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It's Time to Go Back to The Basics

Special to the Texas Informer

As we celebrate the 50th anniversary of Freedom Summer, it's a good time to reflect on the historical impact of young people who were willing to risk their lives to register Black people to vote in Mississippi. As a result of their courage and their sacrifice many people, today not only in Mississippi but across the country, can now register and vote in any election.

This has caused me to think about two things: one, how Black people across the country registered and voted in historic numbers in 2008 and 2012; and two, how few Black people voted in the primary election this year in Dallas County. After reflecting on these two things, I came to the realization that it's time for us to go back to the basics.

We wrote the book on how to organize and mobilize large numbers of people to go out and vote. However, over the last few years we have not applied these strategies and tactics consistently in every election. We have begun to rely on less conventional methods to get people to the polls. Instead of talking to our neighbors, we send out group text messages.

We have to go back and start knocking on doors of our neighbors and holding house meetings where we talk about the issues that affect us in our community. We have to create common bonds amongst people that live in our neighborhood so we feel comfortable inviting others into our homes. We must also pick up the telephone and talk to our friends about

the candidates are who are running for office and what they have done that qualifies them to serve in public office.

Often times we are depending on social media to get people out to the polls. We may send out a Facebook message or post something

on Twitter or Instagram and think that will be enough to get people to go and vote. While using technology is helpful and a group text message serves a purpose when it comes to reminding our friends to go out and vote, it should not be the only means to get out this information.

This election is too important for anybody we love or care about to stay home. The future of our county and the future of our state is at stake in this election. Through Freedom Sunday, we need all hands on deck. Freedom Sunday is Sunday, October 26, 2014. Whether you are an active member of your church, community organization, or your neighborhood block captain, we need you to take this information back to your group and so we can ensure a large turnout for November. Can we count on you? We will find out in November!

DOES ALAMEEL AND DEMOCRATIC PARTY WANT THE BLACK VOTE?

Texas Publishers Association

Has the African-American community become so loyal to the Democratic Party that politicians the likes of David Alameel and the Texas candidate for the Governor's office feel they no longer need to work to earn our vote? It's a fact since 1932 with the election of Roosevelt, the Democratic Party has consistently garnered more than half of the Black vote. Understandably so, considering who the Republicans have had to offer in the past years and with the emergence of the Tea Party in recent years, the overall party is ever so hostile towards Blacks, people of color, women and every other demographic excluding wealthy white males. But that's no excuse for the continued gross and negligent oversight of the Democratic Party as a whole and its many candidates respecting the need to earn the Black vote.

Perhaps this is why Alameel and the current Texas Democratic candidate for the Governor's Office have yet to answer the call of the Black press to sit and address the Black agenda. They have been happy to sit down and speak to FOX News about issues of importance to the Latino community. They have even made it their business to address local issues affecting the LGBT community in order to receive support.

Alameel even seemed elated to speak with CBS KENS5 News about his plans, if elected to bring back American jobs from Japan and China. He sounded jubilant to talk to Jay St. John and Sergio Mora on AM Radio about his travels "all over the state of Texas" and how much "fun" he has been having.

We know where both candidates stand on immigration reform. We know where they both stand on the economy. We know they are working very hard to gain the support and votes of the Latino community. But why are they deliberately ignoring the Black vote? Is the Black vote not equally as important? Do we not have issues that are pressing? Why are we continually being disregarded when we have a number of media outlets that can ensure the Black communities throughout Texas receive the proper information regarding the platforms of each Democratic candidate who claim to represent ALL of Texas.

Maybe these two Democratic candidates have been ill advised regarding the importance of addressing the Black community collectively and continually. Maybe these two candidates believe that Black people will not mobilize collectively to demand a platform that addresses Black unemployment, police brutality, voter suppression laws and the host of issues plaguing the Black community.

Considering it was in the heart of the Black community, Oak Cliff (a Dallas Community), where Alameel got his humble beginnings one would think courting the Black vote would be atop Alameel's campaign agenda. However, if he thinks aligning with certain politicians of color is enough to win our support, he has made a gross miscalculation. Black leaders sometimes are well intentioned in their efforts, however it would be wise for them to pay attention to their constituents in their districts. Texas Black Publishers are now requesting a meeting to address and stress the need for Alameel, and other Democratic candidates meet with the Black Press of Texas. It's time to stop being inaccessible to the concerns and questions being asked by the Black Press. It's time to stop being unresponsive to the Black community. We are tired of the symptomatic negligence both candidates and the Democratic Party have continued to display for the Black communities around the Lone Star State.

Do not make the mistake of thinking a select group of Black elected officials speak for the Black community at large and definitely not the Black press. If David Alameel and the candidate for the Governor's Office want our continued support, our endorsements and our vote, then they will have to earn it just as any other viable candidate would. Do not expect us to toe the Party line. These candidates cannot assume that just because their opponents do not like the agendas of our current presidential administration that the Black vote is in the bag. It is no longer a matter of the lesser of two evils.

We look forward to sitting down in the near future.

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Fairview West citizens without water seek solution

~by Maxine Session

There is an old saying, "You don't miss your water until your well runs dry". For the approximately thirteen families living in Southwest Rusk County approximately 3 miles East of Reklaw, Texas, this statement is literally the truth.

The community, located West of the Fairview bridge on County Road 4248, has never had piped in water. Approximately one-third of them have water wells. These wells are very old and do not produce clean and safe water that can be used to cook, to drink or in some cases to even take a bath. Some say they know this because the water has been tested and with the naked eye you can see that it is unclean.

What is the solution? "We are trying to figure that out," says Tonya Carter who has lived in the community the past three years, on land that once belonged to her grandfather, Lester Tilley. "I have been hauling water so long that it has really become a burden. Right now moving is not an option for me. I am raising four sons and this neighborhood is quiet and drug free. I can keep an eye on them and control who they are exposed to."

Ms. Carter and her neighbor Ms. Zonie Griffin says for years they have complained to some and asked for help from others for a solution to getting water to the community without clear direction and assistance from anyone.

In the summer of 2014 Tonya Carter met Ms. Betty Nicholson, Director of the Palestine, Texas Multicultural Center. She told her about their being no water available to her community and Ms. Nicholson says she was in complete shock to hear that in the United States and this great state of Texas that this is possible. On August 15, 2014 Betty Nicholson and her camera crew, visited with Tonya Carter at her home, got information and began to get the word out to anyone who would listen letting them know of the plight of these families.

Ms. Nicholson wrote letters to news outlets and the governors



Reklaw, Texas City Council and city representatives.



Citizens attending Reklaw City Council.

office and she received responses from most of those she wrote.

Tonya Carter and Zonie Griffin both say over the years they have talked to many people including grant writers from Nacogdoches. They were told that a grant could be obtained to pipe water into the community, but a city, county or water corporation would have to apply.

Reklaw is the nearest city entity to the Fairview West Community. There was a request made to the Reklaw, Texas city council to place this item on their August City Council Agenda. Reklaw is a city located in Cherokee County and in Rusk County.

The population was 379 at the 2010 census. Several members of the community attended including Angus Hogg, Zonie Hogg Griffin, Tonya Carter, Marilyn Carter, and Robert Haberle, Community Relations Director at Schaumburg Christine Grant along with James and Bobby Smith of Palestine and the

President of the Palestine NAACP. City officials present were Mayor Harlan Crawford, Mayor Pro Tem Janelle Laughlin, council members Gilbert Stafford, Betty Jackson, Bob Parrot, Kim Lynn, Allen Ross City Attorney & Polk, Inc., and members of the Texas Informer news staff.

Angus Hogg told of test results from tested water wells in the area. The water was found to be unsafe for drinking. Others present spoke of trying to find some one who would help get water piped into the area and the problems they have faced over the years caused by hauling in water.

James Smith stated that Reklaw is part of The Texas Municipal League and they will help (through the request of the city). "These people are subject to taxation without representation", he continued. "They have lost homes through fires because of no water hydrant availability.

Marilyn Carter, who lives on Highway 204 North of Reklaw is one of those who lost her home to fire due to no water. You see this kind of problem in Third-World Countries and now we see it here in Reklaw, Texas" He said.

Allen Ross stated that the only way the city can help is to take legal steps to define the service area and to determine if the citizens live in that area. He said there are grants available, but it takes awhile to apply for them. Community Development Block Grants, Texas Water Development Board and others, but they come with tremendous laws and regulations.

A motion was made by the council and approved to go with information gathering with Ross and Haberle.

In about 1980 citizens of the Fairview Community made application to the Rusk County Water Supply to get on a waterline that was about to be brought to the community. Several citizens from the community just West of the CR 4248 bridge (the community now without water) paid their fees and applied for water. They were Jim Wells, Irene Sturns, Angus Hogg, A. B. Lewis and Lester Tilly. It took about two years for the water line to be run to the Fairview Community, but by that time the citizens west of the bridge had withdrawn their applications and gotten back the fees they had paid.

In trying to find other options, Harold Howell, the Rusk County Commissioners for that area was contacted. He stated there is nothing he can do to help. He also said the water line for that community stops only a mile away. He suggested that the citizens go to the City of Reklaw, since they are the nearest city entity that water boards across the state would probably work with.

The South Rusk County Water Supply Corporation operated by Grimes Water Works, Inc. spokes person said they do not work with groups, but individuals to get water to private property. They have applications available for individual memberships in order to apply for installation of meters, etc. The citizens will continue information gathering while Reklaw investigates.

Strip Mines, Pollution and Deforesting Linked to Ebola's Deadly Spread:

Special to the NNPA from the New York Amsterdam News

Pits in the ground from mining, forests stripped of trees and water poisoned by toxic materials are among the lesser known culprits in the current outbreak of the deadly Ebola disease. In less than a year's time, the virus has migrated from its "reservoir" in fruit bats to humans who may have supplemented their diets and income with infected animals recovered from the forest floor.

With wildlife squeezed into ever-smaller parcels by the expansion of foreign corporations, fruit bats carrying Zaire ebola virus are suspected of migrating from the Democratic Republic of Congo, where the virus first appeared in 1976, to the West African nation of Guinea and from there to Sierra Leone and Liberia.

The bats' habitat in the former Zaire was also disrupted by long periods of conflict. Thus, the devastation of African natural resources, combined with recurrent war, could be considered among the triggers of the now rampant epidemic.

Another possible link to the spread of the virus is believed to be unsterile medical injections. Injectable drugs, syringes and needles are available in rural villages, where injection by traditional healers and self-injection are common practice. But between 50 percent and 90 percent of these injections are deemed unsafe, according to an article in the publication Viewpoint.

These insights were among those gained from a discussion lead by a panel of experts at a recent Africa Roundtable discussion titled "We Could Have Stopped This," organized by

the Global Information Network. Speakers at the roundtable included Stephanie Rupp, noted anthropologist and researcher in the Congo River Basin; Ernest Drucker, epidemiologist with prior experience in Africa and a researcher in HIV/AIDS; and Nvasekie Konneh, Liberian writer, author and community activist just returned from Liberia.

Despite a link to Ebola, any effort to eliminate bats would be "an ecological disaster," according to Fabian Leendertz, a disease ecologist at the Robert Koch Institute in Berlin. "Bats pollinate plants and devour insects. And bat hunts would also only increase human contact with potentially infected animals."

Meanwhile, efforts to provide the three endangered countries with medical supplies are increasing. Humanitarian groups sent nearly \$6 million in medical supplies to West Africa, including gloves, masks, gowns, goggles, saline, antibiotics, oral rehydration solution and pain killers. Charities contributing to the airlift include the Clinton Foundation, Direct Relief, Last Mile Health, Africare and the Wellbody Alliance.

The United Nations has said that controlling the epidemic will require the world to increase its efforts twentyfold and to spend \$1 billion in the next six months. The U.N. Security Council voted unanimously last week to launch a medical mission to West Africa to fight Ebola, and President Barack Obama announced that he is sending 3,000 American troops.

Health Screenings Vital to Black Men

African-Americans More Prone to Prostate Cancer

by Stacy M. Brown

Special to the NNPA from the Afro-American Newspaper

Approximately 2.5 million men in the nation currently have prostate cancer, and African-Americans are 60 percent more likely to develop the disease than whites. (Courtesy of nationalurbanmedia.com)

It's an occurrence that Maryland's Dr. Sanford Siegel has seen all too often.

The longtime physician, president and CEO of Chesapeake Urology Associates, the largest urology practice in the Mid-Atlantic region, said that when he broaches prostate cancer screenings to many African-Americans, most will look away or even pretend that the conversation never occurred.

Getting black men to agree to a short prostate screening has never been easy.

"It's not an easy topic in the black community," Siegel said. But the doctor said he couldn't sit back and wait for men to come to him, because when they arrive in his office, it often means the disease has started to get the best of them.

"I just thought that something had to be done. I remember going to the general manager at Radio One, and I told him that I wanted to [sponsor a 5km run] ... to help raise awareness. And the gentleman told me, 'My people don't run,'" Siegel said.

Siegel said the general manager told him that he needed to do something more substantial, so the intrepid doctor decided that in order to reach the black community, he needed to visit the churches where they worship. Six years ago, he began hosting prostate cancer screenings at various Maryland churches.

"We didn't ask anything of the churches, but the preachers allowed me to speak from the pulpit to help energize everyone,

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Siegel said. "The cry has" always been that black men don't have to die from this disease. Every man has to understand that if they're not taking care of themselves,

then they're not taking care of their families," he said.

As Prostate Cancer Awareness Month draws to a close, health officials in the metropolitan area have continued to work overtime to spread the message in the African-American community that prostate screenings count as an important first step in combating the deadly disease.

One in six men is affected by prostate cancer in the United States, which makes it the second most-common cancer among men in the country, behind skin cancer, said officials from the Prostate Cancer Foundation in Los Angeles. Further, an estimated 238,000 men are diagnosed each year, and approximately 30,000 of them die annually because of the disease.

Foundation officials also said that 2.5 million men in the nation currently have prostate cancer and that African-Americans are 60 percent more likely to develop it than whites.

"There is a lot of confusion and a lack of knowledge surrounding these issues among men," said Thomas A. Farrington, president and founder of the Prostate Health Education Network in Massachusetts, a nonprofit that's scheduled to hold its 10th annual African American Prostate Cancer Disparity Summit on Thursday and Friday in several District locations, including the Russell Senate Office Building and the Rayburn House Office Building on Capitol Hill.

"The summit will address these issues collectively, which is critical to African-American men who are at high risk for prostate cancer, those newly diagnosed with the disease, and for survivors seeking to maintain their quality of life,"

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NFL Case Sparks Debate on Spanking By Jazelle Hunt

By Jazelle Hunt

Washington Correspondent

WASHINGTON (NNPA) – As the NFL's 2014 season warms up, Minnesota Vikings running back, Adrian Peterson, prepares to face charges of reckless or negligent injury to a child. A week prior, news surfaced that he had spanked his 4-year-old son with a switch, resulting in major bruises and lacerations on his legs, thighs, and scrotum.

When the news broke, NBA's Charles Barkley happened to be a guest on an NFL sportscasting show, where he explained, "Whipping – we do that all the time. Every Black parent in the South is going to be in jail under those circumstances."

Mainstream news coverage of the charges have been defining what a switch is for their audiences, a fact that highlights the wide racial divide in child rearing. But even Black parents and scholars are beginning to publicly question whether corporal punishment—spankings, beatings, whoopings, whatever you want to call it – is the best way to discipline children.

Commentary sprouted up earlier this month from Black thinkers such as Brittney Cooper, professor of Women's and Gender Studies and Africana Studies at Rutgers University, who writes for online publication, Salon.com:

"Perhaps it is time to acknowledge that the loving intent and sincerity behind these violent modes of discipline makes them no less violent, no more acceptable," said Brittney

Cooper, a professor of Women's and Gender Studies and Africana Studies at Rutgers University,

who writes for online publication, Salon.com. "Some of our ideas about discipline are unproductive, dangerous and wrong. It's time we had courage to say that."

In a New York Times op-ed, Georgetown University professor Michael Eric Dyson called the cultural belief that spankings build character "a sad and bleak justification for the continuation of the practice."

Times columnist Charles Blow said, "When we promulgate the notion that our success is directly measurable to the violence visited on our bodies as children, we reinforce a societal supposition that pain is an instrument of love, and establish a false binary between the streets and the strap."

At the end of his conversation, Barkley conceded that, "maybe we need to rethink it."

Nowadays, the issue of physical punishment as part of child rearing brings heavy debate, both in social and academic spheres. Some believe that hitting children amounts to good parenting, some even citing the Bible.

Some point to Proverbs 13:24: "He who spares the rod hates his son, but he who loves him is careful to discipline him."

Proverbs 23:13 says, "Do not withhold discipline from a child; if you punish him with a rod, he will not die."

As a Pew study showed, "... African Americans stand out as the

most religiously committed racial or ethnic group in the nation." Even those who believe in not sparing the rod, think there should be limits. "I

think that children need to be spanked," says communications entrepreneur, Leris Bernard. "I'm not saying that welts on a 3-year old is okay, but sometimes it just takes one little pop."

Generally, research finds that corporal punishment is at best, ineffective in the long term, and at worst, abusive and detrimental. It is legal in all 50 states. In 31 states, however, it is illegal for schools to administer corporal punishment; the other 19 explicitly allow schools this authority.

"There's a more gentle and productive way to discipline children," says Yvette Harris, professor of psychology at Miami University and co-author of *The African American Child: Development and Challenges*. "I'm not a supporter of the physical 'switch method' [Peterson] used. Children get so caught up in the physical pain of the discipline that they really forget what they need to do to change their behavior."

Bernard asserts that children are looking for boundaries, and those boundaries can be better established with spanking as opposed to words a child may not believe or understand.

"You can't negotiate with a child with limited reasoning skills," Bernard says. "They're trying to find boundaries and learn is this a 'no-no,' a 'no-maybe,' a 'no, not right now,' or a 'no, normally yes, but I'm in a bad mood.' Basically, kids need to know where the line is, and a little smack puts an 'X' on the spot."

Physical discipline has several roots in the Black community. There's respect for elders, which inherently means that children are not equal to adults.

Some who object to spanking links the practice to slavery.

"I wish I could tell you that it originated in slavery, but there's a part of me that has to say that not all African American parents resorted to that form of discipline," Harris says, adding that it is more likely that Black parenting mirrors the social peak of corporal punishment from the 1940s through the 1960s.

"When I think of the context of slavery...I can't speak to parenting strategies among slaves because there's not a lot of historical data on that," Harris stated.

And there's also the argument that Black children cannot afford the luxury of carelessness and disobedience in a society that considers Blacks a threat.

But Harris says that message can be conveyed without using pain and fear.

"You don't want to instill fear in African American children. I think African American parents do a great job raising their children. We have to walk them through issues of race, that's our reality," she says. She also points out that the world offers up many teachable moments on the subject.

"But you want to do it in a self-affirming way – a way that gives them power in their lives. Resorting to corporal punishment is not the way to do that."

For all the data and scholarship that links childhood spankings to less-than stellar adulthood outcomes, experiential data can't be ignored. For every person who was spanked and became a poorly adjusted adult, there's another with bittersweet memories of belts and hairbrushes who maintains great relationships with their parents and well-adjusted lives. It begs the question: Is there a 'right' way to incorporate physical discipline or consequences that is both effective and harmless?

The professional consensus seems to be that one could strike a balance—but one could also be more effective without inflicting pain.

Harris recommends treating children with equal respect and including them in the discipline process. This plays out in different ways at different ages. For toddlers and young children who can't reason yet, stern explanation of expectations coupled with repetitive, consistent consequences is enough. By middle school, children can be included in a more "democratic" way – parents lay down the boundaries, and the punishments (often in the form of revoked privileges) can be negotiated and agreed upon.

"It sounds weird but it makes for a more healthy child. If they're part of the discipline process, they already know what they've done wrong and what the consequences are," Harris says.

Harris says our past plays a role in how we view corporal punishment.

"I think maybe it's something African Americans hear and sort of struggle with. Because we feel that if [spanking] worked for us, it should work for our children but that's not necessarily the case," she says. "The ecology of raising children today is quite different than it was when [Peterson] was a child, and definitely different from when I was a child."

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Because a man has injured your goat, do not go out and kill his bull.

~African Proverb

Wiley College sees enrollment soar with revived debate team



Wiley College is a private institution that was founded in 1873. It has a total undergraduate enrollment of 1,388, its setting is suburban, and the campus size is 63 acres. It utilizes a semester-based academic calendar. Wiley College's ranking in the 2015 edition of Best Colleges is Regional Colleges (West), Tier 2. Its tuition and fees are \$11,482 (2014-15).

A few years after reviving its once-famous debate team and getting a \$1 million gift from Denzel Washington, Wiley College is on a roll.

The historically black college in Marshall, about two hours east of Dallas, has seen its enrollment shoot up 50 percent in the six years since *The Great Debaters* put it back in the national spotlight for the first time in decade.

When the flick featuring Washington was released in the winter of 2007, Wiley carried about 925 full- and part-time students. It eclipsed 1,400 five years later and now boasts a few students shy of that.

The school didn't rest on its laurels.

Like many successful liberal arts colleges around the nation, particularly those with limited resources, Wiley wisely is taking something it's known for — debating — and leveraging it for recruiting, fundraising and academic innovation.

Last semester, for example, the school integrated debate into its core curriculum, a move aimed at improving the critical thinking and public speaking skills of its students.

The initiative basically infuses debate training into every facet of coursework, from freshmen on up. Students also will attend debate workshops and incorporate the skills they learn into other disciplines.

"No one is doing it the way we're doing it," said Tammy Taylor, the school's director of public relations. "A lot of people are waiting to see how we do it."

Talk about innovation. We've seen the same thing going on here in Dallas with Paul Quinn College, another historically black school that was forced to reinvent itself to stay in the education game.

Paul Quinn, as you know, took a 2-acre tract that once housed the football program it could no longer afford and turned it into a community garden. The WE Over Me Farm is now an agricultural business, a key learning tool and a marketing bonanza.

Wiley is doing more than talking a good game, too. It's winning on many fronts.

In January 2008, a month after *The Great Debaters* made its debut, the school president told me he realized Wiley had a great chance to bounce back from decades of relative obscurity.

"I jokingly tell people now that Wiley was founded in 1873 and discovered in 2007," Strickland quipped. "All of a sudden, people realize we're here."

The movie chronicled the legacy of Melvin Tolson, the brilliant debate coach who turned an upstart group of black students into a national powerhouse at a time when the South was rigidly segregated.

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Mt. Olive Hosts Musicians Appreciation



L to R - Jeremy Lavergne, Angela Hunter and Mary Foreman.

Mount Olive Baptist Church held an appreciation for musician Jeremy Lavergne on Sunday evening September 14, 2014. Minister Vertis Thacker of Weeping Mary Baptist church was the speaker. Sis Charlise Session was the Mistress of Ceremony. Deacon Sam O'Neal presented remarks about the honoree as a musician. Gifts were presented by Sis. Angela Hunter, Sis. Mary Foreman, Sis. Ann Leviston

and Bro. Tre' Session. Rev. Jerry Leviston is the church pastor. Special music was presented by Minister Brenda Davis, The Voices of Faith, MT. Olive Baptist Church Combined Choirs, West Union Faith Ministries and Mt. Pleasant Christian Methodist Church Choir. Jeremy began playing the piano and singing when he was about seven years old. He plays for area churches and for special events. He is the son of Karen Lavergne and the grandson of Sharon Carter.



L to R - Jeremy Levern - Ann Leviston and Tre' Session were among those who presented gifts to Jeremy.

Chamber Host Past President's Breakfast



Pictured above are past presidents of the Rusk Chamber of Commerce.. The current President, Kay Epperson and the Rusk Chamber of Commerce hosted a Past President's Breakfast on Tuesday morning, September 23, 2014 at Barb's Too. Ten past presidents were in attendance. Louise Rixs was recognized for the outstanding job she did as past Chamber Secretary.

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forget how to preach.

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The Book of Job Provides Wisdom

How often do you read your Bible?



If you have not read the book of Job lately, now might be a good time to refresh your memory. The wisdom literature of the Old Testament consists of the books of Job, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes and some of the book of Psalms.

The Hebrew word for wisdom is translated "skill for living" because the Jews regarded wisdom in very practical terms. This literature provided guidance for moral behavior and everyday living. Hebrew wisdom literature, as distinguished from the wisdom writings of other cultures, was centered on God: "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge; but fools despise wisdom and instruction" (Proverbs 1:7).

The book of Job tells the story of a man who loses everything — his wealth, his family, and his health and he wrestles with the question why? The book begins with a heavenly debate between God and Satan when Satan camouflages himself as one of the sons of God (Job 1:6) and goes in with them unto God. God recognizes him and the debate begins. It moves through three cycles of earthly debates between Job and his friends. The subject matter of the book of Job may be divided into

three parts: the delima of Job(chapters 1-2), the debates of Job (chapters 3 - 37), and the deliverance of Job (chapters 38 - 42). Job is introduced, God reveals His confidence in Job, recounts the tragedies ant reduced Job economically, physically and emotionally.

The basis question of the book is, "Why do the righteous suffer if God is loving and all-powerful?" Suffering itself is not the central theme; rather, the focus is on what Job learns from suffering - the sovereignty of God over all creation. The answer of Job's three friends Eliphaz, Bildad and Zophar that there is a direct correlation between righteous conduct and health/prosperity is shown to be inadequate. His friend Elihu's claim that God can use suffering to purify the righteous is closer to the mark but is still incomplete. Finally the direct conversation between God and Job shows that God is sovereign and worthy of worship in whatever He chooses to do. Job must learn to trust in the goodness and power of God, even in adversity, by enlarging his concept of God.

Job acknowledges a redeemer (19:25-27) and cries out for a mediator (9:33; 25:4; 33:23). The book raises problems and questions which are answered perfectly in Christ who identifies with our sufferings (Hebrew 4:15). Christ is the believer's Life, Reedemer,

Mediator, and Advocate.

Much of the discussion in the book of Job concerns the relationship between human faithful obedience and devine blessing. Both Satan and Job's friends assume a direct correlation between the two - Satan argues that devine blessings elicit human obedience while Job's friends contend that obedience earns God's blessings and disobedience merits punishment. In contrast to these false views, the book of Job teaches that some suffers are saints, that God is always wirthy of the love and worship of His creation, whether or not He bestows blessings upon them, and that God always has a purpose in permitting suffering, though one may never comprehend it.

The real answer to the problem of human suffering and devine sovereignty is found late in the book of Job, in the divine speeches (chapters 38 - 41). These speeches are sometimes misinterpreted, as if God merely bullies Job into submission without providing an answer. Job's repentance is due to his recognition of God's infinite greatness and of his own human finitude. A complete human explanation of the compatibility of divine sovereignth and goodness, and the existence of human suffering cannot be given because of the limitation of human knowledge and the trus character and extent

of God's power over creation. But neither can it be demonstrated that the two are incompatible. Job finally finds rest in the realization that while God's waysw are sometimes incomprehensible, He can always be trusted.

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Easy Cream Cheese Pound Cake



Ingredients:

- 3 sticks butter
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- 3 cups sugar
- 2 1/2 cups flour
- 6 eggs
- 1 1/2 tsp. pure vanilla

Directions

Preheat oven at 325 degrees. Soften butter and cream cheese in mixing bowl. Cream together butter, cream cheese and sugar. Alternate adding flour and eggs to mixture, mixing until smooth. Add vanilla flavor. Grease and flour large tube pan. Bake at 325 degrees for one hour.

Add crackers of your choice and a tossed green salad to the above items to round out a dinner fit for any fall evening.

Home Made Chili



Ingredients:

- 1 pound ground beef
- 2 cans (8 ounces each) tomato sauce
- 1 can (15 oz.) Red Kidney Beans drained
- 1/4 cup chopped green onions
- 1 package McCormick Chili Seasoning Mix, original
- 1 cup shredded cheddar cheese (optional)

Directions

1. Brown meat in large skillet on medium-high heat. Drain fat.
 2. Stir in tomato sauce, beans and Seasoning Mix. Bring to boil. Reduce heat to low; cover and simmer 10 minutes. Sprinkle with shredded cheese and onion. Serve with sour cream, if desired.
 Makes 4 servings.

LAST DAY FOR TEXANS TO REGISTER TO VOTE

Battleground Texas Throws Hundreds of Events to Mark Voter Registration Deadline

FORT WORTH -- More than 8,600 deputized Team Wendy volunteers across Texas will be making one last push to register voters today, capping off a weekend of hundreds of registration events spread across Texas. October 6 is the last day for Texans to register to vote in the upcoming election.

"People all across the state are really energized about this election," said Jenn Brown, Executive Director of Battleground Texas. "We're talking to a lot of Texans who have never voted before, but want to register now so they can vote for Wendy Davis."

The grassroots organization has been ramping up its voter registration efforts as the deadline neared -- holding hundreds of events each week aimed at registering new voters. The group has also put out a series of instructional videos in English and in Spanish, walking eligible voters through the registration process, and allows eligible Texans to fill out a voter registration form via its website. "People across Texas have a courageous candidate who they know will fight for

them," said Brown. "Not only is that exciting, but in such a close election, it means that every ballot could be the difference."

Voters have until the end of today to fill out a registration form and mail it in, or they can deliver it in person to their county registrar's office. For more information on how to register to vote, or to fill out a voter registration form, visit www.battlegroundtexas.com.

If you would like to attend a voter registration event in your area, please contact press@battlegroundtexas.com

Watch the voter registration video in English here: <http://www.battlegroundtexas.com/pages/294>

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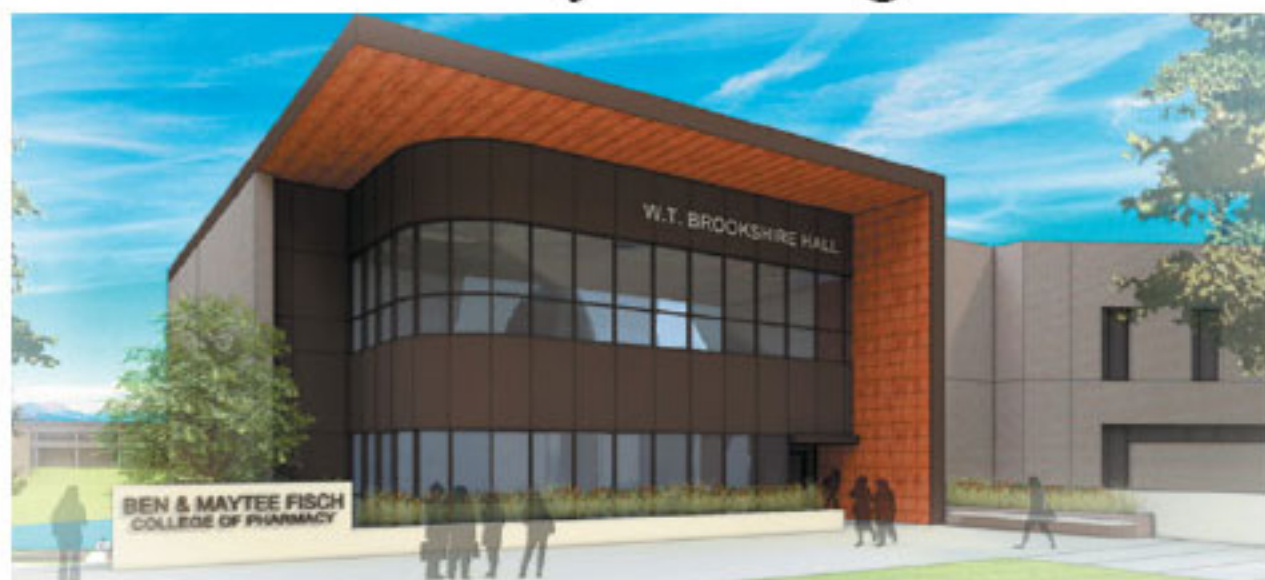
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As a pharmacy student at UT Tyler, you will be among the first in the nation to benefit from a curriculum centered around team-based learning, an interactive format proven to engage students more effectively than traditional classroom lectures. You will be an active participant in the learning process, with guidance from a faculty of experts devoted to your success.

The pharmacy school will be housed in W.T. Brookshire Hall, which is being constructed on the UT Tyler campus. Brookshire Hall will be a first-class facility, specially designed to support team-based learning. The UT Tyler Pharm.D. program is a four-year course of study and requires at least two years of prerequisite study.

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