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# Smithsonian's Anacostia Museum names Camille Giraud Akeju as newest director

Camille Giraud Akeju has been named director of the Smithsonian's Anacostia Museum, effective Dec. 12. She is currently the president and chief executive officer of the Harlem School of the Arts Inc. in New York City.

"With her many talents, her broad experience and her insightful creativity, Camille brings new energy to the Smithsonian's Anacostia Museum," said Smithsonian Secretary Lawrence M. Small. "Under her leadership, we'll be able to further expand our education and outreach services to the community."

Akeju, 55, has served since 1999 as president and CEO at The Harlem School of the Arts, where she was responsible for administration, programming, fundraising and community relations.

Since 1964, The Harlem School of the Arts has provided beginning to advanced instruction in dance, music, theater and the visual arts from preschool students to young adults.

From 1953 to 1999, she worked at The Valley Inc. in New York City as chief operating officer, where she oversaw all issues and activities relating to personnel and contract and funding requirements. The Valley Inc., based in central Harlem, is a youth services organization, offering employment services for jobs and internships; dropout-prevention programs and after-school activities; and leadership development.

From 1991 to 1998, Akeju worked as executive director at Mind-Builders Creative Arts Co. Inc. in Bronx, N.Y., forging new program partnerships with such organizations as the Museum of Modern Art, instituting new policies and procedures to strengthen the organization's infrastructure; expanding community outreach with an in-school arts-access lecture and artists residencies series; and forming effective volunteer networks to support the needs of the organization.

As curator and collections manager at the New York Transit Museum from 1986 to 1991, she established a fine arts gallery within the museum to highlight the work of established and emerging artists who use mass transit as a theme in their artworks; mounted the museum's first major interpretive exhibition; participated in the museum's major fundraising campaign



Part of the exhibits at the Anacostia Museum include photographs of midwives and information about their importance in America's history. Shown here is midwife Mary Francis Hill Coley (1900-1960), bathing newborn Albany, Ga., 1952. Photo courtesy of Robert Galbraith.

and assisted in coordinating the NYC Transit Authority's first auction of mass transit memorabilia.

"I look forward to working with a great staff at the Anacostia Museum and I am proud to join the Smithsonian family," Akeju said.

Akeju has served as a peer reviewer with the Multicultural Arts Initiative in Pittsburgh and as a member of the board of directors and site/program evaluator for the National Guild of Community Schools of the Arts. She also is a judge for the NAACP's ACT-SO Fine Arts Competition in Westchester County, New York.

She received the Crowned Jewel Award for Women in Leadership (2003) from C. Otley Strategies Inc., New York City, and the Recognition of Service to Youth Award from Open Eyes Productions Inc. (1996).

Akeju earned a bachelor's

degree in fine arts, with a concentration in printmaking and secondary art education, in 1974, and a master's degree in art history, with a concentration in African American art in 1981 from Howard University in Washington, D.C.

Akeju was born in the Bronx and grew up in Mount Vernon, N.Y. She has two grown children.

She succeeds James Early, who served as interim director of the Anacostia Museum since March 2004. Early will return full time to his duties as director of Cultural Heritage Policy at the Smithsonian's Center for Folklife and Cultural Heritage. The previous museum director was Steve Newsome who served for more than 12 years and retired in February 2004.

The Smithsonian's Anacostia Museum opened in southeast Washington in 1967 as the nation's first federally funded neighborhood museum. Today,

its collection is national in scope and features significant holdings in African American art, religion and photography, with a focus on community and family history. In addition to creating original exhibitions and installing significant traveling exhibitions on a variety of African American topics, the museum produces innov-

ative educational programs and publications. Anacostia Museum is located at 1901 Fort Place S.E., Washington, D.C., and is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily, except Dec. 25. Admission is free.

Information: (202) 633-4820. Tours: (202) 633-4844. Web site: [www.anacostia.si.edu](http://www.anacostia.si.edu).

## 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, 7:00 a.m., 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 Yellowknife Canyon
- Forgotten West Riders meets on the 1st & 3rd Mondays, 7:00 pm, Patterson Library
- East Lubbock Chapter AACP 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 Merket Alumni Center
- Dunbar/Manhattan Heights Neighborhood Association meets every 3rd Thursday at 6:00 pm 1303 East 24th St. (outreach center/partly 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 at the Parkway Neighborhood Center.
- The Parkway Guadalupe & Cherry-Polai Neighborhood Association meets the 3rd Tuesday evening of each month at 7:30 pm at Parkway Neighborhood Center.

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## Miracle Christmas Parade on 34th

The public is invited to 34th Street in Lubbock on Saturday, December 10, 2005, for a version of "A Christmas Spectacular." This will be a parade, which will start at 5:30 p. m. and includes lighted units for that extra special effect. Spectators start gathering early in the evening to get the perfect spot to watch marching bands, Shriner Clowns and their miniature automobile antics, fire trucks, beauty queens, miniature horses, dozens of decorated floats, honored guest and much more.

With approximately 20,000 spectators to attend, Margaret Talkington will be the Grand Marshal. It will also feature Santa, Children's Characters, Lighted Floats, Miss Lubbock, Texas Tech Lady Raiders, U.S. Military Units, Musical Groups, Dance Teams, and much, much more.

A special feature will be the Little Red Riding Hood Nursery 34 Foot Christmas Tree. This feature, plus many more is the reason why the Miracle Christmas Parade on 34th Street will become

one of the largest and most important events in the region. Each year, this event is expected to grow until it is the primary Christmas event in West Texas and Eastern New Mexico.

The board of the Miracles Christmas Parade and the 34th Street Association of Lubbock have chosen Margaret Talkington as the Grand Marshall of the first annual Miracles Christmas Parade on 34th Street, saying that Mrs. Talkington represents the character and spirit of heritage highlighted with this year's parade.

The parade will travel from Toledo to Avenue Q on December 10 from approximately 6:15 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. The Miracles Christmas Parade theme is "The Heritage of Christmas" and it promises to be a production filled with memories for all. The planning committee is inviting churches, civic organizations, children's groups, student clubs, marching bands, and others to enter floats that are decorated and lighted for the evening parade. Groups are encouraged to enter

floats that represent their own interpretation of "The Heritage of Christmas."

The Miracles Christmas Parade is a family-oriented event benefiting local non-profit organizations in Lubbock, and is expected to draw thirty thousand spectators along the 3.4 mile parade route.

Special features for this year's parade include a marching band competition for 10 area schools, float decoration prizes, a 34-foot tall Christmas Tree, special performances similar to the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade, Santa Claus, the Texas Tech Lady Raiders, and much more.

Visitors are encouraged to bring a toy for the Toys for Tots float. Families can share this special time together and warm up with a hot cup of chocolate brought to you by Lubbock Meals on Wheels.

For more information about this year's Miracles Christmas Parade you may call Jason Davis at (806) 544-5059 or visit the official website at [www.miracleson34thstreet.com](http://www.miracleson34thstreet.com)

## Patterson receives TML Award



T. J. Patterson, right, is shown receiving an award from the Texas Municipal League president, Dock Jackson, city councilman from Bastrop, Texas, during the opening session of the annual conference at the Gaylord Texan in Grapevine on October 26th.

Patterson, who was the first African-American TML president, served on the Lubbock City Council for twenty years.

According to reports, the attendance to this year's conference was one of the highest ever. More than 1,088 cities, towns and manors are members of TML. (Photo Courtesy of TML)

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The Southwest Digest

If you find mistakes in this publication, please consider that they are there for a reason. We publish something for everyone, and some people are always looking for mistakes.

## Santa Land opens Saturday with the arrival of Santa and Mrs. Claus and new spectacular balloon glow

Santa and Mrs. Claus will be arriving at Santa Land in Mackenzie Park to listen to the wishes of West Texas children on Saturday, December 10, 2005, at 6:00 p.m. in Mackenzie Park. The opening ceremony begins at 6:00 p.m., and children from Lubbock and surrounding communities are invited to help Lubbock City Council members greet the Clauses, light the 60-foot Christmas tree, and officially open Santa Land. Entertainment is scheduled to begin at 5:30 p.m. with the Cactus Kids from Don Caldwell Productions/Studio. A new addition to this year's opening night is the PlainsCapital Bank Christmas Glow from 6:00-7:30 p.m. The Christmas Glow is sponsored by PlainsCapital Bank, the Southwest Regional Balloon Club, and the City of Lubbock Parks and Recreation Department.

Balloonists will inflate their hot-air balloons in their launch position on the field adjacent to Santa Land, but will not ascend. As the pilots fire their burners, spectators will watch as the balloons light up and glow with color against the darkness of the night sky. With the backdrop of Santa Land and its sixty-foot lighted Christmas tree, these giant luminaries will be a one of a kind experience never before seen in Lubbock!

The 49th Annual Santa Land and the PlainsCapital Bank Christmas Glow (opening night only) are located in Mackenzie Park.

Santa Land is open December 10-23, 2005, from 6:00-10:00 p.m. nightly. For visits with Santa, parents are encouraged to bring their children early in the evening as the line is stopped on busy nights at approximately 9:30 p.m. The City of Lubbock has hosted Santa Land for the past 49 years, and admission is free. The entrance to Santa Land is from the East Broadway entrance into Mackenzie Park just east of Avenue A and the South Plains Fairgrounds.

More than 28,000 visitors attended Santa Land last year to see the festive holiday village with its 60-foot lighted Christmas tree, animated displays, traditional holiday scenes, and Santa and Mrs. Claus listening to Christmas wishes. Enjoy live entertainment most nights from 6:30-8:00 p.m., and refreshments, including hot chocolate, will be available at the concession stand. Keepsake photos of children visiting with Santa Claus can be purchased for \$5.00 each; however, parents are welcome to bring their own cameras.

The City of Lubbock and the Parks and Recreation Department are grateful to its sponsors for their help in underwriting the costs for Santa Land and for bringing this annual event to the children of Lubbock. This year's sponsors include: PlainsCapital Bank; David Dunn Repair Service; AAA Firewood; Kelly-Moore Paint; 6666 Ranch, News Channel 11; Next Media: KLLL, Mix 100, Rock 101, and Beat 104.9; American

State Bank; Abercrombie Lumber; United Supermarkets; Wells Fargo Bank; Vogue Beauty Academy; Felix West Paint; Wal-Mart; Lubbock Police Department; Lubbock Fire Department, and City Solid Waste Services.

**FASHION FUN**  
by Shirley Robinson

**Man Pleasers Gift Ideas**

Ladies, it's Christmas time again, time to start thinking about that very special man in your life. I've got a few suggestions -

**SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT!**

Why not get your man any of these: grooming accessories, silk blend vest, golf clothes, watch, tool kit, leather coat, leather gloves, snakeskin shoes with a matching belt (assorted colors), sleepwear or jewelry.

**THE NUMBER ONE GIFT IS YOU, OF COURSE!**

**FASHION TIP:** Always wear a smile!  
**FASHION -** Just for the fun of it!



By Doris Reynolds

There is something really big happening at Ellis R. Hies Elementary School. Tonight, Thursday, December 8th, is Science Night at Hies Elementary, 2401 Date Avenue, from 6 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. This event will showcase the school's new science lab. The Science Spectrum will be doing two shows - "Native Animals" and "Fire and Ice." Representatives from the Texas Tech University College of Engineering will bring some LEGO robotics, ATVs and rocket demonstrations. Dunbar Middle School and Estacado High School will also be bringing science activities.

Why not let the campus contact person, Jo Unrein, know you appreciate what is taking place in Chatman Hill. Her telephone number is 766-1755.

Word comes that the Lubbock Juneteenth Committee, along with Security State Bank, will be sponsoring their first "Junior Mister & Miss Black History Showcase" in February 2006, in honor of Black History Month. The Showcase is open to students, ages 12 thru 14 or in grades 6th, 7th & 8th, and must reside in the Lubbock area. Candidates will be judged on poise, talent, essay, and interview. Registration fee is \$25 and the deadline is December 30, 2005. Winners will receive scholarship saving bonds, which are being made available by Security State Bank.

The scholarships are in the amounts: First Place is \$175; Second Place is \$75 and Third Place is \$50. For more information, contact wether Tonya Johnson at 744-2495 or Mary Williams at 744-0001.

Federation of Choirs will hold their monthly meeting Sunday afternoon, December 18, 2005, at the St. Matthew Baptist Church, 2020 East 14th Street, where Rev. Edward Canady is host pastor. Sister Bennie Sims is president. Services will begin at 2:30 p.m.

Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church, 2202 Southeast Drive, is announcing their Bethel Watch-Night Worship Service is set for 11:00 p.m. Saturday, December 31, 2005. Rev. Eddie L. Everline is pastor. The public is invited to attend.

Volunteers are needed, either individuals or groups, to fill Christmas stockings for needy children. The stockings will be distributed to Lubbock County children during the Salvation Army's Christmas toy distribution. Stockings may be picked up at the Salvation Army, 1111 16th Street. For information, call 765-9434.

Santa Land is scheduled to open Saturday evening, December 10th, just inside the Mackenzie Park. This is the 49th year, which features Santa Claus, nightly entertainment, and a 50-foot artificial Christmas tree. It will open at 6:00 p.m. and remain open until 10:00 p.m. each night. December 23rd will be the last evening. There is no admission charge, and visitors are encouraged to bring still cameras and video cameras.

Let us not forget those who are sick and shut-in in our community. During the holiday season, those who are shut-in could really need to hear from us. Your precious prayers are always welcomed. It was good to see Sister Charlie Bell Pratt in services at Bethel AM Church last Sunday morning. When asked where was her cane, she replied, "My cane is in the closet at home." God is at it!

Let us not forget one of our longtime residents, Brother Clarence Ervin, who is still recuperating. Of course, there are many others.

If you have news from your family, church or organization, advise this column so we can pass it on to those in the community. If you don't advise us, we will never know.

## In Remembrance

**Tonya Crutchfield**  
Memorial services for Tonya Crutchfield will be held Sunday morning, December 12, 2005, at the True Worshipers Church of God in Christ, 1401 Guava Avenue, beginning at 11:30 a.m.



Crutchfield

Tonya died seven days before she and Pastor Robert Griggs were to have been in Holy Matrimony. She came into Robert's life as the answer to a prayer that God would send Robert an angel.

Tonya and Robert met seven days after Robert prayed for an angel. Robert and Tonya knew and loved each other for about four months.

Tonya Crutchfield was a loving and caring person. When others saw Tonya, she just lit up their day. Tonya had a way to make everyone feel loved and at home. Tonya loved everyone as if they were her children or loved ones.

**"She Never Changed"**  
From Saginaw, Michigan, born quite small,  
About four feet tall, with a heart of gold  
And a Christ-like soul.

**"Tonya Crutchfield"**  
By Robert L. Griggs

Lived her life doing for others,  
Just to see them smile, yet she was  
Acquainted with grief, tears,  
and pain  
Were her rewards from the games.

But she never changed, always had a smile,  
While hurting inside, she stood her  
Ground and never frowned.  
When she was criticized and  
pushed aside.

She never changed, always had a smile  
And a great big  
"Hi!"

But when she was alone,  
I have heard her cry.

**Ennis Haney, III**  
Denver - Funeral services for a former resident of Lubbock, Ennis Haney, III, were held Friday morning, December 2, 2005, at 20th and Birch Church of Christ. Private interment was held in Denver, Colorado.



Haney

Local arrangements were

under the direction of Griffin Mortuary and Funeral Home of Lubbock.

Mr. Haney passed away Wednesday, November 23, 2005, at St. Joseph Hospital in Denver.

He is survived by his wife, Virginia Haney of Denver, Colorado; a daughter, Emisha C. (Christine) Haney of Denver, Colorado; his mother, James Ola Haney of Lubbock; two brothers, L. V. (Jerlene) Jackson of Lubbock and James Ray (Bertha) Jackson of Richmond, California; his father-in-law, Adelaide Lobato of Denver, Colorado; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and other relatives and friends.

**Cora Lee Jamison**  
Funeral services for Cora Lee Jamison were held Saturday afternoon, December 3, 2005, at the Community Baptist Church with Rev. Larry Brooks, pastor, officiating.



Jamison

Minister Curtis Wylie was eulogist.

Interment was held in the City of Lubbock Cemetery under the direction of Jackie Warren Funeral Home of Midland.

Pallbearers were the Deacons of Community Baptist Church. Honorary pallbearers were Danny Wright, Fred White, Dave Moody, James Rose, Sr., James Rose, Jr. and Billy Anzley.

She was born to the late Frank and Arelene Atkin September 8, 1937 in Highbank, Texas. She married James H. Jamison in Lubbock September 7, 1955. There were seven children born to this union.

Mrs. Jamison was employed by Texas Instruments for many years before she retired. She was one of the organizers of Community Baptist Church.

She leaves to cherish her memory: her husband, James Jamison of Lubbock; a son, James H. Jamison, Jr. of Fort Worth, Texas; six daughters: Evona Thomas of Lawton, Oklahoma, Shree Anna Chime of Tacoma, Washington, Werneta Jamison of Dallas, Arlene Pearl Bonner of Austin, Jacqueline Rose Anzley of Lubbock, and Demetra Jo Barrington of Seattle, Washington; two sisters, Lucy Rose of Lubbock and Ceola Walker of El Paso; three brothers: Charles Atkin of Fort Worth, Ellis Atkin, Sr. of Lubbock and Donald Ray Atkin of San Antonio; 21 grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; and a host of other relatives and friends.

**Lillie Mae Jordan**  
Funeral services for Lillie

Mae Jordan will be held Friday morning, December 9, 2005, at the Greater St. Mark Baptist Church with Rev. Leon Armstead, pastor, officiating.



Jordan

Interment will be held in Peaceful Gardens Memorial Park in Woodrow under the direction of Griffin Mortuary and Funeral Home.

She passed away Monday, December 5, 2005, at Covenant Health System.

A native of Henderson, Texas, she moved to Lubbock in the late 1940's.

Mrs. Jordan is survived by five daughters: Willie Cooper, Beverly Robinson and Betty Cole, all of Lubbock, Freddie Gipson and Helen Derring, both of California; a son, Randy Robinson of Lubbock; grandchildren, great-grandchildren; nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Viewing of the body will be held Thursday, December 8, 2005, from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Griffin Mortuary.

**Johnnie Claude Mosley Robinson**

Funeral services for Johnnie Claude Mosley Robinson were held Saturday morning, December 3, 2005, at the New Hope Baptist Church with Rev. B. R. Moton, pastor, officiating.



Robinson

Burial was held in Peaceful Gardens Memorial Park in Woodrow under the direction of Griffin Mortuary and Funeral Home.

Mrs. Robinson passed Saturday, November 26, 2005, after a lengthy illness.

She was born in Mexico and moved to Lubbock with her family at an early age. She married Clyde Robinson in 1948. He passed away December 14, 1996. One stepson, Clyde Allen, preceded her in death.

Mrs. Robinson worked as a housekeeper for several families in Lubbock before retiring. She was an excellent homemaker, nurturing mother and hostess. Many young people called her "Mama" or "Mama Johnnie" because she treated you as if you were her own child. She was a faithful member of New Hope Baptist Church for more than 60 years.

She is survived by a daughter, Johnnie L. Walker; two sons, Renny and Joby; and her best friend and devoted sister, Genis Williams, all of Lubbock.

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# Church News



## We Thank God for Jesus Xmas For Christ Or Merchandise

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

Isaiah 9:6 - For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given, and the government shall be upon his shoulders. And his name shall be called: Wonderful, Counsellor, the Mighty God, the Everlasting, and the Prince of Peace.

As the woman bought stamps at the post office just the other day, deep frown of madness ever came over her face which was on her face. As she looked at the stamps of Mary holding the Baby Jesus, she said, "They are now putting religion into Christmas. I don't believe it!"

Mark 7:6 - Jesus said, we'll have E-sai 'as prophesied of you hypocrites. As it is written, this people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me.

It spell Xmas this way, because it is not God's business. Can you tell the drug dealer's house of lights, his Xmas tree, his shopping bags? Anytime the sinner wants in on it, it's not about God! Many, many people play the Xmas game, saying I love you, and will buy things to try and show it. Buying presents, trees, toys, lights and lying Santa Claus. They have nothing to do with God's business. The stores make a killing this time of the year, because of the game the world is playing.

Think!!! Is there was a holiday party celebration. What if you give a gift to one another or to whom the celebration is for? God give his gift, it was Jesus, God's business is saving souls. Do you want to give a gift? Give yourself to God. For soul, it would be a good gift! Today is a good day to give your life to Christ. You are the gift!!

\*\*\* Will Xmas Rob God???

That's another trick of the Devil. We're not to celebrate Jesus' Birthday. God wants mankind to believe on the death and resurrection of Jesus to be saved.

John 3:17 - Jesus said for God sent not his son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through him might be saved.

Jesus died for the world and all their sins, and the world believed him not. People lie to their children, saying to them, "Santa gave them toys they receive all!!"

\*\*\* Will Santa Cheat Rob God???

(Here is wisdom: The Bible tells us in the sixth month, she got pregnant which was June; and nine months from that would make it March which is the spring of the year. What shepherd in his right mind would be in the fields in the

dead of wintertime? And that is a time to be in the fields, Springtime.)

Luke 1:26A-27A - In the sixth month the Angel Gabriel was sent from God to a virgin espoused to a man whose name was Joseph. The virgin's name was Mary. And she conceived and bore a son. And she called his name Jesus.

The Wise Men showed respect and gave gifts of Frankincense, Myrrh and Gold. But like King Herod and Santa Claus, Jesus' glory is now been stole!!!

Matt. 2:16a - Then King Herod, when he saw that was mocked of the Wise Men, was exceeding wroth, and sent forth and killed all the children who were in Bethlehem, and in all the coast thereof.

\*\*\* Are You Helping Killing God Jesus???

Now America is trying to kill Jesus. Look around and you can plainly see. The commercials of cars, toys, clothes, appliances and no Jesus on your TV!!!

1 John 4:15-16 - Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh of the eyes, and the pride of life, or not of the Father, but of the world.



From the Desk of Parson D.A. Smith

## The Burlesquing of a Preacher

After this, Jesus went around in Galilee, purposely staying away from Judea because the Jews there were waiting to take his life. But when the Jewish Feast of Tabernacles was near, Jesus' brothers said to him, "You ought to leave here and go to Judea, so that your disciples may see the miracles you do. No one who wants to become a public figure acts in secret. Since you are doing these things, show yourself to the world." For even his own brothers did not believe in him. Therefore Jesus told them, "The right time for me has not yet come; for you any time is right. The world cannot hate you, but it hates me because I testify that what it does is evil. You go to the Feast, I am not yet going up to this Feast, because for me the right time has not come." Having said this, he stayed in Galilee. However, after his brothers had left for the Feast, he went also, not publicly, but in secret. Now at the Feast the Jews were watching for him and asking, "Where is that man?" Among the crowds, there were widespread whispering about him. Some said, "He is a good man." Others replied, "No, he deceives the people." But no one would say anything publicly about him for fear of the Jews. —John 7:1-13

who was acting president. The issue I will address would not become public unless the letter had not been an opened one.

I really did not think too much of it at first. Then it hit me! These creatures of holiness are about to pick your sanctified carcass while you are yet alive. They are saying without saying to the Lubbock Community the Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance is irrelevant to their cause of action. They are insulting passionate pastors, the brothers of small congregations who want to work but refuse to be involved in a struggle with the pastors of the large churches and their behavior. Most of all, these preachers are putting down the work and effort of the late Rev. Kado Lang, (a Missionary Baptist) who put his whole heart, soul, and finance in trying to keep the ministerial alliance alive. I resent with a passion such behavior! Leaders who do things of this nature and like stealthily are not to be trusted. Is this not what Judas did to Jesus? If a REAL man has a problem, he will speak to the person in charge about the problem.

The Lubbock Community of Christians must know the Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance has experienced problems with pastors because of feminist viewpoints. (A definition of a feminist is a person who is in favor of, and who promotes equality of women with men, a person who advocates and practices treating women primarily

as human persons (as men are treated) and willingly contravenes social customs in such actions.) This president of the alliance struggle with the fact that some of these black preachers knew the mind of God and stated God did not call women to preach. They had not heard that Jesus broke Judaic law of not allowing women to bear legal witness and were commission to bear witness that he was alive to the disciples.

Another struggle this president had with some of these preachers was that he did not believe it was in favor of the black community for the preachers to be taking money from white folk for a favor and secretly lining their pockets. The alliance had received scrutiny before because of such actions.

Another struggle the alliance faced was the getting of a working paper on homosexuality and pedophilia.

This president of the alliance is not so naive that he does not believe people will differ and go their separate ways. However, one must treat all with a certain amount of respect whether they agree or disagree.

This writer take pride in his ordination that extend backward through the hands of Odie Lee Sherman, Richard Allen, John Wesley and the Church of England. Please do not take this writer lightly! You'll hear? This writer was raised on a farm in East Texas and he knows it when he sees and smell it.

## Outreach Prayer Breakfast

The members and friends of the Outreach Prayer Breakfast would like to remind each of you not to forget your precious drive by prayers. Precious people, your precious prayers are needed where evil activity is going on. If there are people, there is always a need for prayer. Pray for all houses on your block and beyond. Drive by the schools also. Go inside hospitals and pray for doctors, nurses and patients. Even drive by the so-called ghettos and deliver a precious prayer. Go to the high crime areas of our city and pray for peace! Pray for our downtown decision

makers, police officers, judges, jurors, bondsmen, jailers, and inmates.

Pray as you wait in a check out line, even if someone ahead of you with a hand full of coupons. Pray as you walk through shopping malls. Pray for the Salvation of all. Pray for Churches as you pass going to attend yours. Pray for the utility people who handle your bills.

Pray for our precious boys who continue to stand on the street corners and in dark allies. Pray for those in welfare offices and those strong out on drugs, hanging around crack houses. They, too, are

our love ones and Jesus loves them too.

Pray for your Pastor and Family. Don't let a week pass without doing so. Pray for your enemies. You can make them become your footsides! Pray about everything, and give thanks everyday! Not just on your turkey day!

Thought: "What you make happen for others, God will make happen for you, God bless you!"

Sister Dorothy Hood, president; Sister Christene Burlesoa, vice president; Sister Elnora Jones, teacher; and Sister Rosanna Henderson, secretary.

## Toys for Tots drives underway at local museums

The Lubbock City Museums are proud to announce their participation in the United States Marine Corps Reserves Toys for Tots toy drive this holiday season. The Buddy Holly Center and the Silent Wings Museum will be accepting toy donations to benefit local children from December 1st to December 20, 2005. Guests who bring a new toy for donation will receive one free admission at that drop-off location. The toy drive is a wonderful way to make a child's Christmas memorable. All toys will be given to local

children in need this holiday season. Toys for Tots, which began in 1947, aims to deliver a message of hope to those in need, through a shiny new toy. The Toy Drive helps to build self-esteem and, in turn, motivate needy children to grow into responsible, productive citizens and leaders.

In response to the Toys for Tots drive in 2004, one nine year old Lubbock citizen, Makenzie Martin, filled the Toys for Tots barrel with her own birthday gifts so that other children could have

a better holiday season. The generous donation helped fill the barrel to the brim last year, and the City Museums anticipate another notable year in 2005. Guests with the spirit of giving can bring toys to either Museum for free admission into the galleries from December 1 - 20, 2005.

For more information please contact the Buddy Holly Center at 806.767.2686 or visit us online at [www.buddyhollycenter.org](http://www.buddyhollycenter.org), or contact the Silent Wings Museum at 806.775.2047 or at the website: [www.silentwingsmuseum.com](http://www.silentwingsmuseum.com).

## St. Matthew's Baptist Church News

Sunday morning, December 4, 2005, again was another great day at the St. Matthew Baptist Church, 2020 East 14th Street, where Rev. Edward Canady is the proud pastor.

The morning services begun with Sunday School beginning at 10:00 a. m. with Superintendent Sister Luelia Harris in charge.

Sister Nina Davis taught the morning lesson. The subject was "Serving Others," Isaiah 42:1-8. Pastor Canady reviewed

it. What a wonderful lesson it was. This lesson reminds us if we want to become a leader, we must first become a servant.

The morning worship hour begun at 11:45 a.m. Deacon Edward Williams and Brother Albert Wilborn led the devotional services.

The St. Matthew Senior Choir sung out of their hearts and soul. It is always good to her God in songs and hymns.

Pastor Canady delivered the morning message. His subject

was "Stay With The Church" His scripture text was Acts 27:31. Again, we praise God for our pastor.

Thought For The Week: "The most important part of Christmas is the first six letters!"

Sister Ruby Robinson lost her aunt in Vernon, Texas. Services were held Tuesday, December 6, 2005, in Vernon. Let us pray for the family.

## Winters Celebrate 50th Wedding Anniversary



Mr. and Mrs. Lester (Buelah) Winters celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary Saturday, November 26, 2005.

The late Rev. D. Hollins married them here on November 26, 1955 in the residence of her sister, Ms. Ollie Coleman.

Sunday morning, November 27th, they were in attendance at Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church with many of the members of the Cage family.

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# Winfrey's "The Color Purple" debuts in New York

By Michael Kuchwara

At the beginning of "The Color Purple," two young girls sit in a giant, gnarled tree that dominates the stage of the vast Broadway Theatre. It's a sweet-tempered image of sisterhood that



Walker

brunts this respectful, occasionally roof-raising musical adaptation of Alice Walker's Pulitzer Prize-winning tale of female empowerment. The show, which opened Thursday, remains surprisingly faithful to Walker's story of triumph over adversity set in rural Georgia. It is sometimes too faithful, as its adapters attempt to cram a lot of plot into this careful stage version, meticulously directed by Gary Griffin.

Walker's heartfelt novel reveals in its own idiosyncratic style, written as letters, many of them by its uneducated heroine, Celie. This stage version could use a little of the adventurousness of its literary predecessor.

In many ways, "The Color Purple" is an old-fashioned musical. For example, there is an honest-to-goodness overture, a rarity these days. And it has been lavishly produced, including some rustic homespun settings by design wizard John Lee Beatty and colorful period costumes by Paul Tazewell.

The musical primarily focuses on Celie's journey from abuse to independence and self-esteem, an arduous trek that takes some four decades, from 1909 to 1949.

One problem for the show is that Celie is a difficult character to turn into a musical-theater icon. For much of the evening, she is stoic, even passive, not the kind of person who would naturally burn into song. Those musical moments are left to the people - both men and women - who surround her.

It's to the credit of LaChanze, who portrays Walker's wail-like creation, that Celie holds her own with the other, more flamboyant characters. The actress has a warm, wide grin and a touching vulnerability that enables her to command attention despite a paucity of musical numbers.

Her big moment, in fact, is more dramatic than musical when she finally has the courage to tell off her violent, ill-tempered husband, played by Kingsley Leggs. Curiously, it's spoken, not sung.

Marsina Norman, author of "Night, Mother," adapted Walker's book for the stage. She preserves all the novel's dramatic highlights, and because of that, "The Color Purple" becomes a showcase for its female performers, including a trio of small-town biddies. The three are a Southern-

fried Greek chorus who cack and pluck over Celie's tribulations and, what is more important, help to reinforce a plot that sometimes threatens to get out of control.

Among the large cast supporting cast, the standout is the scene-stealing Felicia P. Fields as Sofia. It's the role played in the 1985 Steven Spielberg film version of the novel by Oprah Winfrey, now one of the show's Broadway producers.

Sofia is the antithesis of Celie. She's a woman who doesn't take guff from anyone, including her compliant husband, Harpo. Fields' big anthem - a ditty called "Hell No!" - musically jump-starts the show midway through the first act. Fields grows her way through the song with comic determination.

The musical doesn't shy away from its lesbian subplot, specifically Celie's attachment to the hedonistic Shug Avery. This blues singer strikes a chord with both women and men, including Celie's husband, and the sexy Elizabeth Withers-Mendes plays her with munchy delight.

More problematic is the role of Nettie, Celie's beatific sibling, played by the lovely Renee-Elise Goldsberry. She's a saintly creature - the woman goes off to Africa to become a missionary - and thus less interesting than the show's



After Oprah made a guest appearance on The Late Show with David Letterman, Dave personally escorted her down the street to the Broadway Theatre for the big premiere!

more earthy characters. When the musical switches to that exotic locale, the production slows down, stopped by a long tribal dance segment choreographed by Donald Byrd.

The men are left with less to do, even though Leggs, as the abusive husband, gets a musical moment of redemption. And Harpo (Brandon Victor Dixon) has

to share his big comedy number, a randy song called "Lay Little This Way" with the formidable Sofia.

The score by Brenda Russell, Allee Willis and Stephen Bray, is a melting pot of melodies and lyrics. Eclectic to the extreme, it ranges from the blues to gospel to soul and more traditional Broadway sounds. There's even one pop power ballad, "What About

Love?" This number, sung in the show by LaChanze and Withers-Mendes, closes the first act, and is destined for major airplay.

Fans of Walker's novel most likely will not be disappointed in this reverent stage retelling and will embrace it heartily as a live souvenir of the original. Others may crave a little more theatrical excitement.

# Medicare enrollment underway; don't get left behind

by Larry Lucas

Starting November 15, some 42 million Medicare beneficiaries can begin enrolling in the new prescription drug program.



Lucas

There's a lot to know about the coverage, and it's critically important that you take the time now to learn about all the options available.

The new Medicare drug program is all about choices - first, you must choose to sign up. Enrollment is entirely voluntary; if you don't sign up, you can't take

advantage of the prescription drug program. Second, you'll have several plans from which to choose - most will have a choice of at least 11 plans designed to meet different needs.

Acting quickly will help bring you the peace of mind that comes from being insured against unexpected prescription drug costs, and will help you save money - if you sign up before the end of December your coverage will begin January 1, 2006.

Will the coverage be affordable? Medicare beneficiaries with limited incomes may pay little or almost nothing to take part in the coverage; others can expect to pay a premium, a deductible and copays, much like traditional health

insurance. Plus, 42 states have plans available with no deductible.

Despite the program's obvious advantages, some seniors are thinking of not signing up for it. Having lived with high blood pressure for more than 20 years, I will tell you this can be risky. Even though you might only need one or two medications now, prescription drug needs may change - especially for those with chronic conditions like hypertension or high blood pressure, consult with your doctor and take the time to check out a plan's preferred drug list carefully.

Medicare's new prescription drug plan is particularly vital for people suffering from chronic conditions such as arthritis, hyper-

tension, diabetes, and emphysema or asthma. According to a 2002 survey by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, 86 percent of Medicare beneficiaries have at least one chronic condition; 40 percent have three or more conditions.

This news is essential for African Americans: after all, more than 40 percent of all African-Americans have hypertension, which is one of the most critical indicators of cardiovascular health.

Often, times, these chronic conditions must be managed by a complex series of medicines, coupled with frequent visits to a doctor. To manage conditions like hypertension and diabetes, it's so important to follow your doctor's recommendations - this means exercising, eating right and taking your medicine regularly. Medicare's new greater access to affordable medicines, making it easier to keep up with the dosages your doctor has prescribed.

Medicare has always covered hospitalization and doctor visits. But we've come a long way since 1965, when Medicare first started. Through the power of innovation, today's preventive medicines are able to reduce the risk of strokes and head off advanced heart disease and ulcers that 30 years ago would have required debilitating, much more costly surgery.

To help you decide whether or not the coverage is for you, ask yourself these questions: Do I have prescription coverage? Do I have a modest income? Does Medigap, Medicaid, or a union or employer health insurance plan cover me for prescription drugs?

If you need help deciding, contact a Medicare counselor at 1-800-MEDICARE, or visit [www.medicare.gov](http://www.medicare.gov). Your State Health Insurance Program (SHIP) office can help too. For the number in your state, call ElderCare Locator (1-800-677-1116).

The reality is treatment for even minor health problems can

cost hundreds of dollars; as we age, health problems can pop up unexpectedly. It's not just the patient this decision affects - serious health problems can drain a family's finances. The risk isn't worth it. This November, you owe it to yourself and your family to consider signing up for the Medicare prescription drug benefit.

Larry Lucas is Deputy Vice President of the Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America (PhRMA).

## \$1.5 Million grant to fund project focusing on obesity prevention among West Texas children

An interdisciplinary team of researchers has received a \$1.5 million grant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture to fund a project focusing on preventing and controlling childhood obesity in West Texas.

Project director for the grant is Christina Esperat, RN, Ph.D., associate dean in the School of Nursing at Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center. Darryl Williams, M.D., executive director of rural health at Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center El Paso is co-director for the El Paso arm of the project. The project team, co-directed by principal investigators Du Feng, Ph.D., in Lubbock and Arthur Islas, M.D., in El Paso, includes researchers from the colleges of Human Sciences, Arts and Sciences and Engineering at Texas Tech University.

"This grant will greatly enhance our rural health and health disparities research initiatives," Esperat said. "This is a true example of community-based participatory research."

The goal of the project, Transformacion Para Salud, is to promote a community-based approach to the prevention and control of excess weight and obesity among young children in West Texas. The project will involve three components: Comidas Para Salud (food for health), Pasos Para Salud (steps for health) and Jardines Para Salud (gardens for health). The target population will be children in kindergarten through third grade at selected independent school districts in Lubbock and El Paso. Through community partnerships in Lubbock and El Paso, interventions will include the use of promotors (community health advocates) in intensive management of at-risk children within the target population.

"This is a very exciting project for us because it incorporates so many of our major concerns: the ris-

ing epidemic of obesity in our Border and West Texas populations, the role of promotors in providing health care and the demonstration of collaboration among the various schools of Texas Tech and our two communities," Williams said.

The comprehensive approach

using research, outreach and education in West Texas addresses one of the USDA's strategic goals of improving the nation's nutrition and health, Esperat said. "We feel that this activity is only the beginning of important research that will have a big impact on health disparities."

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# Recovering addicts may need help to weather the holidays

## Holiday season presents temptations to recovering addicts

Sure, greeting cards ply people with messages of good tidings and yuletide bliss. In reality, the holidays are often a dizzying gauntlet fraught with anxiety, depression and excessive indulgences of every stripe. For these reasons, the season can be especially perilous for those recovering from addictive disorders.

Dr. Kitty Harris, director of Texas Tech University's Center for the Study of Addiction and Recovery, sees this all too often in her clients and students. Holiday festivities can present a host of challenges as recovering addicts visit old friends, face down temptations or struggle through unresolved family issues.

"I think that, for all people who struggle with addictive disorders, the holidays are a real challenge," Harris said. Harris would know: Her center provides support services to more than 80 students who have overcome chemical dependencies, eating disorders and other addictions.

Harris gives her students this advice before they return home for the holidays: • Be aware: With old haunts comes the lure of old ways.

Harris tells her students to be vigilant and realize they are swapping a nurturing environment for one where they may find themselves pulled back into old patterns.

• Anticipate pitfalls: Recovering addicts need to realize they may see people who do not support their choice to be in recovery. Also, they should try to predict situations that will present stress or temptation - such as long-run-

ning family disputes or parties where alcohol will be involved - and have a plan to cope.

• Have realistic expectations: With all the hype and anxiety surrounding this season, it's no wonder people wind up feeling

blue. If celebrations fail to meet great expectations, depression is a natural part of the letdown.

• Draw on support networks: Recovering addicts should go to local recovery meetings and stay in touch with supporters.

## BBB & DPS warn of gypsy pavers on the South Plains

The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) has asked your Better Business Bureau (BBB) for assistance in warning consumers, especially senior citizens that live in rural areas of the South Plains, to be on the look out for itinerant pavers seeking to pave driveways with "leftover" materials.

"Their method of operation doesn't really change from year to

year" stated Nan Campbell, president of the BBB; however we have learned that they not only do a poor job, but they have their 'targets' picked out before they drive up to the house; and they are known to intimidate the consumer into paying more for the shoddy job than was agreed upon in the first place". "They will tell the consumer that they are with the 'county' or 'state'

road crew and have all this material left over and can make them a good deal, but when done, they come back claiming it took more materials than they first thought and they need more money". Campbell stated.

According to the local office of the DPS, the crew, driving brand new equipment (a surf fire tell-tale sign of a scam) come into our area

last Friday. Their equipment trucks have Asphalt Paving on the side and on one truck has Asphalt Products painted on the side.

If one of these gypsy crew drives up to your home, do not answer the door, call your police or sheriff's office immediately and report them in your area. If you are a victim, do not be embarrassed to report them - you might save someone else.

## Information about watering and runoff during freezing temperatures

Winter brings many freezing temperatures and the City of Lubbock Conservation Education Department would like you to know how to be safe while following an established City Water Ordinance that benefits us all during this cold season. While the weather changes outside, Lubbock Water Utilities Conservation Education Department would like citizens to adjust watering times and be aware of the consequences of water runoff during freezing temperatures.

The freezing temperatures of the winter season require Lubbock residents and businesses to adjust

landscaping watering schedules to avoid hazardous driving conditions and possible liability issues that are caused as a result of water runoff. Water runoff during freezing temperatures causes icy roads and dangerous driving environments, which is a violation of the City of Lubbock Water Ordinance and can result in fines. The Conservation Education Department urges residents and business to regulate watering times and remember to turn off sprinklers during temperatures below 35 degrees Fahrenheit. This issue will be monitored more closely this year and fines issued for viola-

tions.

"For the sake of conservation and safety, the education team encourages businesses and residents to turn off irrigation systems to prevent water run off," says City of Lubbock Water Utilities Education Coordinator Sandra Offutt. This time of year also requires less watering for most plants and grasses. Bermuda grass only requires watering once a month and Fescue grass twice a month with colder conditions.

The City of Lubbock Conservation Education Team wants to help provide the safest and most environmental friendly

resources to residents and businesses. As a result, citizens are urged to turn off their sprinkler system or adjust watering times to take into account freezing weather. If you would like to report a violation of the City Water Ordinance please call the water hotline at 775-3952.

For more information on the City of Lubbock Water Ordinance and The City of Lubbock Water Department please visit <http://water.ci.lubbock.tx.us>. The web site also provides useful tips on conservation and water wise landscaping to benefit landscaping and Lubbock.

## Five winners from Lucky 7 Club announced; winners drawn at random

After the Red Raiders capped off the regular season with a record of 9-2 and an invitation to the 70th Annual AT&T Cotton Bowl Classic, Texas Tech Athletics has extended the excitement to its fans by announcing the winners of the Lucky 7 Club.

The Texas Tech Athletics Department began the 2005 football season by giving loyal Tech fans the opportunity to win prizes as a reward for attending a certain number of home games. In order for a fan to have an opportunity to win the various prizes, they must have signed up to become a member and have attended four or more home games. After the conclusion of the season, winners were drawn at random from a list of members of the Lucky 7 Club.

"We were very pleased with the results of this first-year program," Jimmy Frush, Associate Director of External Operations, said. "We had positive feedback from our fans and would really like to thank our sponsors who participated. I think this is something we can build off of and improve in the coming seasons. We would like to congratulate each of our award winners as well as every fan that participated in the Lucky 7 Club this year."

The winners for this year's Lucky 7 Club are:

Andy Crowson, of Belton, TX - winner of 2 club seat season tickets for the 2006 season; Wade Davenport, of Lubbock - 2005 Bowl game travel package for two; Luene McArthur, of Spur - Three year Mystic Tan membership from SuperTan; Joel Low of Lubbock - two year mystic tan membership from SuperTan; Addison Howard of Lubbock - Two \$99 season tickets for the 2006 season; Evan Jackson of Lubbock - dinner for two at a local restaurant, with limo service provided by Clear Channel

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## THIS 'N' THAT

by T.J. Patterson

**PETE LANEY HAS DONE WELL FOR TEXAS! THIS N THAT** had an opportunity to meet a man from West Texas, **JAMES E. "PETE" LANEY**, who has served as State Representative for 33 years. In 1972, **THIS N THAT** was the editor of the **WEST TEXAS TIMES**. That's when Laney he first sought office. **THIS N THAT** wrote an editorial endorsing him for the office of State Representative, and he has done many good things for West Texas and other areas! He has also served as **SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE FOR A RECORD TYING TEN YEARS**. It is just great to have had an opportunity of working in some capacity with a man of this stature who is concerned about the welfare of all people. So a special **THANK YOU** to a man who has been concerned for all Texans. **PETE LANEY**, you did well and for your many efforts. **TEXAS** is in a better position because of you! **DOING ANOTHER SPLENDID JOB! THIS N THAT** received information that there were only **30,000 BABIES** placed for adoption with couples in the United States of America last year. All of these adoptions were done with legitimate licensed agencies. With more than **ONE MILLION** childless couples in the U.S. since 1960, **1,900 BABIES** have been adopted from **THE SMITHLAWN HOME**, which is a Maternity and Adoption Service in Lubbock. According to our friend **JOE B. PHILLIPS**, who serves as Administrator, Smithlawn will continue to place babies with

qualified **CHRISTIAN COUPLES**. **THANKS TO ESTACADO HIGH SCHOOL! THIS N THAT** wants to salute everyone who worked with the production of **"THE WIZ"**, which was presented last Thursday evening, December 2, 2005, in the Estacado High School Auditorium. **THIS N THAT** was glad to see **MS. BARBARA JACKSON** working with all those **TALENTED YOUNG PEOPLE** at Estacado. It was an outstanding production, and **THIS N THAT** would recommend it be seen in other areas of Lubbock. The singing was great! These young people appear to really have enjoyed acting in front of their many family members and friends. Looking back over the years, this production filled the auditorium with many people, young and old. As **THIS N THAT** has always said, **PRESTIGIOUS EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES** develop communities, and this is what the **ESTACADO HIGH SCHOOL** is all about. **THIS N THAT** is hoping this production will be presented throughout Lubbock, and why not the South Plains of Texas! **COME HOME AGAIN, TOM BRAXTON! THIS N THAT** had an opportunity to hear a former Dunbar High School graduate, **TOM BRAXTON** make a very positive presentation to young people in the Lubbock School District in the auditorium of Dunbar last Friday afternoon. His presentation brought young people from Estacado High School, Alderson Middle School, Ella Hies Elementary School and Dunbar

under the same roof, learning more about music and meeting a former Dunbar graduate who was also an outstanding track star at Dunbar and Texas Tech University. He also did a marvelous job with the **LUBBOCK SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA** on Saturday evening. **SUPPORT MIRACLE ON 34TH STREET PARADE! THIS N THAT** is glad to see another initiative become a reality. It is the first time ever **"MIRACLE CHRISTMAS PARADE ON 34TH STREET"**, which is set for Saturday evening, December 10, 2005. It will start at 6:30 p.m. Heading up this first ever parade is **ANDY TURNER**, who is real excited about this effort. He is predicting at least **20,000 SPECTATORS** will observe this effort, which will involve spectators from West Texas and Eastern New Mexico. The parade will travel on 34th Street from Slide Road to Avenue Q. **THIS N THAT** is wishing for the very best, because it can really happen in Lubbock! **PENNY HASTINGS THE BARBER SAYS: "IT is hard reaching a GOAL, but you come down so easily."** **WHY NOT HELP THE CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY CENTER! THIS N THAT** is advising of another program in Lubbock which helps many young people in Lubbock. It is the **CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY CENTER**, and they would appreciate your support. For more information, call **CATHERINE BASS**, Executive Director at 740-0252, and let her know you want to help.

## Personal responsibility is everyone's responsibility

by Marian Wright Edelman

The Friday before Thanksgiving, Terrell Pough died after being shot in the back of his head outside his Philadelphia home as he returned from work. Terrell, an 18-year-old student at the Philadelphia Youth Build Charter School, had no history of violence. In fact, he was featured in *People* Magazine three months ago as an outstanding single father. He was devoted to his 2-year-old daughter Diamond, and determined to do the right thing by going to school, working hard, and raising his daughter well. Above all else, he wanted to be sure his daughter knew he cared. In a society where Black men are too often absent as role models and fathers in poor communities, Terrell Pough was both. His heartbreaking and senseless death is a profound loss.



Edelman

In a word, Terrell Pough was responsible. In the past year and a half public attention has increasingly focused on the issue of "personal responsibility," especially within the Black community. Against a larger cultural backdrop that values \$250 sneakers and glorifies hate- and violence-filled rap lyrics, some people focus on asking why parents are not doing a better job raising their children. Why are they not keeping them off the streets and teaching them right from wrong?

programs are shut down by budget cuts. They live in communities where the police no longer walk the streets or know the people because funding has taken a back seat to the proclaimed war on terrorism in Iraq. I believe deeply that the vast majority of parents in these neighborhoods want to be good parents. They want to keep their children safe and hope their children will lead good and satisfying lives. But their hopes are no match for the daily hopelessness and despair of grinding, unrelenting poverty and dangerous neighborhoods overrun by drug dealers, gunshots and violence.

A decade ago, amid record homicide levels, an alliance of law enforcement, public officials, faith leaders, service providers, businesses and concerned citizens formed in Boston. These committed people decided that the killing of young people by young people must stop, and they dropped their job titles and ego and made it happen. It was called the "Boston Miracle," as the Ten Point Coalition formed and stayed the course.

among young adults under age 25 dropped two-thirds. This was personal and community responsibility in its truest and most genuine sense.

Terrell Pough's death reminds us that personal responsibility by a single individual is not enough, because strong-hearted and committed citizens who work hard and play by the rules can't wipe out poverty and inequities and gun proliferation and keep our communities safe all by themselves. Personal responsibility applies to us all—government leaders, community and faith leaders, businesses, parents, and citizens—because we each need to be accountable for identifying what role we can play in the solution and then doing it. Those of us preparing to celebrate Kwanzaa will recognize this as one of the Seven Principles, *ujima*, or collective work and responsibility—which directs every person in a community to make her brothers' and sisters' problems her own, and then work together to solve them.

Our political leaders need to do more than just preach the gospel of personal responsibility. They need to stand up to President Bush and the leadership in Congress who are more focused on tax breaks for millionaires than the desperate state of America's poorest children and communities as they try to pass a recklessly irresponsible budget that slashes Medicaid for children and food stamps and foster care and child support for the most vulnerable as well as state and local law enforcement for neighborhoods that need it most.

Terrell Pough stepped up to the plate. But a lack of personal responsibility from our political leaders contributes to the ongoing violence that caused his death. We must not let his death be in vain.

*Marian Wright Edelman is President and Founder of the Children's Defense Fund and its Action Council whose mission is to Leave No Child Behind and to ensure every child a Healthy Start, a Head Start, a Fair Start, a Safe Start, and a Moral Start in life and successful passage to adulthood with the help of caring families and communities.*

### In Cinque

by Renetta Howard



By now, everyone who is eligible for Medicare Part D has received an application form from the Social Security Administration to complete if their records show that you may be eligible for extra help paying for prescription drug coverage.

By now, individuals and families with supplemental insurance coverage should have been informed by their insurance company if their coverage is as 'good as Medicare.' With every effort to clarify Medicare Part D, one can say that "confusion has made its masterpiece."

Confusion in the case of Medicare Part D and insurance companies is the state of being for this program. The program is not being offered on any basis of equality when it comes to insurance companies. The only equality lies in the fact that, if you are eligible for Medicare, you are eligible to be covered by Part D. If you are a recipient of Medicaid, you will be enrolled by the agency if you do not choose to enroll yourself. You will notice the difference when your check shrinks. If, on

the other hand, if you are eligible for Medicare and do not receive Medicaid, enrolling in Part D is not required. You have a choice.

You make the choice as to whether you want to participate in Part D and you make the choice as to which insurance company you want to affiliate. This is the hard part because the insurance companies offer different formularies (Listed Drugs) and they offer different prices. So, you have to see if they offer the drugs you need to take and if the 'price is right'.

If you have an insurance plan, which is as good as Medicare Part D, and you are satisfied with it, there is no need to enroll in the Part D. Some HMO companies had a plan, which was better than Medicare Part D, and they have chosen to reduce their coverage to be

equal to Part D. In this case, patients will suffer with co-pays that produce inferior service.

If you will need extra help to defray the cost of Part D, there are income and resource restrictions. Single individuals or separated spouses may have resources of no more than \$11,500 to qualify for help and married couples living together must have no more than \$23,000, excluding your home, car, burial plots and personal possessions. Real estate and money in the bank in excess of the restrictions disqualify you. If you are not sure of what to do, call the Social Security Administration Office. If you want to have Part D, the sooner you sign up, the more reasonable the rate will be as it goes up each month you delay enrolling. Get 'in cinque' and learn more so you can make an intelligent decision.

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# Open Letter to concerned citizens in Lubbock

Please plan to join various groups and citizens Thursday, December 15 at 7:30 a.m. (only 30 minutes long) in the Council Chambers as we demonstrate our solidarity and seriousness of having the Council equitably re-distribute funds, 1.2 million, intended for the Canyon Lakes Dam #4 Capital Improvement Project, back into North and East Lubbock for desperately needed development and improvement in those neighborhoods.

Also, please note that Thursday by 5 p.m. is the deadline for any wishing to address City Council. Citizens who desire to address the Council must submit a written request to the City Manager's Office seven calendar days before the regularly scheduled City Council meeting. The written request must include your name and topic for discussion. Please submit your written request to the City Secretary's Office at 1625 13th Street, or send an email to: bgarza@msil.ci.lubbock.tx.us or

Sherry Sanderson at: ssanderson@mail.ci.lubbock.tx.us  
It is important to have representatives from your groups, neighborhood associations, etc. to help fill the City Council meeting.  
Please note that on this day the decision on where the money should be allocated will be decided.  
As such if possible, please secure folks that can remain for the actual vote.  
Please bring your banner to represent your organization, or wear your organizational t-shirts.  
Further please email a letter or call the council asking expressing them to support development all over Lubbock by redistributing the \$1,181,914 for projects like the Northwest Little League Press Box/Concession/Bathroom; the Guadalupe Center; bathrooms at the future amphitheater, walking parks in north and east Lubbock parks, repairing tennis or basketball courts, and updating equipment in parks. The list is endless because the need is overdue.  
Here is the contact information:

Mayor Marc McDougal, you can reach him at city hall at 806-775-2010 or by e-mail: mmcdougal@mylubbock.us (Mayor's seat up for re-election in 2006)  
Mayor Pro Tem & District 5-Tom Martin, you can reach him at city hall 806-775-2011, or by e-mail at tmartin@mylubbock.us. (Up for re-election in 2006)  
Councilwoman District 1-Linda DeLeon, you can reach her at 806-775-2027, or by email at ldeleon@mylubbock.us - Supports redistribution of funds in North and East Lubbock.  
Councilman District 2 -Floyd Price, you can reach him at 806-775-2007, or by email at fprice@mylubbock.us - Supports redistribution of funds in North and East Lubbock.  
Councilman District 3-Gary O. Boren, you can reach him at city hall at 806-775-2011, or by e-mail at gboren@mylubbock.us. (Up for re-election in 2006)  
Councilwoman District 4-Phyllis S. Jones, you can reach her at 806-

775-2008, or by email at pjones@mylubbock.us - Possibly supports redistribution of funds in North and East Lubbock, please call her to encourage her.  
Councilman District 6-Jim Gilbreath, you can reach him at city hall 806-775-2031, or by email at jgilbreath@mylubbock.us

Sincerely,  
Christy Martinez-Garcia

## Dining room set for sale

Beautiful dining room set with black inlaid chairs and table which has an unusual base and thick beveled glass. Also for sale, two antique, hanging Tiffany lamps - very old.  
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3121-34th Street, Lubbock.

## Rabies confirmed in fox found in Lubbock

The City of Lubbock Health Department received confirmation from the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) that an injured fox that smelled of skunk odor, tested positive for rabies. The fox was found lying in a driveway near a park in N.E. Lubbock. The skunk was not found but will probably also die of rabies in that area. If ill, the skunk may attack dogs, cats, or humans. This alert is being issued to increase public awareness:  
• Prevention is key to protecting pets and family members from rabies.  
• Pet owners are reminded to vaccinate their pets against rabies. Rabies occurs in a variety of wild animals, including bats, skunks, raccoons, and other mammals, and can spread

to domestic animals such as dogs and cats from contact with the saliva, bite or scratch of the rabid animal.  
• UNVACCINATED pets can transmit rabies to their owners.  
• Rabies is most often transmitted by bites, but transmission can occur in other ways that allow the saliva from an infected animal to enter a person's body such as from a lick to a person's face or to fresh wounds or broken skin. Transmission also can occur if a person kisses the infected animal on its face or lips.  
• A series of post-exposure shots, if given in time, can prevent rabies from developing. Once symptoms develop, rabies is almost always fatal.

• City and county residents are urged to increase awareness of wild animals on their property, and any wild animal contact with pets, and to report ill or oddly behaving animals to Animal Services immediately for instructions on proper disposal and disposition of the animal or carcass.  
• There have been no human cases reported in Lubbock County.  
• Six of the 79 cases of rabies have been from Lubbock County with five of these being bats and the recent sixth case being a fox.  
Contact: Fred Sanderson, Animal Services at 775-2055, or Tommy Camden, Health Director at 775-2899 for further information, or contact your local veterinarian.

## Seasons Greetings & Happy New Year

The Lubbock Juneteenth Committee's Mister & Miss Juneteenth 2005 along with the Juneteenth Youth Group will be collecting the following items for the Women's Protective Services and The Heritage Oaks Nursing Home. Please help these young people reach their goal in trying to make a difference in the community this holiday season and make others less fortunate feel special. These items can be purchased at Kmart Super center or any store of your choosing. We will be set up at Kmart to accept your donations from Thursday, December 8 - Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup>.

Hours: Thur-Fri 5 p.m. - 7 p.m.  
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### Women's Protective Services

- Mom Slippers
- Bathrobes
- Alarm Clocks
- Perfume
- Bath Sets
- Movie Passes
- Gift Certificates
- Jewelry
- Phone Card
- Gas Card
- Socks/Undies/Bras
- Cosmetics
- CD player
- Nail Polish
- Puzzle
- Activity Books
- Movies
- Pets & Pans
- Picture Frames
- Photo Albums

- Teenage Girls Cosmetics
- Mail Money
- Gift Cards
- CD/DVD's
- Portable CD player
- Movie Passes
- Purses
- Jewelry
- Journals
- Perfume
- Bath Sets

### Teenage Boy

- Sports Apparel
- Watch
- Movie Passes
- CD/DVD's
- Portable CD player
- Athletic Bag
- Sports tickets
- Sports balls
- Electronic Games

### Heritage Oaks Nursing Home

- Flannel Shirts
- Care Packages
- Wind Chimes
- Musical Figurines
- Sweat Suits
- Sweaters/Jackets
- Shelves
- Whatnots for shelves
- Musical Boxes
- Scarves
- Blankets/Shawls
- Games (Checkers/Bingo)
- Hats/Gloves
- Big Digital Clocks
- Nail Polish
- Women's Clutch Purse
- Costume Jewelry
- Socks/Slippers w/ rubber bottom
- Scented Lotions
- Chap Stick
- Picture Frames
- Christmas Cards

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- Learning/Interactive Toys
- Picture Books
- Infant Activity Center
- Clothes
- Diaper Bags
- Baby Blankets
- Bottles
- Wipes
- Lotion
- Pacifiers
- Bibs

### Little Girls/Boys

- Tea Sets
- Dress Up Clothes
- Play Make-up
- Barbie Dolls
- Baby Dolls
- Washable Crayons
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When your children are sick or injured, your top priority is making sure the right people are taking care of them. At Covenant Children's Hospital, that is what you get. Our nursing team recently was ranked in the top 5% of nurses in the nation.\* We are the region's major pediatric trauma center with the expertise of our ER physicians, two pediatric surgeons, a pediatric neurosurgeon and one of the best nursing teams in the country. Proven experts caring for your children. That's powerful medicine.

\*U.S. News & World Report

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