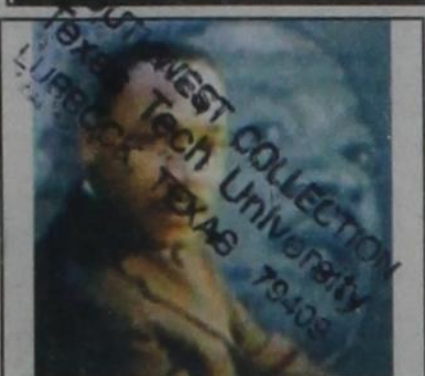




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Community Meetings

* 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

* If you have an announcement about your organization, please advise by calling (806) 762-3612 or e-mail swdigest@sbcglobal.net.

African-American Principals Honored During 12th Annual African American History Month



Mrs. Drue Coleman



Mr. George Love



Mrs. Margaret Randle



Ms. Carolyn Thompson

The 12th Annual African American History Month Program and Reception at the Patterson Branch Library was held Saturday afternoon, February 22, 2014. This year, four of Lubbock Independent School African American Principals were honored for their dedicated service.

Those honored were Mrs. Drue Coleman, Principal at Maedgen Elementary School, Mr. George Love, Principal of Dunbar Collegiate Preparatory School, Mrs. Margaret Randle, Principal of Joan Y. Ervin Elementary School, and Ms. Carolyn Thompson, Principal of Matthews Alternative High School.

With the theme, "Prepared People for a Prepared Purpose: Principals with Principle," Ms. Jane Clausen, Lubbock Library Director, gave a well received welcome. She thanked everyone for their attendance, and the support of the Patterson Branch Library over the years.

Mr. Jim Baker, Vice Presi-

dent, Friends of the Library, gave special greetings. He told the large group of Lubbock citizens how much their support is appreciated. He also brought many books as an appreciation of their support. Anyone who wanted a book could take one home without any charge.

Lubbock City Councilman Floyd Price, District 2, brought greetings from the City of Lubbock. He also brought special recognition for each honoree. "The City of Lubbock just appreciates what each of these Principals has done for the young people in the Lubbock Independent School District," he said.

A special musical selection, "The Negro National Anthem", was sung by a choir from Rise Academy. Alderson Elementary School students did an appreciative skit which involved at least 20 students.

A special recognition was given to former principals in LISD. They were acknowledged by standing. A brief silence was

given for all deceased Principals.

Ms. Vernita Woods-Holmes, LISD School Board Member of District 2, made a special presentation to each of the honorees. Each received a plaque from Patterson Branch Library.

A special presentation were given by Mrs. Coleman, Mr. Love, and Mrs. Randle. Ms. Thompson was unable to attend because of a prior commitment.

Special presentations: Mrs. Coleman read a poem; Mr. Love played the trumpet; and Mrs. Randle did an impressive skit.

Mrs. Helen Viser-Fitzgerald, Patterson Branch Manager, was Mistress of Ceremonies. Minister Michael Menton, Divine Love Baptist Church, gave an inspiring invocation. The benediction was offered by Pastor W. D. Davis, Lyons Chapel Baptist Church.

Mr. T. J. Patterson, Sr. and Mrs. Fitzgerald gave special remarks and thanked everyone for

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GRUB Kids Received Some Valuable Information About Drugs & Alcohol While Visiting Farm



The GRUB kids received some valuable information while visiting the South Plains Food Bank Farm, located at East 76th Street & Avenue B, on Monday afternoon, February 3, 2014. They learned about drugs, alcohol, and consequences associated with using them. A special presentation was given by Eddie Karl Harris, standing center, owner and operator of the Harris DWI/Youth Education Program.

Harris, a State Certified Instructor of Texas Mandated DWI and MIP Education, played an informative video for the young people, but his personal presentation had them sitting up and interacting with each other. "We're interested in helping young people know what's right and wrong about drugs and alcohol," said Harris. If there are any questions, just call us at (806) 559-9464.



Joseph Rios

Joseph Rios Is Highest Ranking Wrestler In EHS History

RIOS STATE WRESTLER: Estacado High School senior Joseph Rios competed at the Texas Wrestling State Championships in Garland. He placed 2nd in his weight division and finished as an All-State Wrestler. Joseph Rios is the highest placing wrestler at State in Estacado history.

Lubbock Citizens Says, "Thank You!, Mr. Braxton"



The members of Mt. Vernon United Methodist Church sponsored a farewell party for one of their faithful members, Mr. James T. Braxton, who is moving to the Dallas/Ft. Worth area, where he will be with family members. This glorious event was held last Sunday afternoon, March 2, 2014. The 94 year old musical icon will be missed. His wife of 70 years recently passed. Those present expressed their appreciation for his contributions to Lubbock.

Lusk & Fitzgerald Scholarship Recipients Named



Mr. Michael A. Munoz

Ms. Chelsea Ukoha

The Left-To-Right Book Discussion Group at Lubbock Public Library, Patterson Branch, has read over 100 books written by 83 authors. Five of those authors have visited here in our great City of Lubbock, Texas at Patterson Branch Library and left a lasting positive impact on our community.

Our strong desire is to: provide visible role models by continuing our visiting authors program; encourage library use by starting a speaker's bureau; and promote reading and education by awarding scholarships to members of our community. To help ensure the continuation of these vital functions an advisory

committee and the Patterson Branch Library manager established a fund named for Mrs. Mildred Lusk and Mrs. Helen Viser-Fitzgerald. The name of the fund is Lusk & Fitzgerald Visiting Author and Scholarship Fund.

The Lusk & Fitzgerald Fund Committee proudly presents our very first Mildred Lusk & Helen Viser-Fitzgerald Scholarship recipients, Mr. Michael A. Munoz, studying at South Plains College and Ms. Chelsea Ukoha a student at Texas Tech University.

For more information please contact the Patterson Branch Manager at 806-767-3300 or hviser@mylubbock.us.

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Caught Red-Handed! Ex-New Orleans Mayor Ray Nagin Found Guilty on 20 of 21 Charges of Corruption



Ray Nagin

Ray Nagin, the former mayor of New Orleans could be headed to prison, as he was recently found guilty of many counts of corruption. A jury has just returned guilty verdicts on 20 of the 21 counts of corruption and bribery that he faced. The trial lasted just 9 days, but Nagin, who is 57 years old, could be sentenced to as much as 20 years in a federal penitentiary.

According to the prosecution, Nagin accepted more than \$500,000 in payouts, including first-class trips to Jamaica and New York City, in exchange for millions of dollars in city contracts. According to USA Today, "What makes Nagin's case unique is that it occurred amid one of the worst catastrophes to hit a U.S. city. The floods un-

leashed by faulty federal levees in the wake of Hurricane Katrina on Aug. 29, 2005, led to the deaths of 1,800 people across the Gulf Coast, caused a record-breaking \$135 billion in damage and devastated New Orleans."

According to prosecutors though, Nagin's schemes began well before Hurricane Katrina hit, and continued after the storm through his second term. Apparently, as people were rebuilding their lives and homes, Nagin continued to solicit large checks for himself and his family's business.

Nagin is the first mayor in the city of New Orleans's 296-year history to be convicted of corruption.



Former Lubbockite Succumbs: Eulean Cooper

DeBerry, Texas -- Funeral services for Eulean Cooper were held Monday afternoon, March 3, 2014 at Lyons Chapel Baptist Church with Pastor W. D. Davis officiating.

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

Cooper, 85, of DeBerry, Texas, passed away on February 26, 2014.

Eulean was born on February 17, 1929, to the parentage of Johnnie and Cora (Jarnagin) Cooper in DeBerry, Texas. Eulean attended school in DeBerry, Texas. She was raised under strong Christian principles of a loving and hard working family.

Eulean met and married L.H. Mitchell in 1952 in DeBerry, Texas. They made their home in Lubbock, Texas where they raised six children. She was employed with Texas Instruments in the late 1980's and was a domestic housekeeper for Robert and Willeen Clark until her health began to fail.

She gave her life to Christ at an early age. She became a member of St. John Baptist Church of Lubbock, Texas and later a member of Lyons Chapel Baptist Church in 1990. Eulean also attended Macedonia Baptist Church in Anton, Texas. She

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Youth Art Month Celebrates Student Artwork

March is Youth Art Month, a month of promoting art and art education in the United States, Texas and Lubbock ISD.

In celebration of Youth Art Month, student artwork from Lubbock ISD will be featured at three locations throughout the month of March. Student exhibits, grades 6-12, will be hanging at the Glassy Alley Gallery at 1940 Texas Avenue, grades K-12 will be on display at the Louise Hopkins Underwood Center for the Arts (LHUCA) at 511 Avenue K, and grades K-5

will be on display at Central Office, 1628 19th Street.

Students will be recognized during the Blue Ribbon Exhibit and reception Tuesday, March 4, in the Firehouse Theater at LHUCA. The recognition for students from Quadrants 1 and 2 begins at 5:30 p.m. and the recognition for students from Quadrants 3 and 4 begins at 7 p.m. As each student is individually recognized, their artwork is displayed on a movie-sized projection screen.

Lubbock ISD student art-

work will also be on exhibit in two locations along the First Friday Art Trail on Friday, March 7; LHUCA and The Glassy Alley Gallery.



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!**

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12th Annual Program

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for being in attendance.

A statement by Mrs. Fitzgerald will never be forgotten: "Among the bravest unsung champions of the African American experience are the heroes that dared to teach a slave to read."

Sponsors for the program were Friends of the Library, Lubbock Public Library, and the Southwest Digest.

The Host of the program was the Left-To-Right Book Discussion Group.

Pastor Charles & Rose Hankson were caterers of the delicious repass.

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I Timothy 3:1-2, 5 -- THIS know also that in the last days, perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy. Having a form of godliness, but denying the powder thereof; from such turn away.

GOD KNEW we needed HIS WORDS TO WARN US OF THE LAST DAYS. And the CHURCH SHOULD see the need FOR PRAYING; SO SOULS CAN BE SAVED!!!

Isaiah 58:1 -- CRY aloud, spare not, lift up your voice like a trumpet, and show my people their Transgressions.

THE CHURCH follows fush; a man and HIS DREAMS; THEY DIDN'T STAY WITH THE BIBLE; AND NOW AMERICA IS IN A NIGHTMARE, SO IT SEEMS!!!

Jeremiah 23:25-28 -- The Lord said, I have heard what the prophets said, that prophesy lies in my name, saying I have dreamed, I have dreamed. How long shall this be in the heart of the prophets that prophesy lies? Yes, they are prophets of the deceit of their own heart. Which think to cause my people to forget my name by their dreams which tells every man to forget my name by their dreams which tell everyman to is neighbor, as their father have forgotten my name for Ba'al, the prophet that has a dream, let him tell a dream; and he that has my word, let him speak my word faith-

fully. What is the chaff to the-wheat said the Lord.

******AMERICA, IT'S PRAYING TIME!!!******

THE CHURCH SEES THE HARVEST IS READY; AND IT'S PRAYING TIME. But the church is busy with CAR WASHES, BAKE SALES, CHURCH YARD SALES THAT'S WHATS ON THEIR MINDS!!!

Isaiah 56:10-11 -- The Lord said, His watchmen are blind; they are all ignorant; they are all dumb dogs, they cannot bark, sleeping lying down, loving to slumber. Yes, they are greedy dogs which can never have enough, and they shepherds that cannot understand: they all to their own way, each one for his gain, from his quarter (ANNIVERSARY).

HOMOSEXUALS are given RIGHTS, to live as a MAN AND WIFE. GOD SAID, MAN CAN NOT LIE WITH MANKIND -- AND

Former Lubbockite Succumbs
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was preceded in death by her parents, Johnnie & Cora Cooper; her husband, L.H. Mitchell; three brothers, John Cooper, Amos Cooper and Louis Cooper; four sisters, Fannie Mae Griffin, Sirvannie Taylor, Rosie Lee Beacham and Annie J. Jackson.

She leaves to cherish her

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Romans 3:4 -- God forbid. Yes, let God be true, but every man a liar as it is written.

Mother shoots her 2 year old **CHILD. WHILE ON DRUGS.** Where did she get them from?
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Inspirational Thought:

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memories her loving children, Eddie C. Pipkins, Eugene Pipkins (Debra), Larry J. Mitchell (Betty), Joyce A. Pride (Billy), Doris Giddens, Henrietta Isaac (Larry); a special daughter, Deborah Manahan; sister, Lizzie Lefall; brothers, Clydell Cooper, Joseph Cooper; 17 grandchildren; 39 great-grandchildren, 13 great-great-grandchildren; and a host of special nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

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Church ain't what it used to be

Dr. James L. Snyder

I have been going to church for more years than I care to remember. If I tried to remember how many years it is, I might then remember how old I am. Knowing how old I am does not have any appeal to me.
I rather like going to church. I do not go to church because I have to. I go to church because it is a wonderful place and it is filled with wonderful people. Are there hypocrites in the church? Yes, a whole lot more.
You would be surprised at the people that go to church. No matter how crazy you might be, I am sure there will be somebody to relate to in any church you go to. Church is not for the perfect, just for those who love the Lord. I think I could make myself comfortable in any Christian church.

I do not always have to amend my thinking. Lately I had to amend this thinking that I could make myself comfortable in any Christian church.
In the news recently was the snake handling church in Kentucky. These people believe that you can pick up a poisonous snake and if it bites you, it will not kill you. I know the Scripture they use for that, but I am not sure they understand what that Scripture really means.
Someone said to a friend of mine, "You mean that if God told you to pick up a snake you wouldn't do it?"
Without any hesitation, my friend said, "He hasn't and I ain't."
The fact that the minister of that church died from a snakebite might bring into ques-

tion the validity of what they believe. Go ahead; play with a poisonous snake in church if you want to. Me, I let those things alone, and I pray they let me alone.
I would not feel comfortable in that church I am sure.
Then I learned of some other church. I guess in America, there are all kinds of churches for all kinds of people. And in America sanity is not a prerequisite of anything, just look at our politicians. I guess the only thing more insane today than politicians are some preachers, and I happen to be a preacher, hopefully not of the insanity kind.

One of my goals is to keep my insanity at a low level every day that I live so nobody really sees it.
Then I learned of a church in Virginia. I have often had a lot of respect for Virginia and visited quite a few times. Some great men and even presidents have come from the state of Virginia. You can imagine how alarmed I was to hear about this new church.
When somebody told me about it, I thought they were saying it was a "Knewest church." I never heard of such a thing. My question quite naturally was, what is it that these people knew. I am constantly open for any

new information so my curiosity went up.
Then my friend pulled out his smart phone and showed me a videotape that was on the news about this church. It was not a "Knewest church" but rather a nudist church.
When I watched it, I laughed because I believed my friend was playing a prank on me. There are stupid people in the world, I admit, but I think even stupidity has a limit.
He finally convinced me that this was a real news story of a real nudist church in Virginia. Fortunately, the people who produced this video for the news strategically blurred out certain

parts of the video of which I am everlastingly thankful.
It is a legitimate church and the motto, according to the pastor, is that they do not want to judge people by the clothing they are wearing. Really! How about judging people by the clothing they are not wearing?
I have a hard time seeing through that kind of theology. I like to get down to the bare facts, but this is absolutely incredulous.
Of course, it does save a lot of time in the morning trying to figure out what you are going to wear to church. You do not have

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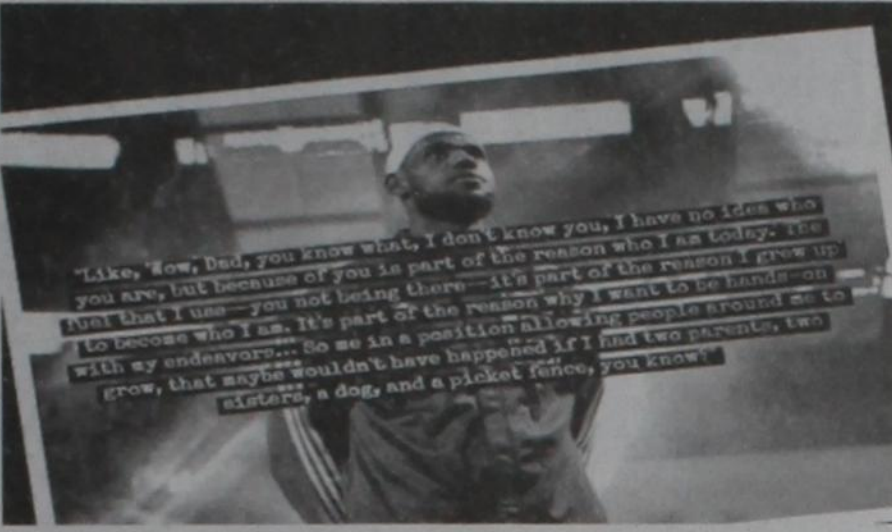
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Open Letter to Lebron James (Fatherless Anger)

By Kenneth Braswell, Executive Director, Fathers Incorporated



Pictured recently posted by Lebron James on his Instagram account.

Hello Beloved Brother,

My name is Kenneth Braswell, Executive Director of Fathers Incorporated. My work for the last 23 years has been in business and not-for-profit leadership on behalf of vulnerable communities and Black men and boys. Today, I read with pain, excitement, anger, horror, delight, fear, concern, and urgency what is being considered your open letter to your father. One might wonder how I could experience ALL of these emotions after reading a short post about an absent father.

It's because, well, I am you, I was you, and I see young and mature men like us everyday that too often express their issues with their fathers in unhealthy ways. I want you to know that I both understand and empathize with how you feel and the need to express your triumph over an obstacle that you perceive is responsible for the struggles you've had in life. Like you, I am a Black man who's pent-up rage for my absent father drove me to do what I believed to be the right thing, for the right reason, and with the right justification. What I've learned, however, is that it was ALL wrong.

All over this country, Black males are looking at, following, and emulating every move you make, because you are a model of hard work and success who encapsulates a pattern and process they can follow to

achieve their own goals and success. Many of these same males have come to know a world where the man responsible for their existence (their fathers) did not contribute to their lives in the way they needed, desired, or deserved. This is the reason I am writing you an open letter about your Instagram post (www.instagram.com/p/knuBWwCTPff/) -- I believe that your brave disclosure can bring you and others closer to understanding, forgiveness, and healing of this fatherless pain and anger. This is my prayer and heartfelt desire.

If you're like many of my friends and family you're probably saying to yourself, "Whatever," or, "Shut the \$&#% up; you don't know what you're talking about!" That's cool, because I said the same thing most of my life. In fact, about five months ago, I was completing a documentary called "Spit'in Anger: Venom of A Fatherless Son." During the filming I interviewed Iyanla Vanzant, Dr. Jeff Gardere, Terrie Williams, Judge Mablean, Dr. Jeffery Shears, and even spoke to former MLB All-Star, Gary Sheffield. All the people I thought would help me tell this story of why Black men and boys harbor so much pain and anger as a result of father absence.

With your patience, allow me to tell you a few important things I learned:

1. Projecting anger out is what we men often do when we aren't shown how to constructively re-

lease our anger.

2. Anger and its negatives effects are not mutually exclusive; it is cumulative and increases exponentially, as does its negative, destructive consequences. We are hurting the people we love and ourselves by not addressing our anger.

3. Healing and appropriately releasing our anger can be difficult, but it is not impossible.

But, here is the biggest lesson I learned: The more anger towards the past we carry in our hearts, the less capable we are of loving in the present, so it is essential that fatherless sons are supported in multiple ways to address our pain and anger appropriately, and grow-up to be positive role models for all children.

Like you, I have an awesome mother, children and believe in the Word of GOD. As such, we are obligated to teach our children and model for them righteous behavior and morals, like forgiveness (which doesn't necessarily mean establishing or entering back into a relationship that is one-sided or unsafe). It means teaching them that they will never be their best selves or offer the world their best based on the hatred of another, especially not our fathers.

I get it. Every now and then, I had to tell the world I was ok and that my father was insignificant in my life in order to suppress the fact that his absence was extremely significant in my life. I have a five-year-old son who is very fortunate given the statistics. He has had the pleasure of living his entire life with his married mother and father. Something I'd often wish for myself. Knowing what I know about my own hatred for my dad, I could never say to him that my success was fuel by my hatred for his grandfather. I did, but can't anymore. We must always teach our boys and girls from a position of love, not disdain, disgust or devaluing of another. We have all fallen short at one time or another of our potential. Too often for our Black boys; our disappointment has come at the hands of their fathers. But that doesn't give us a blanket opportunity to hate

THIS N' THAT

by T. J. Patterson

MORE EAST LUBBOCK SENIOR CITIZENS SHOULD BE ATTENDING THE MAE SIMMONS SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER!!! THIS N THAT frequently attends the MAE SIMMONS SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER which is located in MAE SIMMONS PARK..... By attending there are so many opportunities

for you to participate in on a daily basis that is from Monday thru Friday..... Really there shouldn't be a reason why you are not present..... You see we, including myself, are looking forward to seeing you there..... Just think if you like to play BINGO then you can PLAY BINGO ON WEDNESDAYS and if you are good you can win

a prize..... Also there is a delicious meal served..... For example Thursday's Menu is BEEF POT ROAST - ROAST POTATOES - ROAST CARROTS/PEPPERS - WHEAT ROLL/BUTTER & PEACH COBBLER!! Will you join THIS N THAT TODAY?? Hope we will see you today! Bring a friend!! Just come and enjoy yourself!!

W.K. Kellogg Foundation Applauds President Obama's Young Men of Color Initiative; Joint Effort With Ten Leading Foundations Will Address Barriers to Their Success

Nationwide -- La June Montgomery Tabron, president and CEO, issued the following statement of support:

We applaud President Obama for elevating the obstacles faced by young men and boys of color to a national priority. Boys and men of color must overcome barriers that are rooted in historic patterns of racial bias, segregation and poverty, from stop-and-frisk policies and street sweeps by police in New York, Chicago and elsewhere, to media portrayals that too often stereotype and criminalize, and overexposure to weapons, illegal

drugs and alcohol. Such patterns and obstacles are deeply embedded in America's education, juvenile justice, foster care, criminal justice and healthcare systems - resulting in higher unemployment, overrepresentation in prisons, poorer health and far fewer opportunities for these young men and boys to succeed. For more than 20 years, the W.K. Kellogg Foundation (WKKF) has funded initiatives to improve the plight of young men and boys of color. Eight years ago, a group of public officials, scholars and community leaders known as the Dellums Commission identified public policies around the country that curtailed opportunities, and recommended comprehensive remedies. Today, our work continues in efforts like the Youth Empowerment Project's New



La June Montgomery Tabron President/CEO W.K. Kellogg Foundation

Orleans Providing Literacy to All Youth program which offers GED and basic literacy instruction. In Chicago's North Lawndale community, where unemployment hovers around 27 percent, the North Lawndale Employment Network created Sweet Beginnings, a unique transitional jobs program that trains formerly incarcerated individuals to harvest honey from bees at local apiaries, and uses the honey to make all-natural skin care products. The recidivism rate for Sweet Beginnings employees is below four percent, compared to the national average of 65 percent.

Supporting grantees that assist males of color is a key component of America Healing, our extensive racial healing and racial equity effort. No demographic bears the burdens of inequity more intensely than these young men and boys. Many believe America has moved beyond race, but sobering and persistent economic, health and educational disparities present a different reality in communities of color. WKKF is committed to helping families and communities heal old wounds, and change hearts, minds and deeply held and "often-unconscious" biases that cause the structural inequities holding back young

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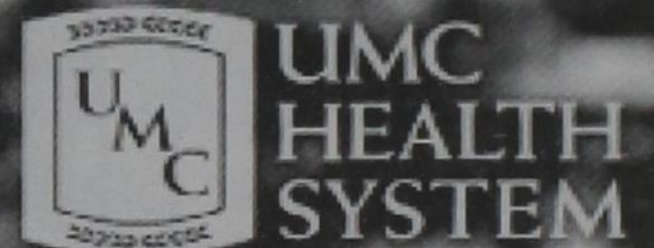
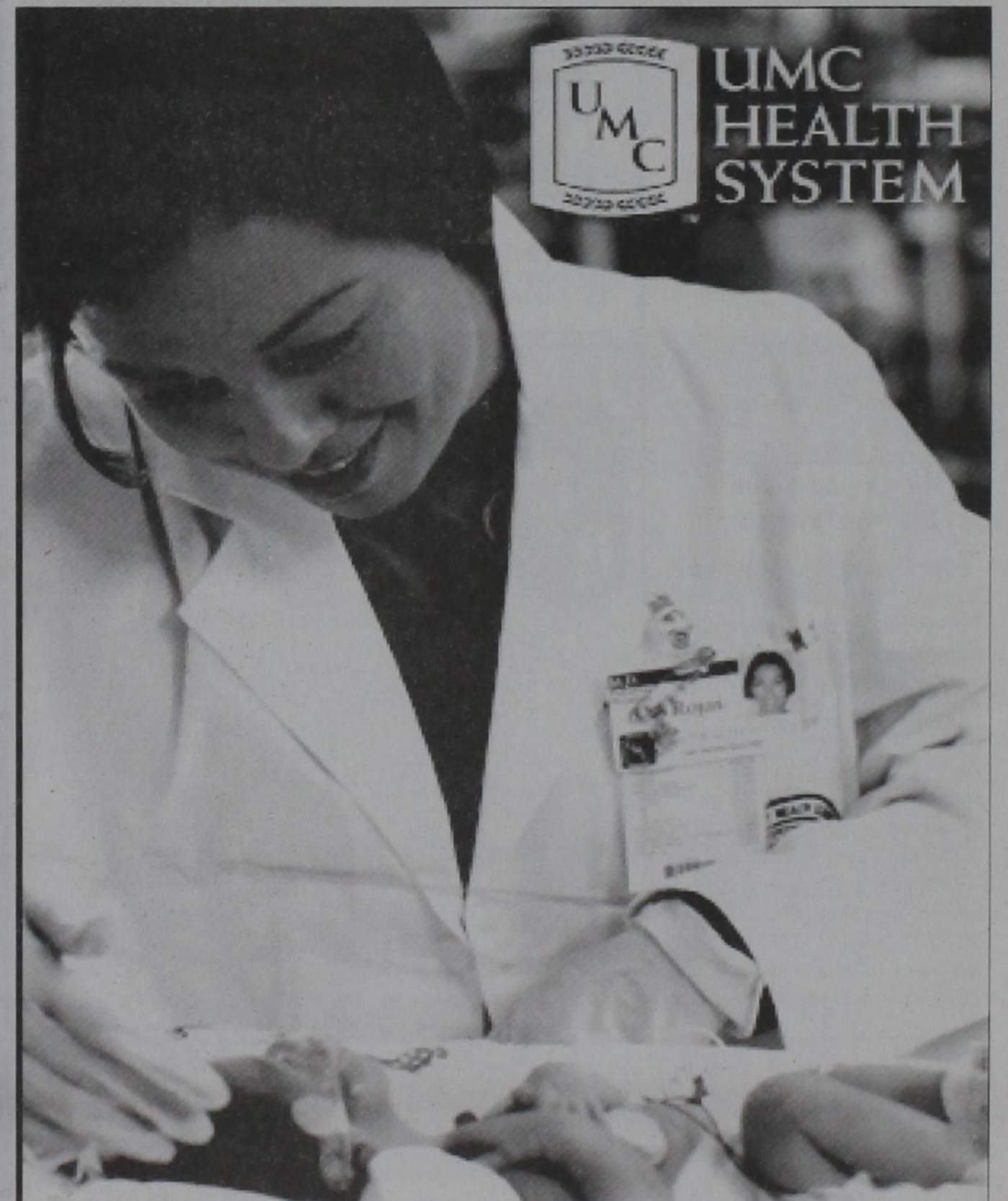


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Social Security Announces New Compassionate Allowances Conditions

Carolyn W. Colvin, Acting Commissioner of Social Security, Friday, February 21, 2014, announced 25 new Compassionate Allowances conditions, including a dozen cancers, bringing the total number of conditions to 225. The Compassionate Allowances program expedites disability decisions for Americans with the most serious disabilities to ensure that they receive their benefit decisions within days instead of months or years. The new conditions also include disorders that affect the digestive, neurological, immune, and multiple body systems.

"We are dedicated to providing vulnerable Americans with faster access to disability benefits through our Compassionate Allowances program," said Acting Commissioner Colvin. "Social Security disability benefits are a vital lifeline for individuals who are facing severe diseases and we must ensure that they receive the benefits they rightly deserve."

The Compassionate Allowances program identifies

New Compassionate Allowances Conditions

1. Angiosarcoma
2. Atypical Teratoid/Rhabdoid Tumor
3. Chronic Idiopathic Intestinal Pseudo Obstruction
4. Coffin- Lowry Syndrome
5. Esthesioneuroblastoma
6. Giant Axonal Neuropathy
7. Hoyeaal-Hreidarsson Syndrome
8. Intracranial Hemangiopericytoma
9. Joubert Syndrome
10. Leptomeningeal Carcinomatosis
11. Liposarcoma- metastatic or recurrent
12. Malignant Ectomesenchymoma
13. Malignant Renal Rhabdoid Tumor
14. Marshall-Smith Syndrome
15. Oligodendroglioma Brain Tumor- Grade III
16. Pallister-Killian Syndrome
17. Progressive Bulbar Palsy
18. Prostate Cancer - Hormone Refractory Disease - or with visceral metastases
19. Revesz Syndrome
20. Seckel Syndrome
21. Sjogren-Larsson Syndrome
22. Small Cell Cancer of the Thymus
23. Soft Tissue Sarcoma- with distant metastases or recurrent
24. X-Linked Lymphoproliferative Disease
25. X-Linked Myotubular Myopathy

5th Annual Adam's Rib Workshop Set

The Gt. Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church's Mother Dorothy R. Terrell Mission Circle will be sponsoring its 5th Annual Adam's Rib Workshop on Saturday, March 15, 2014. The event will take place at Gt. Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church located at 411 North Front Street, Crosbyton, Texas.

The day's events will begin @ 10:30 a.m. with registration / brunch, donation of \$12.00 and \$6.00 for ages 4 -14. We will have fun Bible games, fellowship, prizes and great food.

Rev. James L. Snyder
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to look at several neckties to see which one fits with this suit.

Apart from the sheer ridiculousness of this sort of matter, one matter truly annoys me. Where do they keep their offering? On second thought, I do not want to know.

Then a brilliant idea sloshed its way through the corridors of my mind. What if these two congregations had a convention together? The snake handler's and the nudist churches get together for an annual convention. Can you imagine the craziness of such a thing as that?

Then I got to thinking about it again. That would be grossly unfair to the snakes. Who in the world would they bite first? On the other hand, would they grow legs and run for the nearest door?

I remembered what Jesus said to Peter referring to the church. "And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it" (Matthew 16:18).

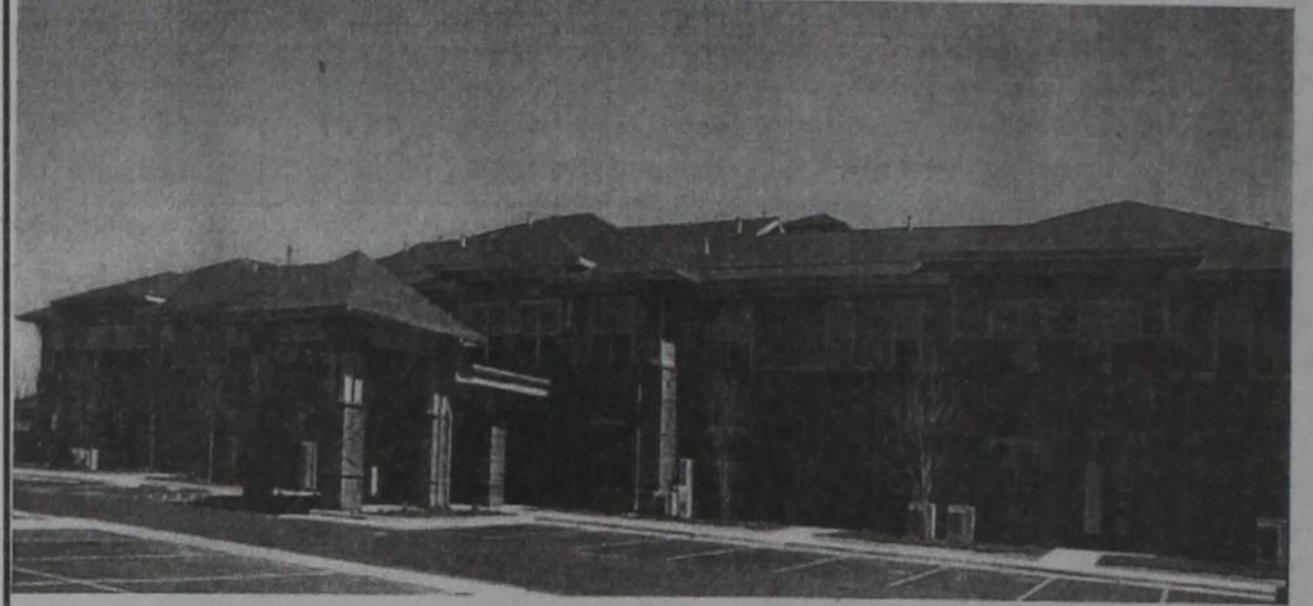
The church does not belong to men or any one man. It belongs exclusively to God. The more churches look like the world around it the less pleasing it is to Jesus, the head of the church.

Rev. James L. Snyder is pastor of the Family of God Fellowship, PO Box 831313, Ocala, FL 34483. He lives with his wife, Martha, in Silver Springs Shores. Call him at 1-866-552-2543 or e-mail jamesnyder2@att.net. His web site is www.jamesnyderministries.

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13, 14 and... This Atlanta Family Just Welcomed Their 15th Child



LaChelle Adkins of McDonough, Georgia, recently gave birth to her 13th child. That makes a total of 15 children for her and husband, Jerome, who has two children from a previous marriage. With that many children, the Adkins family is large enough to have their own reality show, and LaChelle says that she would welcome that opportunity.

She comments, "We actually had talked with Discovery Studios, and because they have big families right now, they said they're not pursuing anything. But I think the whole concept that we have that we want to do is a little bit different."

LaChelle, who has literally spent most of the past 20 years either pregnant or nursing, says

that she would like her family featured on a TV show that teaches parents the lessons that she has learned as a mother in a large family. The family lives in a nice-sized home in suburban Atlanta, and the father works a full-time job to support his family.

The oldest daughter, who is 21-year-old, says because of their large family size, she aspires to become a medical doctor. But she laughingly admits that she only wants to have one or two kids in her own marriage.

Jerome and LaChelle Adkins say that having even more children is still a possibility, but first they look forward to welcoming their first grandchild - who is due this summer.

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men of color and others in our society.

We hope to launch new coalitions, partnerships and alliances that will serve as a blueprint for addressing the social challenges that we must overcome so our nation's continuous journey toward healing can move forward. We urge that the unprecedented initiative announced by President Obama build a broad commitment from all Americans to find strength and unity in our differences. Our collective futures are at stake.

About the W.K. Kellogg Foundation

The W.K. Kellogg Foundation (WKKF), founded in 1930 as an independent, private foundation by breakfast cereal pioneer Will Keith Kellogg is among the largest philanthropic foundations in the United States. Guided by the belief that all children should have an equal opportunity to thrive, WKKF works with communities to help break the cycle of poverty by removing barriers based on race or income that hold back children, so they can realize their full potential in school, work and life.

The Kellogg Foundation is based in Battle Creek, Mich., and works throughout the United States and internationally, as well as with sovereign tribes. Special emphasis is paid to priority places where there are high concentrations of poverty and where children face significant barriers to success. WKKF priority places in the U.S. are in Michigan, Mississippi, New Mexico and New Orleans; and internationally, are in Mexico and Haiti. For more details, visit www.wkkf.org

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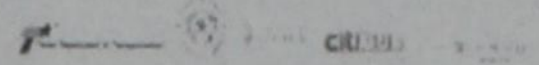
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Lubbock Metropolitan Planning Organization

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Opportunity to Comment on the Lubbock Metropolitan Planning Organization's Draft FY 2015-2018 Transportation Improvement Program, 2013-2016 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment #3, 2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan Amendment #2, and Public Participation Plan Amendments for the Program of Projects

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 13th Street, Room 103
Lubbock, TX
8:30 a.m.

Projects included in the Draft 2015-2018 Transportation Improvement Program are:

STP/MM Projects

- 34th Street, Quaker to Indiana
- Erskine Avenue, North TTU Parkway to N. Indiana Avenue
- 98th, University Avenue to US 87
- N. University Avenue, MSF/US82 to Amherst

Safety Projects:

- US84, US 62 to 50th Street
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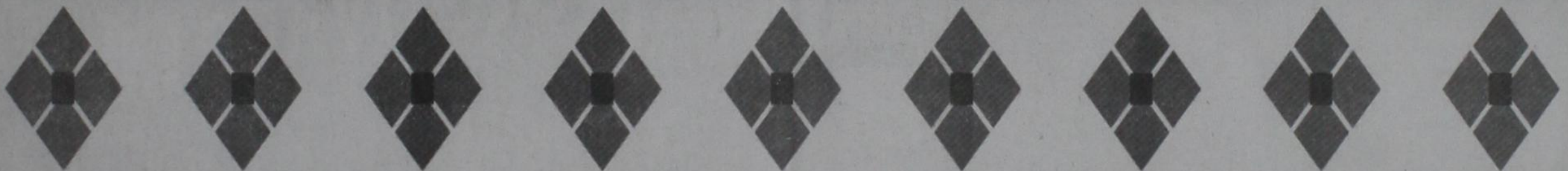
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-- As a public benefit, CareConnect USA has published several toll-free help lines for families seeking financial assistance. --



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Since 2009, phone calls to financial help lines have risen 10% per year. As a public benefit, CareConnect USA publishes help lines for families seeking financial assistance. According to national director David Moakler, awareness is the key. "Although we are pleased that more people have learned about programs to

ease their money troubles, the sad news is that the need for such help continues to grow." The national rise in calls to the help lines has been especially strong from African-American regions.

Government agencies and non-profit outreach centers provide free advice and numerous services within the CareConnect USA network. In their effort to increase awareness, the group distributes free help line posters to 150,000 workplaces, 3200 job centers, and reference tools for social workers annually. They authorize the information below to be published on websites and resource pages where appropriate.

Families facing financial difficulty can call the help lines below for programs for relief:

Child Support Enforcement Help line: (888) 369-0323

Mortgage Payment Assistance Help Line: (800) 750-8956

Free Bankruptcy Advice: (800) 379-0985

Collector Complaint Help line: (800) 379-0688

Student Loan Relief Help Line: (866) 836-9168

Debt Relief Help Line: (888) 913-7294

Credit Score Improvement Help: (888) 814-9342

For more information, visit www.CareConnectUSA.org, call 800-291-1068, or email info@careconnectusa.org.

Thank God For Jesus

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Stone them which are sent unto you, how often would I have gather my children together, even a hen gathers her chicken under her wings, and

you would not.

A MAN HAS THE RIGHT TO PLAY HIS MUSIC, BUT NOT TOO LOUD. IT WILL UPSET SOMEONE -- AND A GUN WILL COME OUT!!!

2 Chronicles 7:14 -- The Lord said: "If my people which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from

their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sins, and will heal their land."

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From the desk of T.D. Jakes

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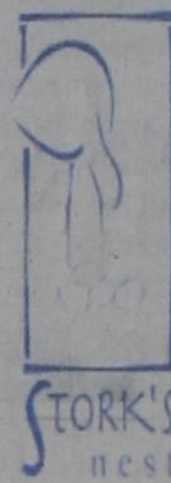
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