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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
- 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 AAAP meets every 1st Thursday at 1:00 pm, Mae Simmons Community Center.
- Lubbock Chapter of Black Alumni meets every 3rd Tuesday, 5:30 pm, TTU Market Alumni Center
- Dunbar/Manhattan Heights Neighborhood Association meets every 1st Thursday at 6:00 pm and every 4th Thursday at 7:00 pm at the Dunbar-Manhattan Heights Neighborhood Outreach Center at 1301 East 24th St.
- West Texas Native American Association Pot Luck Supper meets on alternating months prior to meeting, meetings held on 2nd Saturday of each month at 7:00 pm, Educational presentations and demonstrations.
- Texas Juneteenth Cultural & Historical Commission - Lubbock Affiliate meets at Patterson Branch Library every 3rd Thursday at 7:00 pm
- West Texas Native American Association meets 2nd 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.
- Chatman Hill Neighborhood Association meets the 2nd Thursday of every month at 6:00 pm, at Iles Elementary Cafeteria.

If you have an announcement you want to appear in this paper, there are three ways to get information to us:

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Students Were Proud To Wear Their Red Ribbons At Wheatley Elementary School Last Week!



Wheatley Elementary students finished Red Ribbon Week still wearing their Red Ribbons. An all-school assembly Friday afternoon warned students about the dangers of drug abuse. Shown above (L to R) are Wheatley counselor Dorothy Stovall and students, Joya Shelby, Kasharia Ruth, William Watson, Tionie Thompson, Charlene Julios and Jerome Giles.

"Mr. & Miss Zion" Named In Crosbyton



Mrs. Deborah M. Hutchinson is shown with workers for this year's event.



Here they are, Mr. & Miss Zion, Christopher Jackson and Yadira Jackson.

The Greater Mt. Zion Baptist Church Banquet/Pagant celebrated 24 years on Saturday, November 1, 2008, in Crosbyton. This year's pagant/banquet was held in honor of its founder, the late Mother Dorothy R Terrell. She passed away June 8, 2008. She was a tireless warrior for the Lord and had a great passion for her church, family and all she came in contact with. It was a beautiful celebration with good fellowship and wonderful food. There was also for the first time, a talent show which was coordinated the Youth of Greater Mt. Zion. The participants were: Christopher Jackson, son of Willie Faye Jackson, Yadira Horton, granddaughter of our pastor, Rev Ruby Price.

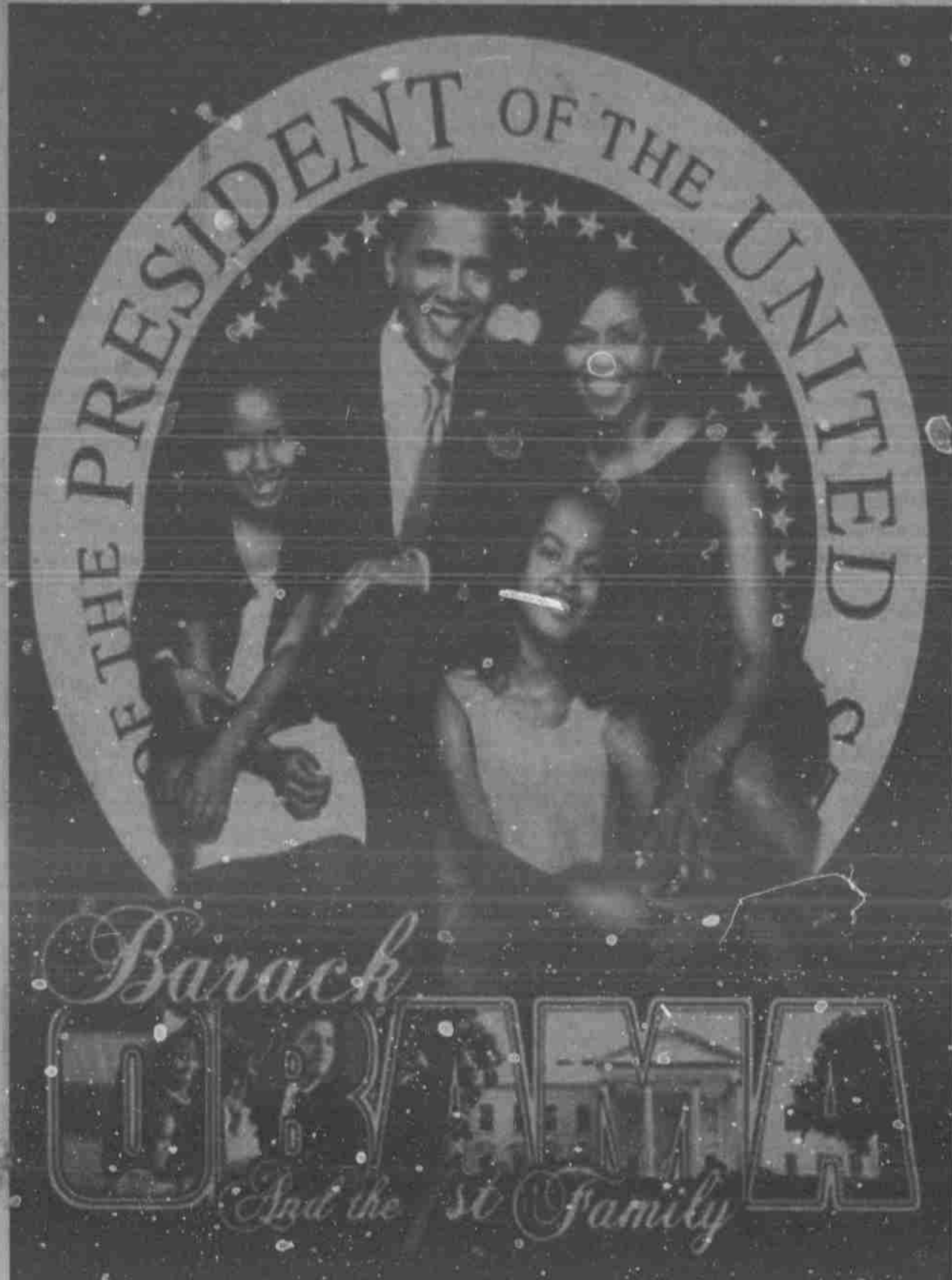
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Estacado High School Brittany Johnson Joins Lubbock Christian University's Volleyball Program



Pictured from left to right: Estacado Volleyball Head Coach, Ebony Williams; Future Lady Chap, Brittany D. Johnson; Lubbock Christian University Volleyball Head Coach, Jennifer Lawrence and Brittany's mother, Allethea Johnson.

The Lubbock Christian University Athletic Department and volleyball head coach Jennifer has signed to join the Lady Chaps volleyball program for the 2009/2010 school term. The announcement was made Wednesday, October 29, 2008, at ceremony conducted at Estacado High School with family, friends and administration members on hand. Johnson, a 6'1" middle blocker, is a four-year letter



Obama Wins; Becomes First Black President In U.S. History

WASHINGTON (AP) — Barack Obama swept to victory as the nation's first black president Tuesday night in an electoral college landslide that overcame racial barriers as old as America itself.

The son of a black father from Kenya and a white mother from Kansas, the Democratic senator from Illinois sealed his historic triumph by defeating Republican Sen. John McCain in a string of wins in hard-fought battleground states - Ohio, Florida, Virginia and Iowa.

A huge crowd in Grant Park in Obama's home town of Chicago erupted in jubilation at the news of his victory. Some wept.

McCain called his former rival to concede defeat - and the end of his own 10-year quest for the White House. "The American people have spoken, and spoken clearly," McCain told disappointed supporters in Arizona.

Obama and his running mate, Sen. Joseph Biden of Delaware, will take their oaths of office as president and vice president on Jan. 20, 2009.

As the 44th president,

Obama will move into the Oval Office as leader of a country that is almost certainly in recession, and fighting two long wars, one in Iraq, the other in Afghanistan.

The popular vote was close, but not the count in the Electoral College, where it mattered most.

These, Obama's audacious decision to contest McCain in states that hadn't gone Democratic in years paid rich dividends.

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Estacado High School 2008 Homecoming Court



Here they are, the lovely young ladies who were members of the Estacado High School Homecoming Court who were presented during the half-time at Lowrey Field on Friday evening, September 19, 2008.

They are: back Row: Rosa Harper, Brittany D. Johnson, Jennifer McGrew; seated: Claudia Hernandez, Nikendra Sylvester. The 2008 Homecoming Queen was Brittany D. Johnson, daughter of Allethea Johnson and Gerald Johnson.

Chatman Hills Corner

By Doris Reynolds

This writer wants to advise you of an interesting program happening in Lubbock. Thought you'd like to know about it. Here it is.

Birding watching over the past few years has earned the title of number one spectator sport with reports indicating the number of bird watchers ranging from 50 to 75 million nationwide. With Lubbock's location in the central flyway for migratory birds and with the number of parks and play areas in and around our city, there are

always great birding opportunities throughout the year. With this in mind, the Garden and Arts Center, in partnership with the Llano Estacado Audubon Society, will be offering five birding classes and bird walks in November and December for beginning birders. Classes include information on how to create a bird friendly yard and how to identify birds. All activities are free. The Garden and Arts Center is located at 4215 University. For more information, contact the center at 767-

3724.

Church services were great at the New Hope Baptist Church last Sunday morning, November 2, 2008, where the proud pastor is Rev. B. R. Moton.

Services got underway with Meditation & Prayer. The Praise Team was at their post of duty. The morning scripture and prayer were offered. Several selections were sung by the New Hope Choir.

Pastor Moton preached on the subject "Keep Me From Myself." His text scripture was Psalm 141:1-5; 8-10.

Let us continue to pray for our sick and shut-in citizens. God is always able to handle any situation!

Senior Choir Annual Set At St. Luke Baptist Church

The Senior Choir of the Greater St. Luke Missionary Baptist Church will celebrate its Annual Day on Sunday afternoon, November 16, 2008, beginning at 3:00 p. m. Rev. J. H. Ford is pastor.

SCRIPTURE FOR THE WEEK: In the beginning God created the heaven & earth. And the earth was without form and void and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters. And God said let there be light; and there was light.

GENESIS 1:1-3

FASHION FIN

by Shirley Roberson

SATIN SENSATION PANT SUIT

Rich colors of the season create a brazen saten jacket and pant combo.

Embroidered buttons and detail along the collar add to the intricate detail of this outfit. Mesh bead work along the side of the leg. Plum color, flare leg. This sexy little number will definitely take you places, and wow!

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A Letter To Parents Of Estacado High School Students - From Mr. David Vasquez, Principal

October 29, 2008

Dear Estacado Parents:

All of you should have received a letter from L.I.S.D. Superintendent Mr. Wayne Havens this past weekend informing you that Estacado High School did not meet Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) for the No Child Left Behind Law. This is an informative letter and not a notice that Estacado will be closing as a school. I have received many phone calls asking if Estacado will be closed after this year. I can assure you with absolute confidence that there are no plans to close Estacado High School.

Every year the federal government raises the bar for all schools to perform at a higher level and in many cases they are unrealistic in their requirements. Estacado High School is not against accountability as long as it is fair and attainable. This year all the high schools in Lubbock, Amarillo, Midland, and Odessa did not meet AYP. In my opinion this is more a problem with the accountability system than the schools.

In the letter from Mr. Havens Estacado students are allowed to transfer to another LISD school after a conference with me in person. I just want to inform you that in the letter from Mr. Havens he also pointed out that all the other high schools in LISD also did not meet AYP. Currently Estacado High School has an enrollment of 844 students and that gives our teachers an opportunity to work more one on one with our students. This number also places us at the top of the AAA ladder, and this makes us very competitive in all UIL events. Losing students will only weaken our competitive edge.

Our parents and community are the best ambassadors of our school and I ask you to be our advocates and help stop the rumor. With your support and encouragement we can make Estacado High School the best school in LISD.

If you have any questions please feel free to call me at 766-1339 or come by for a visit.

Sincerely,
Signed by
David J. Vasquez

New Light Baptist Church News

On Sunday morning, November 2, 2008, church services got started at the New Light Baptist Church, 3013 Idalou Road, where Rev. Kenneth O. Jackson is the pastor, with a great spirit.

Sunday School started at 9:45 a.m. with Bro. Cailles teaching the lesson entitled: "Jesus Is The Only Savior". Romans. 9:33-10:1-13.

Morning worship started at 11:00 a.m. with the devoted and trustworthy Praise Team leading the way. The pulpit devotion was led by Rev. L. C. Lee. The Senior Choir marched in the choir stand singing "We've Come This Far By Faith." The responsive reading was read by Rev. Lee. It was from 1 Corinthians 11:23-30. The altar prayer was led by Rev. Jackson, with the choir singing "Have Thine Own Way."

Sis. Rochellette Hood read all the announcements and told of all the upcoming events which will be taking place. There was the fellowship period that was

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

The Senior Choir sang "Finishing Line" & "Near The Cross." "Amazing Grace" was sung before the sermon. Rev. Jackson text was "What Is Your Excuse?" Acts 17:30. Afterward Bro. Brown sang "You Got A Friend". The invitation to discipleship was extended and several came up for prayer.

On Sunday afternoon, November 2, 2008, 3:30 p.m. we were on program at Divine Love for their 18th Pastor & Wives appreciation service. There was several churches in attendance. Rev. Jackson from New Light preached the sermon titled: You are laborers together.

Continue to pray not only for those in our community and surrounding counties, but those in nursing homes, prison & jails. Let continue to come out and support the meetings held during the week. Also encourage those that hasn't been coming out to come and join us.

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. Pastoral Counseling & Prayer for Healing, Marriage, Drug Addiction, Alcohol Abuse, Youth, Single Parents on Monday thru Friday from 10:00 a. m. until 2:00 p. m. All are welcome to attend these important programs. Jail Ministry is still held each morning at 5.00 a. m. Saturday evenings English Services begin 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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Obsequies

Gettis Williams

Services for Gettis Prince Ella Lee Mosley Williams were held Saturday morning, November 1, 2008, at New Hope Baptist Church, where the pastor is Rev. B.R. Moton.

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

She passed away Thursday, October 23, 2008, at her residence.

She was born to Eli and Mattie (West) Mosley in Mexia. She was the younger of two daughters.

She was preceded in death by both her parents and her sister, Johnnie C. Robinson.

Mrs. Williams was member of New Hope Baptist Church. Over the years, she sang in the choir. She was a graduate of Dunbar High School and attended Wiley College. She worked for Levi Strauss until it closed



and then Devro Manufacturing until it closed. Mrs. Williams married Herbert Williams in 1967. He also preceded her in death.

She leaves to celebrate her home going a loving niece, Johnnie Walker (Earnest); two nephews, Ronny Robinson (Cocilia) and Joby Robinson; and a host of other relatives and friends.

Chester Henderson



Services for Chester Henderson were held Tuesday morning, November 4, 2008, at Griffin Mortuary Chapel.

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

Chester A. Henderson, 66, of Lubbock passed away Wednesday, October 29, 2008, at University Medical Center.

Henderson was enlisted in life by way of Flora M. and Joe W. Henderson on October 6, 1942, in Whitewright.

He graduated from Dunbar High School in May, 1960. Upon completion of high school, Chester entered the United States Navy in 1961. He served on the Aircraft Carrier the USS Midways as a trained fire fighter. He was honorably discharged after serving for four years and three months. He received the Navy Unit Commendation Ribbon and Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal for service in Vietnam. After being discharged from the military,

Chester pursued his higher education at Langston University in Langston, Oklahoma. He graduated in May, 1974 with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Sociology. Being an avid reader, he became an authority on Black History.

He leaves to cherish his memories are brothers: James (Lucy), Joe (Catherine), John (Karen) and Tommy; sisters, Mary Jo Wilson, Odess Felder (Willie), Margaret Nathan and Dora Miller (Larry); twenty nieces and nephews, seven grandnieces and nephews; two great-grandnieces; and a host of other relatives and friends.

Rev. Lonzie Cole, 80, of Villa Ridge, Mo., formerly of O'Donnell passed away at his residence Wednesday, October 22, 2008.

He was born in Mar. to Get Cole and Veroney Cole.

He is survived by his son, Bernell Jackson Cole (Maureen) of Midland; daughter, Laura Ann "Michelle" Gentry (Eugene) of Brownfield; two brothers, Joe Cole (Ruby) of Babbit, Nev. and Kenneth Cole (Ida) of Seagraves; five sisters, Maple Williams of Ft. Worth; Zelma Williams and Shirley Cleveland, both of Lubbock; Erma Cole and Myrtle Mannix, both of Seagraves; five grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren, and a host of other relatives and friends.

When Turned Down For A Business Loan, Turn To A Business Grant

Columbus, OH — If you've applied for a business loan in the last six months, it's a strong possibility that you were denied — even if you have good credit. This is because the current economic times have forced banks to be super cautious towards all loan applicants, even if you appear to be responsible.

This is even worse news for minorities who have always found it difficult to obtain business and personal loans from financial institutions. In this regard, many have turned to business grants as a solution. In 2008 alone, \$360 billion dollars in grant money was awarded and more than 25% of that was given to individuals who wanted to start or expand a business.

Though many grant programs have been eliminated or reduced by corporations and government agencies, there are still plenty of opportunities available

Jennifer Hudson Suspect Had June Drug Arrest

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. (AP)

— The convicted felon suspected in the slayings of Oscar-winner Jennifer Hudson's mother, brother and nephew was arrested after police allegedly found crack cocaine in his car in June, but authorities declined to return him to prison on a parole violation, according to documents obtained by The Associated Press.

A judge dismissed the charge for lack of probable cause in July, but under the strict rules of the state's parole program, William Balfour could have gone back to prison just for the arrest.

No one has been charged in the shooting deaths of Hudson's mother, Darnell Donerson, her brother, Jason Hudson, and 7-year-old nephew Julian King, but Balfour has been named as a suspect. Chicago Police Superintendent Jody Weis said Tuesday he is confident the case will be solved.

Balfour — Julian's stepfather and the estranged husband of Hudson's sister — served seven years for attempted murder and vehicular hijacking. Court records show that in 1998 Balfour stole a Chevrolet Suburban and, with the vehicle's owner clinging to the top, intentionally rammed it into a light pole, fence and iron gate.

According to a Chicago police report, officers pulled Balfour over June 19 after hearing gunshots and seeing his car moving at a high rate of speed. Inside the vehicle, police said, they found a rock of cocaine with a street value of about \$100 on the driver's seat.

Balfour's parole history report indicates a parole supervisor declined to issue a warrant to revoke Balfour's parole after his arrest for possession of cocaine.

"Per supervisor ... no warrant," the report reads. "Agent to monitor offender, impose sanctions."

Corrections Department spokesman Derek Schnapp said officials determined "the evidence that was presented during that time wouldn't have necessarily warranted a violation."

Court records do not indicate the reason a judge found no probable cause for the drug

arrest.

A felony arrest usually is enough for Corrections to revoke parole, said Thomas Peters, a Chicago criminal defense attorney who represents parolees.

"Even though the criminal case is dismissed does not mean that you necessarily get a pass on a parole violation because the standard of proof is much less," Peters said.

Peters added, however, that officials also would have considered Balfour's fairly clean record as a parolee and that he apparently still had a job. In addition, he said, jail and prison overcrowding often play a role in determining whether parole is revoked.

Donerson, 57, and Jason Hudson, 29, were found in their home Friday afternoon. The body of Julian, who lived with the other victims, was found in the back of an SUV on Chicago's West Side on Monday. Authorities declared his death a homicide Tuesday but would not say how long he had been dead.

In a message posted on her MySpace.com page Monday, Julian's mother thanked people for their prayers and said her son's "lil soul is at ease."

"I take comfort in knowing that Julian is with my mother and my brother and most of all the Lord and now he's my angel he's protecting," Julia Hudson wrote.

Jennifer Hudson, who won a best-supporting-actress Oscar last year for "Dreamgirls," has thanked fans for their support on her MySpace page but has been in seclusion in Chicago.

Around the time the first bodies were found, Balfour's parole agent had reached him by phone after Balfour missed a meeting with him that day. Balfour told the agent he was "baby-sitting on the West Side of Chicago," according to internal parole records.

The agent said he thought he heard a child in the background during the call. Balfour was taken into custody later Friday.

The Illinois Department of Corrections issued a warrant for Balfour on Saturday for violating terms of his parole by possessing a weapon and failing to



Jennifer Hudson

attend anger management counseling and a substance abuse program, according to his parole history report.

Criminal charges can send parolees back to prison and keep them there even if the counts are ultimately dropped. A board that reviews such cases after parolees are sent back to prison relies on a preponderance of the evidence, a lower standard than in court. The board considers the violence of the original crime, the parole agent's recommendation, the arrest report, the parolee's adjustment and his attitude during a follow-up interview in prison, among other things.

In Balfour's case, a violation could have sent him back behind bars for a period as long as the remainder of his parole — until May 2009 — minus a day off for each day of good behavior. That would have meant a release date in mid-December at the earliest.

Parole records also show that a woman at Balfour's home refused to open the door during an agent's visit on Aug. 27. The woman told the agent during the 8:30 a.m. visit that Balfour was at work but Balfour's boss told the agent he wasn't due until noon.

"Agent heard other people inside the host site and suspected maybe suspicious activities going on," the report said. "Agent will be following up for a possible warrant on parolee."

Parolees must agree to allow agents to visit their homes and consent to searches.

Noah Donnell Rowe

Funeral services were held for Noah Donnell Rowe Tuesday afternoon, November 4, 2008, at Dominion Holy Ghost Tabernacle.

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

Rowe, 44, passed away Thursday, Oct. 30, 2008, at Vista Care.

He was born June 29, 1964, to Lois and Leon Rowe, Sr. He worked for D & D Construction.

He leaves to cherish his memory his parents, Lois and Leon Rowe, Sr.; two daughters, Ashley Shedd and Shemika Shedd; three sons, Noah Donnell Shedd, Trey Jamal Shedd, and Trey Row; three



brothers, Ricky Row (Belinda); Leon Rowe (Kathy); and Tcny Rowe (Robin); three sisters, Renzie Calloway (Willie), Anita Rowe, and Velvet Rowe; three aunts, Special Aunt, Sandra Green, Edna Rowe, and Jewel Cephus; two grandchildren; 21 nieces and nephews; 18 great-nieces and nephews; and a host of other relatives and friends.

Rev. Lonzie Cole

Services were held 11 a.m. Wednesday, October 29, 2008 at Rose Hill Missionary Baptist Church in Villa Ridge, Mo. with the Rev. R. L. Stevenson and the Rev. Clifford McDaniel officiating.

Burial followed at the Crestview Memorial Park in St. Clair, Mo.



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LHA Opens Public Housing Waiting List

Effective November 3, 2008 The Lubbock Housing Authority will open the Public Housing waiting list for new applicants.

Application process:

A Public Housing Application packet may be picked up at The Lubbock Housing Authority central office located at 1708 Crickets Avenue from 7:00am to 4:00pm Monday thru Friday.

Applications will be accepted on a walk-in basis from 7:30am to 11:30am and 1:00 to 3:30pm Tuesday and Thursday each week

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THIS N THAT

by T.J. Paterson

THINK ABOUT IT!

"The Black Press: Toward Excellence"

by Eddie P. Richardson

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 historically 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 adorns the newsstands across the nation. They are alive vibrant with information and entailment 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 assanition, 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 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 image 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 newsstand are spurious, destructive, violent, vulgar and despicable.

I, Eddie P Richardson and the Southwest Digest totally renounce these destructive offensive materials both print and electronic (blogs-my space etc) in our domain 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 cubicals. These types of activities serve the function peep movies in red light districts, the publishers and promoters and producers of these activities are no more than money hungry, money grabbing vultures. On the other hand, these faddist/cultist are clearly underraining 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.

IT WAS GOOD TO SEE THE NEW VOTING CENTERS! THIS N THAT was glad to that a VOTING CENTER SITE SELECTION COMMITTEE did a great job in selecting the 50 COUNTY-WIDE VOTING CENTER LOCATIONS for this year's General Election. This year REGISTERED VOTERS were able to CAST their precious votes at any of the 50 Voting Centers. THIS N THAT must admit he had to get ready for not only thinking about PRECINCT 20 Ella R. Iles Elementary School but there were others. It was good however to note that apparently taking the place of Precinct 20 was the GREATER ST. LUKE BAPTIST CHURCH which keeps a voting center in the Chatman Hill Addition. Anyway THIS N THAT hoped those of you who wanted to vote in this HISTORICAL ELECTION did so and will continue doing what you can to make your community a much better place for all to live.

BLACK MEN'S GROUP WORKING HARD FOR EAST LUBBOCK! THIS N THAT was in attendance at the monthly meeting of BLACK MEN who meet at the Chatman Hill Restaurant 512 East 23rd Street discussing ideas to bring EAST

LUBBOCK where it should be. The meeting last Saturday morning in the opinion of THIS N THAT was perhaps a better one of all had to date. These men are serious when they say they want to see something happen and are making plans to do something. As it has been said IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME COMING BUT A CHANGE IS GONNA COME IN EAST LUBBOCK that is for the better. Stay tuned for that charge!

PENNY HASTINGS THE BARBER SAYS: "LIFE is not always FAIR, but GOD is always FAITHFUL!"

COUNCILMAN PRICE, THANKS FOR COMMUNITY, BUT CHANGE THE STYLE! THIS N THAT has received many comments about the TOWN HALL MEETINGS which are sponsored by CITY COUNCILMAN FLOYD PRICE and these comments are based around the meeting JUST HAVING PROFESSIONAL LUBBOCK STAFF present and sitting at tables. They would rather have an OPEN DISCUSSION where the residents of DISTRICT TWO can ask questions or give an opinion. Of course THIS N THAT would suggest a time table be given that is if this format is selected by

Councilman Price. Anyway THIS N THAT says THANKS to Councilman Price for the needed meetings. bet let's make a REAL TOWN HALL MEETING!

SFFAKING OF TOWN HALL MEETINGS, WHAT ABOUT A TOWN HALL MEETING ABOUT OUR SCHOOLS? THIS N THAT is suggesting to our Lubbock School Board Member MS. VERNITA HOLMES that she give consideration about having a TOWN HALL MEETING to discuss School Board business. This would make GOOD SENSE and hopefully MS. HOLMES will call one in the very near future.

WOULDN'T A BANK OR BRANCH BANK MAKE A GOOD ANCHOR TENANT FOR PROPOSED SHOPPING CENTER? THIS N THAT would like to ask those in position to comment is would A BANK OR BRANCH BANK MAKE A GOOD ANCHOR TENANT FOR THE PROPOSED SHOPPING CENTER? As you may know this proposed center has been on the drawing board since the departure of JOHN HALL who even left some seed money because of his efforts. So let's try to find a BANK OR BRANCH BANK IN EAST LUBBOCK.

LISD Awards

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one year to the next at a campus, and compares the change to 40 schools most demographically similar to the target school. Only schools scoring in the top 25 percent of the 40 comparable campuses earn a gold performance acknowledgment. The comparable and commended performance indicators are based on TAKS test results from the 2007-2008 school year.

Elementary campuses recognized were: Bayless, Bear, Bowie, Brown, Centennial, Guadalupe, Hardwick, Harwell, Haynes, Honey, Iles, Maedgen, McWhorter, Murfee, Overton, Parkway, Parsons, Ramirez, Roberts, Rush, Smith, Stewart, Waters, Wester, Wheatley, Wheelock, Whiteside, Williams, Roscoe Wilson, Wolfarth and Wright. Middle School campuses recognized included: Alderson, Cavazos, Evans, Hutchinson, Irons, Mackenzie and Smylie Wilson. For the first time, alternative campuses were eligible to earn Gold Performance Acknowledgements. Lubbock County Juvenile Justice Center, a regional facility whose students are included in LISD TAKS scores, received two acknowledgements.



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In Cinque

by Renetta Howard



By now the votes are counted and America knows who the next President of the United States is supposed to be. We all realized weeks before the election what they told us what the polls were saying about who was projected to win the election. We all know that polls are not always accurate and could have a result like the one where the newspaper headlines gave the election to Thomas E. Dewey in 1948 as the winner when actually it was Harry S. Truman in a close race.

A prediction as to who the winner would be even if polls are accurate, would have been very difficult because of the numerous reports of vote tampering; outright theft which was reported in several states during early voting. Voters cried out for police and other government

officials as they claimed that they cast a vote for one candidate and it registered the vote for their opponent. We thought we heard about voter fraud during the last two presidential elections, the reports this time will probably take up more news than the aftermath of Katrina and the other devastating storms. Expect the Obama tornado and/or the Palin northern-er. We may expect the after-shock to be like the one behind an earthquake measuring 10 on the Richter Scale.

Anyway this election ended, there are a lot of bitter citizens and ones who somehow have the notion that one man or woman decides the only direction of this country, when there are 535 members of Congress which we also elect to decide the fate of this country. There are 100 voting Senators and 435 voting Representatives. They are the ones who really make the choices and appropriate the money for what the Federal Government decides to do. About the only thing that the President can do without Congress is command military troops to go someplace, but he still needs Congress to get them

back. Our government also has a Check and Balance System which involves the three branches of the government; Legislative Branch which is Congress; Executive Branch which is the President and the Justice Department which is the Supreme Court. Each branch needs the help of the other to get anything done in the government. Knowing this, as good citizens, we need to get 'in cinque' pray and help to keep an orderly neighborhood and accept whatever decisions have been made about the election.

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Judge Rules in Martin Luther King, Jr. Family Feud

A judge has ordered Martin Luther King Jr.'s daughter to resume documenting her mother's personal papers, which are at the center of a family feud among the civil rights icon's surviving children.

Bernice King and brother Martin Luther King III again faced off in court Friday against another brother, Dexter King.

Dexter, CEO of King Inc., wants a judge to order Bernice,

the administrator of her mother's estate, to turn over personal papers, including intimate letters between Coretta Scott King and Martin Luther King Jr.

The documents were part of a \$1.4 million book deal with Penguin Group for a memoir about the civil rights matriarch, but that deal fell through earlier this month after the family missed a deadline from the New York-based publisher to turn the

documents over. It is unclear now whether the documents can or will be used for any future such deals.

"Penguin declared that King, Inc. was in default," said attorney Craig Frankel, who does not represent the organization but is Dexter King's personal lawyer. "For the time being, King, Inc. is unable to comply with the terms of the contract."

Bernice and Martin Luther King III both say that the book goes against their mother's wishes.

The siblings and their attorneys sat down for more than four hours Friday after cooperation between them had stalled on a previous court order for Bernice King to begin producing her mother's personal items.

The issue of whether Coretta Scott King's papers are the property of her husband's estate, which Dexter King controls, remains undecided for now, but Frankel said he was pleased with Friday's progress and that the process of cataloging hundreds of boxes of Coretta Scott King's property — being managed by a court-appointed "special master" — will resume as early as Monday.

The cataloging is necessary before a judge can decide whether the documents should be turned over.

Coretta Scott King died in

January 2006 of complications from ovarian cancer after suffering a stroke a few months earlier. Her estate was being managed by the Kings' eldest child, Yolande, but she died suddenly last year after suffering a heart attack.

Relations among the remaining King siblings have become increasingly strained and the public feud came to a head this summer with the filing of three lawsuits.



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A very happy and excited new Deacon at the New Light Baptist Church is Wadell Alexander, center, shown receiving his certificate from his pastor, Rev. F. Ernest D. Jackson. Brother Alexander attended the special training program, and was encouraged with this opportunity to learn.

Wilbert Locke Celebrates 78th Birthday!



A longtime Lubbock citizen, Wilbert Locke, is shown above at a surprise birthday party in the celebrating of his 78th birthday. He was very happy over this surprise which was held on Saturday, October 24, 2006, at his residence.

First Black U. S. President

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Obama has said his first order of presidential business will be to tackle the economy. He has also pledged to withdraw most U.S. combat troops from Iraq within 16 months.

Fellow Democrats rose in both houses of Congress. They defeated incumbent Republicans and won open seats by turn.

The 47-year-old Illinois senator was little known just four years ago. A widely praised speech at the Democratic National Convention, delivered when he was merely a candidate for the Senate, changed that.

Overnight he became a sought-after surrogate campaigner, and he had scarcely settled into his Senate seat when he began preparing for his run for the White House.

A survey of voters leaving polling places on Tuesday showed the economy was by far the top Election Day issue. Six in 10 voters said so, and none of the other top issues - energy, Iraq, terrorism and health care - was picked by more than one in 10.

"May God bless whoever wins tonight," President Bush told dinner guests at the White House, where his tenure runs out on Jan. 20.

The Democratic leaders of Congress celebrated in Washington.

"It is not a mandate for a party or ideology but a mandate for change," said Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid of Nevada.

Said Speaker Nancy Pelosi of California: "Tonight the American people have called for a new direction. They have called for change in America."

Shortly after 11 p.m. in the East, The Associated Press count showed Obama with 338 electoral votes, well over the 270 needed for victory. McCain

had 127 after winning states that comprised the normal Republican base.

The nationwide popular vote was remarkably close. Totals from 58 percent of the nation's precincts showed Obama with 51 percent and McCain with 47.9.

Interviews with voters suggested that almost six in 10 women were backing Obama nationwide, while men leaned his way by a narrow margin. Just over half of whites supported McCain, giving him a slim advantage in a group that Bush carried overwhelmingly in 2004.

The results of the AP survey were based on a preliminary partial sample of nearly 10,000 voters in Election Day polls and in telephone interviews over the past week for early voters.

Democrats also acclaimed Senate successes by former Gov. Mark Warner in Virginia, Rep. Tom Udall in New Mexico and Rep. Mark Udall in Colorado. All won seats left open by Republican retirements.

In New Hampshire, former Gov. Jeanne Shaheen defeated Republican Sen. John Sununu in a rematch of their 2002 race, and Sen. Elizabeth Dale fell to Democrat Kay Hagan in North Carolina.

Democrats also looked for gains in the House. They defeated Republican incumbents Rep. Tom Feeney and Rep. Kellie Keller in Florida, 2-year veteran Chris Shays in Connecticut and Rep. Robin Hayes in North Carolina.

At least two Democrats lost their seats. Rep. Kevin Mahoney fell after admitting a two extramarital affairs while serving his first term in Florida. In Louisiana, Democrat Rep. Don Cazayoux lost the seat he had won in a special election six months ago.

Black community excited about his election!

"Mr. & Miss Mt. Zion"

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Daughter Ebony Mitchell, children of Jennifer Mitchell and I. Just but not least, Christian Coppage son of Mr. & Mrs. LaVance Coppage.

Christopher and Yadira were also crowned 2008 - 2009 Mr. & Miss Greater Mt. Zion.

Christopher and Yadira are 16 years of age and are juniors at Crosbyton High School, where they both participate in sports and other activities.

Also, a very interesting note: Christopher and Yadira are stepbrother and sister.

This is Christopher's 17th consecutive year as Junior Division winner, and now overall winner for the title of Mr. Greater Mt. Zion.

Yadira was the also Miss Greater Mt. Zion winner for the 2006 - 2007 year.

The winners compete for the title by who raises the most funds for his or her church.

Our second place winner for Mr. Greater Mt. Zion was Dante Mitchell who is a 7th grader at Dunbar, where he participates in football, and third place went to Christian Coppage, a 1st grader at Crosbyton Primary. He is a very bright and energetic youngster son of Mr. and Mrs. LaVance Coppage. Ms. Ebony

Mitchell is a 5th grader at Western Elementary, and daughter of Jennifer Mitchell who was our second place winner for Miss Greater Mt. Zion. She was also the previous title holder for the 2007 - 2008 year. As a young person, she has a great passion for the elderly, which is an asset in this day and time.

All of the children also participate in the choir and are members of the Usher Board.

The Church members are very proud of the participants, and ask God's continued blessings on them. We know if their grandmother, Mother Terrell was there, she would be very proud as well.

We concluded our celebration with our 95th Church Anniversary. We are grateful to all who were present, and a special thank you to Rev. F. A. Williams of Lamesa for bringing God's word.

Thank you to Mr. Hillary Hutchinson, Jr. for taking the time out to be our photographer and help us celebrate.

Also, thank you Southwest Digest for all you have done for our church and the community. May God continue to increase the blessings you so richly deserve.

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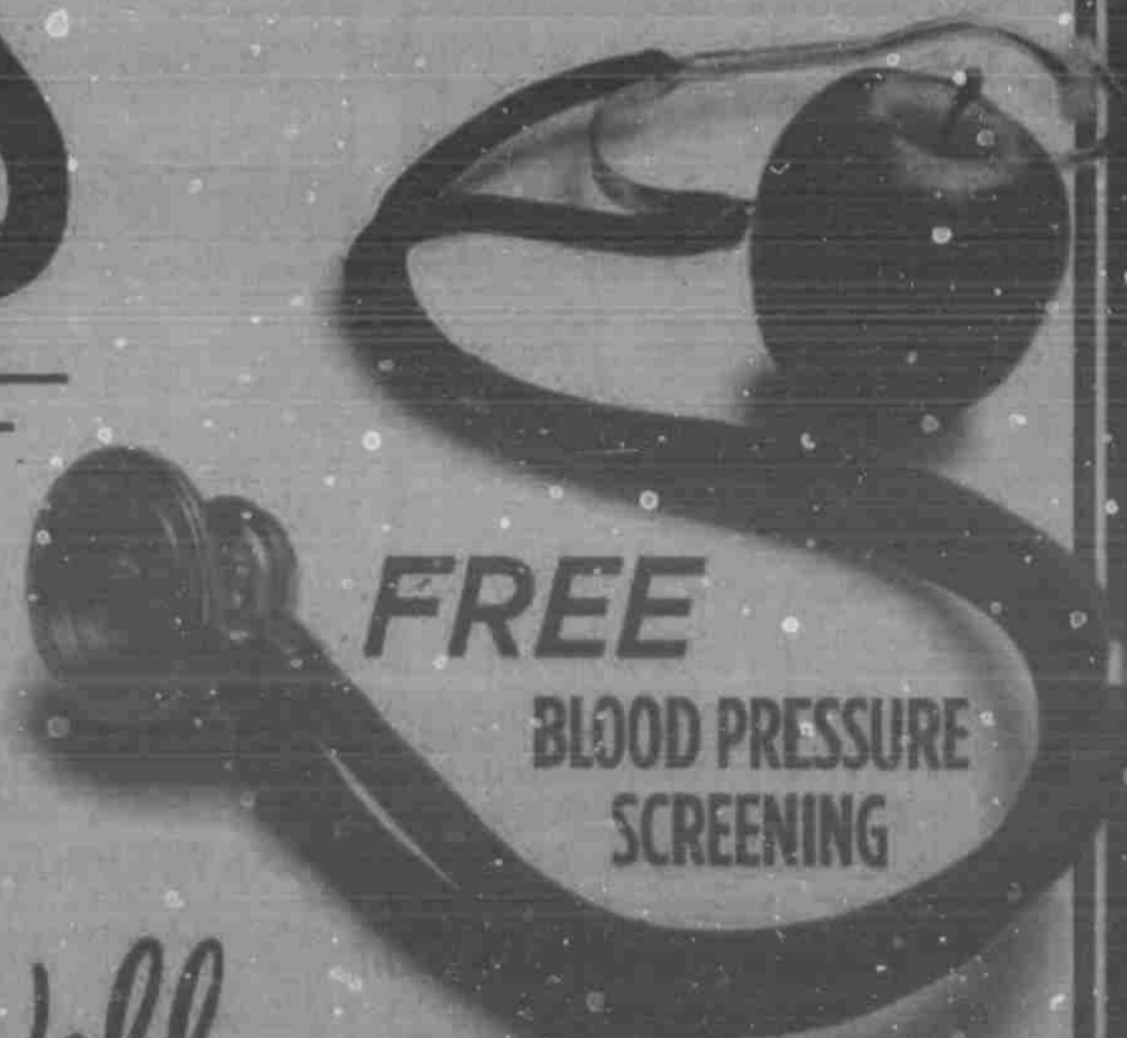
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