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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.

- **Adrian American Chamber of Commerce**, Lubbock meets on the 2nd Tuesday of each month, from 3:30-6:30pm at the Parkway Community Center, 405 MLK Blvd., 806-751-1815
- **Lubbock Area Client Council** meets on the 2nd Saturday, 1:00pm at the Parkway Branch Library
- **Hub City Kiwanis** meets every Tuesday, 7:00pm, 1708 Avenue G
- **Danbar 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, Paterson 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
- **Danbar/Mansham Heights Neighborhood Association** meets every 1st Thursday at 6:00 pm and every 4th Thursday at 7:00 pm at the Danbar-Mansham Heights Neighborhood Outreach Center at 1301 East 24th St.
- **West Texas Native American Association** PMA Lack-Supper meets on alternating months prior to meeting, meetings held on 2nd Sunday of each month at 7:00 pm, Educational presentations and demonstrations
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Obama: This isn't your 'run-of-the-mill recession'

(CNN) — President Obama appeared before a national audience Monday night to make the case for his economic stimulus plan, saying this is not your "run-of-the-mill recession."

The president stressed the urgency of passing the roughly \$838 billion measure, which his administration and Democratic leaders say will help pull the U.S. economy out of its current slide.



President Barack Obama

"My bottom line is to make sure that we are saving or creating 4 million jobs, we are making sure that the financial system is working again, that homeowners are getting some relief," he said in his first prime time news conference.

Obama's remarks came the day before the Senate votes on its version of the stimulus bill. The House passed its version of the stimulus bill nearly two weeks ago — without a single Republican vote. If the measure passes the Senate, the two chambers will have to reconcile the differences between the two bills. See what's in the bills.

Obama urged Congress "to act without delay," saying that only the federal government can break the "vicious cycle" gripping the U.S. economy.

"It is absolutely true that we cannot depend on government alone to create jobs or economic growth. That is and may be the role of the private sector," he said.

"But at this particular moment, with the private sector so weakened by this recession, the federal government is the only entity left with the resources to jolt our economy back to life."

Obama said the plan was "not perfect" but would create up to 4 million new jobs. Watch Obama explain how the plan will create jobs.

The president said 90 percent

of those jobs would be generated by the private sector, a rebuttal of some conservative critics who say the plan amounts to little more than a government jobs bill. How did Obama do? Analysts weigh in.

Much of the package involves infrastructure spending, long-term energy projects and aid to cash-strapped state and local governments. The president predicted that with his plan, the country would see significant improvement starting next year.

Republicans opposed to the plan say it includes too much wasteful spending and won't stimulate the economy. Obama insisted he has been consulting with GOP lawmakers on the plan.

The campaign arm of Senate Republicans wasted little time Monday night calling into question Obama's commitment to bipartisanship.

Even before the news conference came to a close, National Republican Senatorial

Committee spokesman Brian Walsh released a statement saying, "President Obama promised change and bipartisanship in Washington, but that's not what Americans have witnessed in the crafting of this gargantuan spending bill."

"Despite his rhetoric tonight, President Obama cannot possibly be proud of the final result — a bloated, trillion dollar spending bill crafted in a partisan manner that represents the same wasteful Washington spending and will fall on the shoulders of future generations."

Obama said that when it comes to fiscal responsibility, "it's a little hard for me to take criticism from folks about this recovery package after they've presided over a doubling of the national debt." Watch Obama take on his critics.

Obama also addressed a broader argument — that the government should not be trying to fix the problem.

"You have some people, very



Jennifer Hudson's Super Bowl National Anthem Released On iTunes

Following in the footsteps of Whitney Houston, the last singer whose stirring rendition of the National Anthem at the Super Bowl turned into a radio

and chart hit, Jennifer Hudson's take on "The Star-Spangled Banner" has been issued as a single.

Racist can change his spots, get old as well

Dawn Turner Trice



By now you've probably heard about the meeting that Wilson, a former member of the KKK who lives in Rock Hill, S.C., had earlier this week with U.S. Rep. John Lewis (D-Ga.). It began this way: Last month, Wilson, 72, read a story in his town's newspaper about a group of students from the local black college who decades ago had faced an angry white mob. They were trying to integrate a dime store lunch counter.

Wilson said that his father would have been ashamed of the son's behavior. "I have never known my father to mistreat a black person in my life," Wilson told me. "So you ask me why I turned out this way, I'd say it was the crowd. My father used to say, boys of a feather flock together. Nothing truer than that. ... I was angry, I thought blacks were trying to know more than us; be higher than us."

Wilson was part of that angry mob and another that attacked the congressman, leaving him bloodied.

Long before Wilson and his friends met Lewis at that bus station, Wilson had been involved in other hate crimes.

So, after years of wanting to make amends, Wilson apologized to the former students. (He's shown in a grainy photograph reveling in having cracked an egg over the head of a young black man.) Then, this week, Wilson traveled to Washington D.C. to apologize to Lewis for beating him up at a Rock Hill bus depot. Lewis got off the bus in May, 1961, determined to enter a "white only" waiting room. That was when Wilson grabbed Lewis.

"We used to catch blacks late at night, we'd catch them walking down the sidewalks and throw cantaloupes at them," he said. "Or, we'd get out the car and beat them and it wouldn't be four or five jumping on one. We'd make it one on one and the others would watch."

During a telephone interview that I had with Wilson—which lasted just over an hour with an old grandfather clock chiming twice in the background—I asked him if he remembered that moment.

Wilson said he and his friends made a sport out of it. "There were many incidents of us stopping people. I'm not bragging about it. I'm ashamed of it. I wish I could take steps backwards but I'm taking steps forwards."

"I'm not proud of it," he told me.

So, why the transformation? This was a story that Wilson could have sat on. At 72 years old, he could have gone to his grave hiding what he said occurred back when he was 19 to 25 years old. His wife of 50 years never knew. His son didn't know. Wilson said his son cried like a baby as the details started to come out this week in the congressman's office.

"Do you remember what you felt after it happened?"

"Well, at the time, it felt... I felt like somebody going to play golf and getting a hole in one," he said. "I'm ashamed to say that's what I remember feeling. That's how good I felt."

"A friend said to me, 'If you died right now, do you know where you'd go?' I said, 'To hell. I just had a lot on my shoulders and in my heart,' Wilson said. "I just wanted to get right with people. It took me years to know what I did was wrong." He said when he finally left Rock Hill, he was in the air force in Biloxi, Mississippi, and he began to associate with black armen in the barracks.

The Bank of America Foundation and HUD exist to help clients be motivated and take control of their finances to become future homeowners. The Bank of America Foundation and HUD give back to the community by assisting agencies like the NELCDC to help clients become first-time homeowners and remain homeowners after their purchase.

Please attend our public announcement of the receipt of these funds on February 10, 2009 beginning at 10:30 am at Bank of America (1901 University Avenue). S

Councilman Will Speak At Veterans Administration Black History Event

Lubbock City Councilman Floyd Price, District Two, will be guest speaker for the Veterans Administration Lubbock Outpatient Clinic Diversity program at 11:00 a.m. Friday morning, February 20, 2009 at the Veteran

Administration Building, 6104 Avenue Q Drive.

Barbara Jackson and the Estacado High School Show Choir will be on hand for entertainment.

Invocation will be done by T. J. Paterson.



Councilman Floyd Price

North & East Lubbock CDC Receives A \$35,000 Grant

The North & East Lubbock Community Development Corporation (NELCDC) receives \$5,500 grant from The Bank of America Foundation to fund its Financial Literacy program and \$33,695.89 grant from U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to fund its Housing Counseling program.

and money/debt management counseling. The LHCA designation awards NELCDC the credentials and endorsements it needs to continue to catch the attention of potential clientele for its housing counseling program.

The NELCDC plans to expand its current financial literacy programs to focus on how to budget, save money, build assets and charge it right.

The NELCDC will use the funds from HUD to provide its clientele with homebuyers' education, pre- and post-purchase counseling, renters' assistance,

The NELCDC is responsible for providing housing counseling services to 71 counties located in the 13th and 19th Congressional Districts of Texas. Many of those counties are rural and have shown declining populations during the past several censuses. Housing is a primary focus of NELCDC and, in addition to its multi-county responsibilities, NELCDC has identified a target area in North and East Lubbock for improvement in the quality of available housing and, also, for an increase in the homeownership rate.

Housing Counseling Program at NELCDC is designed to actively assist residents in finding the home of their choice. The goal is to assure and educate homebuyers on the nuances of homeownership, empowering them towards well-informed decision when purchasing their home.

Chatman Hills Corner

By Doris Reynolds

The North & East Lubbock Community Development Corporation (NELCDC) will be sponsoring a groundbreaking ceremony for Parkway Place, which is a 20,000 square foot retail center at 1802 Parkway Drive, beginning at 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 18, 2009.

The public is invited to attend this very positive project.

The Lubbock Disproportionality Town Hall Meeting will be held Thursday, February 26, 2009, beginning at 7:00 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. at The Bridge of Lubbock, 1301 Redbud Avenue.

For more information, contact Angela Clark at 742-9162. This special meeting is sponsored by the Lubbock Disproportionality Advisory Committee. Childcare provided for children under 12. If needed, RSVP by February 23, 2009 at

(806) 742-9162. A light snack will be provided.

The monthly effort of the Mission on The Move, which is an outreach feeding program sponsored by the Sunday School Department of Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church, 2202 Southeast Drive, will be held Saturday, February 14, 2009, from 11:00 a.m. until all the food is gone.

For more information call 744-7552. Rev. Sonia J. Scott is pastor.

If you want to participate with the 2010 Census by becoming an employee, call (866) 861-2010. The Census Bureau is seeking community members to work for the 2010 Census. One will be able to earn competitive pay while positively impacting your community.

Church services were well

attended last Sunday morning, February 8, 2009, at the New Hope Baptist Church where Rev. B.R. Moton is pastor. It began with Meditation and Prayer. The Praise Team sang some inspirational selections. Minister McCutcheon and Minister Woods were responsible for the morning scripture and prayer. The New Hope Choir sang out of their hearts and souls.

Pastor Moton delivered a dynamic sermon. His subject was "Can Someone Come To Know God Through You." His scripture was Daniel 6:25-28.

After the invitation to discipleship, the morning announcements were read by Sister Elaine Lindsey and Brother Thomas Mims, Jr. welcomed all visitors.

Let us continue to pray for our sick and shut-ins.

Brother Robert Cork lost a sister in California.

Jackson preached the sermon entitled: "You Can Make It" (Luke 15:11-24). After the sermon the song, "Call My Name" was sung by Brother A. W. Brown.

The invitation to discipleship was extended and there were several that went up for prayer. The visitors were acknowledged.

Pray for the President of the Black Church Fellowship. Pray for those families at the LABA

SCRIPTURE FOR THE WEEK: Praise the lord all nations glorify him all peoples. For great is his faithful love to us the lord's faithfulness endures forever. Hallelujah. PSALM 117:1&2

FASHION FUN

by Shirley Robinson

Dress Up

Ladies these skirts are absolutely to die for. They have everything you need to enhance your femininity. The skirts are designed exclusively to compliment your wardrobe. The brilliant vivid colors

make it quite difficult for others not to notice, and the selection of pattern arrangements are endless. You can work wonders with this skirt, and have lots of fun doing it.

DRESS IT UP... with a silk blouse, shell or turtle neck and a blazer

DRESS IT DOWN... with maybe a matching fitted T-shirt or halter. Let your imagination guide you into a wonderful, beautiful, fashionable bliss. Sequin skirts offers beauty, comfort and style... what more



can a lady ask for? SEQUINS DAY OR NIGHT, IT'S RIGHT. They are everywhere. look for them!

Fashion tip... always wear a smile.

Fashion... just for the fun of it.

Health Alert HIV Phone Calls

The City of Lubbock Health Department has received several reports from different people who have received phone calls claiming that the recipient has HIV. The recipients describe messages being left on answering machines stating that the caller is a person from the City of Lubbock Health Department. The caller states that the recipient has been diagnosed as having HIV and that they need to be seen at the Health Department. The Health Department has not and will not make the type phone calls that have been described to us.

Health Department policy outlines very specific and professional measures that must be taken when our employees handle sexually transmitted disease information. When talking to the person they are trying to contact, Health Department employees will never identify the disease that the person might have been exposed to. Employees will inform the person that there is a potential that they might have been exposed to a disease and request that they set an appointment to come in to the clinic for more information.

The staff members at the Health Department are highly

SPC to offer Tai Chi Chih classes March 2

concerned that persons in our community and surrounding communities are being subjected to this anxiety-causing treatment by this unknown caller. If you receive or have received a similar message, please call 775-2933 for more information.

SPC to offer Tai Chi Chih classes March 2

LEVELLAND - South Plains College will offer Tai Chi Chih classes starting March 2 through May 4 in Room 113 of the SPC Physical Education Building.

The cost of the classes is \$50 for SPC affiliates, \$90 per couples; \$60 community or \$110 per community couples.

Registration will be conducted at the fitness center from 6 to 10 a.m. and 4 to 8 p.m. on Monday through Thursday; on Fridays from 6 to 8 a.m. and 4 to 6 p.m., and on Saturdays from 9 a.m. to noon.

Tai Chi Chih is an easy to learn moving meditation with 19 movements and one pose. It has no martial applications. The movements are similar to swim-

SPC to host Weather Class on Feb. 23

LEVELLAND - South Plains College will host a Weather Class from 7 to 8:30 p.m. on Feb. 23 in the Founders Room.

Jody James from the National Weather Service will be the speaker. James will discuss cloud formation and the different types of warnings issued by the NWS. For more information, contact Armando Lopez, SPC Police Department, at (806) 716-2396.

ming through heavy air with softness and continuity. It can be done by anyone regardless of age or condition and it can be performed seated, standing or lying down, and it is an excellent form of exercise for seniors.

Tai Chi Chih has no martial applications. It is designed to circulate and balance the body's energy. Practicing 10 to 15 minutes daily can reduce tension and stress, enhance relaxation and inner peace, control weight and blood pressure, increase physical energy, improve balance, flexibility and stamina.

New Light Baptist Church News

On Sunday morning, February 8, 2009, church services begun with a lot of excitement at New Light Baptist Church, 3013 Idalou Road, Rev. Kenneth O. Jackson is the pastor.

Church school started at 9:45 a.m. with Rev. L. C. Lee teaching the lesson entitled: "Challenging Leadership."

Morning worship started at 11:00 a.m. with the Praise Team leading the way. They were spirit-filled.

Rev. Jackson led the pulpit devotion. The youth choir open singing "I Love To Praise

Him". The responsive reading was read by Rev. Jackson which comes from Palm 27:1-14. The altar prayer was led by Rev. Jackson with the choir and congregation singing "Yes, Lord".

Sis. Rochelette Hood read announcements and acknowledged all the birthdays that was for the week. She also told of all the upcoming events.

There was a moment in American Black History and then the offering was taken up.

The youth choir sang "God's Got A Blessing For You" and Lift our hands in the sanctuary. "Amazing Grace" was sung before the sermon. Rev.

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

Church of the Blessed

Church of the Blessed
1809 34th
Lubbock, TX 79411

Phone: (806) 747-9430

Truth About Alcohol Sales



Rev. Otis Cooks

An informative community wide meeting will be held at New Zion Baptist Church, located 1601 Martin Luther King Blvd., on February 21, 2009, at 10:00 a.m. referring to the upcoming "alcohol" election on May 9, 2009. There will be discussions on alcohol sales and the effects on our community.

The meeting will include the organization Truth About Alcohol Sales, "TAAS".

A Continental Breakfast will be served. For more information, concerning this matter, please feel free to contact Pastors Ernest E. Hopkins at 470-2733, Elijah Austin at 441-4895 or Otis Cooks at 765-9527.

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Sunday Services
Intercessory Prayer 8:30 am
Church School 9:30 am
Morning Worship 11:00 am

Wednesday Services
Bible Study
12:00 Noon and 6:00 pm

Pastor Sonja Scott

"GOD OUR FATHER, CHRIST OUR REDEEMER, MAN OUR BROTHER"

You are Invited to Our
7th Annual African American History Month Program & Reception

Theme: Remember When
Look At Now
Take A Glimpse into the Future!

Program Location: Alderson Middle School Auditorium
219 Walnut Avenue

Date: Saturday, February 28, 2009
Time: 2:00PM

Reception Location: Bobbie Gean & T. J. Patterson Branch Library
Mildred Deo Community Room
1836 Parkway Drive

Church News

FROM THE DESK OF PARSON D. A. SMITH

"Former Klu Klux Klan Member Apologizes!"

Elwin Wilson, a former KKK member, apologizes to Representative John Lewis who he beat nearly 50 years ago at a South Carolina bus station.

The written report is Elwin Wilson was an unabashed racist, the sort who once hung a black doll from a noose outside his home. John Lewis was a young civil rights leader bent on changing laws, if not hearts and minds, even if it cost him his life.

They faced each other at a South Carolina bus station during a protest in 1961, Wilson joined a white gang that jeered Lewis, attacked him and left him bloodied on the ground.

Forty-eight years later, the men met again—this time to Wilson could apologize to Lewis and express regret for his hatred. Lewis, now a congressman from Atlanta, Georgia, greeted his former tormentor at his Capitol Hill office.

"I just told him that I was sorry," Wilson, 72, said in a telephone interview Wednesday as he travel home to Rock Hill, S.C. For years, he said, he tried to block the incident out of his mind "and couldn't do it."

Lewis said Wilson is the first person involved in the dozens of attacks against him during the civil rights era to step forward and apologize. When they met Tuesday (February 3, 2009), Lewis offered forgiveness with-

out hesitation.

"I was moved," said Lewis. "He was very, very, very sincere, and I think it takes a lot of raw courage to be willing to come forward the way he did. ... I think it will lead to a great deal of healing."

Wilson said he had felt an urge to voice his remorse for years. He talked about his past activities a few weeks ago with a friend, and the friend asked him where he thought he might go if he died.

"I said probably hell," Wilson said. "He said, 'Well, you don't have to.'"

Wilson's apology was first reported by The (Rock Hill, S.C.) Herald. After reading an article about local black civil right leaders reacting to President Barack Obama's inauguration, he and another former segregationist called the paper saying they wanted to apologize.

The paper aired their comments and documented an emotional meeting with the local activists at a former whites-only lunch counter in downtown Rock Hill, where Wilson had antagonized demonstrators during a 1961 sit-in.

After meeting with the local activists, Wilson realized that Lewis must have been the young black man he had attacked at the bus station that same year, when a bust carrying two

Freedom Riders rolled into town. The riders were Lewis, who is black, and the late Albert Bigelow, who was white. Neither pressed charges over the assault.

This writer watched on CNN the former Klansman Elwin Wilson apologize to the "whole world" for beating Rep. John Lewis more than 50 years ago. His demeanor and action spoke of a 72-year-old man who was deeply troubled by his past behavior. Here was a man who had spoken with his friend who did not want to die and go to hell for hating someone who did not look like him. His action demonstrates the capacity of people to change.

"Amazing Grace," the story of John Newton also demonstrates the capacity of people to change. John, a slave trader, was on his way from the coast of Africa with slaves when he ran into a violent storm. He experiences what he was to refer to later as his "great deliverance." He recorded in his journal that when all seemed lost and the ship would surely sink, he exclaimed, "Lord, have mercy upon us." Later in his cabin he reflected on what he had said and began to believe that God had addressed him through the storm and that grace had begun to work for him.

For the rest of his life he Continue on Page 6



We Thank God for Jesus

"God Is Chastizing America"

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

Deuteronomy 8:5 -- You shall also consider in your heart, that as a man chastises his son, so the Lord your God chastens you.

AMERICA started out on the GOOD FOOT, THIS NEW LAND. Her heart was in the right place, AND GOD BLESSED HER HANDS.

Isaiah 1:19-20 -- The Lord said, if you be willing and obedient, you shall eat the good of the land. But if you refuse and rebel, you shall be devoured with the sword, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken it.

God did Bless America. It's the land of Riches of things untold. She had the BEST WHEAT, CORN, BEANS, CATTLE, WATER, OIL, AND GOLD!!!

Psalms 101:3 -- Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all of you lands. Serve the Lord with gladness, because before his presence with singing. Know you that the Lord He is God. It is He that made us, and not we ourselves. We are His people, and the sheep of His pasture.

AMERICA left the word of GOD, wanting to do her OWN THING. Now look at her ways: SHAME, SHAME, SHAME!!!

II Peter 2: 22 -- But it is unto them according to the proverb, the dog is turned to his

own vomit again, and the sow that was washed to her wallowing in the mire (mud).

(AMERICA can do heart, kidney, ear, nose, & toes, transplants of any and every kind. AMERICA can Go to the moon, AMERICA can do what GOD DID, to make Adam in His image, and called it CLONING AMERICA can do what GOD DID to get JESUS PREGNANT A WOMAN WITHOUT HAVING A SEXUAL INTERCOURSE -- CALLED INSEMINATION!!!) AMERICA IS VERY PROUD!!!

*** YES, AMERICA ROBBED GOD!!! *** AMERICA loves the riches of things that her money can BUY. SHE NO LONGER WALKED WITH GOD AT HER SIDE.

I TIMOTHY 6:10 -- For the love of money is the root of all evil which while some coveted after they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.

AMERICA trusted in her BROKERS, HER BANK ACCOUNT AND JOB. THEY'RE LEAVING HER NOW, AND NOW SHE'S NO LONGER A GOD!!!

Micah 7:2-3 -- The good man is perished out of the earth, and here is some upright among men. They all lie in wait

in for the blood. They hunt every man and his brother with a net. That they may do evil with both hands earnestly, the prince ask, and the judge ask for a reward, and the great man, he utters his mischievous desire. So the wrapped it up. Trust not in a friend, put no confidence in a guide. Keep the doors of your mouth from that lie in your bosom. (DON'T TRUST IN MR. BERNARD MADOFF. HE CHEATED AMERICA OUT OF 50 BILLION DOLLARS!!!) *** PUT YOUR TRUST ONLY IN GOD!!! ***

God used the Devil to humble AMERICA in her many ways. EVEN THE FEAR OF EATING PEANUT BUTTER IS DISPLAYED!!!

Matthew 11:28-29 -- Jesus said, come unto me, all you that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me, for I am meek and lowly in heart, and you shall find rest unto your souls.

AMERICA'S hate is on the rise, even the HATE OF MAN'S OWN BROTHER. THE WORD OF GOD TELLS US WE'RE TO LOVE ONE ANOTHER!!!

Matthew 23:37 -- Jesus said, O' Jerusalem (Church) Jerusalem (Church), you that kills the prophets, and gathers her chickens under her wings, but you were not willing!

St. Matthew's Baptist Church News

Church services were well attended last Sunday morning, February 8, 2009, at the St. Matthew Baptist Church, 2020 East 14th Street, where the past 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 "Challenging Leadership." The scripture text II Samuel 12:1-7; 13-15. The

morning lesson was taught by Sister Nina Davis, and reviewed by our pastor, Rev. Canady.

The key verses were: I Samuel 11:27 & 12:1 - "And when the morning was past, David sent and fetched her to his house, and she became his wife, and bare him a son. But the thing that David had done displeased the Lord."

And the Lord sent Nathan unto him, and said unto him, there were two men in one city; the one rich, and the other

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

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 "Say Yes!" His scripture text was John 11:22-27. It was a very inspiring sermon

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

Our weekly meetings are as follows: Wednesday evening, Mission Ladies meets at 5:00 p. m., and Bible Study at 6:00 p. m. Friday evenings, beginning at 5:00 p. m. is Choir Rehearsal. The Ushers meet each Saturday morning, beginning at 11:00 a.

Let's remember our sick and shut-in members of our church and community. Brother Gerald Jackson is at home. Let us continue to pray for him.

Our Chairman of Black History Month is Sister Barbara Johnson. She talked on Dr. J. A. Chatman. Each Sunday morning, someone will be prepared to speak.

"The Bible gives us all we

need to live our lives for God each day. But it won't help if we don't read. Then follow what its pages say."

Thought For The Week: "The value of the Bible consists not only in knowing it, but obeying it."

If you are looking for a Church Home, then feel free to come and visit with us at the St. Matthew Baptist Church. Our doors are always open for you to attend.

Outreach Prayer Breakfast

Esther Risks Her Life

(Esther 4:1-3, 9-17) Thomas Kinkade, "The Painter of Light," has generated quite a following of folks who appreciate his use of light to inspire comfort and hope amid serene settings of life. He often portrays "hidden places" by a path or trail that moves beyond the viewer's sight. His painting style seems comparable to the way the author of Esther weaves that particular story into the historical books of the Old Testament.

The coincidences and reversals in the book of Esther have been retold for generations. Even though God is never mentioned in the narrative, the reader finds himself drawing comfort from the changing circumstances and coincidences that hint of God's sovereign, providential watch and care over his children.

Esther 4 is the pivotal chapter of the book when a new threat is plotted against the exiled Jews in Persia. A manipulative man, Haman, gains the king's trust and power to use as he chooses

(3:10, 11) After having his ego bruised by Mordecai, who is a prominent Jewish leader (3:1-5), Haman plots a way to kill Mordecai. In an alarming example of the insatiable, aggressive nature of evil, Haman quickly alters his plan for the death of Mordecai to include all the Jews throughout the Persian Empire (3:6). Chapter 4 begins with Mordecai learning the details of Haman's intentions to annihilate

the Jews.

Thoughts to Consider What is life like for someone who is hated because he takes a principled and strong moral stand?

What kind of calm can you enjoy in everyday life when you know someone is plotting your destruction or opposing your agenda?

In Chapter 4, Haman's evil plot is announced (3:15) and the reaction of God's people begins to unfold. Mordecai is an influ-

ential Jew who has some standing in the community seen by his "sitting at the king's gate" (2:21). Esther, the orphaned Jew who was raised by Mordecai, her cousin, and who later became queen in the palace of Xerxes, has kept her Jewish heritage a secret for five years. Haman's devious plan requires her urgent response.

The members of the Outreach Prayer Breakfast wanted to share this information

about Esther. Hopefully, it will prove to be helpful.

If you get an opportunity attend Sunday School this Sunday morning at your place of worship.

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Obsequies

Family Members Funeralized Here On Saturday

Hundreds of Lubbock residents attended funeral services for four Lubbock residents were held Saturday, February 7, 2009.

They were Keyonna Zunay Thompson, George Thompson, Dion Lamont Thompson and Patricia Ann Johnson-Thompson.

They were all killed in a fatal car accident on Friday, January 23, 2009.

Keyonna Zunay Thompson was born December 20, 2004 to the parentage of the late Dion Thompson and Chantell Moore. Keyonna was a member of First Progressive Baptist Church, and she attended Eddie Richardson Head Start.

She is survived by her mother, Chantell Moore; grandmothers, Mae Thompson and Linda Willard; great-grandmother, Hazel Thompson; two brothers, Jalen Contee and Kailen Moore; one sister, Zakya Thompson; three aunts, Kendra Thompson, Octavia Willard, and Bridgette Stubbsfield; two uncles, Charles Thomas and Jerome Moore; and a host of other relatives and friends.

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

Services for George Thompson were held Saturday afternoon, February 7, 2009 at First Baptist Church. Burial will follow at the Petersburg Cemetery under the direction of Griffin Mortuary.



George Thompson

George Thompson, 57, of Lubbock died Friday, January 23, 2009 in a car accident in Winters. He was born March 7, 1951 to Hazel and L. V. Thompson in Crosbyton. George worked for WW Steele Welding Company where he will truly be missed.

George leaves to cherish his memory his daughter, Kendra Thompson; two stepdaughters, Candace and Shandale Phillips; one stepson, Andre Johnson; his mother, Hazel Thompson; three sisters, Estelle Hunt, Cleo Spence, and Sandra Johnson (Gerald); four brothers, Tommy Spence (Martha), Dave Spence (Grace), Henry Spence, and Robert Thompson (Gerdine); and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Patricia; father, L. V. Thompson; son, Dion Thompson; brother, Billy "Kool" Spence; sisters, Gean Thompson, Nelly Mae Spence "Duke"; and granddaughter, Keyonna Thompson "Two Piece".



Dion Lamont Thompson

Dion Lamont Thompson, 35, died Friday, January 23, 2009 in a car accident in Winters. He was born April 17, 1973 to George Thompson and Mae Thompson in Petersburg. Dion had worked for Grinnell, RPM Dry Wall, and assisted with local businesses.



Keyonna Zunay Thompson

He leaves to cherish his memory his mother, Mae Thompson, sister, Kendra Thompson (Charles); daughter, Zakya, girlfriend, Chantelle Moore; two stepbrothers, Jalen and Kailen; two stepsisters, Candace and Shandale Phillips; one niece, Ja'Maela; two nephews, Jai and Ja'Quarius; a host of other relatives and friends; and a special uncle, Clarence Willard.

He was preceded in death by his daughter, Keyonna Zunay "Two Piece"; father, George Thompson; stepmother, Patricia; grandfathers, James Berry and L. V. Thompson; and grandmother, Lorena Berry.

Services were held last Saturday, February 7, 2009, at First Baptist Church.

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

Family would like to thank everyone for their patience and condolences, a memorial fund has been set up at all City Banks for donations.

Services were held Saturday, February 7, 2009, at



Patricia Johnson Thompson

20th and Birch Church of Christ.

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

Patricia Ann Johnson-Thompson, 47, of Lubbock, passed away. She was born in Muleshoe on July 31, 1961 to the parentage of the late Minister David and Vivian Louise Johnson. Patricia confessed her hope in Christ and baptized at an early age. She attended public school in Muleshoe. She graduated from International Business College in Lubbock. Patricia was employed by Texas Relay for thirteen years.

She married the late Peter George Thompson of Lubbock. The Lord called both of them home together on Friday, Jan. 23, 2009. She leaves to celebrate her home going one son, Andre; two daughters, Ashantice and Candice; one step-daughter, Kendra; three step-grandchildren; mother-in-law, Hazel Thompson; two sisters, Louise Coleman and Margaret Allen; seven brothers, David Jr., James, Wesley Johnson, Jimmie Johnson, Elsie, Erigh and Benjamin Johnson; special friend and niece, June Holly; best friend and cousin, Barbara Cleveland; and a host of other relatives and friends.

Mrs. Susie Mae "Nannie" Powdrell



Amarillo - Funeral services for Mrs. Susie Mae "Nannie" Powdrell were held Wednesday afternoon, February 4, 2009, at the Greater Mount Olive Baptist Church with Rev. Vurn Martin, pastor, officiating.

Interment was held in Llano Cemetery in Amarillo under the directions of Golden Gate Mortuary Funeral Home of Amarillo.

Active pallbearers were Don Ray Gentry, Darryl Anthony, Van Casso, Steven Washington, II, John Taylor and Richard Rides.

Honorary pallbearers were Roy Campbell, V.C. Conner, Leslie Fullbright, Morgan Fullbright, Willis Powdrell and Billy Flanagan.

She passed away Friday, January 29, 2009.

Mrs. Powdrell was born July 21, 1928 to the late Ray L. Fullbright and Margaret Hughes in Crosbyton, Texas.

She attended public school in Crosbyton. In Lubbock, she later became a beautician. She met Willis Powdrell and they united in marriage on December 28, 1948, and enjoyed over 61 blessed years of marriage.

They moved to Amarillo in May of 1953 where she became a teacher assistant for over 25 years.

She was a life long charter member of the Greater Mount Olive Baptist Church where she served on the Usher Board.

She was also a member of the Grand Court Order of Calanthe of Texas since 1979. She loved to spend time with her family. She also loved to do hair.

She was preceded in death by both parents; two sisters, Patsy and Leatha; two brothers, Ray and Theodore; and daughter, Margaret Alexander.

She leaves to mourn her passing husband, Willis Powdrell of Amarillo; sister, Edna Ray Flanagan of Amarillo; brother, Morgan Fullbright (Ollie) of Odessa; son, Leslie Fullbright of Amarillo; granddaughter, Sherric Gentry (Don) of Amarillo; special great granddaughter, Kenasia "New New" of Amarillo; a host of relatives and friends.

SPC to sponsor senior sneak for high school seniors

LEVELLAND - South Plains College will give area high school seniors a preview of college life during Senior Sneak on Feb. 20.

The day-long event will begin with registration at 9 a.m. at the Texas Dome. SPC cheerleaders will host the opening assembly at 9:30 a.m.

High School seniors will talk with SPC faculty and current students about career choices, student life as well as tour the campus during the Program Showcase at 10 a.m.

Obama Stimulus

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sincere, who philosophically just think the government has no business interfering in the marketplace. And, in fact, there are several who've suggested that FDR was wrong to interfere back in the New Deal. They're fighting battles that I thought were resolved a pretty long time ago," he said.

The president said most economists "almost unanimously" recognize the government needs to play a role in jump-starting the economy.

Obama said he was "absolutely confident" the country's economic problems can be solved, "but it's going to require us to take some significant, important steps."

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by T.J. Patterson

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THINK ABOUT IT!

"Black History Month - Part 2"

by Eddie P. Richardson

Last week, we talked about Black History. Beginning this week, we will continue with more reasons why and how we celebrate Black History Month by giving some information on the founder Carter G. Woodson.

Carter G. Woodson was born December 19, 1875 in Canton, Virginia. He was the oldest of nine children. The family was very poor and Woodson spent most of his time working in the coal mines to help feed his family. Woodson loved learning and attended elementary and high school when he was not in the mines. He became a teacher and ultimately the principal of Douglas High School in

Huntington, Virginia in 1900. Woodson began taking correspondence and summer classes at Berea College in Kentucky. His pursuit for a college degree led him to the University of Chicago. Woodson earned his bachelor's degree in 1907 and masters in 1908. His thirst for knowledge continued and he became the second African American to earn a Ph.D. from Harvard University in 1912 after W.E.B. DuBois. Woodson furthered his studies at the Sorbonne in Paris and spoke fluent French. He also studied in the Philippines and Africa. Dr. Woodson had mastered all

that Europeans could teach. He had a higher calling. His only desire was to turn back to his community and teach empowerment.

In 1915, Woodson founded the Association for the Study of Negro Life. This organization is still alive almost a century later as the Association for the Study of Afro-American Life and History (ASALH). A year later, he created the JOURNAL of Negro History and The History Bulletin 1919. He became the Dean of the School of Liberal Arts at Howard University.

Continue Next Week

South Plains Obedience Training Club Of Lubbock, Inc. Holds Annual AKC Obedience and Rally Trials

The South Plains Obedience Training Club of Lubbock, Inc. will be hosting 2 American Kennel Club All Breed Dog Obedience and Rally T Trials at the South Plains Fairgrounds, Merchants Building, February 21st and 22nd

Over 199 purebred dogs from 6 surrounding states will be judged at the event from 8:00

am to 4:00 pm each day. Many of the top obedience trained dogs in the country will be competing.

Each exhibitor and dog team will be judged at one of the three levels of competition: Novice, Open or Utility. These dogs will be demonstrating their profi-

ciency in such exercises as heeling, high jumps, retrieving and scent discrimination. The dogs are working towards various AKC obedience titles and obedience trial championship points.

The newest approved AKC obedience sport, Rally, will be held at this trial. Rally exhibitors will be competing at

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In Cinque

by Renetta Howard



Howard

The news is saturated with the activities of President Obama and the multi-billion dollar stimulus package. By now, anyone who had not felt poor or felt on the verge of being poor, certainly can feel it now. It can be felt even more so when one thinks about the number of unemployed individuals and the number of industries that are closing.

Businesses lay off workers often when times are hard and business is slow, but the worker often feels that when things 'pick up' that they will most likely have a job to go back to. When a business closes, that is a 'horse of another color.' There is no prospect for re-employment in that particular place, and if the market is so bad, chances are that a similar place which has not closed, has encountered a lay off as well. The prospect for young people who are just out of college is dim as well. Their hopes for gainful employment during times of tremendous hardship for experienced workers are almost wiped out. They feel lucky if they can get any kind of job. It appears to unemployed workers who want to work, that the people on the welfare rolls are the most secure financially.

With the numerous ponzi schemes afoot, millionaires are feeling the pinch of these hard times. One would think that any person who had enough smarts to own a million dollars would not fall for a scheme which would swindle them of their life savings. This scheme is an elaborate form of what our elders used to call a 'pigeon drop' and it did not take a long time to realize when one had been swindled. In the ponzi scheme, the investor realizes some return for a while, but only after others

have been swindled because the 'broker' did not have any resources at the outset. Because they get a little return, they feel secure a long time. In the long run, all of the investors lose their investments and the swindler goes away with most of the money. It is greed that is at the root of the investments. People with money want more money and any way that looks easy to get more money draws them in. Some of the businesses that are going broke and closing down are victims of the

ponzi-schemes. Their owners risked their profits and those of their investors. Unfortunately, in some cases, we have all been 'ponzified.'

"The business of America is business," according to one of our early presidents, and from all that we can see now, is that when businesses fail, citizens suffer. The current recession/depression has not reached its most dire point yet. We must get 'in cinque' and most of all live within our means without depending on a stimulus package coming to our rescue.

Chris Brown Arrested After Alleged Rihanna Assault



LOS ANGELES (AP) - The only Grammy Awards anxiety Chris Brown was supposed to feel was over whether he'd win one. Instead, the R&B singer remains mired in suspicion over an allegation of domestic violence.

Following Brown's arrest late Sunday night on suspicion of making a criminal threat and subsequent release, plenty of questions remained: Was there a physical attack, and if so, against whom was it committed?

Los Angeles Police Sgt. Bridget Pickett said authorities continued to investigate what took place early Sunday in the ritzy, Hancock Park neighborhood shortly after Brown and longtime girlfriend, pop superstar Rihanna, were seen happily sitting together at the annual pre-Grammy party hosted by Chive Davis.

Officers received a 911 call about an incident in which a woman accused Brown of hurting her. Authorities have not identified who that woman was, citing confidentiality for victims of domestic abuse.

The 19-year-old Brown, who

had left the scene before authorities arrived, turned himself in to police while the Grammy Awards were going on Sunday without him - and also without Rihanna, who, like Brown, canceled her scheduled appearance.

Brown was released after posting \$50,000 bail. Pickett described the singer as "professional" during processing.

Rihanna's publicist declined to say why the singer did not appear, saying only that she was "well" and expressing thanks for the concern. Brown's representatives also refused to discuss the allegations or his arrest.

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Annual AKC Obedience

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Parson Smith

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observed May 10, 1748 as the day of his conversion, a day of humiliation in which he subjected his will to a higher power. He later gave up the slave trade.

Hatred for our fellow brothers and sisters come in many forms and is acted out in ways that destroy the very fiber of America. Perhaps the United States House of Representatives and Senators need to take a look at their life as Mr. Elwin Wilson has and try to make America better as being a whole nation instead of a divided one that will surely fail.

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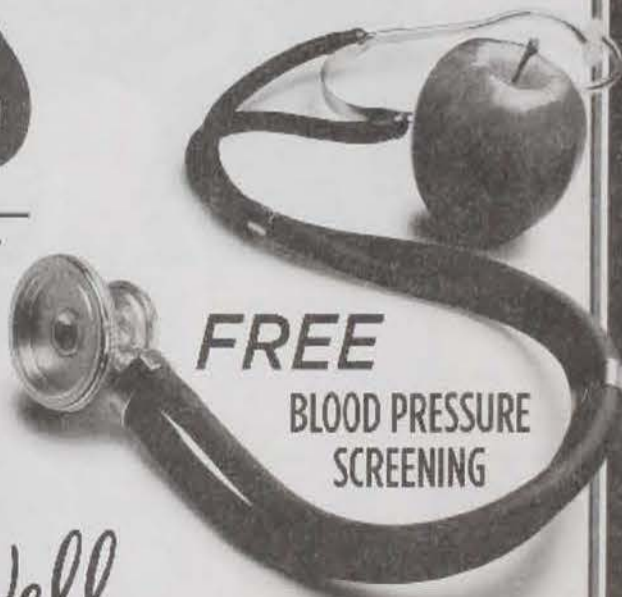
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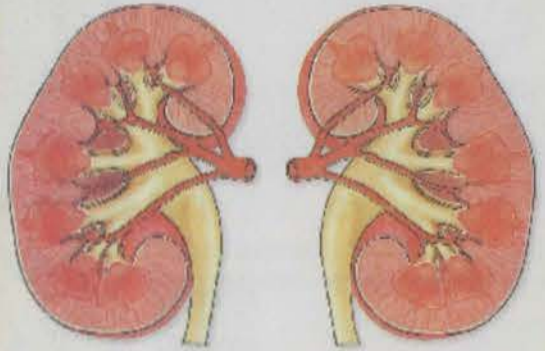
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