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

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

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East Lubbock Promise Neighborhood

by
Dr. Scott Ridley, Dean, College of Education, TTU

Has much changed in the relationship between East Lubbock citizens and Texas Tech University? Many Southwest Digest readers know of a history long ago when citizens of color were not welcome on the TTU campus. Mr. T.J. Patterson, himself remembers being denied the opportunity to study at Texas Tech.

So a recent turn of events with TTU in East Lubbock is creating citizen responses ranging from suspicion to enthusiastic hope that a new day is dawning. The recent event is a five-year, \$24 million U.S. Department of Education grant written by Texas Tech University's College of Education for East Lubbock. The grant written by Dr. Scott Ridley, the Dean of the College of Education, is targeted to improve the quality of schooling for East Lubbock students, more specifically students attending Dunbar, Ervin, Alderson and Estacado High School. In addition, the grant is designed to provide a number of East Lubbock services for children and families that foster students' readiness to learn.

Why would TTU write such a grant for East Lubbock? Dr.

Ridley says that the future of America is linked to the success of communities like East Lubbock. At one point in America's history it was possible for the economy to succeed with only a fraction of the population being well educated. In the early years and continuing through the 1970's, there were many jobs in manufacturing and agriculture that did not require an advanced education. However, those days are gone. Since the "great recession" which began in 2008, the nation has witnessed a widening of the gap between the living conditions for those with and without a college degree. In Texas, more than other states, some are experiencing a strong recovery from the recession but the recovery is largely limited to those with an advanced degree. In the future a majority of American citizens must be well educated for our country to compete with growing economies such as China, India, and Brazil. Those without a strong education will suffer. Consider this; even today, many jobs that used to require only a high school diploma are requiring a college degree. In the ongoing economic recovery, businesses have a large pool

of applicants seeking a limited number of jobs. Therefore, they are increasing the requirement to get these jobs. This trend will continue in the future, therefore we must do a much better job of providing truly excellent education to communities that have been historically underserved.

Some are calling the right to an excellent education the civil rights issue of our day. This is why the Dean of Education at TTU has written the grant for East Lubbock. We must do better, we must do right for all Americans including the children of East Lubbock. The TTU College of Education is committed to its partnership with Lubbock ISD and a number of other organizations to make East Lubbock schools some of the VERY BEST in the nation. Big aspirations indeed, but what are the services?

The grant is called the East Lubbock Promise Neighborhood Project or ELPN. Promise Neighborhood is the name of the federal grant program and the focus is on producing results for children. Specifically, the grant requires community and school actions with a proven track

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Gordon Harris

Recall Petition Against Price Is Invalid, New Petition Has Begun

A recall petition against Lubbock City Councilman Floyd Price was found to be invalid on Monday, July 15, 2013, in the Lubbock City Secretary's office.

The petition was submitted by District 2 resident Gordon Harris, III, who submitted the petition on Monday, containing 631 signatures in this effort to oust Price from office. He has made it known that he is calling for it because of the lack of development and opportunity in District 2.

Harris had 30 days to collect 508 valid from registered District 2 voters, and 10 percent of them who must affirm they voted for Price in the 2012 city council election.

Harris said, "My position is very clear, East Lubbock needs effective leadership."

Price disagrees with Harris' assessment that he's done nothing for his district, and has listed recent business and development along Parkway Drive and Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard and a senior citizens home as improvements to District 2 under his leadership.

"I truly believe I've been a good representative here in District 2," Price said.

Harris told the Southwest Digest, "After returning in above and beyond signatures the Lubbock City Secretary Becky Garza and staff told me that was

I all needed, even after I asked if there were anything else, they said that's all and I left."

"Lubbock City Secretary Becky Garza called me at 3:50 p. m. and stated that it (petition) was invalid, because I did not sign an affidavit that I witnessed the signatures," said Harris.

"I returned to City Hall before 4:00 p. m. and Becky Garza said I couldn't sign it. It was not 5:00 p. m. on the deadline date. I don't no how they sleep at night knowing that they are helping with holding our community back," continued Harris.

"But I have started the petition again for the recall and I will do it for the next 30 days, and I will get it done," he said.

Harris said, "And I will not quit. We will get rid of Floyd Price and move forward in East Lubbock," continued Harris.

"Please fill free to stop by my house, 2611 Parkway Drive - across from United, to sign the petition. Help me to help ourselves. Thanks! concluded Harris.

The City Secretary Office affirmed that Harris has begun another recall petition, beginning July 17th thru August 16, 2013.

For information about the affidavit, it states: "City of Lubbock Charter, Chapter 1, Article 4, Section II - "Officers Subject

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Ervin Elementary School Standardized Dress Meetings

The Joan Y. Ervin Elementary School will conduct Standardized Dress Information Meetings on Monday, July 22, 2013. Two meetings will be held from 7:30 a. m. or 6:00 p. m.

These meetings will be held

in the Dunbar College Preparatory Library.

These meetings are very important for students attending Joan Y. Ervin Elementary School for Fall 2013. For more information call: 766-1877.

Christ Temple Choir Annual Workshop Will Be Held August 2 - 4, 2013



Lady Eartha Demerson
Clinician - Workshop



1st Mo. Myrta Haynes
Choir President

Christ Temple Church of God in Christ, 2411 Fir Avenue, with Supt. W. David Haynes, pastor, will present the Christ Temple Choir Annual Workshop August 2 thru 4, 2013.

Lady Eartha Demerson is Clinician of the Work Shop. 1st Mother Myrta Haynes, Choir President.

Registration Adults \$25.00; Youth \$15.00.

Friday, August 2, 6:30 p. m. Registration. Workshop will begin at 7:00 p. m.

Saturday, August 3, 12:30 p. m. will be the Workshop Rehearsal.

Sunday, August 3rd., beginning at 3:30 p. m. will be the Choir Annual Day.

For more information, call (806) 741-1466.

Young Fellows Enjoyed An Experience In The Office Of The Southwest Digest Recently



HARD WORKING BROTHERS -- Billy "B. J." Morrison, III thanks God for having an opportunity to spend a month with three of his great-great-grandchildren this summer. On Wednesday afternoon, July 3, they traveled to the Southwest Digest, and had an opportunity to work. As Grand-paw Morrison said, with a big smile, "they stuffed the Southwest Digest." He continued, "It was a blessing for me to see my great-great-grandchildren at work!"

Pictured above, left to right, are: Antonio Markieth Washington, who is getting papers ready; Derricco Deon Young, stuffing the Digest; and Daquadren Lloyd Washington, getting the flyers ready. All in all, these young fellows stuffed more than 600 papers. They enjoyed working! They also had an opportunity to ride some horses. These young fellows volunteered for this task and received experience.

Brother Morrison would tell you its been great fun and enjoying them. "We praise God for all of that and much more!" he concluded.

In the background, Hillary Hutchinson, Jr. and Faye Brown.

Biography Of T. J. Patterson, Sr. Written By Phil Price



Phil Price, left, the author of the biography of the life of T. J. Patterson, Sr., right, visiting last Thursday afternoon, July 12, 2013, in the office of the Southwest Digest. The book, entitled "Bringing In The Kindling", which is in its final reading. Hopefully, it will be completed before the end of the year.

"This is a very interesting on the biography of Patterson, who is the longest serving Lubbock City Councilman who served 20 years. He is also the first Black elected as a city councilman.

Patterson, the first born of his mother, Hannah Lee Barton-Patterson, who was the last of eighteen children, born to Henry & Harriet Barton in Waxahachie, Texas.

Funds from the selling of this biography of T. J. Patterson will go to the T. J. & Bobbie Patterson Fund for young people attending Texas Tech University.

Al Sharpton and Other Black Celebrities Defend Paula Deen



Civil rights activist Al Sharpton, actress Stacey Dash, and NFL player Kris Jenkins are just some of the black celebrities that have come forward in support of TV chef Paula Deen.

Deen, who is 66-years old, was recently dropped by the Food Network after she admitted that she used the n-word and other racial slurs while cracking racist jokes about black people in a videotaped deposition. She has also been dropped by several sponsors including Wal-Mart, Target, Smithfield, and Home Depot. She also lost her lucrative book deal with Random House.

"A lot of us have in the past said things we have regretted saying years ago," Sharpton recently said in an interview with TMZ. "You cannot deal with what is fair or not

fair until we see an outcome of the present circumstances she is accused of, not something that happened 20 years ago."

And Stacey Dash, commented via Twitter: "God does everything for a reason. @Paula_Deen Only God can judge your heart BTW my daughter loves your show (only way she can get me to cook)"

And Kris Jenkins, during an interview with Metro New York, commented, "The lady was a sweetheart to me; [her] making a mistake I'm not going to be the one to make a big deal of it."

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Soledad O'Brien Done With CNN; Joins Al Jazeera America Network

Emmy Award-winning journalist Soledad O'Brien, who recently left the CNN morning show Starting Point, has confirmed that she has now signed on as a news correspondent for Al Jazeera America. She will work for their new show called America Tonight, and will also produce hour-long documentary specials for the network.

In a statement released by her publicist, O'Brien said she is looking forward to "beginning a relationship with Al Jazeera

America, which has made a commitment to producing quality programming and pursuing underreported stories."

Al Jazeera America, which will launch some time in 2013, is an American spin-off of the original Qatar-based network called Al Jazeera. The network was initially launched as an Arabic news and current affairs

Dunbar High School Class of 1973 Will Meet Here

Class of '73 is having their 40th Reunion at the Winstar World Casino on August 11th - 14th. Please contact Genevieve Inman Brown @ 806-252-4907 or Pam Cunningham Jenkins @ 214-545-7297 for further information. Respond no later by the 26th of July.

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New Light Baptist Church News

On Sunday morning, July 14, 2013 service got started at New Light Baptist Church, 3013 Idalou Road Lubbock, Texas 79403; phone number (806) 744-9496 Where Rev. Kenneth O. Jackson is the pastor

Church School started at 9:45 a. m. with Sister Ambra Jackson teaching the lesson for the adults entitled: "Dedicating The Temple" and its scripture came from Ezra 6:13-22. Sister Linda Green taught the class for the youth and young teens and its lesson entitled: "Praising God In The Temple"

Breakfast was served to those in attendance afterward.

Morning worship started at 11:00 a. m. with the Praise Team

Recall Election

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"Recall" states that to each petition "there shall be attached an affidavit, of the circulator thereof, stating the number of

signers to such part of the petition and that each signature to the same is genuine, was made in his presence, and is that of the person whose name it purports to be."

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All papers comprising a recall petition shall be returned and

filed with the person exercising the duties of City Secretary. Harris said, "I am back to work with this second recall petition, and will have it back within 30 days, said Harris.

ture text came from Matthew 25: 31-46. There was a song "What A Fellowship" that was sung after the sermon.

There was the invitation to discipleship that was extended and several went up for prayer.

Continue to let god build your spiritual house. Our father in heaven today we are grateful for the people who went before us, who gave of themselves to build our life in Christ so that we can be a living stone for him. In the name of Jesus.

SCRIPTURE FOR THE WEEK: "I am the way, truth and life no man cometh to the father but by me."

John 14:6

Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church

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Service time:

Sunday School - 9:30 a. m;

Morning worship - 11:00 am

Bible Study - Wednesday 6:00 p m.

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Trayvon Martin's Friend, Who Was Talking To Him on the Phone Before He Died, Testifies in Court



Rachel Jeantel, the 19-year old friend who was talking to Trayvon Martin right before he was shot and killed by George Zimmerman, has testified in

satellite TV channel, but has now expanded to the states with a satellite channel in English. Their headquarters is in New York City with about 600 employees, and they recently bought Al Gore's Current TV channel to better compete with other American networks.

court. She is being called the star witness.

Jeantel said Martin used derogatory language to describe George Zimmerman shortly before the confrontation, and she described her conversation with Trayvon in great detail. She also told the courts that Trayvon described George as a "creepy, white... cracker." She also said he joked that he "might be a rapist."

The prosecution asked Jeantel
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Mae Simmons

Community and Senior Centers

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Church News



From the Desk of Parson D.A. Smith My Grandpa's Hands

Grandpa, some ninety plus years, sat feebly on the patio bench. He didn't move--just sat with his head down staring at his hands. When I sat down beside him, he didn't acknowledge my presence and the longer I sat, I wondered if he were okay.

Finally, not really wanting to disturb him but wanting to check on him at the same time, I asked him if he were okay.

He raised his head, looked at me and smiled. "Yes, I'm fine. Thank you for asking," he said, in a clear strong voice.

"I didn't mean to disturb you, Grandpa, but you were just sitting here staring at your hands and I wanted to make sure you were okay," I explained to him.

"Have you ever looked at your hands," he asked. "I mean really looked at your hands?"

I slowly opened my hands

and stared down at them. I turned them over, palms up and then palms down. No, I guess I had never really looked at my hands as I tried to figure out the point he was making. Grandpa smiled and related this story.

"Stop and think for a moment about the hands you have--how they have served you well throughout your years. These hands, though wrinkled, shriveled, and weak, have been the tools I have used all my life to reach out and grab and embrace life.

They put food in my mouth and clothes on my back.

As a child my mother taught me to fold them in prayer.

They've tied my shoes and pulled on my boots.

They have been dirty, scraped and raw, swollen and bent.

They were uneasy and clumsy

when I tried to hold my newborn son.

Decorated with my wedding band, they showed the world that I was married and loved someone special.

They trembled and shook when I buried my parents and spouse and walked my daughter down the aisle.

They have covered my face, combed my hair, and washed and cleansed the rest of my body.

They have been sticky and wet, bent and broken, dried and raw.

And to this day, when not much of anything else of me works real well, these hands hold me up, lay me down, and again continue to fold in prayer.

These hands are the mark of
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We Thank God for Jesus

"I Ain't Lying, It's Praying Time!!"

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

II Timothy 3:1-2 -- This known also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their ownself, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parent, unthankful, unholy.

THE LORD GAVE HIS WORD AS A WARNING; to us in the **LAST AND EVIL DAYS,** and **THE CHURCHES ARE NOT ABOUT GOD'S BUSINESS; GETTING SOULS SAVED!!!**

I Peter 4:17 -- For the time is come that judgement must begin at the house of God: and if it first begin at us, what shall the end be of them that obey not the gospel of God?

AMERICA started out doing what **GOD'S WORD SAID;** **DO WHAT'S RIGHT;** **BUT** now she's doing: **EVERYTHING WRONG, BECAUSE OF HER CIVIL RIGHTS!!!**

Proverb 14:12 -- There is a way that seem right unto man, but the end thereof are ways of death.

******* THE DEVIL AND AMERICA'S RIGHTS ARE**

WRONG!!! *****

The **CHURCHES** went along with **THE WORLD'S RIGHTS; TO BE THEIR FRIEND.** But the **WORD OF GOD, WILL BE HERE FOREVER TO THE VERY END!!!**

Romans 1:18; 21-22 -- For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness (**THE CHURCH**). Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God. Neither were they thankful, but became vain in their imaginations (**I HAVE A DREAM**), and their foolish heart was darkened. Professing themselves to be wise (**THE CHURCH**), they became fools.

America kicked prayer out of **SCHOOLS, HOMES, COURTHOUSES, MANY RIGHTS BEGIN. NOW** America **CITES ARE FULL OF VIOLENCE OF HATE!** **AND THERE IS NO END!!!**

I Corinthians 5:6 -- (AMER-

ICA) Your glorying is not good. Know you not that a little leaven, leavens the whole lump. (Rights without responsibility leads **VIOLENCE, SAME SEX MARRIAGE RIGHTS, ABORTION RIGHTS, NO RESPECT OF THE ELDERS RIGHTS, WOMAN RIGHTS, WHITE RIGHTS, BLACK RIGHTS, ROADRAGE KILLING RIGHTS, GUNS AND DRUGS IN SCHOOL RIGHTS, DRIVEBY SHOOTING RIGHTS, BLACKS KILLING THE FAMILY RIGHTS, AND MANY MORE OF THE DEVIL'S RIGHTS IS WRONG!!!**) -- **SAME SEX MARRIAGE, AND GOD SAID: BE FRUITFUL; NOW WHERE IS YOUR FRUIT??? GOD WILL NOT APOLOGY TO SODOM AND GOMORRAH!!!**

II Corinthians 6:17 -- Wherefore come from them, and be you separated, said the Lord not the unclean thing and I will receive you.

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Community Baptist Church Will Present Its Annual Conference July 17, 18 & 19, 2013

It is time once again for our church conference here at Community Baptist Church. The conference will be held July 17, 18 and 19, at 7:00 pm nightly. Closing service will be July 21 at

9:30 am. This year's theme is "The 3:20 Factor" from Ephesians 3:20. We are expecting great answers from a "God that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or

think according to the power that worketh in us". On July 17, there will be a special youth service.

Come out and join us.

St. Matthew's Baptist Church News

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

Church services begun at 10:10 a. m. with Sunday School. Our Assistant Superintendent, Sister Annie Onasanya, was in charge.

The teacher for the morning was Sister Susie Davis who taught the morning lesson. She did a wonderful job as always.

The subject for the morning lesson was "Celebrating With Joy." The Unifying Topic was "Dedication of The Temple." The main thought came from Ezra 6:16, KJV.

Our Pastor entered the Church with the Choir singing "Because of Who You Are."

The morning sermon was delivered by our Pastor. His subject was "What Kind of Mercy Do You Show?" His scripture

text was Luke 10:30-37.

The morning announcements were read by Sister Shirley Canady, our First Lady.

Our Weekly Meetings are as follows:

The Missionary Society meets every Wednesday evening at 5:00 p. m.

Bible Study is held every Wednesday evening at 6:00 p. m. Come and be with us!

Choir Rehearsal is held every Friday afternoon, beginning at

2:00 p. m.

If you are a member of any of these meetings, we will be looking forward to seeing you.

The St. Matthew Baptist Church is in need of a pianist. If interested, then call (806) 744-2445.

Your help is most appreciative!

Let us continue to pray for our sick and shut-in members and residents of the community.

Also, let's pray for Sister Ethel Williams' family. She lost her sister in Oklahoma.

If you are looking for a Church Home, then you are invited to come by the St. Matthew Baptist Church. Come and visit with our members and Pastor Canady.

You will be glad you came and visited with all of us. Remember, there is plenty of work for you and all of us to do. God is able!!

Our Thought For The Week: "Suffering is the fire that God uses to purify and strengthen all of us!"

Take Me to the King!
"Use me, God. Show me how to take who I am, and who I want to be and what I can do, and use it for a purpose greater than myself."
Martin Luther King Jr.

Outreach Prayer Breakfast

JOYFUL WORSHIP RESTORED

Ezra 6:13-22

13 Then Tatnai, governor on this side the river, Shetharboznai, and their companions, according to that which Darius the king had sent, so they did speedily.

14 And the elders of the Jews builded, and they prospered through the prophesying of Haggai the prophet and Zechariah the son of Iddo. And they builded, and finished it, according to the commandment of the God of Israel, and according to the command-

ment of Cyrus, and Darius, and Artaxerxes king of Persia.

15 And this house was finished on the third day of the month Adar, which was in the sixth year of the reign of Darius the king.

16 And the children of Israel, the priests, and the Levites, and the rest of the children of the captivity, kept the dedication of this house of God with joy.

17 And offered at the dedication of this house of God an hundred bullocks, two hundred rams, four hundred lambs; and for a sin offering

for all Israel, twelve he goats, according to the number of the tribes of Israel.

18 And they set the priests in

their divisions, and the Levites in their courses, for the service of God, which is at Jerusalem; as it is written in the book of

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Moses.
18 And they set the priests in their divisions, and the Levites in their courses, for the service of God, which is at Jerusalem; as it is written in the book of Moses.
19 And the children of the captivity kept the passover upon the fourteenth day of the first month.

20 For the priests and the Levites were purified together, all of them were pure, and killed the passover for all the children of the captivity, and for their brethren the priests, and for themselves.
21 And the children of Israel, which were come again out of captivity, and all such as had

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Obsequies

Dorothy Thomas

Funeral services were held for Dorothy Thomas on Saturday morning, July 6, 2013, at St. James Baptist Church, with Rev. Johnny Haynes, pastor, officiating.

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

Mrs. Thomas, 60, of Lubbock, Texas passed away on Monday, July 1, 2013.

Dorothy was born on May 12, 1953 to the parentage of the late Mr. Albert Lee Williams and the late Mrs. Rosie B. Palmer in Littlefield, Texas.

Dorothy met the love of her life Mr. Charlie Thomas on Oct. 13, 1974. She loved spending time with family and friends, solving jigsaw puzzles and playing the lotto.

Dorothy was preceded in death by her parents; one brother, Albert Lee Williams Jr.; and two sisters, Exaveola Jones and Mary Lee Anderson.

She leaves to cherish her memories her significant other, Fred Robinson; her daughter, Cherie Williams (Kristina Osnes); seven stepdaughters, Jackie Robinson, Angela Fillmore, Tanda Thomas, Rachel Thomas,



Gayla Thomas, and India Rodriguez; stepsons, Chester Thomas and Standley Thomas; four sisters, Ruby Lewis, Lula Deloney, Doris Johnson and Betty Edwards; four brothers, Ernest Williams, Edward Earl Williams, Curtis Williams, and Eugene Williams; multiple grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and a host of other nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends

Rejoice in your hope,
be patient in tribulation,
be constant in prayer.

Romans 12:12

William Shipman

William Shipman, 89, went to be with his Lord and Savior on Saturday, June 29, 2013.

A memorial service to celebrate William's life was held on Saturday afternoon, July 6, 2013 at Lake Ridge Chapel.

William was born on January 17, 1924 to Homer T. and Arie Shipman in Ozark, Ala. He attended public school in Ozark, Ala. and in 1940 enlisted in the US Army where he proudly served his country.

William retired from the Youth Commission in Brownwood after 20 years of dedicated service. He was a loving family man with strong moral values.

His wisdom and kindness will carry on for many generations to come.

William was preceded in death by his parents, Homer T. and Arie Shipman; his brother, Chester Shipman; two spouses, Mavis Shipman and Betty Shipman; and his son, William Shipman, Jr.

He is survived by his sister, Katherine Edwards of Ozark, Ala.; eight daughters, Suzette



Farley, Mary Williams, Jeanine Palmer, and Consandra Berry, all of Lubbock, Anginette Howard of Cheltenham, Pa., Cloutil Davis of Decatur, Ga., Linda Soders of McKinney, Texas, and Debra Roundtree of Dallas, Texas; two sons, Arion Shipman of Fort Worth, Texas and Gary Shipman Benson of Houston, Texas; as well as 60 grandchildren; 170 great-grandchildren; 119 great-great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren, and a host of family and friends who loved him deeply. He will be greatly missed.

George R. Okra

Lincoln, Nebraska -- George R. Okra, 72, passed away Tuesday, July 9, 2013, at his home.

Funeral service were held Saturday afternoon, July 13, 2013, at the Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church where Rev. Johnnie Barnes, pastor of St. James Baptist Church, officiating. Rev. Eddie Williams is host pastor.

The burial followed in the City of Lubbock Cemetery under the directions of Ossie Curry Funeral Home.

Okra was born April 17, 1941 in Big Sandy, Texas, and was the son of Robert Searcy and Dosha Mae (King) Okra. He graduated from Dunbar High School in Lubbock, Texas, with the class of 1959 and attended Langston University in Oklahoma City, Okla. George and his family moved to Lincoln in 1973. He worked as the building manager for the Miller & Paine Depart-



ment Store for 37 years before retiring.

George enjoyed bowling, fishing, and woodworking.

George is survived by his wife, Margaret of Lincoln; four children: Rebecca J. Holmes and her husband Jerome of Oklahoma City, Okla., George R. Okra and his girlfriend Phyllis Ruybal of Denver, Colo., Gerald R. Okra of Denver, Colo., and Sharon A. Okra-Goll of Lincoln,

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Annie Mae Wormly

Hobbs, New Mexico -- Funeral services were held for Annie Mae Wormly on Saturday afternoon, July 6, 2013, at Pleasant the Green Baptist Church with Rev. Joe Cook, pastor, officiating.

Mrs. Wormly, 78, passed away Friday, June 28, 2013, in Hobbs.

She was born January 11, 1935 in Crockett, Texas to Joe and Ellen Johnson.

She married Tommie Wormly on July 4, 1958 in Littlefield, Texas, and they celebrated over 54 years of wonderful marriage. They settled in Hobbs in 1973.

Mrs. Wormly cooked and taught pre-school at Washington Heights Nursery, and retired after 26 years. She was a faithful and dedicated member of Pleasant Green Baptist Church where she served on many auxiliaries until her health declined.

Mrs. Wormly enjoyed cooking, sewing and talking about



the Lord. She was preceded in death by her parents, 3 brothers, and a sister.

Survivors include her husband, Tommie Wormly; daughters: Shelia Anderson and April Wormly; sons: Roderick Wormly and Tommie Joe Wormly, Jr.; sisters: Roberta Kelly and Ruby Weatherston; brother, Winright Johnson; 12 grandchildren; 1 great grandchild; and a host of nieces, nephews, and friends.

Christopher Demetrius Jones

Funeral services for Christopher Demetrius Jones were held on Saturday afternoon, July 13, 2013 at New Hope Baptist Church, with Rev. B. R. Moton, pastor, officiating.

Griffin Mortuary & Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Interment followed at New Bluff Cemetery on Monday, July 15, 2013, in Soper, Okla.

Jones, 36, was born on December 25, 1976, at Presbyterian Hospital in Oklahoma City, Okla.

Christopher passed away on July 7, 2013.

Chris attended school in Oklahoma and received his diploma. His mom referred to him as her gift from God. Chris had a great sense of humor enjoyed by everyone who knew him. There was never a dull moment when he was around and his jokes could make any person's stomach ache with laughter. He loved his family and everything that family stood for. He was the peacekeeper.

Chris was preceded in death by his father, Bennie Ayers; his granny, Lee Etta Holman Barnett; his great-grandpas, granddaddy Prentice Dyer and Earnest



Barnett Sr.; his papa, Will Ester Jones; and dear cousin, Mookie Kenyatta Bruner.

He leaves to cherish his memories: his mother, Cynthia Ivey (Charles) and stepdad, Harvey Ivey; grandparents, Alma and Jerry Colquitt; child, Detasia Ware; grandson, Jamarion; sisters, Natalie Ayers and Nayha Ivey; brothers, Termaine Jones (Jessica), Timothy Watkins and Cecil Ivey (Alexis); nieces, Tatianna, Trinity, Stephanie, and Alexandria; nephews, Tevin, Christopher J., Nathaniel, Alexander and Cecil II; life companion, Jennifer Cubit; and children, Jacoya and Jacquinton; and a host of aunts, uncles, cousins, friend-cousins and other relatives.

Ernest Ransom, Jr.

Funeral services for Ernest Ransom, Jr. were held on Friday morning, July 12, 2013 at Greater St. James Baptist Church with Supt. W. L. Griffin officiating.

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

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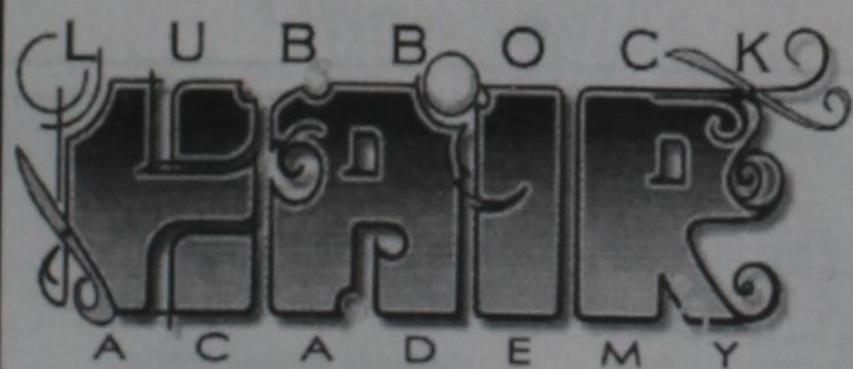
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In Cinque

By Renetta Howard



It is difficult to write an up-scale article when you find yourself in traction from major back surgery, but I am determined to give some insight on life in a rehabilitation hospital. I have been here for four days now and I cannot make any kind of movement without an attendant. That is reassuring, I think.

It is quite difficult for me to sit in one place and wait for someone to do something for me. It is frustrating. Hopefully, the final outcome will eliminate this situation. I have been told that 'nothing ventured, nothing gained.' I look forward to NO PAIN as I was asked what my rehab goal was. That is it. It was the debilitating pain from Lumbar Stenosis which led me down this road. I was assured that surgery would eliminate the back, hip, leg and foot pain forever. This decision was made after trying physical therapy, nerve pain pills, epidurals and chiropractic sub laxation. Surgery was the final resort. My prayer is that this endeavor is a success.

I have been reminded by my daughter that rehab does not mean relax. I am taken through

exercises that I did not know existed. I am up early in the morning for vital checking and personal hygiene. By the time that is finished it is time for breakfast and then exercises. By the time I am finished with the exercises, it is lunch time. There are a few minutes after lunch and it is time to exercise again. There is a rest period before dinner. A bed is very inviting after the last exercises.

Sometimes I feel stronger and then I have my doubts as the various medicines which I have to take sometimes make me feel that they are working against each other instead of together. I hope however, that they are truly working together. It seems that nausea is byproduct of taking several medicines. I have also learned that being in a rehab facility is not the best place to write anything. Just these few minutes and my temperature has risen. It may be easier once I am home again, but until then, I am getting myself 'in cinque' to 'stay in the game!' My next article will be a reflection of me feeling on top of the world when I feel that way.

TEXAS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL AWARD ECONOMIC EXCELLENCE RECOGNITION TO LUBBOCK ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ALLIANCE

AUSTIN, Texas - The Texas Economic Development Council (TEDC) recognized the Lubbock Economic Development Alliance (LEDA) for their achievement in Economic Excellence for the year 2012 at the TEDC's 2013 Mid-Year Conference in Frisco, Texas.

This annual program provides recognition to economic development organizations that meet a desired threshold of professionalism. The economic development organizations qualified for the recognition based on training taken by its governing board / Council as well as the Economic Development Director and professional staff. Additionally, the certifications, professional memberships and activities and organizational effectiveness of the economic development staff contributed to qualification.

"It's a great honor to be recognized for Economic Excellence from the Texas Economic Development Council," John Osborne, president and CEO of LEDA, said. "We continue to heighten our economic development efforts to bring a positive impact to the community."

The Texas Economic Development Council is an Austin-based, statewide, non-profit professional association dedicated to the development of eco

THIS N' THAT

by
T. J. Patterson

BLACK FOLK, THERE IS MUCH WE CAN DO! LIKE A BLACK RESTAURANT!! THIS N THAT after one of the many people attending the **COACH TUBBY & DONNA SMITH RECEPTION** on June 27, 2013 it proves we as Black Folk can do anything we come together... As **BLACK FOLK** we raised the funds and developed the special program..... an organization which all who participated the effort.... At this time **MANY BLACKS** are

you talking about doing more programs as this one.... This group is called **AFRICAN AMERICAN COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP COUNCIL (AACLC).....** and has made a commitment to continue to do **VERY POSITIVE PROGRAMS** in the Lubbock, Texas and South Plains of Texas..... With this in mind, it should up the possibility of development of some **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** in this area.... Perhaps high on the agenda would be a very

...PROFESSIONAL RESTAURANT!! THIS N THAT hopes there are those who are paying attention....

QUINCY WHITE SHOULD BE INTERIM CITY MANAGER! THIS N THAT would suggest that **QUINCY WHITE** should fill the city manager's position as **INTERIM CITY MANAGER.....** Brother White has the experience and would be a **VERY POSITIVE POSITION** for Lubbock. Are you listening City Council???

Ernest Ransom, Jr. Dies

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Funeral Home of Lubbock. Ransom, Jr., 80, of Lubbock, passed away on July 6, 2013. Ernest was born on May 24, 1933 to Ernest Ransom Sr. and Willie Mae Ransom in Bryan, Texas. He attended Bryan Public Schools.

He was a cook, mechanic, and owned a trucking company while residing in California. He met Delores Lampkin in 1994 and received her hand in holy matrimony in 1998.

Ernest was a loving and caring individual who loved spending time with his family and close friends. Ernest was preceded in death by his parents,

Ernest Ransom, Sr. and Willie Mae Ransom; his brother, Lee Reddic; and daughter, Karen Ransom.

Ernest leaves to cherish his memories, his wife, Delores Ransom; daughters, Marilyn, Sandra Renee, Michelle Martinez and Kmiya Ransom; sons, Dennis, Bernard, Jerry, Jimmie, and Dana; sisters, Betty Cunningham, Elizabeth Brazier, Esterlene Lloyd, Rhonda Ransom, and Ernestine Ransom; brothers, James Taylor and Emmitt Ransom; 41 grandchildren; 25 great-grandchildren; seven nieces; eight nephews; and a host of other relatives and friends.

Outreach Prayer

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separated themselves unto them from the filthiness of the heathen of the land, to seek the Lord God of Israel, did eat, **22 And kept the feast of unleavened bread seven days with joy: for the Lord had made them joyful, and turned the heart of the king of Assyria unto them, to strengthen their hands in the work of the house of God, the God of Israel.**

Annual Back To School Funfest Set For Junior & High School Students

The TTU/TTUHSC Black Faculty and Staff Association will host our annual Back To School Funfest dinner for Jr. and Sr. High students at the Legacy Event Center on Friday, August 16th from 7:00-8:30.

The dinner has been a joint venture over the last 7 years with Victory In Praise Christian Fellowship Church and this year the TTU/TTUHSC Latino Hispanic Association has joined us.

The dinner has been held at the Parkway Neighborhood Center for the first 4 years and

Thank God For Jesus

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Matthew 22:37 -- Jesus said, you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul. And with all your mind. This is the first and great Commandment.

America has RIGHTS to whatsoever IS IN HER HEART. SHE'S BLOODY AND BLEEDING NOW, FROM EVERY MEMBER OF PARTS!!!

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over the last 3 years. This year, we will be able to hold the dinner at the Legacy Event Center. Each year we have a speaker, panel discussion about education and moving forward, and we provide school supplies and door prizes to the students.

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East Lubbock Promise Neighborhood

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record for improving student achievement and quality of life from birth-to school-to college-to career in communities like East Lubbock. Some of the services provided in the East Lubbock Promise Neighborhood grant include:

- Extended Health Clinic Hours at the Combest Clinic (301 40th Street) and the Parkway Clinic (MLK & Parkway) to ensure that East Lubbock residents have a true medical home.

- A "Baby College" outreach and support program for new and expectant East Lubbock parents to help them get off to a great start with raising their infant children.

- Early literacy programs to help East Lubbock parents establish their children's love of reading from the beginning. Early reading is the KEY to a lifetime of success or failure with learning and parents determine this outcome by their own behavior in the child's early years.

- Nutrition, health and a variety of other community needs-based programs for East Lubbock children and adults.

- Completely transformed schools designed to engage K-12 students in real-world problem solving. Kids at Dunbar, Ervin, Alderson and Estacado will experience an interdisciplinary curriculum, work in teams and use technology (ipads) daily to develop the skills to make them highly successful and truly ready for college.

- The transformed schools will have a rich integration of the ARTS into the school-day curriculum leading to ongoing school and community performances. Recent research is showing what many of us knew all along, the arts help engage students and fosters critical thinking.

When does it all begin? The first school to be transformed

will be Dunbar College Preparatory School. The transformation will take two years to complete but significant changes in the curriculum will occur beginning in August of 2013.

The East Lubbock Promise Neighbor Project will be conducting a number of community awareness events this summer and beyond. On May 28th students experienced a "Dunbar is Becoming" Celebration. Kids and family got t-shirts, ate food, and listened to music. East Lubbock residents can learn about the ELPN project at the June-Juneteenth celebration. On Friday, June 21st at 7:00PM at the Difference Makers Fellowship Hall on Buddy Holly, participants witnessed the first screening of the American Promise, a movie about our rights to excellent education in America. There was also a panel discussion by East Lubbock leaders about the importance of providing East Lubbock students with a truly excellent education as a means of uplifting the commu-

nity in current and future generations.

On June 22-23, the East Lubbock Promise Neighborhood Project had a booth in the Juneteenth festivities. There was information on ELPN programs and locations. The next ELPN event will be on August 6th at Dunbar for the National Night Out Against Crime.

Will the East Lubbock Promise Neighborhood Project come to anything; will it truly prepare East Lubbock students that succeed at the highest level? Should East Lubbock citizens be suspicious or enthusiastic? "It ultimately depends on how well we work together", says Dean Ridley. "There are a number of TTU people, like myself, who are eager to work very, very hard to ensure the success for East Lubbock residents, and, we have a lot to learn about how to best help children succeed in East Lubbock." To be successful, East Lubbock parents and students will need to take a risk to push beyond skepticism and memories of TTU's unwelcoming history.

This could be the dawn of a new day but we are all responsible

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My Grandpa's Hands

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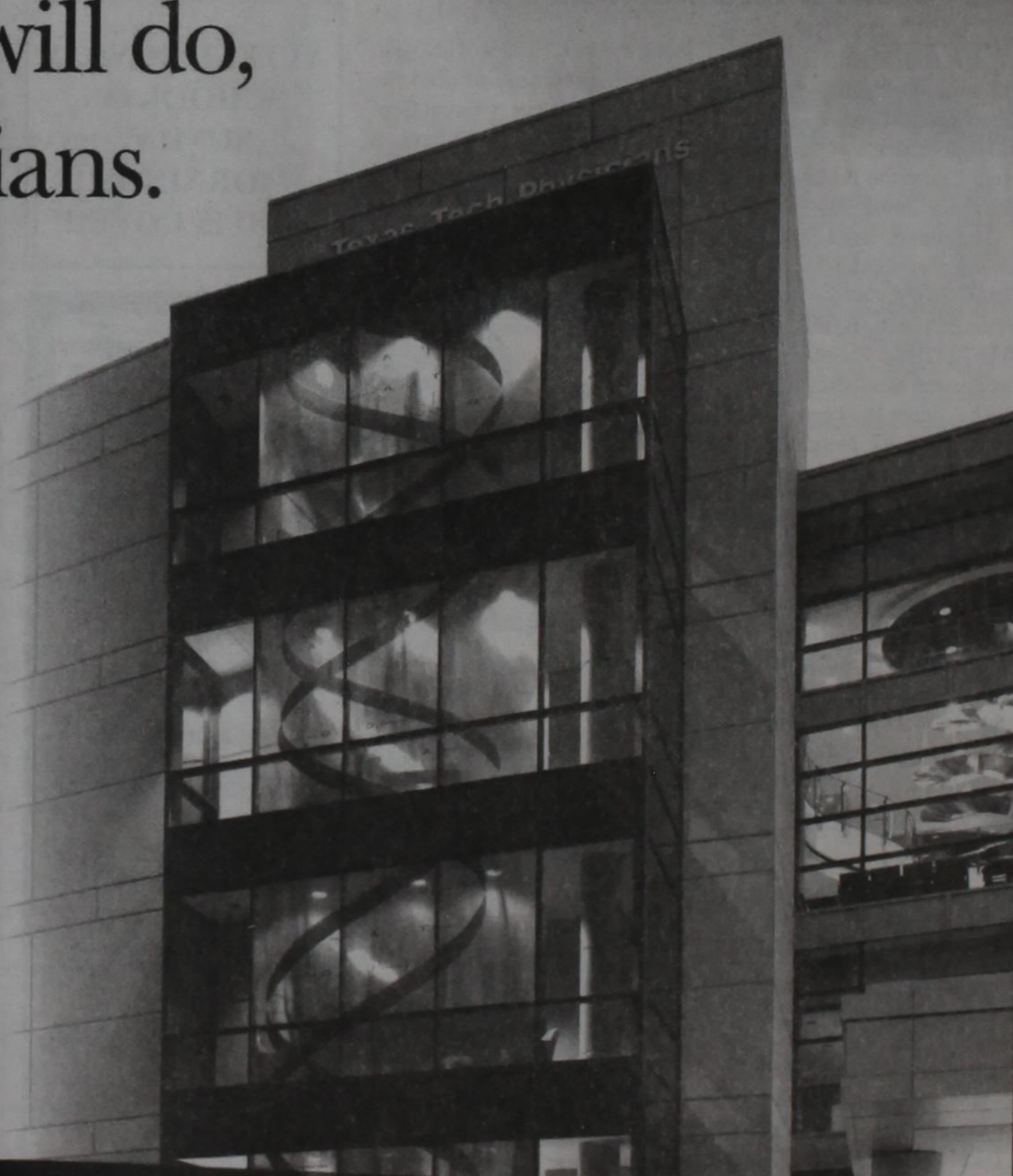
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Estacado Physics Teacher Selected for Air Force Leadership Training

Estacado High School (EHS) physics teacher Greg Burnham has been selected as one of 24 teachers from across the nation to attend the United States Air Force (USAF) Leadership Program at Vandenberg Air Force Base (AFB) near Lompoc, California. Applicants were selected based upon their ability to excite students about science and technology and their use of innovative techniques to help students learn and stay motivated.

For two days, July 29 and 30, Burnham and his cohorts will be immersed in Air Force culture and taught the USAF's pillars of leadership. Burnham said,

"Most exciting to me is the chance to go to Vandenberg AFB where the Air Force launches most of its satellites on Delta and Pegasus rockets." EHS Principal Dr. Sam Ayers said, "Greg is an outstanding Estacado science teacher. He strives to make physics interesting and understandable."

Vandenberg AFB is a Department of Defense space and missile testing base with the mission of placing satellites into polar orbit from the West Coast. The base is named in honor of former Air Force Chief of Staff General Hoyt S. Vandenberg.

Summer Fun Day Camp

By Brittany Coop,
Extension Intern I

Can you believe how quickly summer is flying by? Come make some memories, learn new skills, and have fun as summer winds down. The Lubbock County Extension Office will be hosting a Summer Fun Day Camp Thursday, August 1 and Friday, August 2 from 1-5 PM. Kids ages 9 and up are welcome to attend. The first session will focus on fashion and participants will have the opportunity to learn some new creative skills. The second session will have an emphasis on food and nutrition and participants will even get to cook some tasty dishes!

The cost is \$15 to cover materials and supplies for both sessions. There is a limit of 20 participants, so reserve your spot as soon as possible! Registration and fees are preferred by Friday, July 26. Checks can be made payable to Lubbock County 4-H and mailed to:

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for making it happen. At the announcement of the \$ 24 million grant, TJ Patterson asked the children in the room at Estacado High School to pay attention to the significance of the event. He said that as a young man TTU would not admit him as a student because he was African-American. But, today, TTU is reaching out to specifically help East Lubbock students to be successful in the globally competitive 21st century economy. Mr. Patterson's call to the children in the room that day is an important call to us all. Let's work together for the benefit of East

George R. Okra

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Neb.; ten grandchildren, Damell Okra, Damarcus Okra, Oscar Okra, Tearra Okra, Jamiah Holmes, Alexander Goll, Erishai Okra, Odicei Okra, Geniah Okra, and Jaraye Okra; many great-grandchildren; sister, Dianna Okra Thomas of Lubbock, Texas; numerous nieces and nephews; along with his dog, Kona. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Trayon Martin Friend

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what Trayvon was complaining about on the night he was killed. She responded, "That a man just kept watching him," she replied.

Legal experts, however, have criticized her testimony saying that she lost her credibility. In addition, to being "disrespectful" in the court room when she reportedly kept sighing and visibly got agitated with some of the prosecution's questions, she also admitted to lying about her age, and about why she didn't attend the funeral.

She initially told authorities that she was 16-years old when the incident happened, but she was actually 18. She also told Trayvon's parents that she did not attend the funeral because she was in the hospital, but it was later revealed that she didn't attend the funeral because she didn't want to see the body.


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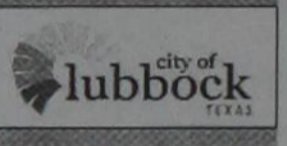
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