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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 Wednesday of each month, from 12:00-1:00pm at the Chairman Hill Restaurant, 513 E. 23rd St. 806-535-9081.
- Lubbock Area Client Council meets on the 2nd Saturday, 1:00pm at the Patterson Branch Library.
- Hub City Klu Klux Klan meets every Tuesday, 7:00pm, 1708 Avenue G.
- Dunbar Alumni Association meets 2nd Saturday, 8:00 pm.
- Booker T. Washington American Legion Post 808 meets every 2nd Tuesday at 7:30pm, American Legion Building in Yellowhouse Canyon.
- Forgotten West Riders meet 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 2nd 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 1501 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 promotions and demonstrations.
- Texas Intercultural 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 Green 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.
- Chairman Hill Neighborhood Association meets the 2nd Thursday of every month at 6:00 pm, at Don 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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Zaquia Mackey Recipient Of Each One Reach One Scholarship

The recipient of a \$10,000 scholarship to attend Texas Tech University is Zaquia S. Mackey, who is presently enrolled in the College of Arts and Science with a 2.833 gpa.

This presentation was made known Friday evening, March 20, 2009, at the banquet held at the Holiday Inn Hotel & Towers. Guest speaker was Ralph McCloud, the National Director of the Catholic Campaign for Human Development in Washington, D.C. He spoke on the theme, "A Past to Cherish and a Future to Fulfill."



Zaquia S. Mackey

Mackey, a 19 year old, is the daughter of Sherry Smith and Shawn Mackey. She is the second of five children. She is the granddaughter of Ella Smith.

She has attended Ramirez Elementary and Hutchinson Junior High School, and attended a middle school in Arkansas. She graduated from Estacado High School in 2008.

Present at the banquet were members of the Texas Association for Black City Council Members (TABCCM). A special presentation was made by Mayor Pro Tem Judy Chambers of Mexia.

The Patterson siblings, Shelia Harris and T. J., Jr., spoke

on the lives of their mother and father, Bobbie Gene and T. J. Patterson, Sr.

In a letter written to Each One Reach One, MacKey explained how much she wanted to continue attending Texas Tech University.

Here is a copy of the letter written to Each One Reach One:

Dear Members of Each One

Reach One

When I started high school, I didn't know anything about GPA or class ranking. I thought you just go to school and learn whatever the teacher has planned for the day. If they decided to assign homework, you would go home and do your homework. While I was in junior high school,

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Mr. & Mrs. T.J. Patterson are shown above prior to the Scholarship Banquet held at the Holiday Inn Towers last Friday night, March 20, 2009. Event was sponsored by Each One Reach One. What a night it really was!



Hillary Hutchinson, Jr. (left), Master of Ceremonies, is shown visiting with the evening's speaker, Ralph McCloud of Washington, D.C. and the National Director of the Catholic Campaign for Human Development, a poverty initiative that offers communities a hand up and not just hand outs. This organization grants over 10 million dollars annually to community organizations and economic development initiatives in 41 states and Puerto Rico.

Carey Don & Joyce Childers Surprised With A 35th Wedding Anniversary Celebration

Carey Don & Joyce Childers were surprised by their children and grandchildren with a celebration for their 35th Wedding Anniversary. It got underway with a Limo ride around Lubbock on Saturday, March 21, 2009.

Then came a surprised dinner prepared by brother, Kirby; and sister, Kathy.

Present at this celebration were good friends: Mr. & Mrs. Lionel Aaron of Houston; Mr. & Mrs. Frank Melton of San Antonio; Mr. & Mrs. Garner Jordan and Tonya Burns, all of Dallas; and Uncle W.E. Rainwater and family of Kileen.



Carey, Joyce, Rowelin, Carey, Jr., Bran'Don, CiCi, Paul Carney, III, Jordynn is not present.

There were many other family members and friends.

Carey and Joyce married March 23, 1974.

Their children wanted them to know how much they are loved and appreciated.

The children as follows: Rowelin (Thomas), Carey, Jr., and Bran'Don, and grandchildren Carey, III, Paul, CiCi and Jordynn.

Carey and Joyce were excited about the outcome of last weekend.



Carey and Joyce Childers, Bran'Don, Carey, Jr. and Rowelin All are excited about the 35th Wedding Anniversary.



This was an exciting time in history for their family. They are Rowelin, Bran'Don, Carey and Joyce Childers.

"THANK YOU"

Carey and Joyce Childers would like to thank everyone for their support at their 35th Anniversary Dinner.

May God Bless each of you, and know we love you all very much!

Thanks again!

Carey & Joyce Childers are show getting into the limo (left) and (below) hugged up in the limo for a Surprised Dinner last Saturday night at KoKo Palace.

Rollison Will Graduate From LCU



Alissia LaTrice Rollison

Alissia La Trice Rollison will graduate receiving a Bachelor's degree in Organizational Management from Lubbock Christian University at 10:00 AM on May 2, 2009 during Commencement Exercises at the Rip Griffin Center.

Lesa is a member of Bethel A. M. E. Church and a graduate of Dunbar-Struggs High School. She was named to the dean's list.

Lesa is the daughter of the late Pamela Sue Rollison, granddaughter of the late Richard and Katie Rollison, Jr.

and mother of Aaliyah, Aarielle and Alyssabeth.

Thank you Jesus for helping me on a daily basis to enhance and reinforce my faith and devotion to You and our Heavenly Father the Lord God and that is by the grace of You and our Heavenly Father the Lord God Almighty that I am able to see another beautiful and glorious day that the Lord God has made. I would like to thank my aunt Carolyn Rollison of Houston, Texas for nourishing and sustai

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Baseball At MLK Begins Saturday



Pictured above are some of the MLK Little League who waiting for the season to begin Saturday, March 28, 2009, at 10:00 a. m.

Chatman Hills Corner

By Doris Reynolds

Let us not forget the upcoming Annie's Chat And Chew which will take place Saturday, March 28, 2009, at the Mae Simmons Senior Citizens Center, beginning at 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.

The center is located at 2004 Oak Avenue.

Monies raised from this benefit will help Lubbock Meals on Wheels.

Most of us remember Mrs. Annie Sanders as a dedicated lady of the community who

worked untiringly in the community.

The public is invited to attend.

The South Plains College Symphonic and Jazz Bands will perform at 7:30 p.m. March 31 in the SPC Theatre on the Levelland campus.

Admission is free and the public is invited to attend.

The SPC Symphonic Band will perform "Brighton Beach March" by William Latham,

"New York" by Warren Barker and "Harlem Nocturne" by Earle Hagen. The Symphonic Band will be directed by Lynda Reid, associate professor of music at SPC.

Lubbock Public Library will host the final prize drawings for the Adult Reading Program on Saturday, March 28 at 2:00 p.m. in the Mahon Library Community Room, 1306 9th St. Reading club participants will be eligible for the Grand Prize along with two other prizes.

Former Lubbock mayor Alan Henry will draw the winning names. Program participants who read or listened to at least five books will be entered into the final drawings.

The winner of the Grand Prize will enjoy a day of shopping worth \$200 provided by the Friends of the Library and a \$25 gift card from Hastings on 50th Street. Other prizes have been donated by Jazz, a Louisiana Kitchen, Sugarbaker's Café and Bakery, Gristy's, United Supermarkets, Rosa's Café, Cathy's Downtown, IHOP, Avon Representative Lena Burgess, Durango's and Friends of the Library. For more information, please call Helen Viser-Fitzgerald at 767-3303.

Church services were well attended last Sunday morning, March 22, 2009, at the New Hope Baptist Church, where Rev. B. R. Moton is the proud pastor.

that what is seen has been made for things that are not visible.

Hebrew 11:1-3

New Light Baptist Church News

On Sunday morning, March 22, 2009, church services got started once again with a lot of excitement at New Light Baptist Church, 3013 Idalou Road, where Rev. Kenneth O. Jackson is the proud pastor.

Church School started at 9:45 a.m. with Bro. David Chiles teaching the lesson entitled "Spiritual Fruitfulness And Healing."

Morning worship started with the devoted Praise Team leading the way.

Rev. Jackson led the pulpit devotion. The Senior Choir marched to the choir stand singing "We've Come This Far By Faith."

"The altar prayer also led by Rev. Jackson with the choir singing "He's Sweet I Know."

Sis. Rochelette Hood read all the morning announcements. She also told of all the upcoming events which will be taking place. The birthdays for the week was told also. There was the pastoral period held and then the offering was taken up.

The senior choir sang "I'll Go" and "Standing In The Need."

"Amazing Grace" was sung before the sermon. Rev. Henry Edom preached the sermon entitled: "Fear Of God". His scripture text was 1 Timothy, 3:15, Exodus 3:3-5 and Psalm 100:4.

After the sermon Bro. A. W. Brown sang the song "Blessed Assurance."

There was the invitation to discipleship which was extended and several came up for prayer.

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

Pray for the closing out of our Pastor and Wife's 1st Anniversary that God will be in the midst of it. We need to pray in the morning, noonday, and at night.

Scripture For The Week: Now faith is the reality of what is hoped for. The proof of what is not seen for by it our ancestors were approved. By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God. So

FASHION FUN

by Shirley Roberson

SPRING FASHIONS

Fashion this spring is all about color, beautiful bright colors. Orange and yellow is the most popular of the colors and putting the two colors together

makes a powerful fashion statement.

Huge floral prints will also take center stage, the bigger-the better. Everything is big, bold and plentiful, including your jewelry. Spring is about being care-free and having lots and lots of fun, so remember to dress accordingly, **DON'T BE SHY!**



Fashion tip...always wear a smile

Fashion...just for the fun of it



Your Success depends on YOU!!!

The most important person to your success is you! Don't look for the government to bail you out, don't look for your parents to bail you out, and don't look for our schools to bail you out. If you do get help from these sources than that's great, but don't depend on them.

You must take ownership of your own life, you must take ownership of what you wish to accomplish in life. As we enter a global economy, now more than ever the responsibility rest on you. You are the CEO of your own life and you must manage your life as you would a major

corporation. The problem is that most of us have never owned a corporation so we don't know what to do.

This is part one of a series I will be writing each month on "Stepping into your Greatness" I hope you make a commitment with me to never return to mediocrity. If you are willing to make that commitment let me know.

This first part is learning to "Invest in yourself". Did you know that the average person spends less than \$7.50 on their own personal growth, and that 52% of people never pick up a book once they leave high school. If you read 20 pages a day of an inspirational book you would read one book a month and in 5 years you would have read over 60 books? How much more value would you add to your life, family, community, and career with that kind of knowledge? Benjamin Franklin once said "If you empty your purse

into your head, no man can take that away from you". You must arm yourself with knowledge in this new economy and you will be able to write your own check in life. Your value would increase and your opportunities would increase as well. Most people today say that there are little opportunity to the average person, I say that the average person isn't aware of the opportunities that are available today. If you want opportunities to fall in your lap, then you must place your lap where opportunities fall. Now is the time to prepare, there are so many opportunities today for all of us to take advantage of. Don't be dependent on others, believe in you and spend at least one hour each day investing in YOU.

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SUNDAY SERVICES
Intercessory prayer
8:30am
Church School
9:30am
Morning Worship
11:00am

Wednesday Services
Bible Study
12:00 noon &
6:00pm

"GOD OUR FATHER, CHRIST OUR

REDEEMER

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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HAPPY 100TH BIRTHDAY, LUBBOCK! YOU'VE COME A LONG WAY!

Church News

FROM THE DESK OF PARSON D. A. SMITH

"Does Obama's Success Mask Economic Tragedies For Black Males?"



We Thank God for Jesus

"A Sweet Angel Has Fallen!"

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

Hey! It is spring and the time to begin gardening. Most of the land we would plant our gardens in West Texas lack the nutrients to provide the balance for a healthy garden. As such, we need a compost to balance the energies for growth.

Compost is a complete fertilizer for gardens, flowers, fruit trees, lawns and crops that are grown in fields. Composting is defined as a natural biological process that is carried out by various natural microorganisms, including bacteria and fungi that utilize solid waste as an energy source and break down organic material into simpler substances. These microorganisms require air, water, and an energy source. Therefore it is necessary to maintain proper environmental conditions for microbial life within the compost pile. Under proper conditions worms, insects, etc. can speed the decomposition process.

The thought of spring gardening remind me of our current imbalance in our new political garden that is been furrowed in the landfill inherited by the Obama administration that contained and produce the likes of economic leachate and methane gas. The ammonia like odor is from too much green feed stock fed through bonuses to corporate executives liken to those in AIG and other banks. The rotten financial egg odor is affecting

not only Americans, but the whole world. To solve this problem, President Obama and his economic advisers are discussing legal serating through perpetrations by a form of monetary taxation of 90%. President Obama and his team will likely be successful in masking this particular economic tragedy for better or for worse.

However, does Obama's success masks other economic tragedies? John Ridley (an African Americans) an Emmy Award winning commentator who writes for Esquire and Time Magazines as well as a contributor for CNN, Fox News and NPR sees Obama's success masking economic tragedies for black males.

Ridley writes: "The February numbers from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics are bleak. More than 13 percent of all black Americans are unemployed. Contrast that with 10.9 percent of Hispanics and 7.3 percent of whites Americans."

Ridley continues: "Going inside the numbers, a survey by the Center for Labor Market Studies at Northeastern University in Boston finds that employment among black men alone has dropped by almost 8 percent since November of 2007. In fact, over the last decade the employment rate for black men ages 20-24 has collapsed from 68 percent to only

51 percent. Just barely half of all young black men are working. Just Barely Half.

For black American women the picture is a bit brighter. An article in the Christian Science Monitor notes that an average of 120 black American women for every 100 black American men.

One reason for this disparity is that college attendance rate for black women is about double that of black men. Consequently, black women have seen no net job losses when compared to black men.

Plan English: Not as much education, not as many opportunities. This at a time when way too many young black men have already given up on attempting being the head of a household.

It's a downward spiral that pretty much covered up every time somebody ends a discussion about lingering racial inequalities with, "But Obama is president!"

Let's not allow the hype over the president to obfuscate the unique challenges that many young black males still face."

The garden analogy is founded in Obama's success and allures to the fact that black males much complete the composting process. Factors governing the garden composting process include temperature, moisture, oxygen, particle size, carbon-to-nitrogen ratio and etc.

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Psalm 1:1-2 - BLESSED is the man (or woman) that walk not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor stand in the way of sinners, nor sit in the seat of the scornful. But his delight is in the law of the Lord; and in his law does he meditate day and night.

I got a call Thursday, 3-19-09, that Sister McKinney was on her last leg home. And God's kingdom is where she was headed. That's where she belongs.

John 14:1-3 - Jesus said, let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you and if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself, that's where I am, there you may be also.

I prayed for Sister Jewel Justine McKinney, and then she heard God's call. About 7:15 a.m. that morning, Sister McKinney went to be at rest from us all!!!

I Corinthians 5:8 - We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body. And to be present with the Lord.

God allowed her over 94 years to share her love with you and me. And she did just that; just as the Lord Almighty allowed it to be.

Psalm 90:10 - The days of our years are threescore years and ten; and if by reason of strength they are fourscore years, yet is their strength labour and sorrow; for it is soon cut off, and we fly away.

She was a woman of about 5'2", but her big Heart made her ten feet tall. God put into that small body of her's enough love to share with us all!!!

**** IN GOD, SISTER MCKINNEY DID TRUST!!!! ****

Sister McKinney was a good wife. No children, but her very sweet mother. She loved other her people's children. We're all Sisters and Brothers!!!

John 13:34 - Jesus said, a new commandment I give unto you, that you love one another, as I have loved you, that you also love one another.

God put his Word in her, and many Christians don't have it today. Sister McKinney would speak of God - sun up to sun down With her it was OK!!!

Proverb 31:10, 20 & 30 - Who can find a virtuous woman? For her price is far above rubies. She stretch out her hands to the poor. Yes, she reaches for her hands to the needy. Favour is deceitful, and beauty is vain, but a woman that fears the Lord, she shall be praised.

Sister McKinney was a true Woman - Patience, Sweet and so Kind. She was Good to all God's People, race or color was not on her Mind!!!!

Psalm 119:10-11 - With my whole heart have I sought thee (God). O' let me not wander for y our commandments. Your word have I hid in my heart, that I might not sin against you. Sister McKinney said what she meant, and in that soft voice, she meant what she said. That very same voice now, I can hear it inside My Head!!!!

Psalm 10:7, 29 - The memory of the just is Blessed, but the name of wicked shall rot. The way of the Lord is strength to the upright, but destruction shall be to the workers of iniquity.

It is aid the best way to Measure a Tree is when it is down. Now this little Angel can be measured: front, side, back, and all around!!!!

Matthew 5:7-8 - Jesus said, Blessed are the merciful; for they shall obtain mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see God.

Sister McKinney didn't have any Enemies, and again this might be true. You see if she had only One, it was because of YOU!!

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St. Matthew's Baptist Church News

Church services were well attended last Sunday morning, March 22, 2009, at the St. Matthew Baptist Church, 2020 East 14th Street, where the pastor is Rev. Edward Canady.

Services got underway with Sunday School, beginning at 10:10 a. m. with Superintendent Sister Shirley Davis in charge.

The subject of the morning lesson was "Renewal of Life." The scripture text was Ezekiel 37:1-14. The morning

lesson was taught by Sister Nina Davis and was reviewed by Pastor Canady.

The key verse was Ezekiel 37:6 -- "And I will lay sinews upon you, and will bring up flesh in upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and ye shall live; and ye shall know that I am the Lord."

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

charge. The St. Matthew Baptist Church Choir sang again out of their hearts and souls last Sunday morning.

Rev Canady delivered a wonderful sermon. His subject was "A Made Up Mind And A Fixed Heart." His scripture text was Joshua 24:14-15.

The weekly meetings are as follows: Wednesday evening, Mission Ladies meet at 5:00 p. m., Bible Study at 6:00 p. m.

Friday evening, Choir Rehearsal at 5:00 p. m.

The Ushers meet at 11:00 a. m. each Saturday morning.

Let us remember our sick and shut-in members of our church and community.

The St. Matthew Baptist Church is still looking for a Musician. If you are interested in this great opportunity, please call Pastor Canady at (806) 744-2445.

God's unseen presence comforts me, I know He's always near, And when life's storms besiege my soul, He says, 'My child, I'm here.'

Thought For The Week: "Seek the Lord while He may be found. Call upon Him while He is near."

If you are looking for a Church Home, then come and visit with us at the St. Matthew

Baptist Church. You will be glad you did!

Something to think about: Discrimination and favoritism in the time of the writing of the Book of James were relative to one's position. This remains true today. People tend to mistreat those below them in social pecking order and grovel at the feet of people above them. Thus, the vast majority experiences both social mistreatment as well as social superiority. Both are wrong!

Outreach Prayer Breakfast

The members of the Outreach Prayer Breakfast are saying catch the vision of the new thing. The scripture says where there's no vision, the people perish. There's a change coming. Prepare, accept it, live in it. New opportunities. See yourself on new paths and new interest. Look for newer and better methods. Welcome new ideas with your contact with new things will revolutionize your life.

It will put you in a world where dreams of harmony and

plenty be a reality. You will be filled with enthusiasm for all things new.

My vision is renewed by divine Love and I see all men through the eyes of Love through the light of Christ. Our vision should be focused on truth. Try to behold Christ in our people.

Look past experiences and see the goodness of God being brought into manifestation in this nation. We see a change coming!

What are your Goals for this

year? What do you we expect to overcome? What dreams you long to see come true? Have the vision and the Faith and just believe that all things are possible to you if God is with you.

Pray for the President of the United States of America as well as the Democrat and Republican Parties. Just pray for all of them, Pray Saints, that right will stand in both parties.

Thought of The Week:

"Hate is too heavy burdens for man to bear, don't struggle with it in 2009."

Did you know that cheating scandals seem to confront us in a continual basis in the world of professional sports. Baseball players take illegal performance-enhancing supplements to make themselves stronger and faster. Hockey players alter their sticks to give an advantage the rules do not allow. Race car drivers violate their sport's reg-

ulations by installing hidden equipment to improve their car performance.

Cheating is rampant in other areas of life too. Business leaders 'cook the books' to create the illusion of more profit in order to secure bigger performance bonuses. Scientists engage in fraudulent or misleading research in order to make a name for themselves. Students freely admit to cheating on exams, claiming that this behavior

is necessary to give them competitive advantage over other students and thereby gain admission to the best colleges or graduate schools. Too often, people are living under the impression cheating wins. But it doesn't win!

Thanks for reading, Saints. You will receive a blessing.

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

Susan Combs Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts

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Obsequies

James Martin Dobbins

Funeral services for James Martin Dobbins were held Monday afternoon, March 23, 2009, at Divine Love Baptist Church.

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

Dobbins, 60, of Lubbock passed away Monday, March 16, 2009 at his residence.

He was born to William and Elizabeth Dobbins on April 5, 1942 and was raised in Slaton.

He was a dedicated worker for Beck Steel until he retired in the year of 2005 after dedicating 21 years of his life to being prolific.

He leaves to mourn his lovely wife, Kate; three siblings,



Booker T. Dobbins of Waco, Leroy Dobbins of Slaton, and Ethel Dobbins Curtis of Ft. Worth; and a host of other relatives and friends.

Ola Brown



Services were held Friday, March 20, 2009, for Ola Brown at The Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses, 1907 E. 13th, with Roger Graham officiating.

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

Brown, 87, of Lubbock, passed away Sunday, March 15, 2009, at UMC.

Ola was born in Clarksville, Texas January 30, 1922, to Robert and Mildred Johnson. To this union of her parents, seven children were born, (with Ola being a twin) with four preceding her in death.

Ola married Howard Palmer, Jr., of Vernon, and to this union two sons were born, Howard III, and Harold. Ola later married Dewey Brown, of Lubbock, and had been together for 54 years, until his death July 22, 2008.

Ola spent the last 20 years, despite illness, zealously living up to her dedication as one of Jehovah's Witnesses. She was a member of the Parkway Congregation.

She is survived by her sisters, Mary Magdalene Phillips, of Lubbock, and her twin sister, Lola Washington, of Clarksville; Howard Palmer III, two grandchildren, and many nieces, nephews, and a host of other relatives and friends.

SPC Symphonic, Jazz Bands to perform March 31

LEVELLAND - The South Plains College Symphonic and Jazz Bands will perform at 7:30 p.m. March 31 in the SPC Theatre on the Levelland campus.

Admission is free and the public is invited to attend.

The SPC Symphonic Band will perform "Brighton Beach March" by William Latham, "New York" by Warren Barker and "Harlem Nocturne" by Earle Hagen. The Symphonic Band will be directed by Lynda Reid, associate professor of music at SPC.

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Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon, March 24, 2009 at the Greater St. Luke Baptist Church.

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

McKinney, 94, of Lubbock passed away Thursday, March 19, 2009 at Covenant after a brief illness.

She was born September 23, 1914. She was happily married to George McKinney for 48 years. George preceded her in death in 1978.

She leaves to cherish her memory her sister, Ms. Johnnie Prosser of Lubbock, sister-in-law, Ms. Bernice McKinney, brother-in-law, Mr. Lonnie McKinney of Los Angeles; dear friends, Ms. Jewel Love, Ms. Jimmie Demerson, Mr. and Mrs. Lionel Woods, Ms. Emma Thornton; and a host of nephews, nieces, other relatives and friends.

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The Southwest Digest sponsored a contest to see who could name the initial of Carter G. Woodson.

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Two Lubbock citizens, Joyce Childers and Rose Pillow, had the correct answer.

Both had the correct answer and postmark.

The Southwest Digest appreciates the interest this contest did cause in the community.

Lubbock Hope Lodge Library Fundraiser Date Change

Due to an overwhelming response from the community, the dates have changed for a community-wide garage sale benefiting the Lubbock Hope Lodge Library.

If you clear out your closets, someone will come haul away your "treasures" for free. The new deadline to donate items to the sale is Tuesday, March 31. The garage sale is now set for Friday, April 24, 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. and Saturday, April 25, 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. at 7720 S. University, formerly the location for Zida and Good News Bookstore.

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THIS 'N' THAT

by T.J. Patterson

IT WAS AN OUTSTANDING EVENT! THIS N THAT ... as well as those in attendance at the ... SCHOLARSHIP BANQUET ... last Friday evening ... March 20, 2009 ... at the Holiday Inn Towers ... sponsored by the ... EACH ONE REACH ONE ... is still

talking about this historic event where two local citizens ... T. J. & BOBBIE PATTERSON ... were honored ... with many local ... county ... state and national ... people in attendance ... The scholarship banquet was really held to develop a scholarship for a young person

of the community... That was accomplished and a young lady ... ZAQUA MACKEY ... will receive a ... \$10,000.00 SCHOLARSHIP! ... THIS N THAT ... was glad to see this happen and many young people will benefit in the future...

THANKS TO TABCCM FOR BEING HERE! THIS N THAT ... was glad to see more than ... TWENTY MEMBERS ... of the ... TEXAS ASSOCIATION OF BLACK CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS (TABCCM) ... present for last weekend and to attend their regional meeting at the Holiday Inn... It was just great!

PENNY HASTINGS THE BARBER SAYS: "If the ... SHOE ... fits ... then you must ... WEAR IT!"

THANKS, EACH ONE REACH ONE! THIS N THAT ... wants to ... THANK ... an organization ... EACH ONE REACH ONE ... for a ... JOB WELL DONE ... where ... MS. FAYE BROWN ... as president...



THINK ABOUT IT

For to many years we have sit around and waited on some one else to do for us what we should be doing for our selves. We must remove ourselves from the crab syndrome, and the Willie Lynch theory we can clear up the crab syndrome is to get a larger container then we will not be clustered and pulling each other down. Because there will be enough room for every one to collective work together for the good of all of us.

March 19th and 20th, living history in living color was made in Lubbock, Texas (USA) T.J. People were in Lubbock from 27 cities, plus other states for the beginning of a week end of history in Lubbock. This was a positive perspective for all of Lubbock by Black people all

positive beginning with a regional meeting of Texas Association Black City Council (TABCCM) and Mayors honoring T.J. Patterson's twenty years on the Lubbock City Council, and his wife for thirty five years working with young people in the education field with young people in Lubbock and surrounding areas. It was all sponsored by Each One Reach One, there was a national recording by the West Texas Mass Choir, composed of over twenty churches in and around Lubbock. This would have been outstanding for Lubbock and West Texas if all the Local Churches, Pastors, and even the Federation of Choirs with the rich history behind them.

What an impact Lubbock and West Texas could have

made even greater than it did with the release on a national label produced by Luther Barnes, a Stellar, Dove, and Grammy award nominee and winner we need to pool our resources forget personalities, pettiness, and who gets the credit, and works collectively together for the good of all of us. We need to realize we can't get to heaven on Pharoh's chariot. We must get smart and build our own.

When we learn how to love, trust, and respect each other and pool our resources, we can do our own programs with our own money, taking the lead in our own programs with help from others. We need to support, help, and work with us. That way we build more pride, self

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In Cinque

by Renetta Howard



Howard

They have no regard for any life. They feel no remorse or any need to repent following a murder. There is something missing in their psyche.

The missing part of the killer's psyche is too often not biological or physical but social. In his upbringing, he was not taught to respect life, especially human life. Sometimes permitting a child to own and care for a pet is one way to help a child to respect and value life. When a child values life, he is not as quick to take a life. When parents teach a child to value life, he often grows into an adult who values life and is not so quick to take a life.

We have enough to worry about when our loved ones die

Thank God For Jesus

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Luke 6:35 - Jesus said, Love your enemies, and do good, and lend, hoping for nothing again; and your reward shall be great, and you shall be the children of the Highest, for he is kind unto the unthankful and to the evil.

Let us keep in our hearts that Jesus is the answer, no matter what the situation may be. We will continue to thank Him!

from natural causes. Regardless to how they die, we miss them, grieve for them and most often after things settle down we realize that they are gone and we do not have them to love in person, only their memories to carry us through.

Memories are good but they do not fill the void which is left when a loved one dies. You have to walk in your own shoes to thoroughly understand the effects of losing someone near and dear to you. It makes you wonder what is on the minds of the many people who commit murder and other violent crimes. Parents need to get 'in cinque' and start early on a program to teach their young to value and cherish life.

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Where Were The Rest Of You?

by Donnell Hooper

Friday night, March 20, 2009, was a historical celebration of two of East Lubbock, Texas' Great Contributors, Mr. & Mrs. T. J. & Bobbie Patterson. It's an undisputable fact that Mrs. Patterson taught some of our Mama's and Daddies, and some of us in the school system. Being raised in the 'Flau', she fought against the predictions she and many other Black women would be nothing but worthless whores and dope addicts and thieves. She is one of our Super Women. A profound Model of Courage and Strength. "Why weren't you there with us to Celebrate this Great Woman?"

It's an Undisputable Fact that Mr. Patterson has had to Stand strong and, in many cases, alone against converted and overt racism in this city's local government. Mr. Patterson had the courage to Stand against for us in our own wicked and psy-

chopathic justification of turning ourselves into werewolves, vampires, and crack heads with stank legs, while some of our so-called community leaders are still saying: 'It's Time For A Change', but ain't changed? Why weren't you there?

And you, Preachers, many of whom only come to this side of town on your Big Pay Day, Sunday! 'Where were you all Friday?' Some of you are really "Leaches." I repeat, some of you are really "Leaches and Fake @#% Teachers and Preachers. That's right, Robin Hoods. Ya'll are Robbing Our Neighborhood and rubbing it in our face with your Big New Churches and Rebuilt Churches while some members of your churches still live in their same old houses and are barely living. But you have Big New Homes & Cars. Way on the other side of Town. The

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Vice president is David Carrizales, (806) 632-6390; treasurer, Kay Anderson-Grant, (806) 745-4832; secretary, Sandra Culpepper-Reed, (806) 765-0727.

Parson Smith
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The time may vary from a month to produce immature compost. However, mature compost may take six months to a year.

For black males to avoid economic tragedies they must follow the steps that lead to economic stability.

Race Injected Into Fight Over Blagojevich's Choice for Senate

CHICAGO - A defiant Gov. Rod Blagojevich on Tuesday named a black political trailblazer to Barack Obama's Senate seat, a surprise move that put the governor's opponents in the uncomfortable position of trying to block his choice from becoming the Senate's only black member. Blagojevich's appointment of former state Attorney General Roland Burris injected race into the drama surrounding the embattled governor, who repeatedly sought to distance his selection from charges that he tried to sell the seat to the highest bidder.

"Please don't allow the allegations against me to taint a good and honest man," the governor said, turning to the smiling 71-year-old standing by his side.

"This is about Roland Burris as a U.S. senator, not about the governor who made the appointment."

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Burris was the first African-American elected to major statewide office in Illinois, serving as comptroller and running for governor three times - the last time losing to Blagojevich.

He said he has no connection to the charges against Blagojevich, who was arrested earlier this month.

Even before the announcement, which was leaked several hours before, the governor's move ran into opposition.

Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White, who must certify

the appointment, said Tuesday he will not do so. And Senate leaders reiterated that they would not accept anyone appointed by Blagojevich.

In a statement Tuesday, Senate Democrats maintained that Blagojevich should not make the appointment because doing so would be unfair to Burris and to the people of Illinois.

"It is truly regrettable that despite requests from all 50 Democratic senators and public officials throughout Illinois, Gov. Blagojevich would take the imprudent step of appointing someone to the United

States Senate who would serve under a shadow and be plagued by questions of impropriety," the statement said.

"Under these circumstances, anyone appointed by Gov. Blagojevich cannot be an effective representative of the people of Illinois and, as we have said, will not be seated by the Democratic caucus."

Obama struck the same tone.

"Roland Burris is a good man and a fine public servant, but the Senate Democrats made it clear weeks ago that they cannot accept an appointment made by a governor who is accused of selling this very Senate seat. I agree with their decision. I agree with their decision," the president-elect said in a statement

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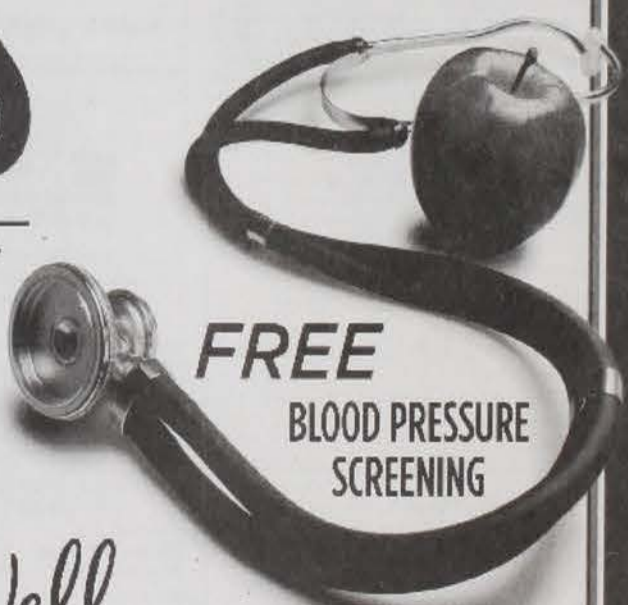
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Some Photos Of Last Weekend!

Theme: "A Past to Cherish and a Future to Fulfill"



**MLK LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL IS HERE
COME BE A PART OF THE
OPENING CEREMONIES
SATURDAY, 1:00 p.m
Regular Season Begins
MARCH 28, 2009!
577-1373 or 535-3937
MLK LITTLE LEAGUE NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT!!**

**INTER-LEAGUE GAME HELD MONDAY EVENING
MARCH 22, 2009
6:00 P. M.
THREE GAMES WERE
PLAYED, AND ALL
PLAYERS LOOKED
LIKE THEY WERE
READY FOR SEASON TO
BEGIN!**



We Must Pool Our Resources

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esteem then others. We work with and support our efforts and can share in our pride and our joy. Some time we have to get out of the traditional rut and venture toward higher and newer grounds. For example, this writer tried to talk to people on the Lubbock Centennial Committee and also City of Lubbock persons about placing one of the commemorative recordings in the new capitol when the old 25 year one was removed, and the new one buried. However, this did not happen as one point in mind is we got played off. We were only trying to make a positive contribution to the 100 year birth day of the City of Lubbock from the Black community. However, the only one in a position to make difference was Councilman Todd Kline Happy 100th Birthday, Lubbock!!



Where Were The Rest Of You?

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people in your congregation trust you all as providers. They have contributed their hard earned money that you should not only put in your pockets and invest in the building of your churches, but it is also your duty to build this community. Yes, the churches are to suppose cooperate and own businesses in this community. You definitely collect enough money on Sundays to do so.
Friday night's celebration also represented how committed T. J. & his wife, Bobbie, have been to this community. They can still feel us, because they still live with us!!! So did all the pioneer leaders, preachers, teachers and business people who's shoulders many of you are ungratefully standing on now! I know for a fact that all Black Preachers, Business Men and Women (Truly Committed Community Leaders) who helped build the foundation of this community, would have been there to show their Love and Support to Their Home Boy and their Home Girl - Mr. & Mrs. Patterson. The only reason they would not have been there would have been Sickness or Death. Why weren't you all

there? There were even people from the other parts of this City there because they recognized the importance of this great Historical moment of our time. Why weren't you there?
There were even people from the other states, and as far way as Washington, D. C. and other parts of Texas to witness and be a part of this Historical moment in time. Why weren't you there? There were even people from the other parts of this city there, because they recognized the importance of this great event and how significant Mr. & Mrs. Patterson's contributions have been and still are to our community life. WHERE WERE YOU?
B. L. A. C. C. C. C., B.R.I.C.C.C., EACH ONE REACH ONE & THE SOUTHWEST DIGEST will sponsor a **TOWNHALL MEETING** on April 4, 2009, which is the day **DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.** was murdered. It will be held at the **Mae Simmons Community Center**, beginning at 7:00 p. m. until 9:00 p. m.
Say what you have to say then! We welcome **ALL OF YOU!!!**


A Call to a Recovery of Hope

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Be willing to focus on the big picture and realize that limits must be tested.
It is only by experiencing darkness that we learn to appreciate light. Dreams can become real. It is by dreamers that we have experienced some of this nations greatest, and most innovative technological advancements. No one's saying that it's going to be easy. Anything worth having is worth working for. It only takes a little spark to kindle a fire. Let me also urge you to keep an open mind, be open to new suggestions, stretch your boundaries, live up to your potentials, and bloom where you are planted. Lastly, but by no means the least, I urge you to find your passion for it is passion that drives people to accomplish great things.

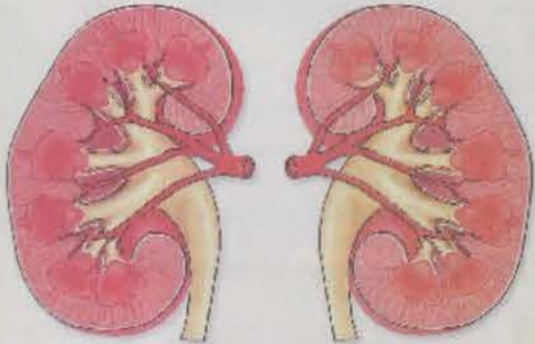


Celebration's Cake







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