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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 2nd 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 p.m.
- 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 Thursday at 1:00 pm, Mac Simmons Community Center
- Lubbock Chapter of Black Alumni meets every 3rd Tuesday, 5:30 pm, TTU Market Alumni Center
- Dunbar/Marhatten Heights Neighborhood Association meets every 1st Thursday at 6:00 pm and every 4th Thursday at 7:00 pm at the Dunbar-Marhatten Heights Neighborhood Outreach Center at 1301 East 24th St.
- West Texas Native American Association Pot Luck Supper meets on alternating months prior to meeting, meetings held on 2nd Saturday of each month at 7:00 pm, Educational presentations and demonstrations.
- Texas Juneteenth Cultural & Historical Commission - Lubbock Affiliate meets at Patterson Branch Library every 3rd Thursday at 7:00 pm
- West Texas Native American Association meets 2nd Saturday each month at Groves Library, 5520 19th Street, 7:30 p.m.
- West Texas Chapter of 100 Black Men meets the 3rd Monday evening at 7:00 pm at the Parkway Neighborhood Center.
- The Parkway Guadalupe & 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 the 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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## Dunbar High School Graduates Schoolmates reunited after 30+ years, now joined together for Holy Matrimony



Avis Patterson & Michael Williams

This story is like no other story. A "Cinderella Story" of all times. This love was founded on the "Rock of Ages", that rock is Jesus Christ. For what ever reason, GOD did not allow them come together until after thirty years for such a time as this.

Michael first fell in love with Avis in the third grade where she marked him for life through an incident involving a compass. Now one might think that it was a coincident, but with God there are no such things. All through junior high and high school, Michael and Avis were closely connected, but did not know at the time what was to become of their relationship 30+ years later. One day as Michael was reading the Bible, God placed Avis on his heart. Michael felt an urge to try and contact her through her parents.

His first attempt was unsuccessful. He began to think that his original thoughts of her were mere passing thoughts until the Lord once again prompted him to try again. This time her Mother, Bobbie Patterson answered the phone. He explained to her the reason for the call and asked if he could have Avis's number.

Once in contact with Avis, God just began to do what He does best, bring all things together for the good, for the good of those that love the Lord and are called according to His purpose (Romans 12:28). Through a series of conversations, Michael and Avis began to fall deeply in love with each other realizing that they were connected in the spirit. God had purposed them to fall in love with each other spiritually and intellectually for the work that He

has planned for them. God has a divine appointment on their lives. Michael and Avis became officially engaged the week of Valentine's Day. Michael traveled to Ohio where Avis now resides to present her with the engagement ring. While visiting her there, Michael got an opportunity to visit the place of fellowship where

Avis is a member and serves as Worship Leader, Heirs Covenant Church of Cincinnati, under the Apostolic leadership of John W. Stevenson. Their covenant vows will be exchanged at HCCC on May 3, 2008 at 2:00 PM.

Even though things for Michael and Avis have happened quickly, they both realize that it is all the Lord's doing. They are simply amazed at how God is moving in their lives and on their behalf all for the purpose of the work of the Kingdom. It is somewhat difficult for them to explain to others about their relationship. All they know is that God's hand is all in it and what He has told them is what they have based their decisions on and will live by. They realize that this picture is bigger than them. It is not just about them, but it about the call on their lives and how God has chosen to work through them for the building of His Kingdom. Not only are these exciting times for the both of them, but they will also be traveling to Florida at the end of May where Avis's son, Marcus Williams will also be joined in Holy Matrimony with Emmanuel Saint-Hubert.

Michael and Avis plan on residing in Ohio for a few years until God relocates them back to the Texas area.



Sedelia Solomon

## 54th Aniversary of the Federation of Choirs March 23rd

The 54th Anniversary of the Federation of Choirs will be held Sunday afternoon, March 23, 2008, at 2:30 p. m. at the Greater St. Luke Missionary Baptist Church where Rev. J. H. Ford is pastor.

Mrs. Bennie Sims, president, says: "Thank God for Another blessing!" She continues, "We thank God for fifty four years of singing, praising and fellowship with one another in our city."

The Federation of Choirs was organized by the late Mrs. Sedelia Solomon. Everyone in the Lubbock community have been blessed with such a history. The prayer is God will continue to bless the many efforts of the Federation of Choirs.

Mrs. Solomon was born to Mr. and Mrs. Mack Blakely in Ferris, Texas February 8, 1919.

She attended the public school in Ferris, then to L. M. Terrell High School in Fort Worth, Texas where she graduated.

Mrs. Solomon's education was continued in Butler College, Tyler, Texas, and later in Paul Quinn College, Waco, Texas. She was the member of the Class of 1950 where she graduated.

She did her graduate work in Denver University, and had obtained her P.S. degree.

Mrs. Solomon taught school in Ferris for twelve years, and was employed in by the Lubbock Public Schools for six years. In both locations, she operated a School of Music.

She taught vocal music at Ella Hles Elementary School.

In Ferris, she organized The Gospelaires and traveled with them extensively. She also played for the Mt. Herib Baptist Church Choir.

In 1954, she organized the Federation of Choirs and was in charge of the Treble Choir in school, and was Director of Music at the New Hope Baptist Church. She was also a member of the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. She was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star; served as Chairman of the Cancer Fund in 1957, and worked on the Heart Fund in 1958.

Mrs. Solomon was married to the late Walter R. Solomon, and they were parents of a child, Daraline.

Rehearsals for the 54th Annual Federation of Choirs are held each Friday evening at the Greater St. Luke Missionary Baptist Church. Supt. David Haynes is Chairman of the Program Committee.

## Photos Of Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church's Good Medicine for the Soul Brunch

Here are some photos of women who attended the Good Medicine for the Soul Brunch, sponsored by the Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church. Sister Pamela Robinson served as Chairperson the event which was centered on breast cancer and other cancer illness which affect the African-American woman.

Guest speaker was Dr. Romelle S. Burley MD. Rev. Sonja J. Beaty is pastor of Bethel.



## Rev. Scott Strolled For The Juneteenth Celebration Committee



Rev. Edwin Scott, Sr. is shown strolling across the stage of Dunbar Middle School's Auditorium on Friday evening, February 22, 2008. This was a Senior Citizens Style Show and was sponsored by the Lubbock Juneteenth Committee.

A longtime resident of Lubbock, Rev. Scott is always encouraged when he sees or hears of good things happening in Lubbock. He is a member of Smith Temple Community Church.

"I have been a resident of Lubbock since 1944, and I married Pauline Walker in 1948," he said. "It will be 60 years in August of this marriage." He continued, "They have 4 children and 13 grandchildren."



# Chatman Hills Corner

By Doris Reynolds

The Pilgrim Baptist Church will be celebrating their "Church Anniversary" on Sunday, March 30, 2008, beginning at 3:30 p. m.

Phillips. All visitors were welcomed by Sister Mary Mitchell.

include Brother Clarence Ervin who asked for prayer last Sunday morning.

Church services were well attended last Sunday morning, March 9, 2008, at the New Hope Baptist Church. Rev. B. R. Moton is the proud pastor. If you are looking for a Church home, then come and visit New Hope.

### Local Man's Brother Succumbs In Houston



Deacon William Caviel

Houston -- Deacon William Pinder Caviel, the brother of Alfred Caviel, was funeralized Monday afternoon, March 3, 2008, at the Mt. Hebron Missionary Baptist Church, Inc.

in Houston with Rev. Max A. Miller, Jr., pastor officiating. Rev. J. J. Roberson is pastor/emertus.

Interment was held in Houston Memorial Gardens in Gardens, Texas under the direction of Johnson Funeral Home in Houston.

Mr. Caviel was born in Glen Flora, Texas on January 22, 1923 to Jasper C. Caviel, Sr. and Ruby Caviel. Both preceded him in death.

He was the third of ten children, and seven preceded him in death.

At an early age, William was baptized at Mt. Vernon Baptist Church in Glen Flora, and later moved his membership to Mt. Hebron Baptist Church. He was very active with the Deacon Board, Male Chorus which he loved and the Mass Choir until his health failed him.

William spent three years in the military during World War II. After discharge, he attended Texas State University for a year. He became employed with Sheffield Steel where he remained until retirement. He was united in Holy Matrimony to the late Alberta M. Caviel. William loved hunting, fishing and gardening. This is how he spent most of his retirement enjoying all activities.

William leaves to cherish his memories: one son, Michael

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### New Light Baptist Church News

Sunday School got underway last Sunday morning, March 9, 2008, at the New Light Baptist Church at 9:45 a.m. until 10:45 a. m. Brother David Chiles was the teacher. The subject of the morning lesson was "Where God Is At Home." The scripture text was 1 Corinthians 3:1; 6:20; 1 Corinthians 3:9-17; 6:12-13 & 18-20.

Brother Hicks. The Youth Choir, under the direction of Sister Angela Johnson, provided the music.

The morning scripture was Psalms 23. Prayer led by Brother Hicks. The responsive reading was Psalms 103:1-13 and led by Pastor Lee. Altar call was conducted by Pastor Jackson.

Rev. Kenneth Jackson, pastor, delivered a dynamic sermon. His subject was "You Can Run, But You Cannot Hide!" Jonah 1:1-17.

Brother Chris Rivers was a visitor last Sunday morning.

The morning services got underway with the devoting praises led by Sister Cavanaugh, Sister Hicks, Sister Campbell, Sister Richardson, Sister Johnson and

### FASHION FUN

by Shirley Roberson

#### THE IMPORTANCE OF COSTUME JEWELRY

Jewelry plays an important part in the completion of any fashion outfit and your options are plentiful.

Jewelry is personal and all about freedom, wear as much as you like or as little, one at a time or all at one time. It

is entirely up to you. Today's jewelry is designed basically for the

mind and body, created with parts that swing and move when you do.

This spring let your imagination run rapid, wild and free. So ladies go for it.

Remember colors are bold and bright, bangles are fantastic.

Keep in mind that with your jewelry you can juggle it, shuffle it, bunch it, mix it or match it. It's all about expressing yourself.

Fashion tip... always wear a smile!



Shirley Roberson

Fashion.. just for the fun of it! Look Your Best!!

### Lubbock Junior Ambassador Students Named For 2008

The City of Lubbock is proud to announce the 2008 Junior Ambassadors. The mission of the Junior Ambassador program is to foster the development of friendship, understanding, and education through International Ambassador Exchange. The Junior Ambassador Program provides a unique opportunity for middle school and high school students to learn first hand about the Japanese culture. Sixteen students representing Lubbock, Texas have been selected to participate in this unique educational program. Each of the students has excellent leadership skills and will be an outstanding representative of our great city as we travel to Musashino City, Japan. The following students have been selected: (All Saints Episcopal School) John Hardberger; (Coronado High School) Kaitlin Reynolds; (Evans Middle School) Ben Cowling, Griffin Kennedy; (Hutchinson Middle School) Jake Moore, Gabriel Nathan; (Lubbock High School) John Gatica, Olivia

Murray; (O.L. Slatou Middle School) Joe Bowman, Hannah Evans, Cody Farmer, Lindsey Henderson, Maria Hernandez, Nevil Kallepalli; (Mackenzie Middle School) Ben Jackson and Bobbi Beck-Lee.

The Junior Ambassadors meet weekly to learn about the Japanese language, culture, and customs. Meetings provide students a chance to become familiar with each other, as well as to prepare for their upcoming journey. The Junior Ambassadors travel to Musashino, Japan in June for eight days and will stay with Japanese host families. This once in a lifetime opportunity will enrich the Ambassadors' understanding of the social, political, and economic aspects of Japan and will increase their global competitiveness in the job market of the 21st Century.

The Jr. Ambassador Goodwill Program is made possible, in part, by the generous support of the Lubbock Independent School District.

### Grants Offered For Various Programs In Lubbock

Civic Lubbock, Inc. is now accepting applications for grant funding from the Festival, Arts and Entertainment Grant Program.

The Festival, Arts and Entertainment Grant Program provides funding to assist arts events and/or projects (to include all art disciplines), festivals, and other cultural entertainment events that are presented by local non-profit organizations (or government equivalent). Projects must be available and/or open to the public and held at a venue inside the Lubbock city limits. The funding for this grant program is provided through the revenues generated from the 2007 Lubbock Music Festival.

To qualify for consideration, organizations must possess a current IRS non-profit tax-exemption letter.

The deadline for submitting an application for funding is April 1, 2008 and is for projects/events that occur between June 1, 2008 and May 31, 2009.

The 2008 Grant guidelines and application forms can be obtained by calling 775-2242. For questions concerning the grant program, please call Freddy Chavez at 775-2236.

This is the second year for the Festival, Arts and Entertainment Grant program and is not to be confused with the Local Grant/Special Event Funding grants offered by Civic Lubbock, Inc., which is funded through Civic Lubbock's profits from the Concessions and Select-a-Seat operations or the Cultural Arts Grant Program which is funded through Hotel Occupancy Tax and administered by Civic Lubbock, Inc.

### Mandatory Meeting Set For Workshop

A mandatory meeting, prayer and fellowship for the workshop participants for the Gospel Fest 2008 will be held Saturday afternoon, March 15, 2008, 12 noon, at the New Light Baptist Church, 3013 Idalou Road. The pastor is Rev. Kenneth Jackson and Sister Sudell Cavanaugh is Choir Director.

All participants are required to attend this mandatory meeting in order to know the procedures for the event on Sunday afternoon, March 23, 2008.

Failure to attend will lead to being excused from the concert.

space is limited, so call 806.775.3560 to sign-up today!

### Taste of Texas BBQ cook-off set for April 5

LEVELLAND - The fourth annual Taste of Texas BBQ cook-off is slated for 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on April 5 at The Square in downtown Levelland.

The event will feature live entertainment from the gazebo and fun for the whole family.

The cost is \$7 for adults; \$5 for students without IDs, \$4 for students with IDs and children under two years of age will receive a free hot dog. The meal includes one drink and one dessert with a ticket. Additional drinks and dessert will be available for purchase.

"Basically, this is a great opportunity to work with the college and showcase our downtown area," said Mary Siders of the Levelland Chamber of Commerce. "We are thrilled for what the college has done for the community and this is a chance for the community to give some-

thing back to the student leaders at the college."

The cook-off is open to any local or visiting team of barbecue enthusiasts that wish to enter. Teams are required to cook 40 pounds of meat on site and have the meat ready to serve by the 11:30 a.m. deadline. Registration will begin at 5 p.m. April 4, the deadline for teams to enter.

A panel of celebrity judges will select the winner of the Traveling Trophy as well as two runners up. The winner will be announced at 1 p.m. In recent years, as many as 10 teams have competed in cook-off.

Proceeds from the event will benefit the SPC Student Government Association. The event is co-sponsored by Main Street City of Levelland.

For more information, call 806-894-9079.

### Art Workshop Set For Local Artists

Programming at the Buddy Holly Center is made possible in part by the generous support of CH Foundation, Helen Jones Foundation, the City of Lubbock, and Supporters of the Fine Arts (SOFA). For more information about this exhibit or other events, please contact the staff at the Buddy Holly Center at

806.775.3560 or visit us online at www.buddyhollycenter.org.

Local artist and instructor Chelsie Murlee will be conducting a FREE two-day acrylic painting workshop for kids! Come explore Shirley Crow's exhibit Images for a New World and learn painting techniques that will make you an out of this world artist! Lunch will be provided on Saturday, April 26, 2008, free of charge to workshop participants. Pre-registration is required and

### 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 Ministers," 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 Lubbock Police Department Racial Profile Congratulations

We congratulate the Lubbock police department in their most recent report on racial profiling. We do not live in a perfect world. People error and make mistakes. Those brave souls who take on the responsibility of being a policeman are human and sometimes they make mistakes. These mistakes often or not intentional but happen because of varying circumstances.

Lubbock police department release recently (as per law) their "racial profiling report." Robin Pyle/Avalanche-Journal wrote a story dated Saturday, March 8, 2008 that included the following as it related to racial profiling.

Hispanics were arrested more often in Lubbock during traffic stops last year (2007) than whites or blacks... and minority groups, especially blacks were searched more frequently than whites.

Lubbock police officials as per Pyle say the report does not indicate officers are targeting minorities during traffic stops, but some minority leaders say the racial gaps in searches and arrests could indicate a problem and that the gaps highlight a racial divide in how blacks and Hispanics perceive police officers and vice versa.

There were more than 37,600 drivers stopped and ticketed by the Lubbock police in 2007. As per Pyle, Police Lt. Greg Stevens said while the numbers may appear inconsistent, there are legitimate reasons behind the

arrests and searches. When you really analyze those numbers... the vast majority (of arrests) are no discretionary. The two most common arrests were because an arrest warrant had already been issued for the person pulled over or the person was driving with an invalid license. Police searched 64 vehicles in 2007. The two reasons officers searched the vehicle, accounting for 38 of the searches, were because the officer reported smelling marijuana or the driver looked nervous.

Blacks were four times as likely and Hispanics about twice as likely as whites to be searched during traffic stop, according to the report. Traffic stops were said to have mirrored the ethnic population.

Pyle gave the varying views of the report from former City Councilman, T. J. Patterson; Ray Lozada, with the local chapter of the League of United Latin American Citizens; David Haynes, pastor of Christ Temple Church of God in Christ; City Councilwoman Linda DeLeon and City Councilman Floyd Price. Councilman Floyd Price purported analysis: "the numbers are inconclusive in determining whether officers were targeting minorities. To look at racial profiling, you've got to know the reason. Were they stopped because they were brown or a traffic violation? An officer has probable cause to stop a person if

the officer witnesses a traffic violation or if the officer checks the license plate in his or her system and has a reason to stop a driver. If an officer does not have a probable cause, all resulting searches and arrests would be illegal."

What befuddle, confuses and perplex this writer in the "reader's comments" to this AJ's story by Ms. Pyle is the personal and unwarranted attack against Councilman Price during this election year. The writer with a Latino profile wrote the following:

Councilman Price will always be a policeman and never take the side of the those affected. He has been a peace officer for more than 33 years. He cannot represent the ordinary citizen because he is part of the Police Institution. "Unconclusive"-what is inconclusive (whatever "un-conclusive" means if anything in the English language???) about police searching four times and two times as many Blacks and Hispanics as White people based on nervousness or supposed traffic citations? I believe this is very conclusive. This fact is based on the police's own numbers. Price is a bad representative for the mostly minority community he represents. Instead of defending them he wants more of the same racial profiling and while DeLeon gives a reason for the searches-she says her concerns are alleviated or she

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## We Thank God for Jesus

### "Thank God It Could Be Worse"

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

**Proverbs 27:20** - Hell an destruction are never full so the eyes of man is never satisfied.

When we have a headache and the pain is great, we curse. We hear of the man who has a brain tumor. Thank God, it could be worse!

**Psalm 118:23-24** - This is the Lord's doing. It is marvelous in our eyes. This is the day which the Lord has made. We will rejoice and be glad in it.

When we go buy groceries, fill even sacks. The prices are high and we curse. We see many people hustling the trash cans. Thank God, it could be worse!!!

**Deuteronomy 15:11** - The Lord said, for the poor shall never cease out of the land. Therefore, I command you, saying, you shall open hand wide unto your Brother, to the poor, and to your needy in your land.

It can rain all weekend, want to be outside and under our breath, we curse. Think of the flooding we hear of in other states. Thank God, it could be worse!!!

**Romans 14:6** - He that regards the day, regards it unto the Lord, and he that regard not the day, to the Lord does not regard it unto the Lord, and he that eat, eat unto the Lord, he

gives God thanks, and he eats not and gives God thanks.

When we go the store, pull on the door and it's hard to open. We curse. We see the man in the wheelchair trying to get in. Thank God, it could be worse!!!

**Psalm 105:1-2** - O' God thanks u unto the Lord, Call upon his name. Make known his deeds among the people. Sing unto him. Sing psalms unto him. Talk you of all his wondrous works.

We know of some people who got their car's tender bent. Out loud, they curse. Then know of that someone died in an accident. Thank God, it could be worse!!!

**I Chronicles 16:34** - O give thanks u unto the Lord. He is good, for his mercy endures for ever.

When the water is frozen, and we can't make our coffee. Out loud we curse. Neighbor's water has been off for three weeks. Thank God, it could be worse!!!

**Psalm 136:1-4** - O give thanks unto the Lord. For he is good. For his mercy endures for ever. To his along those great wonders. For his mercy endure: for ever.

The wind is blowing at 40 mph and under your breath you curse.

You've forgotten the 1970

tornado in Lubbock. Thank God, it could be worse.

**Palm 65\*** - They also that dwell in the uttermost parts are afraid of your token (Signs). You make the outgoing of the morning and evening to rejoice.

The man's and his car broke down. He rides the Citibus, and under his breath he curse. Many cities in Texas don't even have a bus system. Thank God, it could be worse!!!

**Psalm 104:13** - He waters the hills from his chambers. The earth is satisfied with the fruit of your works.

Brother T.J. Patterson had two of his tires cut, and out loud he did curse. I, Billy, B. J., had all four of my tires cut. Thank God, it could be worse!!!

**Psalm 100:1-2 & 4a** - Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all you lands. Serve the Lord with gladness. Come before his presence with singing. Be thankful unto Him, and bless His name.

Let us always be aware that God is always in control, and as his children, we must understand how He stands.

You see, God loves all of us regardless of who we are.

# St. Matthew's Baptist Church News

Church services at the St. Matthew Baptist Church, 2020 East 14th Street, were well attended last Sunday morning, March 9, 2008, where the pastor is Rev. Edward Canady.

Services got underway with Sunday School with Rev. Canady in charge. Sunday School began at 10:00 a. m. Pastor Canady taught the morn-

ing lesson. The subject of the lesson was "Covenanting". The lesson text was I Chronicles 17:1; 3-4; 6-15. What a wonderful lesson it was.

Pastor Canady said, "If I had

to describe this week's lesson, in a word, it would be commitment."

The morning services got underway at 11:15 a. m. with the morning devotion led by Deacon Edward Williams, with continuing prayer by Sister Annie Onsanaya.

The St. Matthew Baptist Church Choir was responsible for singing God's praises. What a time they had singing the songs for the morning services.

Pastor Canady delivered a wonderful sermon. His subject was "When Do We Get Paid." His scripture text was Matthew 19:27-30.

What a wonderful time all had in the word.

Let us continue to pray for

those who are on the sick and shut-in list. Among them include Sister Luella Harris who is a resident at the West Texas Rehab Center.

**Thought for the Week:** "No One chills out, in the fires of Hell."

Jesus, we have much that we

are thankful for. Yet we long for the day when you will return to bring wickedness and disaster to an end, and to usher in your reign of peace. Come quickly, Lord Jesus!

If you are looking for a Church home, then come and visit St. Matthew Baptist!

## Outreach Prayer Breakfast

The members of the Outreach Prayer Breakfast wants all you know in order to make it in this world, we need to be pointed to Jesus. According to the Scriptures; Isaiah 7:14 - Old Testament -- Matthew 1:23 -- New Testament that Jesus was born of a virgin.

"Behold virgin shall be with child and bear a Son." Isaiah 7:14 and Matthew 1:23 speak of His deity for the state: "and they shall call His name Immanuel."

Therefore, His deity is pointed out by the name, which translated means "God with us." The apostle John writes in John 1:1: "In the beginning was the Word with God, and the Word was God. Verse 14 says: "and the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, "Full of grace and truth," Peter states Acts 4:12:

"Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved.

His death, burial, and resurrection.

The Apostle Paul writes in I Corinthians 15:1-4: "Moreover, brethren, I declare to you the gospel (good news) which I preached to you which also you received and in which you stand, by which also you are saved, if you hold fast that word which I preached to you, unless you believed in vain. For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He rose the third day, according to the Scriptures. He's coming again.

After His earthly ministry was successfully completed and upon His ascension back to the Father Jesus told His disciples: "But you shall receive power when the Holy Ghost has come upon you,

and you shall be witnesses to me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and samaria and to the end of the earth."

Now when He had spoken these things, He was taken up and a cloud received Him out of their sight. And while they looked steadfastly toward heaven He went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel, who said aid, "Men of Galilee, why do

you stand gazing up into heaven? This same Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will so come in like manner as you saw Him go into heaven." "Jesus, claims concerning who He is."

**Continue Next Week:** Sister Dorothy Hood, president; Sister Christene Burleson, vice president; and Sister Elnora Jones, teacher.

God bless you, Saints!

## Stone Hollow VILLAGE

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# Obsequies

## Iris Lee Mann

Funeral services for Iris Lee Mann were held last Saturday morning, March 8, 2008, at the Friendship Holy Baptist Church #1.

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

She passed away Friday, February 28, 2008, at Highland Hospital.

She was born January 26, 1920. She retired from the Lubbock State School after 12 years of service. She was wife of the late Bishop Joel Mann.

She is survived by one sister,



Betty McKinney; three sister-in-laws: Azlene Hendrix, Charlie Mae Mann, and Leo Mae Mann; one brother-in-law, Bishop Forrest R. Mann; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

## Barnett Smith



Services for Barnett Smith were held last Saturday afternoon, March 8, 2008, at the Lyons Chapel Baptist Church, with Rev. Wendell Davis, pastor, officiating.

He passed away here Monday, March 3, 2008, at University Medical Center.

Mr. Smith was born March 8, 1956.

He is survived by his wife, LaChelle J. Smith; his children, Simone and Skyler Jackson, Julia and Justin Smith, Roderick, Jeremy, Latasha, Taneisha, Gentry, and Eric; one sister, Lee Ivory Robinson; his grandchildren; a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

A special thanks for all the prayers, and a special thanks to Attorney Stacy Williams.

Teresa (Jack) Atkinson of Lamesa and Shirley Goree of Gainesville; three brothers: Marcus (Maria) Goree of Gainesville; three brothers: Marcus (Maria) Goree of Seminole, Ronnie Goree of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, and Antwine Goree of Wynnewood, Oklahoma; his grandmother, Mabel Reynolds of Lawton, Oklahoma; numerous nephews, nieces, uncles, aunts, cousins, and friends.

Terry Wayne Goree was born May 28, 1960 in Clinton, Oklahoma. He was the first of five children born to Sally Goree and the late Hillard Washington "HW" Goree. He was a graduate of Lamesa High School. He also graduated from the Oklahoma Job Corp. in Guthrie, Oklahoma, with a certificate in carpentry. He married Robin Bertrude of Indianhoma, Oklahoma, and this his union four children were born.

He was also an employee of Pharr RV's of Lubbock at the time of his death.

Survivors include two daughters, Jessica Goree of Michigan and Tasha Goree of Lubbock; a son, Terry Wayne "TJ" of Hobbs, New Mexico; his wife, Shirley "Arks" and her son, Justin Lewis, both of Lubbock; his mother and step-father, Mrs. Sally Williams and Rev. F. Williams of Lamesa.

# After fatal Lubbock wreck, TxDOT plans safer interchange

By Robin Pyte | Avalanche-Journal



The Interstate 27-North Loop 287 interchange in North Lubbock may be safer for drivers next week.

Improvements at the four intersections at the interchange will begin next week, said Texas Department of Transportation officials, who were prompted to take action after a fatal wreck Monday killed two brothers.

North Lubbock residents have been concerned about the interchange for years - there were 40 wrecks there in 2006 and one person killed last year - and Monday's wreck sparked anger and outcry among those living in nearby neighborhoods.

Randy Hopmann, TxDOT Lubbock district engineer, said officials are currently concentrating on ways to reduce the risk of stop-sign runners, which has been the major cause of wrecks at the intersections, including the fatal wreck this week.

Here are the changes that will take place at all four intersections, which are governed by four stop signs and red flashing lights, in the next few weeks:

- Install larger stop signs, replacing 36-inch signs with 48-inch signs.
- Put rumble strips in the pavement before the stop.
- Place flashing red lights atop the stop signs.
- Paint the words "Stop Ahead" on the pavement.

"What we're trying to do is get the driver's attention," Hopmann said. "It's all about trying to get the driver's attention."

Rumble strips, not to be confused with the bumps on edges of highways, were Ray Helmer's first choice for improving safety, without having seen the interchange.

"That alerts people something is coming up they need to be aware of," said Helmer, with Helmer Engineering, Inc. of Houston. He added they are commonly used in Houston and have proven to be useful solutions in areas prone to accidents.

TxDOT also is studying the interchange and may make further changes in the future, Hopmann

said. State law requires an engineering study be conducted before the department can take further action, such as adding stop signs or traffic signals.

It will take a while for officials to gather and analyze the data and come up with an action plan, Hopmann said, unable to estimate how long it would be before major changes could take place.

Gloria Montiel, who lives in North Lubbock, has been concerned about the interchange for years - she now avoids it - and said she is pleased officials are finally doing something about it.

"That's a good start," she said. "Anything better than now is an improvement."

But she said she hopes officials do more.

Montiel was involved in a wreck at one of the intersections in 2003, when a driver ran a stop sign. And last year, her son was

hit at the interchange by a stop-sign runner.

The wrecks have taken their toll on Montiel's 12-year-old daughter, who was a passenger during both accidents. The child fears the intersection and begs her family not to drive through it. The whole four corners have had their share of accidents," Montiel said. "They're not paying attention; they're running the stops."

In addition, there are visibility issues at one of the intersections - small cars at the northbound stop sign have trouble seeing eastbound traffic because the bridge blocks much of the view, Montiel said. She said she believes traffic signals will improve safety at the interchange.

But Hopmann said he's not so sure - studies show serious wrecks decreased after the traffic signals at the intersections were taken down in 1993 and replaced with stop signs.

## Gianni Shelby



Adams Funeral Home of Ralls. Gianni passed away on Tuesday, March 4, 2008, in Lubbock.

He was born July 10, 2004, in Lubbock to Jonathan Shelby and Alisha Loftis.

He attended Faith First Baptist Church.

He is survived by his father, Jonathan Shelby of Lubbock; two brothers, Derek and Jonta Pollard of Lubbock; his grandparents, Pat and Lynda Shelby of Lubbock; great-grandparents, Jessie and Loretta Johnson of Ralls; an uncle, Patrick Shelby of Lubbock; an aunt, Brittany Shelby of Lubbock; and his God Mother, Myria Dade of Floydada.

Funeral services for Gianni Shelby were held last Saturday morning, March 8, 2008, at the Faith First Baptist Church with R. Rev. Norman Garrett, pastor, officiating.

Burial was held the Ralls Cemetery under the direction of



Marvin Eugene Goree

Funeral services were held for Marvin Eugene Goree and Terry Wayne Goree last Monday afternoon, March 10, 2008, at the Mt. Gilead Baptist Church with Rev. J. Jerome Johnson, pastor, officiating.

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

Both passed away Monday, March 3, 2008.

Marvin was born December 9, 1961 in Clinton, Oklahoma. He and his twin brothers her, Marcus, were the second and third of five children born to Sally Goree and the late Hillard Washington "HW" Goree. Marvin graduated from



Terry Wayne Goree

Lamesa High School. He married Corina Lam and to this union three children were born. Corina preceded him in death.

At the time of his death, Mr. Marvin Eugene Goree was employed by Pharr RV's of Lubbock.

He is survived by three daughters: Regina, Desire and Hillary Goree; one son, Ezekiel "Zeke" Goree, all of Lubbock; his mother and step-father, Mrs. Sally Williams and Rev. Frank Williams of Lamesa; two sisters,



Roxie Deanne Williams Elliott

Roxie Deanne Williams Elliott, 44, of Lubbock, passed away Thursday, Feb. 28, 2008, at UMC.

She was born Sept. 6, 1963, to Delores and Z. D. Williams, Jr., in Lubbock. She worked most of her life in nursing homes. She married O. B. Elliott, Jr., on Dec. 31, 1994. She is preceded in death by her brother, Billy Don Williams and her father, Z. D. Williams, Jr. She leaves to cherish her memories her husband, O. B. Elliott, Jr.; three sons, Larry, Preston, and Rodger; one daughter, Ebony; her mother, Delores; seven grandchildren, eight brothers, Bobby, Willie, Johnny, Dale, Paul, Otis, Greg, and Roy; six sisters, Linda, Lois, Annie, Martha, Donna and Shirley; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Services will be Friday, March 7, 2008, at 11 a.m., at First Baptist Church in Crosbyton. Burial will follow at Crosbyton Cemetery under the direction of Griffin Mortuary.

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## Texas Employers Add 28,000 Jobs in January

AUSTIN • Texas seasonally adjusted nonagricultural employment grew by 28,000 jobs in January. Texas employers now have added 277,200 jobs over the past 12 months, for an annual job growth rate of 2.7 percent. The January statewide seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 4.3 percent, up slightly from a revised December unemployment rate of 4.2 percent and down from 4.5 percent a year ago. The U.S. seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 4.9 percent in January 2008, down from 5.0 percent in December and up from 4.6 percent in January 2007.

"Banner job gains in January indicate a resilient Texas labor market," said Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) Chair Diane Rath. "Texas tops the nation in annual job growth rates in every

industry sector, providing more opportunities for Texans." The Midland Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) experienced the lowest unemployment rate in the state at 2.9 percent (not seasonally adjusted). The Odessa MSA was second at 3.4 percent, followed by the Amarillo MSA at 3.5 percent.

Professional and Business Services gained 9,700 jobs in January, for a total of 64,800 jobs created since January 2007 and a 5.1 percent annual growth rate. Trade, Transportation and Utilities increased by 6,300 positions last month, for a total of 46,200 jobs added in the past 12 months. Together, these two industries accounted for more than a third - 110,000 positions - of the annual job gains recorded across the state.

## Frankly Speaking On Issues

by Todd Klein - City Councilman

Today possibly represents a new tomorrow for those voters who have historically had less than an equal say as to who would be their candidate for president, and like many of you I was excited to be a part of that change.

That change took place in the form of the senator from Illinois, Mr. Barack Obama. For the first in the history of our nation we citizens have the opportunity to elect an African-American for president.

The question is will this candidate who now has a significant, if not a decisive lead, be in a position to secure the Democratic Party's nomination and still be a viable candidate come November?

The reason this question must

"Texas employers kicked off 2008 posting prominent job gains," said TWC Commissioner Representing Employers Ron Lehman. "In the past 12 months, the state's annual job growth rate climbed to 2.7 percent, compared to the national growth rate of 0.6 percent."

Leisure and Hospitality added 5,200 positions last month, gaining 44,800 positions over the year, for an annual job growth rate of 4.7 percent. The Construction industry added 3,000 jobs in January for a 5.3 percent annual job growth rate since January 2007.

"Texans looking for jobs should feel confident," said TWC Commissioner Representing Labor Ronny Congleton. "With more than 28,000 jobs created statewide, the climate continues to provide many possibilities for Texas job seekers despite national economic concerns."



Councilman Todd Klein

be raise is that fellow Democratic Senator Hillary Clinton seems poised to force a long and possibly bloody fight for the nomination, and the Clinton's (former-President Clinton included) have demonstrated a willingness to be negative if not personally attack Obama in a manner that to many, myself included, seems to be the very least verge of race baiting.

As someone who takes such perceived transgressions seriously this was terribly surprising coming from the Clintons, and quite frankly extremely disappointing. I am willing to forgive that momentary lapse in character, if that was all it was, and hope for a very contested and positive debate on the future of our fine country.

However, I would like to hear from the readers for their perspective on who they voted for and why and where they think the race will go from here.

I look forward to hearing from you and will welcome your calls on The Todd Klein Show which airs weekday mornings on KRFE 580 AM from 10 to 11am. The listener line is open for your comments at 745-5800.

Until then or until next time here in the pages of the Southwest Digest—"talk to you then!"

## Gospel Fest 2008 Set For Sunday, March 23, 2008



Gospel Fest 2008 will be held Sunday afternoon, March 23, 2008, at the Church of the Blessed, 1809 34th Street, beginning at 3:00 p. m.

A workshop will be held at the New Light Baptist Church, 3015 Idalou Road, where the pastor is Rev. Kenneth Jackson, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, March 20, 21, 22, 2008., beginning at 6:00 p. m. until 8:00 p. m. with the Saturday workshop from 9:00 a. m. until 12 noon.

Luther Barnes from Rocky Mount, North Carolina, will conduct the workshop. Local citizens have already signed up for the workshop and will be a part of the West Texas Mass Choir.

Barnes, who is a minister, will be preaching at New Light Baptist Church on Sunday morning.

Award-winning gospel artist Luther Barnes began performing professionally when he was only nine years old. During his long career he has been part of a number of groups, released a long list of albums, had his songs featured in films, and even appeared in off-Broadway plays. He has many talents, including singer, songwriter, and pianist.

Luther Barnes was raised in North Carolina as part of a large extended family comprised of many musicians and vocalist. Another love the members shared was of the gospel, in both word and song. When Barnes was only nine, he became part of a group called the Barnes Juniors. It was formed by his father, Reverend F.C. Barnes. Other members were Luther's brothers and one of his uncles. Luther also took part in another family group, the Sunset Jubilaires, and then later in the Budd Gospel Choir. When time came for college, Barnes entered the St. Augustine College located in Raleigh, NC. There he earned a B.A. degree in Music Education. He used that training to become a music teacher at both his former junior high and high schools, and to give private piano and vocal lessons. He has also served as minister of music at his church, and director for On the Rise Youth Choir. Barnes' recording career began in 1987 with the completion of the album, See What the Lord Has Done, released under the Atlanta Records label. Between then and the year 2000, he recorded nearly 20 full-length gospel offerings. Some of the tunes listeners can sample from his albums include "It's a Good Thing to Be Chosen," "How Can You Walk on By," "He'll Come to My Rescue," "We Must Be Ready," "Sometimes I'm Burdened," "Lord I'm Waiting," and "So Satisfied." - Charlotte Dillon, All Music Guide.

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Obama was winning roughly 90 percent of the black vote but only about one-quarter of the white vote, extending a pattern that carried him to victory in earlier primaries in South Carolina, Alabama, Georgia and Louisiana.

He picked up at least six Mississippi delegates to the Democratic National Convention, with 27 more to be awarded. He hoped for a win sizable enough to erase most if not all of Clinton's 11-delegate gain from last week, when she won three primaries.

Obama began the night with 1,379 delegates, to 1,473 for Clinton. It takes 2,025 to win the nomination.

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by T.J. Patterson

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didn't have a son playing little league baseball ... but realized the need for this program to succeed... Therefore ... BLACK BROTHERS & SISTERS ... there is a ... GREAT NEED ... for many of us to get involved... Why not get involved ... and help this program become a ... VERY POSITIVE ... effort for our boys and girls... It's time to quit talking ... and just get involved with this special program in East Lubbock!! WILL YOU HELP OUR YOUNG PEOPLE?? THIS N THAT HOPES SO! PENNY HASTINGS THE BARBER SAYS: "EVEN ... in our ... DESPERATE SITUATIONS ... we can share our ... FAITH." LUBBOCK CITY COUNCIL RACE DISTRICT TWO WILL BE INTERESTING! THIS N THAT ... will be watching the ... District Two race for the election of ... a city councilman will be chosen May 10, 2008... What makes it so interesting ... is that ... a newcomer ... FREDDY GREEN ... will be challenging the incumbent ... FLOYD PRICE ... who is seeking a second term... Also ... GILBERT SALINAS & ARMANDO GONZALES ... Green

filed at the last moment ... and it was determined that he was not a ... REGISTERED VOTER ... but after further ... at the eleventh hour ... it was learned he registered earlier this month which will make him eligible to run for office... according to ... BECKY GARZA ... City Secretary... If he wins and is determined he is not a registered voter ... he could not ... REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT TWO ... as a City Councilman... But ... at this time ... FREDDY GREEN ... has been cleared to seek office... This makes this election a very interesting one to watch... More on this one... Just think ... in this race ... there will be ... TWO BLACKS & TWO HISPANICS ... seeking this position... LISD NEEDS TO TAKE A SERIOUS NOTE! THIS N THAT ... has heard of some alleged ... RACIAL RUMORS ... on the campus of ... MONTEREY HIGH SCHOOL ... and would hope the Lubbock Independent School District would take a ... VERY POSITIVE POSTURE... THIS N THAT ... would hope that ... VERNITA WOODS-HOLMES ... District Two School Board member ... would take the lead in this serious situation...

## Think About It!

"We Must Take Care of Our Own"

by Eddie P. Richardson

We are in the midst of elections from the local to the national level, with others as well. There is much information from the candidates as everything is in full force. The important thing for the average "Joe" voter to do is to stop, look and listen to each candidate. Learn as much as you can about each candidate and the issues at hand, and be able to make wise choices and decisions.

There are many issues at hand from the present to the national. Keep in mind that charity begins at home and spreads abroad. We have some key issues here in Lubbock. The quality of living should begin with recreation area. The first issue is there is nothing wrong with looking out for the affluent, but not at the expense of the disadvantaged. Point in mind

are the present proposed soccer fields. Why not spend two million dollars on it for the above average, but to put some opportunities in North and East Lubbock and Central Lubbock for young people. Children who are disadvantaged need soccer fields as well in Lubbock. They need to be accessible to all children in Lubbock. You see, there is a disadvantage for those disadvantaged children because of the distance of the proposed soccer fields.

Hopefully, this will be considered before the upcoming bond election which may take place in November. Transportation will be a problem for the disadvantaged children.

Closer at home, East Lubbock Martin Luther King Little League started out with out

with losers. First diamond fields. There was approved by the voters, Citizens of Lubbock, but to the affluent with the approval of Milwaukee and Frankfort areas. Due to the bad political action on our city leaders ignoring the will of the people, who are the voters.

Now down to where the rubber meets the road parents, grandparents, relatives, friends, and community we have a serious problem our children needs you now!! There is a shortage of volunteers. Parents, these are your children. You must support them, no matter what some of the excuses used by the leaders of program. It is hard to work with them when they won't take advice or suggestions or want give the volunteers a voice.

### Letter To The Editor

#### A WORTHY CAUSE

Dear Editor:

"He sure can blow that horn." How often have we heard this comment made about the Reverend Norman G. Garrett, Pastor of Faith First Baptist Church?

Many East Lubbock families have asked Rev. Garrett to blow his saxophone at funeral services of loved ones; and he lovingly does every request.

If you missed the Norman "Poppa G" Garrett in The Reveal Tour Concert that was presented in August 2007, you missed an awesome introduction of his upcoming CD album. Rev. Garrett continues to Pastor, and schedules tours every opportunity in an effort to acquire much needed finance to produce his first album.

Those of us whom have heard and witnessed the performance of this great minister/vocalist, and musician will probably agree that he is deserving of the communities support as he endeavors to take his contemporary gospel music to other areas of the country. I plead with each individual, family, clergy, church, friend, business, or stranger to join me in making a financial contribution to Rev. Garrett. Please mail your contribution to:

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A Music Fan of Rev. Garrett

### UNCF Offers Grants To Six HBCUs To Strengthen Fundraising

FAIRFAX, Va. - Six historically black colleges and universities (HBCUs) belonging to UNCF—the United Negro College Fund—will receive UNCF grants to help them improve their fundraising operations.

The grants will include both consulting services to assist the colleges in developing approaches to increase donations from their alumni and trustees, and cash to help them implement the new approaches. The technical assistance and cash grants are part of the Institutional Advancement Program of UNCF's Institute for Capacity Building, which is funded by the Kresge Foundation.

UNCF member institutions receiving the grants will include:

- Benedict College, Columbia, South Carolina
- Clufflin University, Orangeburg, South Carolina
- Jarvis Christian College, Hawkins, Texas
- Morehouse College, Atlanta, Georgia
- Philander Smith College, Little Rock, Arkansas
- Wiley College, Marshall, Texas

"These grants will help our small member colleges strengthen their fundraising capabilities so they can cover the increasing cost of providing an educating without imposing excessive tuition increases on their predominantly low- and moderate-income students," said Michael L. Lomax, Ph.D., UNCF president and CEO. "Working together through UNCF, our member colleges can afford capacity-building activities that larger and wealthier institutions take for granted."

The goal of the Institutional Advancement Program, and of all the programs in UNCF's Institute for Capacity Building, is not only to help UNCF member colleges raise the resources they need to educate their students, but to make them into models of fundraising best practices that other small colleges and universities can emulate.

"Most of the approaches that work for HBCUs will work for other small colleges, too," Dr. Lomax said. S

## In Cinque

by Renetta Howard



The media is all consumed with the Democratic Presidential primary elections in the states which have not had elections and with the possibility of Michigan and Florida having a do-over primary election. One of the biggest concerns is the fact that Senator Barack Obama's name was not on the Michigan primary ballot and therein lay the inability to predict what a do-over outcome would be. Senator Hillary Clinton won the Florida primary and wants the Florida delegates seated at the Democratic Convention.

By now, it is a well known fact that neither candidate is likely to secure enough delegates to

win the Democratic nomination as 2025 delegates are needed to claim the nomination and approximately 500 more votes are needed by each candidate to add up to the required number needed. One barrier to where the votes will land lies in the unpledged super-delegates.

Super-delegates may vote any way they choose. They are not bound to any candidate. Therefore, it appears that many of the super-delegates will wait until the Democratic Convention convenes in August to pledge their support to the candidate of their choice though the campaigning continues and so does the fundraisers.

It is no easy feat to raise millions of dollars in a month for campaign purposes and if the money raised is any reflection on the final outcome, we need to take note of that. Our everyday hard working citizens are not coming forth with the millions. Big money is forthcoming from big business and wealthy individuals. We can bet that they will all have

an interest in what the next administration will likely accomplish.

Most Americans feel certain that the next President of the United States will be a Democrat, regardless of the race or gender. It is apparent that both of the Democratic candidates want to make life better in this country. The only difference is in how they want to go about doing that. Each reminds us of their past accomplishments in office and in politics and it may be a difficult choice for many of us, but most of us feel that either candidate can win the race against John McCain in November, the Republican candidate whom has won the nomination for his party. The only real problem for Election 2008 stems from the perpetual candidacy for President of Ralph Nader. The candidates from both parties may lose significant votes due to Nader's vote-splitting effects. It is not likely, but we can hope that the only vote he receives will be his own. In the meantime, we need to get 'in cinque' and choose the best candidate for the job, but by all means VOTE.

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## Students of the Month March at Alderson



Roberto Acosta



Ariel Medrano

Roberto Acosta, son of Reuben and Diana Acosta, is on Honor Roll and the African American History Bowl Team and plays on the Hornet Orchestra.

Ariel Medrano, daughter of Danny and Maria Medrano, is on the Honor Roll, is on the Student Council, plays tennis and basketball, is on the Honor Roll, and was chosen for Who's Who Among Teenagers.

### Jerome McGruder Passes Away Here



Jerome Lamar McGruder

Funeral services were held for Jerome Lamar Anthony McGruder were held last Tuesday, March 11, 2008, at Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church.

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

Mr. McGruder, age 19, passed away Tuesday, March 4, 2008, at University Medical Center.

He was born July 29, 1988. He was recently employed at Pyzo Industries, Inc.

He is survived by his parents, Patricia Anthony, Billy and LaSheri McGruder; grandparents, James and Carolyn McClendon and Ella Roberts; two brothers, Ronald McNeal and Jamodrick McGrudeer; four sisters: Devashannae Anthony, Jaynae, LaQuandria, and Kiambrée McGruder; one very special friend, a host of other relatives and friends.

### Parson Smith

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is not concerned anymore—even though she acknowledges that most minorities are poor and cannot pay fines. She does not defend the searched or the arrested either. What do you expect when her husband is a retired policeman. (?)”

Parson Smith as with many others appreciates those politicians who risk their lives to protect the Lubbock citizenry from the scam, refuse and misfits in a wholesome society.

### Bethel AME Brunch For Women Great!

The Women of the Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church, where Rev. Sonja J. Beaty is pastor, sponsored a program designed to advise black women of the various cancers which affect their lives.

Ronnelle S. Burley, MD, was the presenter of the brunch at Mae Simmons Community



**LUBBOCK POLICE CADET TRAINING**—Pictured above are members of the Lubbock Police Department's Cadet class training in East Lubbock last week. Members of this class go through the necessary steps of training in order to become a Lubbock Police Officer. (Photo Courtesy Glen Branson)

### Fourth Candidate Files For City Council Race

A fourth candidate in the District 2 City Council race will appear on the May 10 ballot, however, if elected he may not be eli-

gible to serve his term. Late Monday Freddy Green filed to run for the District 2 seat. Green is not a registered voter in the City of Lubbock, making him ineligible to serve as a City Council member. However, City Secretary Becky Garza

announced today that by state law Green is eligible as a candidate.

“Mr. Green is eligible to be a candidate even though he is not presently a registered voter,” said Garza. “But if elected he will not be eligible to serve on the City Council unless he is a registered

voter in Lubbock on the first day of his term.”

Newly elected Council members take office May 15, giving Green until April 15 to register to vote in District 2.

Green joins a field of candidates which includes incumbent Councilman Floyd Price, Armando Gonzales and Gilbert Salinas.

A drawing to determine the order in which names of candidates are printed on the election ballot was also held Tuesday morning, March 11, 2008. The results are as follows:

**Mayor:**  
Roger Setther, Tom Martin, David Miller, Gilbert Montes

**District 2**  
Floyd Price, Freddy Green, Armando Gonzales, Gilbert Salinas

**District 4**  
Jerry Bell  
Paul Beane  
Tom Keisling

**District 6**  
City Councilman Jim Gilbreath and Municipal Court Judge Robert Doty are unopposed.

Early voting is April 28 to May 6. Election day is May 10.



### REVIEW: Raisin In The Sun

by  
Kam Williams

Lorraine Hansberry's (1930-1965) "A Raisin in the Sun" was the first play written by a black woman ever to open on

Broadway. It takes its title from the opening line in "Harlem," a poem by Langston Hughes which poses the question "What happens to a dream deferred?"

The original theatrical production debuted on March 11, 1959 and starred Sidney Poitier and Ruby Dee. Its semi-autobiographical storyline was loosely based on real-life events which unfolded in Hansberry's own family back in the Thirties. At the time her parents had been met with pure hatred after purchasing a home in a lily-white, Chicago enclave.

In her memoir, "To Be Young, Gifted and Black," she recounted how her dad, determined to integrate, ended up spending a small fortune in legal fees trying to remain there, despite the fact that, on a daily basis, "hellishly-hostile... howling mobs surrounded our house... My memories of this 'correct way' of fighting white supremacy in America include being spat at, cursed and pummeled in the daily trek to and from school." Hansberry also describes her "desperate and courageous mother" staying up all night with a loaded gun, "doggedly guarding her four children, while my father fought the respectable part of the battle in the Washington court."

That case, Hansberry v. Lee, would make it all the way to the U.S. Supreme Court, which struck down restrictive covenants when it ruled on November 13, 1940 that whites could no longer rely on restrictive covenants to bar African-Americans from living in their communities. But despite the landmark decision in their favor, without police protection, the Hansberys would remain subject to continued mistreatment by racist neighbors determined to make their lives miserable.



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