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Spirit of MLK Winners At South Plains College



Ruby Brackens, second from left, and Stephen John, second from right, were presented the Spirit of Martin L. King Awards by the Black Student Organization at South Plains College. The two were recognized for their contributions to the community during a candlelight service honoring the life and legacy of MLK Thursday evening in the Sundown Room. Also pictured are Helen Daniels, BSO Adviser, left, and Maria Lopez-Strong, Diversity Coordinator at SPC, right. (SPC Photo/Wes Underwood)



Vernita Woods-Holmes

Along With Other Local Educators TCTA Recognizes Vernita Woods-Holmes For Outstanding Award

AUSTIN — Monday, January 28, 2008, the Texas Classroom Teachers Association (TCTA) formally announced a number of current and former Lubbock educators as statewide award recipients. School Board Trustee Vernita Woods-Holmes was named the 2007-08 Trustee of the Year, given for outstanding service to education, students and the community; Lubbock ISD science coordinator Kim Perry was named the 2007-08 Administrator of the Year in the central office category, given to honor exemplary education leaders; and longtime music teacher Deborah Settler was named the 2007-08 TCTA Retiree of the Year, given to honor a recently retired member who has given outstanding service to education, students, the community and the Association during his/her career. All were selected based on nominations submitted by the Lubbock CTA, a local affiliate of the statewide TCTA.

Master of Education degree at Texas Tech University. She has received the Lubbock CTA's Administrator of the Year and School Board Member of the Year awards, the Rita Harmon Volunteer of the Year Award, and has been named African American Hero of Lubbock.

Having worked in education since 1993, Kim Perry was named Lubbock ISD science coordinator in 2003. She received her Bachelor of Science, Master and Doctorate in Education degrees at Texas Tech University.

In nominating Perry for Administrator of the Year, the Lubbock CTA wrote, "She is truly dedicated to the science education of students in the Lubbock district, as well as providing teachers with the resources needed to achieve the district's exemplary goals."

Judges for the TCTA awards praised Perry, specifically noting "her hands-on approach" and that "she's not afraid to help out in the field" as reasons for naming her Administrator of the Year.

Retiree of the Year Deborah Settler taught in the Lubbock ISD for nearly 30 years, retiring from Ramirez Elementary School in 2007. She received her Bachelor of Music Education and Master of Science degrees at Texas Tech University.

She served on the TCTA's State Board of Directors, and the association's Communications/Public Relations and Governance committees. At the local level, Settler served as president, and chaired various committees including Membership and Legislative.

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Kennedy endorses Obama: 'I feel change in the air'

WASHINGTON (CNN) — Standing before a capacity crowd of several thousand students Monday at American University, Sen. Edward Kennedy announced he is endorsing Sen. Barack Obama for president.

"Like you, we want a president who appeals to the hopes of those who still believe in the American dream," he said to screaming applause.

Kennedy said he has always planned to "support the candidate who inspires me, who inspires all of us, who can lift our vision and summon our hopes and renew our belief that our country's best days are still to come."

And picking up on Obama's central campaign theme, he said, "I feel change in the air. What about you?"

Kennedy also praised Sens. Hillary Clinton and John Edwards, and vowed, "whoever is our nominee will have my enthusiastic support."

But he also took a line from Clinton's campaign, saying that Obama "is ready to be president on day one."

The senator — a fixture of the Democratic Party popular with many liberals — was joined by his son, Rep. Patrick Kennedy of Rhode Island, and by Caroline Kennedy, who thought back to her father, the slain president. She said Obama offers the "sense of hope and inspiration" that young people today need. In fact, she said, her children "were the first people who made me realize Barack Obama is the president we



Ted Kennedy formally endorsed Obama Monday.

need."

Caroline Kennedy endorsed Obama in a New York Times editorial over the weekend.

Members of the Kennedy clan are split in the race. Former Maryland Lt. Gov. Kathleen Kennedy Townsend issued a statement Sunday stating her support for Hillary Clinton.

"I respect Caroline and Teddy's decision, but I have made a different choice," she said. "While I admire Sen. Obama greatly, I have

known Hillary Clinton for over 25 years and have seen firsthand how she gets results. As a woman, leader and person of deep convictions, I believe Hillary Clinton would make the best possible choice for president."

She added that her brother Bobby and sister Kerry are also backing Clinton.

Kennedy Townsend is the oldest child of Robert F. Kennedy.

Gilbert Flores Replies To Ysidro Gutierrez's Concern About Complaint To State of Texas

Concerning Gilbert Flores' response to my "Sworn Complaint" about his violation of the Texas Ethics Commission Rules: a Class A Misdemeanor.

"Gilbert Flores response about his violation of the Texas Ethics Commission law was flippant. He says it is not an important issue for Lubbock County. He is wrong. The single most important issue for Lubbock County is honesty and integrity in their elected representatives. The people of Lubbock do not want another person in office who attempts to shift the blame to others or who tries to divert attention from his own blatant disregard for the law. His dismissive reply in this matter is a major reason voters lack confidence in government. The facts in this case are simple. "By displaying political advertisements that misrepresent his office or title, he lied about being the incumbent in this election. He violated the law."

Two other important issues in this matter are:
Had a "sworn complaint" not been filed, he would still be breaking the law by misrepresent-

ing himself as the incumbent.
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Pattersons Visit With West Point Cadet Over Christmas Holidays At Bethlemlen

Mansfield, Texas — Over the Christmas holidays, T. J. & Bobbie Patterson had an opportunity to meet a young man at the Bethlemlen Baptist Church, Jarryl Andrew Jenkins, who was home visiting his parents and friends. What is so special about this visit is he had come home after a semester at the United States Military Academy in West Point, New York.

He was accepted in October, 2006 when he received an approval by the President and the Secretary of the Army.

In a letter from Lt. General, U. S. Army, Superintendent F. L. Hagenboek, "Congratulations! Your appointment to the Class of 2011 is an extremely noteworthy accomplishment. In gaining admission,



T. J. & Bobbie Patterson are shown visiting with a West Point Cadet, Jarryl Andrew Jenkins, after morning services at the Bethlemlen Baptist Church in Mansfield, Texas, where Rev. Michael Evans is pastor.

If you have demonstrated an exceptional potential for future education & training programs, you have demonstrated an exceptional potential for future education & training programs sure service to your country and
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Community

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

Meetings

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

If you have an announcement you want to appear in this paper, there are three ways to get information to us:

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Chatman Hills Corner

By Doris Reynolds

Let us not forget the Lincoln-Douglass Annual Tea which will be held this year at the Texas Tech University Market Alumni Center on the Texas Tech campus on February 10, 2008, beginning at 7 p. m. It will be a dinner-theater led event.

For more information, call Emma Jackson at (806) 762-3350.

On Friday, February 1, 2008, Iles Elementary will present their annual kick-off celebration for Black History Month with a program in the Iles gym at 1:30 PM. The choir and 2nd/3rd grade dancers will be performing. The school is located at 2401 Date, phone number 766-1755, and the principal is Dr. Brian Yearwood. Iles Elementary is a TEA Exemplary campus.

The public is invited to attend the celebration.

This column has received

information about a program for all past and present female athletes and coaches of Estacado High School who are invited to attend a girl's athletic reunion set for July 4 - 6, 2008. For more information, contact Felisa Johnson-Williams at (972) 513-5805 or Donna Price at (806) 543-8686.

Estacado High School will be open every Saturday in February 2008, 9:00am - 12:00 p. m., to help students and parents complete FAFSA paperwork. EHS will also be open on Sundays 2:00 p. m. - 5:00 p. m. as a service to parents and students.

For more information, call David Vasquez, principal, at 766-1400 or 766-1334.

Let us not forget that Tom Braxton, national recording artist, will be in concert on Friday night, February 1, 2008, at the Allen Theater on the Texas Tech University campus, beginning at 8:00 p. m.

Let us pray for those who have lost loved ones. Among them is the family of Grover C. Colvin.

Federation of Choirs Starts Year Off With A Great Attendance!

It was standing room only, first floor to balcony, of the Federation of Choirs last Sunday afternoon, January 27, 2008, at Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church. Sister Bennie Sims, president, presided over the monthly meeting.

Opening prayer was given by Rev. Sonia J. Beaty. The opening song was sung by the Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church Senior Choir. They sang "Jesus, Jesus, Jesus."

Other choirs and songs were: Christ Temple COGIC, "Forever & Ever", led by Sister Linda Hightower; Community Baptist Church, "Hold On, Son Is Gonna Shine," led by Sister Janette Cage; First Progressive Baptist Church, "Lord Keeps On Blessing Me," led by Brother Butch Avery; Lyons Chapel Baptist Church, "I Can Make It," led by Sister Shirley Davis.

Also, Mt. Gilead Baptist Church, "Rejoice, We Magnify The Lord"; New Hope Baptist Church, "Great Is Thou Faithfulness, a duet sung by Sister Pam Moton and Brother Jeremiah Davis; St. John Baptist Church, "Emanuel," led by Brother Michael Conners; Greater St. Luke Baptist Church, "I Can Depend On God"; led by Sister Cherry Ford; and St. Matthew Baptist Church, "Unchanging Hands," led by Sister Shirley Canady.

There was only one choir absent, Rising Star Baptist Church.

The next meeting of the Federation of Choirs will be held at the Christ Temple COGIC on Sunday afternoon, February 24, 2008. Host pastor is Supt. W. D. Haynes.

"We had a wonderful time in the Lord," said Sister Sims. "This has been a very good in the Lord," she continued.

FASHION FUN

by Shirley Roberson

DENIM GETS THE DESIGNER TREATMENT

Turquoise swirled denim skirt set is absolutely to die for, ladies this outfit flashes sky blue stones. Big, bold, faceted jeweled buttons line the notched collar jacket

while smaller blue stones swirl around the cuffs and skirt's flared scalloped hem.

This is not your basic denim set, let this stunning fashion statement take you into a world of well deserved compliments.

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Shirley Roberson

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Mario Ybarra announces candidacy for LISD School Board



Mario Ybarra

LUBBOCK, TX -- Current Lubbock Independent School District Board of Trustees member Mario Ybarra has formally announced his intent to seek reelection to the school board. Mr. Ybarra has served on the LISD School Board since 2005.

Ybarra and his wife Norma are the parents of two children. Their son, Vicent, is a 2004 graduate of Monterey High School. Their daughter, Marisa is currently a senior at Lubbock High School.

Ybarra has been instrumental in furthering a positive direction for the constituents in his district. During his tenure on the LISD Board of Trustees, he has been an integral component in developing a positive momentum for the District as he has worked to champion the cause for all children in LISD. Ybarra cites a smooth transition to the middle school concept and the successful completion of many projects from the 2004 bond election as major accomplishments during his tenure on the board. Ybarra was also a member of the LISD Bond Advisory Committee in 2004.

"I have a strong desire to serve my constituents by aggressively serving the children of LISD. I believe that our children truly are our most valuable resource and as we forge the future for our District and our community, we must make certain that the children remain the primary focus." -Mario Ybarra.

Coaches Needed For MLK Little League

Coaches are needed to coach

boys and girls in the MLK Little League. If interested, contact a board member today. Your help is needed.

This year's Cultural Diversity Program is presented by Lubbock County CSD, CRT, & Courthouse.

There will be refreshments, a panel of speakers, food and door prizes.

"CELEBRATING WHERE WE ARE"

February 7th, 2008
From 2:00 - 4:00pm
Central Jury Pool
1302 Ave. G

Everyone is Welcome! Please come and join us!!

New Light Baptist Church News

Church services got underway on Sunday morning, January 27, 2008, at the New Light Baptist Church, 3013 Idalou Road, with Sunday School beginning at 9:45a. m. with Brother Bruce Austin as teacher and Sister Gloria Lee as secretary.

The morning lesson was entitled "Breakthrough In Confidence." The scripture lesson was Psalm 23:1-6. The question to ask is: "How Can God Guide Me Through Days of Trouble And Uncertainty?"

The morning worship begun at 11:00 a. m. with the Youth leading in the devotion.

The Youth Choir sang "Trouble In My Way" and "No Greater Love." Both were spirit filled. Also, Sister Ambra Jackson sang "Have Thine Own Way."

Rev. Kenneth, pastor, delivered a strong sermon which was entitled "The Ties That Bind." His scripture text was Luke 8:26-37.

After the sermon, Rev. A. W. Brown sang "You Just Call My Name."

Let us continue to pray for those who are sick and shut-in, especially Sister Willa Mae Hicks, Brother Adrian Richardson and others.

The weekly meetings are as follows: Senior Mission at 6:00 p. m. on Tuesdays; Prayer Service & Bible Study at 6:00 p. m. on Wednesday; and Saturday morning at 11:00 a. m. with Brotherhood meeting. Senior Choir rehearsal at 12:15 p. m. on Saturdays. The Youth & Young Adult Choir will rehearse on Saturdays at 2:00 p. m.

The Lord continues to add to the church as He sees fit. There have been a total of twelve people to unite with New Light Baptist Church. Five of them are candidates for baptism.

Let's remember the battle is not ours. It belongs to the Lord.

May everyone have a very prosperous and rewarding week!

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Morning Worship 11:00 am

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

Rev. Sonia J. Beaty

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

Fred "Cowboy" Ortiz

A service of remembrance will be held tonight, Thursday, January 31, 2008, for a longtime resident, Fred "Cowboy" Ortiz at Lake Ridge Chapel Memorial Designers.

The family will receive friends in the foyer of Lake Ridge Chapel for a reception and fellowship.

A private committal service will be held in the Centennial room at Lake Ridge Chapel and Memorial Designers with Minister Ben Kasstel and Pastor Larry Brooks prior to his cremation.

Persons are asked to leave the family online condolences, or to view his life tribute.

"Cowboy" made many outstanding contributions to the City of Lubbock while working with many disadvantaged young people who were looking for an opportunity to attend college.

He was a citizen who wanted to do all he could to give a young person a helping hand.

May God continue to bless each of his family members, and let's keep his program going for the benefit of all young people in Lubbock.

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Church News



From the Desk of Parson D.A. Smith

"Is Political Change Real or a Mist-Net in the Mind?"

It is clear that the voters of South Carolina are very optimistic about change. The vote of the black woman of South Carolina transcended above the racial divide. However, their vote sent a clear message to all men and especially black men that they believe in us and want us to rise above the murky clouds of disillusion of grander. The message is a message of hope in America's clever racial masked society that gives meaning to the words: "It is not the color of one skin, but the content of their character."

There are those who are disappointed with the like of former President Bill Clinton action and attitude toward the campaign of Barack Obama. Those who really believe in the "b" line of Mr. Clinton are really getting to see that sometimes what one does is not necessary in the best interest of their group, but a necessary jester for the control of the masses.

For example, in our city money has been cleverly shifted from a minority district that is made of up of people who skin tone is like this writers to those with a fair and white skin tone. To make matters worse, the alleged perpetrator want to become mayor and more than likely will use tactics like Hitler on the Jews that are modernized to bring the District and its people into economic slavery. Once this is accomplished, the area will be redeveloped and become a paradise for the

wealthy. The waabees will be stuck in the path of tornadoes and a congested atmosphere of businesses to the West.

Roland S. Martin, a CNN Contributor wrote the following in his commentary: Voters not swayed by racial politics. -Even as voters in South Carolina headed to the polls Saturday to deliver a beat down to Sen. Hillary Clinton for Sen. Barack Obama, former President Bill Clinton continued to stoke the racial fire, hyping an ember would ignite his wife's campaign and lead it to victory.

As reported on Jake Tapper's ABC News.com blog, at a stop in Columbia, South Carolina, the former president was asked to respond to Obama's comment that it "took two people to beat him." Instead of answering the question, he said, Jesse Jackson won South Carolina in '84 and '88. Jackson ran a good campaign. And Obama ran a good campaign here."

Tapper said no one asked about Jackson. His name never came up. Yet Clinton had no problem invoking it. Isn't the reason obvious? The ridiculously called first black president didn't mention his win in 1992. Or that of Vice President Al Gore in 2000, in even then-Sen. John Edwards' win in 2004. He decided to bypass all of these gents and link Obama with Jackson, who is beloved in black America but stirs hatred among many whites.

I'm sure some of you are say-

ing, "Oh, Roland Stop reading race into everything." But what we've learned over the years is that race is a hot commodity, and has been used effectively by all kinds of candidates to stir people up along racial lines. Since Richard Nixon implemented the "Southern strategy" in 1968, which was intended to get Southern whites to side with the GOP due to their anger at Democrats for passing civil rights legislation, it has been a staple of American politics, especially down south.

It has largely been used by Republicans over the years, and Democrats has always blasted it as race-baiting. So the former president-a beloved Democrat, especially among African American-would do such a thing to help his wife was considered nonsense.

But it really isn't. Clinton has used race when it suited him over the years. (Check out Rep Jesse Jackson's book, "A More Perfect Union," where it's covered over six pages) And a top adviser to the campaign of Sen. Hillary Clinton admitted to Ron Founier of the Associated Press in a report published Friday that it was the campaign's intent to turn Obama, who has deftly avoided the race issue, into "the black candidate."

Based on results in South Carolina, it backfired badly. Obama said that this is not the kind of America he believes in. He said when traveling in South
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We Thank God for Jesus

"America And Her Other Gods"

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

Deuteronomy 11:26-28 - The Lord said, Behold (Look), I set before you this day a blessing and a curse; a blessing, if you obey the commandments of the Lord, your God, which I command you this day; and a curse, if you will not obey the Commandments of the Lord, your God, but turn aside out of the way which I command you this day to go after other gods.

Lord, our fore fathers prayed and worshiped, giving all the glory and praise to you, you said, you would bless their seed, the land, and see them through.

Exodus 20:5 - The Lord said, you shall not bow yourself to them, nor serve them, for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the father upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me.

Now we know America hates God, by all the wrong things that she says and does. We teach children to disrespect elders, and this is of the Devil. He's not the true!!!

John 14:6 - Jesus said, I am the way, the truth and the life, no man come unto the Father, but by me.

Lord, the Devil gave out Rights in the 60's, and America knew they were wrong. He even deceived the Church's leaders back then, and it's yet going on

and on, and on!!!

Romans 1:19-22 - Because that which may be known of God manifest in them (The Church Leaders) for God has showed it unto them. For the invisible things of Him (God) from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made. Even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they (Church Leaders) are without excuse. Because that when they know God, they glorified Him not as God. Neither were thankful, but became in their imaginations (Dreamers), and their foolish heart was darkened, professing themselves to be wise. They (Church Leaders) became fools.

***** Yes, Church Leaders Robbed God *****

Lord, America had a little lamb, his fleece was pure white; as the fresh new snow. The children would take the lamb with them, no matter where they would go.

Deuteronomy 11:18-19 - The Lord said, you shall lay up these my words in your heart and in your soul, an bind them for a sign upon your hand. That they may speak of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up.

The lamb followed America's children to school. There was joy, and it made their day. The schools had love in them, and it was a home away from home. A place to pray!!!

Luke 18:1 - And He (Jesus) spake a parable unto them to this end - that men ought always pray, and not faint.

***** Church, It's Praying Time!!! *****

The America changed the rules to have the lamb in schools illegal it became. The children were told not to bring the lamb back, and don't even speak His name!!!

Matthew 6:24 - Jesus said, no man can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other; or else he holds to the one and despise the other.

Lord, every day in America, it's gotten worse and worse. Now the days have turned into years. No joy in America's schools as its guns, killings, sex, drugs and many, many tears!!!

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

What must we do to stop
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St. Matthew's Baptist Church News

Church services were well attended last Sunday morning, January 27, 2008, at the St. Matthew Baptist Church, 2020 East 14th Street, where the proud pastor is Rev. Edward Canady.

Services not underway with Sunday School with Sister Luella Harris, Superintendents in-charge. Another wonderful lesson was taught by our teacher, Sister Nina Davis. The lesson was reviewed

by Pastor Canady. The subject was "Combating Anxiety And Worry." The scripture text was Luke 12:22-34.

The morning worship began with devotion at 11:45 a. m. with Deacon Edward Williams - and Brother Gerald Jackson in charge. The spirit was very high.

The St. Matthew Baptist Church Senior Choir sung out of their hearts and souls to the congregation. These dedicated choir members are always ready and eager to sing for the Lord. You call upon them, and they are always there. Praise God for this Senior Choir.

Pastor Canady delivered another powerful message. His subject was "Help Me Lift Jesus." His scripture text was John 12:23-32.

Remember if you are looking for a Church Home, do consider the St. Matthew Baptist Church where the doors are always open.

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

Pastor Canady, who is a fisherman, will be hosting a 'Fish Fry' on Saturday afternoon, February 2, 2008, beginning at 12:00 noon.

Thought of the Week: "The

purpose of prayer is not to get what we want, but to become what God wants."

Outreach Prayer Breakfast

The members and friends of the Outreach Prayer Breakfast are reading Sr. John 8 this week. "You that is without sin, throw the first stone."

They said to Jesus, this woman was caught in the very act of adultery. "Moses' law says to stone. What about it? They were trying to trap him into saying something they could use against him, but Jesus stooped down and wrote in the dust with his finger. They were demanding an answer. So he stood up again and said, "Alright, hurl the stone at her until she dies, but only he wrote who never sinned, may throw the first stone."

Then he stooped down again and wrote some names in the dust, and the Jewish leaders slipped away one by one beginning with the oldest until only Jesus was left in front of the crowd and the woman. Then Jesus stood up again and said to her, where are your accusers? Didn't even one of them condemn you? She said, "No sir." And Jesus said, "Neither do I. Go and sin no more."

If God didn't condemn the woman, ho else has the power?" Just asking!

Thank God for His Word!
Thought of the Week: "Faith cometh by hearing, not heard."
"Wisdom is enshrined in the hearts of men of."

"Common sense, but it must about loudly before fools will hear it."

Keep praying, Precious people, for our community, our leaders and our children. Leaders stay in praying with a positive attitude. Read your Holy Bible, and you will become a believer.

We stand on these scriptures: II Chronicles 7:14, Mark 11:23-26 and Mark 16:15-17. God bless you for reading.

How many of you who have heard of the infamous name of John Wilkes Booth. He assassinated President Abraham Lincoln

in 1865. But have you heard about Edward Booth, John's eldest brother? Edwin, a well-known actor, was waiting at a Jersey City train station when he saw someone slip and fall off the platform. Edwin quickly grabbed the man's collar and pulled him to safety -- rescuing him from serious injury or death. Who was the man he saved? Abraham Lincoln's son Robert, a soldier in the Civil War.

How ironic that the man who saved Lincoln's son had a brother who would soon kill the president. One saved a life; one took a life. One chose life; the other chose death.

Let us continue to pray, Saints. Sister Dorothy Hood, president; Sister Christene Burselson, vice president; and Sister Elhara Jones, secretary.

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

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

God's Plan for Saving Men
All men saved - Romans 9:28
Jesus Christ died for our sin - I Cor. 15:3; Acts 2:38
We must do God's will and obey Him in order to save - Matt. 7:21; Heb. 5:9
How do we obey Him?
How He preped - Romans 10:17
Believe Jesus Christ is the son of God - Matt. 16:16
Repent of your sin - Luke 13:3
Confess - Romans 10:10
Be baptized by the forgiveness of your sin - Acts 2:38
Go forth with Faith - Heb. 11:1

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Obsequies

Brent Deshawn Brown

Funeral services for Brent Deshawn Brown were held last Saturday afternoon, January 27, 2008, at Mt. Olive Baptist Church in Slaton.

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

The eighteen year old passed away Tuesday, January 22, 2008, at University Medical Center.

He was born September 29, 1989 to Linda and Lonnie Brown in Lubbock. He was the second child of three-children. Brent attended Slaton High School and was in his senior year. He was a member of First Church of Christ.

Brent leaves to cherish his memory: his mother, Linda Brown; father, Lonnie Brown;



sisters: Deeisha Phenix and Dabalia Moore, both of Slaton; grandmother, Margie McDaniel; uncle, Orin McDaniel, Jr.; aunt, Tammy Phenix, and a host of other relatives, friends and three special friends: J. T. Hastings, Bradley Bailey and Sasna Ledesma.

An aunt, Alice Phenix, preceded him in death.

Ruby C. Glaspie

Funeral services for Ruby C. Glaspie were held last Saturday morning, January 26, 2008, at Parkway Drive Church of Christ with Ron Guzman officiating.

Burial was held at Peaceful Gardens Memorial Park in Woodrow under the direction of Ossie Curry Funeral Home of Lubbock.

Ms. Glaspie died Monday, January 21, 2008, at Covenant Medical Center.

Her husband, Joe Glaspie, and daughter, Twala Glaspie, preceded her in death.

Ms. Glaspie is survived by three daughters: Grace Johnson and Patricia Austin, both of Lubbock, and Linda Miller of Denver, Colorado; and a sister, Dorothy Cuellar of Antioch, California.



Surgeon Discusses Impact of West Death

LOS ANGELES (AP) - The plastic surgeon who operated on Kanye West's mother before she died said his practice has been hard hit by bad publicity following her death.

Dr. Jan Adams told CNN's "Larry King Live" on Tuesday that fallout from Donda West's death had affected his practice "horribly...it's almost destroyed."

Adams told King that as a television personality he was a target for bad press and lawsuits, but said he planned to continue performing surgeries.

He hosted the series "Plastic Surgery: Before and After" for five years until June. He has also appeared on "The Oprah Winfrey Show" and "Entertainment Tonight," sells a line of skin care products and has written two books on plastic surgery.

West, 58, died at a Los Angeles-area hospital Nov. 10, a day after she underwent breast reduction, tummy tuck and liposuction procedures.

A coroner's autopsy report found that West most likely died of heart disease coupled with complications after plastic surgery, but also said the exact cause of death couldn't be known.

"The autopsy said what I expected," said Adams, who declined to discuss specifics of West's case, citing patient-doctor privilege.

He had previously said he believed West likely died of a heart attack or other non-surgery related health problems.

In November, Adams abruptly walked off King's show, saying West's family asked him not to appear.



Donna West

He said Tuesday he had been in contact with the family's lawyers but not Kanye West. He did not elaborate.

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Nikki Giovanni to Visit Texas Tech University

The Texas Tech University Libraries will host internationally acclaimed poet, activist and educator Nikki Giovanni at 2 p.m. Thursday (Feb. 14) in the Allen Theatre, located in the Student Union Building.

The libraries will hold the event in conjunction with the African-American Education Summit - "Save Ourselves, Save Our Students" at Texas Tech.

Giovanni, a distinguished professor of English at Virginia Tech University, is most widely known for her candor in writing and lectures on issues surrounding civil rights and equality.

Grover C. Colvin

Funeral services were held for a longtime resident and retired educator of the Lubbock Public Schools, Grover C. Colvin, Wednesday afternoon, January 30, 2008, at the Rising Star Baptist Church with Rev. Hiawatha Culver, pastor, officiating.

Interment was held in Resthaven Cemetery under the direction of Ossie Curry Funeral Home of Lubbock.

He passed away Friday, January 25, 2008.

Mr. Colvin was born December 8, 1912, in Bastrop County, Texas. He was a Combat Veteran of WWII, serving in the United States Navy. He married Lucy Elita Colvin in Austin, Texas.

He was a teacher and principal of various schools in Lubbock for



25 years. He was the first principal of Wheatley Elementary School. He has been given the honor of being named a 'Hero of the African American Community in Lubbock,' as well as numerous public and civic awards. He is a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. in Lubbock.

Mr. Colvin was a principal of Hodges Elementary School here in Lubbock.

His parents, wife and two sisters preceded him in death.

He is survived by a daughter, Katherine Richardson of Lubbock; a son, Rochelle L. Colvin of Addison, Texas; many nieces, nephews, other relatives and a host of friends.

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Interment was held in Peaceful Gardens Memorial Cemetery under the direction of Griffin Mortuary & Funeral Home.

He passed away Tuesday, January 22, 2008, at Vista Care Center in Lubbock.

Mr. Porch was born July 6, 1953 in Kress, Texas, and he grew up and attended public school in Olton, Texas.

He moved to Carlisle, Texas, in 1969 and later to Lubbock in 1972.

He was preceded in death by his father in 1956; a brother in 1972; and two nieces - one in 1983 and 1987.

He is survived by his mother, Ms. Richard Lee Porch of Lubbock; two brothers, Johnny Lee Porch of Olton and Richard Porch, Jr. of Arlington; five sisters: Carolyn (Julius) Sheffield of Lubbock, Linda Gee of Dallas, Lee Porch, Glenda Taylor, Mae (Benson) Egbe, all of Lubbock; a special friend, Louise; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.



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Lubbock Youth Named Honorable Mention In Contest



The Literacy through Poetry Workshop and Contest was held on January 26, 2008 at Estacado High School. LoQuante Glasson won Honorable Mention for "The Mall". He received a signed copy of "The Whole Sky Full of Stars" by Dr. Rene Saldaña, Jr. He is pictured with Sheryl Santos, Dean of Education at Texas Tech University and Mr. Eric Svong. (Photo by Clinton Hobby)

Detroit Mayor's Chief of Staff Resigns Amid Rumors of Secret Affair (see mayor)

DETROIT (AP) — Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick's chief of staff said Monday she is resigning amid allegations that she and the mayor lied under oath about an affair.

In a letter to Kilpatrick that was released by his office, Christine Beatty said she believes she can no longer effectively carry out her duties. Her resignation takes effect Feb. 8.

"I painfully regret the devastation that the recent reports have caused to the citizens of Detroit, to my co-workers, to the Mayor's family and to my family and friends," Beatty wrote in the letter.

Kilpatrick spokesman James Canning said the mayor's office had no comment.

There was no immediate response to messages seeking comment from Elliott Hall, a lawyer for Beatty.

A prosecutor launched an investigation last week into the allegations, which came to light when the Detroit Free Press reported details of steamy text messages between Beatty and Kilpatrick.

A conviction of lying under oath can bring up to 15 years imprisonment.

Both Kilpatrick and Beatty testified in a trial last summer that they did not have a physical relationship in 2002 and 2003, when the messages were reportedly sent. The 14,000 messages examined by the newspaper reveal the two carried on a flirty, sometimes sexually explicit dialogue about where to meet and how to conceal their numerous trysts.

"I'm madly in love with you," Kilpatrick wrote on Oct. 3, 2002. "I hope you feel that way for a long time," Beatty replied. "In case you haven't noticed, I am madly in love with you, too!"

On Oct. 16, 2002, Kilpatrick wrote Beatty: "I've been dreaming all day about having you all to myself for 3 days. Relaxing, laughing, talking, sleeping and making love."

Kilpatrick is married with three children. Beatty was married at the time of the messages and has two children. She has served as the Kilpatrick administration's chief of staff since the mayor took office in 2002.

The two, both 37, have been friends since they attended the same Detroit high school. Kilpatrick also appointed Beatty as his chief of staff when he became state House minority leader in 1999. She was his campaign manager during his campaigns for state House and the mayor's office.

Beatty wrote in her letter that her six years as chief of staff were the

BISHOP VASHTI MURPHY MCKENZIE ENCOURAGES BLACK CHURCHES TO SUPPORT THE SISTER STUDY NIH Breast Cancer Research Seeking More African American Women

NASHVILLE, TN—Bishop Vashti Murphy McKenzie, the Presiding Prelate for the Thirteenth Episcopal District of the African Methodist Episcopal (A.M.E.) Church is encouraging A.M.E. church to spread the word about the Sister Study, a landmark breast cancer study to learn how environment and genes affect the chances of getting breast cancer. Bishop McKenzie also challenges other faith leaders across the country to help spread the word to women in their congregations and communities.

"When a woman is diagnosed with breast cancer, it affects her family, her church and the community in which she serves. African American faith leaders can motivate women to find ways to help prevent diseases like breast cancer that are plaguing our communities. African American women should join the Sister Study so our young sisters won't have to face the disease," said McKenzie.

Much of what is known about breast cancer risk comes from research studies involving mostly white women. However, breast cancer occurrence and survival are different for black women, who often develop the disease at a younger age and have more aggressive tumors, than white women. Even though white women are more likely to get the disease, black women are more likely to die from breast cancer.

Conducted by the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS), one of the National Institutes of Health, the Sister Study researchers hope to enroll at least 50,000 women whose sisters had breast cancer. Since its national launch in October 2004, the Sister Study has successfully recruited more than 47,000 participants, but researchers hope to double the number of minority women enrolled so the study results benefit everyone.

Bishop McKenzie serves as the 117th elected and consecrated bishop of the African Methodist Episcopal Church. Her historic election in the year 2000 represents the first time in the over 200-year history of the A.M.E. Church, in which a woman had obtained that level of Episcopal office. In 2004, she again made history becoming the first woman

to become the Titular Head of the denomination, as the president of the Council of Bishops, making her the highest-ranking woman in the predominately Black Methodist denominations. Bishop McKenzie has been honored for her community service, outstanding achievement and being a religious role model by a number of diverse civic, educational, business and governmental leaders. She is also the National Chaplain for Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., an international public service organization and life member of the NAACP.

"We are extremely grateful to Bishop McKenzie for her support. One of the greatest legacies women can pass down to future generations is a better understanding of breast cancer," said Dale Sandler, Ph.D., Chief of the Epidemiology Branch at NIEHS and Principal Investigator of the Sister Study. "If you're a woman of color whose sister had breast cancer, your participation in the Sister Study is especially important," continued Dr. Sandler. "We want to learn more about how to protect future generations - daughters and granddaughters - from this devastating disease."

Women in the U.S. and Puerto Rico, ages 35 to 74, may be eligible to join the Sister Study if their sisters (living or deceased) had breast cancer. Women who join the Sister Study must never have been diagnosed with breast cancer themselves. Breast cancer affects women from every walk of life, so the Sister Study is seeking women of all backgrounds, occupations, ages, and ethnic groups.

The Sister Study follows sound, ethical research practices, and keeps all personal data safe, private and confidential. Women who join are not asked to take any medicine, visit a medical center, or make any changes to their habits, diet or daily life, although they are free to make such changes over the course of the observational study.

Other organizations that are in partnership with the Sister Study include the American Cancer Society, Intercultural Cancer Council, the NIE National Center on Minority Health and Health Disparities, Sisters Network Inc., Susan G. Komen for the Cure, and Y-ME National Breast Cancer Organization.

To learn more about the Sister Study, visit the web site www.sisterstudy.org, or for Spanish visit www.estudiodehermanas.org. A toll free number is also available 1-877-4SISTER (877-474-7837). Deaf/Hard of Hearing call 1-866-TTY-4SIS (866-889-4747).

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Former LISE Board of Trustees Attend Luncheon Last Week



One of the Lubbock Independent School District Board of Trustees is Mrs. Billie Cavell. This luncheon was held in the Jay Gordon last week.

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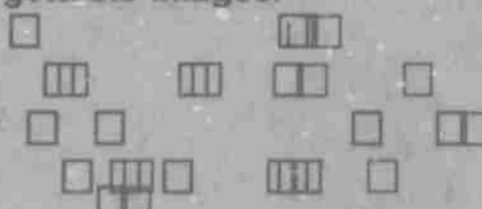
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Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick's



Christine Beatty, chief of staff

one day slow through above all else," she wrote.

Beatty and Kilpatrick testified in a case involving a lawsuit filed by two police officers who alleged they were fired for investigating claims that the mayor used his security unit to cover up extramarital affairs.

The lawsuit ended with the jury awarding \$6.5 million to

the two officers. The payout eventually grew to more than \$8.5 million.

The Free Press did not explain exactly how it obtained the messages. The newspaper said it cross-referenced the messages with the mayor's private calendar and credit card records to verify events in some of the

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MONDAY IS DEADLINE FOR VOTER REGISTRATION! THIS N THAT wants to advise you that **MONDAY** February 4, 2008 is the deadline for those who are not registered to be able to vote in the upcoming **DEMOCRATIC OR REPUBLICAN PRIMARIES** on March 4, 2008. So if you have not **REGISTERED** you have a few days to do so. If you have any questions call the **LUBBOCK COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION** by calling **775-1338**. Remember **MONDAY** is the deadline.

FRED "COWBOY" ORTIZ HELPED YOUNG PEOPLE! THIS N THAT visited with a good friend on Sunday afternoon January 20, 2008 **FRED "COWBOY" ORTIZ** who passed away Sunday morning January 27, 2008. At the **SOUTHWEST REGIONAL MEDICAL COMPLEX**. As **THIS N THAT** waited after saying hello on the other end of the telephone **"COWBOY"** said **"T. J., MY MAN, HOW ARE YOU DOING?"** Over the years it has been a privilege and a pleasure to work with this **BROTHER** who was concerned about the young disadvantaged young people in Lubbock. There was no doubt about it. He got your attention with his dress. But through it all, he cared about young people. So long my friend **FRED "COWBOY" ORTIZ! SUPPORT THE BRAXTON CONCERT! THIS N THAT**

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LINCOLN/DOUGLASS TEA SET FOR FEBRUARY 10TH THIS N THAT wants to ask for your **ATTENDANCE & SUPPORT** of the upcoming **LINCOLN/DOUGLASS TEA** which is set for Sunday afternoon February 10, 2008. This event will be held at the **MERKEL ALUMNI CENTER** on the campus of Texas Tech University beginning at 4:00 p. m. This year the format will be different as there will be two persons imitating **ABRAHAM LINCOLN & FREDERICK DOUGLASS** who are **John Voehl** of Colorado and **Michael Crutcher, Sr.** of Kentucky. This should be an outstanding effort. For more information contact **EMMA JACKSON** at **762-3350**.
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TODD KLEIN HAS AN ARTICLE NEXT WEEK! THIS N THAT has received word from **CITY COUNCILMAN TODD KLEIN** will be submitting an article about **EAST LUBBOCK** next week. He wants to advise about some opportunities which will benefit East Lubbock as well as other parts of the City of Lubbock. Check it out next week and if you approve let us hear from you. If you disapprove please advise as well.

CONGRATS! SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER VERNITA WOODS-HOLMES! THIS N THAT would like to take this opportunity and say **CONGRATS!** To our Lubbock School Board Trustee **VERNITA WOODS-HOLMES** for being chosen **SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER OF THE YEAR** by the Texas Classroom Teachers Association (TCTA). She will be recognized later this year in Houston.

BLACK SUMMIT SET FOR TEXAS TECH! THIS N THAT is happy to know that a very positive program **BLACK SUMMIT** has been set for Texas Tech University on February 14, 2008. This is part of the **BLACK HISTORY MONTH CELEBRATION!** **THIS N THAT** advises that the schedule of events will be reported in next week's issue.

PENNY HASTINGS THE BARBER SAYS: "EDUCATION IS A MOUNTAIN AND WE MUST ALL CLIMB IT!"
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For our long denied communities to become the self sustaining market places they should be the leadership and initiative must come from us within the community. Too long we have sit around and waited for someone else to do for us what we should be doing for ourselves.

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For us to become competitive in the market place we must concentrate on being good with our good and services rather than money when you are good money will come. We must also educate our dollars to go where they are appreciated and respected we must also teach our dollars to go to places that support our community we should spend our money with merchants no matter where

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Closing Thought—One of the most weapons in the fight for social justice will be the cumulative political power of blacks. It is foreseeable the black vote becoming consistently the decisive vote in national elections

Bethlehem Baptist Church awarded \$6,000 in scholarships to eight high school seniors last April, 2007 at the Rev. Michael A. Evans, Sr. Scholarship banquet held at the T. M. Moody Gymnasium.

The top award went to Jenkins, who was a senior at Summit High School. He had been responsible for feeding the homeless and comforting animals at the Mansfield Animal Care and Control Center to giving a boost to youngsters at the Boys & Girls Club.

Jenkins said, "I like making people smile. The world's a bad place as it is. If I can make someone smile, then I'm happy." Jenkins is a very humble person who wants to make a positive contribution to life.

Thank God For Jesus
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asters? That has taken over all America's land? Put God back in our house, our Churches, the White House. In God, we trust and stand!!!

Jeremiah 9:23-24a -- Thus said the Lord, let not to wise man glory in his wisdom, neither let the mighty man glory in his might. Let not the rich man glory in his riches. But let him that glorify, glory in this, that he understands and know me, that I am the Lord.

In Cinque

by Renetta Howard



Howard

The Senate to pass the bill which the House initiated because it is necessary to boost the economy. The Senate likely will oblige. The amount of money to be allotted according to the House bill will be \$600 to individual taxpayers with income less than \$75,000 and \$1200 for couples whose incomes are less than \$150,000 and an additional \$300 per child. Anyone earning at least \$3,000 will receive at least \$309. This package will also raise the cap on government backed housing loans above \$417,000; more debt available. This package sounds wonderful and the average American will be more than happy to receive the

allotted amount for his personal benefit especially if he happens to be one of those people with not enough income in the first place. Chances are, the person in this instance will do his best to fill a crevice in his economic chasm; paying his rent arrearage, a doctor bill, gasoline to get to work; needed food and other items to help to keep body and soul together. Individuals and couples earning upward of \$75,000 will likely spend \$600 to \$1200 on some item they wanted but did not have in their budget at the time. Then there are those individuals and couples who will put their rebate in a savings account to be safely stashed away at a very low interest rate, but saved just the same. For some, the rebate is but a drop in the bucket. It is not enough to

stave off a recession. The recession discussed in anticipation is not coming, it is here and it did not just arrive. The recession was blooming with the outset of the interest rate cuts by the Federal Banking Board. For some, this is a depression.

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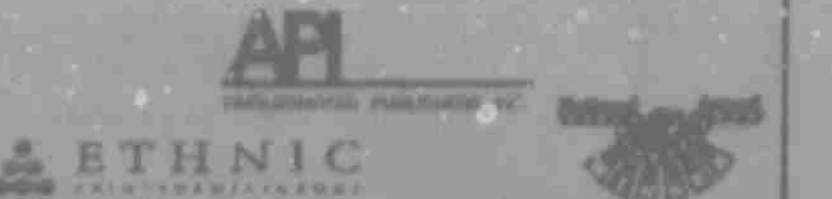
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Sammy Davis Jr.'s Widow Sues Over His Legacy

DALLAS - (AP) The widow of Sammy Davis Jr. is suing two former business partners over the rights to the Rat Pack entertainer's life story and management of his legacy.

Altovise Davis says in a lawsuit filed in federal court that the two men exaggerated their show-business credentials and defrauded her into signing away some rights to her husband's estate.

The entertainer -- a fixture in Las Vegas with fellow Rat Pack members Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin and Joey Bishop -- died of throat cancer in 1990 at age 64. He owed more than \$5 million to the IRS, forcing his widow to auction many of his personal belongings.

Altovise Davis says she gave her intellectual rights to Sammy Davis Jr. Enterprises Inc., formed in 2004 by Barrett LaRoda and Anthony Francis, in return for a one-third share in the business.

She alleges the men hid the company's financial records from her.

Things came to a head, according to the lawsuit, during negotiations with a studio that wanted to make a biopic about Davis. The movie was to be partly based on two books -- "Yes I Can" and "Why Me?" -- that Davis wrote with the help of friends Judy and Burt Boyar. Altovise Davis and the Boyars held copyright interest in the books.

According to the lawsuit, LaRoda and Francis killed the movie negotiations by demanding a "substantial" fee and credit as

executive producers.

The Boyars company, Dallas-based Boyar Investments LLC, joined Altovise Davis in suing the men. The lawsuit was filed last month in state court but was moved to federal court in Dallas because of copyright issues. Altovise Davis is seeking unspecified monetary and punitive damages.

In an e-mail to The Associated Press, LaRoda said he was trying only to get Mrs. Davis more money from the movie. Davis is "like a magnet to me" but is being manipulated by Burt Boyar, LaRoda said.

"I think the movie should be made ... and 'Yes I Can' is a great source material," LaRoda told the AP. "The sad thing here is the tarnishing" of Sammy Davis' image.

In a court filing, LaRoda and Francis said Altovise Davis' royalties more than quadrupled after she signed up with them and that their efforts helped rebuild her husband's image.

LaRoda's company, The LaRoda Group Inc. of Reseda, Calif., is also a defendant.

Davis' lawyer, Michael Lynn, said the widow is devastated that LaRoda and Francis "have decided to hold this movie hostage to their own selfish interests." She hopes the lawsuit will clear the way for the movie to get made, he said.

On its Web site, the LaRoda Group has a picture of LaRoda, Francis and Altovise Davis with Larry King on the set of King's CNN talk show



Sammy Davis, Jr.

TCTA Recognizes

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the association's Communications Public Relations and Governance committees. At the local level, Settler served as president, and chaired various committees including Membership and Legislative.

In its nomination letter the Lubbock CTA wrote, "She was a staunch recruiter for our association and advocate for the rights of teachers. To this day, she encourages educators to make sure they are members of a professional association and never fails to mention TCTA as the informed choice to make."

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