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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, 7:00pm, 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/Manhattan Heights Neighborhood Association meets every 1st Thursday at 6:00 pm and every 4th Thursday at 7:00 pm at the Dunbar-Manhattan Heights Neighborhood Outreach Center at 1301 East 24th St.
- West Texas Native American Association Pot Luck Supper meets on alternating months prior to meeting, meetings held on 2nd Saturday of each month at 7:00 pm, Educational presentations and demonstrations.
- Texas Juneteenth Cultural & Historical Commission - Lubbock Affiliate meets at Patterson Branch Library every 3rd Thursday at 7:00 pm
- West Texas Native American Association meets 2nd Saturday each month at Groves Library, 5520 19th Street, 7:30 pm.
- West Texas Chapter of 100 Black Men meets the 3rd Monday evening at 7:00 pm at the Parkway Neighborhood Center.
- The Parkway 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 Iles Elementary Cafeteria.
- Batacado High School Alumni & Faculty Class Reunion meetings are held the second and third Sundays at the Patterson Library, 1836 Parkway Drive, beginning at 7:00 p.m. All Batacado Alumni & Faculty are invited for the 40th All Class Reunion.

## Fans and friends remember the Godfather of Soul, James Brown

ATLANTA - "Godfather of Soul" James Brown remained the hardest working man in show business to the end, telling friends



Brown

from his hospital bed that he'd be in Times Square on New Year's Eve, even though he had pneumonia.

His heart gave out a few hours later, on Christmas morning.

All Christmas day, famous fans from Mick Jagger to Snoop Dogg to the Rev. Al Sharpton shared memories of their mentor and idol, while lesser known fans left candles on Brown's Hollywood Walk of Fame star in Los Angeles and streamed to his statue in his boyhood hometown of Augusta, piling mementos and flowers at its base. "Y'all lost the Godfather of Soul, but I lost my father. I know the whole world loved him just as much as we loved him, so we're not mourning by ourselves," Brown's daughter Venisha Brown told The Augusta Chronicle as she stood near the statue, fighting back tears.

The 73-year-old pom-

leading his annual holiday toy giveaway in Augusta.

"I ain't got the same energy," Brown had told the New York Post a week earlier as he discussed his planned concert tour, "but I'm sharper."

"Father Time, knowledge and prayer - I pray a lot," Brown had said. He described himself as "like Will Rogers: I love everybody. So this is not a hard job for me."

The entertainer with the rough-edged voice and flashy footwork also had diabetes and prostate cancer that was in remission. But he initially seemed fine at the hospital and talked about his New Year's Eve show at B.B. King Blues Club in New York, said his agent, Frank Copsidas.

"Last night, he said, 'I'm going to be there. I'm the hardest working man in show business,'" Copsidas said Monday.

Brown was himself to the end, at one point saying, "I'm going away tonight," said friend Charles Bobbit, who was with Brown when he died.

"I didn't want to believe him," he said.

A short time later, Brown sighed quietly, closed his eyes and died, Bobbit said.

"His thing was 'I never saw a person that I didn't love.' He was a true humanitarian who loved his country," Bobbit said.

One of the major musical influences of the past 50 years, James Brown was to rhythm and dance music what Bob Dylan was to lyrics.

From Jagger to Michael Jackson, David Bowie to Public Enemy, his rapid-footed dancing, hard-charging beats and heartfelt yet often unintelligible vocals

music," said Sharpton, who

toured with Brown in the 1970s and imitates his hairstyle to this day. "What James Brown was to music in terms of soul and hip-hop, rap, all of that, is what Bach was to classical music. This is a guy who literally changed the music industry. He put everybody on a different beat, a different style of music. He pioneered it."

Sharpton will officiate at Brown's funeral service, details of which were still incomplete, Copsidas said. Sharpton said Tuesday that he and Brown's daughters planned to view Brown's body Tuesday afternoon at an Augusta funeral home and finalize funeral arrangements.

Brown's daughter-in-law Diane Dean Rouse told The Augusta Chronicle she hoped the funeral would be open to the people of Augusta.

"He would want it open because he would want everybody to get there and because that's who he loved," she said.

Brown won a Grammy for lifetime achievement in 1992, as well as Grammys in 1965 for "Papa's Got a Brand New Bag" (best R&B recording) and for "Living In America" in 1987 (best R&B vocal performance, male.) He had a brief but memorable role on the big screen as a

confrontation with police in 1988

that ended in an interstate car chase, Brown spent 15 months in a South Carolina prison and 10 months in a work release program.

From the 1950s, when Brown had his first R&B hit, "Please, Please, Please" in 1956, through the mid-1970s, Brown went on a frenzy of cross-country tours, concerts and new songs. He earned the nickname "The Hardest Working Man in Show Business" and often tried to prove it to his fans, said Jay Ross, his lawyer of 15 years.

Brown's stage act was as memorable, and as imitated, as his records, with his twirls and spins and flowing cape, his repeated faints to the floor at the end.

With his tight pants, eye makeup and outrageous hair, Brown set the stage for younger stars such as Jackson and Prince. And the early rap generation overwhelmingly sampled his music and voice as they laid the foundation of hip-hop culture.

His trademark moment of each performance was at the end: A weary, spent Brown begins to leave the stage, a cape thrown over his shoulders, then suddenly stops, shakes the cape off and rushes back to grab the micro-

phone, his voice and feet moving at top speed all over again.

"Disco is James Brown, hip-hop is James Brown, rap is James Brown; you know what I'm saying? You hear all the rappers, 90 percent of their music is me," Brown said in 2003.



James Brown was one of the legendary performers, crossing color barriers and influencing a wide variety of musicians from gospel to country and beyond. Today's artists often use his music and his creative style in their own recordings. Brown died on Christmas Day at age 73.



Brown performs in the early days of his career, already sporting the pompadour hairdo and loud voice that helped define his style.

padoured dynamo, whose classic singles include "Papa's Got A Brand New Bag" and "I Got You (I Feel Good)," died of heart failure less than two days after he had been hospitalized with pneumonia and only three days after

changed the musical landscape.

"He was a whirlwind of energy and precision, and he was always very generous and supportive to me in the early days of the Stones," Jagger said. "His passing is a huge loss to music."

## Willie Gary Celebrity Golf Classic raises funds for scholarships

Stuart, FL. - Prominent attorney, Willie E. Gary, promised to host a "bigger and better" Christmas Extravaganza Weekend in 2006, and after a two year hiatus, he delivered. An estimated 20,000 party goers gathered at the Gary law office on the evening of Friday, December 8, 2006, to celebrate the holiday season with live entertainment, and a feast of unlimited food including chicken, ham, and an assortment of salads and side dishes. The weekend also included a toy drive, Role Model day, celebrity golf tournament, and Kids Carnival.

People from half 50 states assembled at one of the five stages to hear live performances from the legendary O'Jays, the Temptations Review featuring Dennis Edwards, Ins Storr & the Spank Band, Betty Wright, The Flat Cat Players, Perfect Image,



Willie Gary, Founder of the Gary Foundation and Dr. Dianna Suber, president of St. Augustine's College pose with a student at the Role Model Day "Dream Big Dreams" program. Dr. Suber presented two students with four-year scholarships to St. Augustine's College.

and DJ Biz Markie, among others.

Guests of the Friday night Christmas Extravaganza were asked to bring an unwrapped toy for an underprivileged child. All of the toys were distributed dur-

ing the annual "Kids Carnival" which was held at the Gary law firm. Over 40 organizations from Martin, Indian River, Okeechobee, and St. Lucie counties, brought children to the carnival to receive toys, take pictures with Santa and Mrs. Claus, see and touch animals at the petting zoo, and sing Christmas carols.

The weekend festivities began Friday morning with the "Dream Big Dreams" Role Model Day program at Gahney Aviation in Stuart, Florida. The program featured local and national celebrity role models such as Rev. Jesse Jackson; actors, Clifton Davis and Emmanuel Lewis; actor/producer, Robert Townsend; comedian/civil rights activist, Dick Gregory; and boxing champion, Tommy Hearns; who delivered motivational stories of success to nearly 1,200 students from over 20 schools in Martin and surround-

ing counties.

Over 300 golfers including golf legends Lee Elder and Calvin Pete gathered at PGA Golf Club in Port St. Lucie, Florida, to take part in the 7th Annual Willie E. Gary Celebrity Golf Classic, sponsored by Callaway Golf and Outback Steakhouse. Thousands of dollars were raised to benefit the Gary Foundation which will, in turn, benefit hundreds of students who have the dream of attaining a college education.

"We worked hard to make this year's extravaganza weekend bet-

ter than ever, and I believe we succeeded. After the cancellations of the past two years' events due to hurricanes, it meant so much to have people from across the country here to enjoy our holiday festivities," said Gary. "More importantly, we were able to raise money for scholarships, and our toy drive was outstanding. Also, our Dream Big Dreams Role Model Day was attended by a record number of students, who were inspired to stay in school and to never give up on their dreams," continued Gary.

If you find mistakes in this publication, please remember that the staff of this paper are only human. We publish things for all sorts of events, but unfortunately, some people are always looking for something to criticize.



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# Chatman Hills Corner

By Doris Reynolds

This writer hopes each of you had a very Merry Christmas. But now, if you had a live Christmas Tree, it is time for you to dispose them in the right way. The City of Lubbock's Solid Waste Department will have dumpsters available at the following locations: 208 Municipal Drive, 1631 84th Street and Elmwood Avenue (west of Frankford Avenue off West 19th Street). These trees will be ground into mulch, which residents can pick up free.

The members and pastor, Rev. Sonia J. Beaty, are inviting all to attend their Watch Night Services on Sunday evening, December 31, 2006, beginning at 10:30 p.m.

Refreshments will be served after services in the Fellowship Hall.

Let us continue to pray for those who are on the sick and shut-in list. There are many who are reported to be on the sick list. Today, they are reported, but

tomorrow it could be you. Just remember God is able. He knows just how much we can bear! God is able.

Sister Deborah Ervin of Austin ask our special prayers.

Let us pray for those families who have lost loved ones. Among them include the Mary Clara Johnson family and the Stefferon DeShawn McNeal family.

Word comes to us of the death of C. B. Benson of Waco, who was the brother of Joe Benson of Lubbock. He passed away last Sunday morning, December 24th.

Services were well attended at the New Hope Baptist Church last Sunday morning, December 24, 2006. New Hope Baptist Church is the "Church Where The People Really Care" and Rev. B. R. Moton is the proud pastor. If you are looking for a church home, then visit New Hope.

Services began with medita-

tion and prayer. The Praise Team was at its post singing god's Praises. After the morning scripture and morning prayer, the New Hope Choir sang several selections.

Pastor Moton delivered a very inspiring sermon entitled "Don't Knock Your Pitfall Experiences."

The morning announcements were read by Sister Glenda Mooney, and Sister Celestine Kyle welcomed all visitors.

This writer would like to take this opportunity and wish each of you a Happy New Year! As we approach this year of 2007, remember it is the beginning of another year and we can be thankful to see another year. Only by His Grace and mercy He has allowed us to see another year. So let's not forget from where we have come from and start the year off on the good foot. There is so much to be done, and there is enough work for all of us.

So have a Happy New Year!

## In Remembrance

**Mary Chra Johnson**  
Funeral services were held for Mary Clark Johnson last Friday afternoon, December 22, 2006, at The Praise Center. Burial was held in the City of Lubbock Cemetery under the direction of Griffin Mortuary & Funeral Home.

She passed away Friday, December 15, 2006, at the University Medical Center.

**Stefferon DeShawn McNeal**  
Funeral services for Stefferon DeShawn McNeal were held Friday, December 22, 2006, at Mt. Gilead Baptist Church with Rev. J. Jerome Johnson, pastor, officiating.

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

He Died Friday, December 15, 2006, in Arlington, Texas.

He attended school in

Lubbock at Alderson Junior High, and graduated from Escadado High School in 2004. While attending Alderson and Escadado, Stefferon was very active in football and basketball, but his love was basketball. He achieved the following during his years at Escadado High School: three year varsity letterman, two year all district player, district player of the year, city player of the year, South Plains player of the year, first team all region, TABC All State selection, team captain, team leader in steals, assists in scoring, football team captain, and Mr. EHS in 2004.

Stefferon emerged as the most critical and versatile player on one of the better teams in the area. Stefferon averaged 16 points per game during the Class 4-A Region 1 Tournament, scored 20 points per night in District 4-4A play, and earned 4-4A MVP honor as the Matadors capped off their best season in school history with a trip to the state tournament in Austin.

He moved to Dallas where he attended North Mountain View Junior College for two years. He then transferred to the University of Texas Arlington, U.T.A., where he was currently enrolled.

He is survived by his mother, Elizabeth Bates; step-father,

Vernon Bates; father, Kim Allen; grandmothers, Cressie Norris and Dean Smith; two sisters, Rochelle McNeal and Tinesha McNeal; two half-sisters, Ka'Inahya Allen and Tamarsha Stevenson; three nieces: Tishay Mathis, Ron Dayzha Love, and TAlice McNeal; four nephews: Tizae Anzley, Rondale Love, Jr., Treshawn Jones, and DaChristian Pollard; two special cousins, Albert McNeal and Tabardick McNeal; and other relatives and friends.

**FASHION FUN**  
by Shirley Robinson  
**Happy New Year, Everybody!**  
Wishing you and your family a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, from my family to yours!

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

## News from the U.S. military

Army Pfc. Angelo S. Allen has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Sill, Lawton, Okla.

During the nine weeks of training, the soldier studied the Army mission and received instruction in drill and ceremonies, rifle marksmanship, weapons, map reading, tactics, armed and unarmed combat, military courtesy, military justice, physical fitness, first aid, Army history, core values and traditions, and special training in human relations.

He is the son of Sophia T.

Contri of Ursuline St., Lubbock, of Estacado High School, Texas. Allen is a 2006 graduate Lubbock.

## LSO's new production to honor military personnel

The Lubbock Symphony Orchestra's 60th Anniversary Season continues with a salute to servicemen and women with "America At War" which will be Friday and Saturday, January 12 & 13, 2007 at 8 p.m. in the Civic Center Theatre. Sponsored by ARMtech, the CH Foundation, and the Helen Jones Foundation, "America at War" is the fourth concert in the America Series that reflects aspects of American Culture. Veterans and active military wearing their uniform or medals will receive a free ticket to the concert for themselves and one other member of their family.

Veterans and active military may call the Lubbock Symphony Orchestra office at 762-1688 to reserve up to two free tickets to either performance of the "America at War" concert. To pick up the tickets the night of the concert, they should wear their uniform or medals to identify themselves and so they might be further honored during the concert.

In "America at War," conductor Jeffrey Pollock leads the orchestra in music that pays tribute to Americans who have committed their lives to the cause of freedom throughout the history of the nation. The struggles for democracy during the Civil War are revealed through the music and narration of *Lincoln Portrait* by Aaron Copland. The camaraderie of World War II servicemen on leave is recalled in Leonard Bernstein's *On the Town* and their determination emerges in *Commando March* by Samuel Barber. Barber's war memorial

piece, *Adagio for Strings*, evokes the mournful pride felt for those fallen in the fight. The piece also served as a theme for the Vietnam war film, *Platoon*. Beethoven's Fifth Symphony closes the concert with the famous "Victory" rhythm and conjures the journey from darkness to light, from times of conflict and strife to a time of triumph over adversity.

Conductor Jeffrey Pollock is in his first season with the Fort Worth (TX) Symphony Orchestra. Before coming as Associate Conductor to Fort Worth, Pollock served as music director of the York Symphony Orchestra in Ontario, Canada.

Jonathan Marks, interim Dean of the College of Visual and Performing Arts at Texas Tech University, will be narrating Copland's *Lincoln Portrait*. Prior to his appointment as interim dean, Dr. Marks was an associate professor,

associate chair, head of acting/directing, and graduate advisor for the Department of Theatre and Dance at Texas Tech University. He continues to serve as the Director of the Texas Tech Ethics Initiative.

Future America Series classical concerts include "America's Choice" March 30 & 31, 2007, and "America Sings" May 4 & 5, 2007. These concerts take place at 8 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays at the Civic Center Theatre located at Mac Davis Lane and Avenue O. The America Series is sponsored by Market Street.

Single ticket prices for "America at War" are \$18 and \$32 for adults. Student pricing is also available. For more information or to buy tickets, call (806) 762-1688, visit [www.lubbocksymphony.org](http://www.lubbocksymphony.org), or stop by the LSO office at 1313 Broadway, Suite 2 in Lubbock.

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# Church News



## We Thank God for Jesus The Gift That Keeps On Giving

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

**James 1:17** - Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and come down from the Father of Light with who is no variable, neither shadow of turning.

Many people celebrating the Birth of Jesus, thinking it's the most important thing, but it's the death, burial and the resurrection which brings eternal life. Shame! Shame! Shame!

**I Corinthians 15:3-4** - For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received. How that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures, and that he was buried and that he rose again the third day, according to the scriptures.

Jesus was born in Billy "B.J.'s" sinning heart November 23, 1979. The Lord showed me my death. The Lord works in mysterious ways. My soul surrendered then I couldn't find no rest!!!

**Revelation 3:19** - Jesus said, as many as I love, I rebuke and chasten. Be zealous therefore and repent.

When Xmas is over, and the trees are down, the lights are put back in the boxes. Jesus is the gift that never stops giving. Did you receive Him in your heart or not???

**John 9:5** - Jesus said, as long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.

**\*\*\* Did Jesus' Light, Light Your Xmas Heart??? \*\*\***

The gift of money, it will all be spent one day. Yes, someday it will

be all gone. But did you get the gift that keeps on giving on and on!!!

**Mark 8:36-37** - Jesus said, for what shall it profit a man if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his soul? Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?

**\*\*\* Yes, Worldly Gifts Do Not God!!! \*\*\***

That gift you got for Xmas, you can go to the store, and you can get it exchanged. But when judgment day come, and you don't have Jesus, the gift. How will you explain???

**Matthew 7:21-23** - Jesus said, not everyone who said unto the Lord, shall not enter the Kingdom of Heaven. But he that do the will of my Father which is heaven. Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord have we not prophesied in your name? And in your name have cast out devils? And in your name some many wonderful works? And then I will profess unto them, I never knew you. Depart from me, you who work iniquity.

**\*\*\* And With Lying Santa Claus!!! \*\*\***

That big delicious Xmas dinner will be digested, and it will be passed on through Jesus said, I am the bread of life. He is the bread for everyday. Is He living within you???

**John 14:27** - Jesus said, peace I leave you. My peace I give unto you. Not as the world gives, give I unto you. Let not your heart be

troubled, neither let it be afraid.

The clothes you received for Xmas will be old rags and someday cast away. Jesus will clothe you in your right mind to live Holy with Him from day to day!!!

**Isaiah 26:3-4** - You (God) will keep him perfect peace who's mind is stayed on you, because he trusts in you. Trust you in the Lord for ever for in the Lord Jehovah is everlasting strength.

**\*\*\* O' Lying Santa Claus Must Go Till Next Year!!! \*\*\***

The Xmas Tree now must come down, and be taken to the dump ground or landfill. But Jesus is the gift of life. Fore everlasting and everlasting to all he will give!!!

**John 15:1-2** - Jesus said, I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman. Every branch in me that bears not fruit he takes away, and every branch that beareth fruit. He purges it that it bring forth more fruit.

Jesus was born December 25th in this mean old cruel world. He is born the minute you receive him in your heart of every man, woman, boy and girl!!!

**Revelation 3:20** - Jesus said, behold I stand at the door and knock. If any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come into him and sup with him, and he with me.

**John 3:3** - Jesus said, verily, verily I say unto you, except a man be born again, he cannot see the Kingdom of God.



## From the Desk of Parson D.A. Smith Looking Back and Looking Forward

Two thousand and six was a year that tested the political will of those we elected to represent us in the United States Congress. All Americans have had their share of disappointments in those who we entrusted our well-being.

African Americans have continued to see and feel a deep subtle hostility and aversion—a repugnance base on a history of racial depression. A CNN story two weeks ago was a testimony to this truth.

However, there is a ray of hope. The Voting Rights Act—what some see as the engine of political opportunity in terms of representation for African-Americans and other minority groups was passed this year. By a vote of 98-0, the Senate renewed the Voting Rights Act of 1965 for an additional 25 years. The house voted 390-33 to renew the landmark civil-rights-era Act. President Bush signed the bill into law.

The provision of the Act that requires jurisdiction to obtain federal approval for voting changes was designed to be temporary. The idea was that white people would change over time. However, it was extended in 1970, 1975 and 1982.

Our state, Texas was one of those and still is for the next 25 years under the watch-guard of the federal government and changes in election procedures must be pre-cleared by the Justice Department. One should remember that the Supreme Court told the Texas legislature that it erred in redrawing a congressional dis-

trict that excluded 100,000 Hispanic voters in order to endure the reelection of a GOP lawmaker.

The former leads to the following: Tom Delay, former House Majority Leader, brand of Conservatism (political philosophies or political ideologies) was far dangerous to African Americans and Hispanic and middle class whites than the White Supremacist ideology and fertilizer of David Duke, former leader of the Ku Klux Klan who visited with his kind in Iran a few days ago (Something is terribly wrong when a convicted felon can go to Iran and sit with leaders of the world and African American males cannot obtain a job because of a minor offense). Dealing with a snake that has poisonous fangs and a rattler is a bit dangerous. However, dealing with a freak snake with two heads and a rattler is serious business. One does not know what head to watch. West Texas is short of a U. S. House representative because of Mr. Delay's allusive behavior and poisonous political venom. Mr. Delay used his brand of religion to captivate the minds of power hungry religious conservatives and David Duke ideology that they were worshipping a white Jesus only and will be walking the streets of gold in a lily-white heaven with the President of Iran and his ancestry. Delay left Texas with the check and moved to another state. I understand your plight because I had a silver tongued preacher to stick me with a check for an group at the Red Barn at an

annual conference when I was a pastor in San Antonio. Do not be upset with my conclusion because this writer warned all of West Texas in his writing. Read the Digest and one may learn that their Judeo-Christian values are been challenged the world over because of people like Delay and Duke.

Many Americans are hoping that the year 2007 will be a better year. Our prayer is that the lot of middle class Americans improves. Because of the rising cost of health care, and the lack of health care for millions of Americans we need to change the way we pay the cost. No Americans should have to suffer because they do not have or cannot afford health insurance. Our elected officials need to look at those people who receive Social Security Benefits and adjust their income up to at least the poverty level. \$630 per month is not the answer. State government need to stop playing games with senior citizens by giving them \$10 per month in food stamps. Many seniors do not vent their anger because of the fear of reprisal (real or unreal) by a government agency or embarrassment. The government need to quick playing the ASSET game.

I would encourage Senior Citizens to rise up in 2007 and voice your concern. You are human and your government should not treat you as if you are inhuman. You help pay the salary of those you vote in office. Be courteous! Be kind! Show your displeasure at the ballot box! Every vote does count!

## Outreach Prayer Breakfast

A reporter takes this time of the year just to remind some and speak to others. You might be getting ready for church as I write. When you arrive with a crummy attitude, someone's in your favorite seat, and you're too close to the Praise Team and music which you say is too loud, and the Preacher takes his subject on Malachi 3:8, and you say to yourself he's picking on you, because you don't believe in paying tithes. At times, you are faulting others when the fault could be within you.

If you enter your church worship service with stuff on your mind instead of our Lord and Saviour, you're place for the spirit to enter.

Enter into church praying and asking our Lord to bless the churches you pass in route to your church, and ask God to open your heart to receive it. Then expect God to move in your situation, and He will. Talk up your church and its people, and your Pastor. Our Lord will give you a Pastor's Reward.

**"A Thought:**  
It is better to be criticized by a wise man than to be praised by a fool, for a fool's compliment is as quickly gone as paper on fire, and it is silly to be impressed by it. Is the music too loud for you in your church? Maybe David forgot you don't like it when he wrote Psalm 150. When he spoke 4:1 loud clanging cymbals. And the praise dancers are in order. They are on key, and he went on to say everything alive give praises to the Lord.

So if you are not praising life may be you're not alive. If you don't have breath, no one expects you to praise God. Just everything that has breath. Praise the Lord, you Praise the Lord. This new year, let's enter with appraisal, and a prayer instead of garbage!  
**"Let's Pray"**

Lord Jesus, out of all ugliness in the world, let beauty of your precious Son Jesus shine through our hearts, fill even into every communi-

ty, classroom, church, and home; humbling your people as it flows with your Holy Spirit. Tough in such a powerful way that our young people will lay down their weapons and put on the whole armor of god and march through this city tearing down every strong hold of evil on the East side, West side, North side and South side, delivering our people from addictions of all kinds. You say whatever we believe in faith we will receive. Thank you for your guarding angels who are watching over us all. I pray, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, AMEN.

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Thanks for reading, Saints!  
Have a blessed New Year!!!

There will be more information about our new Outreach Prayer Breakfast organization in next week's report. Keep praying for us.

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

## St. Matthew's Baptist Church News

Church services again were well attended last Sunday morning, December 24, 2006, at the St. Matthew Baptist Church, 2020 East 14th Street, where Rev. Edward Canady is the proud pastor.

Services got underway with Sunday School beginning at 10:40 a.m. with Superintendent Sister Luella Harris in charge. The morning lesson was taught by Sister Harris, and reviewed by Pastor Canady. The lesson's subject was "Receiving The Word." The scripture text was John 1:1-8.

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The morning worship hour got underway at 11:15 a.m. with Deacon Edward Williams in charge of the morning devotion. The St. Matthew Baptist Church Choir sang out of their hearts and souls. What a pleasure it is to hear God's praises in songs!

Pastor Canady delivered a powerful message. His subject was "Jesus The Reason For The Season." His scripture text was Matthew 2:10-12; Luke 2:8-12. We thank God for the word.

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Let us continue to pray for our sick and shut in members. Those members include Sister Ethel Williams and Sister Oreda Moore.

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**Thought For The Week:**  
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# Stars of "Dreamgirls" upstaged by Hudson

NEW YORK - The movie adaptation of the famed Broadway musical "Dreamgirls" stars Oscar-winning actor Jamie Foxx, chart-topping singer Beyonce Knowles and long-time favorite Eddie Murphy.

But in true show business tradition, an overweight

Oscar for her Cinderella turn in the role of Effie White.

"I'm so grateful. All I wanted was the part, and to hear this now? It's very exciting," the actress and singer told Reuters.

If Hudson is surprised by the talk of an Oscar, it's because her resume was rather thin: She is a college drop-out with six

York and Los Angeles on Dec. 15 and nationwide on Dec. 25. At media screenings, the press have greeted Hudson's performance with whooping applause.

Her biggest ovation comes during her rendition of "And I Am Telling You I'm Not Going" - the emotional show-stopper in the original 1981 Broadway show, which won six Tony Awards.

The New York Observer described her performance of that song as "five mellifluous, molto vivato minutes that have suddenly catapulted Ms. Hudson ... into the position of front-runner for the best supporting actress Oscar."

Newsweek said that when moviegoers hear Hudson sing the song, she "is going to raise goose bumps across the land."

The movie tells the story of a group of black female singers and is loosely based on the story of Diana Ross and The Supremes and the Motown record company. Hudson's part is that of the hefty, difficult singer in the trio.

### CHURCH CHOIR

Hudson credits her voice to her Baptist upbringing in Chicago, where she belted out songs in church from age 7.

"I used to sing in the church choir," she said. "People would say it was unusual for such a small girl to have such a big voice. They would say, 'She sounds like she's grown.'"

Casting director Jay Binder, known for his work on major Broadway productions, said he is proud of choosing Hudson.

"It's not like we found her working at the telephone company, but it's the best piece of casting this office has ever done," he said in an interview.

The part was no slam dunk for Hudson. After her first audition, Binder told her he liked her but said white she could make it on Broadway, she would have to lose some weight



Anika Noni Rose, Beyonce Knowles and Jennifer Hudson are the stars of Dreamgirls. Eddie Murphy and Jamie Foxx both play major roles in the movie. Dreamgirls has been critically acclaimed in the United States and internationally.

and work on her image if she were to make-it in Hollywood.

"She was not as glamorous as we needed her to be. She needed to develop her figure in a more pleasing way," Binder said. "We then went on, over the next six months, to see every African-American woman of a certain age on both coasts."

After a nationwide search, countless auditions and open-casting calls failed to turn up the perfect Effie White, Binder remembered Hudson and called her back.

"When she came back six months later she was absolutely gorgeous. She was not a girl but a woman," he said. "Without a question, it was her part. Whatever she had done, she now had sex appeal and was more comfortable in herself."

Now as Hudson promotes "Dreamgirls" and is preparing to record an album for legendary recording executive Clive Davis, who made stars of the likes of Whitney Houston and Alicia Keys, she's finding all the attention a little hard to

believe. "I have to pinch myself," she said. "Am I really doing interviews? Is this really happening? Even on the movie set, I was stopping and asking myself, 'Am I dreaming?'"

### ATTENTION!

If you have nominated someone, or have been nominated for the Best Dressed contest, listen up!

We need the names and phone numbers of each contestant so that we may contact them for the presentation. If you nominated yourself, we need your name and phone number as well.

There will be more information to come about this exciting event!

Thank you to everyone who has sent in an entry so far and GOOD LUCK to you all!



Jennifer Hudson stars as Effie White in the new movie "Dreamgirls", a screen adaptation of the hit musical. Hudson has received a Golden Globe nomination for her work in "Dreamgirls", which is her first movie role. Hudson rose to fame on American Idol, and has earned praise from show creator and judge, Simon Cowell, who initially did not like her performance.

unknown more used to failure than success is stealing the show.

"It's the biggest honor I could possibly get. I'm so grateful," Jennifer Hudson says of the buzz that she may win an

months' experience singing on a cruise ship who later reached a mere seventh place on the TV audition show American Idol.

Now her silver screen debut has already won her fans even before the movie opens in New

## Volunteer Center launches family program

The Volunteer Center of Lubbock has implemented a new program titled *From the Heart*, which encourages family volunteering.

Nine participating agencies have *From the Heart* volunteer opportunities printed in the Volunteer Center's *Holiday Volunteer Guide*, which are family-friendly, enjoyable for all ages from one to 92, and emphasize a giving spirit without monetary obligation. The *Holiday Volunteer Guide* is currently being distributed by the Volunteer Center and can also be found at the Center's Web site, [www.volunteerlubbock.org](http://www.volunteerlubbock.org).

Children fifth grade and below who participate in this program with their family may obtain a *Form the Heart* postcard at any of the nine participating agencies or from the Volunteer Center. The child will receive one red heart stamp on their postcard each time they volunteer with their family. Once a

child has volunteered five times and has received five stamps on their postcard they can mail it to the Volunteer Center for recognition.

The purpose of this program is to bring families together in the act of Holiday Guide.

The Volunteer Center of Lubbock is a United Way Agency that connects volunteers and empowers nonprofit organi-

zations. In the past year, the Volunteer Center of Lubbock made more than 27,000 volunteer referrals in support of more than 350 agencies. The Volunteer Center's Youth Connection programs support youth volunteerism and leadership development. Last year, more than 8,900 youth devoted 109,000 hours to support the work of 150 agencies benefiting 65,000 people.

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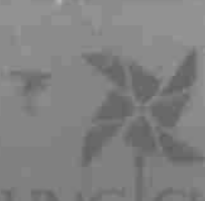
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# Texas could save \$1.6 billion in health costs by raising the high school graduation rate

Washington, D.C. — If every Texas student in the class of 2003-2006 graduates from high school, the state could save \$1.6 billion in lifetime health costs, according to conservative calculations by the Alliance for Excellent Education in its new brief, *Healthier and Wealthier: Decreasing Health Care Costs by Increasing Educational Attainment*, funded by MetLife Foundation.

Since healthcare costs are highest for the least educated, the Alliance calculated state savings by combining the lifetime costs of Medicaid and expenditures for uninsured care, then multiplying this total by the number of students who drop out of Texas's

high schools. If these students were to graduate instead, the state would realize a significant benefit.

*Healthier and Wealthier* argues that higher educational attainment improves a student's future income, occupational status, and social prestige, all of which contributes to improved individual health. The brief cites several reasons why, including the fact that Americans with higher educational attainment have more insurance coverage, individuals who lack health insurance receive less medical care and have poorer health outcomes, and lower education levels generally lead to occupations with greater health hazards.

"This study shows clearly that providing quality education not only improves students' lives, but also saves taxpayers dollars," said Bob Wise, president of the Alliance for Excellent Education and former governor of West Virginia. "A high school diploma opens the door to physical health as well as financial health." "High dropout rates and low educational attainment result in financial and social costs for state and federal budgets," said Sibyl Jacobson, president of MetLife Foundation. "Education promotes economic freedom and inspires a lifetime of knowledge acquisition, and for those reasons, is pivotal to all of the initiatives the Foundation supports."

*Healthier and Wealthier: Decreasing Health Care Costs by Increasing Educational Attainment* is available at <http://www.allied.org/publications/HandV.pdf>. Costs for Medicaid and for uninsured care based on education levels were calculated for the brief by Peter Muennig, Assistant Professor at Columbia University's Mailman School of Public Health, using data from the 2003 Medical Expenditure Panel Survey, 2004 Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, and 2005 Thorpe.

MetLife Foundation was founded in 1976 and supports programs that increase opportunities for young people to succeed.

Education is a Washington-based policy, research, and advocacy organization that works to make every child a graduate, prepared for postsecondary education and success in life.

For more information about the Alliance for Excellent Education, please visit [www.allied.org](http://www.allied.org).

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## Crofoot family presents gift for epilepsy endowment

Patients in West Texas will soon have access to an integrated program for the diagnosis and treatment of epileptic disorders, as a result of a generous gift from the Crofoot Family of West Texas. Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center presented a \$2 million gift for the establishment of the Crofoot Family Endowment in Epilepsy today.

Terry and Kelly Crofoot said, "We want all people of West Texas to have access to quality health care for this disease and our hope is that this gift will provide the best in research and treatment for the region."

According to the Epilepsy Foundation, 2.7 million Americans suffer from epilepsy and seizures. They add that 10 percent of the American population will experience a seizure in their lifetime and 200,000 epilepsy cases are diagnosed each year. Approximately one-half of epilepsy occurs in children, with the other half occurring in adults age 18 and older.

Randolph Schiffer, M.D., the Vernon and Elizabeth Haggerton Chair in the Department of Neuropsychiatry and Behavioral Sciences, said

that about two-thirds of individuals with epilepsy have relatively minor inconvenience in their lives from the disorder, but one-third are resistant to successful treatment by medicines and need access to higher complexity care, including neurosurgical approaches to brain function.

"The Crofoot Endowment will enable the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center to establish the kind of academic program in epilepsy that has been needed for years in the West Texas region," Schiffer said. "This endowment also will allow the Health Sciences Center to join with other major academic centers in the country who are working on better treatments for epilepsy."

Symptoms vary in those who suffer from epilepsy. These symptoms range from simple staring spells lasting five to 10 seconds to convulsive episodes lasting two to five minutes and are associated with stiffening and jerking followed by a period of amnesia and confusion. Schiffer added that some individuals with epilepsy have only one seizure in their entire lifetime.

This endowment, which was

made possible by Jay and Virginia Crowfoot and Terry and Kelly Crowfoot, also will establish the Crofoot Chair in Epilepsy to be held by a nationally recognized academic epileptologist.

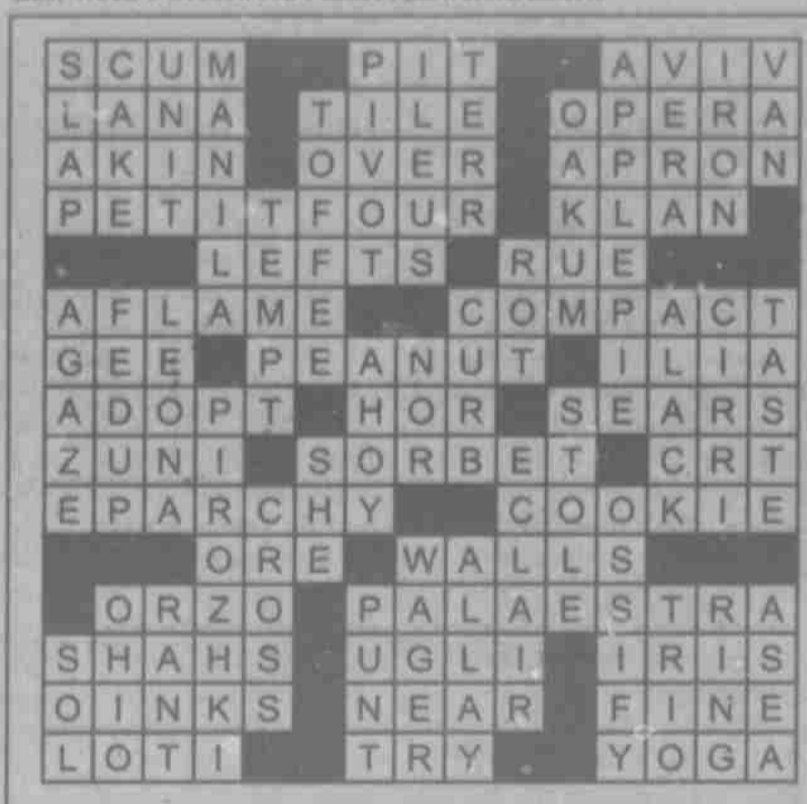
Bernhard T. Mittmeyer, M.D., interim president of TTUHSC, said West Texas is fortunate to have families such as the Crofoot family in the community.

"The Crofoot family has dedicated themselves to finding answers for their son's health and then stepped up and committed themselves to making quality health care for epilepsy

patients in this region accessible," Mittmeyer said. "It is with their continued support that the Health Sciences Center will educate and train health professionals second to none."

The Crofoot Epilepsy Program will work in collaboration with University Medical Center and Covenant Health System to provide service to the West Texas region. The complex neurosurgical procedures will be planned and performed within the new Neurosciences Institute at Covenant Health System in conjunction with Neurosurgical Associates of Lubbock.

Last Week's Crossword Puzzle Answers: Desserts



## Online registration continues at SPC

South Plains College online registration for spring 2007 courses continues through January 4.

Students must have their pin number available to utilize the online registration system. Students will be able to register at [www.southplainscollege.edu](http://www.southplainscollege.edu) under the Campus Connect link.

SPC open registration is scheduled for the Plainview campus on January 9, Levelland campus on January 10 and the Reese campus on January 11. Spring classes begin January 17.

For more information, contact the Admissions and Records Office at 806-896-9611, extension 2374.

## Prairie View student enrollment increases

Prairie View - Prairie View A&M University's certified fall 2006 enrollment rose by 1.2 percent from 2905. The official enrollment of 8,006 is an increase of 1 percent compared to 7,912 in 2005. The final fall 2006 enrollment also reflects an increase in the university's doctoral degree students of nearly 26 percent.

Of the 8,006 students, nearly 93 percent are Texas residents. Eighty-nine percent of the student body is African-American; 4 percent is white; 3 percent is Hispanic; 1 percent is Asian/Pacific Islander and nearly 2 percent are foreign nationals.

President George C. Wright said, "We are pleased that our enrollment has increased since last fall. We have implemented a number of recruitment strategies that seem to be working, and the doctoral degree programs will continue to attract additional students as they mature."

The university now has four doctoral degree programs in four colleges and awarded its fourth doctoral degree during the fall commencement exercises on Dec. 9.

"The increase in enrollment from the twelfth class day numbers reported earlier this year by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board are always lower than the university's actual fall enrollment. Historically, our students have not paid all of their fees or completed their enrollment until the twentieth class day," said Don Byars, associate provost for enrollment management.

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Hear the gospel - Romans 10:17  
Believe Jesus Christ is the son of God - Mark 16:16  
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# Editorials • Comments • Opinions



## THIS 'N' THAT

by T.J. Patterson

**CAVIEL'S PHARMACY HAS BECOME AN INSTITUTION!** THIS N THAT, having looked over the businesses in the Black Community, was pleased to know that CAVIEL'S PHARMACY at 1719 Avenue A, has been making good things happen in our community for decades. It was established in 1960, and is perhaps the oldest Black Business in Lubbock. THIS N THAT is happy to know the proud owners, BIL-LIE & AL CAVIEL. The efforts of CAVIEL'S PHAR-MACY have brought outstanding contributions our community. There is no doubt about it! CAVIEL'S PHARMACY is an institution in our community and may the works of CAVIEL'S continue for many, many more years to come. It's just good to know the good things this institution has brought to our community. If you get an opportunity, why not stop by CAVIEL'S PHARMA-CY and let them know you appreciate them!

PENNY HASTINGS THE BARBER SAYS, "THE PER-SON who refuses to HEAR CRITICISM has no chance to LEARN FROM IT!"

OUTREACH PRAYER BREAKFAST WILL INCREASE! THIS N THAT is happy hear of the GOOD

NEWS that the OUTREACH PRAYER BREAKFAST will develop a new program in the very near future. It just goes to show you that with TEAM-WORK, anything is possible! One of the first articles printed in this newspaper, almost 30 years ago, was written by mem-bers of the OUTREACH PRAYER BREAKFAST, and they have been on their post of duty since that time. THIS N THAT salutes this organization and its officers for a job well done. You've touched the lives of many, and to increase your effort is outstanding. THIS N THAT will be looking forward to the addition to the OUT-REACH PRAYER BREAK-FAST.

**HAPPY NEW YEAR!** THIS N THAT would like to wish each of you a VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR! Each week, an attempt is made in this column to say some things which may help many of us. Now, THIS N THAT does not have all the answers, but just wants to bring about a perspective which may make a little sense. It is just an opportunity which we hope makes some sense. As we look around the community, there are so many opportunities for us to move to a much higher posture. However, we must keep in mind

it can't be accomplished unless many of us are WORKING TOGETHER for the betterment of all of us. There is no doubt about it. We need each other when we are attempting to make things happen in our community. THIS N THAT recognizes the fact that we need to do more for our young people. This can be accomplished if we would put our heads together and come up with a workable solution. A few weeks ago, THIS N THAT mentioned the need for VOLUNTEERS for the MARTIN LUTHER KING BASEBALL LEAGUE, which will open up its season in a few months. This season, the league will be playing on a new field and volunteers will be needed. So, the question to ponder at this time is, "WILL YOU VOLUNTEER FOR THE MARTIN LUTHER KING BASEBALL LEAGUE?" Now if you want to see some very positive things to happen in our community for our youth. Just volunteer. They tell us that over 300 BOYS & GIRLS are in this program, so will you help? Hope so! Anyway... if we can become a part of this effort, it will certainly be a HAPPY NEW YEAR!

THIS N THAT WISHES EACH OF YOU A HAPPY NEW YEAR!



## Think About It!

### Look To The Horizon!

by Eddie P. Richardson

As we say goodbye to the year of 2006 and anticipate the New Year of 2007, we should leave all the bad, ugly and unfortunate things in 2006 as we prepare to move happily, joyously, prosperous and healthy in 2007. We are hoping for things to be much better. We must leave behind all negative things behind us. All the negative aspects of life such as forgiveness, jealousy, hate, rudeness, selfishness, self-centered looking and looking down on others. The things we must take into the year 2007 are forgiveness, no grudges. We must be our brother's keeper, loving our neighbors as ourselves, loving and helping our enemies. And to sum it up, in short, let us all live by the Ten Commandments. As we head for 2007, we should

leave all our baggage and head into the New Year with a good attitude, guilt free, happy, and healthy and have a good positive mental attitude. This will also take happiness with you.

For our long denied commu-nities, in order for them to become the competitive market place, it should be. There will have to be some big changes in the overall make up of our com-munities beginning with respect of self to start with and then others feeling property, because at this time. With all the progress we have made as for as combat-ing racism and all the hard times, we have had as a people over the years. In the present time, we are going back to the past fast and our young people are taking us back fast with the sagging pants, bad attitudes, low self esteem,

slick, lazy and the lack of respect of live and property. In general, the U. S. Government, some agency and welfare owe a living. In order to survive, our young people need to be brought back to the basics of caring, decent liv-ing, and respect for others. If some of the leaders who lost their lives in the Movement would want to do it all over again, many would see what they died for. Our prayers are for in the upcom-ing 2007; we want a chance for those with negative attitudes and get on with the real deal. Let us all wake up and live the real life.

**Closing Thought:** The old wives tales says you are what you eat, but think about it. So as a man thinketh so is he."

Have a Happy & Blessed New Year in 2007!

## Letters to the Editor

### Fallout from immigration raids

Last week's well-publicized immigration raid on the Swift & Co. meatpacking plant in Cactus, in the Texas Panhandle, serves as a troubling reminder that our immigration system is broken and needs to be fixed.

Texas businesses want and need to follow the law. Unfortunately, they lack a sensible and reliable system to verify

an employee's legal status.

Employers are forced to navigate tricky waters each time they make a hire. Texas businesses must deal with complex immigration regulations; a glut of seemingly valid, but sometimes counterfeit, worker identification documents; and the threat of discrimination lawsuits if they ask the 'wrong' questions about employ-ees' documents.

Enforcement alone will not fix our immigration system, and it

has failed in the past. We can't just build walls around a broken system - we need to fix the system to make sure we achieve real security, restore law and order and have enough workers to continue growing our economy.

It is time for a serious solution to this serious challenge. It is time for Congress to act.

Bill Hammond, President  
Texas Association of Business  
Austin, TX

## Registration continues for Summer Peace Officer Academy at South Plains

South Plains College is accepting candidates of the 2007 Summer Peace Officer Academy beginning May 2 through August 17 in Levelland. The classes are held Monday through Friday from 7:00 am to 6:00 pm.

Applicants must also be admitted to SPC and meet all SPC entrance requirements. Admission to SPC does not ensure admission into the academy. Admission forms are provided after the completion of the entrance exam and background check.

The approximate course cost is \$1,550 for in-district students and \$2,078 for out of district students in addition to books and supplies. Payment is due on the first day of class.

Pre-registration is required by April 19, 2007 along with a non-

refundable \$50 application fee for a state and federal background check required through the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Office Standards and Education. The registration process may take three to four weeks, therefore early registration is recommended.

Applicants desiring financial aid must do so through the SPC Financial Aid Office and should seek assistance no later than March 1.

Students desiring to apply must be 21 years of age (before the end of the academy) or older, U.S. citizen, a high school graduate (or GED with 12 hours college credit), have an honorable discharge from the armed forces of the U.S. after at least 24 months of active duty service and meet all TCLEOSE eligibility require-

ments. Applicants may not have a class B misdemeanor or any conviction that includes "community supervision" as part of a "deferred adjudication."

The Academy is a 16-week course of study involving 618 hours of academy work and approximately 192 hours of physical fitness activities. In addition to academic studies, students will receive training in handgun qualification, driving, mechanics of arrest among other training activities. A personal vehicle or handgun is not required for the course.

For a more detailed list of admission requirements, log onto www.southplainscollege.edu/law or call 806-894-9611, extension 2291.

## In Cinque

by Renetta Howard

Most every warm blooded Americans dream of owning their own home. Some are fortunate to inherit their homes because their parents provided for posterity. They have the duty to keep the physical property in good stead and pay the property taxes and purchase insurance.

Keeping up property may sound easy and inexpensive, but when the necessities are taken care of, even if there is no mortgage to pay, the cost can exceed the cost of paying rent in some places or mortgages in other places. Never-the-less, all people need some place to live and wherever it is, it has a price.

Some people choose to rent a place to live rather than purchase one because they do not want the burden of property upkeep. Others pay rent because they either have not saved enough cash to make a down payment on a home or their credit score is too low for a lender to risk a loan on their behalf.

There are renters who treat their rental quarters with pride and pay their rent on time when it is due. The landlord does not have to look for them. They know the value of the place they call home and often are the peo-

ple who will be the real estate owner of the future. This type of renter will be a good neighbor and help to beautify his neighborhood.

On the other hand, there is the renter who permits holidays and whatever their children want interfere with getting their obligations taken care of. When school opens in the fall, they have to purchase school supplies and new clothing. Their daughter is Miss Somebody in the homecoming parade and she had to have a new \$100 dress. Thanksgiving day is when the renters have the whole family over for dinner. Feeding a small family almost calls for wrinkles, so how must the renter pay for a large holiday dinner? We know the answer to that! Pay the rent later. Buy the Christmas toys and new outfits for everyone that you love. Ah! Pay the rent

next month. This month is almost over and there has been no eviction, so there is no need to worry about it.

It should occur to the renter that the landlord needs to enjoy the holiday as well.

All landlords do not have unlimited resources and they need the rent to pay for services provided for the renter. Knowing that one needs a place to lay one's head, renters need to stop using their landlord as a loan officer. Anytime the rent is used to pay for something other than the rent, the renter has used his landlord and generally without paying a usage fee, unless the landlord charges a late fee. Too much of this can lead to an eviction. Renters need to get 'in cinque' and realize that everything has a price and going to court for non-payment of rent is an added expense.

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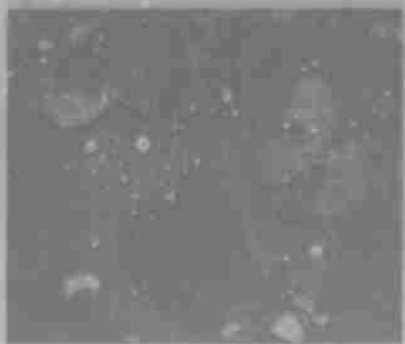
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the parents on installing car seats and the various seat belts systems in vehicles. For safety tips on car seat installation or to ensure your car seat has been installed correctly, please contact Karen Peoples with the Texas Department of Transportation at (806) 748-4478.

## Upcoming events in Lubbock ISD schools

**Friday and Saturday, January 5-6** - Lubbock ISD will host the Lubbock Invitational Swim Meet at the Pete Ragus Aquatic Center, 2004 14th Street. Twenty-six high schools from across Texas are expected to participate. Diving prelims get underway at 9 a.m. and swimming prelims at 1 p.m. on Friday. Diving and swimming finals begin at 9 a.m. and 1 p.m., respectively, on Saturday. Aquatic Center contact: Ron Holliban or David Hayes, 766-1777

**Monday, January 8** - Classes resume in Lubbock ISD.

**Thursday, January 11** - Mid-

term graduation will take place at 7 p.m. in the auditorium at Monterey High School, 3211 47th Street. The commencement ceremony is for all four Lubbock ISD high schools mid-term graduates.

**Thursday, January 11** - The Coronado High School Theater Department will present the musical "Dancing at Lughnasa" at 7 p.m. in the black box theater, 3307 Vicksburg. Performances will also be Friday and Saturday at 7 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m. CHS contact: Melody McDaniel, 766-0655

Looking ahead to February  
TAAS/TAKS Tests for Out-of-

School Examinees - TAAS and TAKS tests for individuals who are no longer in school, but still need to pass one or more sections. The tests will be offered on February 20-21.

LIISD Student Assessment contact: Pam Leftwich, 766-1117

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#### ACROSS

1. Some get this after seven years of marriage
5. Semicircular mountain basin
8. Inhabitant of Edinburgh
12. Spy
13. Operatic solo
14. Truth or reality
15. Equals 1/2 b x h
16. Raja's wife
17. Fill with optimism
18. Winter flight
20. Capital of Norway
21. Cubbyholes
22. Lay
23. June through August in Southern Hemisphere
26. Valley south of San Francisco
30. Old fashioned "before"
31. Abominate
34. Popular striped Christmas candy
35. Break-in memory
37. Life energy in Chinese philosophy
38. Natural repellent to moths
39. "\_\_\_ the Man" Musial
40. Winter chore in Northeast
42. Free
43. Archaic for bondsmen
45. Venomous Old World snakes
47. Any of several dynasties of China ruling from 220 to 265
48. Washing sponge
50. Deceptive maneuver
52. Old Man Winter
56. Old episode
57. It's never enough?
58. Popular at a sushi bar
59. Desert haven
60. Missile used in early '90s Gulf War
61. Julia's Brockovich character
62. German sausage
63. H in British HMS
64. "Ich \_\_\_" for "I eat", German

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2. Aaron Spelling's daughter
3. Horsefly
4. Real life "Citizen Kane"
5. His classifieds list is among the most popular on the Internet
6. Drunks
7. Street in Anytown, USA
8. On or about December 22
9. Gift for the naughty
10. German Chancellor Bismarck's first name
11. Definite article
13. Arthur in Italy
14. Host of 1988 Olympics
19. Administer oil or ointment
22. Eating contest staple
23. Language of Wales
24. Angry
25. Territory of alleged Yeti
26. Inmate weapon
27. Small unit within larger movement
28. Live program
29. They had their revenge in the 1980s
32. Causing pain
33. Short for although
36. Worn when sledding
38. Ratzenberger on "Cheers"
40. \_\_\_ Lanka
41. Conjured
44. 13 - 19
46. Member of monotheistic sect of Zoroastrian origin
48. Knight's weapon
49. Happen
50. Back of military formation
51. Celestial bear
52. Be silly or tease
53. Crew propellers
54. Used on the slopes
55. Fork prong
56. Steal

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