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Community Meetings

* Lubbock Area Client Council meets on the 2nd Saturday, 1:00 pm at the Patterson Branch Library, 1836 Parkway Drive.

* Hub City Kiwanis meets 1st & 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7 p. m., Mt. Vernon UMC, East 23rd & Cedar Avenue

* Dunbar Alumni Association meets 2nd Saturdays, 4:00 pm.

* Booker T. W Washington American Legion, Post 808, meets every 2nd Tuesday at 7:30 pm, American Legion Building in Yellowhouse Canyon.

* Forgotten West Riders meets on the 1st & 3rd Mondays, 7:00 pm, Patterson Branch Library.

* East Lubbock Chapter AARP meets every 1st Thursday at 1:00 pm, Great Saint Luke Missionary Baptist Church.

* Lubbock Chapter of Black Alumni meets every 3rd Tuesday, 5:30 pm, TTU Market Alumni Center.

* Dunbar Manhattan Heights Neighborhood Association meets every 1st Thursday at 7:00 pm and every 4th Thursday at 7:00 pm at the Dunbar Manhattan Heights Neighborhood Outreach Center, 1301 E. 24th Street.

* West Texas Native American Association Pot Luck Supper meets on alternating months prior to meeting, meetings held on 2nd Saturdays of each month at 7:00 pm, Educational presentations and demonstrations.

* The Unified Juneteenth Commission of Lubbock meets every Monday evening at Patterson Library, 1834 Parkway Drive, beginning at 6:00 p. m.

* West Texas Chapter of 100 Black Men of West Texas meets 3rd Monday evenings at 7:00 pm at Lanier Center, 2nd Floor, TTU Law Center.

* The Parkway & Cherry-Point Neighborhood Association meets the 3rd Tuesday evenings, 7:30 pm at Hunt Elementary School.

* Chatman Hill Neighborhood Association meets 2nd Thursday of every month at 6:00 pm at Iles Elementary Cafeteria.

CITIS (Creating Inspirational Thoughts in Singles) meets 2nd & 4th Thursday at 2404 23rd near Avenue X at 7:00 pm

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We're Proud Of Our Estacado High School: 2nd Overall Academic Decathlon In Small Schools



ACADEMIC DECATHLON: The Estacado Academic Decathlon participated at the Regional competition in Odessa. The team finished 2nd overall in the small school division and students earned multiple individual medals. The Academic Team is composed of Micheal Jones, Audreauna Hastings, Christian Tafoya, Angelica Tijerina, Xavier Rivera, Victoria Chadis, Elijah Jackson, Denetra Holloman and Janis Christophe (not pictured).



Estacado Boys Wrestling Team Named Regional Qualifiers

BOYS REGIONAL QUALIFIERS: Estacado boys wrestling team members Joseph Rios, Shai Vergara, Hollis Ready and Zachary Ramos (not pictured) qualified for Regionals. Shai Vergara finished 6th overall in his weight class. Joseph Rios finished 2nd overall in his weight class and qualified for the State competition

Dr. Fraizer & Dr. Hill Honored By Black Faculty & Staff At Texas Tech University



Dr. Paul Frazier



Dr. Damon H. Hill, Jr.

The Texas Tech University and Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center, Black Faculty and Staff Association honored Dr. Damon Herbie Hill, Jr., Community Honoree Physician and Educator in the Lubbock community for more than 40 years and Dr. Paul Frazier, Texas Tech Honoree, for his more than 25 years in former Estacado High School Principal and Higher Education at their kick-off event for Black History Month.

This event was the 13th Annual Black History Month

Opening Ceremony.

This exciting event was held at the School of Law at Texas Tech University. The banquet was originally set to be held at The Lubbock Women's Club, but because of frozen pipes and the Health Department will not allow them to use the facilities.

The event featured Accomplished Classical and Opera Singer, Ms. Peggy Shivers who delivered the keynote address. She advised the Black community of their responsibility of seeing things are decent and in order.

Proceeds will benefit the BfSA scholarship fund and Roots Historical Arts Council, Inc.

"This year's banquet gave the TTU/TTUHSC Black Faculty and Staff Association and the community an opportunity to celebrate the accomplishments, successes, and community service of Damon Hill, M.D. and Paul Frazier PhD.", said Dr. Aretha Marbley.

"We were blessed with the musical talents of Mrs. Peggy Shivers, A mezzo soprano ac-

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Congratulations, Victoria Hernandez!!

HOSA STATE: Victoria Hernandez is a member of the HOSA-Future Health Providers and the medical program. She competed in the job seeking/interviewing category at regionals and qualified for State.

The Southwest Digest wants to encourage Victoria Hernandez as well as all Estacado High School Students for what they are doing this academic year.

At the same time, we want to encourage the community to do the same. Even if we do not have a child attending school in the area, they are still our children.



Victoria Hernandez

Mae Simmons Senior Center Sponsors Sweetheart Dance



Who says you can't have fun at the Mae Simmons Senior Citizens Center? Here is an example on Friday evening, February 7, 2014, these citizens attended the Annual Mae Simmons Sweetheart Dance.

According to those in attendance, it was the largest one ever held to date. They'll tell you it will be much better in 2015. So if you are a Senior Citizen, then get ready for the one next year.

If you are a Senior Citizen, and you are not participating in the program, you need to do so. There are many programs to meet the needs of the Senior Citizen Community of Lubbock. Each day at noon, a delicious meal is served to all Senior Citizens in attendance. If you have any questions, then please call at 767-2700. Can you identify any of the citizens above?

Lady Matadors Wrestling Qualified For 2014 Regionals Team & Continue To Do Well!



LADY MATS REGIONAL QUALIFIERS: Members of the Lady Matadors Wrestling Team qualified for Regionals. The wrestlers included Anissa Hurtado, Mona Wilson, Justicia Mierau, Chelsea Nagy, Kim Catillo, Alexandria Chance, Ariana Anthony and Alegra Rodriguez (not pictured). Ariana Anthony finished 5th in her weight class. Mona Wilson was undefeated finishing as Regional Champion and qualifying for State. The team finished 10th overall.

Estacado High School Students Qualified For State Choir



CHOIR STATE QUALIFIERS: Three members of the Estacado Choir qualified for State Solo & Ensemble. Jasmine Manzy, Jelani Ashley and Melina Bustamante all earned top ratings and will compete at State in San Marcos in June.

Study Says Abortion Rate at Lowest Level Since 1973

Remember this controversial billboard from a few years ago? The group behind it, ThatsAbortion.com, was making an attempt to inform the public that more African American children die as a result of abortion than for any other reason.

Well, it appears that those devastating statistics are going down. According to a new data analysis, the abortion rate in the USA has dropped to its lowest level since the procedure became legal in 1973. To be exact, there has been a 13% decline in both the abortion rate and the number of abortions from the years 2008 to 2011.

Guttmacher Institute in New York City, the organization who conducted the research, found that major declines were seen in all but six states - Alaska, Maryland, Montana, New Hampshire, West Virginia and Wyoming - which all saw either no change or an increase in abortion rates.

Rachel Jones, lead author of



the study by Guttmacher, says she attributes the decline to more women using "highly effective contraceptive methods such as the IUD" and the fact that the study period was during the re-

cession and sluggish recovery.

For more information about Guttmacher Institute, visit www.guttmacher.org

Public Housing Waiting List Opening

Lubbock Housing Authority will open the following waiting list on March 3, 2014 and close the waiting lists on April 9, 2014:

2, 3, 4, and 5 Bedroom units; as well as elderly 1 Bedroom (62 years and above).

Application Process is required!!!

Application packets may be picked up at the Lubbock Housing Authority Central Office located at 1708 Crickets, Lubbock TX, 79401, during regular business hours!

Completed applications may be returned to the above address, **Monday-Wednesday between the hours of 7:00 AM to 3:00 PM. This is a walk in interview and you will be seen in the order that you come in.** Applications outside of these dates will not be accepted. The following documents will be required at the time of interview:

All information is required at the time of the interview, we must have original documents no copies will be accepted.

Make sure you bring:

- Make sure that you bring your application completed and signed. (No Blanks)**
- Birth certificates for all children (Birth facts will not be accepted!)**
- Social security cards for everyone in household.**
- Current picture ID/DL for all adults in household are required at the time of the interview,**
- All adults must attend this appointment! If you or other adults cannot attend interview due to working or attending school, you must contact the Intake department to see if accommodations can be made for an interview outside the scheduled interview dates!**

If you require a reasonable accommodation in order to access any of our programs, due to a handicap or disability, please call the intake department at (806) 762-1191. For the hearing impaired call TTY Relay Texas 1-800-735-2989.

SPC to host Senior Sneak Preview for local high school seniors

LEVELLAND - South Plains College will welcome 800 high school seniors from the local area to preview college life during the annual Senior Sneak Preview set for Feb. 21 on the Levelland campus.

The event will begin with reg-

istration at 9 a.m. in the Texan Dome. Opening assembly will take place at 9:30 a.m., where attendees can expect to see the Texan cheerleaders, Ballroom Dance Team and other student leaders. Dr. Kelvin Sharp, President of South Plains College,

will welcome all seniors and their guests.

Participants will have the opportunity to speak with SPC faculty and current students about career choices, unique college programs and student life during the Program Showcase. Campus tours, led by student ambassadors, will follow.

Parents will participate in a special session specifically for them. The "Just for Parents" information segment will include information sessions from various departments including Financial Aid, Campus Housing and Admissions.

Lunch will be provided in the Physical Education Complex. A student ensemble from Creative Arts will perform. Various student-led clubs and organizations will have booths available to provide information to prospective students.

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Community Health Center of Lubbock Promotor(a)/Community Health Worker Program Class

Become a Community Health Worker who is a trusted member of the community and has a close understanding of the community served. This trusting relationship enables you to serve as a liaison between health/social services and the community to facilitate access to services and improve the quality and cultural competence of service delivery. You can also build individual and community capability by increasing health knowledge and self-sufficiency through a range of activities such as outreach, community education, social support and advocacy.

168 hour curriculum approved by the Department of State Health Services will begin on Tuesday, May 20, 2014. Please contact Claudia Bustos at 765-2611, ext. 1024, for more information.

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The Lubbock Lions Club is 'flippin' again to make a difference. The 62nd Annual Pancake Festival fundraiser is scheduled for Saturday, February 22, from 7:00 am until 8:00 pm at the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center. As always, the food is freshly prepared and cooked throughout the day. And for the first time bacon will be available for purchase!

The event features a festive atmosphere with fabulous entertainment, melt in your mouth pancakes and activities for the entire family. A benefit drawing will feature a 50" television and a football autographed by Kliff Kingsbury.

Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church

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Microsoft Office I - 6 weeks
Begins Tue, March 11, 5:30-7:30 pm

Microsoft Office II - 6 weeks
Begins Thu, March 13, 5:30-7:30 pm

Learn the Internet - 6 weeks
Tue, March 11, 3-5 pm or Thu, March 13, 3-5 pm

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We Thank God for Jesus

"I Need More Jesus!"

Written by Evangelist Billy "BJ" Morrison, III

James 3:2 -- For in many things we offend all. If any man offend not in word, the same is a perfect man and able also to bridle the whole body.

LORD, PLEASE FORGIVE ME. THIS I PRAY. I TRY TO LIVE FOR YOU EACH AND EVERYDAY, but **THE DEVIL** sometimes gets into **ME,** AND **THAT IS NOT SUPPOSE TO BE!!!**

Phillippians 2:5 -- Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus.

******* I NEED MORE JESUS!!! *******

Many times my **NEIGHBOR'S DOG, POOPED IN MY YARD.** I went over and told him **I'VE HAD ENOUGH.** He talked back **SO UGLY TO ME; IT ALMOST MADE ME CURSE.**

******* I NEED MORE JESUS!!! *******

James 3:6 -- The tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity -- so is the tongue among our members -- that it defiles the whole body, and set on fire the course of nature; and it is set on fire of hell.

LORD, I know you said, for us to turn **THE OTHER CHEEK,** but like I say -- **THE DEVIL GETS INSIDE ME AND I SPEAK!!!**

James 3:7-8 -- For every kind of beasts, and of birds, and of serpents, and of things in the sea, is tamed, and has been tamed of mankind; but the tongue can no man tame; if it is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison.

LORD, I remember at **THE MAE SIMMONS SENIOR CITIZEN CENTER,** A **MAN SAID I CALLED HIM A FOOL. I SAID I DIDN'T -- SO BE COOL! BUT THE MAN RAN UPON ME, WITH HIS FIST IN HIS HAND, AND I HAD TO PUT HIS ASS OVER IN A TRASH CAN!!!**

******* I NEED MORE JESUS!!! *******

James 1:19 -- My beloved brother, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, and slow to wrath.

(PETER WALKED WITH JESUS THREE YEARS, AND THAT OLD DEVIL CAME INTO HIM AND CUT OFF A MAN'S EAR. WE'RE ALL HUMAN, AND GO INTO THE DEFENSIVE MOOD, BECAUSE OF FEAR!!!)

John 18:10 -- Simon Peter, having a sword, drew it, and smote the high priest's servant, and cut off his right ear. The servant's name was Mal'chus.

******* WE NEEDED MORE JESUS!!! *******

LORD, I try to walk **WITH**

YOU DAILY, wherever I go, **IN THE STREETS AND WHILE AT HOME. BUT THAT OLD DEVIL IS EVERYWHERE -- AND HE WON'T LEAVE ME ALONE!!!**

James 4:7 -- Submit yourselves, therefore; to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

LORD, I know I'm not suppose to **SPEAK! THE UGLY WORDS THAT I SOMETIMES SAY, BECAUSE I KNOW MY MOTHER DIDN'T RAISE ME THAT WAY!!!**

******* I NEED MORE JESUS!!! *******

BROTHER, I CAN'T SAVE YOU. I'M TRYING TO SAVE ME, AND WE BOTH NEED TO STAY DOWN ON OUR KNEES!!!

******* WE NEEDED MORE JESUS!!! *******

II Corinthians 5:17 -- Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away: behold, all things are become new.

Lyons Chapel Baptist Church Youth Honors Lubbock Citizens

The Youth Department of the Lyons Chapel Baptist Church recognized Lubbock citizens during their 2014 Black History Month Celebration on Sunday morning, February 9, 2014.

Under the direction of their Youth Sponsor, Dr. Amanda

Banks, the following citizens were honored: David Anderson, L.V. Andrews, Betty Domingo, Mike Driver, Betty Hereford, Jackie Porch, T. J. Patterson, and Gwen Titus. The Theme was: "The Golden Jubilee of the Civil Rights Act".



12th Annual African American History Month Program and Reception

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St. Matthew's Baptist Church News

If the Tongue Could Only Be Tamed

If someone does not stumble in what he says, he is a perfect individual, able to control the entire body as well. 3 And if we put bits into the mouths of horses to get them to obey us, then we guide their entire bodies. 4 Look at ships too: though they are so large and driven by harsh winds, they are steered by

a tiny rudder wherever the pilot's impulse directs.31

James has instructed "wannabe teachers" that they should be hesitant to teach, because the judgment of teachers will be more severe. He has also indicated that all of us stumble in many ways (2a). James will now focus on a particular form of stumbling. He turns to the topic of stumbling in one's speech, a timely topic for teachers. If a

man does not stumble in what he says, then that man is perfect. If a man can perfectly control his tongue, then he would also be able to control every other part of his body as well. What a glorious thought! I fear that some would-be teachers might actually believe that they have mastered their tongues because they are able to master others with their tongue.

James has said that if a man can control his tongue, he can

control his entire body. He now sets out to illustrate this tongue/totality principle, first with a horse, and then with a ship. In 1:26, James has already used the term "bridle," and now he takes up the same term.32 Once the bit is in the horse's mouth, the rider can control the entire body of the horse. One controls the entire horse by controlling its mouth. Next, James turns to the illustration of a ship. A ship is very large, and strong

winds propel it; but when the captain has control of its very small rudder (comparatively speaking), he has control of the entire ship. Wouldn't it be wonderful if the tongue could be controlled? If a man could bring his tongue under control, then he could bring his whole body under control. But this will never happen, as James is about to show.

The Tongue Is Powerful, But

Deadly, and Out of Control

James 3:5-8 So too the tongue is a small part of the body, yet it has great pretensions.33 Think how small a flame sets a huge forest ablaze. 6 And the tongue is a fire! The tongue represents the world of wrongdoing among the parts of our bodies, that pollutes the entire body and sets fire to the course of human existence and is set on fire by hell.

Adult Flag Football -- Spring Registration

Registration for Parks and Recreation first-ever Spring Adult Flag Football League will be on February 17-21, 2014. By adding a second session of Flag Football, in addition to our Fall Leagues, enthusiasts will have twice the opportunity to play during 2014! League play begins on March 17, 2014, and the cost is \$375 per team. Late registration will be February 24-28, 2014, and a \$30 late fee will apply. For more information, call 775-2672

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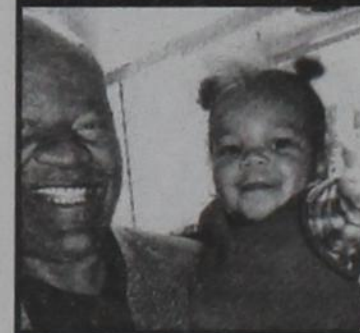
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Obsequies

Jason Ross

Funeral services for Jason Ross were held on Monday afternoon, February 10, 2014, at South Side Church of Christ.

Interment followed in Peaceful Gardens Memorial Park under the direction of Griffin Mortuary & Funeral Home of Lubbock.

Ross, 94, of Lubbock passed away on Tuesday, February 4, 2014.

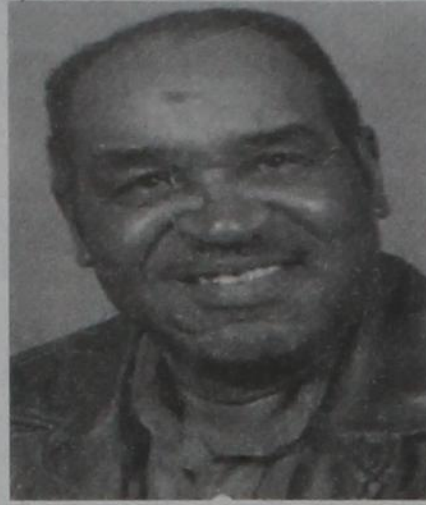
Jason was born in Frankton, Texas, on May 2, 1919, to Johnny and Willie B. Ross. He relocated to West Texas in the early 1940s and lived in Shamrock, Cotton Center, and Hale Center, Texas.

In 1968 he moved to Lubbock, Texas, to become a house parent for the Coronado Children's Home. He took care of up to fourteen children at one period. Jason farmed in this area for many years.

He was employed at Galbraith Steel for several years and was employed at Gene Messer Ford for 27 years until he retired in 2007.

Jason married Katherine Jackson on July 3rd, 1982. They were married for 31 years. He had a strong faith in God, and he loved his family and friends. He and Kat enjoyed fishing, traveling, and visiting various places in New Mexico several times per year.

He was preceded in death by: his parents, Johnny and Willie B. Ross; brothers, Jay Ross and Sanford Ross; sisters, Gladys Ross, Ludie Freeman, and



Queen Ester Davis. He leaves to cherish his memories: his wife, Katherine Ross; sister, Bettie Lee Gray; his children, Jimmie Smith, Iris Powell, Janice Westbrook, Michael Brassfield, Brenda Harper, Wayne Lee Foster, Joe White and Tonya White; eight grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.



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Zettie Dee Kelly Byrd

Lorenzo, Texas -- Funeral services were held for Zettie Dee Kelly Byrd on Tuesday morning, February 18, 2014, at Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church in Lorenzo.

Interment followed at Lorenzo Cemetery under the direction of Griffin Mortuary & Funeral Home of Lubbock.

Byrd, 76, of Lorenzo, Texas, passed away on Tuesday, February 4, 2014.

Zettie was born on May 25, 1937, to the parentage of Isaac and Zettie Leola Jones-Kelly in Huntsville, Texas. Zettie was a member of Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church in Lorenzo, where she worked faithfully, singing in the choir until her health began to fail.

She was preceded in death by: her parents, Isaac and Zettie; six sisters; and four brothers.



She leaves to cherish her memories: one daughter, Linda Womack; one son, Leroy Womack; one stepson, Willie Byrd; one stepdaughter, Kathie Byrd; two sisters, Gladys Lee and Addis Hardman; and a host of grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Joe Travis Mays, Sr.

Memorial services were held for Joe Travis Mays on Thursday morning, February 6, 2014, at Griffin Mortuary Memorial and Chapel.

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

A resident of Lubbock, Mays, 75, passed away Wednesday, January 29, 2014.

He was born in Greenville, Texas on November 8, 1938 to Wharton Mays and Anna Mae Chiles, who later married Lee Roy Chiles.

Mays is survived by a brother, Kenneth Chiles; five children and step-children: Juanette "Nette" Carrington, James Palmer, Joe Mays, Jr., Michael Robinson and Brenda Robinson; thirteen grandchildren: Keisha

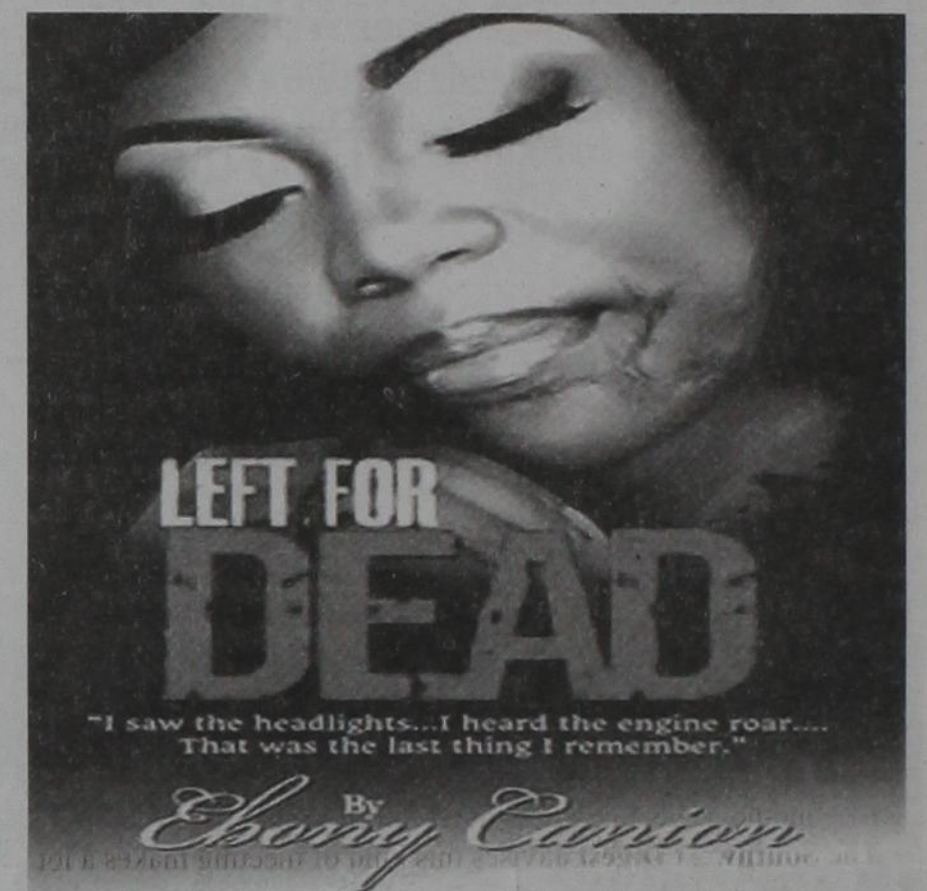


Carrington, Christopher Carrington, Quenette Carrington, Zayana Mays-Welch, Jarabra Mays, Joe Mays, III, Kaos Lakey, Kavontae Robinson, Michea Robinson, Jr., Tomaderick Robinson, Tommy Johnson, and M'Kayla Robinson; a host of great grandchildren, other relatives, nephews, nieces, cousins, and friends.

Left For Dead Proves Faith Conquers Adversity

It Takes a Strong Person to Allow Their Scars to Tell Their Life Story

As a survivor of impulsive adult bullying, Ebony Canion speaks out about how one unnecessary fight left her for dead. She sheds light and hope on surviving molestation, rape, domestic violence and recovering from a series negative life choices. --



Washington, DC -- Ebony Canion, a Cleveland, Ohio native, is no stranger to adversity. In fact, countless traumatic experiences in her childhood and adulthood have molded her to be strong, resilient, and faithful, in short a survivor. On June 30, 2012, her strength was tested more than ever before. She was intentionally ran over by speeding car and then dragged for over two hundred feet, with her body folded underneath the vehicle. She sustained over thirty life-threatening injuries and was in a coma for over two months. The doctors told her family she would be a vegetable and would never walk again. Her injuries at the time included a collapsed lung, fractured shoulder and jaw, seven broken ribs, broken legs, broken pelvis, and the skin on her back was ripped off from road burn. That fateful night would change her life forever. Ebony Canion, 34, was "Left for Dead."

Ebony's new book, **LEFT FOR DEAD**, will show that despite her many obstacles, she will never be defeated, she will survive. Infused with the intensity of a woman fighting for her life, here is a story of hope, heartbreak and the love and courage that transforms a widow and rape victim - from a victim to a survivor, from a wounded woman to an indomitable one. In this gripping, no-holds barred memoir, readers are granted an intimate look at the recovery of Ebony Canion as she deals with a history of rape at 14 years old and domestic violence, past family discord, the psychological and emotional adjustments that need to occur during her attempt to reclaim a sense of normalcy and the will to conquer all challenges. As an inspiration to all who know her, Ebony's will to overcome, more importantly to survive, is unparalleled.

In **LEFT FOR DEAD**, Ebony's destiny changed as she adapted to a new mindset. She credits her shift and levels in progress to writing **LEFT FOR DEAD** (Life Changing Books, February 4, 2014; ISBN-13: 978-1934230596; Non-fiction \$15.00). The book is full of raw emotion and shares a vulnerability that draws the reader into a complicated life story. Tressa Smallwood is quoted as saying, "After hearing the violent and inspirational story of Ebony Canion's fight to live, I knew my company Life Changing Books was the perfect outlet to publish **LEFT FOR DEAD**, it's a true survivor story. Her strength to learn to walk, talk, and eat again will leave you spellbound and inspired. Her scars tell a story that must be heard!"

All are encouraged to actively participate in Ebony's quest for success.

Birda Andrews In Memory

Birda Andrews, Mom,
Another year has come, and we miss you and love you always.

The Andrews and Johnson families.



Black History Gospel Explosion Set At Triumph Missionary Baptist Church

Slaton, Texas -- The Golden Voices will present a Black History Gospel Exposition on Saturday evening, February 22, 2014, beginning at 7:00 p. m. at the Triumph Missionary Baptist Church, 905 South Johnson Street.

The Gospel Explosion will feature the following Gospel Artists: Tate 6, A Touch From Heaven, The Gospel Highlights, The Anointed Men of Faith, and Pastor Ross.

Also, Passage, Under God's Protection, and Psalmist Barbara

Watson. Special Guest will be Psalmist Marilyn Gaither.

Host Pastor is Pastor Ron Pegues. "We are looking forward for this special program celebrating Black History Month," said Pastor Pegues.

If there are questions, call Pastor Pegues at (806) 785-3022. "No matter what the question is, just give me a call," said Pastor Pegues.

"We want to celebrate Black History Month through this Gospel Explosion.

Lubbock High Student Named to Inaugural Mariachi All-State Group

For the first time in Texas high school music education, an All-State Mariachi Ensemble has been named and a Lubbock High School (LHS) senior made the cut. Lubbock High violinist Thalia Ramos has become a part of history by being selected as one of three violinists who will perform with the inaugural All-State Mariachi Ensemble in April.

In an audition regimen similar to All-State orchestra students, the All-State Mariachi candidates submitted audition recordings in mid-January. Ramos was notified of her selection earlier this week. "I was pretty ecstatic," Ramos said. "This was



Thalia Ramos

my first time to try out for an All-State group and to find out that I made it was like the best feeling ever!" Thalia is the daughter of Rene and Gracie Ramos.

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Celebrating Black History with the Elders

Don't Trash East Lubbock-Alliance

This recently formed alliance will conduct an organizational and planning meeting at Mae Simmons Community Center, 2004 Oak Avenue, on February 22, 2014 from 12pm until 1pm. We will discuss strategies of how best to assist property owners in Northeast and East Lubbock to repair their homes for compliance with City Code Enforcement Standards; to clean alley ways and vacant properties and to remove dumped trash, furniture items, trees and brush, unlicensed, wrecked, illegally parked or abandoned vehicles; to discuss drug trafficking and irresponsible renters and landlords.

Representatives from the City of Lubbock will be present to answer questions concerning code enforcement, vector control, waste management removal, etc. Former Mayor, David Langston, will be present to provide technical and resource assistance to property owners. The Lubbock United Neighborhood Association will take the lead role in soliciting for volunteers from numerous City-wide organizations and churches to help with clean-up and property repairs. Property owners and residents of Northeast and East Lubbock are strongly encouraged to attend this meeting. It will be the most productive one-hour meeting you will attend all year.

The Southwest Digest advises this kind of meeting makes a lot of sense and could be the catalyst East Lubbock needs to move in the right direction. Surely, there are those in the East Lubbock Community who want to see the same. So why not make preparation for this important meeting. You'll be glad you did agree to attend!!

One Act Play Set For Saturday Evening February 22nd



Something new and exciting will be held Saturday evening, February 22, 2014, beginning at 7:30 p. m. It will be held at the Star Institute, 517 North Zenith Avenue, formerly the George Woods Community Center.

This will be a one-act, one-person play starring Ret.CW4 George Robert Snead. This is a Black History Month presentation.

"The Legacy We Lest Forget" From inauspicious beginnings in America as slaves, to the highest pinnacles of the military. Four Star General, Texas Artist Ret.CW4 George Robert Snead captured the major milestones and achievements of African-Americans in military with his paintings. From 1863-1991, 71 Afro-Americans received the Nation's highest award, **The Medal of Honor!**

Happy Black History Month!!

THIS N' THAT

by T. J. Patterson

WE WANT TO SHOW SOME OF THE STUDENTS MAKING THINGS HAPPEN ON THE CAMPUS AT ESTACADO HIGH SCHOOL! THIS N THAT wanted to utilize PAGE 1 & PAGE 8 to show some of activities these young people are involved in during this academic semester.... Our YOUNG PEOPLE need all the publicity

they can get while they are HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS... THIS N THAT wants each of them to know THERE ARE SO MANY OPPORTUNITIES WAITING FOR EACH OF THEM!!! As parents or citizens we need to let each of them know WE'RE ON THEIR SIDE and we are willing to do what we can to help each of

them.... Oh YES we owe them OUR SUPPORT!!! THIS N THAT praying we do what we can to help..... Each of us need to get into the habit of "TURNING TO EACH OTHER AND NOT ON EACH OTHER!!! So let's get busy doing that as soon as we can and right now is the..... BEST TIME TO START! WILL YOU DO SO?

LEVELLAND - South Plains College students recently selected Homecoming King and Queen during halftime of the Lady Texans/New Mexico basketball game on Monday (Feb. 10) in the Texan Dome.

Nathaniel Gonzalez, representing the Student Government Association, and Megan Perez, representing the Press Club were selected King and Queen for spring 2014. Perez, journalism major from Shallowater, is the daughter of Joe and Melody Perez of Shallowater. Gonzalez, psychology major from Lubbock, is the son of Rachel Guerra and Victor Gonzalez of Lubbock.

Nominees for Queen were Anime Association representative Maria Palacios of Lubbock, a child development daughter of Randy and Brenna Beasley of Stanton.

Representing Phi Theta Kappa was Marulean Aming'a, a pre-nursing major. She is the daughter of Charles Otori and Joyce Aming'a of Nairobi, Kenya.

Representing the Student Government Association was Valerie Barrera, an early childhood education major. She is the daughter of Alfredo and Georgina Barrera of Idalou.

Representing the United Student Organization was Lorena Posadas of Lubbock, a behavioral science major. She is the daughter of Jaime and Maria Posadas of Lubbock, Texas

Nominees for King were Baptist Student Ministry representa-

South Plains College students crown Homecoming King and Queen



HOMECOMING HONORS - Students at South Plains College selected Nathaniel Gonzalez of Lubbock and Megan Perez of Shallowater as Homecoming King and Queen. Gonzales, a business major, represented Student Government Association, and Perez, journalism major, represented the Press Club. The ceremony was conducted during halftime of the Lady Texans basketball game Monday, February 10, 2014, against New Mexico Junior College at the Texan Dome. The Homecoming King and Queen contest was open to all student organizations, clubs and residence halls.

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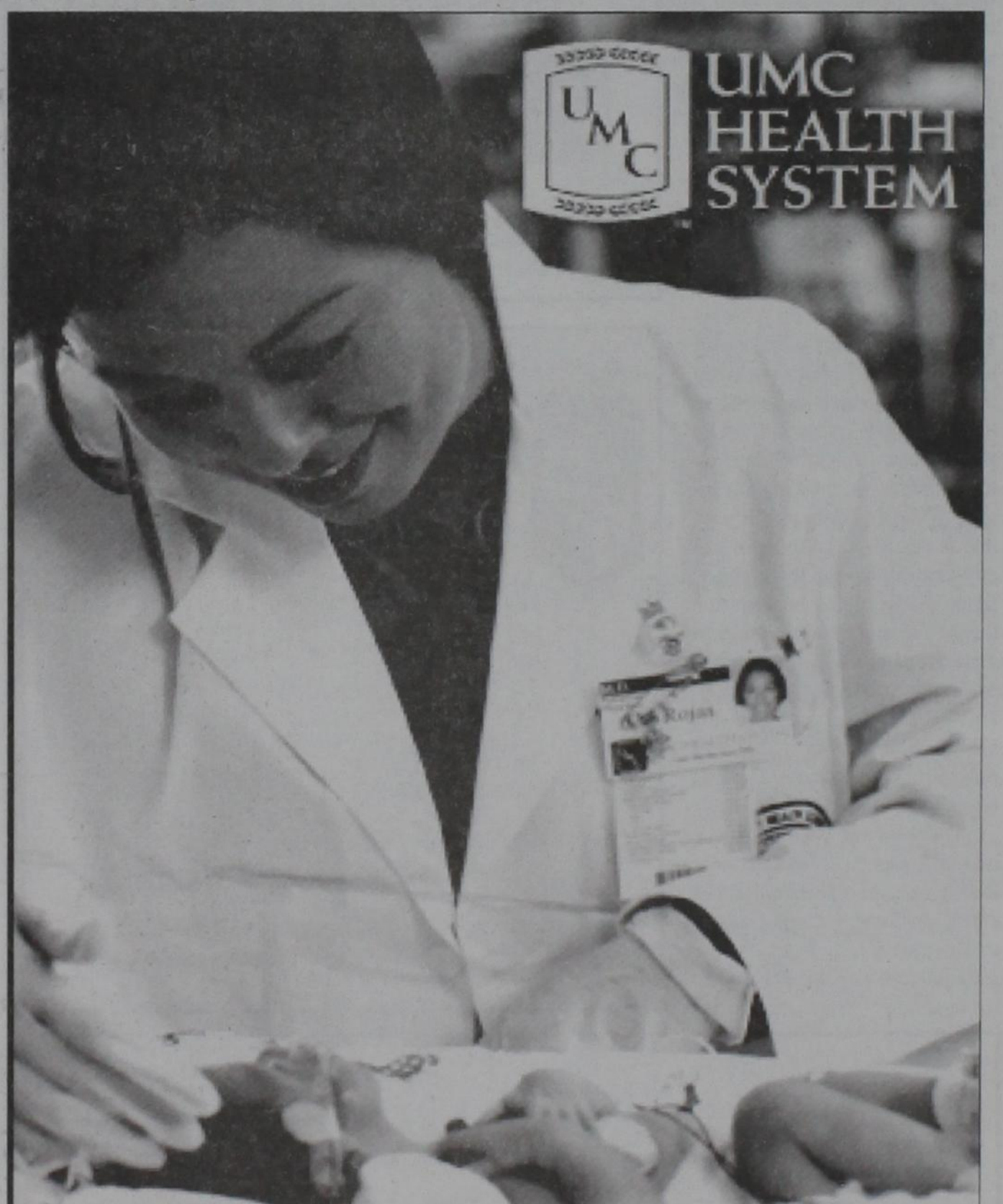
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Pull Up Your Entrepreneurial Bootstraps - A Tribute To Black History Month

By Sheila Thomas



Sheila Thomas

Success Secrets of Black Millionaires by Dennis Kimbro, The Unstoppables: Tapping Your Entrepreneurial Power by Bill Schley, and Startup Nation - The Story of Israel's Economic Miracle by Dan Senor and Saul Singer.

These books further strengthened my entrepreneurial spirit with words that should cause any human being to be inspired and motivated to become an entrepreneur. While I certainly do not intend to provide full summaries of these books, I do have three take-aways, and they are as follows: 1) You must be a risk-taker who is confident in yourself, and confident in your business ideas. 2) You must develop and utilize sales skills. 3) You must work hard.

Being a risk-taker is a necessary part of becoming an entrepreneur. In The Anatomy of an Entrepreneur, a report published by the Kauffman Foundation in 2009, researchers discovered that the most commonly-named hindrance to entrepreneurial success was a lack of ability or willingness to take risks. In addition, Bill Schley, in The Unstoppables, writes that "risk doesn't go with the territory - it is the territory, if we plan to build, create, innovate, experience, achieve or win at anything."

Happy Black History Month!

Nationwide -- Slavery - that wretched, inhumane experience that had Africans uprooted from their native lands, packed like sardines in slave ships, and brought to America to be sold to the highest bidder - was abolished in America in 1865. Nevertheless, for almost another hundred years, African-Americans were subjected to Jim Crow laws, which perpetuated the ideal of separate but equal facilities. Finally, with the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Voting Rights Act of 1965, African-Americans, in writing at least, were given the freedoms we deserved.

Now we are in a new millennium, celebrating Black History Month for the 38th year in this country. And while we have so much to be thankful for - our first African-American president, improved race relations and improved career opportunities, the question arises - "Are we really taking advantage of the American dream?" Are we really honoring the sacrifices of our forefathers who suffered on slave ships, cotton fields and in the streets of America, being sprayed with fire hoses and attacked by police dogs? Are we really taking advantage of our ability to pursue life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness?

I would like to think that we still have a long way to go in that arena. Yes we have an African-American president, and yes, we have advanced in our racial relations since the civil rights movement, but are we as individual Americans - black, white, yellow and red - truly taking advantage of the freedom and liberty that is bestowed upon us in this great nation in which we live? I think we are not. I believe that the path to true freedom for most Americans is the path of entrepreneurship, and for that reason, I would like to propose, in this all-inclusive message, that you pull up your entrepreneurial bootstraps.

Yes, pull up your entrepreneurial bootstraps. I believe that during our short time on planet earth, we owe it to our Creator and ourselves to uncover the gifts, talents and skills that may lie dormant within, and to use

them to create enterprises that will catapult us to higher levels both socially and economically. As an entrepreneur and a May 2014 MBA candidate, I read a lot of business and entrepreneurial books. I recently found myself reading three books that I highly recommend to anyone thinking about creating a new enterprise and/or helping to promote a culture of entrepreneurship in your own city or region. They are The Wealth Choice:

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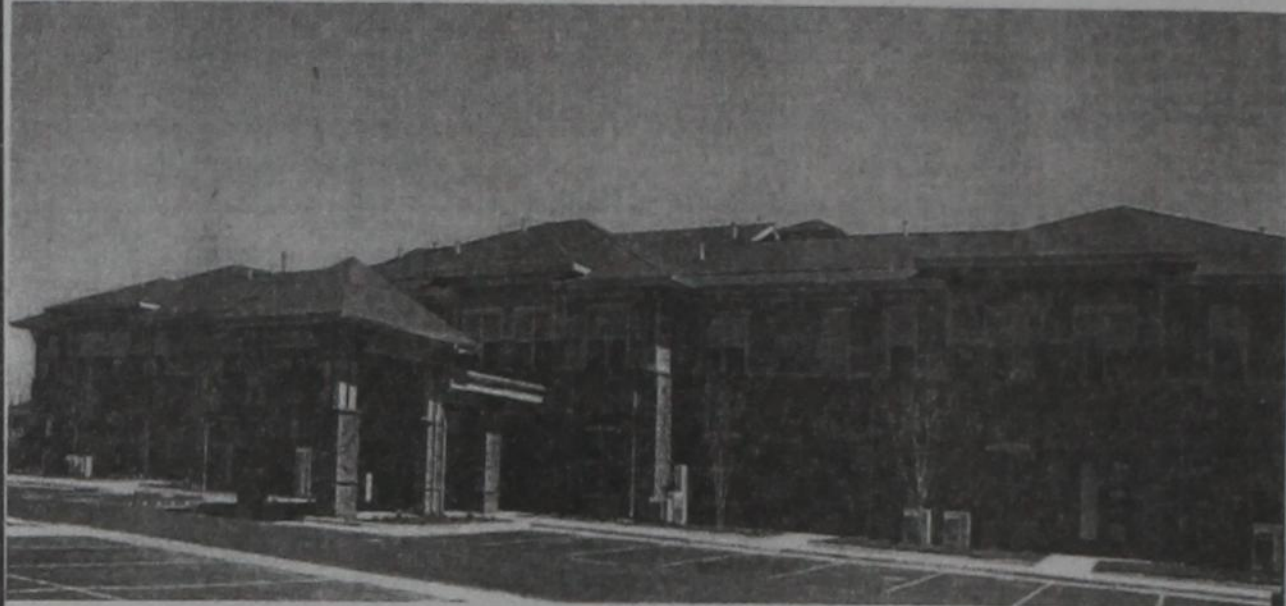
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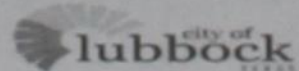


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Washington, DC -- The White House Initiative's Year-round Internship Program provides current undergraduate and graduate students with an opportunity to learn about African American-focused education policy, communications, and outreach at the U.S. Department of Education in Washington, D.C.

Until March 15, 2014, the program will be accepting applica-

tions for summer interns. Their responsibilities will include, but are not limited to: Collecting and compiling research and data on African American education, institutions and communities; Performing data entry and managing the office database; Greeting and escorting visitors to meetings; Participating in strategic planning and staff meetings and other Department policy briefings and meetings

relevant to the work of the Initiative; Responding to constituent inquiries verbally or in writing; and more.

Throughout the course of their internships, students will have the opportunity to attend and potentially lead in the planning and management of meetings, briefings and other special events on the Hill, at the White House and in other federal agencies. New internship positions are available every summer, fall, winter and spring.

For more information and/or to apply, visit: www.findinternships.com/2013/04/white-house-initiative-year-round-internship-program.html

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13th Annual Banquet

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complished Opera singer, MusicCare (TTUHSC Medical Students), Kings of Kings, and Pervis Evans. Our association is very thankful to the community, community organizations, Texas Tech University and Texas Tech University Health Science Center for their continued support of our annual banquet," continued Dr. Marbley.

"May God continue to bless you and all that you do," she concluded.

SPC Will Host High School Students

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tive students. For more information, contact Kathryn Perez, coordinator of New Student Programs, at (806) 716-2115 or Christy Wright, administrative assistant for New Student Relations, at (806) 716-2113.

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SPC Scholarship Office announces application deadline by March 1

LEVELLAND – Students seeking scholarships at South Plains College for the 2014-2015 academic year are encouraged to submit their application materials by March 1 deadline.

Application information is available online at SPC's website, www.southplainscollege.edu as well as from the SPC Scholarship Office, according to Stephen John, vice president for Institutional Advancement.

"We are planning to award more than \$600,000 in scholarships next fall and we want future SPC students to know that these funds are available to help support their enrollment," John said.

"We have made information available to high school counselors in our service area, as well. So students can contact their counselors for applications and assistance," he added.

In 2013-14, more than 650 SPC students received scholarships from the college. The scholarships are made possible through the South Plains College Foundation.

"The primary reason students don't receive scholarships is not because they are not qualified to receive them. It's because they don't take the time to apply for them," John said.

For more information, contact the SPC Scholarship Office at (806) 716-2219.

Lubbock Metropolitan Planning Organization
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Residents of the Cities of Lubbock and Wolfforth and Lubbock County citizens living within the Metropolitan Area Boundary of the Lubbock Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) are encouraged to review and comment on the above listed draft documents that affect the local transportation network. Written comments will be received through Friday, March 14th, 2014.

Public Forums will be held as follows:

February 25, 2014 CitiBus Downtown Transfer Center 801 Broadway Lubbock, TX 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.	March 18, 2014 Lubbock City Hall 1625 13 th Street, Room 103 Lubbock, TX 8:30 a.m.
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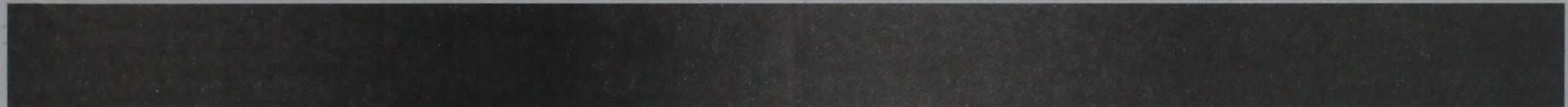
Projects included in the Draft 2015-2018 Transportation Improvement Program are:

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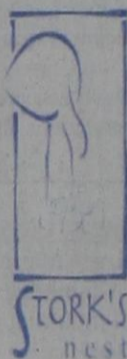
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tive Matthew Race of Levelland, a mechanical engineering major. He is the son of Karl and Sharon Race of Levelland.

Representing Phi Theta Kappa was Mason Payne, a business administration major. He is the

son of Brad and Kathy Payne of Lubbock.

Representing the Press Club was Josh Hamilton of Ruidoso, N.M., a telecommunications major. He is the son of Mark and Linda Hamilton of Ruidoso, N.M.

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