October 29 in a vacant lot in the West Side neighborhood where the King's body was found a few days earlier.

The police spokeswoman declined to discuss any evidence Monday. But after a hearing at the prison last month, the chairman of the Illinois Prisoner Review Board said a woman had told authorities that a gun used in the slayings was "identical" to the gun that was recovered.

At the time, board Chairman Jorge Montes said the evidence was key to a decision finding probable cause that Balfour violated his parole and should remain locked up pending a December 3 hearing before a

review board panel.

Balfour's mother told reporters outside the police station Monday night (December 1st) that authorities don't have a case against her son.

"If they found gun powder on his hands, you got a case; if they found a gun on him, he had a case; if they found a fingerprint on the truck that he'd hit, you got a case; but they don't have nothing," Michelle Davis-Balfour said.

Jennifer Hudson was a finalist in the 2004 season of "American Idol" and won her Oscar in 2007 for her film debut, a supporting role in "Dreamgirls." She has mostly stayed out of the spotlight and close to her family since the killings.

Her publicist did not immediately return a message from The Associated Press on Monday, December 1, 2008.

### Letter to the Editor

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tooly. His cronies who got a first hand view of Mr. Flores' childish behavior.

Mr. Flores defended himself by making the following statement: "I was just playing with you, Maurice!" I hope what he did is indicative of his leadership style.

In closing, good leaders should be committed with a genuine love for his/her fellow person. Think before you leap, Mr. Flores.

Maurice Williams  
220 Redbad Avenue

### Tech Hockey Club Update

The Tech Hockey Club has not made their scheduled December 1, 2008, payment of \$10,890. In compliance with the contract, Tech Hockey Club's right to access the Coliseum is now terminated.

Happy Holidays!  
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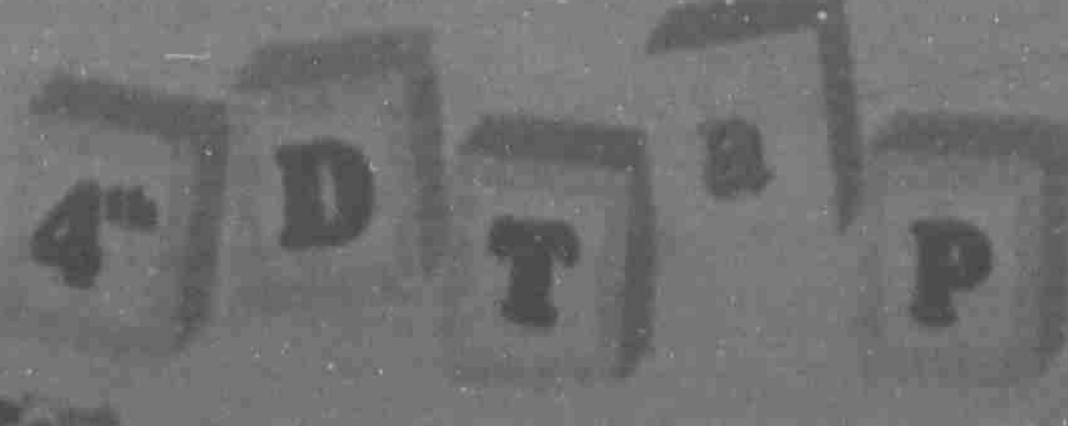


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## U.S. attorney: Blagojevich has taken us to 'new' low'

(CNN) — Hours after federal investigators announced they had arrested Illinois Gov. Rod Blagojevich and his chief of staff on corruption charges, U.S. Attorney Patrick Fitzgerald declared Tuesday a "sad day for government."

Gov. Blagojevich has taken us to a new low," he said. "This conduct would make [Abraham] Lincoln roll over in his grave."

Fitzgerald said the government had bugged the governor's campaign office and placed a tap on his home phone.

FBI agents arrested Blagojevich, a Democrat, and his chief of staff, John Harris, without incident at around 6:30 a.m. (7:30 a.m. ET) Tuesday, FBI spokesman Ross Rice told CNN.

Each was charged with a count of conspiracy to commit mail and wire fraud and a count of solicitation of bribery, authorities said.

The corruption charges were in part related to the selection of President-elect Barack Obama's successor, said the U.S. Attorney's office for the Northern District of Illinois.

The Obama transition team is aware that Blagojevich is in federal custody, but has no comment, according to a senior Democratic source.

### THIS N THAT

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we all move in the same direction .... one area will move ahead of the other areas... EAST LUBBOCK .... Will continue to grow as other parts of Lubbock.... THIS N THAT ..... really believes something good will happen in .... EAST LUBBOCK.... As one person has said .... "A SWINGING DOOR MUST COME BACK!"



Rod Blagojevich is currently serving his second term as governor of Illinois.

"We were in the middle of a corruption crime scene and we wanted to stop it," Fitzgerald said.

### Parson Smith

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to stay the election, and was filed on behalf of Leo Donofrio against New Jersey Secretary of State Nina Mitchell Wells. Legal experts say the appeal has little chance of succeeding, despite appearing on the court's schedule. Legal records show it is only the tip of an iceberg of nationwide efforts seeking to derail Obama's election over accusations that he either wasn't born a U.S. citizen or that he later renounced his citizenship in Indonesia.

Among other filing lawsuits is one appearing to have a classic nature (Uncle Tom) is Alan Keyes, who lost to President-elect Obama in the 2004 Illinois Senate race.

It is worth noting that many of superior intellect have stated the case has gain the highest profile because it was referred by Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas to other justices for conference. It has been said the case gain undue importance for people unschooled in how the courts works.

The smell of racism!

## Thanks For Support Last Saturday!



Mr. Donnell Hooper



Mr. Hillary Hutchinson, Jr.

A thank you is extended to the more than fifty persons who were in attendance last Saturday afternoon, December 6, 2008, at the Mae Simmons Community Center for the Town Hall meeting.

Coordinators of this event, Mr. Donnell Hooper and Mr. Hillary Hutchinson, Jr., wants you to know that this is the beginning of many more to come.

They will admit it was very interesting, but failed to allow for questioning and answers. This is the beginning and there will be more time for questioning answering in the near future.

If you have questions, send them to the: Southwest Digest, P.O. Box 2553, Lubbock, Texas 79408.

Again, thanks to all who supported!

## Photos of Town Hall Meeting



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