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## Community

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

### Meetings

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

### Wilson Retires From Texas Tech University

Last Thursday, January 31, 2008, was a very happy day for Edna Wilson as she retired from Texas Tech University in the Dining Service as a hospitality person. She completed 20 years of dedicated service. She will tell you, it has been a very interesting career, and one in which she will never forget.

"I've enjoyed this opportunity of serving others, and now I will move on in life," said Ms. Wilson.

She is a member of Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church.

### Mike Carey First Black Super Bowl Referee

This week's National Football League championship game -- the Super Bowl -- will not be the first time that either the New England Patriots or the New York Giants have appeared in the big game, but it will be a first for the officials calling the game.

The NFL confirmed Thursday that Mike Carey will lead the officials, making him the first black referee in a Super Bowl. Two of the other officials -- line judge Carl Johnson and field judge Boris Cheek -- are also black.

The rest of the crew includes umpire Tony Michalek, head linesman Gary Slaughter, side judge Larry Rose and back judge Scott Helverson.

Carey is in his 18th season as an NFL official. He was the alternate referee in the 2002 Super Bowl between the Patriots and the St. Louis Rams. He was also the referee in the first meeting of the Giants and Patriots this season -- a 38-35 win for New England in December.

Michael "Mike" Carey is an American football official in the National Football League (NFL) since the 1990 NFL season. He began officiating football in 1972 working Pop Warner football games in the San Diego, California area. Later in 1985, he joined the Western Athletic Conference (WAC). Carey was hired by the NFL in 1990 as a side judge before being promoted to referee for the start of the 1995 NFL season. He was the second African-American official to become a referee after Johnny Grier in 1988. Mike served as an alternate referee for Super Bowl XXXVI in 2002. Of all the active referees in the NFL, Carey has



Head Referee Mike Carey

ejected the most players. On the field, he wears the uniform number 94.

On October 3, 2005, Mike and his brother, Don, an NFL official as well (back judge), became the first brothers to officiate an NFL game together when they were assigned on the same officiating crew for the game between the Carolina Panthers and Green Bay Packers.

Outside of football, Carey is also a co-owner of Scirus Innovation, a privately held company that manufactures ski and snowboarding gloves, face protection, and other cold-weather accessories. He is an inventor who owns or shares eight ski apparel patents, including "Cut Tracks," a protective device which he created at age 30 to slip over the sole of a ski boot, preventing damage away from the ski run. Mike's wife, Wendy, is the Chief Financial Officer of Scirus.

Mike and Wendy have two daughters, Drisana and Danica, and currently reside in San Diego, California.

## Barack Obama Sees Rock-Star Power in Action

ORANGEBURG, S.C. (AP) It's been written many times that Democrat Barack Obama gets a "rock star" exception. Turns out the real thing is not quite the same.

Obama got to see an actual rock star reception Tuesday night. Actually, it was for the celebrity trio of Usher, Kerry Washington and Chris Tucker, who surprised an audience at South Carolina State University by introducing the presidential candidate.

Crowd members screamed and strained metal Secret Service barricades in hope of touching the trio as they entered the sports center ahead of Obama.

"I feel like Barack Obama," said Tucker, star of the blockbuster trilogy "Rush Hour," turning the cliché on its head.

The hollering continued as Usher, a five-time Grammy winner, and Washington, whose roles include Ray Charles' wife in the biopic "Ray," reminded the mostly black audience that civil-rights pioneers fought for their right to vote.

"Listen up, guys, listen up," Usher said, trying to silence them for a serious message. He said it would be negligent and irresponsible for them not to participate in Saturday's South Carolina primary. "If you don't use your voice,



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you didn't make a difference," he said.

Obama got a warm welcome, although he didn't have young women blowing kisses as they did for Usher or prompt staking and near tears as did Tucker. Usher tried to build Obama's reception by pointing to audience members who weren't clapping and waving his arms upward to encourage them, and Washington started an "Obama, Obama!" chant.

Obama tried to begin his speech as the celebrities exited behind the stage. But some audience members paid the senator no mind and rushed toward the exits to touch the stars.

"I'm going to wait until they get out of here," Obama said, cutting himself short and watching with a smile. "They might cause a riot."

## Second Place Winner In Literacy Through Poetry At Estacado Recently



Vivian J. Tyson

A very excited young person is Vivian J. Tyson who finished in second place in the Literacy Through Poetry Workshop & Contest on Saturday, January 26, 2008, at Estacado High School.

She entered in the fourth & fifth grade level in the African American Leadership Forum.

Tyson is Student Council President at Wheatley Elementary School, where the

principal is Ms. Margaret Randle.

Tyson was very happy over her effort, and will always strive to do her very best in anything she will attempt.

"I enjoy doing my very best," she says with a smile.

Congratulations, Vivian J. Tyson for a job well done in the poetry contest.

You are an outstanding young person!



Chief Claude Jones

### Chief Jones Will Resign This Month

A 33-year veteran of the Lubbock Police Department, Jones was named Police Chief in July 2002, after serving as interim for one year.

The Police Department has grown under Jones' leadership. Since 2002, more than 100 officers have been added to the department's ranks, as the City strives to reach its goal of two police officers for every 1,000 residents.

Police pay also increased, and a differential pay program was initiated to pay officers working the midnight shifts more than those working the day shift.

In 2004, the Codes Enforcement Department was

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## Lincoln/Douglass' Dinner Theater-Style Event Set Here Sunday

This year, there is a new twist as the Lubbock Roots Historical Arts Council has partnered with the Lincoln-Douglass Committee to bring the spirit of Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass to Lubbock. This is something, the organizer of this annual event, the late Ms. Roberta Thompson, would applaud.

This year's special effort will bring together two nationally recognized performers: John Voehl of Colorado and Michael Crutcher, Sr. of Kentucky, who will portray the two American heroes who helped make possible the precious freedoms we celebrate today.

Both men are devout Lincoln and Douglass scholars respectively and will be on stage at this year's dinner theater-styled event. This event is scheduled for Sunday afternoon, February 10, 2008, at the Texas Tech



Michael Crutcher, Sr.

University Market Alumni Center on the TTU campus.

Voehl, who will portray Abe Lincoln, will be accompanied by

his wife, Pamela, representing Mary Todd Lincoln. Voehl is a member of the National Lincoln Presenters Association and has



John Voehl

performed in more than 160 Lincoln performances.

On the other hand, Crutcher is one of the top Douglass perform-

ers in the nation and can be seen in the movie "Dreamer", with actor Dakota Fanning and Kurt

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# Chatman Hills Corner

By Doris Reynolds

This is the weekend for the Annual Lincoln/Douglass Tea. This year, however, it will be quite because it will be a dinner theater-styled event. It will take place on Sunday afternoon, February 10, 2008, beginning at 4:00 p. m. at the Texas Tech University Market Alumni Center. Admission is only \$20.00, and monies will go toward scholarships for deserving young people in our community. For more information, call 763-3350.

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and Michael Critcher, S., of Kentucky will portray the two American heroes who helped make possible the precious freedoms we celebrate today. John Voehl will portray Abe Lincoln and will be accompanied by his wife, Pamela, representing Mary Todd Lincoln. Michael Critcher is one of the Douglass performers in the nation.

This Black History Month. Here are a few activities taking place this week, and next: AARP Seniors Celebrates Black History

Month, today, Thursday, February 7th, beginning at 1:00 p. m. Speakers will be Quincy White and Helan Viser-Fitzgerald. It will be held at the Mae Simmons Community Center. For more information, call Flossie Davis at 762-4718.

Ella Hies Elementary School will be having a Soul Food Lunch during the students' lunch time, from 11:30 a. m. until 12:30 p. m. For more information, call Annie Johnson at 766-1928.

Something different will take place at the Mae Simmons Community Center on Saturday, February 9th, when all are asked to bring their scrapbooks and photos to be scanned. This event will be sponsored by Texas Tech University Southwest Collections and Roots Historical Arts Council, from 11:00 a. m. until 2:00 p. m.

Let us continue to pray for those who are on the sick and nd shut in list. Among them include Brother S. L. Sanders, who is a patient at Covenant Medical Center; Brother Vincent Thomas, and many others.

Let us not forget those who have lost loved ones. Among them include the family members of Sonja Marie Wallace and Aubrey Gene Johnson. God is able.

The Second Senior Citizen Fashion Show will be held Friday, February 22, at 7 p. m. at Dunbar Middle School.

green pastures; he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul; he leadeth me in the path of righteousness for his name's sake. yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me, in the presence of mine enemies; thou annoinst my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever. Psalm 23:1-6

Have a Blessed Week!

### 14th Annual Viva Atzlan Festival Set

On March 14 and 15 Lubbock Centro Aztlan will have our 14th Annual Viva Aztlan Festival to the Lubbock Civic Center that will bring into Lubbock some 20 Ballet Folkloricos from all over Texas, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Chicago and even Mexico to compete for awards. They will also bring in a 15 piece Mariachi group from El Paso TX for a concert scheduled for March 14 at the Civic Center Theater.

## FASHION FUN

by Shirley Roberson

### SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

It is not too early to start thinking about spring and the beautiful fabric colors that come along with it. Ladies I am very excited about the vibrant colors, you are going to see lots and lots of pink, different shades of pink, softer yellows, turquoise, sky blue, purple, cranberry, pumpkin,

copper and tan. Let me let you in on a little secret and its ok for you to tell your friends that I said it... the two most popular colors for...

THE SPRING AND SUMMER 2008 COLLECTION, PURE WHITE AND PLATINUM. THINK SILVER!! Fashion tip... always wear a smile Fashion. just for the fun of it



Shirley Roberson

SHOP TODAY & ENJOY!!

LOOK YOUR BEST EACH DAY!

### A Look Back Into Black History

#### "Two Outstanding Black Leaders in 1960's"



During the 1960's, these were trying times in the Black Community. Among those many active Black leaders included U. S. Congressman Adam Clayton Powell, Jr., left, and Stokely Carmichael in Washington, D. C. in 1966 at the National Museum of African American History and Culture which focused on people who battled injustice.

### Free Senior Citizens Luncheon

All Community Seniors are invited to attend the Senior Citizen Appreciation day scheduled for this coming Saturday, February 9, 2008, at the Mae Simmons Community Center, beginning at 11:00 a. m. until 1:00 p. m.

The event will feature a free catered meal and the opportunity to share your family history as

well as your own personal experience prior to Lubbock's upcoming Centennial Celebration. Show-and-tell items, such as photo albums are welcomed.

For more information, or to RSVP, please contact Center Director, Rev. Edwin Harris at 767-2708, before Thursday. This event is sponsored by City of Lubbock Parks & Recreation Department, Southwest Collections, and Roots Historical Arts Council.

### Second Senior Citizen Fashion Show Set Here

The Lubbock Area Client Council will present a program from the 'Beginning of Black History. It is the Second Senior Citizen Fashion Show. It will be held Friday evening, February 22, 2008, beginning at 7:00 p. m. at the Dunbar Middle School Auditorium.

This is a program sponsored by the Lubbock Juneteenth Committee.

Ms. Rose Wilson is president of the Lubbock Area Client Council. She says, "The first Senior Citizen Fashion Show was such a success that we wanted to do it again."

"You see, we (Black people), still got it, and we need to continue to show it, continue d Ms. Wilson.

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

### New Light Baptist Church News

Sunday morning, February 3, 2008, the church services at the New Light Baptist Church, 3013 Idalou Road, were very inspirational.

Services begun with Sunday School, beginning at 9:45 a. m. Brother David Chiles was the morning teacher, and Sister Gloria Lee served as secretary. The morning lesson was entitled "The Motive." The scripture text was Luke 15:1-2; 11-24. The question to ask is: "Why should I bother trying to witness?"

The morning worship hour got underway at 11:00 a. m. with the inspiring Praise Team leading the devotions. The Senior Choir marched in singing "We've Come This Far By Faith." They also sang "In Times Like These," which was led by Sister June Campbell. Another inspiring

selection sung by the Senior Choir was "Father, I Stretch My Hands To Thee!"

The morning sermon was delivered by Rev. Kenneth Jackson, our proud pastor. His subject was "Successful Evangelism." His scripture text was John 4:7-30.

After the sermon, Rev. A. W. Wilson sang "Blessed Assurance."

Let us continue in prayer for Sister Willa Mae Hicks, Sister Lee Ann White, Rev. Kenneth Thompson, and others not mentioned.

The morning services were very inspiring, and it was most rewarding for all in attendance.

The Scripture to study is: "The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me to lie down in

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



Pastors Johnny & Pat Perez

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

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

**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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# Church News



## From the Desk of Parson D.A. Smith "Wanted By Popular Demand: Barack Obama"

On the other side of the world in Tokorozawa, Japan, the report is many Japanese citizens are nuts about Democratic presidential con-tender Barack Obama. These Japanese know his name read and purchase his books and a majority would vote for him if they could.

William J. Kole in his report entitled "World Is Watching US Presidential Race": states Germans are gaga over Barack Obama. He's got Japan pretty jazzed, too, along with Hillary Rodham Clinton, Russia's leaders, not so much: They prefer a Republican-as long as it's not Kremlin critic John McCain. And Mexico's president? He doesn't have much use for any of them. Kole goes on to say America's extraordinary pres-idential campaign has captivated politicians and ordinary people around the globe. With so much at stake in the race for the White House, the world is watching with an intensity that hasn't been seen since the Clinton era began in 1992.

Kole expresses that after eight years of President Bush, the latest mantra in U. S. politics-"transformational change"-is resonating across the rest of the planet desperate for a fresh start. "They feel there's a real chance to work with the U. S.," said Julianné Smith, a senior fellow at the Washington-base Center for Strategic and International Studies. "America's image in the world is really on the line." Non-Americans, she said, are looking for someone who can

"restore faith in the United States."

Obama is said perhaps not surprisingly to be generating most of the buzz abroad. Some Germans admirers are reported to be calling him: "The black JFK." "He is young, charming and sexy!" the mass-circulation news-paper Bild gushed. "Obama is not the ideal projection screen for hopes and expectations in Europe" and the U. S. alike, said Christian Hacke, a professor at the University of Bonn.

Kole noted the Mainichi newspaper said in an editorial "The idea since the country's founding- 'You can't be-come president if you're not a white man'-has already been destroyed. But in Europe, where some see Obama as untested, support for Clinton is widespread, and nostalgia for her husband's charisma runs deep. When scandals rocked the Clinton White House, most Europeans responded with a Gallic shrug.

The Republican pres-idential hopefuls, by contrast, are not highly regarded in Europe: Mitt Romney and Mike Huckabee are seen too religious, and the 71-year old McCain as too old. Kole noted the Israelis; seem to prefer Hillary Clinton-even though Obama has voiced support for key Israeli demands in peace talk with the Palestinians-because of her experience and the backing Bill Clinton gave to the Jewish state during his two terms as president. Kole also made it known that

amid the raging debate over immigration; Mexicans arguably have more at stake in the U. S. election than any other nation. But President Felipe Calderon doesn't think very highly of any of the candidates. The only theme he is said to have declared in December 2007 "is to compete to see who can be the most swag-gering, macho and anti-Mexican."

The question was asked by this writer on last week "Is Political Change Real or a Mist-Net in the Wind" in America. This question will be answered in some respect on Super Tuesday, February 5, 2008. The world will be watching to see if America wants a young articulate black male or a woman for president or a 71-year old white male that voted against having a Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday because he was not a "white man."

**SUPPORT BLACK HISTORY MONTH EACH AND EVERY DAY! AS A RACE OF PEOPLE, WE'VE COME A MIGHTY LONG WAY! GOD IS WITH US!**



## We Thank God for Jesus

### "America Stop Mocking For God"

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

**Exodus 20:3-5** - The Lord said, you shall not have no other Gods before me. You shall not bow down yourselves to them, nor serve them; for I the Lord your God am jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the father upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me.

When America started out, she was worshipping and praising the only living true God. She was blessed, and increased with wisdom and riches. She became her own God!!!

**\*\*\* There Is Nothing New Under The Sun!!! \*\*\***

Just as Satan did at one time, he also worshiped and praised the true God. Then one day, he became a fool in his own eyes, and thought he was a God!!!

**Isaiah 14:13a-14** - Satan said, in his heart, I will ascend into the heaven. I will exalt my throne above the stars of God. I will ascend above the heights of the clouds, I will be like the most High (God).

America has made that same above. She built her name high as the Tower of Babel. She thinks she is God, because of her wisdom and riches, and the people imagine a vain thing?

**Psalms 2:1-4** - The Lord said, why do the heathen rage,

and the people imagine a vain thing? Lord, an against his anointed, saying, let us brake their bands asunder, and cast away their cards from us. He that sits in the heavens shall laugh. The Lord shall have them in derision.

America has been able to do heart,kidney, lungs, legs and arms transplants. But her knowledge has been taken away from God, and to see this she can't!!!

**Matthew 15:14** - Jesus said, let taken. They are blind leaders of the blind. And if the blind lead the blind, both shall fall in the ditch.

**\*\*\* America Is Robbing God!!! \*\*\***

America was clone a man, making babies without a woman laying with a man. God did it when Jesus was born. America is saying what God can do, she can!!!

**Jeremiah 9:23-24a** - The Lord said, let not the wise man glory in his wisdom. Neither let the mighty man glory in might. Let not the rich man glory in his riches. But let him that glory, glory in this, that he understands me. That I am the Lord which exercise loving kindness, judgement, and righteousness in the earth for in these things, I delight.

America is in so much trouble.

ble. Like Adam brought on mankind by eating of the tree. America didn't follow flow the word of God. Now she and her people are in miseries!!!

**\*\*\* America's Land Is Suffering Also!!! \*\*\***

The America's land is having forest fires, droughts, floods, and mudslides. She is in pain. Her people are suffering, crying out. Needing God's help, but rather go insane!!!

**\*\*\* America Doesn't Want Prayer In Her Schools. Don't Want God's Name In Her Alliance. Don't Want God's Name In Her Courthouses, And Might Get Kicked Out Of Her Churches!!! So Far It's A Luke Warm Meeting Place, Just To Say, I Went To Church Today!!! \*\*\***

**Jeremiah 6:10-16** - The Lord said, to who shall I speak, and give warning, that they may hear? Behold, their ears are uncircumcised, and they cannot hear. Behold, the word if the Lord is unto them a reproach. They have no delight in it. Stand in the way, see, and ask for the souls. But they said, we will not walk therein.

Only God can heal America. She needs his peace, mercy, joy, and also his love. That's the

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# St. Matthew's Baptist Church News

Again Church Services were well attended last Sunday morning, February 3, 2008, at the St. Matthew Baptist Church, 2020 East 14th Street, where the proud pastor is Rev. Edward Canady.

Services got underway with Sunday School with Sister Luella Harris, Superintendent, in charge. Another wonderful lesson was taught by the teacher, Sister Nina

Davis. The lesson was reviewed by Pastor Canady. The subject was "Response R Requires Work." His text scripture was Luke 10:1-12; 17-20.

The morning worship hour began with devotion at 11:30 a.m. with Deacon Edward Williams and Brother Gerald Jackson in charge.

The St. Matthew Baptist Church Senior Choir sung out of their hearts and souls to the congregation. These dedicated choir members are always ready and eager to sing for the Lord.

Pastor Canady delivered another powerful message. His subject was "Feed The Flock." His scripture text was I Peter 5:1-5; 2:1-4; and 4:1.

Let us remember all the sick and shut-in. God is able. Just a little kindness to someone on the sick and shut-in will go a mighty long ways. Let's not forget that!

Pastor and Sister Canady hosted a "Fish Fry" on last Saturday,

February 2, 2008. What a wonderful time we all had during this wonderful time. It is just good to sit down and fellowship with one another. Pastor and Sister Canady, you were on target with this function. Thank God for the wonderful time all had at the St. Matthew Baptist Church last Saturday.

**Thought of the Week:** "Faith in God's goodness puts a

song in your heart and praises on your lips.

As Black people, let us not forget from whence we come from. In looking over the history, it's wonderful to see how much we have accomplished as a people. In order to keep this up, we need to keep our young Black children apprised of all we have done.

## Outreach Prayer Breakfast

The Outreach Prayer Breakfast has been involved in meeting in the community for more than 30 years. It is our mission to continue to talk about the goodness of God and all that He has done for all of us.

**"Summone To Repent"** This is a mighty inspirational topic for discussion. The scripture text for this topic is Luke 13:1-9.

There were reports circulating that Pilate had had Galileans murdered while they were sacrificing in the Temple at Jerusalem. While there is no historical evidence to substantiate this fact, the story has been widely circulated during Jesus' time and essentially was taken as fact. Therefore, he says to the person that approached Him, "Do you think that these Galileans were greater sinners than all the other Galileans, because they suffered these things?" (Luke 13:2) Jesus goes on to answer His own question by saying, "No." Jesus wanted to indirectly address the speculative and intransigent thought of ancient Judaism that if something 'bad' happened to someone it was because that person was 'bad' or sinful. However, Jesus follows this emphatic negation with an equally jarring statement, "Unless you repent you will all perish in a similar manner. Luke 13:3.

passed for fruit to appear on the tree. Since the tree had not borne any fruit, the owner instructed the caretaker to cut down the tree.

The caretaker, on the other hand, was not of a mind to cut down the tree without more effort put into tending the tree so he intercedes on behalf of the tree and the care-giver asks for

one more year to tend to the tree. The caregiver promises to take special care of the fig tree in hopes that the tree will produce the desired fruit. He concedes, nonetheless, that if the fig tree does not produce any fruit at the end of the additional year of extra care, the owner will be within his right to cut it down.

Let us remember all the sick and shut-in. God is able. Just a little kindness to someone on the sick and shut-in will go a mighty long ways. Let's not forget that!

Pastor and Sister Canady hosted a "Fish Fry" on last Saturday,

**Manhattan Heights Church of Christ**  
763-0582 - Tyrone N. Dufosse, Minister  
1702 E. 26th St. (corner of E. 26th St. and Martin Luther King, Jr Blvd.)

**Sundays:**  
Bible Class - 9:00am  
Worship - 10:15am  
Evening Worship - 5:00pm  
Midweekdays:  
Bible Class & Devotional - 7:00pm

**God's Plan for Saving Men**  
All have sinned - Romans 3:23  
Jesus Christ died for our sins - 1 Cor. 15:3; Acts 2:24  
We must do God's will, and obey Him to enter heaven - Matt. 7:21; Heb. 5:9  
How do we stay there?  
Hear the gospel - Romans 10:17  
Believe Jesus Christ to be the son of God - Mark 16:7  
Repent of your sins - Luke 13:3  
Confess - 1 John 1:9  
Be baptized for the forgiveness of your sins - Acts 2:38  
Be baptized with the Holy Spirit - 1 Cor. 12:13

ALL ARE WELCOME TO OUR WELFARE MEETINGS

## Stone Hollow VILLAGE

## Park Meadows VILLAS

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- Walking Trail\*\*
- 9 Foot Ceilings\*\*
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- Community Room with TV
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### 1510 E. Cornell St.

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\*Subject to general level of availability. See floor plans for details only. \*\*This feature available only on Stone Hollow Village. No Pets Allowed.

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(806) 744-2700 (To Access Park Meadows Enter Off of E. at 25th & Oak)

\*\* These Amenities @ Stone Hollow Village Only!

As was His custom, Jesus concretized His teaching by way of a parable. Jesus tells of a vineyard owner who had a fig tree in his vineyard. One day the owner decided to get some figs off the tree. However, when he came upon the tree there was no fruit on it. The owner was somewhat exasperated because the standard three year-ling!



# Obsequies

## Sonja Marie Wallace



Graveside services were held for Sonja Marie Wallace last Tuesday morning, February 5, 2008, at Peaceful Gardens Memorial Park in Woodrow under the direction of Griffin Mortuary & Funeral Home of Lubbock.

She passed away Thursday, January 31, 2008, at her residence.

She was born March 17, 1941. She was a graduate of Dunbar High School in 1962.

She is survived by a daughter, Phyllis Wallace; two sons, Olen D. Wallace and Donald Wallace; three sisters; four grandchildren and relative.

## Aubrey Gene Johnson



Funeral services for Aubrey Gene Johnson were held last Saturday morning, February 2, 2008, at the Alexander Chapel Church of God in Christ.

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

Mr. Johnson passed away Saturday, January 26, 2008, at his residence.

He was born in Roaring Springs, Texas on June 23, 1940.

He is survived by his wife, Mattie; two sons, Aubrey Johnson, Jr. (Angela) and George Adkinson (Yagi); one daughter, Connie Booker; one sister, Florida Hopson; one brother, Kenneth Johnson; 10 grandchildren; a host of nieces, nephews, other dear relatives, and close friends.

## Montel Williams' Talk Show to End After 17 Years On-Air



NEW YORK (AP) — Syndicated talk show host Montel Williams is being replaced by a younger version of himself. CBS Television Distribution announced Wednesday that "The Montel Williams Show" will cease production after this television season, his 17th on the air.

Instead, stations that carried his show will be offered a series of Williams reruns. "Best of Montel" will be 52 weeks worth of "some of the most exciting episodes" from the show's history, the producers said.

In addition to receiving the 1996 Daytime Emmy Award for Outstanding Talk Show Host, the show that bears his name has also been honored with Daytime Emmy nominations for Outstanding Talk Show in 2001, and Outstanding Talk Show and Outstanding Talk Show Host in 2002.

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## Clarence E. Denson Succumbs In Tyler

Clarence E. Denson succumbed in Tyler, Texas on January 19, 2008. He was found dead in their home by his wife's sister and brother-in-law. He had just visited his wife, Mary Cato-Denson who was a patient in the hospital from surgery.

It is believed he suffered an apparent heart attack. Mrs. Denson is most appreciative for the showers of love, food, visits, telephone calls, cards, and all kinds of expressions of sympathy from a multitude of Christian friends, church members and acquaintances. She said, "I am truly blessed sympathetically by a host of God's angels."

At this time, Mrs. Denson has been approved to travel the second week of February.

Therefore services for her husband are arranged by Ossie Curry Funeral Home. Services will be held Saturday afternoon, February 16, 2008, at the Greater St. Luke Missionary Baptist Church, 302 East 26th Street, beginning at 1:00 p. m.

The funeral services will be officiated by Rev. J. H. Ford, pastor.

"Our family is most appreciative for everything done by the many good people of Lubbock and other places," conclude Mrs. Denson.

## Ella Joyce Tribute to Rosa Parks -- "A Rose Among Thorns" -- Receives Key to the City of Ft. Lauderdale From Mayor Carlton B. Moore



Ella Joyce

Los Angeles, CA (BlackNews.com) - Ella Joyce's Tribute to Rosa Parks -- "A ROSE AMONG THORNS" -- recently received the key to the city of Ft. Lauderdale from Mayor Carlton B. Moore where she recently performed during Martin Luther King Week celebrations sponsored by JEBA--Ed Haynes and Julia Brown. Performances were at three locations in Florida: St. Paul AME Church in Coconut Grove, Parkway Middle School for the Performing Arts, and Lou Rawls Performing Arts Center at Florida Memorial University on MLK Day. Ella Joyce also received a recognition plaque from Concerned African Women (CAW).

TV and film actress Ella Joyce, best known for her co-starring role of Eleanor on TV's "Roe", Jasmin on "My Wife & Kids", Detective Waller in the action film



Ella Joyce as Rosa Parks

"Set It Off", and Disney's educational film "Selma, Lord Selma" captures the famous moment in the life of Rosa Parks, affectionately called "Mother of the Civil Rights Movement", in her highly praised, one-woman tribute A Rose Among Thorns. This show will perform at The Alabama Shakespeare Festival in historical Montgomery, Alabama, sponsored by the Rosa Parks Museum on Mrs. Parks' birthday, Monday, February 4, 2008.

For tickets and info, visit [www.aRoseAmongThorns.com](http://www.aRoseAmongThorns.com). The show is incredibly booked and will travel during the entire month of February into March for special events, corporations, churches, and schools. Jack Zink from South Florida Sun-Sentinel called A Rose Among Thorns "a well-crafted play." Ed Bungardner from the Winston-Salem Journal calls Ella Joyce "spellbinding" as Rosa Parks.

The show moves onto the University of Santa Cruz, The Harlem School of the Arts sponsored by Woodie King, Jr., and Wayne State University in Detroit to close out the month of February. A Rose Among Thorns just completed a special encore performance sponsored by Omega Psi Phi at LA Southwest College Sat. Jan. 26, for parents and their children. The show is being booked beyond Black History Month.. Continue on Page 8



A Rose Among Thorns

and performed by Ella Joyce, and directed by Dan Martin, takes audiences on a mesmerizing journey not only exploring the "famous incident", but also exploring the deeds of many other unsung heroes of the Civil Rights Movement through the eyes of Rosa Parks. This loving collection of historical information infuses theater-goers of all ages to seek social change and active involvement with issues of today. For more information, visit [www.ellajoyce.com](http://www.ellajoyce.com)

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## Patricia Boswell: An African American Woman Making Some Black History of Her Own

While Black History Month is a time to celebrate important people and events in our history, it also is an opportunity to salute the African Americans of today who are making history in their own ways.

Notably, African American women are becoming changemakers — and not just the handful of women in national politics or sports. Today there is an exciting proliferation of African American women entrepreneurs who are working quietly and relentlessly — creating successful business concepts, generating millions of dollars in revenues, and employing thousands of people.

An example of an African American woman who is making some history of her own is Patricia Boswell; as an entrepreneur, her business card could be printed with a list of titles: including Owner, Inventor, Environmentalist, Marketer, Producer, and Director — not to mention Wife and Mother.

Boswell is gaining fame as an inventive businesswoman as her star product gains favor in the marketplace. She is the creator and chief marketer of Safonique, a unique liquid detergent is made with pure aromatherapy and hypoallergenic. "I wanted to develop a product that's gentle for the entire family, good for the environment, tough on stains, and



Patricia Boswell

affordable for all," Boswell said.

Her timing with the distinctive product was ideal, as it met a number of deeply rooted consumer trends: As Americans seek products that are "green," Safonique is free of phosphates, 100% natural and biodegradable. Even the bottle is recyclable and made from 25% of post-consumer materials. Additionally, today's consumers want authentic, pure products, and Safonique is made with pure essential oils — not synthetics that can aggravate sensitive skin. Further, as consumers seek a more healthful, natural lifestyle, Safonique's pure aromatherapy and natural surfactants provide a gentle yet effective option for their cleaning needs.

All of this springs from Boswell's personal holistic philosophy — her belief that the mind, body and spirit and our environment are interrelated. She knew that she was not alone in wanting the kind of product she would eventually develop. Boswell first was inspired to create Safonique in 1992. Although her vision for the product was clear, the exact formulation for it wasn't — at least at first: It took her 12 years to perfect it.

Next, Boswell tackled the myriad of ongoing tasks that are integral to owning and managing a branded household product. She found a manufacturer, created and trademarked the name Safonique, and plunged into grassroots marketing and promotion activities, usually working single-handedly.

There were some setbacks over the years, but her enterprising instincts were sound: In 2004, the giant retailer Wal-Mart became Safonique's first vendor. Today, Safonique is also carried in supermarkets throughout the Eastern seaboard, and Boswell is aggressively working to expand distribution of her product in other areas of the country.

Like many other successful entrepreneurs, Boswell's entire life prepared her for this work. The daughter of a butcher, she grew up in a small business-owning household in New York City.

## Montel Off Air From Page 4

In a field in which more than 80 talk shows have come and gone since its debut, THE MONTTEL WILLIAMS SHOW has established itself as an endearing brand built on quality and integrity. Entertaining, informative and relatable, the show's longevity is a testament to Mr. Williams' sincerity and compassion, in addition to his willingness to tackle complex issues head on. The show provides a safe forum for provocative and meaningful discussions about family, communication, and personal and social responsibility. Mr. Williams' concern for the welfare of his guests inspired the show's After-Care Program, which began in 1992 and has since arranged for hundreds of people to attend psychological counseling sessions, weight-loss and eating disorder programs and drug rehabilitation centers after they appear on the show.

Mr. Williams' unique place in the television landscape has made him a welcome presence beyond the studio. For example, he has conducted interviews in federal prisons and has been on the scene of recent American tragedies such as Ground Zero after 9/11 and throughout the Gulf Coast after hurricane Katrina.

### To Continue Next Week

She first became a nurse, and then earned a bachelor's degree in business administration from Marymount Manhattan College, and an advanced Business Administration degree from Long Island University. Boswell also has earned certifications in financial planning and real estate development.

Even without venturing into the entrepreneurial arena, Boswell would be noted for her success in business: Her work experience includes nine years in production and packaging for Avon products, four years as a fundraiser with Florida A&M University, and several years working in marketing and sales for various companies and a range of products.

Her work prepared her for her current venture in two ways: first by providing valuable experience and credentials, and also by limiting her ambition and creativity, so that she had to leave the corporate world to follow her entrepreneurial dreams.

As a hands-on business owner who is the mother of a daughter now in her teen years, a son in college, and the wife of a busy college basketball coach, Boswell has to juggle many tasks while keeping her eye on her goals for Safonique. Rather than bending under the weight of this responsibility, Boswell thrives on the challenges, and she also finds time to contribute her expertise and enthusiasm via volunteer work for her start-up charity, Teaming 4 Life, a cancer awareness non-profit, in schools, civic groups and professional associations such as the National Foundation for Teaching Entrepreneurship, Inc.

As this year's Black History Month records the accomplishments of African Americans for future generations, entrepreneurs like Patricia Boswell — inventive, spirited and determined — will certainly take their place in the annals of those who made a valuable contribution to the country.

## Lubbock Teacher Selected as an Outstanding Texas Educator

AUSTIN, Texas — Lisa Davis was selected as one of two elementary school teachers from around the state to receive the 2008 Texas Excellence Award for Outstanding Teachers by The University of Texas at Austin's alumni association, the Texas Exes. Lisa Davis, who coaches literacy for kindergarten through fifth grade at Hles Elementary School in the Lubbock ISD, was nominated by Kyle Warge, Education Service Center (Region 17) Executive Director. She was in competition with over a hundred other state teachers for the award. "Ms. Davis' knowledge and skills have helped to facilitate a more in depth and sustained higher level of literacy competency for our Hles students and staff," said Dr. Brian Yearwood, principal of Hles Elementary School.

The Texas Exes Award for Outstanding Teachers is bestowed annually upon top high school teachers and two elementary teachers who are inspiring, supportive of their students and who bring credit to the teaching profession. The recipients of this award are held in the highest regard by their current and former students, fellow teachers, administrators, students' parents, and community. "The Texas Exes believe in the importance of classroom teaching. Through these awards, we encourage great teaching by celebrating the achievements of the state's top teachers," said Jim Boon, Executive Director of the Texas Exes. The Texas Exes, in collaboration with the university's College of Education, have administered the awards since 1987, honoring 239 teachers through the years.

The awards are chosen by a committee of alumni volunteers, former recipients, and College of Education faculty. Each honoree receives \$2,250, a specially commissioned bronze sculpture, plus many other honors and recognitions, and is brought to the two-day Conference on Texas Excellence in Education on Feb. 21-22 free-of-charge. Lisa Davis, along with the other recipients, will be honored during the February 22 awards dinner hosted by UT President Bill Powers at the Euter-Harbin Alumni Center on The University of Texas campus.

The Texas Exes, the alumni association for The University of Texas at Austin, is one of the strongest alumni associations in

the country, supporting education through scholarships, teaching awards, public policy initiatives, and conferences. The Texas Exes connects over 70,000 members to each other and to the past, present, and future of the university through career counseling, travel, reunions, continuing education, fellowship, and The Alcalde magazine.

Teachers selected for the 2008 Texas Exes Award for Outstanding Teachers are: Linda J. Antinone, Math & AP Physics, R.L. Paschal High School in Fort Worth; The Gordon Appleman Teaching Award

Donna Anthony, Mathematics, J.J. Pearce High School in Richardson; The Lillian B. Rhodes Teaching Award

Lou Coffey, Anthony, Science & Mathematics, Lake Travis High School in Lake Travis; The Lillian B. Rhodes Teaching Award

Lisa Davis, Literacy Collaborator Coach for K-5 Teachers, Hles Elementary School in Lubbock; The Verna Rogers Teaching Award

Lee Ann Hartmann, German, La Grange High School in La Grange; The Bernard & Audre Rapoport Teaching Award

Judy McCaleb Matney, Physics, John Foster Dulles High School in Sugar Land; The Jane Johnson Wilson Teaching Award

Shane May, Physics, Deer Park High School South Campus in Deer Park; The Houston Texas Exes Chapter Award

Kathryn Schultz, Third Grade, Giesinger Elementary in Conroe; The Suzan & Julius Glicolan Teaching Award

Patti Simon, French & Yearbook, Bellaire Senior High School in Bellaire; The Lillian B. Rhodes Teaching Award

Martha McMullan Singletoff, Journalism, Holmes High School in San Antonio; The Bernard & Audre Rapoport Teaching Award

Patsy Namken Trigg, Pre-calculus, Bastrop High School in Bastrop; The Glaxo Teaching Award

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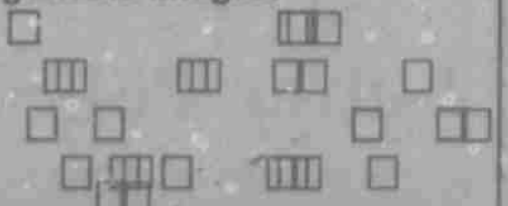
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## THIS 'N' THAT

by T.J. Patterson

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is possible in these ..... UNITED STATES OF AMERICA! ..... Let's get busy ..... MR. & MS. CHAIRMAN OF YOUR COMMITTEE OF ONE! ..... SPEAKING OF VOTING! THIS N THAT ..... is hoping that all of you are ..... REGISTERED VOTERS ..... because come ..... MARCH 4, 2008 ..... you will have an opportunity to vote in the ..... DEMOCRATIC OR REPUBLICAN PRIMARY ..... It is not good to stay at home ..... So mark your calendar ..... so you can ..... VOTE ..... for the person of your choice ..... Get ready so you will be part of history in the ..... MARCH 4TH PRIMARY! ..... ANOTHER PERSON MAY SEEK CITY COUNCIL RACE! THIS N THAT ..... has learned that there ..... MAY BE ANOTHER PERSON ..... vying for the position of ..... CITY COUNCILPERSON, DISTRICT 2 ..... which is presently being held by ..... FLOYD PRICE ..... who is seeking re-election ..... Also ..... there are two others ..... GILBERT SALINAS AND ARMANDO GONZALES ..... who have made preparations for this position ..... Now get this ..... THIS N THAT ..... has received word that another person may run for this position ..... This person is a ..... BLACK FEMALE ..... who is well known in the community ..... This appears to be becoming a ..... VERY ..... INTERESTING RACE ..... If she decides to seek this office ..... all you will be advised ..... It appears as though it may be a crowded race ..... since the deadline to file is ..... MARCH 10, 2008 ..... Just looking back over the past elections

when ..... THIS N THAT ..... ran for this position ..... there were ..... At times ..... there were more than four persons seeking the position ..... In really evaluating the situation ..... It was good for District 2 ..... Just stay tune ..... For more information about the race ..... LUBBOCK COUNTY COMMISSIONERS RACE SHOULD BE INTERESTING! THIS N THAT ..... is predicting that the ..... LUBBOCK COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT 3 ..... should be a ..... VERY ..... INTERESTING RACE ..... especially since the two seeking this race ..... YSIDRO GUTIRREZ & GILBERT FLORES ..... know something about each other ..... Flores lost in 2004 to Gutierrez ..... Looking around the community ..... There are signs both really want to win ..... Just stay tune! ..... CONGRATS TO CHIEF JONES! THIS N THAT ..... would like to say ..... CONGRATS ..... to ..... LUBBOCK POLICE CHIEF CLAUDE JONES ..... for a job well done as police chief and other positions held in the Lubbock Police Department ..... May you continue to serve y our home town ..... LUBBOCK, TEXAS USA! ..... You did well ..... and because of that ..... Lubbock was the winner! ..... ANOTHER CONGRATS! THIS N THAT ..... would like to say ..... CONGRATS ..... to retiring basketball coach of the ..... TEXAS TECH RED RAIDERS ..... BOB KNIGHT ..... for very good career as head basketball coach over ..... 42 YEARS ..... One thing ..... aside

## Think About It!

### Back to the Beginning Of Black History!

by Eddie P. Richardson

Since this Black History Month, we will take a different approach this year. We will go back to where it all started from, The Bible, The Black version or The Holy Bible, The African American Jubilee Edition King James Version. The Bible Jubilee by Dr. Virgil Wood. "And ye shall hallow the fiftieth year, and proclaim liberty throughout the land unto all the inhabitants thereof; it shall be a Jubilee unto you; and ye shall return every man unto his position and ye shall return every man unto his family." Leviticus 25:10 KJV. The story of Jubilee is well established in both the old and new testament, although the record of its practice is barely known. For African Americans, it was their slave ancestors' love for the Bible, which drew them to embrace certain-biblical beliefs, which kept the spirit of Jubilee alive. The col-

lective activity of enslaved Blacks immediately offers the emancipation in 1865 shows that those newly freed Blacks created Black colleges, Black churches, Black businesses within the first 30 years after slavery, the institutional framework was created. The foundation has been so solidly laid, that these institutions have been able to survive to the present time provisions of Jubilee. The provision of Jubilee is cited in Leviticus 25, Isaiah 61, and Luke 4. The original text in Leviticus 25:10 reads: "And ye shall hallow the fiftieth year, and proclaim liberty throughout the land unto all the inhabitants thereof; it shall be a Jubilee unto you; and ye shall return every man unto his position and ye shall return every man unto his family." The text focus on provisions relative to land use, redemption of lost land, pricing and selling consideration in relation to Jubilee guidelines,

and later gives the injunction "you shall not therefore oppress one another." (V, 17) Jubilee is a biblical concept and we begin a retrospective examination of jubilee with the Leviticus passage, which speaks to justice, freedom, Restoration, and reparation much of this concept is mirrored by our Lord as recorded in Luke 4:18-30 there, Jesus reads the well known scripture which begins "the spirit of the Lord is Upon me, because he has anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor" (v.18). After Jesus was finished, reading, he sat down and said to the people, "Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing" (V21). In essence at the end of his inaugural sermon, Jesus endorses Jubilee (to be continued) CLOSING THOUGHT - Pray - Ask and it shall be given - Seek and you shall find.

## Letter To The Editor

### An Injustice Has Occurred!

Dear Lubbock Residents: I am writing to inform you of an injustice that has occurred to the children of the Phea Branch Boys and Girls Club. Over the past three months, the Phea Boys and Girls Club has been participating in a Lubbock Boys and Girls league for girls and boys in the 3rd through 6th grades. There are a total of 6 girl's teams in this league. The games are played on Mondays (girls) and Fridays (boys) at the Phea Branch and on Wednesday (Boys) and Thursday (girls) at the Wilson Branch of the B & G Club. This party or the need to be a member of a political party. If the voters in the several states elect a candidate, with our current knowledge and technology, we should be able to elect a candidate without the party convention or the Electoral College.

arrangement was ideal for the most parental participation for our three Phea Branch teams (2 girls and 1 boys). On January 30th, 2008 in a closed meeting a decision was made to eliminate all games at the Phea Branch Club due to allegations made by three of the other team coaches. The Phea Branch and coaches and staff were not informed of this decision nor were included in this closed meeting until the decision was finalized by Scott, the unit director of the Wilson Branch of the Boys and Girls Club. Our teams were not given an opportunity to defend these allegations nor given a chance to inform parents and players of this decision. The Unit Director, Dr. Robert McKinzie, as well as staff of the Phea Branch are outraged at the administrative staff of the Wilson Branch Boys and Girls Club lack of democratic process in this decision. Doesn't it say "innocent until proven guilty?"

The decision to take away games from the Phea Branch has taken away from our CHILDREN and our COMMUNITY. When we have games at the Phea Branch, mothers, fathers, grandparents, and siblings come out to support their relative. Our gym is packed with people who LOVE and care about our children and our community. Are you going to let the Wilson Staff take this away from us? There was no compromised or discussion given to any of the coaches, staff or parents of the basketball players. In protest a decision was made to withdraw our three teams from the league. This decision was made because OUR CHILDREN and OUR COMMUNITY deserve a voice in the decision making process. Scott and Tom Vermillion THOUGHT of our children's hard work and dedication in this process. Ninety percent of our children have never played basketball. Continued on Page 8

## In Cinque

by Renetta Howard



Howard

exciting for some people who have the inclination for keeping up with the political polls regarding the candidates attempting to secure the votes in each state for President of the United States. It is going to be very interesting to see how the Super Tuesday results play out. The Democratic Party is down to two candidates, Barack Obama and Hillary Clinton. By all standards, these two should be on the same ticket. Problem is whose name will be President and who will be Vice President? Will it be an Obama/Clinton ticket or a Clinton/Obama ticket? Regardless to what Super

Tuesday's results are, there surely will be someone else at the Democratic Convention who wants to be on the Party Ticket. The Republican Party candidates for President have narrowed down to three candidates and there is a possibility that on Super Tuesday, one of those three may be dropping out of the race. If so, there will be only two left and that party's ticket probably should reflect that outcome as well. All of the money spent campaigning could be eliminated with the elimination of party politics. It should be noted that the Constitution of the United States of America has no provision in it for establishment of a political



The Super Bowl and Super Tuesdays are upon us. From all of the advertisements and specials for the Super Bowl, one would think that it is but a few years away from the point in time when it will be a national holiday. Super Tuesday is just as

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**Annual Book Lover's Sale Set Here**

The Annual Book Lover's Sale will be held on Saturday, February 9 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., in the basement of the Mahon Library, 1306 9th St. All items will be half price, including books for adults and children, "Better Books," tapes, CDs, and videos.

Sponsored by the Friends of the Lubbock Public Library, the sale is open to the public, and the proceeds benefit the programs and services of the library. For more information, please call 775-2852.

**Chief Jones Will Retire From LPD**  
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moved under the auspices of the Police Department in response to citizens' calls for stronger enforcement. The move led to an increased emphasis on enforcement of city ordinances related to weeds, debris and junk vehicles.

Overall part one crime, which includes murder, rape, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, theft, auto theft and arson, has declined by 10.9 percent during the last two years. Chief Jones attributes this to the good work of the men and women of the Lubbock police department.

"Chief Jones served the citizens of Lubbock admirably for more than three decades," said City Manager Lee Ann Dumbauld. "His leadership will be missed."

Dumbauld will recommend the appointment of Assistant Police Chief Dale Holton as Police Chief at the February 14 City Council meeting.

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Re: City of Lubbock/Citibus Section 5307 capital and planning grant application for fiscal year 2007-2008; Section 5309 earmark funding for vehicle replacements; and Section 5309 earmark funding for land acquisition and building expansion/renovations.

Notice is hereby given that an opportunity for a public hearing will occur on **February 26, 2008, 12 noon at the Citibus Conference Room, 801 Texas Avenue.** The purpose of this hearing is to consider financial assistance under the Federal Transit Act of 1994, as amended, for the following programs:

**Section 5307 Capital Assistance** - This program cost is estimated at \$3,090,120, \$2,472,090 which will be provided by Federal Transit Administration Section 5307 funds and \$618,024 as local match. This funding will be used to purchase bus shelters, preventive maintenance, security cameras, misc. support equipment, technology upgrades, and non-fixed route ADA services.

**Section 5309 Planning** - This program cost is estimated at \$250,000, \$200,000 of which will be provided by the Federal Transit Administration Section 5309 funds and \$50,000 as local match. This funding will be used to provide various planning activities and maintenance of eligibility.

**Section 5309 Transit Enhancements** - This program cost is estimated at \$33,738, \$26,890 which will be provided by the Federal Transit Administration and \$6,748 as local match. These funds will be used to provide bus shelters, benches, and other passenger amenities.

**Section 5309 Bus Replacement** - This program cost is estimated at \$18,000,000, which will be provided by the Federal Transit Administration Section 5309 funds; Citibus intends to request \$4,500,000 in Transportation Development Credits to provide the local match. The funds will be used to replace Citibus' fleet of 36 1996 buses with hybrid electric vehicles.

**Section 5309 Land Acquisition and Facility Expansion/Renovation** - This program cost is estimated at \$7,600,000, which will be provided by Federal Transit Administration Section 5309 funds; Citibus intends to request \$1,900,000 in Transportation Development Credits to provide the local match. The estimated cost for this project includes land acquisition, demolition, architectural/engineering fees, and building construction and renovation.

Interested individuals and agencies may submit evidence and recommendations orally or in writing before 5:00 p.m. on February 25, 2008. Written comments may be addressed to Citibus Planning Department, PO Box 2000, Lubbock, Texas, 79457; emailed to mharvey@citibus.org or faxed to 806-712-2012. Oral comments may be made by calling 806-712-2003. Written documentation on the above projects is available at the Citibus offices, 801 Texas Avenue.

**Rosa Parks**

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A Rose Among Thorns, written and performed by Ella Joyce, and directed by Dan Martin, takes audiences on a mesmerizing journey not only exploring the "famous incident", but also exploring the deeds of many other unsung heroes of the Civil Rights Movement through the eyes of Rosa Parks. This loving collection of historical information infuses theater-goers of all ages to seek social change and active involvement with issues of today. For more information, visit [www.ella-joyce.com](http://www.ella-joyce.com)

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ketball league before and most have never learned the rules of the game before this league began. In reality our three teams were VERY successful in this league and that caused much jealousy and anger amongst the other less successful teams. This decision was POLITICALLY FUELED but parents of less successful children.

Yesterday, January 31st, I had the opportunity to talk with Scott and Tom Vermillion about this issue and both thought the decision was fair and should not be reversed. I told Scott that there would be more letters and support given to reverse this decision and his response was "IT DOES NOT MATTER IF YOU WRITE LETTERS." He basically was saying that Eastside Residents of Lubbock DO NOT HAVE A VOICE and that our community does not care about our children.

I LOVE OUR CHILDREN and know that they do not deserve the ABUSE and MALTREATMENT that the Wilson Branch is giving them. When I further talked to members of my two girls' teams, I was told that members of the opposing teams' parents were calling them "NIGGERS" when they were on the court and the opposing teams were cursing at them. IS THIS OKAY? DO OUR KIDS DESERVE THIS AT THE AGE OF 9?

I am writing this letter to inform the LUBBOCK community of the injustices that has been brought on our CHILDREN. I ask that Citizens write and visit Tom Vermillion and the Boys and Girls Club Board (3221 29th Street), Lubbock, Texas 79416) to let them know that Lubbock will not stand for UNFAIR doings to our children. IF YOU DONOT DO SOMETHING TO STAND UP FOR OUR CHILDREN AND GIVE THEM A VOICE THEN WHO WILL.

Sincerely Upset and Concerned Citizen  
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