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Community Meetings

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

- African American Chamber of Commerce, Lubbock meets on the 3rd Monday of each month, from 5:30-6:30pm at the Parkway Community Center, 405 MLK Blvd., 806-771-1815
- Lubbock Area Client Council meets on the 2nd Saturday, 1:00pm at the Patterson Branch Library
- Hub City Kiwanis meets every Tuesday, 7:00pm, 1708 Avenue G
- Dunbar Alumni Association meets 2nd Saturdays, 4:00 pm
- Booker T. Washington American Legion Post 808 meets every 2nd Tuesday at 7:30pm, American Legion Building in Yellowhouse Canyon
- Forgotten West Riders meets on the 1st & 3rd Mondays, 7:00 pm, Patterson Library
- East Lubbock Chapter AARP meets every 1st Thursday at 1:00 pm, Mae Simmons Community Center
- Lubbock Chapter of Black Alumni meets every 3rd Tuesday, 5:30 pm, TTU Market Alumni Center
- Dunbar/Manhattan, Heights Neighborhood Association meets every 1st Thursday at 6:00 pm and every 4th Thursday at 7:00 pm at the Dunbar-Manhattan Heights Neighborhood Outreach Center at 1301 East 24th St.
- West Texas Native American Association Pot Luck Supper meets on alternating months prior to meeting, meetings held on 2nd Saturday of each month at 7:00 pm, Educational presentations and demonstrations.
- Texas Juneteenth Cultural & Historical Commission - Lubbock Affiliate meets at Patterson Branch Library every 3rd Thursday at 7:00 pm
- West Texas Native American Association meets 2nd Saturday each month at Groves Library, 5520 19th Street, 7:30 p.m.
- West Texas Chapter of 100 Black Men meets the 3rd Monday evening at 7:00 pm at the Parkway Neighborhood Center.
- The Parkway Guadalupe & Cherry-Point Neighborhood Association meets the 3rd Tuesday evening of each month at 7:30 pm at Hunt Elementary.
- Chatman Hill Neighborhood Association meets the 2nd Thursday of every month at 6:00 pm, at Des Elementary Cafeteria.
- Estacado High School Alumni & Faculty: Class Reunion meetings are held the second and third Sundays at the Patterson Library, 1836 Parkway Drive, beginning at 7:00 p.m. All Estacado Alumni & Faculty are invited for the 40th All Class Reunion.

## Van Os pledges change if elected

By Leonard R. Herrera

After visiting each of the 253 other county courthouses in Texas, David Van Os held one final campaign speech Texas Attorney General in front of the Travis County Courthouse October 20 with a pledge to serve as the people's lawyer.

He said that throughout every county in Texas he visited, he met voters frustrated with the Republican majority and how Abbott has abandoned his role as the incumbent.

"In every single county in Texas, the feeling was not so much for political strategy as it was to make a moral statement, that government is supposed to belong to all the people, and that the political process has got to include all of the people, each and every one of us, everywhere you go," Van Os said.



David Van Os is the Democratic candidate for Texas Attorney General, running against incumbent Greg Abbott

"Every place (and person), in our state, knows that the top levels of government, in Austin is not working by and for the people, but is instead being run by and for the power of money by for self-promo-

tion, for the power-grabbing, and arrogance and greed.

"The only real point of debate that you run into is that some people say, 'Yeah, but do we really have the power to do anything about it?' One of the

biggest reasons that some people feel hopeless and powerless, is that they don't think they can do anything about the situation."

Van Os went on to say, "When governments are instituted, the core foundation of it all is that we understand that governments derive their powers only from the consent of the governed."

"In 1775, our ancestors had to charge British cannons with squirrel guns. Today, we don't have to do that. We don't have to sacrifice anything. All we got to do is vote," he added.

Van Os also quoted Article II, Paragraph 4 of the Texas Constitution, which says, "The attorney general shall especially inquire into the activities of large corporations, and shall do everything necessary and proper through the courts, to prevent and restrain any private corporations from exercising any power not authorized by law."

"The drafters of the Texas Constitution wanted the people to have a lawyer, to act on behalf of the people of Texas, to serve as the people's lawyer, to serve the public, and they wrote it into (the state constitution), and they meant it," he said.

"What that means is, (as) unique among all positions of

Texas government, the office of attorney general is charged with the duty to be the people's champion, to represent the people, and to fight for the people, (representing) individuals, consumers, taxpayers, homeowners and property owners, and a lot of adult citizens in Texas are not aware of this, because for a very long time, we haven't had an attorney general who actually knew what his real job was."

Van Os also pledged to campaign for a constitutional amendment to limit the state powers of eminent domain, which he said has robbed thousands of property owners for state-supported private ventures.

"I want all my fellow Texans to know, that when I become attorney general, I'm going to use every legal means available with the powers of this office, to bring to a dead halt and kill permanently that monstrosity of a Trans-Texas highway," he said.

On what motivates him to run against Abbott for state attorney general, Van Os said, "I do this because I'm tired of all the baloney in the political world. So I want my fellow Texans to know what I am going to do, and I want to let the big oil companies know what I'm going to do."

## Texas Tech Law School partners with Estacado

It is very good to see a five-year partnership between Estacado High School and Justice Magnet Program and Texas Tech School of Law which was

announced Wednesday, October 11, 2006 at a pre-s conference on the Texas Tech campus.

The alliance will bring Tech law students and faculty together

with Estacado High School students in a variety of venues including the Estacado mock trial team and preparation for law and justice careers.



Pictured above are (left to right) Estacado magnet student Debidrick Henderson, Estacado principal Paul Frazier, Texas Tech Law School Dean Walter Huffman, and Estacado magnet student Sarah Mendoza.

## Co-Publishers in attendance at 5th Annual HMI Texas Banquet



Among those who were in attendance of the 5th Annual Hockey Ministries International (HMI) Banquet at Live Oak Community Church last Tuesday evening, October 24, 2006, were T.J. Patterson and Eddie P. Richardson, co-publishers of the Southwest Digest.

Pictured above are Stacey Bauman, 3rd year Lubbock Cotton King player, Eddie P. Richardson, Doug Halcomb, HMI USA Chapel Development Coordinator, and T.J. Patterson. Bauman was announced as Chaplain for the Texas Tech hockey team, which is coached by former Cotton King, Paul Pioroni.

Pioroni was also in attendance at the HMI banquet, along with other current Cotton King players, Coach Chris Dashney, and incoming Chaplain for the team, Mark Porter. Halcomb was promoted in the HMI organization and relocated to Frisco. He maintains strong ties to Live Oak and the Cotton Kings, and handpicked Porter to fill the position after his departure. The pastor at Live Oak Community Church is Chuck Williams.

## Final plans for upcoming MLK celebration to be made next month

The Martin Luther King Commemorative Council will be meeting November 2 and 16, 2006 to finalize plans for the 2007 Celebration. The meetings will be held at 6:00 p.m. at Lyons Baptist Church.

The 2007 City Wide Celebration will be held January 12-15, 2007 with activities including the annual banquet, an old time Gospel Musical, celebration through the eyes of the young at heart, the City Wide Fellowship with keynote speaker,

and the closing session will be Monday, January 15, 2007. So all are asked to mark their calendars and let's make this Celebration one of Lubbock's greatest.

If you wish to volunteer to work on any of the committees, please plan to attend one of the meetings scheduled for November 2 and 16, 2006 or contact a member of the Commemorative Council officers: Joan Y. Ervin, L. V. Andrews, Donnie Wright or Tracey Snell-Jackson.

## Super Halloween Saturday



Halloween has never been so much fun! The Garden and Arts Center, located at 4215 University Avenue, will be offering Super Halloween Saturday for children and adults, October 28 from 10:00 am until 5:00 pm.

Haunted Halloween Gingerbread Houses will make a wonderful addition to any party as Evelyn Arnold helps you construct a Haunting Housewarm'ag. After creating this yummy treat, stick around and join Gwen Armstrong in creating a boo-tiful carved pumpkin. The Haunted Halloween House class is \$35 for children and adults are free if accompanied by a child. This class begins at 10:00 am.

For those ready to do some serious carving, the Pumpkin Carving begins at 1:00 pm until 5:00 pm and the cost is \$25. Make sure to bring your own pumpkins. All other supplies will be provided.

The Lubbock Municipal Garden and Arts Center is located at 4215 University Avenue. For more information on classes or reservations please call the Lubbock Municipal Garden & Arts Center at (806) 767-3724 or visit our website at: <http://gar-cl.lubbock.tx.us/>

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



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# Chatman Hills Corner

By Doris Reynolds

Young people and parents in the community are invited to attend the Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church's "Fall Festival" in the Fellowship Hall, 2202 Southeast Drive, on Saturday evening, October 28, 2006, beginning at 6:30 p.m. There is a registration fee of \$3.00 which will include some food items. Some foods will also be on sale. For more information call 744-7552. Rev. Eddie L. Everline, Jr. is host pastor.

The Missionary Society of the St. Matthew Baptist Church, 2020 East 14th Street, will sponsor its Fifth Sunday program, October 29, 2006, at 3:00 p.m. The theme is: "Women in God's Army." Rev. Edward Canady is pastor.

This writer learned that turkeys and hams are needed for this holiday season for Meals on Wheels. If you can contribute to this effort bring your ham or turkey to the office, 2304 34th Street. Many hams and turkeys are needed to provide traditional Thanksgiving and Christmas meals to nearly

500 recipients. For more information, call 792-7971.

The Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church and Good Shepherd Church will sponsor another monthly Men's Breakfast at Bethel, 2202 Southeast Drive, on Saturday morning, November 4, 2006, beginning at 8:30 a.m. Rev. Eddie L. Everline, Jr. is host pastor.

A special topic of "Building A Relationship With Family Through God & Organizing Our Youth To Take Part At The Boys & Girls Basketball League." For more information, call either 747-6591, 745-3207 or 445-2750 for more information.

Let us continue to pray for those citizens who are sick and shut-in. Among those who are shut-in include Sister Dorothy Nash, Sister Doris Ragland, Sister Mary Ella Tucker, and Brother Rudolph Belvin.

Also, let us not forget those who have lost loved ones over the past week. Remember, God is able!

The Federation of Choirs will be held at the Mount Gilead Baptist Church, 2512 Fir Avenue, on Sunday afternoon, November 26, 2006, beginning at 2:30 p.m. Rev. J. Jerome Johnson is host pastor. Sister Bennie Sims is president of Federation of Choirs.

The New Hope Baptist Church is announcing the upcoming 17th Anniversary of their Pastor & Family, Rev. & Mrs. B.R. Moton and Pam, on Sunday morning, November 5, 2006, beginning at 11:00 a.m. Guest speaker will be Rev. W. D. Davis, pastor of Lyons chapel Baptist Church. The theme will be "Called To Lead With Integrity." The scripture is 1 Samuel 16:1-13.

Early voting for the upcoming General Election will be held Tuesday, November 7, 2006. If you are a registered voter, then go and exercise your right by casting your precious vote. Remember voting is so important, and we hope you will get involved by voting. Early voting will continue through November 3, 2006.

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All citizens are asked to mark their calendars. We want to make this Celebration one of Lubbock's greatest, so won't you come and join us?

If you wish to volunteer to work on any of the committees, please plan to attend one of the scheduled meetings on November 2 and November 16, 2006.

If you are not able to attend, please contact a member of the Commemorative Council. The officers: Joan Y. Ervin, L. V. Andrews, Donnie Wright or

Tracey Snell-Jackson. We need all the help we can get to make

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## In Remembrance

**Barbara Allen**  
Funeral services were held for Barbara Allen last Saturday afternoon, October 21, 2006, at the Pillman Grove Baptist Church in Tahoka.

Burial was held in Tahoka under the direction of Ossie Curry Funeral Home of Lubbock.

**Veola Leggett**  
Funeral Services for Veola Leggett were held today,

Thursday, October 26, 2006, at the Mt. Gilead Baptist Church with Rev. J. Jerome Johnson, pastor, officiating.

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

She passed away in Dallas October 19, 2006, at Methodist Hospital.

**Danielle Antoinette Newman**  
Funeral services for Danielle

Antoinette Newman were held Tuesday afternoon, October 24, 2006, at Trinity Church.

Burial was held at Peaceful Gardens Memorial Park in Woodrow

under the direction of Ossie Curry Funeral Home.

**Earl Smith, Jr.**  
Slaton - Funeral services for Earl Smith, Jr. were held last Saturday morning, October 21,

2006, at the Mt. Olive Baptist Church with Rev. Clifton C. Peoples, pastor, officiating.

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

He died Sunday, October 15, 2006, at Covenant Medical Center.

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# Church News



## We Thank God for Jesus

### Don't Worship The Sabbath But The Seven Days

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

**Galatians 4:9-10** - After that you know God or rather are known of God. How turn you again to the weak and beggarly elements where unto you desire again to be in bondage? You observe days (Sabbath Days) and months and times and years.

I talked to this lady who worshipped on Sabbath Day. She said Sunday is not God's day, and went on to show me where in the Ten Commandments in Exodus 20:8 had to say.

**\*\*\* I Told Her I Worshipped God Everyday!!! \*\*\***

She said, God said, remember the Sabbath, meaning Saturday, and keep holy. I told her that was for the Hebrew people at Sinai, and is not for you and me!!!

**Deuteronomy 5:2-3** - The Lord, our God, made a covenant with us in Horeb. The Lord made not this covenant with our Fathers. But with us, even us, who are all of here alive this day.

I told her I know God rested on the Sabbath Day, but was he tired? Or he did need too? Beside Jesus fulfilled the traditions of the Jews. It's over and it's not for me and you!!!

**Romans 8:3-6** - For what the laws could not do is that it was weak through the flesh that righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us who walk not after the flesh, but

after the spirit. For they who are after the flesh do mind in things of the flesh, but they who are after the spirit the things of the spirit. For to be carnally minded is death, but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.

**\*\*\* Do You Worship On Sabbath Or In The Spirit???**

(The word Sabbath and Seventh do not come from the same original word. The Hebrew for Sabbath is Sabbath, meaning intermission or cessation from work. It is from Sabbath to response. Resist from exertion. Rest and such rest does not have to be on the 7th day. The particular day does not make it a rest or a cessation. One can rest on day. Anytime he ceases from work. It is the cessation that cause it to be the Sabbath, not the day or time done ceases from work.

**\*\*\* SABBATH DAY ON DIFFERENT DAYS (1. Exodus 20:8, 7th Day) \*\*\* (2. Lev. 23:39, 8th Day) (3. Lev. 23:39, 1st Day)**

God never intended for the Sabbath Day to be the Sabbath Day to be permanently. It was just a shadow of Jesus when he comes, and he is he teacher you and me!!!

**Colossians 2:14-16** - Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us which was contrary to us, and

took it out of the way. Nailing it to his (Jesus) cross. Let no man, therefore, judge you in meat, or in drinks or in respect of an holy day of the new moon or the Sabbath Days.

I told her all the Ten Commandments were respected, all of them. But the fourth, Jesus dis-respected the fourth when he healed on it, showing what it was worth!!!

**Luke 6:7-9** - The Scribes and Pharisees watched him whether he would heal on the Sabbath Day. That they might find accusations against him. Then Jesus said unto them, I will ask you one thing, is it lawful on the Sabbath Days to do good or to do evil? To save life or to destroy it?

I told her they who worship the Lord must worship in spirit and in truth. It is Jesus Christ's death and resurrection or your salvation is no worth a hoot!!!

**John 4:24** - Jesus said, God is a spirit, and they who worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.

But to live like the Devil for six days, then worship on Saturday or on Sunday. It is no good. You must expect Jesus as Lord in your heart. If not, then you're not saved!!!

**Mark 2:27-28** - Jesus said, the Sabbath was made for man, and not man for the Sabbath. Therefore, the Son of Man is Lord also of the Sabbath.



## From the Desk of Parson D.A. Smith Are Blacks worthless creatures when it pertains to voting?

The Southwest Digest is dear to this writer's heart. The Digest has allowed me to have a weekly voice to inspire the growth and development of the citizens of Lubbock and especially those people of color.

This newspaper is the voice of communication between people of different cultural background. That background crosses many rivers of expression including social, financial, spiritual, education and ethnic.

A week from now we will be electing people to represent us. What has caught my eye is the lack of information through political ads given to the Southwest Digest by those who are vying for our vote. I have notice only one major ad and it is from Carole Keeton Strayhorn who wants to be elected the governor of the State of Texas.

It appears as if the readers of the Southwest Digest and the populace it serves has been written off. My understanding is when one is elected to a public office they are to represent all of the people including those who do not agree with their agenda.

The hallmark of the Southwest Digest is represented in the following: "A newspaper for the 21st century, representing the Black community's ideas and ideals since 1977. A statement on the front-page upper left reads: "SUPPORT YOUR ADVERTISERS BECAUSE

THEY SUPPORT YOU.

I find it hard to believe that the man who worked on the city council of Lubbock with the co-publisher of the Southwest Digest and who represents all of Lubbock has not of this writing placed an ad asking the people who reads this communiqué to support his candidacy. One could have the opinion that people who writes you off at the grass roots level certainly does not give a (you know what) about you when it comes to your livelihood as it pertains to federal funds, health care, social security and other social and basic issues that encompass all Americans.

One is led to believe that the Black vote does not count in West Texas. The people who cater only to their kind must remember Lubbock is only 358 miles from the Mexican border and it is considered a part of Mexico that was taken away from them. I know Vicente Fox (the man who consider black people as kin to monkeys) and the newly elected president of Mexico would love to incorporate and let this land become their land.

Speaking in Madrid in 2002, Mexican President Vicente Fox declared (as it pertain to the NAFTA SUPER HIGHWAY): "Our long-range objective is to establish with the United States ... an ensemble of connections

and institutions similar to those created by the European Union, with the goal of attending to future themes as important as ... the freedom of movement of capital, goods, services and person. The new framework we wish to construct is inspired in the example of the European Union."

It is said that critical elements of the Fox post NAFTA agenda: supports absolute freedom of movement for persons between Mexico and the United States—a merger of the nations. Foreign Secretary Luis Ernesto Debres is to have said in April 2005 is "What Mexico is about is 'complete integration' of the two nations."

Black Americans in West Texas need to be aware as it pertain to a national and state agenda that we must be vigilant. We have been on our knees so long. We must rise up and fight like hell for our survival and to save our country. The Neocons and wanabees have sold America out and the majority middle class voters are sitting on their loins praying, while oblivious of the hangman's noose awaiting them.

If some black preachers has been slick and taken candidates money and this paper and this writer does not know about it! You are BUSTED! A fool know it you take a man's money you will in time become his rear-window washing slave.

## Outreach Prayer Breakfast

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

If you enter your place of worship with stuff on your mind instead of our Lord and Saviour, you're giving place for the wrong spirit to enter. Enter into your place of worship, paying and asking our Lord to bless the service. On your way, you pass people on route to your church. Ask God to open up your heart to receive it. Then expect God to move in your situation.

And he will! Talk up your places of worship to your Pastor, your people. Our Lord will give you a reward for doing so.

**A Thought:** "It is better to be criticized by a wise man than to be praised by a fool. For a fool's compliment is as quickly gone as paper on fire, and it is silly to be impressed by it. Is the music too loud for you in your place of worship??? May be David forgot you don't like it when he wrote Psalms 150. When he spoke of loud cling cymbals, and the praise dancers are in order. They are on key. And he went on to say everything alive! Give Praise To The Lord! Let's enter with Praise the next 2 months of this year. "Let's Pray"

"Lord Jesus, out of all he ugliness in the world, but beauty of your precious son Jesus. Shine through our hearts fill even into every community, classroom, church and home.

Humbling your people as it flows with your Holy Spirit. Touch in such a powerful way that our young people will lay down their weapons and put on the whole armor of God and march through this city tearing down every strong hold of evil on the East side, West side, North side and South side, delivering our people from addictiveness of all kind. You say whatever we believe. In Faith we will receive. Thank you, Lord for your guarding angels who are watching over us all. Especially those who are not feeling well! You wish Jesus above all things that they prosper and be in health.

In your name, we ask it all. AMEN.

Thank you for reading, Saints. You will be blessed!

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

## St. Matthew's Baptist Church News

Church services were well in attendance last Sunday morning, October 22, 2006, at the St. Matthew Baptist Church, 2020 East 14th Street, where Rev. Edward Canady is pastor.

Services got underway with Sunday School beginning at 10:10 a.m. with Superintendent Sister Luella Harris in charge. The morning lesson was taught by Sister Harris and reviewed by Pastor Canady. The lesson was entitled "A Promise You Can Trust." 2nd Samuel 7:8-17. It was a personal lesson for all of us.

The morning worship hour got underway at 11:15 a.m. with Deacon Edward Williams and Brother Vincent Bailey were in charge of the devotion.

The St. Matthew Baptist Church Senior Choir sang out of their hearts and souls. It's just a blessing to hear God's praises in songs.

Pastor Canady delivered a powerful sermon. His subject was "Bring It To Jesus." His

scripture text was Matthew 14:15-18. It was really a soul searching message.

St. Matthew Baptist Church Mission Ladies will sponsor their Annual Fifth Sunday program on Sunday afternoon, October 29, 2006, beginning at 3:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to come and join in with them. You

will be glad you did.

The theme for the program will be "Women In God's Army."

Let us continue to pray for all our sick and shut-in citizens. Remember God is able.

**Thought For The Week:** "A faith worth having is a faith worth sharing."

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Generally, the IRS does not require you to keep records in any special manner. You should, however, keep any and all documents that may have had an impact on your federal tax return. Such items would include bills, receipts, invoices, mileage logs, canceled checks, or any other proof of payment. "Persons may select any recordkeeping structure that is appropriate to their business that clearly shows income and expenses. Only in a few cases does the law require any special kind of records," Sanford noted.

Sanford stressed that good recordkeeping habits can have a positive impact on your business as well. "You need meaningful records to watch the development of your business. Records can show whether your business is improving, which items are selling, or what changes you need to make. Keeping thorough, accurate records can only increase the chances of business success."

Also, if you hire a paid professional to complete your return, the records you have kept will assist the preparer to complete your return quickly and accurately.

Tax records should usually be kept for three years, but some documents - for example, records relating to a home purchase or sale, stock transactions, Individual Retirement Accounts, and business or rental property - should be kept longer. For more information on what types of records to keep, see IRS publication 552, *Recordkeeping for Individuals*. It's available at [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov).

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# Black colleges struggle to keep students

Experts say aging campuses, inferior facilities are reasons for decline.

RICHMOND, Va. - When Jessica Page visited Hampton University in March, she considered the trip a formality. She had already made up her mind to attend the school, considered by many a jewel among the nation's historically black institutions. Then she saw the campus.

The dorms weren't as sleek as she had pictured. Buildings seemed antiquated. Was this "The Real HU" she had heard about?

"I wasn't impressed," said Page, who later enrolled at the University of Virginia at Charlottesville. "Hampton was my No. 1 choice - un-til I visited." Page is part of a steady trickle of talented young blacks slipping away from the nation's most prestigious black colleges.

Experts say aging campuses are one reason. But other reasons cited include increasing competition from predominantly white schools that are trying to become more diverse; changes in black students' desires; and the greater opportunities available to them in a society more integrated than that of their parents.

The exodus has left some black schools struggling to market themselves to youngsters who do not feel as duty-bound to attend black colleges as their parents did.

"The issue for black colleges is not, in my view, that there are not enough students to go around," said Michael Lomax, president of the United Negro College Fund. Instead, "students have a lot more choices and those students are being careful and

more selective than ever before." There are 103 historically black colleges and universities across the nation. Clustered mostly in the South, they were largely funded during the Reconstruction by wealthy whites as an alternative to universities that had shut out blacks.

For generations, these schools were valued by blacks for their unique campus traditions, their family-like environment and their skill at grooming the nation's black intellectual elite.

But the attraction appears to be waning.

Total U.S. college enrollment of black men and women ages 18 to 24 has increased from 15 percent in 1970 to roughly 25 percent in 2003. The number of black students enrolling in historically black schools has slowly increased, too, from 190,305 in 1976 to more than 230,000 in 2001.

But the percentage of black college students choosing a black school has been slipping, from 18.4 percent in 1976 to 12.9 percent in 2001, according to the U.S. Education Department's most recent figures.

Twenty-six of 87 black schools profiled by the department recorded enrollment declines between 1995 and 2004. Alabama's Talladega College topped the list, losing nearly 54 percent of its students. The University of the District of Columbia, which boasted 9,663 students in 1995, had 5,168 in 2004. More troubling to some, enrollment was down at black powerhouses like Fisk and Tuskegee during the same period. (As for some other elite black schools, enrollment was flat at

Morehouse between 1995 and 2004, and was up 11.5 percent at Spelman.)

Experts say one explanation is that predominantly white - and often elite - colleges and universities have been working hard to attract and keep black students.

At Virginia, for instance, incoming black students are paired with black upperclassmen who can give them guidance. Last year, the school expanded a financial aid program. And when black students enroll, they are presented a stole of bright African cloth in a ceremony called the "Donning of the Kente."

Valerie Gregory, director of outreach at the Charlottesville school and a Hampton graduate, said she is seeing more students like her daughter - independent-minded black youths who don't feel as if they must be surrounded by other blacks.

"Students are more apt to want to be in an integrated environment and now aren't as shy to look and see if there's a possibility," said Gregory, whose high schooler is weighing mostly white James Madison University in the Shenandoah Valley against Spelman.

Black colleges are trying new strategies, including stepping up marketing and working to improve in certain academic areas. The United Negro College Fund is encouraging schools to take recruitment beyond bordering states and into territory like the Midwest.

Kassie Freeman, a dean at Maine's Bowdoin College and author of the book "African Americans and College Choice," said black schools have been focusing too much on mining

black high schools for freshmen.

She said those students are typically ready for a more diverse environment. But many students who are attending predominantly white high schools "would much rather go to an environment where they can find their roots."

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## Garden and Arts Center to host watercolor exhibit

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The Thursday Painters began painting at the Garden and Art Center approximately 20 years ago. One long-standing member of the group, Lela Spenser, states, "We are just a group of artists that love water media. So we get together to share ideas and to paint." This group of ladies can be found painting in the GAC studio on any Thursday. They not only share ideas and new techniques they also offer encouragement and support to one another. The Thursday Painters limit their group to water media and welcome beginning and intermediate level artists to join their creative sessions.

Featured in the GAC Lobby will be a memorial tribute to Jimmie Campbell, a long time member of the Thursday Painters. Mrs. Campbell, a talented artist painting in both oil and water media, seemed to exhibit a preference to water media. A number of loaned pieces of both media of Mrs. Campbell's work will be on display through the end of the month.

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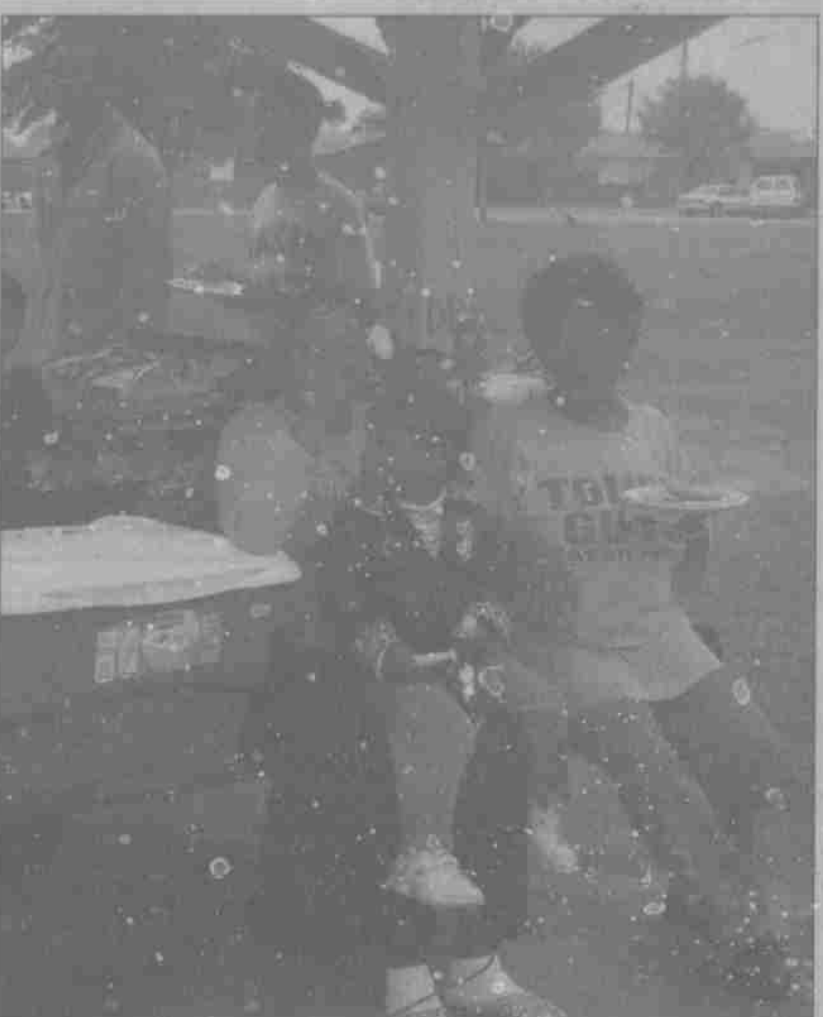
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  15. CAT
  16. Kramer's distinguishing feature
  17. Run off together
  18. The TV family on the colorful bus
  20. Commotion, slang
  21. Cow's first stomach
  22. \_\_\_ polloi
  23. Gomez and Morticia's family
  26. Humorous
  30. Nature's velcro
  31. Dionysus' female worshipper
  34. "\_\_\_ up" in poker
  35. A lament for the dead
  37. Software used for precision drawing
  38. White, crystalline compound C8H7N
  39. Nicholas II
  40. "Where everybody knows your name"
  42. "Take it to the \_\_\_" in basketball
  43. Not quite a pro
  45. George Costanza was lacking in this area
  47. Fairy or elf
  48. From 1 to 10
  50. Huck Finn's escape
  52. A show that had a Ball
  56. Plural of genius
  57. Not win
  58. The middle is often eaten first
  59. \_\_\_ Domingo
  60. Throw softly, pl.
  61. He shot the apple off the head
  62. Wet nurse
  63. Bill Cosby was one in his first TV series
  64. Developer of polio vaccine

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2. Killer whale
  3. "\_\_\_ pants on fire!"
  4. Commonly repeated phrase
  5. Athlete's move
  6. Period of sovereignty
  7. Dexterous
  8. Little buddy
  9. Dwarf buffalo
  10. Inhabitant of Lapland
  11. The A in brewer's IPA
  13. Buddhist doctrine urging avoidance of violence
  14. Haze over
  19. Card game based on sets and sequences
  22. Experienced
  23. Assist
  24. Edible red seaweed
  25. "I \_\_\_ of Jeannie"
  26. Fisherman's position
  27. Lemur from Madagascar
  28. Quality of a good poker face
  29. Nautical steering wheels
  32. Imitate
  33. National Academy of Engineering
  36. Sheriff Taylor
  38. Yucca or agave fiber
  40. Battle \_\_\_ or rallying
  41. Takes us spoils
  44. Adjoins a house
  46. Serfs of ancient Sparta
  48. Single-mast sailing vessel
  49. Dr. Huxtable
  50. Quantity of paper
  51. Tennis player turned sex symbol
  52. Ailments
  53. Carbamide
  54. Popular phone
  55. Some prefer omelets without it
  56. Sets policy for Federal procurement

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1. Door fastener

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