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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 C
- 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 Merket 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 Mt. Gilead Baptist Church 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 & Cherry-Point Neighborhood Association meets the 3rd Tuesday evening of each month at 7:30 pm at Alderson Middle School.
- Chatman Hill Neighborhood Association meets the 2nd Thursday of every month at 6:00 pm, at Iles 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.

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## The journey from TYC to Ph.D.

The story of Valerie McGaha-Garnett is one of incredible perseverance. It's the story of an adolescent runaway, a former high school dropout and former teenage mother whose strong-willed determination led to her receiving her Ph.D. in Educational Psychology from Texas Tech University this semester.

Valerie describes herself as a native of East Lubbock and a very troubled child. She remembers her junior high principal once telling her mother, "Valerie is a troublemaker and we don't want her back here next year." She transferred to an across-town school the following fall and spent a lot of her junior high years in and out of school suspension, and eventually in the youth detention center, labeled a runaway.

Valerie graduated from Dunbar High School where she participated in the Future Homemakers of America (FHA) program. Lee Bagley, a counselor at the Employment Office helped her acquire her first job at Bill's Drive-in.

One day at work, Maria, a co-worker at Bill's Burgers said to Valerie, "you graduated from high school more than two years ago and you're a smart girl; I think maybe you should try college." Based on those words of encouragement, Valerie sought the services of Learn, Inc. and decided to enroll in South Plains College where she remembers getting a grade back on a difficult assignment and seeing an "A" on the paper. She says it was then that she discovered that there was something she really liked about making "A's" in college. She obtained her Associates Degree in General and Medical Secretary, "Yearning" for further education, she enrolled the next semester at Texas Tech University. Valerie discovered a passion to study human behavior and family relationships.



Dr. Valerie McGaha is shown (center) with Dr. Hansel Burley and Dr. Theresa Coleman.

Lan, Bonita Butler, and Aretha Marbley encouraged her along the way. In addition, Valerie received support from her husband, Isaac Garnett, her mother, Laura Cossey, family members, and individuals from the community.

Her dissertation topic was *Teenage Parenting and High School Dropouts: Understanding Students' Academic, Social and Personal Factors*. Looking back, Valerie identified her experience at TTU as "a wonderful challenge that ultimately provided me the ability to search for personal and spiritual meaning in addition to meeting many warm and inviting people."

Valerie is currently a Program Coordinator for Managed Care. She said she enjoys teaching parenting skills and providing counseling services to adolescent and adult mothers and fathers. Valerie may be called Dr. Valerie Kay McGaha-Garnett and she holds several licensures including a Licensed Chemical Dependency Counselor (LCDC) and Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist - Associate.

Valerie's desire to stay connected to the "Big 12" led to her accepting a position at Oklahoma State University as an Assistant Professor in Counselor Education. Her primary duties will be teaching graduate students and conducting research.

Valerie stated, "Mothers and fathers should try to do their best for themselves and their families." She added, "As we increase our standards and become healthier, ultimately our children and communities become healthier. It is important to want more for our children and become an actively involved role model. If you try your hardest, doors will open; God will bring programs and good people into your life that will help show you the way."

tions.

Valerie credits her hard work and good grades with opening doors. She remembers receiving help from Catholic Family Services where Sister Cleo helped her get the assistance she needed to pay her way through college. She also remembers how doors were opened at Job Source Plus and Guadalupe Economic Services where she received help with utilities and tuition. At Lubbock Housing Authority, Quincy

White and his staff provided her with public housing. Valerie confides, "I tried hard because I felt I owed an obligation to the people who helped me along the way and I made it a point to obtain superb grades every semester so they would know how much I appreciated them." These grades included consecutive semesters on the Dean's List or President's List during her undergraduate studies.

Valerie's dogged determination led to her earning a spot in

the McNair Scholars Program at Texas Tech, which provided her with both the financial assistance and mentoring under Dr. Jacki Fitzpatrick.

After completing her Bachelor's in Family Studies, Valerie continued and earned a Master's Degree in Marriage and Family Therapy. The following semester she was admitted into the Doctoral Program at the University. Many professors such as Hansel Burley, Tara Stevens, William

## The Velvets make journey to New York City

It has been a long time coming, but the members of a group beginning in 1960 in Odessa, Texas, but it finally happened when they rubbed shoulders with other outstanding Rhythm & Blues and Doo-Wop groups. This group is The Velvets which was organized by Virgil Johnson, who was a teacher in Odessa at the time.

It came about April 27 & 28, 2007 when The Velvets attended a 'Rhythm & Blues & Doo-Wop' Concert in New York City. Among some of the well known groups present were the Coasters, Drifters, Chantels, Cletones, Contours and Barbara Lewis, who recorded such tunes as "Baby, I'm Yours," "Hello Stranger," and "Make Me Your Baby."

Members of The Velvets who attended the concert were Robert Thurston, Mark Price, Jeff Bailey, Jason Fellers, and Virgil Johnson. Some of the recordings made by The Velvets are "Tonight Could Be The Night," "That Lucky Old Song," "Lana," and "Be Ever Mine."

"It was just great to attend this effort as it was not possible in those days to attend such functions. It was just a great feeling," said Johnson.

### Lubbock High Principal awarded for outstanding work

Lubbock High Principal Doyle Vogler was selected as the 2007-2008 Secondary School Principal of the Year for Region XVII from the Texas Association of Secondary School Principals (TASSP). The award recognizes exceptional performance and leadership in Texas administrators at the campus level. Vogler is to be honored in Austin at the TASSP Convention this June. TASSP consists of more than 5000 campus administrators.



Virgil Johnson pauses for a picture with Herb Cox, one of the original members of the Cletones.

"Oh, yes, we put Lubbock, Texas on the map," he said.

Johnson was making the point to young people that if you have a goal, just stay with it and it will become a reality, that is, if you have faith. In other words, who have

thought there would be a group from West Texas and spearheaded by a man from Lubbock, Texas who made it possible to walk among those who have done well in the Rhythm & Blues and Doo-Wop field. Yes, it did happen!



Here they are, The Velvets in New York City. From left to right: Robert Thurston, Mark Prince, Jeff Bailey, Jason Fellers, and Virgil Johnson.



Virgil Johnson is shown with Barbara Lewis at the 'Rhythm & Blues & Doo-Wop Concert' in New York City April 27 & 28.

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 and all sorts of people. Unfortunately, some people are always looking for something to criticize.

# Chatman Hills Corner

By Doris Reynolds

This writer has learned there will be a banquet for Pastor and Mrs. Solomon Fields on Saturday evening, May 19, 2007, at 6 p.m. at the St. John Baptist Church, 1712 East 29th Street. On Sunday afternoon, May 20, 2007, the 13th Anniversary will be held for Pastor & Mrs. Fields, beginning at 3 p.m.

The Ushers of New Hope Baptist Church will be hosting a pot luck social on Tuesday evening, June 5, 2007. All New Hope Ushers are invited, and are asked to bring anyone who is interested in becoming an Usher. For more information, contact Sister Cynthia Hatcher.

Let us not forget those of our community who are sick and shut-in. Remember your precious prayers mean so much. Among those who are in the hospital this week include: Sister Joan Y. Ervin, a patient at University Medical Center, Room 562; and Brother Gary Bunton, a patient at Covenant Medical Center, Room 8308.

Let us also be in prayer for those families who have lost

loved ones. Among them include the family of Brother James E. Thompson, a longtime resident of Lubbock. He passed away last Saturday morning, May 12, 2007, at his residence. He was 101 years of age. Ossie Curry Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

The monthly meeting of the Federation of Choirs will be held at the Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church, 2202 Southeast Drive, on Sunday afternoon, May 27, 2007, beginning at 2:30 p.m. Bethel is the host church for May. Sister Bennie Sims is president. Rev. Sonia J. Beaty is host pastor.

A former resident, Carolyn Rollison of Houston, was visiting Lubbock last week end. She was visiting her mother, Mrs. Katie Rollison, and other family members. She attended church services last Sunday morning at Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church.

The New Hope Baptist Church's Women Missionary Society is inviting all women to join them at the 2007 "Women's Prayer Conference" which is set

for August 17 & 18, 2007 at the Ark in Amherst, Texas. There are only 75 beds available so ladies are asked to reserve their space as soon as possible. It will be a "First Come, First Serve."

Services were well attended last Sunday morning, May 13, 2007, Mother's Day, at the New Hope Baptist Church where the pastor is Rev. B. R. Moton. New Hope is the "Church Where The People really Care."

Services got underway with Meditation and Prayer. The Praise Team brought the word through their singing. After the morning scripture and prayer were offered, the New Hope Choir sang out of their hearts and souls. What a time in the Lord!

Pastor Moton brought forth the word of the hour, is subject was "Don't Fight Your Thorns." The scripture text was II Corinthians 12:7-10. It was a mighty word!

After an invitation to discipleship, the morning announcements were read and all visitors were welcomed by Sister Cleothia Quigley.

## In Remembrance

Samantha McKnight  
Funeral services for Samantha McKnight were held Wednesday morning, May 16, 2007, at the Ossie Curry Funeral Chapel.



McKnight

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

She passed away Thursday, May 10, 2007.

She was born November 30, 1914 to the parents of the late Harrison and Lula Mason. To this union, eleven children were born. She was employed with the Carver Heights Nursery School.

She is survived by two sons, David R. Lewis and Samuel J. McKnight, both of Lubbock; three daughters,

Lola Mae Billow and Joyce Hearn, both of Los Angeles, California; and Frances Billow of Lubbock; 14 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Beatrice Sanders

Funeral services for Beatrice Sanders were held Wednesday afternoon, May 16, 2007, at the Lyons Chapel Baptist Church with Rev. Wendell Davis, pastor, officiating.



Sanders

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

She passed away Friday, May 11, 2007, while a resident at Bender Terrace Nursing Home.

## Scholarships to be awarded at luncheon

The Lincoln/Douglass Committee will host a reception on Friday, May 18, 2007, at the Patterson Branch Library, 1836 Parkway Drive, from 6 - 8 p.m. to present the R. B. Thompson Scholarship Award to the two (2) winning students.

Each winner will receive a \$1,000 scholarship for the school year 2007-2008. Upon enrollment, the amounts will be paid \$500 per semester to the university/college of their choice.

Isaac G. Garnett, Executive Director of the North & East Lubbock Community Development Corporation (NELCDC) will speak words of encouragement. Minister/Soloist Latrice Godfrey, also of the Kings Sisters, Praise Center Ministries, 4501 Avenue Q, will salute the winners with a special song.

The public is invited to attend. Refreshments will be served following the program.

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# Hometown Military News

**Brian S. Grissman**  
Air Force Airman Brian S. Grissman has arrived for duty at Kirtland Air Force Base, Albuquerque, N.M.

Grissman, a nuclear weapons apprentice, is assigned to the 898th Munitions Squadron. He has less than one year of military service.

He is the son of Scott M. and Cynthia L. Grissman of 86th St., Lubbock, Texas.

The airman is a 2006 graduate of Frenship High School, Wolf-Forth, Texas.

**Daniel J. Mayo**  
Army Pvt. Daniel J. Mayo has graduated from Basic Combat training at Fort Sill, Lawton, Okla.

During the nine weeks of training, the soldier studied the Army mission and received instruction and training exercises in drill and ceremonies, Army history, core values and traditions, military courtesy, military justice, physical fitness, first aid, rifle marksmanship, weapons use, map reading and land navigation, foot marches, armed and unarmed combat, and field maneuvers and tactics.

He is the son of Vina Mayo of 89th St., Lubbock, Texas.

Mayo is a 2005 graduate of Monterey High School, Lubbock.

**Taylor S. Neill**  
Air Force Airman Taylor S. Neill has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

During the six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organi-

zation, and military customs and courtesies; performed drill and ceremony marches, and received physical training, rifle marksmanship, field training exercises, and special training in human relations.

In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

He is the son of Scott and Diane Neill of 64th Drive, Lubbock, Texas.

Neill is a 2003 graduate of Lubbock-Cooper High School, Lubbock.

**Gary D. Payne**  
Air Force Airman 1st Class Gary D. Payne graduated from the Utilities Systems Apprentice Course at Sheppard Air Force Base, Wichita Falls, Texas.

The course is designed to train students in water processing, analysis, operating principles of water treatment plants, maintenance of water and waste water, fire suppression and backflow prevention systems and components; and maintenance and repair of water supply, waste, and natural

gas systems. The training included monitoring systems operation to ensure efficiency and compliance with safety and environmental regulations for hazardous materials; performing inspection, recurring maintenance, and seasonal overhaul on systems and components; troubleshooting malfunctions and removing, repairing, and replacing defective components; and modifying equipment for specific missions or to increase efficiency.

He is the son of Bobby L. and Kathy S. Payne of 132nd St., Lubbock, Texas.

Payne is a 2005 graduate of Cooper High School, Lubbock.

**Cody D. Williams**  
Air Force Airman 1st Class Cody D. Williams has arrived for duty at Kirtland Air Force Base, Albuquerque, N.M.

Williams, an aerospace propulsion maintenance apprentice, is assigned to the 58th Maintenance Squadron. He has less than one year of military service. He is the son of Stan C. and Lisa A. Williams of Geneva Ave., Lubbock, Texas.

## Estacado High School Class of 1992

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The Class of 1992 is getting ready for a 15 Year Class Reunion  
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# Church News



## We Thank God for Jesus America Left God Too Soon!

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

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

America was founded on the word of God. It was used to be her only guide lines. Then she wanted her rights like Adam in the Garden wanted to use his own mind.

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

### \*\*\* Mankind Can Only Be Free In Jesus Christ!!! \*\*\*

When the Churches marched against the law, and didn't obey the policemen. This was disobedience in America. She wanted rights, and became a troubled land!!!

1 Peter 2:13-16 - Submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake whether it be to the King (President) as supreme or unto Governors. As unto them who are sent by Him (Policemen) for the punishment of evildoers (Marchers), and for the praise of them who do well. For so is the will of God that with well-doing may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men as free and not using your liberty for a cloak of maliciousness (Trouble Makers). But as the servants of God, honor all

men. Love the Brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the King (The President).

### \*\*\* Blessed Are The Peacemakers; Curse Are The Trouble Makers!!! \*\*\*

When the children watched the adults, and the policemen they didn't obey. The children use the my rights now to be disobedient to parents today!!!

Matthew 15:14 - Jesus said, let them alone, they are blind leaders of the blind, and if the blind lead the blind, both shall fall into the ditch.

Now, America is bringing forth her fruits. It's her sins from her labor. The rights to rob, suicide, kill your mother, and even the neighbors!!!

Galatians 6:7-8 - Be not deceived, God is not mocked. For whatsoever a man sow (Plant) that shall he also reap (Harvest). For he that sows to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption. But he that sows to the spirit shall of the spirit reap life everlasting.

America can go to the moon. Do all body transplants and thinks she is smart. She doesn't want God no longer in her homes, courts, churches, and hearts!!!

Isaiah 57:20-21 - The wicked are like the troubled sea when it cannot rest whose waters cast up mire and dirt. There is no peace, said my God to the wicked.

### \*\*\* America Kicked God Out Too Soon!!! \*\*\*

America has gotten so proud of herself. She kicked God out of her schools. Now she's in trouble in everyway, because her leaders played the fool!!!

Romans 1:18-21a & 22 - For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men who hold the truth (The Leaders) in unrighteousness. Because when they knew God, they glorified Him not as God. Neither were thankful, professing themselves to be wise. They (The Leaders) became fools.

America has school killings, wild fires, floods, terrorist killings, disasters of all kinds, and the high price of gas. Now you can hear her crying out to God all the time!!!

Deuteronomy 28:1 5a & 16-20 - The Lord said, it shall come to pass if you will not listen unto the voice of the Lord, your God, Cursed shall you be in the city, and cursed shall you be in the field. Cursed shall be in your basket in the store. Cursed shall be the fruit of your body, and the fruit of your land. The increase of your vine (Cattle) and the flocks of your sheep. Curse shall you be when you come in, and cursed shall you be when you go out. The Lord shall send upon the cursing, vexation, and rebuke in all the things you set your hands to do until you be destroyed, and until you perish quickly because of the wickedness of your doings, whereby you have forsaken me.



## From the Desk of Parson D.A. Smith Black Males: Educated or Indicted?

My heart sinks when I look at the names and addresses of those who are indicted by the Lubbock Grand Jury. The names and address identify African Americans who have conflicted with the rules of society. Their names have become identified with the criminal justice system. Without adequate legal representation, they will forever carry the mark of Cain.

It has been documented a majority of African American men between the ages of 18 and 34 are facing a deepening social and economic crisis. These black men are in trouble because they lack the skills to compete in the workplace. These males fostered the idea they are "slicker than slick." They are not mental component are lacking of the vision to understand without higher education, without jobs they are without hope.

The number of grand jury indictments of African Americans in Lubbock County troubles this writer because we are referring to a group of young men at the bottom of the education spectrum. These male idolons present a negative impact on the whole of black males. The vast majority of these

unsubstantial human shadows do not have the skills that employers expect or need for a worker in today's workplace.

By some estimates, at least 75 percent of America's African American males from large metropolitan areas who lack a high school education or less are without work. These males in areas like Detroit at one time could earn a decent living in the manufacturing sector. However, in today's technical workplace and outsourcing of jobs to China and India, black males without technical training or college education are "up the creek without a paddle" so to speak. The chances of becoming an inmate increase for a black male when they drop out of school.

We would encourage African Americans males in Lubbock to complete your high school education, and get technical training or a college education to be able to compete in today's workplace. Without proper training, your expectation for succeeding in life is dismal.

Last week I suggested black males contemplate marriage. Marriage brings about an infrastructure of security to the family. Two-parent family incomes

bring a benefit package to the household.

However, a two-parent home help bring stability in the life of children. A father is needed to nurture and guide the sons. Unless we as a people help reduce the over 70 percent of black children born to single parents we will forever be at the rear end of the social and financial rung.

The question is being asked in Illinois: "Why are more than 50 percent of African American males between the ages of 16 and 22 out of work and not in school? Why are 87 percent of juvenile parolees African American males? Why are 60 percent of adult parolees African American males? Why have only 38 percent of black males graduated from Chicago high schools since 1995, while 62 percent have dropped out?"

The African American leaders in Lubbock and Lubbock County must not let this happen to their community. We must see a drop in the Grand Jury indictments and an increase in the number of black males getting their education and becoming productive in a wholesome society.

## St. Matthew's Baptist Church News

Last Sunday morning, May 13, 2007, was truly a wonderful day at the St. Matthew Baptist Church, 2020 East 14th Street, where Rev. Edward Canady is the proud pastor.

Services got underway with Sunday School beginning at 10:10 a.m. with Superintendent Lula Harris in charge. She taught the morning lesson and as reviewed by Pastor Canady. The morning lesson was entitled "The Eternal Home." The scripture text was Revelation 21:1-8. It was another wonderful lesson.

The morning worship hour began with devotion at 11:15 a.m. with Deacon Edward Williams and Brother Gerald Jackson in charge. The spirit was very high.

The members St. Matthew Baptist Church Choir sang out of their hearts and souls. All had a wonderful time singing God's praises.

Pastor Canady delivered another powerful message. His subject was "A Mother's Love."

The scripture text was Ruth 1:16. All in attendance enjoyed the powerful and uplifting message.

Last Sunday being Mother's Day, we enjoyed all the visitors with their Mothers. God is still blessing each of us.

Again, please do not forget

those who are sick and shut-in. Remember today, they are sick and shut-in. Who knows it could be you or this writer next week. But God is able!

**Thought For The Week:** "If God controls you on the inside, you will be genuine on the outside."

## Outreach Prayer Breakfast

The members of the Outreach Prayer Breakfast met Saturday morning, May 5, 2007, in the home of Sister Rosiana Henderson at 9 a.m. The devotion was spiritually brought forward by women of Faith! The morning scripture lesson was taught by our teacher, Sister Elnora Jones. Her subject was "The Cost of Discipleship. Have You Counted The Cost?"

**"The Cost Of Discipleship; Have You Counted The Cost?"**  
Luke 9:23: Jesus said if any man come after me, let him first deny himself, take up the cross and follow him daily.

The word discipleship comes from the root word discipline. It means to instruct, to teach, and self control. Discipleship is learning and following. Matthew 11:29: Take my yoke upon you and learn of me. For my yoke is easy and burdens are light. Jesus told his disciples, follow me, and I will make you fishers of men. They dropped their nets and immediately followed Jesus. Jesus emphasis was on fishing for the souls of men.

In order for the disciples' effectiveness in following Jesus: (1) They had to become committed; (2) Had to become humble; (3) Obey and follow instructions and (4) Count the cost.

Commitment calls for command as well as demand. II John 5:1: A new commandment I give unto you, that you love one another as Christ has loved you.

It seems so hard for Christians to commit and submit. Convenience has priority over sacrifice. Obedience is better than sacrifice. During his earthly ministry, Jesus gave his time, demonstrated his love, died a shameful death on the cross for the sins of all mankind.

Matthew 14:15-21: Jesus took the time to feed a multitude with 2 fishes and 5 loaves of bread. Jesus departed from his disciples because he had need to go through Samaria to meet the woman at the well. Jesus purposely delayed the trip to perform a great miracle in raising Lazarus from the dead, in order to prove to the crowd that the resurrection and the life.

John 11:25: Jesus washed his disciples' feet as an act of humility.

Let's ask ourselves this question? Are we truly followers of Christ? Can the world see Christ in our lives? Have we counted the cost of discipleship? Are you willing to sell out for saving and witnessing to others?

Luke 10:25: This is the parable of the good Samaritan. A certain man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among thieves, which stripped him of his clothes, and wounded him, and departed leaving him for dead. A certain priest, afterwards, a certain Levite came by and looked at the man and passed by on the other side. But a certain Samaritan had compassion when he saw the man and went to him, and bound up his wounds, pouring in oil and wine, and set him on his own beast, and brought him to an inn, and took care of him. Jesus told his disciples to go and do likewise.

Let's ask ourselves this question: Are we ministering to the needs of others? Are we passing up Church going to Church on Sundays? It cost to be a disciple of Christ.

Sometimes God will test our discipleship. Luke 14:16: A certain man made a great supper, and invited many to come, and sent his servant at supper time, "Come all things are ready!" They all began to make excuses. We are commanded to go into the hedges and highways and compel others to come to Christ.

Matthew 19:16: The rich young ruler asked a question. Good Master what can I do, that I may have eternal life? He had kept all the commandments from his youth. Jesus told him to sell

what he had and give to the poor and he would have treasure in heaven. Come and follow me. When the young man heard these sayings, he went away in sorrow. HE didn't want to give up his possessions. Are we willing to sell out for the sake of Christ?

Jesus came to this earth not to reign, but as a suffering servant. We, too, must suffer for the sake of Christ. The cross is before the crown. No cross, no crown. The song writer penned these words: "Must Jesus bear the cross along and all the world go free; no t here is a cross for everyone, and there is a cross for me."

Revelation 12: And behold I came quickly and my reward is with me to give to every man according as his work shall be. II Corinthians 5:10 reads: "For we all must appear before the judgment seat of Christ that every man may receive the things done in his body, according to what he has done whether good or bad."

As Saints, let's remind ourselves that discipleship is very costly. Have you counted the cost?

Thanks, Sister Jones for the word. In order to get the whole lesson, you will have to come. Why not!

**Thought:** "Heaven knows what's going on in your life!"

God bless you for reading. Saints! Keep those drive-by prayers going where there is apparent illegal activity going on. Pray for it. For those of you who are ill, we are praying for you. Believe God's word. Mark 11:2-26.

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# New York Life keeps insurance personal

By Greg Ricks, Agent  
New York Life

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We believe purchasing life insurance is a major decision, one best made with the input, knowledge, and recommendations of a professional agent who is well-versed in helping clients understand their needs and who can explain the many choices available.

Here are some reasons why you should talk to a New York Life agent before buying your next life insurance policy:

**Life insurance is not a commodity.** You can buy many items

off the rack or out of a showroom. Some products, however, require careful measuring and sizing, so to speak, to make sure they fit just right.

To work effectively, to meet your needs and help you achieve your goals, your life insurance decision involves a lot more than just price. The right product should be tailored to your needs. It should be selected for the value it offers, not just the price it costs.

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premature death. Make sure the policy you buy is the right one, not just the cheapest one.

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Then there is the matter of how much coverage you need. Would you be best served with \$100,000 of coverage, \$500,000, or even \$1,000,000 or more? Just as you shouldn't be underinsured, buying more coverage than you need is a waste of money.

The appropriate policy has to do with you: age, number of dependents, income, health, number of household breadwinners, and more.

**Life insurance is not a stand-alone product;** it is one piece in a financial jigsaw puzzle. Life insurance is one player in what should be a well-coordinated team involving other elements such as your will, trusts, asset ownership, tax consid-

erations, and more.

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To learn more about life insurance products, please contact Greg Ricks, Agent, New York Life Insurance Company, at 761-7700 ext. 7734 or 806-773-3525.

# UT professor honored with Rosa Parks Award

AUSTIN -Dr. Darlene Grant, associate professor of social work and associate dean of graduate studies at The University of Texas at Austin, has been awarded the 2007 Rosa Parks Award from the American Association for Affirmative Action (AAAA).



Grant

The award recognizes an individual who is committed to civil rights and social issues and serves as a role model and leader. Grant

will receive the award at the association's annual awards gala April 27 in Austin. Henry Cisneros, former U.S. secretary of housing and urban development, is speaking at the event.

Grant's research focuses on incarcerated women and their children, family systems and adolescent psychiatric issues. She has been involved with Girl Scout Troop 1500, a program for women in prison and their daughters, since its inception.

"Dr. Grant truly personifies this award," said Sara Jackson Watson of the university Equal Opportunity

Services, who nominated Grant for the national honor. "She is a wonderful role model for everyone and women in particular. Her hard work and dedication to the betterment of society is exemplary. I believe we are fortunate to have her here at the university."

Founded in 1974, the AAAA is a national not-for-profit association of professionals working in the areas of affirmative action, equal opportunity and diversity. The association, which seeks to enhance access and equality in employment, economic and educational opportunities, hosted its annual conference

in Austin April 25-28.

The National Association of Social Workers named Grant 2006 Social Worker of the Year.

# How do I choose the right lawn mower?

(SPM Wire) No matter how big your yard is, choosing a lawn mower can be confusing, with so many options available.

You should factor in the type of grass you have, while keeping in mind how handy you are and your budget.

"How big is your yard? Is it flat and smooth or sloping? Do you need to mow around obstacles like trees or patios? If you're working with less than half an acre, a walk-behind mower will do the trick," says Bill Klutho, Manager of Public Relations, John Deere Worldwide.

A ride-on mower may be better for larger, acre-plus lawns, but check the mower's maneuverability if you have to tightly turn around obstacles.

If your grass is thick and coarse, you'll need a more powerful mower with higher horsepower and bigger wheels.

"Ask yourself, how often am I going to use my mower? If you know you'll be putting your mower to good use, make sure you pur-

chase a machine you'll know how to maintain and tune properly," stresses Klutho. "Or, choose a brand with a reputable maintenance service like John Deere's 'Ready To Mow' mobile maintenance ser-

vice." Of course, budget also is a factor. However, thanks to technology advancements, even more basic models offer amenities like cruise control and hydrostatic steering.

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## 100 Black Men Group Launches Black Business Directory

The **Lubbock Black Business Directory** is now available. The internet Directory lists information about African American businesses, individual professionals and community organizations in the Lubbock area. It is a free service sponsored by 100 Black Men of West Texas, Inc.

Currently available online, it is expected that the **Lubbock Black Business Directory** will soon be available in a hard-copy printed form. The Directory is designed to be easy to access and use. Anyone interested in obtaining information about the location and services of black-owned businesses, professional services, and social and community organizations can do so on the internet at [www.lubbockblackbusinessdirectory.com](http://www.lubbockblackbusinessdirectory.com).

Information such as contact information and hours of operation can be obtained by searching for name of the business or type of business. At this time there are more than one hundred entries. The listings cover many types of businesses, from beauty and barber shops, to restaurants to tree-trimming services. Churches and social organizations as well as doctors and pharmacy services are also listed.

The **Lubbock Black Business Directory** represents one of the many community-oriented initiatives of the 100 Black Men organization. The 100 Black Men of West Texas, founded in 1994, is the local chapter of the nationwide 100 Black Men of America. The Directory is part of the group's economic development sphere of activity, one of the four pillars of service to black youth and the African American community, which also include mentoring, education, and health and wellness.

According to Greg Ricks and Michael Ward, members of 100 Black Men of West Texas and principal developers of the **Lubbock Black Business Directory**, all black-owned business owners, African American professionals, and community organizations in the Lubbock area are encouraged to list their information in the Directory. The service is free of charge and applicants need only complete a simple application with information about the business or organization. The business or organization does not need to own a computer or have an email address. Further information and application forms can be obtained at (806) 773-3252 or P.O. Box 6331, Lubbock, TX 79463.

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# Davis acts to spark African American growth at UCLA

by J.A. Adande

Baron Davis smiled, excited about the good news coming from UCLA.

It was Sunday, 90 minutes before Davis' Golden State Warriors played the Lakers, a day after his former school clinched a trip to the Final Four ... and the last thing Davis wanted to talk about was basketball.

Davis was hyped about his meeting with UCLA interim Chancellor Norman Abrams, who came to the Warriors' hotel earlier in the day to address Davis' concerns about declining African American enrollment at the school.

This year, Davis and former UCLA football player Brendon Ayanbadejo formed a group called "We Should Not Be the Only Ones," whose name references the concern that an athletic scholarship could be the lone path to UCLA for African American high school students if things don't change. Something had to be done after this year's UCLA freshman class had fewer than 100 African Americans - the lowest number in 30 years - among the 4,700 new students.

During the hour-long meeting with Abrams, Davis suggested funding inner-city programs and involving UCLA's extensive alumni network in awareness and mentorship programs.

"He was really receptive to everything that we're trying to do," Davis said. "He wants to help, to make it a part of his initiative as

acting chancellor."

Ayanbadejo would like to see UCLA play host to high school students over the summer, teach them everything from biology to history in a college setting to educate and inspire.

Because for now, the message the school is sending, intentionally or not, is that African Americans are welcome on the court but not in the classroom. Will the school produce another Ralph Bunche or Tom Bradley, or is it only interested in the next Kareem Abdul-Jabbar or Marques Johnson?

Nine of the 15 basketball players (60%) are black. About 3% of the student body is. The disparity in the racial makeup shows how little the NCAA's tournament has to do with college.

Teams play on the opposite side of the country from their campuses. Games start at 10 p.m. Eastern time. Those students who have the right combination of luck and cash to get tickets are usually relegated to the upper deck.

And data compiled by the University of Central Florida's Institute for Diversity and Ethics in Sports showed that only half of the 65 schools in the tournament graduate more than half of their African American basketball players.

I have less of a problem with that than I have with African American students not getting to elite colleges in the first place. It's much more important to

ensure equality of opportunity more than equality of outcome. Only it shouldn't take a dead-eye jump shot to get that chance.



Davis

Just getting exposed to the minds and the resources at a place such as UCLA is an advantage, even if a player leaves early to go to the NBA (as Davis did after his sophomore year) or a student drops out. College isn't just about getting a diploma. It's about learning. It's about forming lifelong connections.

And networking. It's the postgraduate pipeline that really makes the difference between UCLA and most other schools in the UC system, which is why the argument that African American students can simply enroll in other schools doesn't hold up.

Even Davis has tapped into his UCLA connections to get into the movie production field. He

still feels connected to the school. His off-season home is 15 minutes from campus, where he works out and hangs out. When he's in L.A. There's a bittersweet taste to this school year.

"I love the fact that the sports program is on top and the sports program continues to rise, especially the basketball," Davis said. "I am a part of that tradition. I'm so proud of Coach Howland and the team's success. On the other hand, it is disappointing to see the decline in [black enrollment] numbers from even the time when I went there, just the fun and the atmosphere that was presented when I was there. Those numbers are shrinking. You could see the numbers shrinking even when I was in school there."

Davis' sophomore year, 1998-99, coincided with the implementation of the anti-affirmative action Proposition 209 and the number of incoming

African American freshmen dropped to 131 (from 219 the year before). And those are starting to look like the good old days.

"There's some changes that need to be made," Davis said. "I think that UCLA is the greatest university in the country. I believe that with our great alumni association and past and present student athletes, we can do something special."

Ayanbadejo said the group's membership is up to 30 former UCLA athletes.

"We've got to fundraise, we've got to advertise," Ayanbadejo said. "We're still building up our backbone."

Maybe, on campus, there are some changes coming.

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Last Week's Crossword Puzzle Answers: For The Birds

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## Reader submission: Eye of the Storm

by Wilma Calicutit

Have you ever been caught in the eye of the storm? Problems building... you're worried... you're worn. No one to turn to...no where to go... working hard, with nothing to show! The trees are swaying... the grass has died... the wind is blowing... the dirt is thick... the walls you are running into, are all made of brick. The sky looks scary... the stars don't shine... the clouds are fluffy... but they do not stay. What in my life are making things this way?

I move to my left... it's only open space...I move to the right... looking for grace. I raise my arms up ward... there's nothing but air... I fall to my knees... the earth feels square. I look around... there is no light...I cannot tell if it's day or night! What's going on in the eye of this storm? Visions are cloudy... I cannot see... I don't understand what's happening to me! Thoughts are turning, inside my head... the writings are on the walls... but still unread! "Peace be still," is what I say... "Lord, please make the storm go away!" The storm is calming... I'm beginning to see... I know now Lord... you heard my plea... I beseech you Lord, to carry me

on...my hand I give thee to hold... I know now Lord that I am not alone... that I will walk the streets of GOLD. Thank you, Lord for answering me... your blessings are mine for ever to see! So if you're caught in the eye of a storm... your way you cannot find... just call on the name of the

Lord... for he's always near... and always on time! He will see you through the storm... he will hear your plea. The sky will turn blue... the stars will shine... the clouds will be pretty and white... and with the Lord... things will be resolved... and darkness will turn to light!

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## THIS 'N' THAT

by T.J. Patterson

**THANKS MATADORS!** THIS 'N' THAT wants to say "THANKS" to those Estacado High School Matadors' Baseball team for another outstanding year. Last Saturday, May 12th, they advanced in the Class 4A Area Playoffs by defeating Clint Horizon at Monahans High School. The MATADORS are ranked 8th in the state with a record of 23-7. They are scheduled to play El Paso Riverside High School this week. MATADORS, you've done well this year, so keep up the good work! THIS 'N' THAT is always happy to see these ESTACADO HIGH SCHOOL MATADORS in all that they do!

**CHANGING OF PRINCIPAL AT ESTACADO!** THIS 'N' THAT has learned there will be a new principal at the ESTACADO HIGH SCHOOL. He will be DAVID VASQUEZ, former principal of Cavazos Middle School. FRAIZER will move to the Lubbock Independent School District Central Office. THIS 'N' THAT recognizes this is the first time a Black is not a principal of a high school in Lubbock for many years. Anyway, time marches on, and what is of most importance is we need to keep our young people in a positive posture. Hopefully Fraizer will adjust to his new environment. THIS 'N' THAT wishes both BROTHER FRAIZER & BROTHER VASQUEZ the very best.

**THE VELVETS DID WELL IN NEW YORK CITY!** THIS 'N' THAT was happy to receive a very good report from our friend, VIRGIL JOHNSON on the recent trip

by THE VELVETS to appear in a concert with other Rhythm & Blues & Doo Wop groups from around these United States. Other groups appearing included the Coasters, Drifters, Chantells, Cleft Tones, Contours, and the one and only Barbara Lewis. According to Johnson, it was quite a fete, and an experience which will not be forgotten. This is why THIS 'N' THAT believes that the campaign called "LUBBOCK, THE GIANT SIZE OF TEXAS" should recognize the efforts of one of our own, VIRGIL LEWIS JOHNSON. Johnson is also a retired educator and was principal, coach and participated in other areas for the boys and girls of Lubbock. Hopefully this will become a reality, because Lubbock needs to see this kind of an effort. Oh yes, when you see VIRGIL LEWIS JOHNSON, thank him along with The Velvets for representing Lubbock, Texas USA in the "BIG APPLE!"

**PENNY HASTINGS THE BARBER SAYS, "YOUNG PEOPLE,** continue to prepare yourself today, because one day your OPPORTUNITY will come."

**LUBBOCK CITY COUNCIL NEEDS TO JUST USE COMMON SENSE!** THIS 'N' THAT smiled a little when he read about the proposed PARK ORDINANCE which was apparently drafted by city staff. It is very important since citizens are concerned about the quality of life that the Lubbock City Council just use plain old common sense, and do what's positive for the citizens of Lubbock. Now this shouldn't be

hard to do. **SOUTHWEST DIGEST WILL BE 30 YEARS OLD, SEPTEMBER 11TH!** THIS 'N' THAT has been looking back over the years and remembers when the LUBBOCK DIGEST was put to bed on September 10, 1977, and was published on Thursday morning, SEPTEMBER 11, 1977. It will be 30 YEARS come September 11 of this year. Of course, plans are being made to have some kind of a celebration and give thanks from whence this weekly Black newspaper has come from. There is no doubt that it has been very difficult and with the help of our GOD and the good people of Lubbock and South Plains of Texas, the Southwest Digest will make it to that point. Anyway, this newspaper changed its name because of the citizens of Lubbock and the South Plains of Texas asked that we do so. Hopefully a celebration will be held which will benefit all of the citizens of this area. It is just good to be able to sit down each week and put a publication together. It has been fun and sometimes not so pleasant. It has been very difficult but we've been able to STAND! THIS 'N' THAT is hoping what will be done will be reflective of where we have come from. As the co-publishers EDDIE & MYSELF sit back and reflect, there is laughter and the dropping of tears of joy. Anyway, more on this as we get ready for our 30TH BIRTHDAY! THIS 'N' THAT is hoping as many of you who can will be there and stand with us!

## Student loans and collections can destroy lives

by Nancy Fay

More than a war. More than any tax cut. Nowhere is there a greater difference between what Republicans say and what they do than with student loans. And that difference has created a virtual debtor's prison for millions of college graduates throughout the country. Strong words. But there is no other way to describe how Republicans — in control of Congress from 1994 to 2005 — eliminated competition and created so much heartache for something that was supposed to be so good. The entire mess began about ten years ago, when executives at the quasi-public Student Loan Marketing Association convinced Congress to let it become independent and sever its official ties with the federal government. Which is what they did. But with a catch: Sallie Mae took with it a host of federal regulations that stifled competition and guaranteed for itself monster profits — even greater than Microsoft. After breaking away from the federal government, Sallie Mae's stock shot up by 2000 percent, and its two top executives earned more than \$500 million in pay and bonuses. Not because they were smarter, faster or better. That would have been in keeping with principles Republicans are so eager to tell us about. Let the market reward the good, eliminate the bad. But that was not the case here. Not unless you consider hiring superior lobbyists to get the federal govern-

ment to systematically help you eliminate competition, narrow choice, and guarantee profits with little or no risk as a competitive advantage that should be rewarded. That was smart, no doubt. But it was hardly free market. The center of this plan was something called the Single Holder Rule. And it was the basis for a generation of student loan abuse: The Single Holder Rule, until its long overdue repeal last year, forbid millions of student loan borrowers from switching lenders, no matter how bad the service, no matter how good the deal a competitor might offer. In its place, however, Sallie Mae and the Consumer Bankers Association got Congress to ban in-school consolidation and the refinancing of consolidation loans. If you are doing business with someone and the law does not allow you to switch to a competitor, then what incentive does a company have to treat you fairly and with respect? Especially when only death or repayment can discharge your obligation. None. And that is what happened. It has gotten so bad that Harvard Professor Elizabeth Warren told the Wall Street Journal that "student loan debt collectors have power that would make a mobster envious." Sallie Mae convinced their friends in Congress that competition would be too costly for consumers and the federal government. This of course is the same argument Karl Marx and others have made for more than 150 years, but most of the time Republicans rejected it. This time they embraced it — along with other anti-competitive practices that

would put others in jail if they did it in their industry, such as home mortgages. Schools, for example, were allowed to give preference to Sallie Mae and other big lenders, says the New York Times, "steering students to 'preferred lenders' in exchange for kickbacks based on volume." Student loans were a great idea. Still are. Better still was the idea that private companies in a fully competitive environment could issue student loans and run the collection programs better than the federal government. That is still a great idea too. And this would be a great time for the Democrats to show Republicans how it is supposed to be done — no new taxes — just free and open competition. We can start with completely eliminating the "school as lender" and "preferred lender programs," both of which have generated millions of dollars in kickbacks to schools. Then we could repeal the laws that prohibit borrowers from consolidating their loans while still in school or reconsolidating their loans with lenders offering more favorable terms. The big lenders will hate this. Their competitors will like it. Students will love it. And Republicans should wonder how competition ever became illegal in the first place and what it says about their party that Democrats have to set it right.



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facturing \$40 million in credit cards. Jeff Henderson made \$35,000 a week selling drugs in San Diego and faced a 20-year sentence in federal prison before taking the culinary world by storm. And Relentless Aaron, incarcerated for check-cashing fraud, used his time behind bars to write most of his novels. So you see, anyone wanting to change their lives can do so, that is, if they want to do so.

## In Cinque

by Renetta Howard

It is becoming clearer each day, that we living in an "Age of Terror." We are terrorized by the harsh weather that is clobbering the United States and by guerilla style assailants in the various phases of our daily lives. Cities are being wiped out by storms that have the power of deadly explosives. These are acts of nature, but it makes one wonder if we, the human beings on this planet are doing something to give impetus to these storms.

There is a lot of information being disseminated and a lot of dialogue about global warming which may or may not have anything to do with the deadly destructive storms. Though there is suffering in the United States, there are other countries which are experiencing deadly forms of weather in the form of tsunamis, earthquakes, wildfires, flooding and pestilence. If global warming has something to do with it, we

need to hurry and find out what can be done and get started doing it. There is the need to find out how and why our food supply is getting contamination. First the pet animals became very sick and many died from consuming commercial food which was contaminated with a substance which was harmful. Then came the contaminated food and vitamin items for human consumption, which have been reported to the Food and Drug Administration. Recall of too many food items is at an all time high. Tainted cough syrup which could make its way to the United States from Europe is another example of an item which can kill you. This type of terror has not existed since the Tylenol

Scare of a few years ago. As a result of the Tylenol Scare, packaged items have seals now. It is more difficult to open anything which contains consumable goods than ever before. However, when goods are imported that is another story. The United States does not have enough manpower to examine every item entering this country which is consumable, especially if it is already prepared for consumption. Sampling will not solve the problem. It is time for us to get busy, get "in cinque" and return to growing more of our food and getting back to the old home remedies for medicines, especially since germs are becoming more resistant to current medications which used to work.

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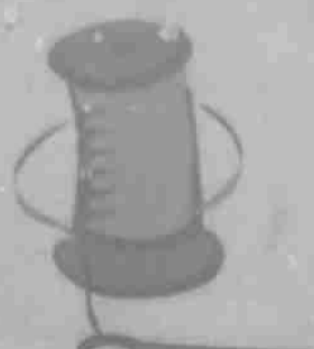
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# Yolanda King, daughter of Martin Luther King, Jr. dies

Yolanda King, the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.'s eldest child who pursued her father's dream of racial harmony through drama and motivational speaking, collapsed and died. She was 51.

King died late Tuesday in Santa Monica, Calif., said Steve Klein, a spokesman for the King Center. The family did not know the cause of death, but relatives think it might have been a heart problem, he said.

"She was an actress, author, producer, advocate for peace and nonviolence, who was known and loved for her motivational and inspirational contributions to society," the King family said in a statement.

Former Mayor Andrew Young, a lieutenant of her father's who has remained close to the family, said King was going to her brother Dexter's home when she collapsed in the doorway.

Her death came less than a year and a half after her mother, Coretta Scott King, died in January 2006 after battling ovarian cancer and the effects of a stroke. Her struggle prompted her daughter to work with the American Heart Association to raise awareness about strokes, especially among blacks.

Yolanda King, who lived in California, was an actress, ran a production company and appeared in numerous films, including "Ghosts of Mississippi." She played Rosa Parks in the 1978 miniseries "King."

"Yolanda was lovely. She wore the mantle of princess, and she wore it with dignity and charm," said the Rev. Joseph Lowery, one of her father's close aides in the civil rights movement. He added she was "thoroughly committed to the movement and found her own means of expressing that commitment through drama."

The Rev. Jesse Jackson, who also worked with her father, said: "She lived with a lot of the trauma of our struggle. The movement was in her DNA." The Rev. Al Sharpton called her a "torch bearer for her parents and a committed activist in her own right."

White House press secretary Tony Snow said President Bush and the first lady were sad to learn of King's death, adding, "Our thoughts are with the King family today."

Yolanda King founded and led Higher Ground Productions, billed as a "gateway for inner peace, unity and global transformation." On her company's Web site, she described



Yolanda King

her mission as encouraging personal growth and positive social change.

The flag at The King Center, where she was a board member,

flew at half-staff on Wednesday.

Yolanda Denise King - nicknamed Yoki by the family - was born Nov. 17, 1955, in Montgomery, Ala., where her father was then preaching. Her brother Martin III was born in 1957; brother Dexter in 1961; and sister Bernice in 1963.

She was just two weeks old when Rosa Parks refused to give up her seat on a bus there, leading to the Montgomery bus boycott spearheaded by her father.

When she was 10 weeks old, the King family home was bombed in Jan. 30, 1956, as her father attended a boycott rally. Neither she nor her mother was injured when the device exploded on the front porch.

In 1963, when she was 7, her father mentioned her and her sib-

lings at the March on Washington, saying: "I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character."

She was 12 when her father was assassinated in Memphis, Tenn., in 1968.

King was a 1976 graduate of Smith College in Northampton, Mass., where she majored in theater and Afro-American studies. She also earned a master's degree in theater from New York University.

Yolanda King was the most visible of the four children during

this year's Martin Luther King Day in January, the first since her mother's death.

When asked by The Associated Press at that event how she was dealing with the loss of her mother, she responded: "I connected with her spirit so strongly. I am in direct contact with her spirit, and that has given me so much peace and so much strength."

At her father's Ebenezer Baptist Church in Atlanta, she performed a series of solo skits that told stories including a girl's first ride on a desegregated bus and a college student's recollection of the 1963 campaign to desegregate

Birmingham, Ala.

She also urged the audience to be a force for peace and love, and to use the King holiday each year to ask tough questions about their own beliefs about prejudice.

"We must keep reaching across the table and, in the tradition of Martin Luther King Jr. and Coretta Scott King, feed each other," she said.

Funeral arrangements would be announced later, the family said in a brief statement.

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