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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, Mae Simmons Senior Citizens.
- * 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
- * Chatman Hill Neighborhood Association meets 2nd Thursday of every month at 6:00 pm at Iles Elementary Cafeteria.

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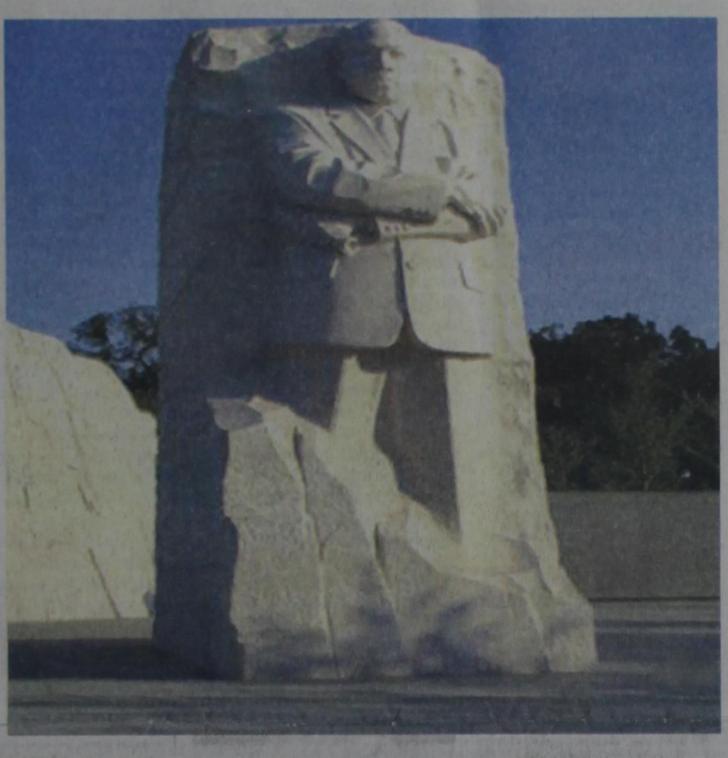
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Commemorative Council Prepares to Celebrate SOUTHWIND POLLECTION Texas Tour University

Life and Vision of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.



Archie White Named Top State Juvenile Probation Officer



Pictured left to right, Archie White and William Carter, Chief Probation Officer of Lubbock County

Archie White was named
Outstanding Juvenile Probation
Officer for the State of Texas
through the Juvenile Justice Association of Texas for 2013.
He was nominated for this
award by his team leader, Chris
Hernandez, who wrote the following submission.

Archie White began his work as a Probation Officer in 2002. In the first six months of his employment as a Probation Officer, it was clear that Archie was going to be different. He demonstrated a positive attitude each and every day with every person he came across and in working his caseload. His attention to detail in working with his kids even then was exceptional. He was assigned difficult cases the first six months of his employment and he worked the cases while others would have given up. Now fast forwarding to the present, Archie White has been loyal and dedicated to this work at the Lubbock County Juvenile Justice Center (LCCJC.) Archie has done a tremendous job working his caseload as a Probation Officer. His dedication

to detail is one I have never seen before. He makes his presence known at the schools and in the community. Month after month, he excels in the number of contacts with his caseload. He does his best in everything aspect of this job and his attitude continues to be exemplary every year. He is a professional and strives to always do what is in the best interest of the child. He does not wait on work to come to him, he goes after it. He does what he tells the child and parent he is going to do. Archie leaves no stone unturned. He works well with others and is an example to others. He is always punctual and hardly ever is absent from his work.

Year after year, he makes referrals to other agencies this department contracts with to provide services to the children. He never complains, he is trustworthy, self-efficient, dependable, never taking short cuts and expects only the best from himself and his families.

This team leader believes everyone in this department who knows Archie would agree with the comments notes by this team leader. In the last several years, there have been many instances where this team leader has had a parent, a child, or a professional come up to me and tell me how Archie has helped a child. Archie White is an individual who is and has always been dedicated to his job and further loves his job. 1 salute Archie White both for his work and his dedication to this department. He is truly a professional and a dedicated employee. This team leader, the Lubbock County Juvenile Justice Center and the community are fortunate to have Archie White as an employee, as a Probation Officer. Congratulations to Archie

Probation Officer.
Congratulations to Archie
White. The Southwest Digest
is proud to say that we have
Archie White as a member of
our community and thanks for
the work that you do for our
children.

As the time for celebration approaches, Martin Luther King, Jr.(MLK) Commemorative Council is hard at work to make 2014's celebration one to remember. King was the chief spokesman for nonviolent activism in the civil rights movement, which successfully protested racial discrimination in federal and state law. The campaign for a federal holiday in King's honor began soon after his assassination in 1968. It has been 20 years since President Reagan signed law making the birthday of Dr. King a federal holiday. All Americans, Black, White, Brown and Yellow have joined in making this time one to be proud of and remember. While other cities and states do their part to celebrate the life and vision of such a great man, Lubbock falls right in line.

Save the dates from January 17 through 20, 2014. The activities for the coming year will include an Individuals of Distinction Award Banquet, with guest speaker, Donna Smith, wife of Texas Tech Head Basketball Coach, Youth Night highlighting local youth, Citywide Service, with guest speaker Rev. T. J. Patterson, Jr. And featuring the MLK Mass Choir, and Gospel Night highlighting local voices. The council is inviting ALL who will to participate and become involved by sharing your time, gifts and talents. MLK Citywide Mass Choir is inviting all singers and musicians to come and be a part of this special occasion. In order for this to be a success they need the community and surrounding areas. The Mass Choir will rehearse on December 2nd, 6th, 9th, 13th, 16th, 20th and 30th,

2013. January rehearsal dates are January 3rd, 6th, 10th and 13th, 2014. All rehearsals will be held at St. John Baptist Church, 1712 East 29th Street in Lubbock at 7:00 p.m. For more information, please call Brother Michael Horton (806)

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The Mass Choir will sing on Sunday, January 19th, 2014 at the Citywide Celebration Service (Lubbock Memorial Civic Center, 5:30 p.m.) and on Monday, January 20th, 2014 at Gospel Night (Greater St. James Baptist Church, 6:30 p.m.)

MLK Youth Mass Choir is inviting all youth to be a part. The Youth Choir rehearsal will begin December 9, 2013 and will held each Monday following. All rehearsals will be held at St. John Baptist Church, 1712 East 29th Street in Lubbock. Please contact Sister Tracey Snell (806) 777-6017 or Sister Yolanda Jeffreys (806) 773-1625 with any questions or special needs.

Praise Dancers and Baby Praise, Get Your Hands Up Get Your Hands Up!!

If you have any youth wanting to be on a praise team, or any little ones (walking age) please bring them to rehearsals on Tuesdays beginning December 10th and December 17th at 6:00 p.m. January rehearsals will be announced later. All rehearsals will be held at St. John Baptist Church, 1712 East 29th Street in Lubbock. For more information, please contact Sister Vera Coleman (806) 407-8435.

Join in and help to make 2014 Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration one to remember. Let's do it for our children!!!

2013-2014 Patterson Scholarship Recipients Announced

Texas Tech University announced the 2013-2014 recipients of the Mr. T.J. & Bobbie Patterson Scholarship. The purpose of the scholarships is to provide financial assistance to local students who demonstrate high academic achievement, community involvement and need. The scholarship program honors former Lubbock City Councilman, T.J., and his late wife, retired LISD educator, Bobbie.

"This scholarship honors the contributions and rich legacy of Mr. & Mrs. Patterson, who dedicated their lives to inspiring

local youth to reach their full potential", said Cory Powell, Director of the Mentor Tech Mentoring Program.

This year's recipients are LoLeda Allen, Karena Bolton, Leroy Mitchell, II, Stephanie Pleasant, Marisa Ruiz, and Brian Rodriguez—all Lubbockarea students attending Texas Tech University.

To be eligible, recipients must enroll as full-time students at Texas Tech and participate in the Lauro Cavazos & Ophelia Powell-Malone Mentoring (Mentor Tech) Program.

Lubbock Habitat for Humanity to Hold Homeowner Workshop Set for December 7

Do you know a person or family in need of safe, decent and affordable housing? Or, are you in need of the same. If so, we would like you to know about the upcoming Lubbock Habitat for Humanity Homeowner Workshop.

The workshop will be held on Saturday, December 7, 2013 from 8:30 A.M. until 12:00P.M. at the Byron Martin Advanced Technology Center on 34th Avenue Q., right next to O. L. Slaton Middle School. Attendees will learn the basics of homeownership and how to apply for a home with Lubbock Habitat for Humanity. Registration will begin at 8:30AM, and the workshop will follow.

Habitat is excited and anxious to partner with members of the Lubbock County community. Remember to bring your identification to complete your registration.

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New, shorter concealed handgun class set for December. 7, 2013 at SPC

LEVELLAND - South Plains College will offer the new, shorter Concealed Handgun License course on Saturday (Dec. 7) in Room 115 of the Law Enforcement Building.

Classes will begin at 8 a.m., dispute resolution. and will include breaks every hour and a one-hour break for lunch. The classroom portion will be completed by 3 p.m., and the length of the range portion will depend on the number of students.

The cost is \$70 for students seeking their first license, and \$25 for students wanting a refresher course before renewing their license. Although renewals now are handled strictly online, the 15 or more changes in Texas firearms law this summer make a refresher course a good invest-

The course covers the laws limited.

pertaining to concealed carry and to the use of force or deadly force. Safe gun handling and storage, including storage with children in the home, will be covered as well as non-violent

Students will need a handgun and 50 rounds of ammunition. They must pass a 25 question written test, and demonstrate safe and proficient gun handling, scoring at least 70 percent on a shooting test at distances ranging from three to 15 yards. Inexperienced shooters might want to take the N.R.A. Basic Pistol course before taking the CHL course.

Students need to call Kasey Reyes at 716-2341 or email her at kreyes@southplainscollege. edu to enroll. Because of the range requirements, space is

Buckner to Host Foster Care and Adoption Interest Meeting

LUBBOCK, Texas — Buckner Children and Family Services will present a FREE foster care and adoption information meeting at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 10 at Buckner Children's Home, located at 129 Brentwood Ave.

A Buckner representative will give an overview of foster care and adoption options in Texas, including foster-to-adopt, Waiting Texas Children and domestic infant adoption programs. International adoption options, through Buckner's affiliate Dillon International, will also be discussed. For information or a reservation to attend the meeting, please call Craig Langford at 806-795-7151 or email clangford@buckner.org.

For more than 134 years, Buckner Children and Family Services has been transforming lives through hands-on ministry, serving the most vulnerable

from the beginning to the end of life. Buckner is one of the oldest and most unique faith-based social service organizations of its kind, serving more than 450,000 people each year in the United States and 18 countries worldwide. To learn more about foster care and adoption services through Buckner, visit beafam-

Pray Constantly

In my day, we couldn't afford shoes, so we went barefoot. In the winter we had to wrap our feet with barbed wire for

> traction. Bil Flavin

Pray constantly that you will have the strength and the wits to make it through everything that's coming your way so you end up on your feet.

Luke 21:36

President and First Lady Visit Those Fasting for Immigration Reform

The President and the First Lady visited the brave individuals who are fasting in the shadow of the Capitol, sacrificing their health in an effort to get Congress to act swiftly on commonsense immigration reform. The President and the First Lady gave their support for their fight for family unity this Thanksgiving weekend, as families across the country come together to spend time with loved ones.

Since November 12, fasters from "Fast For Families" have abstained from all food except water in an effort to bring attention to the urgent need for the Republican leadership in the House of Representatives to take a vote on comprehensive immigration reform. Vice President Joe Biden, Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack, Secretary of Labor Tom Perez, Chief of Staff

LOCAL

HAPPENINGS

Winter Volleyball Adult

League Registration

The City of Lubbock Parks

and Recreation Department

will begin registering volley-

ball teams for the winter ses-

are available for women and

mixed teams. Players must be

18 years old or older to partici-

pate. Cost per team is \$190 for

Middle School gyms. Late reg-

13, 2013, with a late fee of \$30

League play begins the week of

To register, come by the

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Denis McDonough, Senior Advisor Valerie Jarrett and I have also visited Fast For families in recent weeks.

The fasters shared their stories and described empty stomachs but full hearts as they received an outpouring of support; to date, more than 3,000 people around the country have committed to fasting in solidar-

The President and the First Lady thanked Eliseo Medina, Dae Joong Yoon, and all of the fasters for their sacrifice and dedication and told them that the country is behind them on immigration reform. He said that the only thing standing in the way is politics. And it is the brave commitment to change from advocates like them that will pressure the House to finally act on immigration reform.

President Barack and Firstlady Michelle Obama

This Thanksgiving, as friends, family, and community gather in the spirit of unity, we lend our support to those fighting for making commonsense immigration reform a reality. We will

way to make sure that we bring coherence to our immigration laws, and pass a common sense reform that is consistent with our tradition as a nation of laws and a nation of immigrants.

stand with them every step of the

Holiday Crafts Bazaar at **Rawlings Community Center**

Holiday shoppers can avoid the crowds and look for unique gifts on Saturday, December 7, 2013, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. as the Copper Rawlings Community Center hosts their 13th Annual Holiday Crafts Bazaar. Shoppers can choose from handcrafted items such as wood crafts, ornaments, jewelry, candles, dolls, toys, baked goods, and more. Sign up for door prizes! Snacks and concessions will be available!

Rawlings Community Center is located at 213 40th Street (40th Street and Avenue B) and offers camps, classes and programs for youth, adults and seniors. Their regular operating hours are Monday - Thursdays, 8:30 a.m. - 8:00 p.m., Fridays 8:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. and Saturdays, 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. For more information, call (806) 767-2704.

Santa Land Opens December

Bring your children and grandchildren to Mackenzie Park and enjoy a long-time Lubbock tradition when Santa Land opens to the public on Tuesday, December 10, 2013, at 6:00 p.m. Children from

Lubbock and surrounding communities are invited to Santa Land's Opening Ceremony and to help Lubbock City Council members welcome Santa and Mrs. Claus from the North Pole, turn on the lights in this winter village with its 60-foot Christmas tree, and officially open Santa Land.

Lubbock Parks and Recreation have hosted Santa Land for the past 57 years, and admission for all ages is free. Santa Land will be open every evening from December 10-23 from 6:00 to 10:00 p.m. nightly. Between 38,000-41,000 people visit Santa Land each year to see the festive holiday village with its huge lighted Christmas tree, animated displays, bonfires, traditional holiday scenes, and of course, Santa and Mrs. Claus. Each evening at 6:00 p.m. during this 14-night event, a sleigh with tiny reindeer bring Santa and Mrs. Claus to Santa Land to hear the Christmas wishes of area children. Youth this year can look for Bo, Santa Land's very own Elf on the Shelf, and have a chance to win an iPad Mini sponsored by Betenbough

Homes! Enjoy live entertainment most evenings from 6:30-8:00

p.m. Hot chocolate and other refreshments are available for sale at the concession stand. Parents are welcome to bring cameras and video cameras to take photos of their children with Santa at no charge. For those who forget their cameras, keepsake digital photos may be purchased for \$5 each. The entrance to Santa Land is from the East Broadway entrance into Mackenzie Park just east of Avenue A and the South Plains Fairgrounds.

Parks and Recreation is grateful to its sponsors and the Lubbock community for their help in underwriting some of the costs for Santa Land and for bringing this annual event to the children of West Texas at no charge. Sponsors include Betenbough Homes, David Drum Repair Service, Daybreak Coffee, Superior Health Plan, Tom's Tree Place, Academy Sports and Outdoors, Joyland Amusement Park, South Plains Lanes, Latino Lubbock Magazine, Lubbock Fire Department and Lubbock Police Department. For more information, contact Lubbock Parks and Recreation at 775-2673 or 775-2687, visit our website at www.playlubbock.com or like us on Facebook!

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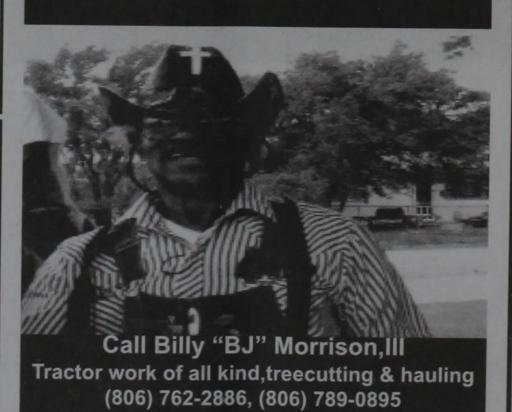
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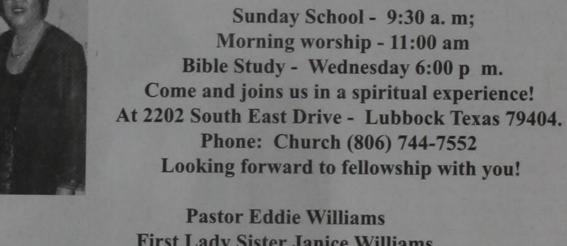
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de Thank God for Jesus

Part 2: Many are Called, Few are Chosen

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

Isaiah 6:5a, Woe is me! For I am undone; because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips.

I drove from Benchley Texas, my birth place, to Hearne, Texas with three bolts missing off the front wheel of my pickup. I was trying to get to Garland, Texas where I was booking football and running football boards (Gambling with God's goods!!!)

I made it to my cousin, Melvin Pott's house. He had a garage there and so I asked him to get out of the bed and open his garage to fix my pickup. After he opened the doorway I drove in. I started to take off one of the bolts so that I could take it to the parts house to get the right size. As I stooped down, there was a nail right on the top of the tires...Ssssss. I threw the lug wench down and the words came out.. (*#^&(*&@!+ My cousin asked me what was wrong? I told him something was trying to keep me from my football business. He said that he had a tire changer and asked me to go ahead and get the bolt off while he fixed the flat so we could put the new bolt on.

****The Lord works in mysterious ways****

Isaiah 55:7, Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts, and let him return unto the Lord and he will have mercy

upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

I got the bolt off and took it to the parts house. The man there laid three new bolts on the counter. I went for my money clip and it was not in my pocket. !@#\$%^&*(@ The words came again. My cousin asked me again, what was wrong? I said man, jinx must be on me!!! I told him that I left my money clip back at Dad's house in my hat that I left lying under the bed. He said that he would pay for it and that I can pay him back later. (I said thank you with a smile).

Proverb 18:24, A man that hath friends must show himself friendly: and there is a friend that sticketh closer than

We went to a phone booth and I called back to the farm, my dad's place, and asked my stepmother to tell my dad to bring my hat and my money clip to me when he comes back to Bryan. I told her the troubles that I was having and she said "OK."

Thinking everything was working out ok, we went back to the shop and my cousin fixed the flat tire while I put the new bolts on the pickup. About five minutes after we finished with the pickup my dad drove up. I said to myself, "Right on time!!!" Smiling, I went to his van. He told me "B.J., I didn't see your hat or your money clip." I thought he was kidding so I began

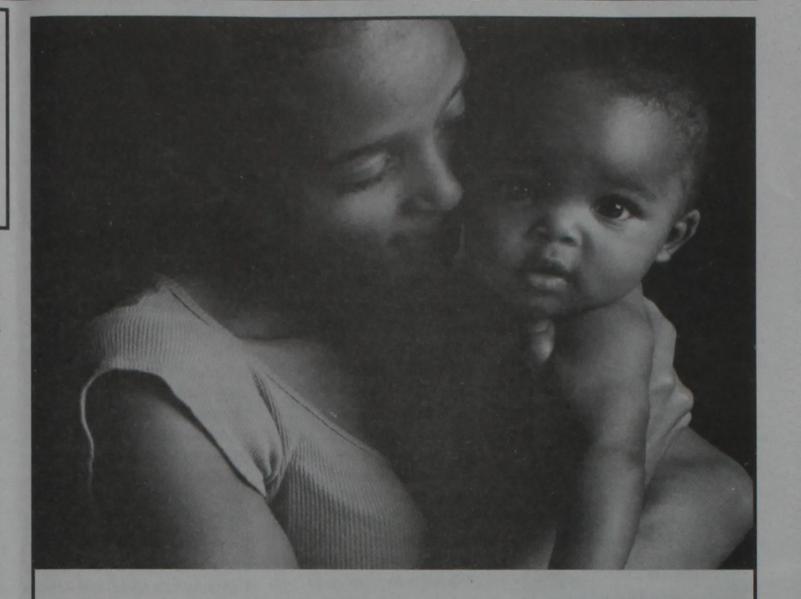
looking over inside the van, but the expression on his face told me he was not kidding. I said, "I'll go back and get it myself." As I walked off I said to myself that was some more football time wasted. I began to speak.. !@#\$##\$%^&&%

Proverb 15:26, 27a, The thoughts of the wicked are in abomination to the Lord: but the words of the pure are pleasant words. He that is greedy for gain troubleth his own house.

I raced back to the farm house and went right in. Miss Ophelia, my stepmother, was patting deer sausage. She said "B.J., that hat is not in there. Me and Billy looked all over that room." I went right inside and picked up my hat and came out. She said, "We didn't see it!" I told her that it wasn't for her to see and then told her goodbye. She asked me if I wanted some sausage and I said yes.

I washed my hands and patted out about 30 of them for myself. I saw that she had two restaurant size tubs full. My heart went out for her, having pat all of them by herself. I said, "Miss Ophelia, I'm going to help you. There are too many of them for you to do." "You're going to miss your football games." I told her that it didn't look like it was meant for me to see them the way my luck's been going.

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Again, church services were well attended at the St. Matthew Baptist Church, 2020 East 14th Street, on Sunday morning, December 1, 2013, where the proud pastor is Rev. Edward Canady.

Services begun at 10:00 a.m. with Sunday School. Sister Shirley Davis, our Superintendent was in charge.

The teacher of the hour was our dedicated pastor, Rev. Edward Canady. What a wonderful

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We sat and talked and patted out 1 1/2 tubs of those sausage. My dad made it in and said, "Boy, I thought you'd be in Dallas by now." He sat down with us and began to help. After we finished I told my dad that I came to fish and didn't. I came to watch my games and didn't. I stood up and said that I was self-employed and I am not going to work tomorrow. "Let's go fishing now!!!!!"

****The fishing turned out even worse****

lesson for all to hear.

The Sunday School lesson was entitled "Surprised and Expectant" taken from Luke 1:26-40. The Unifying Topic was "Jesus' Birth Fortold." The main thought was found in Luke 1:31 KJV.

The Sunday morning devotion was conducted by Minister Rodrick Scott and Edward Williams.

Hebrew 12:6, For whom the Lord loveth, he chaseneth and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth.

GOD IS NOT THROUGH WITH US YET. SO LET'S PRAY FOR ONE ANOHTER ALWAYS. WRIT-TEN BY EVANGELIST BILLY B.J. MORRISON, III, YOUR BROTHER IN CHRIST JESUS ALWAYS.

It makes all the difference in Few are Chosenthe world whether we put truth in the first place or in the second place. John Morley

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Pastor Canady and Rev. Lonnie Phenix entered the Church with the Choir singing "Because of Who You Are."

The morning sermon was delivered by Rev. Canady. His subject was "A Prepared Place for a Prepared People." His scripture text was John 14:1-6. It was a wonderful message and was enjoyed by all in attendance.

The morning announcements were read by Our First Lady, Siste Shirley Canady.

The Weekly Meetings held at the St. Matthew Baptist Church are as follows:

Missionary Society meets on Wednesdays at 5:00 p. m.

Bible Study is held at 6:00 p. m. on Wednesday evening. Choir Rehearsal is held at

2:00 p. m. on Fridays. Brotherhood meets Saturdays at 5:00 p. m.

Lubbock, TX

Usher Meeting is held on Saturday at 5:00 p. m.

> you to attend your meeting. Let us remember and pray for our sick and shut-in citizens. Remember, your prayers are very

It is of great importance for

important to us. God is able! If you are looking for a Church Home, then come andvisit with

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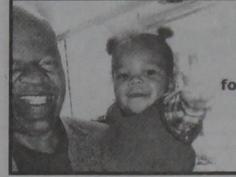
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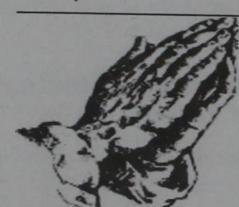
Irene Annie Buckner left her earthly home on Friday, November 22, 2013. Memorial services were held in her honor on Wednesday, December 4, 2013, at 11:00 A.M. at Carter Chapel, C.M.E. Church, 420 N. Martin Luther King Blvd., Lubbock, Texas, under Pastor Spencer Minister Stokers. David Washington gave the eulogy.

Taylor Clemons



Taylor Clemons, 87, of Slaton passed away Nov. 25, 2013. Taylor was born Jan. 1, 1926, in Caldwell, Texas, to the parentage of Ed and Opie Clemons. Taylor was preceded in death by his parents, late wife, Eula Mae Clemons, and a special friend, Katherine Ward. Taylor was a servant to humanity; he embodied the nature of diligence and hard work. He worked for the George Harlan family for almost 65 years. He was a prudent man who could read the seasons of time and

prepare for them accordingly. He fostered a spirit of diligence in the face of difficulties and was a good man of notable work ethic. Taylor leaves to cherish his memories and legacy: one sister, Inez Rainwater; special sons, Bobby Joe and Jerry Harlan; and a host of nieces, nephews, and many friends. Special thanks to Tony and Johnny. Celebration of life service were held on Saturday, Nov. 30, 2013, at 1 p.m. at Hearts Together Church of Christ, in Slaton. Interment followed at Englewood Cemetery, under the direction of Griffin Mortuary. Visitation was held on, November 29, 2013, from 2:00 pm to 5:00 p.m. at Griffin Mortuary.





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Thomas Arquis Howard, 30, began his journey on July 14, 1983 in Lubbock, Texas. Thomas was a loving son to Thomas Howard, Jr. and Percilla Howard, and a faithful father to his two daughters, Anise and Sydney Howard. Thomas spent his early years in Seattle, Wash. where he excelled in both, athletics and academics. He attended Estacado High School in Lubbock, Texas before becoming a walk on at the University of Texas, El Paso. Thomas' hard work and perseverance on the football field was rewarded with a full scholarship at UTEP, where his athletic career then elevated to new heights. Thomas went on to have a very successful career in the NFL. He played for eight years and three different teams, Oakland Raiders, Cincinnati Bengals, and Atlanta Falcons. As Thomas Howard moves on to eternal life, he leaves to cherish his memories his parents, Thomas Howard, Sr. and Percilla Howard; siblings,



Andre Howard (Rachel), David Howard (Sheria), and Matthew Howard; and significant other, Allison Scott. In lieu of flowers the family asks that donations are made to the Thomas Howard Foundationat http://www.mr53.com/. Celebration of life services Services for Thomas Arquis Howard were held on Tuesday, November 26, 2013 at 1:00PM at First Baptist Church in Lubbock, Texas and interment followed at Peaceful Garden Cemetery, under the direction of Griffin Mortuary.

Freddye J. Robinson-Harris



Freddye Jean Robinson-Harris was born to the late Jack and Lovie McCall-Robinson on December 26, 1921, in Carthage, Texas. Having grown up in a Christian family, later in life Jean became a member of Sunset Baptist Church in Texarkana, Texas. After moving to Dallas, Texas, she became a member of Greater Mt. Zion Baptist Church. She was a proud graduate of Carthage Colored Elementary and Senior High School in Carthage. She continued her education at Texas College in Tyler, Texas for three years. During her earlier career in life, she was a school teacher. Later in life she worked at Day and Zimmerman in Texarkana, Texas for 13 years. After retirement, she moved to Dallas, Texas where she was a house wife and licensed beautician (part-time). She was married to Theodore A. Harris, Sr. for 47 years and he preceded her in death. She

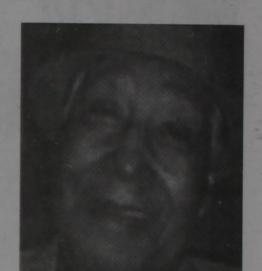
Garden & Arts Will Host Exhibition

The Municipal Garden & Arts Center will host the exhibition Intersections: Art & Literature. The exhibit will explore a wide variety of visual artworks influenced by literary works. Literature and visual art share similar creative processes. When combined, literature and art can yield wonderful pieces of art. All work must measure no more that 48" in any direction or weigh more than 50 pounds. All 2-dimensional entries should be ready to hang. Content should be suitable for all ages. Work should arrive at the Center ready for installation. Work may be delivered to the Garden & Arts Center at 4215 University Ave beginning Mon Continue on page 7

was a member of the Heriones of Jericho and Eastern Star along with being active in the church. She was known as "Mama Jean" due to the unique style she possessed of relating to people. Along with her delightful sense of humor, endeared her to family, friends, and all who knew her, she was a most caring person who gave of her time, energy, talents, and wisdom. She was always willing to lend an ear or shoulder, no matter when needed. Cherishing her beloved memory is her faithful and devoted daughter, Ann Mitchell(Bill) of Houston, Texas; sons, Eddie Karl

Gene Gatewood

Gene F. Gatewood SHER-MAN-Gene F. Gatewood, 85. of Plano, Texas, passed away November 13, 2013. Gene was born on April 13, 1928, in White Rock, Texas, to the parentage of Jasper Jack Gatewood and Imma Jean Adams-Harris. Gene F. Gatewood was preceded in death by his parents and late wife, Marie Gatewood. He leaves to cherish his memories and legacy: a sister, Mary Lee Guess-Furtrell of Sherman, Texas; and children, Willie Jean Gatewood-Hall of Garland, Texas; Rochelle Gatewood (Elaine) of Sherman, Texas; Michael Gatewood Sr. (Joyce) of Garland, Texas; Kevin Gatewood (Cynthia) of Lubbock, Texas; Terrance Harper of Lubbock, Texas: Robbin Gatewood (Lee) of Lubbock, Texas; Tracy Gatewood-Black (Geoff) of Cedar Hill, Texas; 18 grandchildren: 18 great-grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives, and friends. Celebration of life Harri(Gail) of Lubbock, Texas and Theodore A. Harris of Jacksonville, Florida; sister, Alice Taylor of Dallas, Texas, along with 11 grandchildren, and 15 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by 6 brothers, 3 sisters, and 2 grandchildren. Celebration of life services were held on November 30, 2013 at 12:00P.M.



services was held on Saturday, November 23, 2013, at 11:00 A.M. at Harmony Baptist Church, 2113 E. Tuck Street in Sherman, Texas. Interment followed at White Rock Community Cemetery in White Rock. Texas, under the direction of Griffin Mortuary. Visitation for Mr. Gatewood was held in Sherman, Texas Friday, November 22, 2013, from 6 to 8 p.m., at Harmony Baptist Church under the direction of Griffin Mortuary. Memorial donations can be sent to: Hortense Rowe and Gene Gatewood at 3019 Mimosa, Sherman, Texas

The brokest man isn't the man without a dollar in his pocket. The brokest man is the man without a dream

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'Man up' -- the fear that keeps men from acting human By LZ Granderson, CNN Contributor

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LZ Granderson

Editor's note: LZ Granderson is a CNN contributor who writes a weekly column for CNN.com. The former Hechinger Institute fellow has had his commentary recognized by the Online News Association, the National Association of Black Journalists and the National Lesbian and Gay Journalists Association. He is a senior writer for ESPN as well as a lecturer at Northwestern University. Follow him on Twitter @locs n laughs.

(CNN) -- You know those electronic collars that zap dogs that stray outside their electronic fences?

That seems to be the purpose of everyone's favorite and seemingly innocuous phrase, "man ир."

Just mumbling those two words in a typical guy's direction delivers a psychological shock that discourages him from venturing outside the restrictions of our traditional view of what it means to be a man.

LZ GrandersonFamed author Norman Mailer, known for his machismo and string of women,

dance" -- something I'm sure would be news to the men of the NFL, who are known for their machismo, string of women and, well, dancing in the end zone wearing tights.

up." Sometimes it's the punchline shared among friends. Sometimes a mandate from strangers. At no point is it uniformly defined.

Dolphins' Incognito-Martin mess: Is coach to blame?

The irony in all of this, of course, is that it takes more strength to follow one's own parameters than to stick to those handed down by the collective. A truth we're constantly reminded of in Bible verses; Robert Frost's "The Road Less Traveled"; and pop culture fixtures, like the 1976 flick "Car Wash," in which the cross-dressing character, Lindy, confronts a critic with the iconic line: "I'm more man than you'll ever be and more woman than you'll ever get."

Incognito 'crossed the line' And

once said "tough guys don't yet, despite these constant reminders of the strength it takes to be ourselves, when presented with an opportunity to recognize that strength, someone yells "man up" and we all retreat back behind the electronic fence: ridi-But that's the beauty of "man culing, teasing, sometimes bullying, those who don't immediately follow suit.

Because of this, it's hard to ignore the comical dichotomy that is American masculinity today: boisterous grandstanders too afraid to look in the mirror and deal with their own crap. A nation of men stunted by what is known as alexithymia -- an inability to "discriminate the usual nuances of emotional life" as defined by Jason Thompson, author of "Emotionally Dumb: An Overview of Alexithymia."

Psychologist Ron Levant believes "a mild form of alexithymia is very widespread among adult men." He says it's a product of the "male emotional

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By Renetta Howard



It is no news to anyone that it is cheaper to eat at home if you are capable of cooking a wholesome meal for yourself and your family. However, there are times when you just like to get out of the house and have a meal cooked for you and served to you to enjoy.

When eating away from home, you only concern yourself with what you want to eat and how you want it prepared; the actual cooking of the items you want seldom cross your mind as you are looking forward to the end product; how it will taste to you and how you will enjoy it. When you are finished with your meal, the worry of cleaning the table, getting rid of the scraps, washing and putting up the dishes do not concern you. For so many of us, some form of relaxation is what follows in our train of thought. Some of us want to sit back and relax and watch a good movie, a ball game or have a good conversation with someone we enjoy talking with. Others of us want to find the nearest bed and go to sleep. Regardless to the final analysis, we must look upon 'eating out' as a luxury. Many of us do and we pay the responsibilities for that luxury.

On the other hand, there are individuals and groups of individuals who regularly go out to eat and have no concern for how or who prepares the meal or food item which they eat. In this day and age, one can expect to pay no less than \$10.00 plus tax for any meal in a restaurant where you sit dówn to eat, even in cafeterias where you put it on a tray and walk it to a seat yourself. Little do many of us realize that the people who attend to us on the floor in a restaurant are paid very poorly by the establishment which charged us a tidy sum for the food.

Many restaurants only pay minimum wages to some of its employees, that is, those who do not wait on your table.

'Man up' Continued from Page 4

socialization ordeal, which requires boys to restrict the expression of their vulnerable and caring emotions and to be emotionally stoic."

Which makes sense, when you think about the first time we hear things like "man up" or "be a man." It's never when we're suppressing sensitivity, it's only when we express it. Lack of connection with our feelings hurts our ability to empathize. And if we can't feel with others, how can we truly feel for others?

This complexity is being played out in South Florida this week. The Sun Sentinel is reporting that Richie Incognito, the man accused of bullying his Miami Dolphin teammate Jonathan Martin, was told by coaches to "toughen up" Martin

"I'm just trying to weather the storm right now," Incognito said. "This will pass."

And there's plenty of evidence to suggest he's right, for it is Martin -- the Dolphins lineman who left the team, exasperated by months of bullying -- who is widely being criticized for not manning up.

As Giants safety Antrel Rolle tweeted, "in this world in general people will do what u allow them to do." He was referring to his interpretation of Martin's inaction, but that could easily be applied to the group of similarly sized men who ganged up on young Martin and dubbed him "Big Weirdo" because he wasn't the "norm." Incognito, a designated team leader, was emboldened because none of Martin's teammates manned up and stopped him.

Or worse yet, maybe someone did want to stop him but was too afraid to cross the "man

The cook is generally the highest paid employee who actually prepares the food and if he/she earns \$10.00 per hour, he/she is blessed. Hostesses earn a little less, in the neighborhood of \$7.00, but three times as much as a waitress or waiter. Most states have established \$2.13 per hour as pay for waitresses and waiters who are tipped. Any tips they receive, in most instances have to be shared with the hostess, the busser and the bartender. The manager deducts \$5.12 from their tips to complete their federal minimum wage of \$7.35 per hour. When they do not earn enough tips to cover the deductions, they are financially in the hole! Sometimes vicious customers leave without paying their entire bill. In cases like that, the waitress or waiter has to make up the shortfall, especially if they do not discover it before a patron leaves the establishment.

Food establishments need to begin paying their employees at least minimum wages. A few states do, whether they get tips or not, such as California, Oregon, New York, Montana, Washington, Alaska, Minnesota and Nevada. A few other states pay more than the \$2.13, upward to \$5.00 for workers who get tips. People who like to 'eat out' need to at least tip a waitress 10% though the going rate is now 15% or 20%. If an individual cannot afford the 10% tip, they need to eat at home. They cannot afford to eat out. I have noticed that we go out to eat in droves on Sunday after church and forget the tip after that spiritual heartwarming Christian service. We need to get 'in cinque' and tip the waitress. He/she IS NOT being paid by the establishment. You pay them for the food. You pay the servant who waits on you for the service. You pay your beautician and manicurist and barber for a service and you tip them; pay the waitress!

up" electronic fence, a fence few men -- including myself -are willing to cross on a regular basis.

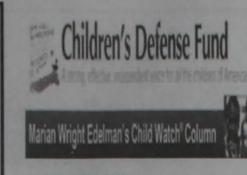
So we do what was done to us
-- tell little boys not to cry,
chastise classmates for being
soft-spoken, let a co-worker
know that he needs to grow a
pair. It's all fun and games until
someone's feelings get hurt,
right?

And then you read a story, like the one of 17-year-old Steven Liu -- who last week jumped to his death from a pedestrian bridge near his high school, and who some said was a victim of bullying -- and you

Public Library Food for Fines

Lubbock Public Library will be accepting donations of canned food for payment of overdue fines December 2-8. For every dollar of overdue fines that are owed, one item of nonperishable food will be accepted. Other fees may not be paid for with canned food. This is an annual event supporting the South Plains Food Bank's food drive

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While many American families gather around the Thanksgiving table this week, some of us combining this year's traditional dinners with Hanukkah feasts, a too quiet group will be left out of the national celebration. The nearly 49 million Americans—including nearly 16 million children—living in food insecure households will be struggling to afford the food they need. These families won't be choosing between apple or pumpkin pie this holiday season but will face choices about paying for groceries or rent, heat, electricity, medicine or clothing for their children as they do each month—choices no family should have to make in our nation with the largest Gross Domestic Product (GDP) in the world. Congress will be choosing how many of these desperate families and children in need to cut from life-giving and life-sustaining federal nutrition programs. In the middle of this season of gratitude for plenty, Congress has put the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP, often called food stamps) on the chopping block while leaving largely intact subsidies for rich farmers and even some nonfarmers.

With the decision deadline just weeks away Congress is working to bridge the gap between two dramatically different Farm Bill proposals which both include unjust funding cuts for SNAP. The Senate Bill cuts \$4 billion from SNAP over 10 years while the House bill slashes more than \$40 billion denying food to as many as six million people, including children, seniors, and veterans. The House proposal would also drop 210,000 children from school meals and cost our economy 55,000 jobs in the first year alone.

Any agreed upon Farm Bill cuts to the already meager SNAP food benefits will come

Hospice of Lubbock's Light Up a Life

Covenant Health's Hospice of Lubbock will continue their annual holiday tradition of Light Up A Life fundraiser this year. Light Up A Life will be from November 29 to December 21. The fundraiser will have the tree lighting ceremony on Wednesday, December 4 at Haverty's at 6:30 p.m.

There will be music, lighting of the tree, a proclamation from Mayor Glenn Robertson and a reception. The public is invited to attend. For more information about Light Up A Life or to donate call Hospice of Lubbock at 806-795-2751, Covenant Foundation at 806-725-6089 or go to www.hospiceoflubbock.org.

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THIS N' THAT

by T. J. Patterson

VERY IMPORTANT TOWN HALL MEETING WAS SATURDAY EVENING ON NOVEMBER 23, 2013!! THIS N THAT glad to see our veteran Lubbock City Coun cilman FLOYD PRICE, DISTRICT TWO called a very important TOWN HALL MEETING at the Mae Simmons Community Center....2400 East Oak Avenue and citizens in attendance According to Councilman Price there were some VERY IMPORTANT INFORMA-TION RESIDENTS OF DIS-TRICT TWO really needed to be aware of as it may determine the future of District Two.... Councilman Price encouraged and welcomed questions from residents He on top of the \$11 billion cut over the next three years that already began on November 1st and affected every single SNAP recipient. This recent cut

meal. Imagine preparing your family Thanksgiving meal on that budget. SNAP lifted 2.2 million children out of poverty in 2012 and provided benefits to over 46 million Americans on average every month, including more than 22 million, or more than one in four, children. SNAP was a life saver for millions of families in need during the recent recession and still sluggish recovery. Nearly three-quarters of SNAP households are families with children. Any additional cuts will take desperately needed food away from many vulnerable

was equivalent to a week's

worth of meals for a nine-year-

old. SNAP benefits now aver-

age a mere \$1.40 per person per

children and adults.

At a time when child
poverty remains at a record
high, and when three-quarters
of our nation's teachers report
students who routinely show up
to school hungry and half re-

wanted to know what was on the minds of the community.....

Glad this happened HOW MANY OF YOU RE-ALLY BELIEVE DISTRICT TWO CAN MOVE FOR-WARD IN THE ECONOMIC POSTURE? THIS N THAT would still like to encourage as many residents of DIS-TRICT TWO to begin to take note on what's happening in East Lubbock..... It still makes sense to began making plans to do something in the ECO-NOMIC ARENA..... THIS N THAT would ecourage some kind of a FEASIBILIY STUDY to what we have and economic resources are available for such a study.... THIS N THAT remembers when one was done in conjunc-

port hunger to be a serious problem in their classrooms, what kind of political leaders could for one minute consider cutting children's food assistance while protecting subsidies for rich farmers?

Hunger and malnutrition have devastating consequences for children and have been linked to low birth weight and birth defects, obesity, mental and physical health problems, and poorer educational outcomes. SNAP cushions these threats and yields a strong return on investment. Children who benefit from SNAP are less likely to be in poor health, experience fewer hospitalizations, and are less likely to have developmental and growth delays than those with similar incomes denied the program. A recent study found that needy children who received food assistance before age five were in better health as adults. Specifically, the girls studied were more likely to complete more schooling, earn more money, and not rely on safety net programs as adults.

Adults who care and have common and economic sense

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can take action and urge our
political leaders to put hungry
children before rich farmers.
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to a Thanksgiving dinner let us
offer a simple Thanksgiving
grace:

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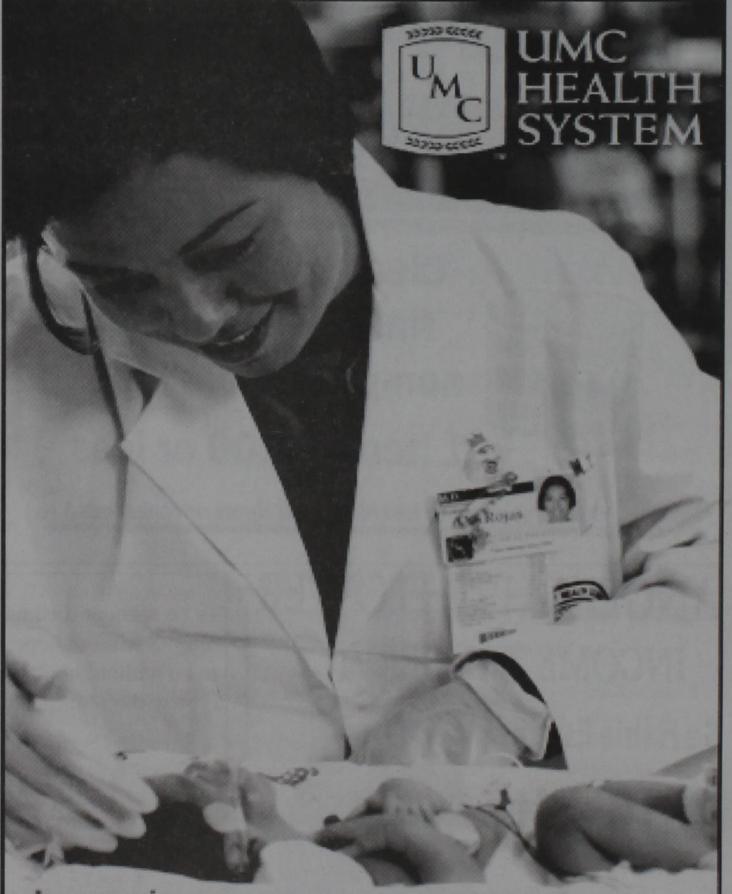
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- Married with five grown children ranging in age from · Served six years in the United states Army

Professional Background

- . Licensed Insurance agent in the state of Texas
- Graduate of Wayland Baptist University · College courses includes: Business Math, Accounting, Marketing and Business Law.
- . Worked for the City of Lubbock for 27 years in the capacities of Fleet Manager, Customer Service Supervisor and Control Room Operator. Also worked as the Transportation Manager for Labatt

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November 27, 2013 New York, NY - The 2013 Annual Soul Train Awards in Las Vegas, NV was hosted by actor and comedian Anthony Anderson and will air this Sunday, December 1 on BET's Centric Network. The evening showcased performances by the biggest names in contemporary music and was kicked off with a medley performance by Jennifer Hudson, Chaka Khan, Evelyn "Champagne" King and T.I. The evening honored legendary songstress Dionne Warwick and soulful nineties crooner Keith Sweat.

Proving that talent never dies, but continually gets better, BET kept the celebration going with name dropping talent that produced an unforgettable awards show. Still known as the "The Best Star Rappers of the Year," Warren G, Slick Rick and Doug E. Fresh closed with an electrifying finale of the hip hop classic "The Show." The performance was a not to be missed, ode to classic hip hop, featuring the iconic master of poetic soul Big Daddy Kane.

Kane brought his magical swag with Hollywood touch points to the red carpet and on stage sharing, "I'm honored to be a part of such a monumental night and glad to return to the Soul Train Awards and celebrate music with my peers. Big Daddy Kane is what legends are made of and never misses the opportunity to prove there 'Ain't No Half Steppin."

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day, December 2, 2013 through Monday, December 23, 2013. There is no Entry Fee. The exhibit will be open for viewing Friday, January 3, 2014 through Thursday, January 30, 2014 with an opening reception during the First Friday Art Trail on Friday, January 3, 2014 from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Pick-up of artwork January 31, 2014 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; February 1, 2014 from 9:00 a.m. to Noon; Monday, February 3, 2014 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. We hope that you can partici-

We hope that you can participate in this exhibition and look forward to hearing from you.

Parents graduate from Bulls Academy

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ACADEMY is where 130 parents graduated last week from a
10-week education course designed for parents.

Story Posted: 11/30/2013
School was in session Saturday at the Noble Chicago Bulls
Prep Academy for 130 parents who completed a 10-week course and earned a diploma.
The program, Stand University for Parents or Stand UP, taught parents from six elementary schools across the city, said Deborah Black, the program's family engagement coach.

"These parents, some are homeless, some were just coming out of incarceration, some were not sure where the next meal for their kids were going to come from, but they became empowered through this program," Black said. "Some have gone to school, some are now volunteering at school." The 10-week course was designed to boost parents' self-esteem, while providing educational pieces to give parents the confidence to encourage their children. Black said teaching these parents how to be involved helps schools increase attendance rates and academic achievement. "We teach actionable steps to parents, so that they can go back and then be an advocate for their child, an advocate for the school and an advocate for quality educa-

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tion," she said. "It's not a parenting course. It teaches how to support education, so that your children can excel."

Camille Finklea saw her diploma as an investment in her son's education, and noted her achievement surprised the teachers at her son's school. "[They were] very impressed that I could do third grade work, but at the same time, I had to realize I was also in a class with other kids who didn't know how to read," she said. "I remember thinking, 'Wow, how stupid do they think we are?"" Finklea added that she is proud of herself and the commitment she has made in her son's education.

"I wasn't given a map to know what to do for my kids," she said. "I had to make sure I was volunteering in the classroom and finding out what to do and make sure [her sons] never had to" endure the humiliation she once did. Marlon Gosa said it was his mission to get more involved as a parent. Gosa recalled he heard about Stand University for Parents from a friend and decided it would be a great way to invest in his children's education.

"I just wanted change in the neighborhood, change in the school system... We talked about it and I became a member, I went to the classes and I liked it," Gosa said. "We learned how to engage with the children and [connect] with the principal of the school."

Gosa, who has four kids at Sherman School of Excellence, 6020 S. Langley Ave., said one of the most beneficial moments for parents was learning about how curricula are determined.

"Some of the parents didn't know; they thought the teachers just made up the stuff on their own. They did not know they had an actual lesson plan," Gosa said. All parents should go through the program, he added.

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"We got 400 kids [at Sherman]. We should have 400 parents here. With all the mishaps and things going on in our neighborhood, you need more parents to come out and just get involved," he said.

"I think it's something every school should have because a lot of the parents out here they just don't know. They're so disengaged with the school system," Gosa said. "I don't think it's because they don't want to be, but it's because they don't know how."

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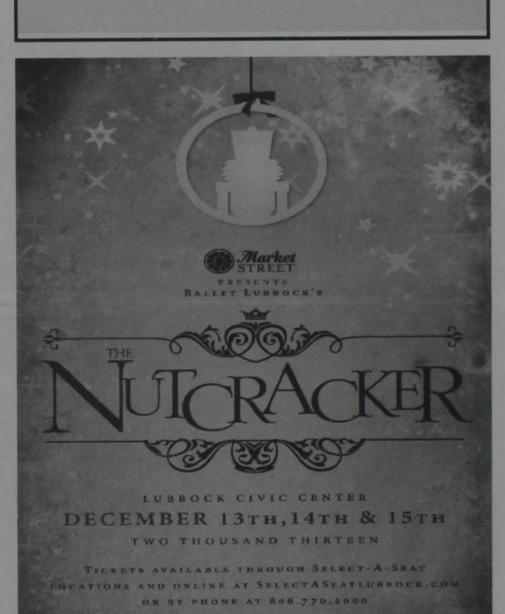
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Date: December 16, 2013

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Place: Lubbock Housing Authority, 1708 Crickets Ave, Lubbock, Tx 79401

The purpose of the hearing is to obtain input from the city residents in reference to the revised Lubbock Housing Authority Section 8 Administrative Plan and the preferences for housing.

All residents are encouraged to attend this hearing. Copies of the Section 8 Administrative Plan revisions will be available for review from 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. from October 28, 2013 - December 13, 2013 prior to the public hearing at the address above. The document may also be found at www.lubbockha.org.

Persons can also submit written comments prior to public hearing to the Compliance Officer at the address above:

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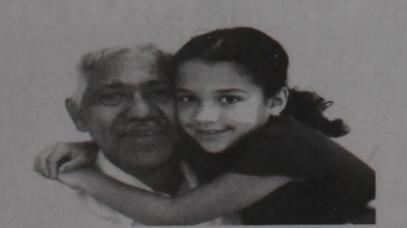
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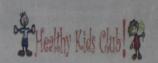
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