



## Community Meetings

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

\* The Unified Juneteenth Commission of Lubbock meets every Monday evening at Bryon Martin Technology Center, 3401 Avenue Q, 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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## History of Juneteenth Celebration! Support June 19, 2014!



Ashton Villa, from whose front balcony General Order #3 was read June 19, 1865.

During the US Civil War, President Abraham Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation on September 22, 1862, with an effective date of January 1, 1863. Although it declared that slaves were to be freed in the Confederate States of America in rebellion against the federal government, it had minimal actual effect.<sup>[5]</sup> Even after the ending of military hostilities, as a part of the former Confederacy, Texas did not act to comply with the Emancipation Proclamation.

On June 18, 1865, Union General Gordon Granger and 2,000 federal troops arrived on the island of Galveston, Texas, to take possession of the state and enforce the emancipation of its slaves.<sup>[6]</sup> On June 19, standing on the balcony of Galveston's Ashton Villa, Granger read the contents of "General Order No. 3":

The people of Texas are informed that, in accordance with a proclamation from the Executive of the United States, all slaves are free. This involves an absolute equality of personal rights and rights of property between former masters and slaves, and the connection heretofore existing between them becomes that between employer and hired labor. The freedmen are advised to remain quietly at their present homes and work for wages. They are informed that they will not be allowed to collect at military posts and that they will not be supported in idleness either there or elsewhere.<sup>[7]</sup>

Former slaves in Galveston rejoiced in the streets. Juneteenth celebrations began in Texas the following year.<sup>[7]</sup> Across many parts of Texas, freed people pooled their funds to purchase land specifically for their communities and increasingly large Juneteenth gatherings — including Houston's Emancipation Park, Mexia's Booker T. Washington Park, and Emancipation Park in Austin.<sup>[7]</sup>

Economic and cultural forces led to a decline in Juneteenth celebrations in the early 20th century. The Depression forced many blacks off farms and into the cities to find work. In these urban environments, employers were less eager to grant leaves to celebrate this date, and a rise in patriotism among African-

American people steered more toward July 4 as Independence Day.<sup>[citation needed]</sup> The Civil Rights movement of the 1950s and 1960s focused the attention of African-American youth instead on the struggle for racial equality, but many also linked these struggles to the historical struggles of their ancestors.

Following the 1968 Poor Peoples March to Washington, D.C. called by Rev. Ralph Abernathy, many attendees returned home and initiated Juneteenth celebrations in areas where the day was not previously celebrated. Throughout the 1980s and 1990s it experienced growing interest from communities and organizations throughout the country, and in 1994 a group of community leaders gathered at Christian Unity Baptist Church in New Orleans, Louisiana to work for greater national celebration of Juneteenth.<sup>[8]</sup>

Official status<sup>[edit]</sup> The event was made a Texas state holiday beginning in 1980, under legislation introduced by freshman Democratic state representative Al Edwards. The legislation was opposed by African-American representative Clay Smothers of Dallas County, who declared the holiday "fraudulent" and belittled the observance as merely "ceremoniously grinning and bursting watermelons on the Capitol grounds".<sup>[9]</sup> Juneteenth is a "partial staffing holiday", meaning that state offices do not close, but some employees use a floating holiday to take the day off. Schools are not impacted because they are already into summer vacation by June 19.<sup>[citation needed]</sup>

Its observance has spread to

many other states, with a few celebrations taking place even in other countries.<sup>[10][11]</sup> As of May 2013, 43 U.S. states and the District of Columbia have recognized Juneteenth as either a state holiday or special day of observance; these are Alabama, Alaska,<sup>[11][12]</sup> Arkansas,<sup>[12]</sup> California,<sup>[11][12]</sup> Colorado,<sup>[12]</sup> Connecticut,<sup>[11][12]</sup> Delaware,<sup>[12]</sup> Florida,<sup>[12]</sup> Georgia, Idaho,<sup>[12]</sup> Illinois,<sup>[12]</sup> Indiana, Iowa,<sup>[12]</sup> Kansas,<sup>[12]</sup> Kentucky,<sup>[12]</sup> Maine,<sup>[12]</sup> Louisiana,<sup>[12]</sup> Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts,<sup>[12]</sup> Michigan,<sup>[12]</sup> Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri,<sup>[12]</sup> Nebraska,<sup>[12]</sup> Nevada, New Jersey,<sup>[11][12]</sup> New Mexico,<sup>[12]</sup> New York,<sup>[11][12]</sup> North Carolina,<sup>[12]</sup> Ohio, Oklahoma,<sup>[12]</sup> Oregon,<sup>[12]</sup> Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina,<sup>[12]</sup> Tennessee,<sup>[12]</sup> Texas,<sup>[12]</sup> Vermont,<sup>[12]</sup> Virginia,<sup>[12]</sup> Washington,<sup>[12]</sup> West Virginia,<sup>[12]</sup> Wisconsin,<sup>[12]</sup> and Wyoming.<sup>[12]</sup>

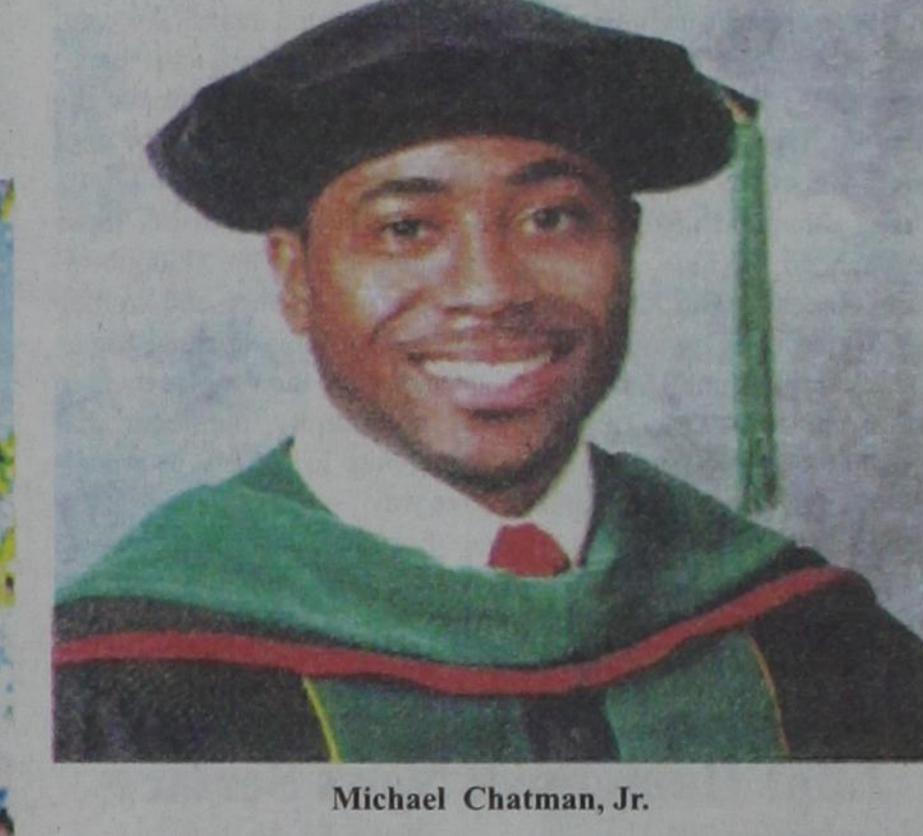
In 1996 the first legislation to recognize "Juneteenth Independence Day" was introduced in the U.S. House of Representatives, H.J. Res. 195, sponsored by Barbara-Rose Collins (D-MI). In 1997 Congress recognized the day through Senate Joint Resolution 11 and House Joint Resolution 56. In 2013 The U.S. Senate passed Senate Resolution 175, acknowledging Lula Briggs Galloway (late president of the National Association of Juneteenth Lineage) who "successfully worked to bring national recognition to Juneteenth Independence Day", and the continued leadership of the National Juneteenth Observance Foundation.

Juneteenth is the oldest known celebration commemorating the ending of slavery in the United States. Dating back to 1865, it was on June 19th that the Union soldiers, led by Major General Gordon Granger, landed at Galveston, Texas with news that the war had ended and that the enslaved were now free. Note that this was two and a half years after President Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation - which had become offi-

cial January 1, 1863. The Emancipation Proclamation had little impact on the Texans due to the minimal number of Union troops to enforce the new Executive Order. However, with the surrender of General Lee in April of 1865, and the arrival of General Granger's regiment, the forces were finally strong enough to influence and overcome the resistance.

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Michael Chatman, Jr.

## Chatman Graduates From Meharry Medical College

Michael Chatman, Jr. has graduated from Meharry Medical College in Nashville, Tennessee with a Doctor of Medicine.

He is the grandson of the late Dr. J. A. Chatman, who also graduated from Meharry, and Emmalene Chatman.

Michael will specialize in Physical Rehabilitative Medicine.

Michael is a 2003 graduate of

Eisenhower High School in Lawton, Oklahoma. He attended Fisk University, and received a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology.

Michael played on Fisk's varsity basketball team for 3 years, was a member of the school choir, and was initiated into the Eta Psi Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.

Congratulations, Michael Chatman!!

## Sen. Robert Duncan approved as TTU System Chancellor

Texas Sen. Robert Duncan was approved as chancellor in a special called meeting Thursday, June 12, 2014, by the Board of Regents of the Texas Tech University System. He will begin his duties as the system's fourth chancellor July 7, 2014

"To have someone of Sen. Duncan's stature who is available and ready to take the chancellor's chair speaks to the quality of our universities. He is someone who will continue the upward path that the Texas Tech University System has been on for the past several years," said Mickey Long, chairman of the Board of Regents. "I also want to express the board's gratitude to the search committee for bringing us an outstanding chancellor. We look forward to great things being accomplished under the leadership of Chancellor Duncan."

"Sen. Duncan has a vision for higher education in Texas and, in particular, the Texas Tech University System that will prepare globally competitive and workforce ready students," said Larry Anders, vice chairman of the Board of Regents and chairman of the chancellor search committee. "During his more than two decades in the Texas Legislature,



Sen. Robert Duncan

Sen. Duncan has proven time and again to effectively bring people together for the common good of the state. I fully expect him to be able to do that for our universities."

Duncan, 60, is a lifelong West Texan. Before calling Lubbock home, he was raised in Vernon, Texas. He is the only son of five children born to Frank L. Duncan and Robena Formby Duncan. Duncan's family has a rich heritage with Texas Tech—his uncle, Marshall Formby, and cousin, Clint Formby, both served on the Board of Regents.

"I thank the Board of Regents for allowing me the honor to serve as Chancellor of the Texas Tech University System. Texas Tech has made a difference in

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Happy 2014  
Juneteenth Celebration  
Praise God!!

## Church of The Blessed Members Gathered at Chatman Park For A Positive Outing On Saturday, June 7th



Pastor Johnny Perez and members of COB reach out to various communities on a weekly basis. The kids gather around to pick up pieces of candy that was brought for them.

Pastor Pat Perez posing with a resident of the community. COB T-Shirts read: "Taking Over Our City" A God-message to bring light

to the city of Lubbock. If you are interested in partnering with this outreach ministry, please contact Pastor Perez at: 806-239-0886.

## The Bridge of Lubbock Summer Camps

*Free Camps for elementary, middle and high school students*

Looking for a safe place this summer for your children? The Bridge of Lubbock will be hosting two free camps for at-risk youth in East Lubbock the months of June and July.

Camp enrollment is scheduled to start June 9th from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm at The Bridge of Lubbock (1301 E. Redbud Ave). The elementary camp will enroll up to 60 campers and the middle school and high school camp will enroll up to 80 campers. To register, a parent/guardian must be present.

Over the past nine years, we have provided a free summer camp called Bridge 2 Success, for 6-12th graders during the month of July. This year the Bridge is happy to extend their outreach to include 1st -5th grade. Reaching Our Kids Summer Camp will run for two weeks starting June 16th – June 27th from 8am – 3pm. This free camp has been largely funded by Betenbough Homes and other generous sponsors.

Bridge of Lubbock Director of Outreach, Ashlei Watson said, "We are extremely excited to be

able to offer an elementary summer camp. For 9 years, we have focused strictly on middle and high school students. This is the year we want to offer younger students a great camp experience." Campers will be attending a variety of field trips and developing leadership through life skills training. The camp will provide opportunities to enhance physical skills, through sport activities such as basketball, football, volleyball, and arts & crafts.

Tommy Burkhead, Summer Camp Director, says, "We want our students to see that being cool is not about life on the street, but that they can be cool in loving Jesus."

According to Watson, these Summer Camps are an opportunity for young men and women to grow in their spiritual life as well as pave the way for them to be community members that contribute to society in a positive way.

For more information go to [www.bridgeoflubbock.org](http://www.bridgeoflubbock.org) or call: 806-687-0772.



Roci Diaz

### Ex-BET Host Takes Stand On Immigration

The former host of '106th + Park', Roci Diaz, is making her directorial debut in "The Secrets of Strangers," a public service announcement that chronicles undocumented immigrants who share their illegal status with American strangers.

It is the first to premiere from a three part YouTube series launched by Welcome.us, a non-profit organization, that's celebrating this June as the first annual Immigrant Heritage Month.

Welcome.us seeks to inspire Americans to share their stories of how their personal or their family stories of immigrating into the country.

The celebrity-produced video series includes stories by magician David Blaine, actor Jeremy Irons, "Glee" star Naya Rivera, and "Scandal" gladiator Guillermo Diaz.

### Calif. Man Killed Within Hour Of Jury Error Mistakenly Freeing Him From Jail



Bobby Lee Pearson, 37, was killed within one hour of being mistakenly released from a Fresno, California jail, reports the Los Angeles Times.

Pearson was tried for burglarizing an apartment with two other men while pointing a firearm at the home's occupant. The jury deadlocked 8-4 in favor of guilty, but mistakenly signed off on "not guilty" because they were allegedly "confused" by the instructions on what to do in the event of a deadlock.

The judge determined that Pearson could not be retried because that would place him in

## Preschool Round-Up Schedule for Lubbock Head Start Centers

South Plains Community Action Association Head Start programs in Lubbock, are currently accepting recruitment applications for the 2014-2015 school year. The Head Start program serves children who are 3 and 4 years-old. Children must turn 3 or 4 years of age by September 1, 2014 in order to be age eligible for the Head Start program.

SPCAA has three locations in Lubbock that serve 3 and 4 year-old children. We are hosting preschool roundup where families can come and apply for the program. Plan plenty of time to complete your recruitment applications, no appointments will be made and families will be assisted on a first come first serve basis. For more information please call SPCA Head Start at 806-762-8815 or 1-800-658-9632.

The round-up dates are scheduled for:

- Thursday, June 26th

double jeopardy.

The freshly released Pearson went to the home of his sister, Lasandra Jackson, to get some belongings. While there, a verbal altercation with her boyfriend, Willie Gray, 35, turned deadly. Pearson was found bleeding to death in the middle of the street, with stab wounds to his chest.

"Weird stuff, huh?" said Fresno police Sgt. Jaime Rios. "That he's released and while he's out, he's murdered. This is the first time I've ever heard of it."

"The question that comes about in an incident like this is, 'If Bobby Pearson would not have been released, would this murder have occurred?'" Fresno Police Chief Jerry Dyer told reporters. "And the obvious answer is, 'No, he would have been in jail.'

ABC News reports:

Jurors said they were confused by the forms, one of which was for a guilty verdict and the other

7:30 AM to 11:00 AM at Eddie Richardson Center, 1110 40th St

- Thursday, June 26th

3:00 PM to 6:30 PM at Eddie Richardson Center, 1110 40th St

- Tuesday, July 22nd

7:30 AM to 1:00 PM at Eddie Richardson Center, 1110 40th St

- Thursday, July 24th

1:00 PM to 6:30PM at Eddie Richardson Center, 1110 40th S

As part of the registration process, families need to bring:

- Child's Birth Certificate
- Proof of Health Insurance (if available)
- Current Immunization Record (with child's name and Birthday)
- Proof of Income (previous year or previous 12 months)

In addition to preschool education, Head Start offers a range of services to children and families enrolled in services. The services include health, educa-

tion, nutrition, disabilities, mental health, parent involvement and family service all to increase school readiness.

Selection for this program is need-based and considers age, income, life circumstances, employment and disabilities. We reserve 10 percent of funded enrollment specifically for children with diagnosed disabilities. SPCA Head Start is able to provide individual support services for children with special needs.

Head Start is a nation-wide program that began in 1965 under the presidency of Lyndon B. Johnson. Since 1965, Head Start has provided comprehensive services to nearly 30 million children and their families. Head Start programs operate in 57,000 classrooms in 50 states, the District of Columbia, and six territories.

## Vacation Bible School Set At Bethel AME Church

A Family Vacation Bible School will be held at the Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church, 2002 Southeast Drive, June 25, Wednesday; June 26, Thursday; and Friday, June 27, beginning at 6:30 p. m. until 8:30 p. m.

This Family Bible School will include Bible Classes and Crafts. Refreshments will be served at the conclusion of each evening.

Sister Elurd Devonport, Coordinator, invites all interested persons to bring their family and friends. "Come and join us in three evenings of fun, food, and fellowship," said Sister Devonport.

Rev. Darryl Willie is host pastor.

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## Joint Hometown News Service

U.S. Air National Guard Airman 1st Class Christopher R. Pritchard graduated from basic military training at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, San Antonio, Texas.

The airman completed an intensive, eight-week program that included training in military discipline and studies, Air Force core values, physical fitness, and basic warfare principles and skills.

Airmen who complete basic training earn four credits toward an associate in applied science degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Pritchard earned distinction as an honor graduate.

He is the son of Melissa L. Mallon of Tomball, Texas and Jeff K. Pritchard of Mustang, Okla., brother of Jennifer L. Pritchard of Lubbock, Texas and grandson of Nettie Pritchard of Lubbock, Texas, Kathleen Mitchell of Hempstead, Texas and Larry Mallon of Fort Myers, Fla.

He is a 2010 graduate of Tomball High School, Texas.

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## Making Student Loans More Affordable

President Obama declared 2014 a year of action – vowing to use the power of his pen and phone to help ensure that hard-working Americans have the opportunity to succeed. And last week will be no different. With a focus on supporting hardworking Americans and upholding our country's commitment to provide a quality education for all of our students, the President is again taking action. Today, he will deliver remarks at the White House, announcing new executive actions to further lift the burden of crushing student loan debt, including a Presidential Memorandum that will allow an additional 5 million borrowers with federal student loans to cap their monthly payments at just 10 percent of their income. A fact sheet detailing these new steps is below.

On last week, the President did a live Q and A with Tumblr, answering questions directly from consumers across the country about this crucial issue. At both of those events, and throughout this week ahead of their upcoming vote, the President will use every opportunity to urge Congress to do their part by passing Senate Democrats' bill to help more young people save money by refinancing their federal student loans.

From reforming the student loan system and increasing Pell Grants to offering millions of students the opportunity to cap their monthly student loan payments at 10 percent of their income, making a degree more affordable and accessible has been a longtime priority for the President. But he knows there is much more work to do and that's what this week is all about.

### Making Student Loans More Affordable

A postsecondary education is the single most important investment that Americans can make in their futures. Higher education results in higher earnings and a lower risk of unemployment, but for too many low- and

middle-income families this essential rung on the ladder to opportunity and advancement is slipping out of reach. Over the past three decades, the average tuition at a public four-year college has more than tripled, while a typical family's income has barely budged. More students than ever are relying on loans to pay for college. Today, 71 percent of those earning a bachelor's degree graduate with debt, which averages \$29,400. While most students are able to repay their loans, many feel burdened by debt, especially as they seek to start a family, buy a home, launch a business, or save for retirement.

The President and his Administration have a long track record of taking steps to make college more affordable and accessible for families. And as part of his year of action to expand opportunity for all Americans, the President is committed to building on these efforts by using his pen and his phone to make student debt more affordable and more manageable to repay.

Last week, the President used the power of his pen to help millions of borrowers afford their student loan payments. He will sign a new Presidential Memorandum directing the Secretary of Education to propose regulations that would allow nearly 5 million additional federal direct student loan borrowers the opportunity to cap their student loan payments at 10 percent of their income. The Presidential Memorandum also December 2015.

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### Number Of Black-Owned TV Stations Could Double

Nexstar Broadcasting Group, Inc. announced their plans to sell three FOX television stations to black media entrepreneur Pluria Marshall Jr. Friday, June 7, 2014.

If the \$58.5 million deal is approved by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), it would nearly double the small number of full-powered African American-owned commercial television stations according to The Root.com.

'We believe the proposed transaction announced today presents an ideal framework for introducing and incubating a new, minority-controlled entrant to broadcasting, and for bringing additional news, information and specialized programming to MBG's markets at the earliest possible opportunity,' said Perry A. Sook, Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer of Nexstar Broadcasting Group, Inc.

The arrangement would require a waiver from the Federal Communications Commission. In March, the FCC voted 3-2 to bar so-called "shared services agreements," in which one station provides services, such as selling advertising, for another. However, the FCC ban included language to promote waivers for joint sales agreements that would encourage diversity in media ownership. Marshall has owned radio stations and newspaper properties.

His father, Pluria Marshall, is a co-founder of the National Association of Black Journalists and an activist who challenged broadcast licenses as chairman of the National Black Media Coalition in the 1970s.

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by T. J. Patterson

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### 34-Year Old Woman That Posed As a High School Student Sentenced to 85 Days in Jail — Says, "I Did It For Love"



Charity Johnson, 34-year-old woman caught pretending to be a 15-year-old high school student

Longview, OK — Charity Johnson, the 34-year-old woman that was caught pretending to be a 15-year-old high school student, has been sentenced to just 85 days in jail and ordered to pay a \$215 fine. She, however, has already been released because of time already served. She had already plead guilty to failure to identify herself after she attended New Life Christian School as a student for almost a full school year before administrators found out what her real age was.

During a recent interview with KTRK-TV, she said, "I guess you could say I was looking for love."

She continued, "I'm just a normal person like any other normal person, trying to pursue her education, get her education and make it through life and be a better person." She says her family had abandoned her, and that by acting like a child, people paid attention to her and loved her in ways they would not have if they knew her real age.

She added, "I'm not the person that everybody, that some people have portrayed me to be such a bad person or a monster

person. I'm just a regular person that was trying to do something better with her life."

So why was her sentencing so light?

Well, investigators say that Johnson did not commit a serious crime nor did she pose any real danger with any of the high school children. Also, investiga-



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tors say she got good grades and was a model student.

Even the family that took her in (when they thought she was a homeless teenager), say that as much as the lies hurt them, they are not going to abandon her and will try to get her the help she needs.



Residents & COB: "Let's Eat!"

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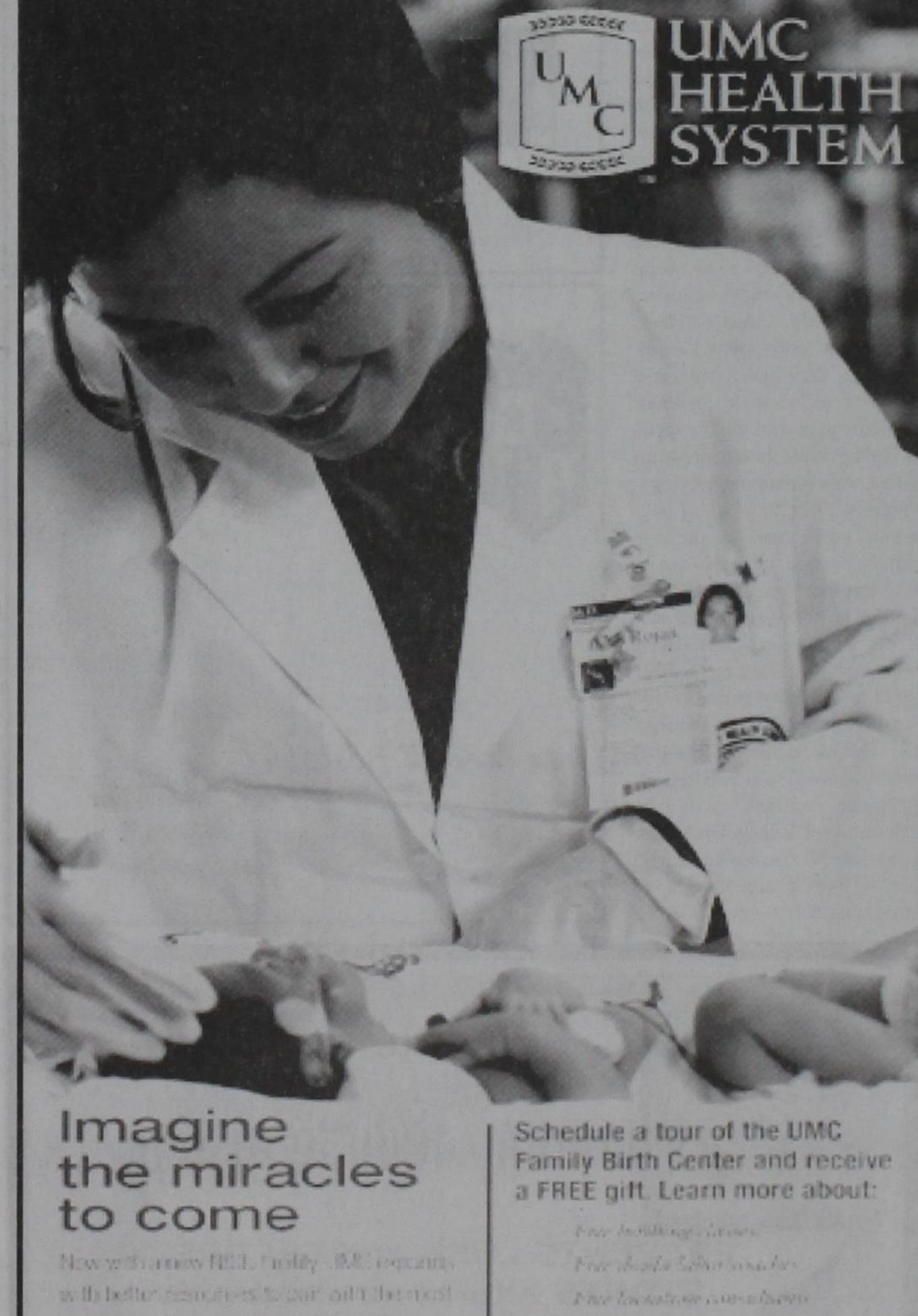
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## More Obituaries

### Hester Hastings

Hester D. Hastings, 64, of Lubbock, Texas, passed away on Tuesday, June 3, 2014.

Hester was born on May 31, 1950, to the parentage of Sarah Alice Hastings and Edward Johnson.



### Making Student Loans More Affordable

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outlines a series of new executive actions aimed to support federal student loan borrowers, especially for vulnerable borrowers who may be at greater risk of defaulting on their loans.

Last week also, the President again reiterated his call for the Senate to pass legislation that could help an estimated 25 million Americans refinance outstanding student loans at lower interest rates, the same as those available to federal student loan borrowers taking out loans this year. This move could save a typical student \$2,000 over the life of his or her loans.

#### The Challenge of Student Debt:

The challenges of managing student loan debt can lead some borrowers to fall behind on their loan payments and in some cases even default on their debt obligation, with such consequences as a damaged credit rating, losing their tax refund, or garnished wages. Because credit ratings are increasingly scrutinized in making employment offers, financing a home, or even opening a bank account, a damaged credit rating can further reduce borrowers' ability to repay their loans. Those actions build on the Administration's significant progress in creating flexible repayment options for borrowers and raising awareness about the steps borrowers can take to responsibly manage their debt.

**Capping Student Loan Payments at 10 Percent of Income:** Today, the President will direct the Secretary of Education to ensure that student loans remain affordable for all who borrowed federal direct loans as students by allowing them cap their payments at 10 percent of their monthly incomes. The Department will begin the process to amend its regulations this fall with a goal of making the new plan available to borrowers by December 2015.

With legislation passed by Congress and signed by the President in 2010 and regulations adopted by the Administration in 2012, most students taking out loans today can already cap their loan payments at 10 percent of their incomes. Monthly payments will be set on a sliding scale based upon income. Any remaining balance is forgiven after 20 years of payments, or 10 years for those in public service jobs. However, this Pay As You Earn (PAYE) option is not available to students with older loans (those who borrowed before October 2007 or who have not borrowed since October 2011), although they can access similar, less generous options. No existing repayment options will be affected, and the new repayment proposal will also aim to include new features to target the plan to struggling borrowers.

### Jolan Hunter

Funeral services were held for Jolan Hunter on Saturday morning, June 14, 2014, at New Hope Baptist Church with Rev. B. R. Moton, pastor, officiating.

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

Hunter, 18, of Lubbock, passed away on June 6, 2014. Jolan was born on Aug. 27, 1995, to the parentage of Stephanie E. Hunter and Alonzo Stevie Springer. Jolan accepted Christ in his life at the age of 12. Jolan was attending South Plains College after recently graduating from Estacado High School in 2013. He was preceded in death by Mack Jenkins Jr. (father); great-grandmothers, Ruby George and Marie Fisher; grandfathers, Henry D. Fisher and Mack Jenkins Sr. He leaves to cherish his memories: his par-

ents, Alonzo (Steve) Springer and Stephanie E. Hunter; four sisters, Ciara E. Springer, Latoria Barnes, Latasha Springer and Diavonni Jenkins; four brothers, Rodney Springer, Dr. Stevie Springer, Lovell Thomas and Jozef Springer; aunts, Gwen Hunter, Tammaren Hunter and Tracy Jenkins; uncles, Jeremy Hunter, Kelvy Foster, Lee Hunter and James George; grandparents, Peggy Hunter, Dorothy Jenkins and Coleman Gates; two nieces; seven nephews; three special aunts, Jackie Wheeler, Patricia George, and Margaret Nedly Fisher; and a host of other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were held on Saturday afternoon, June 14, 2014, at New Hope Baptist Church with Rev. B. R. Moton, pastor, officiating.

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

### A. W. Brown

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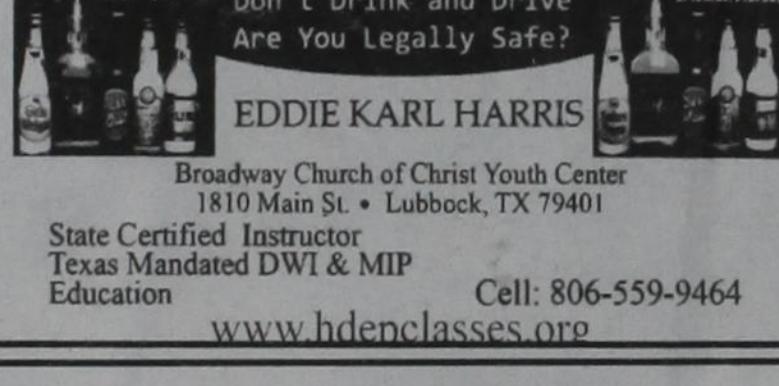
Wilson of Denver, Colorado, Rev. Walter Brown of Littlefield, Texas, Rev. Bobby Brown of Baltimore, Maryland, Rev. Timothy Brown of Norfolk, Va., and Terry Brown of Lubbock, Texas.

He was preceded in death by his father, Rev. F. E. Brown; step-father, Rev. James E. Cavanaugh; and brothers, Larry Wilson and F. E. Brown.

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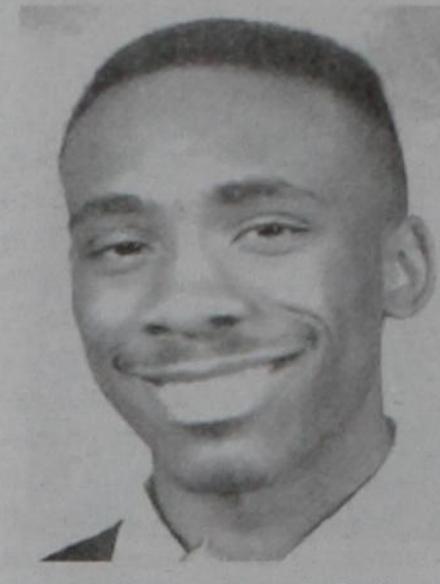
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## Ruby Dee Dead At 91



Ruby Dee

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"I think you mustn't tell your body, you mustn't tell your soul, 'I'm going to retire,'" Dee told The Associated Press in 2001. "You may be changing your life emphasis, but there's still things that you have in mind to do that now seems the right time to do. I really don't believe in retiring as long as you can breathe."

Since meeting on Broadway in 1946, she and her late husband were frequent collaborators. Their partnership rivaled the achievements of other celebrated performing couples, such as Hume Cronyn and Jessica Tandy.

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## South Plains Honor Flight Golf Tournament Scheduled

The second annual Texas South Plains Honor Flight golf tournament will be held Sept. 15 at the Rawls Golf Course on the Texas Tech University campus.

The tournament will be a four-man scramble format with shotgun starts scheduled at 8 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Entry fee is \$450 per team and includes breakfast, lunch and dinner. Range balls and a bag of donated gifts will be available to every team member.

Hole sponsorships, including a four-man team entry, are available for \$1,000.

As part of the event, \$10,000 will be paid to all holes-in-one on hole number 6. Any hole in one on the other par 3 holes also will be awarded great prizes.

In addition, golfers and others in attendance will be able to buy raffle tickets for a weekend getaway to Dallas for a round of golf for four and four tickets to an upcoming Texas Rangers

game and other prizes.

For more information about the tournament, contact Robert Baker at 553wine@united-texas.com or (806)-577-3030.

The Texas South Plains Honor Flight will fly U.S. military veterans, particularly those from World War II and Korea, to Washington, D.C., Oct. 1-3 in order for them to see the monuments to their efforts as well as other important venues.

All proceeds from the tournament will help defray some of the costs for this year's third annual all-expenses-paid trip for the veterans.

The organization's volunteers work for several months each year to raise the almost \$200,000 that is needed to underwrite the event.

More information about the Texas South Plains Honor Flight is available at southplainshonorflight.org.

## Sen. Robert Duncan New Chancellor

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not only my life, but also my entire family," Sen. Duncan said. "I look forward to building on the momentum we have in place for an even brighter future for our great universities. My goal as Chancellor is to support our individual institutions and our outstanding faculty. I will place the academic success of our students at the core of our mission."

While completing his undergraduate degree at Texas Tech University, Duncan served as student body president. He went on to receive his law degree from the Texas Tech University School of Law.

He was elected to District 84 in the Texas House of Representatives in 1992. In 1996, he won a special election to the Texas Senate. During his more than two decades in the Texas Legislature, Duncan crafted major legislation impacting public and higher education; water rights; health care transparency and affordability; the integrity of public investment funds; eminent domain; and the efficiency and effectiveness of our civil justice system.

Duncan served on the Senate Finance Committee during each legislative session since 1999. He also served on the budget conference committee, which develops the final appropriations bill.

Duncan has served as chairman of the State Affairs Committee since 2004. He was

elected and served as president pro tempore of the Texas Senate during the 81st Legislative Session. Duncan also has been a member of the Senate Committee on Higher Education, the Education Committee and the Natural Resources Committee.

Duncan's efforts in the Texas Senate have been highlighted by honors based on his work ethic, legislative accomplishments and leadership. Texas Monthly frequently has named him among the state's 10 best legislators. It also has listed him as a "Texas Super Lawyer" for his professional reputation in the private sector as a partner at Crenshaw, Dupree and Milam in Lubbock.

Duncan is married to the former Terri Patterson. He has two children, Lindsey Pike, a public school teacher and counselor, and Matthew, a recent graduate of Texas Tech University. Mrs. Duncan also has two children, Justin Patterson of Austin and Clayton Patterson, a recent graduate of Texas Tech University. All of their children are Texas Tech University graduates.

Duncan was named the sole finalist for the position of chancellor May 19. State law requires that 21 days pass before final action can be taken by the Board of Regents on his employment.

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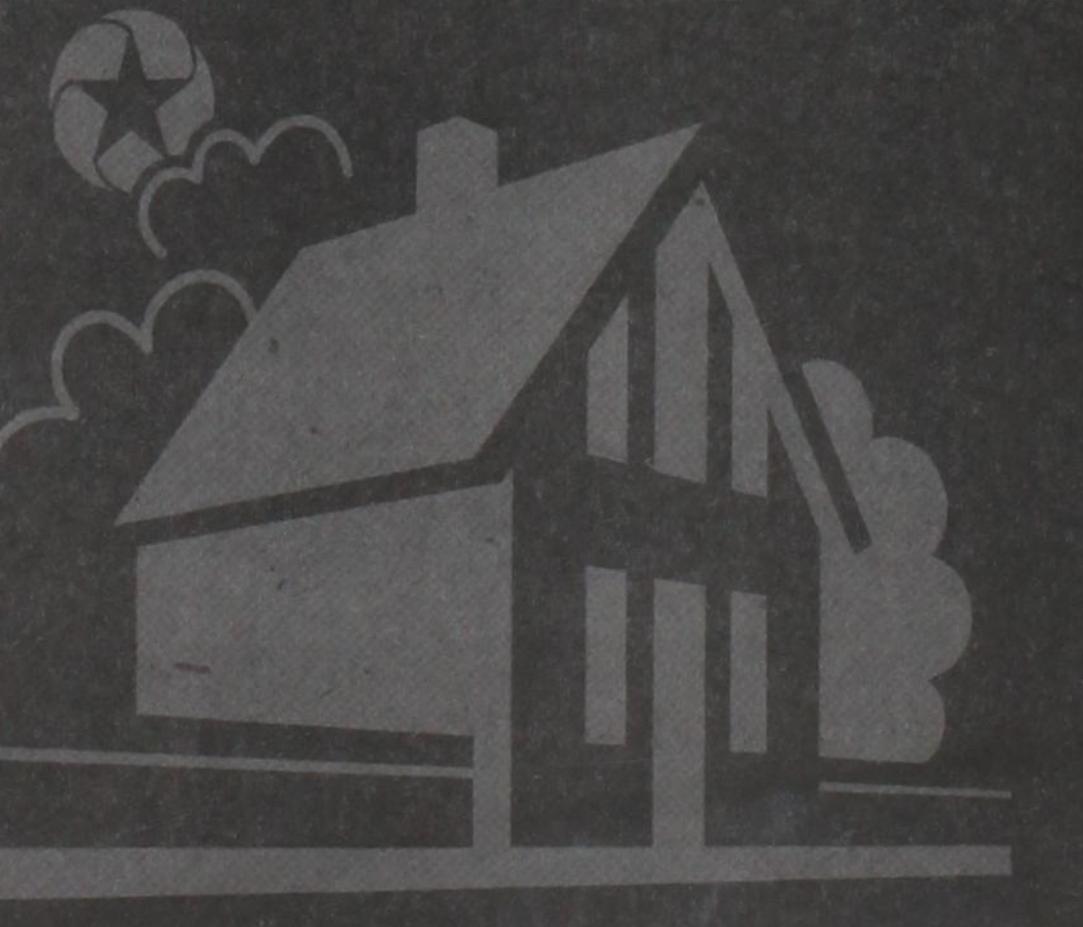
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## A. M. E. Church Members Involved

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those white jurors, Ms. Kimberly Turner, has recently come forward and shed light on the prosecutor's racially-charged portrayal of Mr. Winfield as a 'thug' and the impact that this narrative had on the nearly all-white jury, including Juror Turner. The prosecutor's decision to play on the racial biases of the jury is particularly troubling within the context of a disturbing history of racial discrimination in the application of the death penalty in St. Louis County. For example, St. Louis County's population is less than one-quarter African American, but more than half of the men who were sentenced to death in St. Louis County and then executed were African American. As individuals dedicated to serving communities in St. Louis City and St. Louis County, we are troubled by the role that racial bias played in determining whether Mr. Winfield shall live or die, and we ask that clemency be granted to correct this injustice."

Pastor Booker from St. Paul African Methodist Episcopal Church also notes, "The last time clemency was granted to an African American man awaiting execution in Missouri was in 1993 by Governor Carnahan. The last two men who were granted clemency were white.

We insist that the voices of African American communities calling for clemency for John Winfield today are accorded the same weight as the voices who successfully asked for clemency for Darrell Mease and Richard

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(Editor's Note: This could have happened on Wednesday, June 18, 2014, but we wanted you to know what this AME Church stood for. Ye Ed.)

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