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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, 7:30 pm, Patterson Library
- East Lubbock Chapter AARP meets every 1st Thursday at 1:30 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 meet 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-Polst Neighborhood Association meets the 3rd Tuesday evening of each month at 7:30 pm at Hunt Elementary.
- Chatham 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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## New city manager says he's got dream job Austin council votes to hire Fort Worth official

It wasn't luck or fate that brought Marc Ott to a City Hall podium Thursday, February 7, 2008, after he was named Austin's next city manager. It was hard work and a promise he made to himself two decades ago to one day lead a premier city, he said.

"I have been on a mission for some 26 years," he said. "I stand here ready to take all that I have learned professionally and personally and apply that here, in this great city," perfect fit for Austin.

Council Member Jennifer Kim abstained from voting, saying that Ott will do excellent work but that there was a lack of public input in the hiring process.

Currently an assistant city manager in Fort Worth, Ott beat out one other finalist, San Antonio Deputy City Manager Jelynn Burley, for the job. He will replace Toby Futrell, who is retiring and whose last day on the job will be Feb. 17.

Ott will start Feb. 18 and earn a salary of \$242,000; Futrell's current salary is \$240,639. Ott will also get a temporary housing allowance of up to \$4,500 per month for up to nine months.

Council Member Sheryl Cole seemed close to tears Thursday as she noted that Ott will be Austin's first permanent city manager who is black.

"It is historic," Cole said. "I cannot tell you how ecstatic this whole community is to have you." Council Member Betty Dunkerley praised Ott's listening skills, and Council Member Mike Martinez told Ott that the council will be there to support him and help him succeed.

In Fort Worth, Ott shepherded some big infrastructure projects, such as Southwest Parkway, a \$975 million tollway. His work on such projects will be invaluable as Austin tackles its own transportation and growth challenges.

Council Member Brewster McCracken said.

"I also think Marc has the temperament of a great leader and is someone that can unify the community," McCracken said.

Ott got a taste of the public scrutiny he'll face when resident Gus Peña stepped up to the podium shortly before Ott spoke. Peña welcomed Ott, then blasted the council for failing to gather more public input during the hiring process.

"The community should have been involved and they were not," he said.

The council interviewed seven semifinalists and then the two finalists in private over the past two weeks. The city held one public forum with the finalists Tuesday night.

Mayor Will Wynn noted Thursday that Arcus, the search firm the city hired for \$25,000, spent months combing the nation for candidates and speaking with community stakeholders about what would make a good city manager.

The city released a list Thursday of the 26 people Arcus spoke with, including current council members, former Austin City Manager Jesus Garza, devel-



With his family around him, Marc Ott waits to be introduced Thursday at City Hall as Austin's new city manager. From left are son Gabriel, 5, wife Pamela and daughter Carly, 8.

opment attorney Steve Drenner and the Rev. Joseph Parker of the David Chapel Missionary Baptist Church.

"We thought it was important that this be a disciplined process and not have it be a politicized process, because this is fundamentally the most important decision councils make," Wynn said.

Ott told members of the news media that he'll spend his first few weeks on the job getting up to speed on the council's policy priorities and meeting city employees.

One of his first big challenges will be contract negotiations with the police and firefighter unions, whose contracts expire in September.

Ott said he plans to continue his practice of "manager field days," in which he does the work of city employees such as street repair crews to get a hands-on understanding of their jobs.

Asked whether he's ready to weather criticism from Austin's vocal citizenry, Ott said: "I may be a slim guy, but I have broad shoulders and a thick skin. I'm all about public discourse when it comes to the work we do. This is the people's business. We have nothing to hide."



Father & Son - J. T. & Tom Braxton

## Razzle Dazzle: Scholarship concert displays musician's talents

The Student Union Building's Allen Theatre nearly was filled at 8 p.m. Friday, February 8, 2008, for the J.T. Braxton Jazz Scholarship concert.

As a part of a Black History Month celebration, Tom Braxton, and his band had the audience making music right along with them. Brad Leili, saxophonist and assistant professor in the Texas Tech School of Music, was the master of ceremonies and performed a duet with Tom Braxton. Tom and his father, J.T. Braxton, also performed a duet composition called "Blues Number Two."

Proceeds of the jazz concert benefit Tech's and Tech's Health Sciences Center's Black Faculty and Staff Association's endowment scholarship for a music student.

Eric Strong, director of Lubbock Roots Historical Arts Council, said it was a successful turnout, and nearly 400 people attended the concert.

Clifton Johnson, a junior electronic media and communications major from Lubbock, said Tom Braxton knows music really well. "It was magnificent," Johnson said. "(It was) one of the most impressive concerts that Texas Tech has had."

Tom Braxton, Tech alumnus from the class of 1983, said jazz is a creative form of music that relates to a variety of people: old and young, black and white.

"I like this form of music because it gives me an outlet of expression," he said. "I like the spontaneity of it - every night is different."

Tom Braxton said he credits his father as his musical influence. Tom Braxton's career began when his father handed him a saxophone in sixth grade.

"One of the biggest influences was listening to music - my father owned a great record collection," Braxton said. "(Also) his (father's) work ethic (was influential) - he practiced every day, and he modeled the way to achieve and get ahead."

During his college years, Tom Braxton and friends formed the group "No Compromise" that toured the Southwest for about seven years before Tom Braxton went solo.

"Our first gig was in there (the Allen Theatre), for the Ms. Black Texas Tech Pageant," he said.

The national recording artist said three tips for aspiring musicians would be to work on their crafts, learn the business and develop their character.

"Don't expect it to be some kind of interwoven American idol experience," he said.

Tom Braxton has played alongside many well-known artists including Luther Vandross, Dave Koz and Rick Braun, according to his Web site.

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## Vernita Woods-Holmes Announces For Re-Election

Vernita Woods-Holmes, Lubbock Independent School District, District 2 incumbent, has announced she is seeking re-election.

She is currently serving her second term, and serves as board secretary.

Woods-Holmes, an experienced teacher and administrator with 34 years in education, plans to continue her commitment of providing quality education to all children.

"Education is the cornerstone of our community's success, as a community, we must renew our commitment to our students, their dreams, and aspirations."

"I will continue to do what is best for all students in the



Vernita Woods-Holmes

Lubbock Independent School District (LISD), and see that all schools have the necessary resources to equip our young people with a positive education," she said.

## Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals Will be at EHS

The Seventh Circuit of Appeals will be heard at Estacado High School.

This prestigious event will be held in the school auditorium on Thursday, February 21, 2008, from 9:00 a. m. until 12 noon.

The Lubbock community is invited to come and sit with the Estacado students and see justice in progress.

Chief Justice Brian Quinn will be presiding.

If there are any questions, please call Lucia R. Trevino at (806) 766-1388 or (806) 790-9957.

"We are just so excited about this event which will take place on our campus. Come witness this event," said Ms. Trevino.

## Nikki Giovannie Will Appear At TTU

The Texas Tech University Libraries will host internationally acclaimed poet, activist and educator Nikki Giovannie.

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.

Giovanni has received numerous honors, including the Chicago Public Library Foundation's Carl Sandburg Literary Award for lifetime achievement, the Langston Hughes Medal for Outstanding Poetry and the first ever Rosa Parks Woman of Courage Award.

Even Texas Tech's own Robert Baker, a Horn professor of biological sciences, paid tribute to Giovanni in 2007.



Lisa Davis

## Lubbock Teacher Selected as an Outstanding Texas Educator

Hes Elementary School teacher, Lisa Davis, was chosen for a 2008 Texas Excellence Award for Outstanding Teachers by The University of Texas alumni association, the Texas Exes. She is one of only two elementary school teachers from the state to receive the award. Hes Principal Dr. Yearwood said, "Ms. Davis' knowledge and skills have helped facilitate a more in-depth and sustained higher level of literacy competency for our Hes students and staff."

The 2008 Texas Excellence Award for Outstanding Teachers is given annually to ten high school teachers and two elementary teachers who inspire and support their students and bring credit to the teaching profession. Davis was nominated for the award by Kyle Wargo, Region 17 Education Service Center executive director.

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## Minister Percy Phenix Will Serve As Clinician For Workshop

Minister Percy Phenix of Arlington, Texas will serve as the Clinician for the First Church of God in Christ's Annual Black History Workshop on Saturday, February 16, 2008.

First Church Church of God in Christ is located at 887 S. Collins Street in Slaton.

Rehearsals for the workshop will be held Thursday night, February 14, beginning at 7:30 p. m., Friday, February 15, 7:30 p. m. and Saturday morning, February 16, beginning at 11:30 a. m.

The workshop will have singing and preaching. This will include a Musical on Saturday night.

Speaker for Saturday evening will be Minister Phenix, a member of the Greater Harvest Church of God in Christ where he pastor is Rev. Coby Bushy.

For more information call Sister W. Phenix at (806) 76-9522 or (806) 828-3053. You may also call Sister T. Phenix at (806) 828-6779.

The public is invited to come and attend this very informative workshop. "Black history is so important for the Black com-



Minister Percy Phenix

munity and we want everyone to come and be with us," says Minister Phenix.

## EHS Coronation Set February 27

The Estacado High School will hold their 2008 Coronation Ceremony on Wednesday, February 27, 2008, beginning at 6:30 p. m. in the school auditorium.

The public is invited to attend this Estacado event.



# Chatman Hills Corner

By Doris Reynolds

The Women's Conference will be held next week, Friday and Saturday, February 22 & 23, 2008, at the Embassy Suites, 5215 Loop 289. The theme is "Women Empowered by the Holy Spirit." Acts 1:8-11.

The facilitator is Pastor Amelia E. Jones, New Jerusalem Holiness Church, Pittsburgh, Pa.

The Conference will begin at 5:00 p. m. on Friday, and will conclude on Saturday afternoon at 4:00 p. m.

Topics discussed will be "Whose woman are you" and "If you ask, He will give it to you; but can you handle it."

The New Hope Baptist Church will have a "Taste of History" after morning services February 17,

2008. All members are asked to come out and celebrate this day in observance of Black History Month.

Come out and share in some good ole 'Soul food.'

**For Your Information:** Lent Season is marked by a time of prayer and preparation to celebrate Easter. Since Sundays celebrate the resurrection of Jesus, the number 40 is connected with many biblical events, but especially with the forty days Jesus spent in the wilderness preparing for His ministry by facing the temptations that could lead him to abandon his mission and calling. Christians today use this period of time for introspection, self-examination, and repentance.

A "Fall in Love" with Mission Service will be held at the Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church, 2202 Southeast Drive, Sunday afternoon, February 17, 2008, beginning at 3:00 p. m. Also, a "Tea & Silent Auction" will be held. For more information, contact Sister Lesa Rollinson.

The monthly meeting of the Federation of Choirs will be held at Christ Temple Church of God in Christ, 2411 Fir Avenue, on Sunday afternoon, February 24, 2008, beginning at 2:30 p. m. Sister Bennie Sims, president, is asking all to come out and attend.

A "Pre-Women's Day Activity -- Good Medicine for the Soul Brunch" -- beginning at 10:00 a. m. at 10:00 a. m. at Mae Simmons Community Center. Sister Pany Roberson for information.

Let us remember those who are sick and shut-in list. Among them include Brother A. L. Sanders who is home from the hospital and is doing nicely at this report.

Another resident is ill at her residence. She is Sister Charlie Bell Pratt. Also Sister Eloise Smith in Snyder, who is the mother of Sister Vera Newsome. Sister Sammie Nelson remains on the shut-in list.

Of course, there are others, so pray for them as well.

Let's continue to pray for those who are sick and shut-in. Remember with God all things are possible.

**Scripture to Study:** There is one body, and one spirit even as we are called in one hope of your calling: One Lord, One Faith, One Baptism: One God and Father of all who's above and through all and in you all. Ephesians 4:4-6.

Have a blessed and inspiring week, and also 'Happy Valentine' to all!

### Library News

Open Mic Poetry Night at the Patterson Branch Library

The Patterson Branch Library, 1836 Parkway Drive, will host an open mic poetry night for ages 17 and up on Monday, February 18 at 7 p.m. Signup starts at 6:30 p.m. This month's themes are love and history. For more information, please call 767-3300.

"Share a Book with a Child" at the Patterson Branch Library. The Patterson Branch Library, 1836 Parkway Drive, presents "Share a Book with a Child," a special storytime for children and their parents, on Tuesday, February 19 at 6 p.m. Each family will receive a free book to take home, courtesy of Literacy Lubbock.

## FASHION

### FUN

by Shirley Roberson

### THE IMPORTANCE OF COSTUME JEWELRY

Jewelry plays an important part in the completion of any fashion outfit and your options my friend, are plentiful. Jewelry is personal and all about freedom, wear as much as you like or as little, one at a time or all at one time.

at a time or all at one time.

It is entirely up to you. Today's jewelry is designed basically for the mind and body, created with parts that swing and move when you do. This spring let your imagination run rapid, wild and free. So ladies go for it. Remember colors are bold and bright, hangles are fantast.

Keep in mind that with your jewelry you can juggle it, shuffle it, bunch it, mix it or match it.

It's all about expressing yourself.

"Wear A Smile!!!"



Shirley Roberson

SHOP TODAY & ENJOY!!

LOOK YOUR BEST EACH DAY!

## Blue & White Charity Ball Set Here Saturday Night At Student Union At TTU

The Blue & White Charity Ball, sponsored by the Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. -- the Omicron Omega Zeta Chapter and Lambda Omicron Chapters -- will be held Saturday evening, February 16, 2008, from 6:00 p. m. to 10:00 p. m., at the Student Union Center on Campus of Texas Tech University.

The ladies of the Omicron Omega Zeta and the Lambda Omicron Chapters of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Incorporated would like to invite you to our first Blue and White Charity Ball. We are going to eat, dance, and raise money for the Stork's Nest!!! The Stork's Nest Program is designed to promote prenatal care participation and healthy behaviors during the pregnancy through two components - incentives and education. Zeta Phi Beta Sorority has enjoyed a partnership with the March of Dimes in an effort to encourage women to seek prenatal care within the first trimester of pregnancy, thereby increasing the prevention of birth defects and infant mortality.

Admission price is \$15.00 per person, with couples at \$25.00. The Greek prices is \$10.00 singles with tables selling for \$100.00.

This affair will be a positive



effort in the City of Lubbock. This will enhance the effort being done by Stork's Nest as this program is designed to promote prenatal care participation and healthy behaviors during the pregnancy as has

been mentioned through two components - incentives and education.

For more information, call Soro Rieman at (806) 239-2117.

### New Light Baptist Church News

Church services at the New Light Baptist Church, 3013 Idalou Road, got underway last Sunday morning, February 10, 2008, with Sunday School beginning with the morning breakfast. This breakfast was sponsored by the Mission Sisters. The morning lesson was taught by Brother David Chiles. The subject of the lesson was "The Message." The scripture text was Galatians 1:6-9; 11-12 & 3:1-9. The life question is: "What Can I Say To A Lost Person?"

The morning worship began at 11:00 a. m. with the Youth and Adult leading in the devotion. The Youth Choir marched in

singing "Bless The Lord With Me," and they sang two inspiring songs. They were "We Lift Our Hands In The Sanctuary" and "Jesus, Jesus, Jesus."

Rev. L. C. Lee brought the message. It was entitled "What A Friend." The scripture text was John 15:9-17.

After the sermon, Rev. A. W. Brown sang "Jesus Keep Me Near The Cross." Sister Angela also sang "Precious Lord."

Let us not forget the installation services for Rev. Kenneth Jackson here at New Light Baptist Church on Sunday afternoon, February 24, 2008, at 3:30 p. m.

### Meet Pastors Johnny & Pat Perez Of The Church Of The Blessed



Pastors Johnny & Pat Perez

Meet the Pastors of the Church of the Blessed. The Church is located at 1809 34th Street. They invite those looking for a Church Home to come and visit with their congregation.

"We are happy of how God is blessing us with our many Church Ministries," says Pastor Johnny Perez. For information, call 747-9430.

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### Braxton Concert Was Very Good Continued from Page 1

"I will never forget an experience when I worked with Luther Vandross," he said. "I had to learn a solo in a couple of days just like they were on the record. If you blow something like that, then you may never get that opportunity again. You never know when opportunity will knock - preparation is the key."

The multi-talented instrumentalist said he plays three different saxophones; bass, tenor and soprano. He also plays the clarinet, flute and piano.

"I started with the piano," he said. "I use that as a writing tool for composition."

Tom Braxton educated about 40 students from different local high schools Friday during a music clinic about elements of music. He inspired students to work hard and to go for their dreams.

"We went over a wide variety of things-basics of sound production, blues progressions, how to read chord changes, Tom and different scales," he said.

Local companies helped fund the scholarship concert and the band. Sponsors included Lubbock Independent School District, the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal, the Tech College of Education, the Tech School of Law and AT&T.

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CBCF Summer Congressional Internship Program

The Summer Internship Program offers college or undergraduate students from across the nation the opportunity to learn about the legislative process, leadership and team development. CBCF provides interns housing and a stipend to cover related expenses. The program runs from late May until early August, one of the busiest legislative cycles in Congress.

Wal-Mart Emerging Leaders Internship Program

The Congressional Black Caucus Foundation, Inc. is pleased to announce a new college internship program called the CBCF Wal-Mart Emerging

Leaders Internship Program. This new program is designed to give minority students internship opportunities within the Legislative, Executive, and Judicial branches of the Federal government. Students who participate in this program will receive housing, a stipend, and a small travel allotment.

CBCF Eleanor Holmes Norton Capitol High School Leaders Program

The CBCF Eleanor Holmes Norton Capitol High School Leaders Program brings what students learn in school to life. Capitol Hill serves as an extension of the classroom while students experience the inner-workings of Congress and participate in our interactive educational curriculum. Students will also learn about applying to college, financial planning and professional development. CBCF provides interns with a stipend to cover program related expenses. Applicants must reside in or attend school in the District of Columbia.

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# Church News



## From the Desk of Parson D.A. Smith "A Test For LISD Superintendent"



## We Thank God for Jesus "Mean Streets Of America"

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

Perhaps some of you missed the report in the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal (February 8, 2008) on the Lubbock Independent School District. The report source of data was drawn from "Their Fair Share: How Texas-Sized Gaps in Teacher Quality Shortchange Poor and Minority Students" "The Education Trust" and the Associated Press.

It was interesting to be informed of the following: LISD total student enrollment is 28,196. 58.5 percent of the students are low income; 14.9 percent are Black. 48.2 percent are Hispanic. 34.9 percent are White. 5 percent are Native American and 1.8 percent are Asian/Pacific Islander.

The report noticed Black, Hispanic and low-income students in the Lubbock Independent School District lack the same access to quality teachers as their peers. The Education Trust Source had found the majority of teachers in the highest-minority schools in Texas' 50 largest school districts have less experience, lower salaries and higher turnover than teachers at more affluent school. It was highlighted by the "Education Trust's" president, Kati Haycock these children often enter school behind and need strong teachers to help them catch up. Not only does this pattern of teacher assignment undercut the life chances of hundreds of thousands of young Texans, but it also undercuts the future of the state as a

whole. "What the report found in LISD and made known by the staff of the AJ was a-

Percentage of teachers with fewer than three years of teaching experience in the richest schools is 7.2 percent and 19.1 percent in poorest schools.

Percentage of teachers with fewer than three years of teaching experience in the lowest-minority schools is 13.2 percent and 11.7 percent in highest-minority schools.

The average teacher salary gaps between the highest and lowest-poverty schools is \$1,420 in elementary schools, \$3,786 in middle schools and \$975 in high schools.

The average teacher salary gaps among the highest and lowest-minority schools is \$1,330 in elementary schools, \$3,786 in middle schools and \$975 in high schools.

The percentage of five-year average teacher turnover rates among the lowest-poverty schools is 30.5 percent and highest-poverty school 33.9 percent.

The percentage of five-year average teacher turnover rates among the lowest-minority schools is 31.9 percent and highest-minority schools 31.5 percent. Superintendent Wayne Hayes was reported as having a positive challenge to the report by saying "So when they take those years for a snapshot, it not a true snapshot of what is happening in the district. ... Hopefully, we can pull

together some ideas that all of us can use to help better serve our kids."

We are appreciative to Bobby Wilson for making it known to this community the challenge that lie ahead for us as a community if we want to continue to compete in a global world. The ethnic breakdown of the student enrollment points out the present day majority make up of LISD is Hispanic (48.2%), the second highest number is White (34.9%) and Blacks, Native Americans and Asian/Pacific Islanders are least among the totals.

Lubbock's Ethnic population profile as of 2005 was as follows: Anglo 58.5%; Hispanic 30% African Americans 8.6%; Asians 1.7% and Two or More Races 0.9%.

Lubbock Independent School District does not appear to follow this population pattern. The district is 48% Hispanic as to the population totaling 30% and whites or Anglos 34.9% as to the population totaling 58.5% and blacks or African American 14.9 percent as to the population totaling 8.6%. Another factor to consider is the population age factor. Those who are between the child bearing age of 18-24 in Lubbock are 11.7% and between the ages of 25-44 in Lubbock are 28.8%.

The 2005 median income was \$45,607. However, the number of low income students (students living the bottom of the income rung

Matthew 10:34-35a; 11:15 -- Jesus said, think not that I am come to bring peace on the earth; I came not to send peace, but a sword. For I am come to set a man at variance against his father, and the daughter against her mother, and a man's foes (enemies) shall be they of his own household. He that hath an ear, let him hear.

America walk off from God, and didn't want to do things as the Bible says, but went out to do her own thing which is wrong. To do things as flush say!!!

Luke 19:14 -- Jesus said but his citizens hated him, and sent a message after him, saying, we will not have this man to reign (Rule) over us.

\*\*\* Yes, America Has Left God!!! \*\*\*

America then kicked God out of her schools, homes, courthouses, and the violence begin. It's now in our homes, schools, courthouses. It's everywhere, and there is no end!!!

I Corinthians 5:6 -- (America) your glorying is not good. Know you not that a little leaven (Baking Powder) leavens the whole lump?

(When making bread, you can take a half T-spoon of baking powder, and put into bread, and it will make the whole lump rise all over the pan).

America was once blessed with plenty of oil, water, cotton and cattle was the best in the land,

but she yet wanted to the things that was wrong, and now it's gotten out of hand!!!

\*\*\* America Did Rob God!!! \*\*\*

(Rights without responsibilities leads to the violence: Abortion Rights, Kill The Abortion Doctor Rights, No Respect Rights, No Prayer In School Rights, Woman's Rights, White Rights, No Spanking Rights, Shacking rights, Gay Rights, Black Rights, Roadrage Rights, Gang Killing Rights, Drive By Shooting Rights, No Spanking Rights, Run Away Rights, Black Suicide Rights, Kill The Family Rights and many more of the Devil's Rights).

America gave out rights that all had rights. To do what they said in their heart. Now America is now bloody, and she is bleeding from all-Every member of her parts!!!

II Timothy 3:1-2 -- This know also that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boaters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, and unholy.

Now that America is in trouble, and the churches are not truly seeking after the Lord. God wants true worship from the mind, soul, and from the bottom of our heart!!!

I Peter 4:17 -- For the time is come that judgement must begin

in the House of God, and if it first begins at us, what shall the end be of them who obey not the Gospel of God?

\*\*\* Are The Churches About God's Business??? \*\*\*

America now has more locks and bars as well as alarms on her homes, trying to stay safe. It's like a snow ball rolling down a hill, picking up speed. It's coming yours and my way!!!

Luke 12:54-56 -- Jesus said, when you see a cloud rise out of the west, straightway you say, There comes a shower, and it is. And when you see the south wind blow, you say, there will be heat, and it comes to pass. You hypocrites, you can discern the face of the sky and of the earth, but how is it that you do not discern the times.

America's curjacking is at an all time high, and many ends in death for that car. Even the video game teaches it, and it's in America's heart, and it's gone too far!!!

Proverbs 17:15 -- He that justifies the wicked, and he that condemns the just, even they both are abomination to the Lord.

America has a domestic problem: spouses being pushed, slapped, kicked and even killed. People are being abused, misused, and America looks at it like a sport as it's for a thrill!!!

Isaiah 55:9 -- The Lord said, Continue on Page

# St. Matthew's Baptist Church News

Church services were well attended last Sunday morning, February 10, 2008, at the St. Matthew Baptist Church, 2020 east 14th Street, where the proud pastor is Rev. Edward Candy.

Services got underway with Sunday School with Sister Luella Harris in charge. What a wonderful lesson taught by Sister Nina Davis, our Sunday School teacher.

The lesson was reviewed by Pastor Canady. The subject was "Turning Our Lives Around". The scripture scripture was Luke 13:1-9.

The morning worship hour begun with devotion at 11:30 a.m., with Brother Gerald Hunter and Brother Ryheim Hunter in charge.

Again, the St. Matthew Baptist Church Senior Choir sung out of their hearts and souls for the Lord to the congregation. These dedicated choir members are always ready and eager to sing for the Lord.

Pastor Canady delivered another powerful message. His subject was a question which was "Do You Want To Be Healed?" His scripture text was John 5:5-6. What a timely sermon for all of us who were in attendance.

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

from whence we all come from. God is able!

As Black people, let us not forget from whence we all come from. In looking back over history, it's wonderful to see how much we have accomplished as a people. In order to keep this up, we (Black People) we need to keep our young Black children apprised of all things we have done. You see, there is Black History all

around our neighborhoods. For those of us who have been around for many years, it is our responsibility to tell the Black History story. Are you willing to do so?

As you remind these young people of our Black History, tell them of us.

Thought of the Week: If you are headed in the wrong direction, God allows U Turns!

## Outreach Prayer Breakfast

The members of the Outreach Prayer Breakfast would like for all of you to read this prayer, us hear from you about it?

**The New School Prayer**  
Now I sit down in school  
Where praying is against the rule  
For this great Nation under God  
Finds mention of Him very odd.

If Scripture now the class recites,  
It violates the Bill of rights.  
And anytime my head I bow  
Becomes a Federal matter now.

Our hair can be purple, orange or green,  
That's no offense; it's a freedom scene.  
The law is specific, the law is precise,  
Prayers spoken aloud are a serious vice.

For praying in a public hall  
Might offend someone with no faith at all.  
In silence alone we must meditate,  
God's name is prohibited by the state.

We're allowed to cuss and address like freaks,  
And pierce our noses, tongues and cheeks.  
They've outlawed guns, but FIRST the Bible.  
To quote the Good Book makes me liable.

We can elect a pregnant Senior Queen,  
And the 'unwed daddy', our Sen or King.  
It's "inappropriate" to teach right from wrong.  
We're taught that such "judgements" don't belong.

We can get our condoms and birth controls,  
Study witchcraft, vampires and tarot poles.  
But the Ten Commandments are not allowed.

No word of god must reach this crowd,  
It's scary here I must confess,  
When chaos reigns the school's a mess.  
So, Lor d, this silent plea I must make;  
Should I be shot;  
My soul please take! Amen.

Let us continue to pray for our sick and shut in residents. Let

them know you are thinking about them!

Continue to do your drive By Prayers, Saints! Pray that the best man be elected as President of our Nation!! Just Pray!!!

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

Thanks for reading, Saints! God is Love!!

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Jesus Christ died for our sins - 1 Cor. 15:3  
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How do you obey Him?  
How the gospel - Romans 10:17  
Believe Jesus Christ is the son of God - Mark 16:7  
Repent of your sins - Luke 13:3  
Confess - Romans 10:10  
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# Obsequies

## Clarence Edward Denson

Clarence Edward Denson was born July 16, 1939 in Honey Grove, Texas to Clarence & Mattie Mae Hurd Denson.

He graduated Donbax H. S., and attended Texas Southern University, Houston, TX and Haywood State University, CA, to receive a degree in Marketing. He did a two-year tour in the U S Army branch of the military, serving in Germany. He and Gwen lived in the Bay Area of California for some 31 yrs. He retired in Marketing Sales from The Carnation/Nestle Company, CA, having worked for Atlanta Life Ins, real estate sales, and various other ventures.

Gwendolyn Denson, his wife of forty-one years preceded him in death & father, Clarence Denson, Clarence & Mary Cato-Denson were married January 10, 2004, and upon Mary's retirement moved to Tyler, Texas November, 2007. He fell asleep at their home in Tyler, Texas, January 20, 2008.

Cherishing his memories are Mary Cato-Denson & Family, Mattie Mae Denson, Doris Meriwether & Family, Victor Roberson & Family, Fred Flewellen & Family, Patricia Ann Johns & Family, The Greater St Luke Missionary Baptist Church Family, a host of other family members, friends and co-workers.

Mary had complete (left) knee replacement surgery on January 18th in Tyler, and is now able to return to Lubbock to have the eulogy at Clarence's home church, and performed by the first person he introduced her to, Pastor J. H. Ford.

Services will be held Saturday, February 16, 2008 at 1:00 p.m. Greater St Luke Missionary Baptist Church, 306 East 26th Street, Lubbock, Texas 79404.

Interment, Peaceful Gardens Memorial Park, Ossie Curry



Funeral Home, Directors: Mrs. Mattie Denson is staying with her daughter, Doris Meriwether, and can be reached at (806) 744-3194, 4901 Harvard St, Lubbock, 79416.

Still convalescent, Mary Cato-Denson will be in Lubbock February 14-17 to receive friends, family, and visitors. The kind staff at Super8 Lubbock Hotel, 6510 I-27 South, Lubbock 79412 (806) 771-8000 will be happy to direct you to my room. Contact information for Mary is as follows: Mary Cato-Denson, 472 Princess Place, Tyler, Texas 75704. Telephone: (903) 597-0505 or Cell: (806) 781-7976.

Donations may be made to: Concerned Citizens Gwendolyn Denson Scholarship Fund P.O. Box 3475 Lubbock, TX 79452 (806) 793-5482

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## Bettie Jean Lott



Graveside services were held for Bettie Jean Richardson Lott on Wednesday morning, February 13, 2008, at the City of Lubbock Cemetery under the direction of Ossie Curry Funeral Home of Lubbock.

Officiating was Elder Leroy Greene. Prayer was offered by Elder R Raymond Loggins.

Pallbearers were Elder Leroy Greene, Lec Lott, Charles Lott, John D. Greene, and Marshall Cooper.

She passed away last Saturday, February 9, 2008, at Covenant Health System.

She was born in Carrollton, Carrol County, Mississippi on November 7, 1936 to the parents of Eddie Price Richardson and Helen Love-Richardson.

She attended public school in Greenwood, Mississippi. She married V. L. Lott. To this union four children were born.

She accepted Christ at an early age and united with the Bramaach Baptist Church. At the time of her death, she was a member of Martin Luther King Seventh day Adventist Church where she attended until her health failed her.

She leaves to cherish her memories: her four children: Lee E. Lott and Albert Lott, both of Lubbock; Rita Lott of Carrollton, Texas and Charles Lott of Fort Worth, Texas; her mother, Helen Hereford of Lubbock; a brother, Eddie P. Richardson, Jr. of Lubbock; other relatives and friends.

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## STATE OF CANCER IN TEXAS 2008

The purpose of this address is to focus your attention on the state of cancer in Texas and to issue a call to arms to all citizens of Texas to mobilize and unite in the fight against this common enemy. Working together we can eliminate cancer as a cause of illness and death in our community and thus ensure a healthier, better and more prosperous future in which we can pursue our own dreams and happiness and our children can as well. Our vision is that one day in the near future no man, woman or child will have to be afraid of dying from cancer.

Cancer, a group of over 100 different diseases, represents one of the greatest public health problems in the State of Texas. Most people have experienced cancer in the family, the worksite, among friends or acquaintances. According to the American Cancer Society, cancer is the most common cause of premature death before the age of 80, and one out of every two men, and one out of every three women will develop cancer during their lifetime.

In 2007, an estimated 95,310 men and women in Texas were diagnosed with cancer (skin cancers not included except for melanoma) and 37,030 died from it. The continued rapid population growth and increase in the number of people over age 40 will only worsen this situation. Over the next 10 years an estimated one million men and women in Texas will be diagnosed with cancer and

400,000 will die if something is not done. Additionally, financial losses from cancer in our state currently amount to 30 billion dollars annually.

However, 2/3rds of invasive cancers can be prevented and most deaths could be avoided if we immediately adopt a healthy life style and apply the best currently available preventive, screening and treatment technologies to the population at risk. The barrier to reducing the number of deaths from cancer is due to lack of organizational, financial and societal commitment.

Unfortunately, nobody in the USA is in a position to help us, because others are having problems of their own. So, it remains up to us to find the solution to reduce human suffering and the financial burden of cancer in our state.

In 1985, the Speaker of the House and Legislature passed resolution to develop the Texas Cancer Plan to work on lessening the cancer burden on the State, and to create the Texas Cancer Council to administer it. Funding for the Texas Cancer Plan and Texas Cancer Council comes from the tax dollars in the state budget. Texas was the first state in the Union to establish the state cancer plan and to fund it. The Texas Cancer Council is charged with creating, implementing and updating the Texas Cancer Plan. The Council through its competitive grant awards funded numerous



Dr. Davon Vugrin

community cancer control projects over the past two decades. The Council placed a special emphasis on helping the socio-economically disadvantaged population living in our state. Many of these pilot projects were phenomenally successful, and were reported nationally and internationally. Unfortunately, the Texas Cancer Council has been chronically under funded. In their first year of operation the Council received 3.5 million dollars for cancer control activities. In the ensuing twenty years, the population of Texas has increased by more than 50% while funding amounts have declined. While the Council staff stretched all available dollars to their maximum, their operational effect was greatly augmented and multiplied due to significant financial, manpower and facility resources contributed by grantees and their organizations. Many communities in Texas felt the beneficial impact from these funded cancer control projects.

However, substantially greater funding resources must be committed to cut the cancer death rate in half by the year 2015. Investing in the well-being of our citizens, allows Texas to remain productive and economically competitive in the USA and in the global market.

In 1998, the State Health Department, with funding from the Center for Disease Control, helped gather cancer control stakeholders from around the state to form the Texas Comprehensive Cancer Control Coalition. The Coalition has focused on cooperative public and private partnership efforts for the implementation of cancer prevention, early detection and treatment, professional training, cancer data collection and more recently cancer survivorship according to the blueprint in the Texas Cancer Plan. ([www.texas-cancercoalition.org](http://www.texas-cancercoalition.org))

In 2005, a large representative group of experts from around Texas produced a new Texas Cancer Plan, a blueprint for cancer prevention and control in our state for the next eight to ten years. Within a year another task-force developed and released a toolkit to help communities throughout Texas to organize and implement cancer control in their communities. Both, the Texas Cancer Plan and the Texas Cancer Control Toolkit were widely promoted and distributed and can be obtained from the Texas Cancer Council or accessed from their web site. ([www.tcc.state.tx.us](http://www.tcc.state.tx.us))

The Texas Cancer Registry at the Department of State Health Services earned a gold-standard award for cancer data collection and registrar operation. Annually they have received and processed approximately 140,000 reports of cancer data from 450 health facilities and 6 regional registries in the state. This data allows institutions, researchers, officials and the public to conduct research, to plan and implement effective, evidence supported cancer control interventions. Upon request the Cancer Registry provides interested parties with cancer and demographic data on the state, Health Services Regions, the Council of Government and county levels. A lot of this data can be accessed on their web site. ([www.dshs.state.tx.us/ter](http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/ter))

The Texas Cancer Information Web Portal was recently launched from the remodeled Texas Cancer Data Center to provide Texans with an extensive data and information about cancer and services in Texas. ([www.texas-cancer.info](http://www.texas-cancer.info))

In 2007, the Governor and the Texas Legislature introduced an initiative to invest 300 million dollars each year for the next ten years for cancer research. This money will fund cancer research in numerous institutions in Texas. On November 6, voters approved an amendment to authorize the issuance of bonds to fund cancer research to fight cancer in Texas. This is an investment in our future. At the present time, the Texas Cancer Research and Prevention Institute is being created to administer funds and coordinate research activities throughout Texas. Bonds are to be issued and funds collected. The Legislature needs to write the Institute budget into the state budget and needs to authorize disbursement of these funds. These activities will take a good portion of 2008 and may extend into 2009. We anticipate new research activities to commence in 2009. It will probably take several years before we start seeing the practical fruits from these new research initiatives. Such an unprecedented commitment of people and organizations throughout the entire state to fight cancer will most likely lead to

additional outside funding from the Federal Government and other sources. However, once the Institute is established the time-tested Texas Cancer Council will be dissolved, and responsibilities for implementation of the Texas Cancer Plan activities and prevention will be shifted to the newly established Institute.

The Texas Comprehensive Cancer Control Coalition (TCCCC) and its partners will work this year to focus public attention on cancer and cancer control issues. Coalition members will serve as the liaison between the Coalition and their respective community regions. The Texas Cancer Registry will support the TCCCC activities by providing supporting cancer registry data.

The Texas Cancer Registry is planning to release the Annual Cancer Report in February 2008. This spring the High Plains Division of the American Cancer Society will sponsor publication of the Texas Cancer Facts and Figures 2008 document, a deluxe version of the Annual Cancer Registry Report, for widespread distribution to the public.

This spring the Texas Cancer Registry will release The Colorectal Cancer in Texas Report. This will be a major tool in planning for colorectal cancer control activities throughout the state. Previously the Texas Cancer Registry had released Prostate Cancer in Texas (2006), Tobacco and Cancer in Texas (2006) and Cervical Cancer in Texas (2006) Reports. They are available on their web site or upon request. ([www.dshs.state.tx.us/ter/data.shtm#datainfo](http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/ter/data.shtm#datainfo))

Also this spring the Texas Comprehensive Cancer Control Coalition will release Costing Out the Texas Cancer Plan Implementation, a document with a special section on costing out cancer screening, early detection and treatment implementation in the uninsured economically disadvantaged population. This will be a working document to assist public officials and cancer control planners with allocation of needed resources.

We are issuing a call to arms to all citizens of Texas to mobilize and unite in the fight against the common enemy terrorizing our community for so long. This amounts to a declaration of war on cancer in our state. However, this fight has to be taken to, organized and staged in every community, every county and every section of Texas. Everyone is part of the problem; therefore everyone needs to be part of the solution. All citizens need to take a proac-

tive approach and get involved. Working together we can eliminate cancer as a cause of illness and death in our community. We want Texas to be the first state in the Union to achieve this goal. Healthy Texas will allow that Texas can and will be competitive on the national and international markets. A productive and successfully competitive Texas will bring greater prosperity to all of us. We want Texas to be a better, healthier and more prosperous place to live in. We want Texas to be the best place in the nation to pursue our own dreams and happiness. Our vision is that one day in the near future no man, woman or child will have to be afraid of dying from cancer.

### SPC to host National TRIO Day March 6

LEVELLAND - South Plains College will celebrate National TRIO Day with a luncheon from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on March 6 in the Sundown Room in the Student Center.

National Trio Day is part of the South Plains Trio Alliance which includes the following programs: Aguirre College-Student Support Services; Frank Phillips-Student Support Services; LEARN Inc.-Educational Talent Search and Educational Opportunity Center; Texas Tech University-McNair Scholars, Upward Bound and Upward Bound Math and Science; and West Texas A&M-McNair Scholars, Student Support Services and Upward Bound.

In 1965, Title IV of the Higher Education Act established the TRIO programs to help low-income Americans enter college, graduate and move on to participate more fully in America's economic and social life. Nationally, more than 10.5 million students benefit from these programs.

SPC offers two TRIO programs - the STAR Center and the Upward Bound Program.

The STAR Center (Student Support Services) program at SPC provides its participants the educational tools necessary to be successful in college. The program is designed to increase the rates of retention, graduation and/or transfer to a four-year institution of the students enrolled in the program. Eligible students receive academic and support services such as academic advising, transfer assistance/college visit opportunities, tutoring assistance and educational/cultural activities.

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## THIS 'N' THAT

by T.J. Patterson

**A BANK IS NEEDED IN EAST LUBBOCK! THIS N THAT** ... is still bewildered over the ... all these years ... there is no sentiment toward establishing a ... **BANK OR BRANCH BANK** ... East Lubbock. According to the numbers ... in District 2 ... where a larger portion of residents live ... there are more than 32,000 ... residents. Surely ... that alone should get the attention of the banking institutions in Lubbock. Of course ... this does not include the many businesses and industrial venues in this part of the city. If you look back in history ... it will be revealed that ... many residents in this area do bank at some banking institution ... and this should also serve as a catalyst. Just as the national theme is being shouted loud and clear ... "CHANGE!" ... Oh y Yes, things must change and all parts of any city should have an equitable opportunity ... to have all the basic needs in any community. At present time ... one of those needs is some sort of a ... **BANK**. No doubt about it ... **THIS N THAT** ... as well as others are appreciative of the efforts by ... Plains Capital Bank ... with a ATM on the corner of Parkway Drive &

MLK Blvd. ... and the efforts of the ... Wells Fargo Bank with an effort at the United Supermarket on Parkway Drive. Surely ... with the ... **TWENTY-FIVE BANKS IN LUBBOCK** ... shouldn't there be at least ... **ONE** ... in East Lubbock? Hope there are some of you who agree with ... **THIS N THAT!**

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Lubbock ...

**PENNY HASTINGS THE BARBER SAYS: "BLACK FOLK ... we had better ... put on our ... VOTING TOGS ... because this could very well be the year ... when last becomes first..."**

**BLACK SUMMIT MADE SENSE! THIS N THAT** ... appreciates the effort to bring a ... **BLACK SUMMIT** ... on the campus of ... Texas Tech University ... today. Now ... it is time to bring some of those ideas and use daily!!

### Trio Program Set Continued from Page 5

The Upward Bound program provides young students with the skills they need to be successful in college. Participants receive academic, personal and cultural enrichment to prepare them for higher education. Students enrolled in the ninth through eleventh grades are eligible for the program. The SPC Upward Bound Program serves students from Brownfield, Levelland, Littlefield, Morton, Whiteface and Whitharral.

For information about the STAR Center, contact Rita Quinonez-Prieto, director, at 806-894-9611 ext. 2751. For Upward Bound, contact Chris Riley, director, at 806-894-9611 ext. 2651.

## Think About It!

### !The Biblical Jubilee!

by Eddie P. Richardson

When Jesus announced His central mission, He illustrated how the Jubilee would work by extending the traditional boundaries of family beyond the nation of Israel. Jesus now included foreign and all the nations of the earth in the provisions of Gods Jubilee. He went far beyond the concept of physical liberation to offer spiritual liberation—salvation through Gods grace.

**Jubilee Now!!**

What, then, are the implications for Jubilee today? As the church moves toward a better understanding of biblical Jubilee some elements will be apparent. First the Jubilee is always associated with the activity and presence of God's spirit as explicitly stated

in Isaiah 61 and Luke 4 accounts: in Leviticus account, the Lord speaks directly to Moses. The church will yield abundant fruitfulness of Jubilee wisdom as it considers the biblical Jubilee through its consistent surrender to Gods Holy Spirit.

As a church, as a nation, as a people the whole polity, the whole family, the whole humanity, we will remember to profit of our selves and our common Future that that Jubilee is a universal mandate for a civil world and a civil society. No Jubilee, no justice no jubilee! Jubilee will not be denied. And, with our wholehearted participation, it will also be judgment, is not judgment already upon America and the world? Witness the conflicts and

destructive, on a scale unmatched at home and abroad.

As we explore its provisions for self-justification of every kind of injustice and hostility that builds up in individuals, families, and societies. Skeptics say that Jubilee cannot work. But it can also be said that whether or not Jubilee can work, we will not know until we have put its principles into practice.

As a people I promise coming into a land of promise having in our own hand The Book of Promise, we can do no better than study Gods word and pray earnestly that God who gives us the courage to keep faith in His Promise. This will show us to a bright and new Jubilee Future!!

### Education Summit Focuses on African-American Students

The educational challenges and opportunities facing African-American students are the subject of an all-day summit Feb. 14 at the Market Alumni Center on the Texas Tech University campus.

The African-American Education Summit is part of an effort to empower the African-

American community throughout West Texas by addressing issues ranging from student underachievement to strengthening the pipeline of African-American students through college and into graduate school. The African-American Leadership Forum, Lubbock Independent School

District and the Texas Tech Office of Institutional Diversity will host the summit.

The African-American Education Summit is an outgrowth of discussions begun during meetings of the Texas Tech University System Chancellor Kent Hance's African-American Enrollment Task Force coordinated by the Special Assistant for Institutional Diversity Juan S. Munoz.

## AMERICA SAVES FOR RETIREMENT

By Ray Vigil  
Social Security Public Affairs Specialist in El Paso

Social Security is proud to be a part of America Saves Week. America Saves Week takes place February 24 to March 2. America Saves is a nationwide campaign involving a broad coalition of more than 1,000 nonprofit, corporate, and government agencies, groups and organizations. The campaign was designed to help individuals and families save and build wealth.

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Many people believe that low- and moderate-income families cannot afford to save and build wealth. Yet research shows that there are "savers" and "spenders" in all income classes and almost everyone has the ability to build wealth over time.

We at Social Security share the goal of America Saves Week: to encourage all Americans to save, and to help them do just that.

For more information visit [www.americasavesweek.org](http://www.americasavesweek.org)

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a Social Security Statement in the mail. The Statement gives you an estimate, based on current earnings, of what you might expect in Social Security retirement benefits. And by using our online Retirement Planner, you can personalize various financial scenarios to determine what your individual retirement plan should look like. Visit the Retirement Planner at [www.socialsecurity.gov/retire2](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/retire2).

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for as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.

## In Cinque

by Renetta Howard



Howard

Since Brown v. The Board of Education there has been some weird things happening in Education. When desegregation of Southern public schools went into force and action, it was met with much resistance as the old segregated, 'Jim Crow' system seemed best for too many people. Many of these schools were monitored by the Federal Government to make certain that they attain an adequate level of integration of the races.

Because of the neighborhood school system in many large cities, it became necessary to have

lotteries to integrate some schools and a mandatory bussing of students in some due to the ghetto type of housing wherein you had only one ethnic group living in the neighborhood. Naturally, the neighborhood school would consist of one ethnic group and that would be the only ethnic group in that particular school.

Some cities adopted the 'free choice' system wherein regardless to where a student lived, he could attend the school of his choice as long as there was space available. Then there was the zoned 'free choice' system wherein a city was divided into zones and a student could choose a school to attend in the zone where he lived.

These methods of integration and desegregation worked pretty good in some cities and in others, failure and the erection of charter and private schools, along with home schooling, have been on the rise.

In Southern cities, it appears

that the public school systems are ninety-eight percent Black or African-American and the private schools are 98 percent White or Caucasian. Because private schools are quite expensive, the White students who attend public schools are usually not able to afford the fees or their parents feel it will be a waste of money to pay for their attendance in a private school. African American students who attend private schools some how feel that the public schools are not meeting their needs.

For many students, public schools are not meeting their needs, especially in small towns where all of the titled members of the central offices are friends, relatives, fraternity or sorority members and in some instances 'buddy buddy' with the school board members and have a tendency to show favoritism and partiality toward certain children in the

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In addition to his daily talk show, Mr. Williams has appeared in several high-profile projects. In January, 2006, Mr. Williams became the national spokesman for The Partnership for Prescription Assistance (PPA), a patient assistance clearinghouse program which has matched more than 1.2 million Americans to public and private patient assistance programs providing them with free or nearly free medicines. He has appeared in a series of PPA television commercials and has embarked on a countrywide speaking tour to educate the public on PPA programs.

Mr. Williams enjoys acting and performs whenever his schedule permits. Over the past few years, viewers may have seen him on hit television programs including "All My Children," "American Dreams" and "JAG." He is very proud of his appearance off-Broadway in "The Exonerated" which tells the true stories of six innocent survivors on death row. In 2003, he performed in a special version of the play with Aidan Quinn and Mia Farrow in front of 900 lawyers at the American Bar Association's annual meeting.

Mr. Williams is also an accomplished author who has published six books to date. His New York Times best-selling autobiography, "Climbing Higher," was published in January 2004 and details his struggle with Multiple Sclerosis. This intensely personal story, which follows his diagnosis through his darkest days of despair, tells of his ultimate acceptance of his disease. In the book, Mr. Williams addresses issues of broad importance, such as medical marijuana and the cost of state-of-the-art drugs. He also published the New York Times best-selling fitness book titled "BodyChange," which he co-authored with expert Win Lingavi, and authored the motivational autobiography "Mountain, Get Out of My Way," also a New York Times best-seller.

When he was diagnosed with MS in 1999, Mr. Williams made a pledge to use his celebrity to find a cure. Because of his unique position, he has had access to the latest research being conducted around the world. True to his word, he established The Montel Williams MS Foundation in 2000 to further the scientific study of MS, provide financial assistance to select organizations and institutions conducting research, raise national awareness, and educate the public. In a short time, the organization has reached several milestones: It has granted over \$1 million dollars to research; it has supported a study done at The Karolinska Institute in Sweden which discovered an MS gene; and it is producing its first major public event - a bike-a-thon - to be held on September 30, 2006, in Sag Harbor, N.Y. For more information on the foundation or events, please log onto [www.mon-telms.org](http://www.mon-telms.org).

One of Mr. Williams' key beliefs is that "success is determined by what you give back to others," which is why he has worked actively with a variety of charitable organizations throughout the years. (For details, please see his list of Distinctive Achievements.)

Mr. Williams began his professional career in the U.S. Marine Corps in 1974 when he enlisted in his hometown of Baltimore after graduating high school. After six months, he was meritatorially promoted twice, and in 1975, became the first black Marine selected to the Naval Academy Prep School who then went on to graduate from the Naval Academy.

Upon graduation from Prep School, Mr. Williams received a presidential appointment to the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md., where he studied Mandarin Chinese, and graduated

with a degree in General Engineering and a minor in International Security Affairs. He was then selected as special duty intelligence officer, specializing in cryptology.

Honorably decorated, Mr. Williams has received numerous awards and distinctions throughout his naval career, including the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, two Navy Expeditionary Medals, two Humanitarian Service Medals, a Navy Achievement Medal, two Navy Commendation Medals and two Meritorious Service Awards - the latter of which is rarely awarded twice.

Mr. Williams has four children, ages 11 through 22, and resides in New York City. He is an avid snowboarder, who finds the sport challenging and therapeutic, relieving him of some of the neuralgic pain in his legs. In addition to being an accomplished talk-show host, he is also the owner of several successful Fuburger restaurants in Colorado. Voted Franchisee of the Year three years in a row, Mr. Williams is committed to excellence in everything he does. Mr. Williams recently celebrated his 50th birthday with a birthday party in Manhattan where he announced his engagement to Tara Fowler.

**Lisa Davis**  
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five director. The awards are chosen by a committee of alumni, volunteers, former recipients and the College

**Parson Smith**  
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equal to 58.6 percent of LISD. Lubbock Independent School District Superintendent Wayne Haves has his work cut out for him so to speak in an economy that is weakening an a government that is so much in financial debt to foreign countries that it will not be able to step up to the plate and our great-great-grandchildren will barely be able to pay.

**In Cinque**

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school system and to certain teachers and other employees. Parents matter when they complain about their children and in some instances get special treatment. This kind of atmosphere does not foster education. It brings down the morale in a school and pretty soon there is an atmosphere in the community which can destroy it. Teacher morale drops to new lows and this is disastrous. It is time that we get 'in cinque' and take inventory of our schools in small towns and give them a 'shot of morality.'

of Education faculty. Each honoree receives \$2,250 along with a specially commissioned bronze sculpture. Davis will be honored February 22 by University of Texas President Dill Powers in Austin. Contact: Brian Yearwood, 766-1755 Texas Contact: Susan Kessler, 512-471-3802. For more information: LISD

**Notice of Opportunity for a Public Hearing**

Re: City of Lubbock/Citibus Section 5307 capital and planning grant application for fiscal year 2007-2008; Section 5309 earmark funding for vehicle replacements; and Section 5309 earmark funding for land acquisition and building expansion/renovations.

Notice is hereby given that an opportunity for a public hearing will occur on February 26, 2008, at 12 noon at the Citibus Conference Room, 801 Texas Avenue. The purpose of this hearing is to consider financial assistance under the Federal Transit Act of 1964, as amended, for the following programs:

Section 5307 Capital Assistance - This program cost is estimated at \$3,090,120, \$2,472,096 of which will be provided by Federal Transit Administration Section 5307 funds and \$618,024 as local match. This funding will be used to purchase bus shelters, preventive maintenance, security cameras, misc. support equipment, technology upgrades, and non-fixed route ADA services.

Section 5309 Planning - This program cost is estimated at \$250,000, \$200,000 of which will be provided by the Federal Transit Administration Section 5309 funds and \$50,000 as local match. This funding will be used to provide various planning activities and maintenance of eligibility.

Section 5309 Transit Enhancements - This program cost is estimated at \$33,738, \$26,990 of which will be provided by the Federal Transit Administration and \$6,748 as local match. These funds will be used to provide bus shelters, benches, and other passenger amenities.

Section 5309 Bus Replacement - This program cost is estimated at \$18,000,000, which will be provided by the Federal Transit Administration Section 5309 funds; Citibus intends to request \$2,500,000 in Transportation Development Credits to provide the local match. The funds will be used to replace Citibus' fleet of 36 1996 buses with hybrid electric vehicles.

Section 5309 Land Acquisition and Facility Expansion/Renovation - This program cost is estimated at \$7,600,000, which will be provided by Federal Transit Administration Section 5309 funds; Citibus intends to request \$1,900,000 in Transportation Development Credits to provide the local match. The estimated cost for this project includes land acquisition, demolition, architectural/engineering fees, and building construction and renovation.

Interested individuals and agencies may submit evidence and recommendations orally or in writing before 5:00 p.m. on February 25, 2008. Written comments may be addressed to Citibus Planning Department, PO Box 2000, Lubbock, Texas, 79457; emailed to [mharvey@citibus.com](mailto:mharvey@citibus.com); or faxed to 806-712-2012. Oral comments may be made by calling 806-712-2003. Written documentation on the above projects is available at the Citibus offices, 801 Texas Avenue.

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