

# THE INFORMANT

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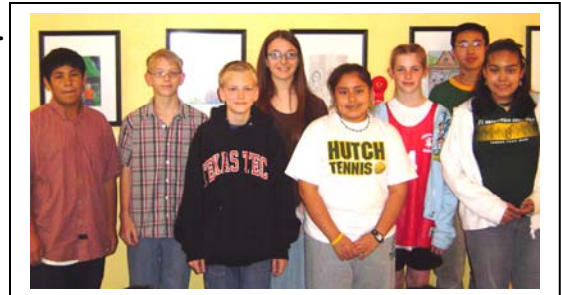
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**AMERICAN GOTHIC** – Parodies of Grant Wood’s American Gothic and original studies of the piece by student artists are on display through April 29. The display is located in the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor gallery of the Hope Community of Shalom-Asbury Building, which is located at the corner of Ave T and 20<sup>th</sup> Street (across from Dupre Elementary School). The student entries received special attention. LCU art professor, Dr. Michelle Kraft judged the student parody entries. First place was awarded to Andy Saldejo (Jackson). Second Place was awarded to Gracie Mahan (Hutchinson). Third place was awarded to Caleb Carroll (Hutchinson). Honorable Mention was awarded to Brandon Luckenbach (Hutchinson). The Dupre Student Choice Award went to Constance Schmitz-Mousavi (Hutchinson). The Art Trail Choice Award went to Claudia Torres (Hutchinson). The Asbury Gallery is featured as part of the First Friday’s Art Trail. On the first Friday of each month, the gallery is open 6:00-9:00. The gallery is normally open Monday, and Wednesday through Friday (12:00-3:00) and by appointment (720-7991 or [sam.ayers@lcu.edu](mailto:sam.ayers@lcu.edu)).



**PHOTO/ART EXHIBIT** - The next exhibit scheduled for the Asbury Gallery will feature photographs and artwork highlighting religious architecture ... steeples, spires, and towers. The deadline for submissions is April 15. Arrangements for pick-up of submissions can be made by calling 720-7991 or e-mailing [sam.ayers@lcu.edu](mailto:sam.ayers@lcu.edu)

**SPECIAL EVENT** - On April 5 (4:30–6:30), the National Ranching Heritage Center is sponsoring a special event for teachers. Lorraine Rawls, curator of “Gardians of the Camargue: The French Buckaroo Tradition” will provide a revealing view of an ancient way of life that has stark similarities to the American cowboy culture. A children’s exhibit booklet will be available for elementary educators who attend. Reservations are required (742-2498 or [whitney.king@ttu.edu](mailto:whitney.king@ttu.edu)).

# PROGRAMS AND EVENTS



**ALAMO** – An exhibit on The Alamo was on display in the Lubbock Christian University library February 15-March 11. An interactive question/answer sheet was available for student visitors upon request. The exhibit was on loan from Humanities Texas (formerly Texas Council for the Humanities).

**SPANISH MISSIONS** – Photographs highlighting the five Spanish Missions in San Antonio were on exhibit in the Lubbock Christian University library February 15-March 11. Information about mission life was also included with the exhibit. An interactive question/answer sheet was available for students and other interested visitors upon request.



**SPECIAL PERFORMANCES** - Hope Shiver portrayed two memorable African American women from the Civil War period. She portrayed Harriet Tubman for 2<sup>nd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students at Lubbock Christian, Christ the King, Bowie, Dupre, Rush Wheatley, Wheelock, and Roscoe Wilson elementary schools. The 8<sup>th</sup> grade students at Hutchinson JHS enjoyed her presentation as Sojourner Truth. Both programs included powerful first person monologues and elements of student interaction, which reinforced information and concepts.

*David Keepman as a slave owner*

*Hope Shiver as Sojourner Truth*

*Hope Shiver as Harriet Tubman*

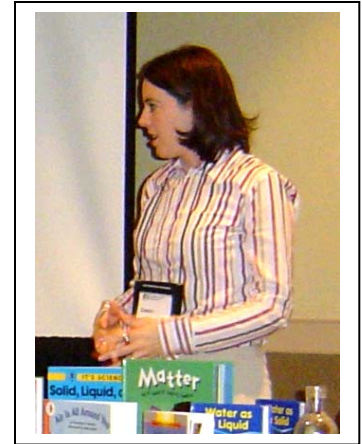


**FRANKIN ROOSEVELT EXHIBIT** – A photo exhibit highlighting the life and achievements of President Franklin D. Roosevelt will be on display in the Lubbock Christian University library gallery April 18 though June 9. The photographs are on loan from the Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library. A collection of biographies about FDR will also be on display.



# CORE KNOWLEDGE ACTIVITIES

**CONFERENCE PRESENTERS** – Twenty-two Lubbock educators made presentations at the 14<sup>th</sup> Core Knowledge National Conference in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania in March. They included Cindy Anderson, Dianne Ashby, Sam Ayers, Lynne Brown, Angie Canale, Denise Caughron, Jenci Chambers, Michelle Cook, Sarah Cude, Barbara Elliott, Nancy Emmel, Karen Eubanks, Tacy Gamel, Mary Ellen Garcia, Brian Gollihugh, Robyn Green, Christina Hart, Stephanie Holloway, Tammy Hooten, Tara Johnson, Rebecca Jordan, Karla Lewis, Elcid Mancini, Amber Nelson, Brenda Parker, Susan Pope, Karen Ray, Debbie Russell, Krissi Samuels, Leslye Starnes, Denise Smith, Gwen Taylor, Candace Tickle, and Shay Troutman.



**LINCOLN** – Bill Perryman of History In Person performed as Abraham Lincoln at selected Lubbock schools March 7-11. Instructional resources were provided to schools before the visits. The performances were scheduled for Idalou, Honey, Iles, Waters, Wheelock, Roscoe Wilson, Lubbock Christian, Christ the King, and St. Joseph School. Mr. Perryman also made a special performance for LCU education students that was hosted by Wayland Baptist University-Lubbock Campus.



**ACCREDITATION VISIT** - Christ the King Cathedral School was recently visited by members of the Texas Catholic Conference Accreditation Commission to make a recommendation as to the school's effectiveness in its overall instructional program. The team recommended "Exemplary" status in several areas including the rich content of the *Core Knowledge Sequence*. The school also received high marks for the commitment to professional development of their staff - due in part to their attendance at Core Knowledge trainings and conferences.

**EDUCATOR RECOGNITION** - The Lubbock Avalanche-Journal named Alice Jimenez as Newspapers In Education (NIE) Educator of the Month recognized. Ms. Jimenez teaches 4th grade at Wheatley Elementary School.

**LCU STUDENT PRESENTATION** – Two LCU students were invited to attend the 14<sup>th</sup> Core Knowledge National Conference. Jennifer Bowns and Leslye Starnes are both seniors and completing their student teaching in LISD schools. Leslye Starnes participated in a panel presentation with Dr. Sam Ayers explaining how Core Knowledge is incorporated into the teacher preparation program at LCU. Professors and student representatives from Trinity University and the University of Northern Iowa University also participated in the panel presentation.



### UPCOMING SUMMER TRAININGS FOR TEACHERS

June 6-10, 2005	Summer Unit Writing Institute	Dupre	K-8 Teachers
June 6-7, 2005	PreK Getting Started	Dupre	PreK Teachers
June 8-9, 2005	PreK Autonomy-Social Skills-Work Habits	Dupre	PreK Teachers
July 25-26, 2005	PreK Assessment and Planning	Asbury	PreK Teachers

**WEBSITES** – A website for The Knowledge Center, Inc. is currently available at [www.theknowledgecenter.org](http://www.theknowledgecenter.org). Information about Core Knowledge activities in the Lubbock area is available at [www.cktexas.org](http://www.cktexas.org).

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