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## Students at O.L. Slaton show their support for their school

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Despite early morning rain the students managed to keep smiles on their faces. Amaris Garcia (holding up sign) is the third generation of her family to face a school closure. Her grandfather's school, Thompson Junior High was torn down; her mother's school Mathews Junior High required her to be bused to Evans; and now her junior high will face potential closing.



O.L. Slaton students held up signs and chanted to keep their school open Friday morning during a peaceful demonstration in front of the school.



An O.L. Slaton student from the neighborhood pauses as the students gathered at 7:45 a.m. Collectively, neighborhood and magnet students asked that their school be sustained. However historically, most of the school closings that have occurred in Lubbock have been located in North and East Lubbock.



Over 300 students joined in a student led demonstration to keep their school open. Lubbock independent School Administrators presented a proposal to convert O.L. Slaton into a center for performing arts and vocations.

### Community Meetings

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

- African American Chamber of Commerce, Lubbock meets on the 3rd Monday of each month, from 5:30-6:30pm at the Parkway Community Center, 405 MLK Blvd., 806-771-1815
- Lubbock Area Client Council meets on the 2nd Saturday, 1:00pm at the Patterson Branch Library
- Hub City Kiwanis meets every Tuesday, 7:00am, 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 Thursday at 1:00 pm, Mae Simmons Community Center
- Lubbock Chapter of Black Alumni meets every 3rd Tuesday, 5:30 pm, TTU Market Alumni Center
- Dunbar/Manhattan Heights Neighborhood Association meets every 3rd Thursday at 6:00 pm 1363 East 24th St. (outreach center/party house)
- 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 @ the Parkway Neighborhood Center.
- The Parkway Guadalupe & Cherry-Point Neighborhood Association meets the 3rd Tuesday evening of each month at 7:30 pm at Parkway Neighborhood Center.

## Actor, comedian Nipsey Russell dies at 80

Nipsey Russell, the first black comedian to regularly appear on U.S. network television game shows, has died of cancer two weeks before his 81st



birthday, his manager said on Tuesday. As the "poet laureate of television," actor and comedian Nipsey Russell delivered his signature four-line verse during frequent guest appearances on TV game shows and talk shows. His impromptu lines and witty quips quickly secured his place as one of the first blacks to be a regular panelist on the show. He was given the nickname for the quick-witted poems he would recite. Russell died in a

New York hospital at Lenox Hill Hospital on Sunday, Joseph Rapp said. His longtime manager Joseph Rapp said he had been suffering from cancer. He was 80 years old.

Born in Atlanta, he settled in New York after graduating from the University of Cincinnati and serving as an Army captain in Europe during World War II, Rapp said. Born in Atlanta, Russell graduated from high school at age 16, majored in English and European history at the University of Cincinnati and spoke four languages, Rapp said.

But his gift for gab and timely poetry made him a national television personality.

Russell got his start after World War II as the master of ceremonies at the Baby Grand club in Harlem. He built a following and became known to the mainstream white show business world, Rapp said. Russell launched his television career in 1961 as Officer Anderson in the television series "Car 54, Where are You?" He also appeared in the 1994 film version. He appeared in such films as "Posse," with Mario Van Peebles and "Wildcats," with Goldie Hawn.

In 1963, near the height of the U.S. civil rights era, he became the first black performer to appear as a regular guest on a television game show, "Missing Links," hosted by Ed McMahon, Rapp said.

It was McMahon who dubbed him "poet laureate" because of the poems, some of which were playfully political, that he would recite at the close of the show.

Although widely known for his television career - including appearances on "The Dean Martin Show," "Hollywood Squares," "The \$50,000 Pyramid," and "The Match Game," he also hosted his own game show called "Your Number's Up." Russell received critical acclaim for his role as the Tin Man in the 1978 film version of "The Wiz," starring Michael Jackson and Diana Ross.

Russell later was a frequent guest on other game shows, such as the "\$10,000 Pyramid," and "The Match Game."

Russell also appeared in the films "Nemo" in 1984, "Wildcats" in 1986 and "Posse" in 1993.

Russell told the Los Angeles Times in 1993 that writing poems "is very simple to do... I start with the joke line and write backward."

One example: "The opposite of pro is con/ That fact is clearly seen/ If progress means move forward/ Then what does Congress mean?"

He also took his poetry on the road for readings and performances.

"He was not as heavy-handed as the others that were coming up," Rapp said. "In those years, it was very hard for a black comedian to be that political." Russell left no immediate survivors; He never married.

"He always said, 'I have trouble living with myself, how could I live with anyone else,'" Rapp said. "But he was a wonderful guy, very quiet, never bragged."



Stars of the 'The Wiz,' a film adaptation of the Broadway musical of the same title, pose at a news conference in New York City, Sept. 28, 1977. From left are, Nipsey Russell, Michael Jackson, and Diana Ross. One of Russell's notable roles was playing the Tin Man alongside Ross and Jackson in 'The Wiz'.

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# Chatman Hills Corner

By Doris Reynolds

Youth Choir Directors are asked to participate, with their Youth Choirs, in the 112th Session of the Missionary Baptist General Convention of Texas which will convene October 17 thru 20, 2005, at the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center. The Youth Musical Night will be held Wednesday evening, October 19th. Various Youth rehearsals will be held at the Lyons Chapel Baptist Church on Friday, October 7th; Saturday, October 8th; and Friday, October 14th. All rehearsals will begin at 6:30 p.m. The last rehearsal will be held Saturday, October 15th, immediately following the Mass Choir at the Civic Center. For more information, contact Kathy Jennings, Youth Musical Director, at (806) 438-8678.

If you are an actor, singer, musician, dancer, set builder, or costume maker, then contact Carla McCoy at (806) 747-6196 or 778-2752 if you have any questions or would like to participate. The Full Armor Ministries is sponsoring a play called "The Fighting Temptations." Try outs will be held Thursday and Friday night, October 6 and 7, 2005, at the Full Armor Ministries, 4201 Avenue J, beginning at 7:30 p.m.

The 80th Church Anniversary of the Mount Vernon United Methodist Church will be held Sunday afternoon, October 9, 2005, beginning at 3:00 p.m. Guest speaker will be Rev. V. L. Brown, pastor of Carter Chapel C. M. E. Church. Rev. J. C. Clark is pastor, and Mrs. Ruth Roquemore is chairperson. The public is invited to attend.

The Pastor and First Family of New Hope Baptist Church, Rev. and Mrs. B. J. Moton, will be given an appreciation for their many efforts Sunday afternoon, November 6th, beginning at 3:30 p.m.

Rev. Eddie L. Evefine, Jr., pastor of Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church, will be speaking at the Church Anniversary of the Mount Gilead Baptist Church Thursday evening, October 14th; beginning at 7:00 p.m. Rev. J. J. Johnson is pastor.

Let us continue to pray for our sick and shut-in citizens of our community as well as those throughout this country. At this report, Sister Ollie Coleman is a patient in a local hospital, and her brother, Tommy Cago, is recuperating at his residence. Let us not forget Sister Eva Cade who is ill

at her residence.

Sister Linda Robinson is recuperating from surgery at her residence. There are others, but let's continue to pray for them as well.

A former Lubbock resident, Jeanette Livingston who resides in Mt. Vernon, Washington, is looking for some concerned citizens to help her with placing a cross on the front yards of Lubbock citizens in protest of the lost graves in the once "old Negro section" of the Lubbock Cemetery. If you are interested in working with this effort, then call her at (360) 424-9507 or e-mail: [jeanettelivingston@verizon.net](mailto:jeanettelivingston@verizon.net).

A former resident of Lubbock, Mary Coffield of Centreville, Texas, visited her sisters, Ethel Young and Kathy Rollison, last weekend. She is a member of Pleasant Springs African Methodist Episcopal Church where she is pianist. She attended her former church, Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church. A graduate of Paul Quinn College, she, along with a friend, Ruby Donaldson, spent a few moments with another Paul Quinn graduate, Bobbie Patterson, and talked about old times. She returned home Monday, and reported a very enjoyable visit.

## In Remembrance

### Dewitt Coleman, Jr.

Funeral services for Dewitt Coleman, Jr. were held Saturday afternoon, October 1, 2005, at the Church of The Living God. Burial was held at Peaceful Gardens Memorial Park in Woodrow under the direction of Ossie Curry Funeral Home of Lubbock.

He passed away Tuesday, October 27, 2005.

Mr. Coleman was born March 7, 1938 in Clarksville, Texas, to Dewitt and Joe Ella Coleman. At an early age, he became a Christian. He worked at Farmer's Co-Op Oil Mill for many years.

Mr. Coleman is survived by a daughter, Cynthia Davis of Denver, Colorado; a son, Mitchell McCullough and wife, Linda, of Dallas; four grandchildren: Damion, Cassander, Mitchell and Catherine Bell of Denton; and four brothers: Bobby and James Coleman of Dallas, George Coleman of Clarksville and Willie Ray Wilburn of Aurora, Colorado. He was preceded in death by his parents, and children, Regina and Kevin Coleman.

### Bessie D. Davis

Funeral services for Bessie D. Davis were held Monday afternoon, October 3, 2005, at the Triumph Missionary Baptist Church in Slaton. Burial was held in the Crosbyton Cemetery under the direction of Griffin Mortuary and Funeral Home of Lubbock.

She passed away Tuesday, September 29, 2005.

Mr. Coleman was born March 7, 1938 in Clarksville, Texas, to Dewitt and Joe Ella Coleman. At an early age, he became a Christian. He worked at Farmer's Co-Op Oil Mill for many years.

### Floyd James

Funeral services for Floyd James were held Saturday afternoon, October 1, 2005, at Divine Love Baptist Church. Burial was held at the City of Lubbock Cemetery under the direction of Griffin Mortuary.

Mr. James passed away Wednesday, September 21, 2005.

## FASHION FUN

by Shirley Robinson

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## An Appreciation: August Wilson (1945-2005)

By Thulani Davis

August Wilson, one of America's greatest playwrights, died Sunday of liver cancer at the age of 50. With his announcement in August that inoperable liver cancer left him only a few months to live, many began to mourn not only the loss of the man but also the many years he may have continued to produce his critically acclaimed work. Wilson also left a host of rare accomplishments in American theater — a Tony award for best play, six Tony nominations for best play, two Pulitzer Prizes and seven New York Drama Critics' Circle awards. As an

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the ways in which the small American stories were mythic, potent and elegant enough to rival any European playwrights. And he had an incredible love of black American language that will continue to be thrilling for decades to come.

his knowledge of African-American expression, revels in the blues aesthetic. In 1965, the year his father died, he got a used typewriter, began writing poetry and changed his name to August Wilson. His life in the theater began three years later when he co-founded the Black Horizon Theater in Pittsburgh. His first play, 'Jitney,' was written in 1979.

### On the Pulse

In 1982, Wilson worked with director Lloyd Richards for the first time, and began to emerge as a mature artist. In the 1980s and 1990s, his plays also began a tradition of creating important landmarks for some of the most talented actors in the country including Laurence Fishburne, Charles Dutton, Phylicia Rashad, Reuben Santiago-Hudson, Viola Davis, Angela Bassett, Roscoe Lee Brown, S. Epatha Merkerson, and Brian Stokes Mitchell to mention a few. On October 16, the Virginia theater on Broadway, will be renamed the August Wilson theater, an honor given to one of the greatest artists of American theater such as Eugene O'Neill, Richard Rodgers and Helen Hayes. Wilson is survived by his wife, Constanza Romero, a costume designer, their daughter Azula Carmen, and his daughter by a previous marriage, Sakina Ansari.

Wilson's plays are replete with the ghosts of slavery visited on one generation in flesh, and on others in the mind, and still others in ways they cannot identify. Some seek control of their lives and doom themselves; some seek healing and find self-knowledge. Most of them are men in conversation among themselves. Sometimes they are women, speaking in outrage to us all. I was grateful and moved to see 'Gem of the Ocean,' in 2004 and witness a playwright already legendary willing to revisit old questions, and continue to take risks — the kind of artist who continues to matter.

Though we will long for a tragic that his life was cut short, August Wilson left a piece of text that gives further cause to celebrate the fact that he was able to say this summer that his life had been good and he was prepared for its ending. In his greatest work, 'Joe Turner's Come and Gone,' he writes of a man who has had a vision of finding his "own song," and who had seen a shining man. "... He told me he was the One Who Goes Before and Shows the Way. Said there was lots of shiny men and if I ever saw one again before I died then I would know that my song had been accepted and worked its full power in the world and I could lay down and die a happy man. A man who done left his mark on life. ... So I takes the power of my song and binds [people] together."

August Wilson was such a man.

Here are 7 memorable quotes from August Wilson. They capture his simple spirit and piercing outlook - his playful yet contemplative approach to life.

1. "What comes forth from you as an artist cannot be controlled. But you have responsibilities as a global citizen. Your history dictates your duty. And by writing about black people, you are not limiting yourself. The experiences of African Americans are as wide open as God's closet."
2. "As soon as white folks say a play's good, the theater is jammed with blacks and whites."
3. "Confront the dark parts of yourself, and work to banish them with illumination and forgiveness. Your willingness to wrestle with your demons will cause your angels to sing. Use the pain as fuel, as a reminder of your strength."
4. "I still don't know what works until it works, until I see it working. It wasn't through seeing other playwrights or reading other plays, because I haven't done much of either of those. Again, I have an intuitive sense that this is dramatic or a nice shape to a scene; you intuitively know how to tell a good story... where the highlights are, what information to withhold, and how to reveal things."
5. "When you look at a fellow, if you taught yourself to look for it, you can see his song written on him. Tell you what kind of man he is in the world."
6. "Young people would do well to understand [jazz and the blues] as the roots of today's rap, rather than as an antique to be tossed away."
7. "Words are free."



Award-winning playwright August Wilson died Sunday surrounded by family members in Seattle.

African-American artist, he broke numerous barriers and raised the bar for excellence; as a leader in his field, he raised vital issues concerning the role of black playwrighting and production in the broader American theatrical mainstream.

Wilson's plays, such as 'Fences,' (1987), 'Joe Turner's Come and Gone' (1988), 'Ma Rainey's Black Bottom,' (1982) and 'Seven Guitars' (1996), were characterized by majesty and lyricism. They were sprawling, and yet intimate, sometimes unbuttoned and yet, in the hands of actors, marked by scenes that were often like a tightly ruffled jazz set. The playwright recently completed a project of 20 years — a ten-play cycle exploring African American life in each decade of the 20th century. This ambitious project came to completion only in the past few weeks with the Los Angeles production of 'Ra in Golf,' the final work in the cycle.

"In an incredibly short amount of time," says playwright and director George C. Wolfe, "August Wilson redefined the American theatrical canon." One facet of Wilson's impact is "in terms of stories told of American stage," according to Wolfe. "In the tradition of American playwrights, Eugene O'Neill, and Arthur Miller in particular, he found

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# Church News



## We Thank God for Jesus The rebels do have a cause

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

Luke 6:39 - Jesus said, "Can the blind lead the blind? Shall they not both fall into the ditch?"

We started losing our children in the 60's when Christians wanted rights. Man obeyed the laws of the land. Now the children do it, day and night.

**ROMANS 8:2-6** - For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh, but they that are the things of the spirit, for to be carnal minded is death, but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.

The Christians follow after flesh. A man who said, "I have a dream." Now the country is in a nightmare. That's the way it seems.

**Galatians 6:7-8** - Be not deceived, God is not mocked, for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. For he that sowed to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption. But he that sowed to the spirit reap life everlasting.

The Father walked out on the family. The Mother stepped up and took control. The Father didn't pay child support. Where he is or what he is doing? Nobody knows!

**Colossians 3:20-21** - Children, obey your parents in all things. For this is well pleasing unto the Lord.

Fathers, provoke not your children to anger, lest they be discouraged.

The Mother said, I'll raise up my children by same way that I was. My Mother and Father didn't let us get away with anything. They were very hard.

**Proverbs 22:6** - Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old, he will not depart from it.

The Mother says, I give my children their rights to choose on their own. Just to use their common sense. That way, they can't go wrong!! (In raising up children, they have no rights!!! God put the parent over the children for a reason. That was to teach them the right way.)

The children are robbing, killing, and stealing. Then they go to jail. Many young lives are ruined. Some of them can't even make their bail!!

**Deuteronomy 28:41** - You shall get sons and daughters, but you shall not enjoy them. For they shall go into captivity.

(The thing about planting seeds is that you always get more than you plant. You can take a bucket of corn to the field and plant it, but when you harvest it, you will need a pick-up truck to bring it in.

The same is true with sin. If it is not killed out, it will get worse and worse. The word of God said, "Kill it out." But the Christians said, "Thou shall not kill." What are we doing overseas? Killing and not one Christian has said, "Thou shall not kill!!" Not understanding the word of God, Thou means "you", one person. You shall not kill. The Judge and Jury of 12 men and women. They're not a "Thou." They are working for the people of the U.S.A. We hold people on death row for 10 to 20 years, and then kill them. Why so long???

\*\*\* Kill That Sin Out Today, Not 20 Years Later!!! \*\*\*

**Leviticus 24:14-17** - Bring him forth that hath cursed without the camp, and let all that heard him lay their hands upon his head, and let all the congregation stone him. He that killeth any man shall surely be put to death.

Now they're killing in the playground, and they are killing in the schools. They are followers of their leaders, and someone has played the fool!!

**Hosea 8:7** - For they have sown the wind, and they shall reap the whirlwind. It hath no stalk. The bud shall yield no meal. If so be it yield. The stranger shall swallow it up.



## From the Desk of Parson D.A. Smith Abort Black babies?

Wednesday, September 28, 2005, William Bennett, former Secretary of Education for the Regan Administration made a statement that was very insensitive to black Americans. On the Wednesday edition of his radio show, "Bill Bennett's Morning in America," syndicated by Salem Radio Network, a caller raised the theory that Social Security is in danger of becoming insolvent because legalized abortion has reduced the number of tax-paying citizens. Bennett said economic arguments should never be employed in discussions of moral issues.

Bennett continued by referring if it were the sole purpose to reduce crime, "you could abort every black baby in this country, and your crime rate would go down. Aborting black babies to reduce crime would be 'morally reprehensible' but effective, anti-abortion"

Bennett, a devout Catholic, a writer, speaker, government official and political operative has played the moral activist of God countless times. It is said that as Ronald Regan's chairman of the National Endowment for the Humanities, he was the scourge of academic permissiveness. As the secretary of education, he excoriated schools and students for failing to set and meet high stan-

dards. As drug czar under George H. W. Bush, he applied a get-tough approach to drug use, arguing that individuals have a moral responsibility to own up to their addiction. He demonized President Bill Clinton during his impeachment and in his book, "The Death of Outrage," peppered Americans for the failure to take Clinton's sins more seriously.

As an alleged opinionated backside of a donkey, he has opined on homosexuals, drinking, and children books and meddled in husband and wife affairs. Now, this piece of "Typhoid Mary" is saying the crime rate in America would go down if black mothers who get pregnant would abort their babies. What this Hitler type is really saying is that through the process of abortions at birth for blacks, the race will be annihilated. What this alleged "fly in the ointment" fell to realize is that the sons of Ham come in all colors, shapes and grades of hair. Are not the sons of Ham holding the sons of Japheth notes in America?

As a black American, I am offended. How would this acting non compos mentis Pooh-Bah feel if black Americans would express the point they wish that his mother had aborted him? How would he feel if black Americans would argue a number of his kind should disappear or be

eliminated from the face of the earth through abortions?

Is it a subversive pattern among conservative Republicans to have such disdain for black Americans because black Americans recognized what it is when they see and smell it? Will black Americans face legal devastation from the United States Supreme Court because of the nomination and seating of a United States Supreme Court Justice that white conservatives love? On the other hand, will the new Supreme Court Justice apply the law fairly to all Americans? The odor of the smell test has not been analyzed.

Many black Americans do not feel comfortable with the present social, economic and political tide in America because of people like Bennett. In the 60's & early 70's, people worked together to try to bring a new sense of direction and healing in our land. An example is the "Voting Rights Act." However, today, well-educated and self-moralizing supremacist people like Bennett and a newly created South African like caste-system is in the making to bring America down like the Roman Empire.

The final thought for black mothers to remember is: "Do not abort your babies. Take the bull by the horns."

## Outreach Prayer Breakfast

### What Is The Prayer Of Faith?

Some people have faith in a lot of people, but not in themselves. This is why some people go to conferences, different meetings and ask someone to pray for them. There's nothing wrong with that. We simply believe that we're living in a day when things are getting so critical in this nation. In our homes and in our personal lives, we are going to have to believe God for ourselves. He has given us all the power and equipment that we need to be more than conquerors.

We have blamed so much on the devil, and he has no power to destroy a child of God. He only operates by the power that we give

him through not knowing. The Bible says we are destroyed, because of a lack of knowledge. It is true to the lack of knowing what God will do in every situation applying his godly principles in our lives. There are laws we must abide by to be victorious. The reason why many are not victorious is because we are law-breakers and we expect God to be there for us, but we continue to be disobedient, our lives follow our words. You cannot become anything else that you haven't told yourself you are going to be, and believe it. We're understanding what the prayer of faith really is. In the Bible of James 5:14-15, it says the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise them up. The word "Faith" means a whole package of ben-

efits. It means more than being saved, but being healed, delivered, protected, preserved and made whole, when we look at that, it entails everything that we need to be victorious in our Christian Walk.

Thanks for reading, Saints. We love you!

Thought for the week: "America, the wedges of sin is death!"

The Saturday's meeting, October 1st, will be in next week's report.

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

## City-wide Ushers meet Saturday afternoon

The City Wide Ushers will meet at the home of the St. John Baptist Church, 1712 East 29th Street, Saturday afternoon, October 8, 2005, where Reverend Solomon Fields is pastor. The meeting will begin at 5:00 p. m. All ushers are invited and are asked to bring another usher with you. If you can bring another usher from your church, because this is the first meeting of the New Year and if you haven't you will be asked to pay a fee of \$1.00 extra.

We, the members of the City Wide Ushers gave a donation to the Hurricane Katrina victims. So come everyone, and let's continue to help as much as we can. Don't forget your non-perishable canned good items for Thanksgiving and Christmas as these holidays are around the corner.

Ushers, let's keep everyone in our prayers even those who have lost a loved one.

Sister Sarah Bunton, president; and Sister Minnie Darthard, reporter.

## St. Matthew's Baptist Church News

Sunday morning, October 2, 2005, was another great day in the Lord at St. Matthew Baptist Church, 2020 East 14th Street.

The morning services began with Sunday school beginning at 10:20 a.m. with Superintendent Sister Luella Harris in charge. The morning lesson was taught and reviewed by Rev. Edward Canady, our pastor. The subject of the lesson was "Faithful Servant." It was a wonderful lesson.

The morning worship hour began at 11:15 a. m. Deacen

Edward Williams was in charge of the devotional services.

The St. Matthew Baptist Church Choir sang out of their souls. Again, we heard God's praises in songs and hymns.

Pastor Canady delivered the morning message. His subject was "Hide Me behind the Blood." His scripture text was Exodus 12:12-13.

Remember this is Pastoral Month. Be kind to your pastor.

Thought For The Week: "It's never too soon to accept Christ, but at any moment it could be too late."

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# Conversation: A dialogue on racism

*(Editor's Note: This is the final portion of several conversations (via the internet) between two African-American men, John Wiseman of Lubbock, Texas and David Wilson of Chicago, Ill., who are both members of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. Another young African-American, Robert Davis, joined in the interesting conversation. This conversation apparently came about because of the Katrina Hurricane. If you liked this means of addressing these kinds of issues, let us hear from you. You may do so by writing: A Dialogue in Racism, c/o Southwest Digest, P. O. Box 2553, Lubbock, Texas 79408.)*

Continued from last week:

**John Wiseman** - Your vision is shared, however, it's very noble and idealistic. Another perspective on your very well articulated viewpoint could be, why is it that the history of atrocities inflicted on the Jews, or Indians (for example) are encouraged and celebrated as points of motivation for the next generation? Why is it that with other segments of the population it's a right of passage for the youth to be

told of their history regarding his or her ancestors? Tales of many examples (their ancestors) provided for them to learn from and duplicate are shared from generation to generation? They tell the young of the importance regarding ensuring they are unaware and they must make sure history doesn't repeat itself? Why is it (if I understand correctly) that as an African-American, I should not raise questions of questionable behavior? A good number of people suggest that I don't be so sensitive because I am setting the wrong example for the youth of our community. Things have changed and to be suspicious of seemingly everything is just paranoia and crazy "my brother of color." It won't happen again so don't worry about it, brother? What was done in the past should stay there, because here is no need to talk what happened 40, 50, or 75 years ago, let alone 200-300 hundred years ago. Why is it that NOW when African Americans give him the thought that race played a role in the impact on person (s) of color, it's viewed as a frivolous concept while other random injustices inflicted on another ethnic group a perceived with a

different sense of urgency? Notice, I said a different sense of urgency as to infer "a sense of urgency pre- existed." It bothers me that referencing factual history, being "pro-actively protective," referencing past actions in our culture that resemble current events, is somehow perceived as being detrimental to the youth's development? There are numerous examples of positive kids among our youth and to suggest that the majority of the African American youth are more sensitive or more susceptible to make the wrong choice when reminded of past injustices based on current events.

You said, "Mistrusting others is a whole stressor in itself and can be counter productive in achieving success. There are more people who want to help their fellow mankind no matter what their race or religion is." I submit, Trust must be first earned and that has not completely been achieved, and the TRUST I speak of is ensuring the laws of the land and their intent or interpretation is fair for all Americans. This country has a long history of unfair treatment to minorities and that is a fact. My "Alternative" perspective of the history for African Americans is no

different than the American Indian regarding their history and continuing efforts to ensure they get fair treatment as a people. It's no different than the Holocaust surviving families fighting to make sure the atrocity placed on their people never happens again nor is ever forgotten. I say, let's not try to forget, let's ensure every American impress upon the youth that this injustice (among other injustices) happened and they must make sure the next generation is treated better. When our (Black) young men become teenage father, we as African American men mentor and teach that young man about taking care of his responsibilities. Stop allowing young women to be alone in the rearing of young black males. Promote accountability because those before US fought for our youth to be able to continue the fight for complete equality. Stop telling me that to suggest the possibility (how slight) an injustice toward my people may have happened is perpetuating the problems of our youth. Selling bullets don't perpetuate killing, anger, fear, irrational/rationale people kill (among other reasons). Simply put, when teaching another, it is not

what you say, but how you say it. Another view!!

**Robert Davis** - I liked what you had to say, I can feel you're about

kill. Lots of good points. This disaster has brought out the best in most. People helping people during his time. It is heartwarming and encouraging.

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## Tamyra Gray: Jilted by J. Records, saved by "Gospel"

By Jawa Murray

Her untimely exit from 'American Idol' made Tamyra Gray a household name. Now the former Miss Atlanta wants to captivate audiences with her acting as well as her singing. The recently engaged entertainer — she won't say to whom — gives an impressive performance for her feature film debut in the Sony Screen Gems/Rainforest Pictures film, 'The Gospel,' a role that allows her to showcase both her singing and acting abilities. "It's always nice to be able to showcase what it is you do first, in something that you're trying to venture out into. What I hope, in the long run, is to achieve roles that don't have singing," said Gray, during our conversation at Atlanta's The Ritz-Carlton Buckhead hotel.



Tamyra Gray has had several acting roles since her appearance on American Idol, but hasn't given up on her dream of being a singer. She appears in the upcoming movie "Gospel," opening this weekend.

In music news, Gray recently parted ways with both 19 Entertainment, the management arm of 'American Idol,' and the company's music division, 19 Records, which released her debut album, 'The Dreamer.' "My new manager Lisa Braude used to be [European pop star] Anastasia's manager," she announced.

The 26-year-old singer said her goal is to sign with a major label this time; however it's unlikely that it will be J Records. Gray was signed to the Clive Davis label, but was dropped after being labeled difficult by executives.

"I did hear that I was difficult," she confessed. "What happened was, basically, the songs that I was given were the same songs that are on

Not at all!  
"Right! That's exactly what I said," she continued. "I'm like, you're giving me these types of songs and basically, you're setting me up to fail. That's not believable. It was more of a thing where they were like, 'This works! This is what we've been making records with, with our black artists. We want them to be ghetto. This is what is selling and what we need you to do.' Alicia Keys' style was more of the style I was trying to do, but there was an argument about that."

Gray divulged that she shared her feelings with the label about the direction they wanted to go in. "I was like, 'I will flop.' People will look at me and say, 'That's not her.' If you flop on your first album coming out, on a major label, and you have the exposure of the number one TV show in the country, then basically people will look at you and say..." she paused, to refrain from calling names.

Gray suggested: "Say that you're

Justin Guarini?"

"Yeah," she shot back. "Clearly, I was just not trying to say that."

Gray shared that the label also discouraged her from writing her own music. "I was told I couldn't write. I was told, well Whitney [Houston] didn't write and Aretha [Franklin] didn't write, so you don't need to write," she recalled. She would later pen Fantasia's hit single 'I Believe,' but the label was initially unaware that she wrote it. "They didn't know I wrote it in the beginning. It was kept a secret until they said, 'Yes,'" she smiled sheepishly.

Now the experience is just a memory for Gray, who said in closing, "I loved the thought of working with Clive Davis. To me, it was like if anyone was going to get me, he's going to get me."

Now, let's just hope some other executive gets her.

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# Stanley "Tookie" Williams receives Presidential Award for good deeds

Courtesy of Jet Magazine

The convicted murderer who co-founded the notorious L.A. Crips street gang has received an award for his good to deeds on death row, complete with a letter from President George W. Bush praising him for demonstrating "the outstanding character of America."

Stanley "Tookie" Williams has been an anti-gang activist during his many years on death row at San Quentin State Prison, where he was sent after he was convicted in 1981 for killing four people. He's authored 10 books, mostly warning young people to stay away from gangs.

The President's Call to Service Award arrived as Williams, 53, continues his final fight for clemency. His case is now being reviewed by the U.S. Supreme Court.

More than 267,000 people have received the award, which includes a certificate of achievement and commendation letters from the president and former Senators Bob Dole and John Glenn, honorary co-chairs of the President's Council on Service and Civic Participation.

Sandy Scott, a spokesman for the council, refused to address the

fact that the award was given to a condemned killer. After nearly three days of attempts by the Associated Press to get a comment, Scott e-mailed a response saying the awards are approved by nominating organizations, not the council.

Williams was nominated for the award by William A. Harrison of West Monroe, LA, a minister with the Old Catholic Orthodox Church.

"People can be redeemed. It doesn't matter where you come from," Harrison said. "You may be on death row, but to be able to lend something that people can say, 'This has inspired me to change my life,'"

Barbara Becnel, Williams' spokesperson and co-author, said she believes he is the first death row inmate to receive the Service Award created in 2003 to honor Americans who inspire volunteerism.

One of Williams' books, 1998's Life In Prison, led to the Internet Project for Street Peace, an after school violence prevention program.

Last year Williams' story was portrayed in the award-winning film, Redemption: The Stan "Tookie" Williams Story, starring Academy Award-winner Jamie Foxx. In 2001 he was nominated for the Nobel Prize for the series of eight children's books he wrote while in prison. Many of the books, written in first person, are subtitled Tookie Speaks Out Against Gang

Violence (J/T, Jan. 1, 2001).

Becnel said Williams has received tens of thousands of emails

many from young gang members who said his story helped them turn their lives around.

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other than current District rules. The hearing for these exceptions is October 11, at 10 a.m. at the District offices.

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# Editorials • Comments • Opinions



## THIS N THAT

**LET'S GET INVOLVED!** THIS N THAT is hoping that parents of students who attend **O. L. SLATON JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL** will stay involved in the effort which will determine if this school remains open. On the other hand, it should open the eyes of other **EAST LUBBOCK SCHOOLS** since the last closure involved schools in East Lubbock. It's interesting that the **LUBBOCK SCHOOL BOARD** wants to close O. L. Slaton Junior High School after the passage of a **\$98.8 MILLION DOLLAR** school bond package last year. This multi-million dollar package was to have improved the band room at the junior high school. According to a school board member, **VERNITA WOODS-HOLMES**, who represents District Two, she can't support the closure since this school is operative and is doing such positive job educating our children. This being the case, the question is **WHY CLOSE O.L. SLATON JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL?** THIS N THAT is hoping a highly visible public relation campaign will be seen in the entire community... **THIS N THAT** is hoping this is not a means for the construction of new public schools in Southwest Lubbock. Let's keep an eye on what's going on! Let's hope **ESTACADO HIGH SCHOOL** is not on the **CLOSURE LIST**. Past history in Lubbock should remind us that

if you sleep at the switch, strange things will happen. Shall we stay tune on the future of **SCHOOL CLOSURES** in Lubbock? Again, let's keep in mind what **MS. HOLMES** said when she asked the question, "Why not use the closed **HUNT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL** for the arts school?" Stay tuned - there will be more on this one.

**NEED TO VISIT OUR SCHOOLS! THIS N THAT** want to advise all **PARENTS & CONCERNED CITIZENS** to visit our schools regardless if you have a child enrolled or not. You just need to let our school officials know that **WE** are just watching and waiting to see what is going on or what will happen. Now, if **WE** just sit back and not show up, then anything could happen. Then you will end up saying, "**IF I ONLY KNEW**", I would have been there. So now while there is still time, just start stopping by some of the school campuses and let them know you are a concerned person. Do this for our children. Let them know you are concerned about their education. See you at a campus, **OKAY?**

**PENNY HASTINGS THE BARBER SAYS:** "INSIST for our children to learn all they can today, because one day their **CHANCE WILL COME!**"

**LET JUSTICE PREVAIL!** THIS N THAT, as well as many others, are awaiting the outcome of the two indictments on **TOM DELAY**, U.S.

Congressman from Sugarland, Texas. No matter how you look at it, **JUSTICE** needs to prevail. After watching fun on national TV the other evening, it appeared to be a comical matter, but he needs to know, when you have **TWO INDICTMENTS**, it's not a comical matter. Time will tell if it is funny or not. Anyway, **THIS N THAT** advises that **JUSTICE WILL PREVAIL!**

**NORTH & EAST LUBBOCK DEVELOPMENT GEARED TOWARD ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT!** **THIS N THAT** is proud of the position of the North & East Lubbock Development Corporation. When there is a positive movement, sometimes there are obstacles in the way, of bringing economic development. In July, the organization acquired 4.75 **ACRES** at 1833 Parkway Drive, and has proposed to have a **20,000 SQUARE FOOT SHOPPING CENTER** constructed in that location. This is the beginning of something good happening in this area of our city. According to the executive director, **JOHN HALL**, in order to continue to strengthen its public relations, two additional groups have been organized to create the **NORTH & EAST COLLABORATIVE** groups which were to help development in both areas. Regardless of where we have come from, there is still a long journey ahead.



by Eddie P. Richardson

Hurricanes Katrina and Rita have gone from the Gulf Coast of America. As a result, gas and heating fuels, etc. is supposed to skyrocket. The question to ask is who suffers and who makes a profit? Now after the devastation and the destruction, the main redevelopment and rebuilding is alleged it will be awarded to the Halliburton group, because it is alleged by Republican money supporters, including Kellogg and Brown & Root.

The next issue locally, is the O. L. Slaton Junior High School issue. Our concern is the location of the school as history goes. We have never had a closing problem, even O. L. Slaton is border line. We have never had a closure or near closure in the affluent area. There have been schools as Martin, Thompson and Hunt, where LISD board member Vernita Woods-Holmes was prin-

## Think About It!

### So much is happening, what do we fix first?

This writer has received information that the Dunbar-Struggs combination and Estacado High school could be on the cutting board. These are something to really think about.

Then on the same note, our most deprived, denied and overlooked areas, North & East Lubbock need some muscle. The sad and disgusting part of this situation is we have two of our elected city leaders who apparently have not or will not support with vigor, the North & East Lubbock project, as well as the Lubbock Habitat For Humanity program which is not only a locally effort, but international as well. The international effort eliminates standard housing around the world. These same two individuals, according to our sources, refused to talk to representatives from Lubbock Habitat and the North & East Lubbock project. Now, this is something to really think about. If

people fail to do what they were elected to do, we should think about promoting them or ever re-electing them. Our sources advise us that one has been advised not to seek re-election.

At this time, one of the biggest issues on the plate is Tom "Hammer" Delay, who has cost Texas a lot of seniority in the U. S. House of Representatives. Of great significance, he (Delay) he deprived West Texas of a congressman. As he is known around the 'Belt Way' as "The Hammer", he apparently brought his hammer to Austin Texas and took over Governor Perry's office and ran his re-districting program. This shows the lack of leadership in our governor who was elected by the State of Texas, and The Congressman was elected to his office by his District. Now apparently, his deeds are re-visiting him.

**Closing Thought:** "Do not do what you would undo if caught!"

## Letters to the Editor

**Richardson's column**

I was impressed by the editorial comments by Eddie P. Richardson in the September 22, 2005 issue of Southwest Digest (especially paragraphs 5-7). I agree that we need to stand up and control our own destiny. Too long have we relied on Mr. Gilmore to make our way as a people. I am in total agreement that we need to re-evaluate our standards as role models. The Kobe Bryant of this generation have set our people back!

Parson D.A. Smith  
Lubbock, TX

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In essence, one or more persons saw the whole scenario take place, but as the universal thinking of most blacks, the mentality of most blacks prevailed in this situation. Most of us will see lawless acts take place, but most of us are not willing to support and rid this community of lawless violators. Why?? This particular culprit at age 20 has a police record that stretches from Lubbock to New York.

For the record, she chose to drop out of school at an early age, ruled her mother's house, became involved with a so-called man who is almost 40 years old or older, arrested several times for using and selling crack cocaine, has no relationship with God, selling her body, and caught stealing at one of Lubbock's high profile department stores. I am not writing about incidents she committed that were told by haters. I am speaking terms of a neighbor who saw and talked with her mom about her running wild in

my neighborhood.

Killing this culprit is not the answer to riding this community of this menace to society. The latter incidents are pale in comparison to the other incidents that could and should be mentioned. Why would any man, be he 21 or 40 and beyond, date and allow a young lady 20 years old get under the wheel of his vehicle without a driver's license?? It sounds like this 'old fart' needs to be accountable to someone for allowing this loose cannon drive his vehicle. To top this off, the culprit tries and it appears she justified her irresponsible actions.

In closing, until we as a community and especially those who are guilty of standing for the truth as well as nothing and falling for anything of no value, we will always continue to have these types of incidents that happened to Mr. Benson and the 'Candy Lady' will continue to be unsolved, because no one wants to get involved.

Maurice A. Williams  
Lubbock, Texas

**Thank you, Lubbock!**

I would like to thank all of the many friends of Lubbock for the cards and flowers that were sent in remembrance of Sherina Williams-Butler. God Bless You!

Jolannie Derrough  
Lubbock, TX

**East Lubbock residents need to get involved!**

On September 25, 2005, at or around 4:50 p.m. in East Lubbock, a near tragic incident took place between two black females, ages 20 and 22. Upon being told who the culprit was and who the victim was, thoughts of punishment would prevail on the culprit who used someone's vehicle as a weapon to retaliate on the victim. I waited in hopes that justice would prevail in the victim's behalf. Upon being informed that the culprit who committed this crime had not been arrested for a lawless and cow-

ardice act, I called Councilman Price to get his input on why this culprit had not been arrested.

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## In Cinque

by Renetta Howard



Many student attending college are able to attend because they have received athletic scholarships because of their demonstration of prowess in high school. When they enroll in college, they expect to continue that prowess throughout their college days. To have come through high school with a degree of security in their playing ability, it will depend on the coach as to how much they will progress or fail to progress in college. Progress in college for some coaches is the ability to see that their players do well in the subject matter of the academic courses that their players are enrolled, as the chances of them becoming professional in their endeavors is next to nil. They make certain that the main reason for these students being in college is to secure an academic degree and help them to focus

on that. This kind of coach instills into his players a sense of worth; that they are a worthwhile individual and worthy of praise in their endeavors. This kind of coach works from a positive angle with the students, encouraging them to strive to do their best at all times and to keep a healthy attitude when they lose as well as when they win. They are taught to be wholesome, clean-hearted and clean-spirited in their play, and to respect the rights of other players. The students know that they are playing a game. *It is not the game of life.* This kind of coach draws respect to himself as he/she gives, shows and teaches respect to his students. Students find playing under the leadership of such a coach rewarding.

On the other hand, when a coach goes about demanding respect from his players because he/she wants them to 'look up to him/her; to feel perched on some pedestal, to make his players feel that no matter how much they know about the game or how skillful they may be, *None is greater*

than me! This kind of coach feels that punishment is the ultimate way to teach a player what he should or should not do in the game in his relationship with others. Students receiving scholarships are constantly reminded that they can be kicked off the team and lose their scholarship if their actions are not exactly as the coach demands, whether possible or impossible. When classes or physical illness or discomfort conflicts with practice, the coach insists on the player's presence on the field even if he should be in bed or in class, or he is threatened with some kind of punishment. The end result of this type of coaching is *sheer fear*. No student should be subjected to this type of treatment. Athletics are wonderful for helping to make a well-rounded individual in any school setting, but it is time that we get 'in cinque' and take a closer look at coaches and evaluate them like we do classroom teachers. Some of them are ruining the lives of young men and women in colleges today. Fear should not be a part of a college career.

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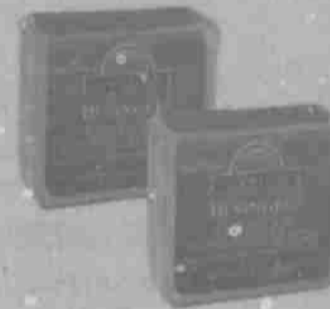
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