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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 3rd Thursday at 6:00 pm 1303 East 24th St. (outreach center/party house)
- West Texas Native American Association Pot Luck Supper meets on alternating months prior to meeting, meetings held on 2nd Saturday of each month at 7:00 pm, Educational presentations and demonstrations.
- Texas Juneteenth Cultural & Historical Commission - Lubbock Affiliate meets at Patterson Branch Library every 3rd Thursday 7:00 pm
- West Texas Native American Association meets 2nd Saturday each month at Groves Library, 5520 19th Street, 7:30 p.m.
- West Texas Chapter of 100 Black Men meets the 3rd Monday evening at 7:00 pm at the Parkway Neighborhood Center.
- The Parkway Guadalupe & Cherry-Point Neighborhood Association meets the 3rd Tuesday evening of each month at 7:30 pm at Parkway Neighborhood Center.

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Ashley to seek mayoral post in Littlefield



Ashley

A veteran Littlefield City Councilman, Van Ashley, is seeking the post of mayor during upcoming election on Saturday, May 7, 2005. At present time he serves as Mayor Pro Tem.

He was elected as a Littlefield City Councilman in 1988, and is presently serving as Mayor Pro Tem. He also serves

on the Board of Directors of two state efforts, the Texas Municipal League (TML) and the Association of Mayors and City Council Members (AMCC). He has also served as a member of the TML Legislative Policy Committee in 1995, and earned the "Spot Light" award from the Littlefield Chamber of Commerce as well as the "Citizen of the Year" award. Ashley served on the Planning and Neighborhood Improvement Committee in Littlefield, as well as the Parks and Recreation Board, served as a member of the Redistricting Committee in 1987 and the Charter Amendment Committee in 1994.

An ordained Deacon at the Irvin Street Baptist Church, he has served as president of the Littlefield Lions Club from 1995 to 1996. He has also served as president of the Dunbar Ex-Students Association. He served as president of the South Plains

Association of Governments (SPAG) from 1999 to 2001.

He speaks about his effort, with the cooperation of the Littlefield citizens, to pass the one-cent sales tax for economic development "With the utilization of this tax, over 150 jobs were created in the Littlefield vicinity since 1995 and the Littlefield tax base has increased by more than 13%," he says.

Another accomplishment, Mayor Pro Tem Ashley is proud of being a part is the more than \$2,000,000 in grants received during his effort to enhance street improvements in Littlefield.

"I want to continue the citizens of Littlefield as their Mayor. This truly will be the beginning of a new beginning for all of us," he says.

A "Black Tie Political Rally Dinner" was given in his honor Saturday night, April 23, 2005. The theme was "Experiencing A New Beginning."

Buddy Holly Center exhibition offers a glimpse into art that might have been

The Buddy Holly Center will be presenting a traveling exhibition from the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, *The Greatest Album Covers That Never Were*. The exhibit will be on display from April 19 through July 9, 2005 in the Buddy Holly



Pictured here is an artist's conception of an Elvin Jones jazz album.

Center's Texas Musicians Hall of Fame. Conceived by music architect Michael Ochs and graphic designer Craig Butler, this exhibit evokes the lost artistic expression of album cover

art. In the mid-sixties, album covers were one of the most important art forms that artists and musicians used to capture audiences. From Fleetwood Mac to Black Sabbath, musicians everywhere were hiring artists to create album covers that personified the spirit of their music. These 12" by 12" cardboard sleeves served as canvases for artists to express through design. The music that lay within. The Rolling Stones and the Beatles were widely known for their enigmatic album covers designed by artists such as Andy Warhol, Richard Hamilton, and Peter Blake.

Nevertheless, as time faded so did this once significant art form. At first, the introduction of cassette tapes and compact discs only minimized the canvas size. But soon, the LP slowly vanished into the abyss of the MTV and downloadable music generation.

The Greatest Album Covers That Never Were has breathed new life to the lost art by giving nearly one hundred artists the opportunity to produce a fantasy album cover for a band or musician of their choice. Choosing



Frank Sinatra is characterized in this artist's depiction of an album that never was.

genres ranging from soul, country, rock, blues, and jazz, each artist was inspired to freely create a personal interpretation of what they felt the subject embodied. Artists featured in this exhibit have established

Do you remember the Wilsonaires?



Glory Bound Train All A Board!

During the administration of the late Rev. W. Wilson, pastor of the Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church, there was group of singing ladies called "The Wilsonaires."

They are, from left to right: L.T. Norman, Beulah Winters, Ruth Robinson, Ollie Coleman and Nettie Phillips.

If you remember them, then give us a call at the Southwest Digest at (806) 762-3612.

Hollins to graduate on May 7th!



Christie A. Gibson-Hollins will receive her Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting from Lubbock Christian University during the Commencement Exercises on Saturday, May 7, 2005, at the Rip Griffin Center, 26th Street and Chicago Avenue, beginning at 10:00 a.m.

The Southwest Digest says Congratulations!

themselves through careers in graphic design, advertising, music, and film. Many have designed album covers in the past for various musicians and bands. For example, AJan Aldndge has designed covers for The Who, The Beatles, Eiton John, Pink Floyd, Led Zeppelin, and more. Josh "Shag" Agle, creator of the Frank Sinatra cover (upper left) considers himself more of an illustrator than a fine artist. Despite his opinion, collectors everywhere often seek out his work as they would a masterpiece.

The Greatest Album Covers That Never Were is a traveling exhibition originally organized by The Rock and Roll Hall of

Fame and Museum. Lubbock's very own Buddy Holly Center will be the only venue in Texas displaying this collection of works. Over fifty album covers will fill the walls of the gallery in this reviving exhibit. Visitors are sure to be enthralled with the concept and designs that many of the artists present in their work.

For more information about this exhibit or other events, please contact the staff at the Buddy Holly Center at (806) 767-2686 or visit us online at www.buddyhollycenter.org. The Buddy Holly Center is located at 1801 Avenue G in the Depot District of Lubbock, Texas.

Dedication set for Quest Fountain and celebration of Arbor Day

The City of Lubbock will commemorate Arbor Day, the Trees Across Texas program, and will dedicate the Audrey Anna Quest Memorial Fountain on Friday, April 29, 2005 at 10:00 a.m. in the Quest Memorial Grove located in the Buddy Holly Recreation Area. Present at the ceremony will be Dr. A. E. Quest who is a long-time supporter of Lubbock's parks. Dr. Quest and his late wife, Audrey, established the A. E. (Gene) Quest Memorial Grove, a grove of over eighty trees, located at the Buddy Holly Recreation Area. Participating in the ceremony will be Council representatives Linda DeLeon, Floyd

Price and Phyllis Jones, as well as Steven Stanphill, Texas Forest Service, and former City Councilman T.J. Patterson.

The Quest Family's latest contribution to the Quest Memorial Grove is a pond and bubbling fountain, which will be dedicated during Friday's Arbor Day ceremony. Dr. and Mrs. Quest began the Memorial Grove in 1981 and dedicated it to the youth of Lubbock. Mrs. Quest was a former teacher and loved children. She passed away in 2002. Dr. Quest and their children, Art and Jeanie, have built the Audrey Anna Quest Memorial Fountain in the Quest Memorial

Grove in memory and in honor of Mrs. Quest. Following the dedication and ribbon-cutting for the fountain, Dr. Gerald Dolter and students from the Texas Tech University School of Music will sing a song entitled, "Oh Lord, Look What Thou Hath Done," composed by the late Dr. Houston Bright, Texas A&M School of Music, with words written by Dr. Quest.

Former long-time Councilman T. J. Patterson and Dr. A. E. Quest created the Trees Across Texas program in 2000, where the City of Lubbock has a symbolic tree exchange with another Tree City USA member in

Texas. Each city plants a tree indigenous to the habitat of the partner city. The first Texas city to participate with Lubbock was the City of Lufkin. This year, Councilwoman Linda DeLeon has asked the City of Allen to participate in this tree exchange program, and a red oak has been planted in their honor. Our partnership with the City of Allen will be recognized during the Arbor Day Ceremony.

The Quest Memorial Grove is located in Buddy Holly Recreation Area in the Jim Bertram Lake System. It is located east of North University on Canyon Lakes Drive. The 2005

Arbor Day Ceremony and Fountain Dedication will take place by the fountain, which is located on the south side of the lake with pedestrian access from the bridge adjacent to North University.

Event information

Date: Friday, April 29, 2005
Time: 10:00 a.m.
Location: Quest Memorial Grove located in the Buddy Holly Recreation Area, just east of North University on Canyon Lakes Drive.

Time for us to celebrate "What Happens When Women Pray"

It's a "Celebration!" For this happens when women pray. May 17, 2005 will be two years since the date we started, and God has blessed us and answered our prayers. Matthew 7:7 states, "And it shall be given you."

The Lord has answered 120 requests this year!

"What Happens when women Pray?"

Philippians 4:6 - Says be careful for nothing; but in everything by prayer and sup-

plication with thanksgiving let your request be made known unto God.

We have come to celebrate what happens when women pray. It was May 20, 2003 at 10:00 p.m. that the Lord gave us the vision. We did not know the names of seven ladies, when we met I told them what the Lord gave me. As of May 20th it will be two years since the Lord gave the vision. Awe have prayed every Tuesday, from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Every third Tuesday, we visit and pray

for the sick and shut-ins. Our membership has grown from 18

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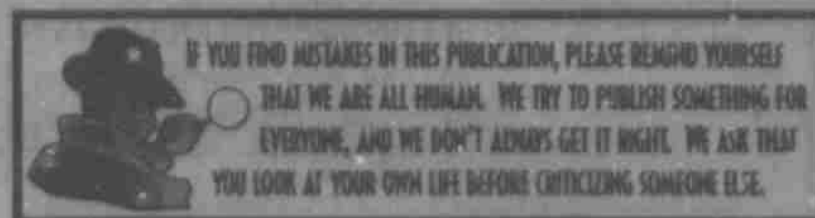
and more with new members. The Lord has blessed each one of us through our prayers on

one accord. The Lord has answered our prayer requests we have received, Matthew 7:7, says ask and it shall be given you. All the honor and praise belongs to God and not us.

We had four weeks of prayer for Love. We pray for our National leaders. I thank God

for bringing us together. We want to let you know God does answer prayer.

We will Celebrate "What Happens When Women Pray?" We will be meeting on May 17, 2005, from 12:00 Noon to 1:00 p.m. Looking forward to seeing each of you!



Chatman Hills Corner

By Doris Reynolds

Let us keep this date in mind, June 3, 2005! This is the date for the 1st Annual Community Champion Award Banquet, sponsored by the North & East Lubbock Community Development Corporation. It will be held at the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center Banquet Hall, beginning at 7:00 p. m. During this function, T. J. Patterson will receive the 2005 Champion Award. His cousin, the Honorable Emanuel Cleaver, II, U. S. Congressman, 5th District, Mo., will be the keynote speaker.

For more information, call the North & East Lubbock CDC at (806) 747-5937.

Words come to this writer that the tickets for the upcoming "A Rootin Tootin Old Fashion Southwest Digest Appreciation Celebration" are going well at this report. This event is set for Friday night, May 6, 2005, beginning at 7:00 p.m. at the Health Point, 4004 82nd Street. For more information, call Shirley Roberson at (806) 773-6097.

It should be an interesting event. Hope we will see you in the house on that evening.

The Martin Luther King, Jr. Boys Mass Choir is still rehearsing every Saturday afternoon at 2:00 p. m. at the Mt. Gilead Baptist Church, 2512 Fir Avenue. Rev. J. Jerome Johnson, pastor, serves as director. They are scheduled to sing at the 1st

Annual Community Champion Award Banquet set for Friday night, June 3, 2005.

Yasmina Elise Wright, four and one-half month old daughter of Byron and Alicia Wright, granddaughter of John and Linda Henderson and great-granddaughter of Mattie Beaty, went home this week after being delivered four and one-half months early at Covenant Medical Center. Yasmina, known as "Mina", was born December 1, 2004, weighing one pound and one ounce and ten and one-half inch long. Since birth, "Mina" has had many mountains to climb, including three major surgeries. But through it all, her family's faith and trust in God has brought her through. The family members would like to thank the Covenant Neonatal Intensive Care team and Dr. Edwin Contreras. It is because of all of your prayers, "Mina" is now at home.

Rev. Eddie L. Everline, Jr., has announced that the Revival set for April 26 & 27, 2005, at Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church, 2202 Southeast Drive, will be rescheduled later. According to Rev. Everline, a new date will be announced in the near future.

Let us continue to pray for those who are sick and shut-in. There are many whom we do not know, but we do not doubt that

prayer is the answer.

Word comes that Brother W. H. Pitts is doing well at the Lubbock Hospitality Center, 4740 Slide Road. He will always be remembered as he was always seen in his "blue and white" truck. He was always faithful in distributing the Southwest Digest each week.

Let us not forget those who have lost loved ones. One of our longtime residents, Sister Verlina M. Carroll, was funeralized here last Friday afternoon, April 22, 2005, at the Lyons Chapel Baptist Church.

Shelia Harris, a supervisor for the Lubbock Youth Center, presented a very good message at the Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church as she talked about juvenile problems in Lubbock. It was very interesting information, and would recommend for other churches to invite her to share this experience with other youth as well as their parents. It was a very interesting presentation. Hopefully, some other churches will call her to come and make her presentation.

This column is still offering any of you an opportunity to send some of your family and church news, as it is important to let the public know what you are about. Just send your information to: Southwest Digest, P.O. Box 2553, Lubbock, Texas 79408. Let us hear from you.

FASHION FUN

with Shirley Roberson

Western Hats

Ladies the next time you're out shopping, check out the western hats. They are absolutely everywhere! They will also be a great fashion accessory for you to wear

when you attend the Rootin' Tootin' Old Fashioned Southwest Digest Celebration that is happening next Friday, May 6!

This season, these hats will be all the style you'll need to step out on a beautiful day, they are plentiful, beautiful, colorful and excitingly cowboyish.

Western hats are life savers, the perfect hat to grab when you're not too certain or in a hurry, your

western hat will fashionably take you from casual to dressy, from ordinary to extraordinary, from plain to just plain good looking.

Go ahead, be bold and different! GO COWGIRL SILLY AND HAVE A HEU-HAW GOOD TIME! HOW GREAT IS THAT! FASHION Tip... Always wear a smile! Fashion... Just for the fun of it.

Army All-American to get early start at Tech

San Antonio, TX - One player who participated in the 2005 U.S. Army All-American Bowl will be joining the Red Raiders early this year. While most of the other football players from this year's recruiting class will not be joining their team until fall practice in August, Todd Walker will start this spring. Walker will be

enrolled in classes at Texas Tech and participating The U.S. Army All-American Bowl features 78 of the top players from across the country. This year, the West won the All-American Bowl 35-3. Walker played multiple positions on offense, defense and special teams throughout the course of the game and was recruited to Texas Tech as an athlete.

ball talent and contributor to ESPN Sports and USA Today, selected all of the players from both East and West teams.

More information on the game and its players can be found at www.allamericangames.com.



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Is your child excelling at school or church?

What about an upcoming event you want to share with your neighbors?

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In Remembrance

Verlina Margene Carroll

Funeral services for Verlina Margene Carroll were held last Friday afternoon, April 22, 2005, at the Lyons Chapel Baptist Church with Rev. W. D. Davis, pastor, officiating.

Burial was held in Peaceful Gardens Memorial Park in Woodrow, Texas under the direction of Jamison Funeral Home of Lubbock.

Mrs. Carroll passed away here at Covenant Medical Center on Thursday, April 14, 2005, after an

illness.

Donald M. Gilmore

Funeral services for Donald M. Gilmore were held Thursday afternoon, April 21, 2005, at the Resthaven Abbey Chapel with Bishop Samuel King and Minister Gerald Gilmore officiating.

Interment was held in Resthaven Memorial Park.

Mr. Gilmore passed away Sunday, April 17, 2005. He was born in Birmingham,

Alabama on October 16, 1949 to James and Priscilla Williams Gilmore. He graduated from East High School in Cleveland, Ohio, and attended Central State University. He was a U. S. Army veteran. He married Gail Jones August 10, 1968 in Cleveland. He later married Delores Sheppard in Birmingham.

A daughter, Donnetta M. Gilmore White, preceded him in death.

He is survived by his wife, Delores Gilmore; sons: Jaleel, Donald, Jr. and Roland; a daughter, Deonica; three grandchildren; his parents, James and Priscilla Gilmore; grandmother, Elizabeth Owens; four brothers: James, Jr., Davis, Gregory and Gerald; a sister, Gladys Hardaway; and many loving nieces, nephews and friends.

Texas Tech University Lubbock Chapter of Black Alumni GOLF TOURNAMENT



May 9, 2005 The Rawls Course
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You are cordially invited to participate with an Endowment Fundraising Golf Tournament benefitting the TTU-Lubbock Chapter of Black Alumni

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INFORMATION:

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Church News



We Thank God for Jesus "America Is Reaping Her Sins!"

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

Jeremiah 8:7-8a - The Lord said yes, the stork in the heaven knows her appointed time, and the turtle, the crane and the swallow observe the time of their coming, but my people know not the judgment of the Lord. How do you say, we are wise, and the law of the Lord is with us.

America was founded on the word of God. It was her guidelines and the people just wanted to be free, like Adam, to use their own minds.

John 8:31-32 - Jesus said, if you continue in my word, then are you my disciples indeed, and you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

When the churches marched, and didn't obey the law. Policemen, that was the beginning of America's troubles in this sweet homeland!

1 Peter 2:13-16 - Submit yourselves (Christians) to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake; whether it be to the King (President), as unto one that is sent by him (Policemen) for the punishment of evildoers (marchers), and for the praises of them that do well. For so is the will of God that with well doing you may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men as free,

and not using your liberty for a cloak of maliciousness (law breaker), but as the servants of God

***** Yes, The Christians Did Rob God!*****

The children watched the adults and the leaders. The law they didn't obey. The children now use the same - My rights - to be disobedient to parents today!

1 Corinthians 5:6 - Your glorying is not good. Know you not that a little leaven (sin). Leaven is the whole lump (America).

America is now bringing forth her fruits, the sin of her own labor. Rights to kill the family and anyone else, even my neighbors!

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

(One thing about planting, you can take a gallon of corn to the field and plant it. But when you reap it, you will need a pick-up truck to bring it in. You always get 100% more than you put out).

America is raising a nation of liars and killers, like Adam and Cain. They'll commit the crime, and then have rights to try to play insane!

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

****** America Reaping What She Planted******

America is full of mankind rights, and they are never so wrong, America needs to return to the Lord God Almighty where she belongs.

Deuteronomy 28:16-20 - The Lord said, cursed shall you be in the city. Cursed shall you be in the field. Cursed shall be your basket and your store. Cursed shall be the fruit of your body, and the fruit of your land. The increase of your cattle, and the flock of your sheep. Cursed shall you be when you come in, and cursed shall be when you go out. The Lord shall send upon thee cursing, vexation, and rebuke, in all that you settest your hands to do. Unto you be destroyed, and until you perish quickly, because of the meekness of your doing. Whereby you have forsaken me.



From the Desk of Parson D.A. Smith In the Closet Political Gambling

There is something sinister going on in these United States. Using God to achieve political and economic gain is very dangerous game. It appears that as if who some has identified as the most influential evangelical Protestants in America are making it their business to shove down the throats of all their conservative idealism.

On the evening of April 24, 2005 at a megachurch in Kentucky, Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist is to take part in a telecast. Frist will lock arms with the following evangelical Protestants: Dr. James C. Dodson, founder of Focus on the Family; Chuck Colson, the born-again Watergate figure and founder of Prison Fellowship Ministries and Dr. Al Mohler, president of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

The purpose of the telecast is to inform Americans how Democrats use "the filibuster against people of faith." Black Americans need to be aware that political creatures such as these are playing with a load deck of political and religious cards. Black American needed to be watchful every day of their lives

of these wolfs in sheep clothing. You may have the church, but they own the land. The owner of the land is your Master.

While this writer and most black Americans are aware that the filibuster tactic were often used by political minorities and shameful employed by opponents of civil rights, we are also aware of the slight of hands when dealing the cards.

The object of this game is not what it appears to be. Frist in dealing the cards is looking at the next appointments to the Supreme Court. The conservative misfits at the gaming table with him or gambling on the present time as the best chance to deal a hand that would outlaw abortion, impose their southern Anglo-Saxon moral code upon all liberal American, moderate Republicans and black Americans who do not fit their value code as human beings.

A New York Times editorial on April 16, 2005 said the following: "Right-wing Christian groups and the Republican politicians they bankroll have done much since the last election to impose their particular religious

views on all Americans. But nothing comes close to the shameful declaration of religious war by Bill Frist, the Senate majority leader, over the selection of judges for federal courts."

The editorial continues saying, "Senator Frist is to appear on a telecast sponsored by the Family Research Council, which styles itself a religious organization but is really just another Washington lobbying concerns. The message is that the Democrats who oppose a tiny handful of President Bush's judicial nominations are conducting an assault "against people of faith." By that, Senator Frist and his allies do not mean people of all faiths, only those of their faith.

This writer and many other black Americans disagreed with George Bush's behavior in going through the back door in the selection of judicial appointments that were questionable. The love affair among the majority of American is strained at the least. The die-heart manner in the political mode of operation of the present administration is deepening the divide and weakening America throughout the world.

Outreach Prayer Breakfast

The members and friends of the Outreach Prayer Breakfast enjoy the fellowship as we meet once a month in the various members' homes. We enjoy the delicious breakfast, which is always prepared by the host, but most of all, we enjoy the word. What thus saith the Lord is good news for all of us in attendance.

This week, we thought we would bring some good news about the Lord. We will use as a subject, "No Other Gospel." Our scripture text is Galatians 1:1-12, with the key verse being Verse 11 - "For I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that the gospel that was proclaimed by me is not of human origin."

When faced with several different beliefs and approaches to the Gospel, how do we know what to believe? Paul says there is only one Gospel, and it is the one received from Christ. When we follow the Gospel of Jesus, we know that we are doing what God requires for our lives. Even

today, we look at Paul's response to those who criticized him in his proclamation and position.

In the Book of Galatians, we find it being written to the churches of Galatia and it is called an epistle (letter). It is shorter than most epistles with less than 150 verses. The Galatians were of Celtic origin and had migrated to Asia Minor. It later became a Roman province. Paul founded several churches there and passed through the region on three missionary journeys.

Paul writes with a lot of emotion. He does not begin with the usual prayer of thanksgiving. He moves quickly to the subject at hand, the defection of the Galatian Christians to a position contrary to the Gospel. Paul has good relationship with the churches of Galatia; they received him warmly and took care of his physical and emotional needs.

We often struggle with this call question. It seems through

the influence of other faiths, traditions, and television ministry, many people say they sense a divine call from God. Awe want to be open to the leanings of the spirit and keep a balance in our lives. We also want to keep a balance between what we know as tradition and what we know and feel as a message from God. We struggle with a response to the diversity of beliefs even in the Christian community.

When God places the vision and call, God also gives provision. Like Paul's word to Timothy in II Timothy 4, "Preach the word in season and out of season. Hold fast to your profession of faith and hold fast to your calling." Walk in your divine call.

Thanks for reading, Saints. Don't forget your drive by prayers as you travel throughout the community. God is able.

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

AKC dog agility trials to be held May 7 & 8 at fairgrounds

The South Plains Obedience Training Club of Lubbock will be hosting three days of American Kennel Club All Breed Dog Agility Trials. The event will be held at the South Plains Fairgrounds, Horse Pavilion, May 7th and 8th. Trial hours will start at 8:00 a.m. and end approximately 5:00 p.m. each day. Approximately 150 pure bred dogs from surrounding states will be judged at this event, many of which are the top agility trained dogs in the country.

Agility is one of the newest AKC events and is open to every breed. Dogs must be at least one year old to compete. In an Agility Trial a dog demonstrates its ability to negotiate a complex course that will include a walk over a bridge jumping through objects,

going through tunnels, weaving through a line of poles and pausing on command. There are different height categories so each dog is tested fairly on the course. Each exhibitor and dog team will be judged at one of three different levels of competition; Novice, Open or Excellent. The dogs competing in these classes are working toward AKC Agility titles.

There will be free canine educational material available at these trials. No admission fee, will be charged for this fun-filled and educational event. Agility is a fast paced sport that is exciting for the dog, handlers and spectators. Don't miss it! For more information call 794-1256 or email at spotc@compuserve.com.

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Parents are the most influential in helping adolescents avoid pregnancy

Whatever the talk is called - the birds and the bees, the facts of life, sex education - the conversation is sometimes a challenge for parents and their children. It also is one of the most important.

"The fundamental message to parents is to talk early, talk often and stay involved with their children," said Cindy Jones, director of family planning at the Texas Department of Health (TDH). "We know that teens want very much for their parents to have open and honest conversations with them about these topics. But talking is not enough. Parents must stay involved in the lives of their adolescents, if they want to help them."

TDH statistics show that the birth rate for Texas teens age 15 to age 19 in 2002 was 64 births per 1,000, less than the 66 births per 1,000 the previous year and down significantly from the 76 births per 1,000 10 years ago. However, while the Texas teen birth rate is declining, it still is higher than the national teen birth rate of 43 births per 1,000 in 2002.

"Young people need to understand that teen pregnancy usually does not lead to living happily ever after," Jones said.

Several health, economic and social consequences are associated with teen pregnancy, she noted. Pregnant teens are less likely to

get adequate prenatal care. In Texas, 35 percent of the pregnant women under 17 are likely to have late or no prenatal care, compared with 19 percent for all women who give birth.

Teen mothers are more likely to experience pregnancy and delivery problems and have less healthy babies than older mothers. Infants of teen mothers are more likely than infants of older women to weigh less than 5 1/2 pounds, have underdeveloped organs or be born prematurely.

Parenthood also is a leading cause of high school dropout among teen girls. On average, teen fathers earn less money and are more likely to quit school than are young men who delay parenting.

"The fact is that one young person in five has sex by age 15," Jones said. "And every 10 minutes, a teen in Texas gets pregnant."

Jones offered parents these ideas to help make conversations about sex easier to have with their children:

- Educate yourself.
- Be clear about your own sexual attitudes and values.
- Be specific when you talk with your children about sex.

- Be a parent with opinions.
- Know what your child is doing and with whom.
- Know your children's friends and their families.
- Talk with your children about what they are watching, reading and hearing.
- Supervise and monitor your children and adolescents.
- Discourage early, frequent and steady dating.
- Take a strong stand against your child dating someone older.
- Help your teen-ager have options for the future that are more attractive than early pregnancy and premature parenthood.
- Let your children know that you value education highly.
- Talk to sons as well as daughters.

"Research, common sense, public opinion and teens themselves make it clear that family matters a lot to teens," Jones said. "Parents should not overestimate the influence of peers and underestimate their own influence."

For more information and resources on teen pregnancy prevention, check the Texas Department of Health Web site at www.tdh.state.tx.us/women/teenpreg.htm.

Animal Rescue Kennels (ARK) receives grant

Animal Rescue Kennels (ARK) has received a grant for \$10,000 from the Texas Animal Friendly license plate sales program to assist low-income families in spaying and neutering family pets. If you participate in any public assistance program, call Animal Rescue Kennels to find out how to get a spay/neuter certificate. The program is limited to the first 200 animals so do not procrastinate.

To sign up for the program call Ark at 775-2058 or 775-2057 and ask for Betty, Denise or Gail.

For additional information on the program call Animal Services Center Manager Fred Sanderson at 775-2055.

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Summer Camp at Mae Simmons Community Center

Activities for the week will include arts and crafts, indoor and outdoor games/sports, swimming, field trips and more. Register for camp Monday-Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Mae Simmons Community Center at East 23rd and Oak. Free lunch! Some field trips and swimming have an additional minimal cost.

For more information contact Olivia Solis, 767-2700. Registration begins Monday, May 2. Ages 5 and Up - \$10 for the week. May 31-August 5, 2005 7:45 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

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Dr. Betts spent two years at Fitzsimons Army Hospital in Aurora, Colorado during the Panama incursion and the first Gulf War.

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Vashawn Mitchell releases new CD with evangelical and spiritual vibe

Tyscot Records' newest Triple Threat, Vashawn Mitchell is not just a songwriter, producer



Mitchell

and artist but a chosen man of God. The industry first got a taste of his anointed style on Bishop Larry D. Trotter and Sweet Holy Spirit's "What's to Come is Better than What's Been" project and since then success has followed him. He is known for the songs "What's 2 Come Is Better Than What's Been", "Don't Last, Silent Tears", and "My Worship Is For Real."

Vashawn is known for his ability to write songs that carry a strong anointing for exalting the savior, encouraging the saint and equipping the sinner. This along with his electrifying, anointed performance style has afforded him the opportunity to minister across the country. He has written and produced for Smokie Norful, Karen Clark Sheard, The GMWA Mass choir, Angle Spivey, DeAndre Patterson and The Sweet Holy Spirit Combined Choir just to name a few.

Songwriter and producer are familiar titles, but now as an artist Vashawn presents his new project "Believe in your Dreams". The project begins with the exuberant praise song "Where the Praises Are" Wowed by Vashawn's signature choir

sound on "No Way". The worship becomes for real on the songs "Lost in His Presence", "Your Tears Have Paid Off" featuring Evangelist Monique Walker. The title track "Dreams" reminds us that all things are possible through God and our faith in Him.

"Believe in Your Dreams" is just piece to the Triple Threat puzzle. Outside of being one of

the greatest songwriters, producers and artists, Vashawn is also the Minister of Music of the Sweet Holy Spirit Church with over 5000 active members and an ordained minister who carries a strong message of encouragement and healing for this generation. Through this ministry gift, you will definitely be led into the presence of God on his new project "Believe in Your Dreams".

His life changing lyrics, and anointed energy along with the traditional gospel flavor with a contemporary uplift will mesmerize anyone who experiences his ministry.

Vashawn is an anointed songwriter who has blessed many with his "unique" and "explosive" "gospel vibe".

He appeals to both young and older audiences, and I believe that his music will be a

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- Karen Clark Sheard

An anointed songwriter and minister...surely one of God's appointed.

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THIS 'N' THAT

"EXPERIENCING A NEW BEGINNING!" THIS N THAT and approximately **ONE HUNDRED SUPPORTERS AND WELL WISHERS** were in attendance of a **"BLACK TIE POLITICAL RALLY DINNER"** for a young man who wants to be Mayor of Littlefield, Texas **VAN ASHLEY** who presently serves as Mayor Pro Tem And has been serving this elected position ... since 1988.... Those present heard a **SUPPORTIVE MESSAGE** ... from a longtime friend of Ashley, T. J. Patterson. With the theme **"EXPERIENCING A NEW BEGINNING"** All expressed a desire to see that Ashley becomes the next mayor. A very elated man **ASHLEY** was more encouraged about his race And has no doubt about it as he will tell you, with a lot of confidence, **"VAN ASHLEY CAN BE ELECTED AS MAYOR OF LITTLEFIELD....** According to Ashley Less than one thousand persons cast their ... precious vote for the mayor's post.... Just think, with the number present at the rally last Saturday night, April 23, 2005 at the Lamb County Center he can be elected.... **THIS N THAT** ... is hoping all will elect this young man... There are two others in the race... Just stay tuned, and go and get them. **VAN ASHLEY** - our choice for mayor

WE ARE HUMBLE BY IT ALL! THIS N THAT, T. J. PATTERSON and **EDDIE P. RICHARDSON**

co-publishers of the **SOUTHWEST DIGEST**, are very humble over everything being done for the **SOUTHWEST DIGEST** with the upcoming **SOUTHWEST DIGEST APPRECIATION CELEBRATION**, which will be held Friday evening, May 6, 2005 at the Health Point 4004 82nd Street Beginning at 7:00 p. m. ... Now, **THIS N THAT** and the co-publishers have no knowledge of what is going to take place on that evening, but are very humbled by all of it. The efforts initiated by **SISTER SHIRLEY ROBERSON**, and others are most appreciated. It is going to be a **"ROOTIN TOOTIN OLD FASHION AFFAIR** ... and the public is invited to attend.... Both **PATTERSON & RICHARDSON** will tell you this has never happened like this before, in such an organized effort. There have been others in the past who have supported our effort to bring about a banquet in a means of celebrating, but never like the one being proposed for ... May 6, 2005.... Regardless of the outcome, we are most appreciative.... **THANKS A BUNCH, SISTER ROBERSON & TEAM!**

PENNY HASTINGS THE BARBER SAYS: In reading back in an old Black publication, these words were written and make sense for today... **"IN SEGREGATED BLACK AMERICA**, race pride was preached in the home, in the school, and in the church. In

any contact with **WHITES**, young people were taught **THEY NOT ONLY REPRESENTED THEMSELVES**, but they also represented their race. It was important not to let their race down, because **TOO MANY** had suffered, sacrificed and died to bring **BLACKS** to this point in their history."

SPEAKING ABOUT UNCF! THIS N THAT was reading some very good information about the **UNITED NEGRO COLLEGE FUND (UNCF)** **THIS N THAT** read that **DR. F. D. PATTERSON**, when he was President of Tuskegee in 1944, invited the heads of **27 BLACK COLLEGES** to discuss funding efforts. The result was the organizing of **THE UNITED NEGRO COLLEGE FUND (UNCF)**. This is an awesome organization that makes it possible for young people to attend a UNCF program. How many of you remember the saying: **"A MIND IS A TERRIBLE THING TO WASTE?"**

BROTHERHOOD SERVING BROTHERHOOD SERVING MOTHERS! THIS N THAT heard about an exciting effort being sponsored by the **BROTHERHOOD OF NEW HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH** 2002 Birch Avenue who will serving a **MOTHER'S DAY DINNER** on Saturday afternoon, April 30, 2005, in the B. R. Moton Fellowship Hall, beginning at 4:00 p. m. Should be an exciting afternoon for all those in attendance.



Think About It!

The function of the Black Press

part 2

by Eddie P. Richardson

The last article, **"The Importance of the Black Press,"** stated the reason for the first Black newspaper. It was founded by Samuel Cornish and John Russwurm. The first sentence in the first editorial was "We wish to plead our own cause, too long others have spoken for us."

It is my belief that every ethnic group in America and perhaps every nationality in the world understand **The Power of Communications but US**. It is certainly the first target in a coup d'etat. It is the first thing that is controlled by those seeking to overthrow the government or country. How often have we heard that the radio stations and newspapers first in the Third World countries?? How many countries, especially in Africa, have controlled communications? Often the newspapers are government owned.

As I said in the last article, I am not in favor abandoning the ideals set out when Freedom's Journal

was founded. We already have too many "newspaper hustlers." We need true Black publishers with the ideals foremost and progressive enough to provide employment and economic stability to the industry.

We need our Black radio stations. The largest group of Black radio ownership is now partially owned by big mainstream companies, and before too long we expect that will no longer own this company.

Our trade organizations are failing Blacks. Their emphasis is steeped in what was often heard in the Sixties that the "White Man's ice is colder and his sugar was sweeter than the Black man." Integration has cost us the best talent that should be fueling Black publications. A great number of the Black believe that Black publications are inferior and they are very special individuals to be employed by the mainstream media. Leaders of our Civil Rights organizations

are disappointed and will not come alive at a press conference until the mainstream press corps arrives.

The Black Church, along with the Black Press from slavery throughout the Civil Rights movement, was in the forefront of the movement. Sadly, however, our Black Churches as a whole have fallen by the wayside. Wonder why?

We need the Black community to keep the discussion going and we need you to help us find a solution to this dilemma.

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In Cinque
by Renetta Howard

It was amazing to see how many people waited, watched and prayed to view the body of the pope at the Vatican. It was even more amazing that they stood in the rain, just to see him.

It was reminiscent of the Bible story of the lady who waited to see Jesus and just wanted to touch the hem of his garment. The occasion spoke of faith; faith in a religion and in a religious leader.

Catholicism is one of the world's oldest Christian denominations and the religious leaders have been known throughout history to devote their lives to keep-

ing their followers conscious of the sacraments. Many protestants as well, pay attention to what the Catholic leaders have to say, and when Pope John came to the United States he received a red carpet treatment everywhere he went. The airport where he arrived was closed until he exited safely. No vehicles were allowed in or out of the airport for an hour before his arrival. What would we do if Jesus came?

If Jesus came, would we continue to send troops to Iraq, Afghanistan, and all of the other places where American troops are stationed? Would we continue to wreak havoc on a people in the guise of helping them while attempting to rape their natural resources? Would we ignore the desires of the people of Iraq to go

home? Would we ignore the pleas of people around the world begging; for the United States 10 pull out of Iraq?

No, there is a strong feeling that we will continue to keep American soldiers and other military personnel in harm's way until we can find a way to get oil out of the Middle East without paying extravagant prices for it. However, if we could get half the number of people that we saw at the Vatican to gather at Congress and the White House and at state legislative buildings to protest the war in Iraq and have our troops brought home, we may strike an overdue solution to a serious problem. It is time for us to get 'in cinque' and help our legislatures to work for us instead of just themselves.



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Keeping Black boys out of special education: A book review

Is there a relationship between special education and prison? Is there a parallel between illiteracy and incarceration? Is there a relationship between Ritalin and cocaine? Why are African American males placed in special education the greatest and White females the least? Have we designed a female classroom for male students? What percent of special education students are main-

streamed back to the regular classroom? What percent graduate? Were you aware that 20 percent of the teachers make 80 percent of special education referrals? These are just some of the many questions raised and answered in Dr. Jawanza Kunjufu's latest book, *Keeping Black Boys Out of Special Education*.

I really enjoyed reading the book, because there are chapters for

teachers, psychologists, parents, and community activists. I was not aware that special education has become the new form of segregation. Special education legislation was created in 1975, 21 years after *Brown vs. Topeka*. It was designed to insure that all children regardless of hearing, visual, or physical impairments would receive a quality education. It was not designed to be a dumping ground primarily for

White female teachers who choose to rid themselves of African American boys.

I especially enjoyed the chapter on Gender differences. If we know that boys have a shorter attention span, how should teachers alter their lesson plans? If boys have a higher energy level, what provisions should teachers make? How do we allow for maturation differences? What has Europe done to circum-

vent this problem? My favorite chapter was on reading. I was not aware that almost 80 percent of the boys labeled for special education are also illiterate. Kunjufu argues that maybe we should improve our literacy curriculum, rather than disproportionately sending Black boys to special education.

If you have read any of Kunjufu's other books, you know he advocates solutions. He has two

full chapters of solutions that exceed 100. Last, he provides parents with strategies in the most important meeting of their child's life—the IEP (Individualized Educational Plan). The author encourages parents to reduce their child's sugar consumption and television viewing.

This is very significant book for anyone concerned about African American males.

Alderson Academy student chosen as city finalist by Lions Club for poster contest

The Lubbock Lions Club has recently selected Leoneisha Washington of Alderson Academy a city finalist in the sixth grade Poster Contest. As the school's poster winner, Leoneisha will represent Alderson Academy at the annual Poster Contest Luncheon to be held on Tuesday, May 3, 2005 at the Lubbock Civic Center. At this luncheon, Leoneisha will meet other finalist from LISD schools and also hear the announcement of the citywide winner.

As a student at Alderson Academy, Leoneisha has contributed positively to the continued success of not only herself, but also her entire school community. Among her fellow classmates, she has developed a rapport of respect and admiration that is also shared

amongst the faculty and staff at Alderson Academy.

The following are statements made by Leoneisha's teachers.

"Leoneisha Washington is a very energetic student who actively participates in art class. She follows directions and does a great job with her projects. When we

have class discussions or reviews of lessons we have learned about, she is always one of the first to have an answer or opinion on the subject."

- Teacher, Deidra Corely - Art

"She has an interesting sense of humor and is always seeing things from a slightly different


viewpoint than her classmates. I never can predict exactly where she'll be coming from, so that enlivens my days. She is an excellent reader who is towards the top other class in Accelerated Reader points earned."

- Teacher, Gail Randell - ELA

"I have enjoyed working with Leoneisha this year. She is a joy to have in my Math and Science class. Leoneisha sets very high standards for herself academically and has achieved a high grade

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