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Local News

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT I

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The North & East Lubbock Community Development Corporation seeks a high-energy, organized, detail-oriented associate. The candidate must have strong I.C. skills in Word and Excel with working knowledge of PowerPoint and Access as plus. General administrative tasks will be part of the role, along with some bookkeeping, office management including ordering supplies, sorting and distributing mail, and answering phones. Candidates must be flexible and willing to assume additional responsibilities as assigned.

The successful candidate will ensure efficient use of the executive director's time via strong calendar management and scheduling skills. Attention to detail and ability to multi-task/manage priorities is essential. Document management is also an additional job function so include preparing presentations, correspondence, board agenda coordination, meeting planning, travel planning, expense management, and some project management.

The position's required work hours are Monday - Friday, 8AM - 5PM (40 hours per week). The ideal candidate must be a team player and possess a positive attitude with strong administrative skills and experience; college degree preferred or equivalent experience. Excellent verbal, written and analytical skills with a high level of professionalism are required. Comfort and experience in handling confidential information is a must.

The candidate must demonstrate the aforementioned knowledge skills and abilities in order to be minimally qualified for the position of Administrative Assistant I. If qualified, please submit a cover letter and resume no later than September 15, 2004 to: Mr. John E. Hall, Executive Director North & East Lubbock CDC, P.O. Box 2630 Lubbock, TX 79457

Community Meetings

- Lubbock Area Client Council Second Saturday, 1:00 pm
- Mae Simmons Community Center
- Hub City Kiwanis, Every Tuesday Night, 7:00pm, 1708 Avenue G
- Dunbar Alumni Association 2nd Saturday 4:00 pm
- Booker T. Washington American Legion Post 508 2nd Tuesday- 7:30
- Forgotten West Riders, First & Third Monday, 7:00 pm, T. J. Patterson Library
- East Lubbock Chapter AARP, Every 1st Thursday at 1:00 pm, Mae Simmons Community Center, Oak and 8th St.
- Lubbock Chapter of Black Alumni 3rd Tuesday, 5:30 pm, TTU Market Center
- Dunbar/Maunattan heights Neighborhood Association Meets Every Third Thursday 6:00 pm 1303 East 24th Street (outreach center/party house)
- West Texas Native American Association Pot Luck Suppers on alternating months prior to meeting, meetings held on second Saturday of each month at 7:00 pm Educational presentations and demonstrations.
- Texas Juneteenth Cultural & Historical Commission Lubbock Affiliate Meets at T.J. 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.

If you have an announcement you want to appear in this paper, please get it to us in writing. You can mail it to:
Community Meetings
C/O: Southwest Digest
P.O. Box 2553
Lubbock, Texas 79408

or bring it by our offices:
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1302 Avenue Q
Lubbock, TX 79401

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"27 Years! We're still standing, getting stronger and still growing"

By Eddie P. Richardson

The Southwest Digest is a newspaper for all citizens, but primarily oriented to and basically reflective of The Black Community. The Southwest Digest was first published as the Lubbock Digest September 11, 1977. At that particular 11th day of September, it was just another day. But now the 11th day of September has gone down in history of a day that will never be forgotten, i.e. September 11, 2001.

In the beginning, it was difficult in getting the Southwest Digest off dead center, but it began to move to the forefront in about three years. There were one excuse after another. Then an unexpected visit by a person created the atmosphere for the beginning of the then Lubbock Digest, later renamed the Southwest Digest at the request of our readers and an expansion.

The Southwest Digest has had many ups and downs. There have been mostly downs, but we are turning the corner. Just think, after 27 years we are having less downs and more ups. With the help of God, we will have more ups than downs. Maybe, just maybe, one day with a continued mental attitude, a positive approach, and most of all, faith in God — one day there will be all ups and no

downs. The following is what the Southwest Digest is not: The Southwest Digest is an independent newspaper serving the Lubbock, West Texas, South Plains of Texas and Eastern New Mexico areas printing the news impartially supporting what it believes to be right with out opposing what it believes to be wrong without regard to party politics. Devoted to the industrial, educational, social, political, and economical advancement of AFRICAN American people. You may be critical of some things written, but, at least you will have the satisfaction of know-

ing they are truthful and to the point. People will react to that which is precise, and we will publish these articles as precisely and factually as is humanly possible. We will also give credit and respect to those who are doing good things for the Lubbock Area and the people. We will be critical of those who are not doing as they have said they would, and this, we think, is fair. So, this is our resolution to you. "Feel free at any time to call my office for information concerning this newspaper or any matter that is of concern to you." This is not a propaganda sheet made to chastise or vilify. This is a newspaper-made to educate and not to agitate.

The opinions expressed by guest columnists or editorials are not necessary the opinions of the publishers/editors or those of our advertisers. Comments and pictures are welcome but the publishers are not responsible to return articles unless a self-addressed stamped envelope is submitted. All notices must be paid in advance. Story deadline is 5:00 p.m. on Friday. Advertising deadline is 12:00 Noon on Monday, the week of publication. Thought of the Week: "If you think you can't, then you can't. If you think you can, then go for it!" Nuf Sed! Why Not?

AG TALK with Congressman Charlie Stenholm

Water Issues in West Texas

As a dryland farmer in West Texas, I'm always optimistic the rains will eventually come. And that optimism has certainly paid off this year.

Whether I'm at the gin or in the halls of Congress, water now seems to come to the forefront of many discussions.



Many areas of the country, including West Texas, are facing situations where their primary sources of drinking water have been depleted, and they are facing the scary reality that their secondary sources could dry up as well.

To ensure enough water is in the ground for future generations of West Texas and farmers, a comprehensive effort by municipal leaders, lawmakers, citizens and farmers is needed to determine the future of water policy in

Water Policy Commission Act

That is why I cosponsored legislation that passed the House of Representatives earlier this year establishing the 21st Century Water Policy Commission. This commission will help communities consider all aspects of their water management, water supply and demand, and ways to develop a comprehensive policy for meeting their water needs under adverse conditions.

The 2002 Farm Bill that Larry Combest and I created provided funding for a multi-million-dollar Ground and Surface Water Conservation Program that would provide technical expertise and cost-share assistance to enhance water stewardship for farmers and ranchers in High Plain Aquifer States, such as those folks who share the Ogallala Aquifer. There's no doubt that the Ogallala Aquifer is the lifeblood of the High Plains in Texas and many other states. In fact, this

aquifer underlies approximately 36,000 square miles of land in Texas and provides the water for hundreds of thousands of homes, businesses, farms and ranches.

Farm Bill—EQUIP

The 2002 Farm Bill has several programs to help drought-stricken areas address water management issues. Specifically, the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) program has helped ranchers and private landowners fund brush control projects along significant watersheds such as the North Cochocho River and Twin Buttes watersheds.

Initial efforts focused on cost-share for initial and follow-up brush control by local cooperators who participate in the Texas Soil and Water Conservation Board's brush control program and other independent brush control efforts in the watershed. EQIP funds were combined with state funds to increase available water through brush control and grazing management.

Salt Cedar Control

Most recently, I coauthored the Salt Cedar Control Demonstration Act of 2003. This program requires the U.S.

Departments of Agriculture (USDA) and the Interior (Dol) to

conduct an assessment of the salt cedar and Russian olive invasion in the U.S. The USDA and Dol will identify long-term funding and management strategies and document the quantity of water lost due to these two plants, the quantity of water saved due to different control methods, determine optimal control and disposal methods for different areas and determine what conditions indicate the need to eradicate these pests.

We Must Develop Integrated Plans, Become More Efficient

I've worked tirelessly in Congress to address the scarce water situation in West Texas, and I can attest that brush control efforts have produced the most lasting result: in the area's water-sheds. Like much of the U.S., West Texas has been devastated by

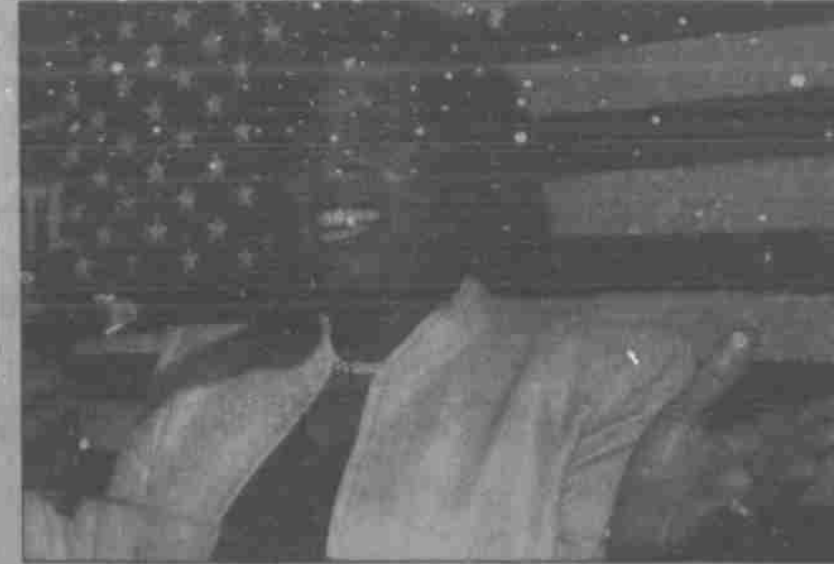
Seminole Farms Secures First Ginned Bale

Every year around this time, farmers in the High Plains compete to secure the first cotton bale ginned of the season. Recently this competition was completed when Luther Cone, a tanner from Seminole, secured the first official bale at the First United Bank in Seminole.

All of Texas is going to have a busy season.

There's a lot of cotton growing out there to be baled and ginned. So don't hang your hat up yet, the ginning has just begun. Congressman Stenholm represents the 17th District of Texas in the U.S. House of Representatives and is the Ranking Member of the House Committee on Agriculture.

Majette winds Democratic runoff, makes history in bid for U.S. Senate



U.S. Senate candidate Rep. Denise Majette, D-GA, makes her victory speech during an election-night rally in Atlanta. Majette won a runoff against millionaire Cliff Oxford for the Democratic nomination in the race to replace retiring Sen. Zell Miller.

First-term U.S. Rep. Denise Majette (D-GA) has won the Democratic runoff in Atlanta by defeating a millionaire businessman for the seat being vacated by retiring Sen. Zell Miller. In doing so, she became the first Black candidate ever nominated to represent Georgia in the U.S. Senate.

Majette, 49, beat Cliff Oxford, a 40-year-old technology company founder. With 99 precincts reporting, Majette had 59 percent, or 160,913 votes, compared with Oxford's 41 percent, or 109,589 votes. "I'm just very honored that the people of Georgia are giving me the opportunity to run this

next phase of the race. We've worked very hard. That hard work is paying off," Majette said. Majette made rational headlines in 2002 when she ousted five-term congresswoman Cynthia McKinney from office in a Democratic primary. However, since then Majette has left her position after one term to make a U.S. Senate bid, and McKinney has won re-nomination to her old post (Jet, Aug. 9).

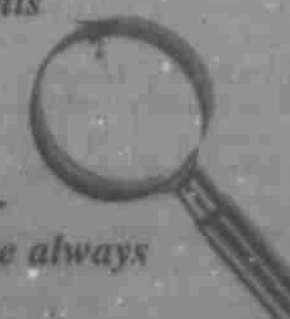
U.S. Rep. Elijah Cummings (D-MD), chairman of the Congressional Black Caucus, congratulated Majette: "My colleagues in the Congressional Black Caucus and I enthusiastically congratulate Congresswoman Denise Majette [who]... made history by becoming the first African-American and the first woman to win the nomination from either major political party to represent Georgia in the United States Senate. I am confident... voters from Georgia will support Majette... [She] will be a leader on the issues that matter most in people's lives and an inspiration to young women across the country." Majette is now poised to face off against GOT Rep. Johnny Isakson and Libertarian Allen Buckley in the November election.

Parks and Recreation Fall Activity Guide

The City of Lubbock Parks and Recreation Department has published a 2004 Fall Activity Guide that covers activities from September through December. This is the first such guide Parks and Recreation has offered since 1998. This comprehensive guide contains athletic and leisure opportunities, amenity information on each park, rental information, class schedules for Community and Senior Centers and the Garden and Arts Center, and information on Safety City, Lake Alan Henry and Santa Land. To receive your copy of the 2004 Fall Activity Guide call 775-2685.

If you find mistakes in this publication, please

remind yourself that we are all human. We publish something for everyone, and some people are always looking for mistakes.



Chatman Hills Corner

By Clarissa Jay

Annual Usher's Day will be held on Sunday afternoon, September 12, 2004, beginning at 3:00 p. m. at the St. Matthew Baptist Church. Rev. Edward Canady is pastor. Guest speaker will be Bishop Roger Culbertson of Lyons Chapel Baptist Church.

The Annual City Wide Ushers Breakfast will be held Saturday morning, September 11, 2004, at Lyons Chapel Baptist Church, 1704 East 24th Street, where Rev. W. D. Davis is pastor. Serving will begin at 7:30 a. m. until 10:30 a. m. Donations are \$3.00 per person.

Sister Sarah Bunton is president.

A City Wide Revival Service will be held September 13 thru 15, 2004 at the New Hope Baptist Church, 2002 Birch Avenue. Services will begin at 7:00 p. m. nightly. Guest speaker will be Evangelist Dr. S. J. Gilbert, Sr. This revival is sponsored by Churches United for Kingdom Building.

Word comes that Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church, 2202 Southeast Drive, will be hosting the Northwest

Texas Annual Conference in October, 2004. According to Rev. Danny Poe, pastor, the conference will include 67 churches whose members will be visiting this city. More on this in the near M. future.

Let us continue to pray for those who are sick and shut-in in our community. Among them is 7 month old premature Tyra Wilson, granddaughter of Sister Connie Anderson. God is able.

Services were well attended last Sunday morning, September 5, 2004, at the New Hope Baptist Church, the "Church Where The People Really Care," and Rev. B. F. Moton is pastor.

Services begun with Meditation and prayer. The Praise Team served up A spirit filled presentation. The morning scripture was read by Rev. Cheryl Martin. Rev. Charles Wilson offered the morning prayer. Several selections were sung by the New Hope Choir.

The morning sermon was delivered by Pastor Moton. His subject was "The Joy of Serving Jesus." His scripture text was Psalms 100:2.

After an invitation to discipleship was extended, the morning announcements were read by Sister Flornza Stokley. All visitors were welcomed by Sister Lottia F. Barrow.

The New Hope Baptist Church's morning services is broadcast each Sunday morning on KJAK 92.7 FM, from 11:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. If you are unable to attend your church services because of problems beyond your control, tune in to the Broadcast.

Our prayers go out to the L. B. Johnson of Post, Texas and Larry Jerome Isaac families who were funeralized last week.

We are still inviting you advise this column of any activities in your family, school or churches. This column wants to advise the community what you are doing or what you have accomplished. Let us hear from you.

If you are not a registered voter, you still have time to become one in order to vote in the General Election on November 2, 2004. Remember a NO vote is a vote for the opposition. Will you vote? Hope so!

In Remembrance

Larry Jerome Isaac

Funeral services for Larry Jerome Isaac were held last Saturday, September 4, 2004, at the New Hope Baptist Church with Rev. Wendell Davis, pastor of Lyons Chapel Baptist Church, officiating. Rev. B.R. Moton is pastor.

Burial was held in the City of Lubbock Cemetery under the direction of Brock's South Plains Funeral Directors.

He passed away Friday, August 27, 2004.

Isaac was born December 5, 1974 in Lubbock, Texas. A lifetime resident of Lubbock, he

attended NB Estacado High School.

He is survived by his father, Larry Isaac of Lubbock, Texas; his mother, Lois Harris Isaac of Fort Worth, Texas; two sisters, Miranda Gatewood and Mercedes Isaac, both of Fort Worth, Texas; his grandmother, Mrs. Imatha Isaac of Lubbock, Texas; a daughter, Larrell Isaac and a son, Larry Jerome Isaac, Jr., both of Lubbock, Texas.

L.B. Johnson

Funeral services for L.B. Johnson were held last Friday afternoon, September 3, 2004, at the Pleasant Home Baptist Church in Post, Texas with Elder Johnnie Evans officiating.

A memorial NSBHS wake was held Thursday evening, September 2, 2004, in the Vernon Charles Chapel of Brock's South Plains

Funeral Directors in Lubbock.

Mother Johnson passed away Saturday, August 28, 2004.

Mother Johnson was a member of the Power House Church of God in Christ. She loved and devoted her life to her family.

She is survived by three sisters: Ratheen Wright of Tucson, Arizona, Jewelene Dewberry and Dorothy Roberts, both of Troup, Texas; a son, Willie L. Johnson, and wife, Florence of Fort Worth, Texas; a daughter, Shirley Evans and husband, Elder J. Evans of Lubbock, Texas; grandchildren, great-grandchildren, great-great-grandchildren, and a host of nieces and nephews.



Johnson

Building blocks approach: A group-based strategy for effective economic change in Black America

By Oliver M. Afee, Ph.D.

As a group, Black Americans are at the bottom of the economic ladder. Other groups in the nation are moving forward economically, while we as Black folks continue to try to depend on everyone but ourselves to economically move forward in the nation.

Due to the civil rights movement, Black Americans have come a long way. We attend integrated schools, buy homes in a greater number of neighborhoods if affordable, eat at any restaurant, sit where we desire on buses and in theatres, drink out of any water fountain, shop at department stores, stay at hotels and motels, and vote if desired. Affirmative action policies have created opportunities for some Black folks to obtain good jobs and a few others to achieve individual (self) wealth. The Civil Rights Act of 1964 and affirmative action policies have contributed greatly to improving the lives of Black Americans, both socially and economically.

Many Blacks tend to believe that civil rights legislation and affirmative action policies can be used as ways to eventually solve intractable Black business and economic development problems (i.e., few viable Black-owned inner-city businesses, few nationwide businesses that create jobs, lack of access to capital, and the inability to retain dollars within the Black community). Unfortunately, civil rights legislation and affirmative action policies have not helped Black folks solve difficult business/monetary problems and move forward as a group to achieve group (collective) economic empowerment.

To encourage all Black Americans to begin to focus on achieving Black group (collective) economic empowerment, I have written a book titled,

"Black Building Blocks: A Guide to Group Economic Empowerment." The book is a comprehensive plan that puts emphasis on:

- Channeling Black dollars to Black business districts.
- Allowing money to change hands multiple times within the Black community.
- Retaining Black dollars within the Black community to build individual wealth and group wealth.
- Placing well-capitalized Black-owned businesses in inner-city Black business districts and inner-city shopping centers to create millions of jobs.
- Changing current Black inner-cities into new inner-cities.
- Stopping Black-on-Black violence.

The book focuses on a new Building Blocks Approach strategy that Black Americans as a unified group can realistically use to achieve the above outcomes, thereby being able to move toward the attainment of group (collective) economic empowerment.

Many books contain information about economic empowerment. But the recommended concepts and solutions in the books tend to be difficult to grasp and implement. The book described herein provides practical and viable solutions that establish the needed underpinning which enables Black Americans as a unified group to independently control their own destiny in economically moving forward in the nation during the 21st century.

Black Americans must begin to wisely use their money to enable it to contribute to effective and beneficial Black business and economic development. The essential way to do this is to allow Black dollars to change hands multiple times within the Black community. As a group, Black Americans

earn \$650 billion a year, but permit their dollars to occasionally circulate one time. Comparatively, White and other non-Black Americans circulate their dollars ten times or more within their communities.

It is recommended that Black Americans begin to put a grassroots, unified group-based strategy (a Building Blocks Approach) into place that contributes significantly to forward Black group economic progress in the nation. We have an income of \$650 billion in our hands each year that can be used to increase the quality of life for Black Americans. Thus, we must begin to focus on increasing the dollars spent within the Black community.

Black America does not have a group-based plan for group (collective) empowerment. The economic situation in the nation is stagnant for Black Americans. More Black Americans seem to be facing the fact that government safety net programs are being severely curtailed due to huge federal deficits and the tremendous costs of the war on terrorism and homeland defense. This means that Blacks will have to begin to work together within their own community to solve their subsistence problems. Therefore, some Black leaders and politicians are beginning to realize the need for the implementation of a Black group-based economic structure that provides solutions to our economic crisis. The book (Black Building Blocks) presents an organized group-based plan for movement toward effective economic change in Black America. Oliver M. Afee, Ph.D. is a career and business consultant and the author of the book, "Black Building Blocks: A Guide to Group Economic Empowerment." Visit his web site at www.olivmcafee.com.

FASHION FUN

by Shirley Roberson

Hairpieces

Reveal your dramatic vibe, dress your soulful spirit and be as fashion conscious about your hair as you are about the clothes you wear. Believe it or not, your hair could very well be the solution to a lot of your fashion concerns. Hair additions, hair extensions, hair cuts, length, style and color immediately put variety and flavor in your life.

Discover the wonderful exciting world of wigs, hair pieces and extensions. Don't be ordinary...be extraordinary! Not plain...just plain good looking! Actually wearing additional

hair is somewhat magical, creating, producing and transforming. Simply by selecting the right hair, you are able to change your appearance and more importantly change how you feel. Convenience at your finger tips.

The in hot colors are, soft blacks, dark and light browns, auburns high lighted with streaks and faded shades of straw-berry, raspberry and golden blonde. Decisions, decisions. You could be bold, and go totally blonde.



DO BLONDES REALLY HAVE MORE FUN? TRY IT!

Fashion, just for the fun of it. Tip... For your total fashion look, always wear a smile!

Mourning Dove permits on sale for Lake Alan Henry

With the start of dove hunting season, the City of Lubbock is offering permits for Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays from September 3-19 at the Wildlife Mitigation Area at Lake Alan Henry. City permits must be purchased by the Wednesday before each weekend or by September 11, 14 and 15. Permits are limited and are available on a first-come, first-serve basis per day, and no baiting will be allowed. In addition to the City-issued permit, requirements also include obtaining a State-issued Hunting License from the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department for 2004. Hunters must sign a liability release and report all harvest information. Purchase of a permit does not guarantee the harvest of game. Permit fees vary by hunter residency, and permits must be purchased by appointment only at the Parks and Recreation Office at 1010 9th Street, Monday-Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. To schedule an appointment, call 806-775-2602.

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Church News



We Thank God for Jesus

"WEEPING FOR YOUR CHILDREN"

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

LUKE 23:28, JESUS SAID, WEEP NOT FOR ME, BUT WEEP FOR YOURSELVES AND FOR YOUR CHILDREN.

THE LORD TOLD US IN HIS WORD; ABOUT THE LAST AND EVIL DAYS, THE CHURCHES WAS SUPPOSE ABOUT HIS BUSINESS; SOULS BEING SAVED.

ISAIAH 58:1, THE LORD SAID; CRY ALOUD, AND SPARE NOT, LIFT UP THY VOICE LIKE A TRUMPET, AND SHOW MY PEOPLE THEIR TRANSGRESSION.

IT WAS IN THE 60'S WHEN THE DEVIL GAVE OUT RIGHTS, AND IT WAS WRONG, HE DECEIVED THE CHURCHES THEN; AND IT IS YET GOING ON.

ROMANS 1:19-22, BECAUSE THAT WHICH MAY BE KNOWN OF GOD, IS MANIFEST IN THEM (THE CHURCHES); FOR GOD HAD SHOWED IT UNTO THEM, FOR THE INVISIBLE THINGS OF HIM (GOD) FROM THE CREATION OF THE WORLD ARE CLEARLY SEEN, BEING UNDERSTOOD BY THE THINGS THAT ARE MADE, EVEN HIS ETERNAL POWER AND GODHEAD; SO THAT THEY (THE CHURCHES) ARE WITHOUT EXCUSE; BECAUSE THAT WHEN THEY KNEW GOD, THEY GLORIFIED HIM NOT AS GOD, NEITHER WERE THANKFUL, BUT BECAME VAIN IN THEIR IMAGINATIONS, AND THEIR FOOLISH HEART WAS DARKENED, PROFESSING THEM-

SELVES (THE CHURCHES) TO BE WISE, THEY BECAME FOOLS, THAT DISOBEYED MARCH AGAINST THE LAW; CALLING IT PROGRESS, NOW ITS IN THE CHURCHES, HOMES, SCHOOLS; AMERICA IS NOW IN A BIG MESS!

*** YES THE CHURCHES DID ROB GOD!***

CHILDREN NOW HAVE RIGHTS; TO STEAL, DEAL, KILL; NOW THEY'RE IN JAILS IN JAILS THEY ARE LIKE SLAVE; AND MANY ARE ON THEIR WAY TO HELL.

DEUTERONOMY 28:41, THE LORD SAID, THOU SHALT BEGET SONS AND DAUGHTERS, BUT THOU SHALT NOT ENJOY THEM; FOR THEY SHALL GO INTO CAPTIVITY.

CHURCHES LOVE MONEY SO; AND SHE KEEPS ON PLAYING THE DEVILS GAME, CHILDREN ARE DYING ALL AROUND US; AND THE CHURCHES HAVE NO SHAME!!!

LUKE 16:8b, JESUS SAID, FOR THE CHILDREN OF THIS WORLD (THE DEVILS CHILDREN) ARE IN THEIR GENERATION WISER THAN THE CHILDREN OF LIGHT (GOD'S CHILDREN).

THE CHURCHES ARE GOING AROUND, SAYING, PRAYER IS OUT OF SCHOOLS, PUT THE PRAYER IN THE CHILDREN FIRST, AND THEN SEND THEM TO SCHOOL!!!

AND NOW THE PREACHERS ARE TRYING TO RUN FOR THE PRESIDENTS SEAT, JESUS SAID, GO INTO ALL THE WORLD AND PREACH; NOT TO WANT THAT SEAT.

LUKE 9:62, JESUS SAID, NO MAN, HAVING PUT HIS HAND TO (THE GOSPEL) PLOW, AND LOOKING BACK, IS FIT FOR THE KINGDOM OF GOD. (IN MATTHEW 4:8, THE DEVIL OFFERED JESUS THAT SEAT, BUT JESUS KNEW WHAT GOD HAD TOLD HIM TO DO, AND HE DIDN'T WANT TO BE A STAR; HE KNOWS WHO IS THE OWNER OF THAT SEAT, AND TO GET IN THAT SEAT, YOU MUST BE A GOOD LIAR, LEGALIZE ALCOHOL, LEGALIZE ABORTION, LEGALIZING CHILDREN RIGHTS OVER THEIR PARENTS CAME OUT OF THAT SEAT.)

AND AMERICA LOVE MONEY TOO; AND USE THE CHILDREN; MANY WILL DIE, WE AT WAR ON AMERICA'S STREETS; AND ALL THE PARENTS CAN DO IS CRY!!!

GALATIANS 6:7,8, BE NOT DECEIVED; GOD IS NOT MOCKED; FOR WHATSOEVER 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.

Outreach Prayer Breakfast

In a most historic meeting, members and friends of the Outreach Prayer Breakfast met in the Southwest Digest office. As made known, the Outreach Prayer Breakfast is one of the first weekly articles to appear in the Southwest Digest, which will enter into its 27th year this week.

Vice president Christene Burleson presided over the devotional period and giving remarks. Songs of praise were sung by the group. After a spirit filled prayer by Sister Ardella Hardwick, who also gave a heartfelt testimony. Sister Patricia did a spirit filled praise dance.

The morning lesson was taught by Sister Hardwick. Her subject was "Unity In The Church." Her scripture text was Ephesians 4:1.

"As a prisoner for the Lord, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. Be completely humble, gentle, and patience. Bearing with one another in love. Make every effort to keep the unity of the spirit through the bond of peace. There is one body and one spirit. Just as you, we're called to one hope when you were called. One Lord, One Faith, One Baptism, One God and Father of all who is over all and through all and in all."

The teacher reminded all those in attendance, "We are all part of one body, and let us not forget that!"

There were twenty-one people in attendance at this breakfast. All are asked to come and get a full message from these spirit filled teachers.

Again, a special thanks to the Southwest Digest, staff and Brother T.J. Patterson and Brother Eddie Richardson who were in attendance, for inviting the Outreach Prayer Breakfast. It was a tremendous privilege and blessing. Brother Richardson welcomed

the members and friends of the Outreach Prayer Breakfast with a spirit filled presentation.

Let us thank all of those who were in attendance. It was a blessing to love you with us.

For all of those who are sick and have lost a loved one, remember Jesus Christ is the real answer to whatever you are going through. We are praying for each of you.

Saints, keep those prayers of Faith going forward in the community, in the city, in the schools, and in the world. We can make a difference!

Thanks for reading. Precious People! And a special thanks to Sister Annie Mae McBride for the good cooking, and serving last Saturday morning. We love you!

Sister Dorothy Hood, president; Sister Christene Burleson, vice president; and Sister Socky Martin, acting secretary.

City-Wide Ushers will host annual breakfast

It is time once again for the City Wide Ushers to convene together for their Annual Breakfast. The public is invited to attend this breakfast which will be held Saturday morning, September 11, 2004, at the Lyons Chapel Baptist Church, 1704 East 24th Street, where Rev. Wendell Davis is host pastor. The breakfast will begin at 7:30 a.m. Donations are \$3.00 per person.

We promise those who will attend a wonderful time. Come and fellowship with the Ushers of the city. It is held once a year, and food will be served until 10:30 a.m. Come and bring someone with you. It only happens once a year.

Ushers, don't forget your non-perishable canned goods for the needy of our community during the holidays. Thank you so very much!

We want to take this opportunity to thank all Ushers who participated in the Homegoing Services of

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The Fleecing of Social Security by Mexican Nationals and U.S. Politicians

Black America, middle class White America and the legal Hispanics of the United States, are you aware that there is a Bush-sponsored proposal that would make America an El Dorado for Mexicans citizens. The proposal that would take on meaning in 2005 would make Mexicans who worked in the United States eligible for Social Security. The plan would allow millions of Mexicans to return to Mexico. They would be able to sit back in their rocking chair while puffing a cigar and drinking cold alcoholic beverages and draw checks collecting U. S. Social Security benefits (while it is alleged that middle class and poor Americans would have to continue to have to go to work to keep feeding the Mexican kitty). The Republican controlled Congress and its Democrat clones has the final approval of any U. S.-Mexican "totalization" agreement. The totalization agreement allow individuals-if they work in different countries during their careers-to "total" the number of quarters needed to participate in the Social Security program. However, the agreement is slightly different with Mexico. Mr. Fox (the President) of Mexico get what he wants. The establishment bows to the alleged Mexican Baal. To qualify for Social Security benefits, Mexicans of Mexico (not Americans) must prove they worked in the United States for at least 18 months (a year and a

half). Payments are to be made on a prorated basis, depending on years worked in the United States. Those who work at least 10 years (legal or illegal?) AUTOMATICALLY qualify for full benefits. Those who worked in Mexico for a certain amount of time would be able to collect benefits in America or Mexico. Members of the Mexican American Legal Defense and Education fund are eating this up. One of the Mexican attorneys said, "It's only fair they get back a benefit they deserve that will keep them from dying in poverty." The President of Mexico is encouraging such action. He was brazen enough to go to Chicago earlier in the year and encourage such policy with little regard for the laws of illegal immigration of Mexicans into the United States. What did the Bush administration do when told what to do in their own country? Nothing but skin and grin. These same neo-conservatives and conservatives Republicans and Democrats wished the water would have drown the poor black Haitians trying to cross the Atlantic Ocean into the United States. The Social Security Administration officials has estimated that about 50,000 Mexicans would collect \$78 million in the first year of a U.S.-Mexican agreement. They predict that by 2050, 300,000 Mexicans would sit down in their houses in Mexico and collect 650 million in benefits a year while

sitting on their keister. On June 29, 2004, Commissioner Barnhart and Dr. Santiago Levy Alrazi, Director General of the Mexican Social Security Institute, signed a U.S.-Mexican Social Security agreement during a ceremony held in Guadalajara, Mexico. The agreement must now be submitted to the U. S. Congress and the Mexican Senate for review. The agreement is not expected The Fleecing of Social Security by Mexican Nationals and U. S. Politicians to enter into force before autumn 2005. There is a resolution calling on Congress to disapprove of the U.S.-Mexican Social Security Totalization Agreement. H. Res. 720, was introduced by Congressman Mac Collins (Republican - Georgia). There are only 4 Representatives from Texas in disagreement: Sam Johnson, John Culberson, Ron Paul and Lamar Smith. I wonder what is going to happen to the little old white ladies around Lubbock when their checks get reduced from the thousands to \$350 to \$720 dollars like poor blacks and legal Mexicans because of illegal Mexicans and lying politicians. It's a shame when you birth someone and they turn on you for money and a Mexican in Mexico! Has anyone heard about this from either the Democratic candidates or the Republican candidates or the head of the NAACP? White European people need to call their congressman because they really have a lot to lose.

St. Matthew's Baptist Church News

Services were most inspiring last Sunday morning, September 5, 2004, at the St. Matthew Baptist Church, 2020 East 14th Street, where Rev. Edward Canady is pastor.

Services begun with Sunday School at 10:15 a.m. with the superintendent and teachers at their post of duty. The morning lesson was taught by the teacher, Rev. Sister N. Davis. The lesson was reviewed A1 by Brother G. Jackson and Rev. M. Smith which was enjoyed by all present.

The morning devotions were led by the Brotherhood at 11:00 a.m. It was a most inspiring effort. The Senior Choir sang several selections which had the church

stirred up. The morning sermon was delivered by Rev. M. Smith. His subject was "Speak Lord" His scripture text was I Samuels 3:1-19. What an inspiring sermon.

Pastor Canady and Sister Canady were absent from services last Sunday morning.

The public is invited to attend the Ushers Annual Program on Sunday afternoon, September 12, 2004, beginning at 3:00 p.m. Speaker for the program will be Bishop Roger Cuberson, a member of Lyons Chapel Baptist Church.

Thought of the Week: "Lord, teach us to pray." St. Luke-SBS 11:1.

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New TV deal exposes historically Black colleges to mainstream audience

OAKLAND, Calif., Aug. 31/PRNewswire/— African-American-owned New Vision Sports Properties announced today that it has negotiated a new television partnership for the 2004 football season on behalf of the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference (MEAC), Southern Intercollegiate

games on Saturday, September 4 televised by ISM TV. Black Entertainment Television (BET) and College Sports TV (CSTV) will each televise games nationally (three by BET, one by CSTV). Additional national and regional coverage includes 12 games by ISM TV and two by FOX Sports

cial-free halftimes, allowing fans to view the entire shows between the competing school's bands without interruption. This presents an added bonus for viewers, as the competition between bands is almost as legendary a historical as the HBCU football games themselves.

"This is an outstanding television package that gives our football programs the national media attention they deserve," says SWAC Commissioner Robert Nowels. "We are elated to know the participating media partners understand the economic value of our universities."

The SWAC, MEAC and SIAC are comprised of 21 Division I and 11 Division II institutions located throughout the south from Texas to Virginia. The 32 institutions of higher learning that are members of the three conferences have been in existence for over 100 years and have produced some of the sporting world's most famous athletes, including such legendary names as Deacon Jones, Edwin Moses, Walter Payton, Jerry Rice, Lou Brock, Althea Gibson, Bob Hayes, Willie Brown and Willis Reed.

New Vision Sports Properties of Oakland, California is a full-service sports marketing company that specializes in selling, executing and servicing major corporate partnerships. Representing the MEAC, SIAC and SWAC as a group since 2003, New Vision Sports has aggressively implemented a multi-faceted sports marketing program that has generated huge dividends such as a newly created and extensive television deal, and a first-of-its-kind merchandise/retail program. As part of its corporate partnership agreements for the conferences, New Vision Sports has produced relationships with four Fortune 500 companies.



Black college bands are widely known for their theatrical style and cutting-edge flavor. Chrysler Group's commercial-free halftime show allows such bands to play uninterrupted.

Athletic Conference (SIAC) and Southwestern Athletic Conference (SWAC).

MEAC Commissioner Dr. Dennis Thomas approached his sports marketing agency, New Vision Sports, requesting a new TV deal that would place teams from his conference in front of larger audiences. New Vision Sports, which also represents the SIAC and SWAC and unites the three HBCU conferences under one umbrella, immediately began teaming with corporate advertising partners and brought in Integrated Sports Media (ISM TV), an African-American-owned media production and distribution company, to negotiate with television stations.

The result was 18 newly televised games from schedules of MEAC, SIAC and SWAC football programs, beginning with two

Regional.

"All of the pieces came together to make this very exciting television package materialize," says MEAC Commissioner Dr. Dennis Thomas. "New Vision Sports used its experience to bring corporate America to the table to purchase inventory for our games, and ISM TV brought its expertise in dealing with media outlets so they could realize the value of our institutions. The MEAC possesses a great product with devout followings, and this is a means for our programs to be seen in a positive, media-friendly light. I am looking forward to completing similar television packages for our other sports this season as well."

As part of the 12-game ISM TV package, Chrysler Group and its brands of either Chrysler, Dodge or Jeep will present 12 commercial-free halftimes, allowing fans to view the entire shows between the competing school's bands without interruption. This presents an added bonus for viewers, as the competition between bands is almost as legendary a historical as the HBCU football games themselves.

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Old Debt or Bogus Debt?



Greg Abbott
Attorney General of Texas

My office receives numerous complaints and inquiries regarding debt collection. Many consumers have been targeted by debt scams, while others are confused about old debts and whether or not they will have to pay them off.

One of the more prevalent frauds currently in circulation is the bogus debt scam. A number of consumers have turned to our office in confusion because they have received a demand from a collection agency trying to collect a debt that does not seem to exist or that they do not remember incurring.

It appears that some con artists often operate with little more than a post office box, and may hope that an intimidating letter will frighten a consumer into paying a small but totally bogus debt.

Whenever a consumer complains about an unexplained debt or charge, we immediately suggest the possibility that the consumer's identity has been stolen. We also recommend that you demand proof that an unfamiliar debt actually exists.

The best way to ensure a debt's validity is to check your credit file with the three major credit bureaus and demand documented proof from the creditor or collection agency. Legitimate lenders can readily produce a paper trail to show that a credit transaction actually took place. In a bogus debt scam, however, no proof can be produced that a debt even exists. You may also wish to contact the Secretary of State's Office to see if the collection agency is registered in Texas.

We also receive inquiries regarding the obligation to pay old debts. If you never paid off an old debt, that does not mean it is not valid; you are obligated to pay it even if it has been several years since you were contacted by a collection agency or the business you owe the debt to.

Many consumers are under the impression that after a certain number of years, they are no longer responsible for an unpaid debt.

Under Chapter 16.004 of the Texas Civil Practice & Remedies Code, Four-Year Limitations Period, the statute of limitations for filing suit to collect a debt is no later than four years after the cause of action accrues. An example of when the cause of action accrues is the date on which the debt is declared to be in default.

Under the case law related to this statute, debt means any outstanding liability payable in cash. In addition to consumer loans or credit card debt, this can mean a tax liability, damages related to land sale fraud, overpayment or underpayment of royalties or wages, money allegedly owed under an insurance policy, and

money arising from a breach of contract.

The fact that a creditor is barred from collecting a debt through a lawsuit due to the statute of limitations does not mean the debt is erased - the debt remains in effect, and the creditor can still use other means to try to collect it. And this debt will remain on your credit report.

Also, most of the cases cited involve unsecured debt, where the suit would result in a personal judgment against the debtor. There are different rules for debts secured by property, such as mort-

gages. You may wish to consult with a private attorney if you are unsure which type of debt is involved or what options are available in resolving it.

If you are being harassed by an abusive debt collection agency, you can contact my office and file a complaint. You can also contact the Federal Trade Commission to file a complaint and for additional information.

Visit the Consumer Protection Section of our Web site at www.oag.state.tx.us for information on debt collection, ID theft and other scams. Old Debt or Bogus Debt?

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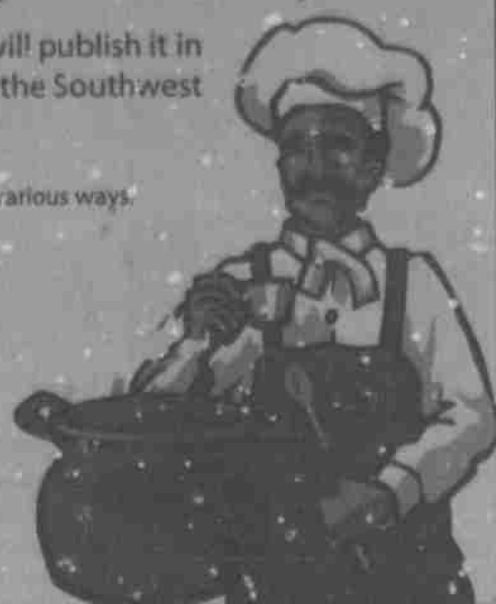
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For more information on how you can sign up for your library card, visit any location of the Lubbock Public Library, including Mahon, 1306 9th St., Godeke Branch, 6601 Quaker, Groves Branch, 5520 19th St. and Patterson Branch, 1836 Parkway Drive, or see the library's Web site at www.lubbocklibrary.com. Observed since 1987, Library Card Sign-up Month is a time when the ALA and libraries across the country remind parents that a library card is the most

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It's that time again!

by Eddie P. Richardson

person knowl by the school administration or program to pick up your child or children when you are not able to do so. Preferable a relative or a family friend who are over the age of 18 years. The teacher or caretaker should always be alerted on the occasion or occasions when this is to take place so everyone involved will be on the same page.

Here is a head's up of a word to the people doing funny things around public school zones as we have received positive evidence of alleged drug activities. You had better watch yourself if you are an entertainer or provider doing such alleged acts. This also includes such things as the prostitute form of entertaining which apparently is a fall out from the alleged drug activity. You must understand that the alleged drug scheme

thing or any illegal or criminal activities, you are only asking for it, and believe you me, you will get it sooner or later. Hopefully, sooner!

We want you to know we have not forgotten you if you are selling our young people drugs. You see, this newspaper — The Southwest Digest — will make you a star on the front page of this publication. We haven't done it in a long time, but we promise we will. This is not just a threat.

Closing Thought For The Week: "There are basically three kinds of people: those who criticize and complain; those who sit around hoping and wishing and take no action to do anything; and then there are those who think, plan, implement, do, and accomplish positive things. Which are you? Nuf Sed! Why Not?"

Spring has sprung, summer has come and gone. Our precious children are back in school. It is time now to watch our driving practices. You see, from kindergarten through college students BE will be out there one to three times daily in a public school zone. So it is best for all of us, especially those of us operating vehicles in these public school zones to use some common sense.

It also makes a lot of sense, parents, to see that your small children enter into their school buildings, and if you can, pick them up at the end of the school day. It also makes good sense, parents, to have an authorized

In Cinque

by Renetta Howard

For many years, football and basketball have been the most numerous avenues for scholarships to college for minority students. These two athletic sports still command the most publicity, funding, alumni support and income for colleges. Students enrolled in college

who are the recipients of these athletic grants, misnamed scholarships, are the beneficiaries of all any college can afford. In addition, they have access to tutors should they have any problems with their academic endeavors. There are other avenues of athletic prowess, but they do not get the publicity or support that is given to football and basketball. Track seems to be important, but students must have excellent skills in order to be noticed.

In order to be noticed, the track star must be remind one of Jesse Owens or Wilma Rudolph and exhibit Olympic potential. The same thing has been true for the tennis players. Althea Gibson and Arthur Ashe were early great examples of tennis champions. It has been recently that young Black students have made headlines in tennis, from private training, not schools, such as the Williams sisters. They are in the media on a daily basis because they have taken control of their exposure. College students can learn and practice tennis, but the publicity and funding is on the shortfall end. Golf is in the same category as tennis. Until Tiger Woods came along, few people knew of the winning ways of other minority golfers and few followed the golf circuit. There were and still are not many golf courses that welcome minority players. My golf clubs are still waiting for me to tee off, and few of us just heard of soccer a few days ago. It was around and alive, but we just paid it no attention and very little since we heard about it.

Soccer is now on the minority college 'must have' list. Just as there are professional women's basketball teams, there are professional women's soccer teams. Soccer became popular in the late sixties and early seventies when the greatest soccer player of all time, the Brazilian, Pele, came out of retirement to play soccer with a New York team and led them to a league championship. Since that time, urban communities, especially the large cities, have had organized soccer for youth and adults. Select Soccer is organized for students who have played since kindergarten and have thoughts of serious achievements in the field, but minority students have not had a big interest in the sport because

Select Soccer is expensive and most often parents pay the fees rather than secure a 'scholarship.' In high school, it has just been something to do, or an activity for the rich and well-to-do.

Colleges are inaugurating women's soccer as their athletic associations are requiring it in order for the college to be in compliance with the organization in which the school is a member. More funding is needed in order to obtain players with skills. Skilled players are going to colleges which fully fund the program and have positive support for their teams. It is time that we get 'in cinque' and support a promising sport in colleges and open up new venues for minority students.

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27 YEARS AND STILL GROWING! THIS N THAT is looking back over the years from which the Southwest Digest has come. At the same time ... like many Americans ... we shall never forget SEPTEMBER 11, 2001 as it was an historic day ... when the United States of America was attacked on our own soil. But there is another SEPTEMBER 11, 1977 - When the first edition of the LUBBOCK DIGEST was published. And later, it became what is known as the SOUTHWEST DIGEST at the request of our readers. Since that time, this weekly newspaper ... has gone through many difficult times ... but has always kept the FAITH ... because we know our mission. Beginning with a few borrowed items from the late REV. A. W. WILSON ... the longest tenured pastor in the Northwest Texas Conference of the African Methodist Episcopal Church ... where he served for ... 29 Years. He loaned us ... EDDIE P. RICHARDSON and I ... T.J. PATTERSON ... 1 table, several chairs, some office supplies. With that, the co-publishers were able to come up with an old ... IBM TYPEWRITER ... with the carbon ribbon ... where the columns for the newspaper could be justified in a neat column matter. MONEY ... was a very significant problem ... but Rev. Wilson would remind us of our MISSION, and that being able to serve mankind ... and ... hopefully ... this has been the Southwest Digest's mission since its inception. But it is important to know ... that the first ... FIVE DOLLARS ... were donated by ...

RICHARDSON, and ... according to our memory, MRS. ORA JEAN WILSON was the ... FIRST SUBSCRIBER ... to the LUBBOCK DIGEST.

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Our record is recorded in the ... SOUTHWEST COLLECTIONS ... at Texas Tech University. And for that ... we are thankful.

So when those of you recall the terror attack on the United States of America ... on Saturday ... SEPTEMBER 11, 2004 ... also think about an effort begun by two African American men ... who saw a need for a weekly ... Black owned newspaper ... with an editorial page ... called ... THE SOUTHWEST DIGEST. Just think it's 27 YEARS OLD AND IS STILL GROWING!

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—Jerry Falwell, *The New York Times*, July 16, 2004

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—Pat Robertson, *AP/Fox News*, January 2, 2004

These leaders of the Religious Right mistakenly claim that God has taken a side in this election, and that Christians should only vote for George W. Bush.

We believe that claims of divine appointment for the President, uncritical affirmation of his policies, and assertions that all Christians must vote for his re-election constitute bad theology and dangerous religion.

We believe that sincere Christians and other people of faith can choose to vote for President Bush or Senator Kerry — for reasons deeply rooted in their faith.

We believe all candidates should be examined by measuring their policies against the complete range of Christian ethics and values.

We will measure the candidates by whether they enhance human life, human dignity, and human rights; whether they strengthen family life and protect children; whether they promote racial reconciliation and support gender equality; whether they serve peace and social justice; and whether they advance the common good rather than only individual, national, and special interests.

We also admonish both parties and candidates to avoid the exploitation of religion or our congregations for partisan political purposes.

By signing this statement, we call Christians and other people of faith to a more thoughtful involvement in this election, rather than claiming God's endorsement of any candidate.

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We believe that poverty-caring for the poor and vulnerable is a religious issue. Do the candidates' budget and tax policies reward the rich or show compassion for poor families? Do their foreign policies include fair trade and debt cancellation for the poorest countries? (Matthew 25:35-40, Isaiah 10:1-2)

We believe that the environment-caring for God's earth is a religious issue. Do the candidates' policies protect the creation or serve corporate interests that damage it? (Genesis 2:15, Psalm 24:1)

We believe that war—and our call to be peacemakers—is a religious issue. Do the candidates' policies pursue "ways of choice" or respect international law and cooperation in responding to real global threats? (Matthew 5:9)

We believe that truth-telling is a religious issue. Do the candidates tell the truth in justifying war and in other foreign and domestic policies? (John 8:32)

We believe that human rights—respecting the image of God in every person—is a religious issue. How do the candidates propose to change the attitudes and policies that led to the abuse and torture of Iraq prisoners? (Genesis 1:27)

We believe that our response to terrorism is a religious issue. Do the candidates adopt the dangerous language of righteous anger in the war on terrorism and confuse the roles of God, church, and citizen? Do the candidates see evil only in our enemies but never in our own policies? (Matthew 6:3, Proverbs 8:12-13)

We believe that a consistent ethic of human life is a religious issue. Do the candidates' positions on abortion, capital punishment, stem-cell research, weapons of mass destruction, HIV/AIDS—and other pandemics—and genocide around the world obey the biblical injunction to choose life? (Deuteronomy 30:19)

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Africans in the Americas: Celebrating the ancestral heritage

Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture to Host Three-Day Event

(Washington, DC - August) Plans for "Africans in the Americas: Celebrating the Ancestral Heritage," the first anniversary commemoration of the 2003 "Rites of Ancestral Return" were announced today by Howard Dodson, Director of the Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture, at the Unity: Journalists of Color convention at the Washington D.C. Convention Center. The celebration will mark the anniversary of the sacred reburial of the remains of 419 enslaved Africans at the African Burial Memorial Site and will take place from Friday, October 1 through Sunday, October 3 in Lower Manhattan, and at faith institutions throughout New York City.

"The African Burial Ground is the most significant archaeological find in New York City history," said Mr. Dodson. "In October 2003, we ensured that our ancestors were reburied with the dignity, respect and honor that their service to African Americans, New Yorkers, and

Americans, in general, deserve. "On October 1-3, 2004, we will honor the lives of those interred at the African Burial Ground while exploring their legacies through a prism of multidisciplinary scholarly and artistic perspectives. The commemoration will encompass a range of activities designed to involve interfaith leaders, schoolchildren, and other segments of the public interested in the contributions of Africans to the development of the city and the nation."

October event highlights include: the marking of African American historic sites throughout lower Manhattan; placement of wreaths at burial sites around the Tweed Building and City Hall Park; participation of New York City schoolchildren and drummers in a Ring-Shout around the perimeter of the African Burial Ground; a street renaming ceremony at the African Burial Ground Memorial Site; an overnight public vigil; guided tours of African American his-

toric sites in the area; involvement of faith institutions in tributes to the ancestors during their services; a concert; and a tribute ceremony with performances and readings of performers from Africa, the Caribbean, Brazil and the U.S. reflecting the theme "Africans in the Americas: Celebrating the Ancestral Heritage."

"This year's activities will put a spotlight on the site," continued Mr. Dodson, "emphasizing its historic nature, its relationship to other African American historic sites in Lower Manhattan, and the opportunity for the site to serve as a place for pilgrimage, celebration, reflection and meditation, and learning."

About the African Burial Ground Memorial Site In 1991, during the construction of a Federal office building at 290 Broadway in lower Manhattan, excavators unearthed the largest colonial-era cemetery for enslaved and free Africans in America. The remains of more than 400 Africans were discov-

ered, it is estimated that as many as 20,000 African men, women and children were buried in the African Burial Ground between the late 1600s and 1795, revealing the fact that New York City in 1700 was 20 percent African. The finding renewed awareness of the cultural significance and historic preservation of African American history in New York. About the Schomburg: The Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture is a national research library devoted to col-

lecting, preserving and providing access to resources documenting the experiences of peoples of African descent throughout the world. The Center's collections first won international acclaim in 1920 when the personal collection of the distinguished Puerto Rican-born Black scholar and bibliophile, Arturo Alfonso Schomburg, was added to the Division of Negro Literature, History and Prints of the 135th Street Branch of The New York Public Library.

Schomburg served as curator from 1932 until his death in 1938. Renamed in his honor in 1940, the collection grew steadily through the years. In 1972 it was designated as one of The Research Libraries of The New York Public Library and became the Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture. Today, the Schomburg Center contains over 5,000,000 items and provides services and programs for constituents from the United States and abroad.



(L-R) Howard Dodson, Chief, Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture; Stephen A. Perry, Administrator of General Services Administration; and Tara Morrison, National Park Service project manager for African Burial Ground Technical Assistance Project, discuss the local, national and international significance of New York City's African Burial Ground with members of the African American, Hispanic, Asian American and Native American press during the recent UNITY Journalists of Color conference in Washington, D.C. Visit www.africanburialground.com for information on one of the most significant archaeological finds in U.S. history, and offer your views on proposed Memorial Designs for the site in Lower Manhattan. Photo by Ron Caesar

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African Burial Ground Memorial designs presented for national feedback

WASHINGTON, DC - The American public has an important opportunity to give comment on five revised designs proposed as a permanent memorial on the African Burial Ground Site in lower Manhattan. The National Park Service (NPS) and the General Services Administration (GSA) have requested national feedback on the five revised memorial designs to be unveiled on the Web site www.africanburialground.com from September 7- October 3. During the same dates, there will be a New York City exhibition showcasing the five revised memorial designs. Plans call for the winning memorial design to be announced in Fall 2004.

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