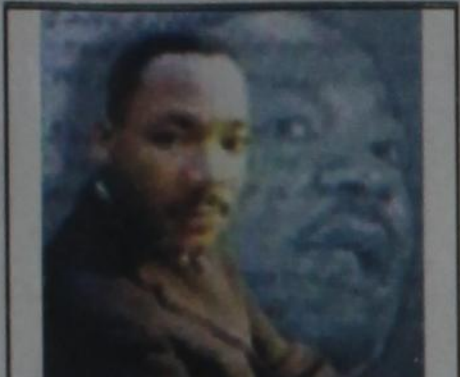




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- * Lubbock Area Client Council meets on the 2nd Saturday, 1:00 pm at the Patterson Branch Library, 1836 Parkway Drive.
- * Hub City Kiwanis meets 1st & 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7 p. m., Mt. Vernon UMC, East 23rd & Cedar Avenue
- * Dunbar Alumni 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.
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Dedication Held For New Joan Y. Ervin Elementary School

It was a very exciting afternoon in the East Lubbock Community on Sunday, November 3, 2013, when scores and scores of Lubbockites were in attendance of the dedication of the new \$18,000,000 Joan Y. Ervin Elementary School, 1802 East 28th Street.

"We are glad to have all of you here this afternoon for this historic event," said Margaret Randle, principal.

The new elementary school opened in August and was part of a \$198 bond package which was for the Lubbock Independent School District and passed by Lubbock voters three years ago.

The students attending this new elementary school are former students of Ella R. Iles and Phylis Wheatley Elementary Schools who were African American women. Both made outstanding contributions to the United States of America.

History will reveal that in early 1930's there were no "colored teachers" in Lubbock. A very active and businessman was very upset because there were no "colored teachers." He was no other than Oscar R. Iles. He was so upset that he spoke to the 'powers that be' of the Lubbock School District. They told him, according to history, to go and find one. He did so! She was Ella R. Iles. The rest is history.

So today, nearly 80 years ago who would have thought another African American female would have an elementary, named after her. She is Joan Yvonne Ervin, who was the first African American elected to public office in Lubbock County. She was not an educator, but served on Lubbock School Board of Trustees from 1970 to 1978.

The keynote speaker for the dedication was Doug Hensley, former assistant managing editor of the Lubbock Avalanche Journal and presently Team Member Communications Manager for United Supermarkets.

Hensley told the large body of people in attendance, "This is an unexpected blessing and we all know those are the best kind."

He said he was asked by Ervin to serve on the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Commorative Council of Lubbock and did so for 10 years.

He went on to say his first impression of seeing Ervin on television as she campaigned to change Quirt Avenue to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard.

"Let me just say that I met Joan Y. Ervin 15 years ago and I was absolutely terrified," said Hensley. Continuing, he said, "I remember thinking to myself as I saw that interview "Woe to the person who irritates that woman."

"If she was here today this room could not contain the smile she'd have on her face," Hensley continued.

One thing said by Principal Randle, "We are indeed honored that you the citizens went to the polls and voted for this outstanding building." "And had the confidence to allow us to build this magnificent building."

LISD superintendent Dr. Berhl Robertson, Jr. made it known to the large crowd there was nothing easy about combining two schools into one. He commended the work done by Randle and others.

"This is a great day in Lubbock, Texas, let me tell you, he said.

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CHECK IN WITH SOCIAL SECURITY BEFORE TRAVELING OUTSIDE THE UNITED STATES

By Ray Vigil

Social Security Public Affairs Specialist in El Paso, Texas

Americans today have taken that advice to heart, and are visiting places around the globe—often for vacations, and sometimes to relocate in another country. If you are one of these people and receive Social Security benefits, we offer a special website: "Social Security Mark Twain once advised people to "Catch the trade winds in your sails. Explore. Dream. Discover."

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You can find answers to all of these questions and others at www.socialsecurity.gov/international/payments.html. The website features a "Payments Abroad Screening Tool", which

asks you a few short questions to determine if your payments can continue.

The page also offers links to publications, such as Your Payments While You Are Outside The United States, which explains how your benefits may be affected and other important information you need to know about receiving Social Security benefits while outside the country.

And one more important point to note. If you receive Social Security benefits as a dependent or survivor there are additional United States residency requirements that may affect your benefit payments while you are outside the United States.

It also is important to note that there are different provisions for anyone receiving Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits. Once you have been outside the United States for 30 or more days in a row, your SSI cannot start again until you have

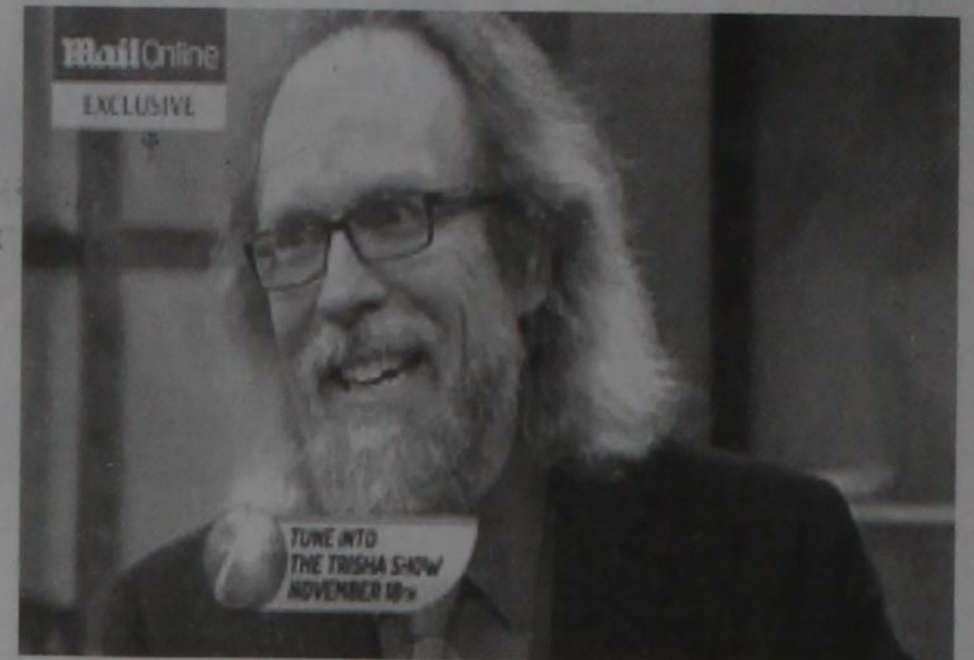
White Supremacist Finds Out He Has Black Heritage in His DNA

Craig Cobb, a white supremacist who has built an all-white racist hub in North Dakota, was recently told by host Trisha Goddard on an episode of Cobbs was shocked and in denial, as to be expected. Obviously, by hating blacks, he is hating himself including his very own ancestors. After revealing the news to him, Goddard attempted to fist bump him and called him "bro", but Cobb pulled back his hand.

NBC's "The Trisha Show" that he has sub-Saharan African

blood in his DNA. Via an official DNA test, Goddard revealed to Cobb his results indicated his genetic ancestry was 86% European and 14% sub-Saharan African.

The crowd cheered, but Cobb simply responded by saying "I'll tell you this, Oil and water don't mix." He added that despite any test results, he will always be a "border guard for the pure-breeds."



Craig Cobb, a white supremacist

Covenant Health Recognizes Great American Smokeout

Covenant Health will recognize the 38th Great American Smokeout on Thursday, November 21. This day is designated to encourage smokers to quit or make a plan to quit.

According to American Cancer Society, tobacco use is the number one cause of preventable death in the US and yet over 43 million Americans smoke cigarettes.

Covenant Health is doing their part to participate in the smokeout. On Thursday, November 21 there will be a table set up in the lobby at Medical Center Campus. Representatives will be in the lobby from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. You can come by and get information on how to quit smoking. Also, if you stop by and throw away your pack of cigarettes, you will be entered in a drawing to win a prize. For more information about the smokeout, visit American Cancer Society's website: <http://www.cancer.org/healthy/stayawayfromtobacco/greatamericansmokeout/history-of-the-great-american-smokeout>.

To be without dreams is to be without hope; to be without hope is to be without purpose. Do not run through life so fast that you forget not only where you have been, but also where you are going. Life is not a race, it is a journey to be savored each step of the way. Unknown

Joan Y. Ervin Dedication Very Historical
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Schools are about the people inside them, but "quality buildings" make a difference in the lives of children, he's made known. Robertson said he's seen the look of awe on the faces of students and teachers alike at Ervin.

According to Dr. Robertson it was made known that future LISD schools will meet the standards set by Ervin. He said, "By equipping schools equally all LISD students are given the same opportunity.

Dr. Robertson said, "One of the things that we're doing when we build new schools is try to build to a standard, so anywhere we build in the City of Lubbock we have a commonality.

Also appearing on the program were Steve Massengale, President, School Board of Trustees, and Vernita Woods-Holmes, LISD Board of Trustee, District Two. Both welcomed those in attendance.

Bishop Bill Watson gave the invocation and Tracey Snell-Jackson sang a solo, "Wind Beneath My Wings." The Ervin Dancers did a special presentation, with Stephanie Johnson as their Dance teacher. Pledges to the American and Texas flags were done by Ervin students.

T. J. Patterson, Sr. reminded those in attendance of this being a very historical dedication.

"The Joan Y. Ervin Elementary School is the catalyst for Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. economic development. Can't you see development on Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard, with many positive retailer outlets, restaurant, and other positive things," continued Patterson.

He advised those who were in attendance of the 1959 opening of Dunbar High School in 1959 when the principal was the late E. C. "Prof." Struggs.

Patterson asked the parents of students of Ervin Elementary School to join the P.T.A. of Ervin. "Your membership in the P.T.A. will help in developing programs at Ervin as well as working with your child's teachers," continued Patterson.

"Hopefully, with the assistance of the Dunbar Neighborhood Association and others, a feasibility study could be developed," said Patterson.

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Black Teen Sues NYC Police For Arresting Him After He Bought A \$350 Designer Belt



Trayon Christian, a 19-year-old college student from Queens New York, was recently arrested and locked in a jail cell after he bought a \$350 designer belt at Barneys on the famous Madison Avenue. Christian says the police assumed he stole the belt.

In his lawsuit filed in Manhattan Supreme Court, Christian says that when he made the purchase, the sales clerk asked to see his identification. After he left the store, he was approached by police about a block away, and asked "how a young black man such as himself could afford to purchase such an expensive belt."

Next, the police arrested him and took him to a local precinct, where he showed police his identification, his debit card, and

the receipt that he paid for the belt. But police did not believe him, and called his bank for further verification.

After finally being released and not charged for a crime, Christian returned the belt to the store he bought it from saying he "didn't want to have nothing to do with it." Christian, who has no prior arrests, then filed a lawsuit against the city and Barneys (the store) for unspecified damages as a result of "great physical and mental distress and humiliation."

His lawyer said, "His only crime was being a young black man."

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Joel 2:28 -- The Lord said, it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your old men shall dream dreams. Your young men shall see visions.

On a Friday night, November 21, 1979, my Father, Billy II, called me in Garland, Texas, where I was living. He said he had stocked the fishing tanks, and when he threw grain in to feed them, you could have seen their backs 10 to 12 inches long. I told him he didn't have to tell me that to get me to come down. But I said I would. (I begin to think with a fishing net. What a catch that would be).

Matthew 4:19 -- Jesus said, Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.

I was raising and training Dorman dogs. I had one that could climb a ladder. She was tops in her class. I took her with me. We got into Bryan, Texas. That morning it was raining so we didn't fish. My Father was a trucker so we went to work. My Mother had a sister about 3 miles from where we were located. She's been in the ministry for about 35 years. We would hardly go see Aunt Ellen Allen, because she would always talk about the Bible, and we didn't want to hear what about our living in sin. We didn't want to hear the truth. But I had time to kill and I heard she was sick, and gave me the word of God.

II Timothy 4:2 -- Preach the

word, be instant in season, out of season, reprove, rebuke, exhort with all long suffering and doctrine.

I went back to the home place, and my Father hadn't got off work, so I went up the hill to his sister, Aunt Corene Manley. While we were talking, she said, "Your Father and his wife were having problems, and you should talk to them. She said, "I believe he would listen to me. But I told her, I didn't want to get into their business. Dad and I were very good friends. We fished, hunt, played pool and dominoes, and I didn't want to hear him say, "Mind your own business!" We were friends!!!

John 15:13 -- Jesus said, greater hath no man than this; That a man lay down his life for his friends.

I went to my Father's house. He had made it back from work. After eating supper, we went to Hearne, Texas for a Saturday night out. I didn't talk to him on the way up there, nor on the way back, about the family problems.

Proverbs 9:8 -- Reprove a scorner, lest he hate thee; rebuke a wise man, and he will love you.

Sunday morning after I finished eating breakfast with Dad, I called back to the back bedroom to his wife, Miss Ophelia, my step-mother, telling her goodbye, and I would see her on the next trip. Dad was going to Bryan, Texas to have some deer sausages made. So I loaded my dog, and started out to Garland, Texas. After traveling to the main highway, I continued on about one-fourth of a mile when I heard a rubbing sound. I pulled over and there were three of the five bolts broken off.

I looked up and saw my Dad turn left on his way to Bryan, Texas. I began to curse, #%@*%\$@. I had a filthy mouth and I COULD INVENT CURSE WORDS!!!

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

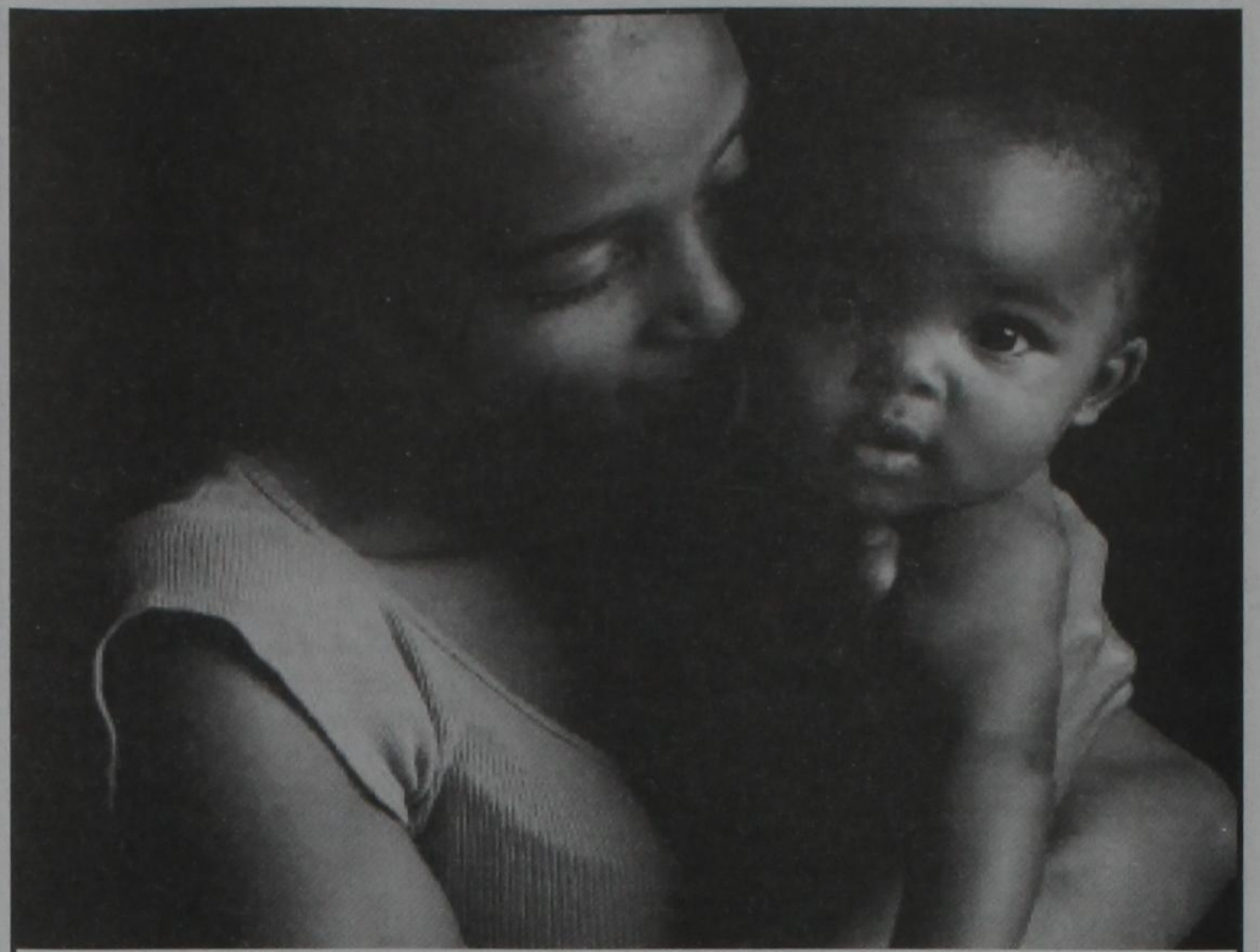
Covenant Health Continues to Offer Support Group for Cancer Survivors

Covenant Health offers a support group for anyone who has survived any type of cancer. The support group will meet next on Thursday, November 21 from 7-8 p.m. at the Joe Arrington Cancer Center Chapel.

The support group has many different functions. The group provides support and allows survivors to share experiences. It

also allows survivors to connect with one another and celebrate the large and small successes.

According to the American Cancer Society, around 13.7 million people in the United States are cancer survivors, partially due to strides made in cancer detection and advances in treatment.



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St. Matthew's Baptist Church News

Again, church services were well attended at the St. Matthew Baptist Church, 2020 East 14th Street, on Sunday morning, November 17, 2013, where the proud pastor is Rev. Edward Canady.

Services begun at 10:00 a. m. with Sunday School. Sister Annie Onasanya, our Assistant Superintendent was in charge.

The teacher of the hour was our dedicated pastor, Rev. Ed-

ward Canady. What a wonderful lesson for all to hear.

The Sunday School lesson was entitled "From Despair To Deliverance." The Unifying Topic was "Beginning of Freedom." The main thought was found in Exodus 14:30 KJV.

The Sunday morning devotion was conducted by Minister Rodrick Scott and Sister Shirley Davis.

Pastor Canady and Rev. Lonnie Phenix entered the Church with the Choir singing "I'll Fly Away."

The morning sermon was delivered by Rev. Lonnie Phenix. His subject was "Prepare Yourself And Be Ready." His scripture text was Matthew 25:13. It was a wonderful message. It 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.

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

It is of great importance for you to attend your meeting.

Let us remember and pray for our sick and shut-in citizens. Remember, your prayers are very important to us. God is able!

If you are looking for a Church Home, then come and visit with the members and Pas-

tor Canady at the St. Matthew Baptist Church, 2020 East 14th Street. Also, bring a family member with you. Come and praise the Lord with us! You'll be glad you did. Remember our doors are always open for you.

Thought For The Week: *As you travel life's weary road, let Jesus lift your heavy load.*
God Bless Each of You!!

Annie Jewel Jackson



Funeral services were held for Annie Jewel Jackson at the the House of Prayer Church on Tuesday afternoon, November 19, 2013.

Interment followed at Peace-

ful Gardens Memorial Park under the direction of Griffin Mortuary & Funeral Home of Lubbock of Lubbock.

Jackson, 80, of Lubbock, Texas passed away on Nov. 13, 2013. Annie was born on Jan. 25, 1933 to the parentage of the late Johnny and Cora Cooper. Annie attended school in Deberry, Texas and later relocated to Lubbock. She was raised under strong Christian principles, love and hard work. She became a member of Lyons Chapel in 1999 and later joined Macedonia Baptist Church in Anton, Texas. Annie's favorite hobby was fishing and she loved

spending quality time with her grandchildren. She was employed with Texas Instruments in the late 60s and was a domestic housekeeper until her health began to fail. Annie was pre-

ceded in death by parents, Johnny and Cora; three brothers, John Cooper, Amos Cooper and Louis Cooper; three sisters, Fannie Mae Griffin, Sirviann Taylor and Rosie Lee Beaucham; one

daughter, Dianne Jackson; one granddaughter, Audrey Green. She leaves to cherish her memories her life partner, Richard Glean; two sons, Archie Jackson and Anthony White; two sisters, Eulean Mitchell and Lizzie Lef-fall; two brothers, Clyde Cooper and Joseph Cooper; eight grand-daughters; two grandsons; and a

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Obsequies

Dreaya Drue Stubblefield

Dreaya Drue Stubblefield, four months, of Lubbock passed away on Saturday, November 9, 2013.

Dreaya was born on July 9, 2013, to the parentage of Drew Dial and Danielle Stubblefield.

Dreaya was a sweet angel with a captivating and beautiful personality. Even as an infant, her expressions of love and joy always put a smile on people's faces. When she laughed it was full of joy; when she cried it was because she did not want to be left alone. Many will miss Dreaya, but her life will continue to shine in the hearts of her family and friends.

She was preceded in death by her great-grandfather, Booker T. Stubblefield.

She leaves to cherish her memories: her parents, Danielle Stubblefield and Drew Dial; her aunts, Danisha Lewis, Tiara



Giddings and Miranda Robles; uncles, Dontrell Lewis and Gregory Giddings Jr.; grandparents, Clarence Lewis Jr. and Dana Lewis; great-grandparents, Eddie Mae Stubblefield, Sadie Lewis, Clarence Lewis and Holly Giddings.

Graveside services were held on Thursday, November 14, 2013, at 2 p.m., in City of Lubbock Cemetery under the direction of Griffin Mortuary.

Henry C. "Lumbo" Bean Jr.

Brownfield, Texas -- Funeral services for Henry C. Bean, Jr. were held on Saturday afternoon, November 9, 2013, at Greater New Hope Church in Brownfield, Texas, under the direction of Griffin Mortuary & Funeral Home of Lubbock.

Bean Jr. Lumbo, 55, of Brownfield, Texas, passed away on Friday, November 1, 2013.

Henry was born on June 12, 1956, to the parentage of Mary and Henry Bean Sr. He accepted Christ at an early age and was



raised under principles of love, hard work and dedication. Henry never knew a stranger

Rev. James Earl Cleaver

Lancaster, Texas -- Funeral services for Rev. James Earl Cleaver were held Friday morning, November 8, 2013, at the New Lancaster Community Baptist Church with Pastor James B. Biggs, Sr. the officiator. Pastor Jerry Grandberry was eulogist.

Active pallbearers were Princes Jamar Cleaver, Reginald Scott, Jr., Joseph Cleaver, Larry D. Cleaver, Jr., Jaydaydrick Earvin, Eugene R. Cleaver, Jr. and Antonio Crossley.

Honorary pallbearers were Michael D. Cleaver (Army), James H. Sneed, Sr., Rev. James B. Briggs, Jr., Carlton M. Briggs, Sr. (Army), Joshua Cleaver and Antione Cleaver.

Rev. Cleaver was born August 27, 1953 in Tyler, Texas to the parents of Lowell W. Cleaver and Jewell Cleaver.

He was preceded in death by his parents, son, Nicky Reed Cleaver; stepsister, Delores Mass and brother-in-laws, Willie B. Mass and Arthur Richards.

James became a member of New Bethel Baptist Church as a child and the family moved to Lubbock, Texas in 1956. James attended Wheatley Elementary School, attended Alderson Junior High School.

After moving to Dallas, Texas, he attended Sarah Zumwalt Middle School. He transitioned to the U. S. Navy on May 31, 1972 until January 4, 1973. After he received a head injury, he was honorably discharged

and was always willing to help friends and family whenever he could. Friends, family and those who had the opportunity to know him will forever miss his presence.

Henry was preceded in death by his parents, Mary Magdelene Bean and Henry Columbus Bean Sr.; his stepfather, L.C. Brown and two brothers, Clyde Bean and Edward Bean.

Henry leaves to cherish his memories: his daughters, Lacona Harrell (Michael Pruitt) and Kristilyn Walters; his sons, Ticy Bean (Tiffany) and Kevin Williams (Rosary); his sisters, Enola Harrell (J.W.), Barbara Bean, Gracie Mae Bean, Michelle Shelton, Sherri Shelton, Angela Pylike and Kristiana Bean; a special brother, Tommy Joe Hines; a special lifelong friend, Valerie Dever; 17 grandchildren; three great-grandchildren and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Garden & Arts Will Host Reception

The Lubbock Municipal Garden and Arts Center (GAC) will host a reception on Friday, December 6, 2013 from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. for the opening of the 2013 Star / Cross / Angel exhibit. The annual exhibit will feature works for sale in a variety of media that have a star, cross or angel in the piece. The evening will include refreshments and a group of arts and crafts vendors selling holiday gifts under \$50. The event is free and open to the public.

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Tabitha Nell Shedd

Funeral services for Tabitha were held Friday morning, November 15, 2013, at St. Luke Missionary Baptist Church with Pastor J. H. Ford officiating.

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

Shedd, 43, of Lubbock, Texas, passed away on November 10, 2013.

Tabitha was born on October 21, 1970, to the parentage of the late Jonathan West and Rita Robinson in Lubbock. She was a member of Divine Love Baptist Church.

Tabitha joined Edward Shedd Jr. in holy matrimony on June 23, 2003. She was employed with Lubbock Independent School District for 18 years and also worked at Girlings Home Health Care.

Tabitha was preceded in death by her parents; and one brother, Joe Ray West.

She leaves to cherish her



memories: her husband, Edward Shedd Jr.; two daughters, Akasha White and Rinisha Shedd; one son, Edwin Shedd; five sisters, Shirley Hendrix (Kevin), Samantha York (Delwane), Annie Williams (James), Mary Spencer (Raymond) and Shiela Johnson (John); five brothers, Sammy West (Brenda), Jonathan West (Vera), Charles West (Cynthia), Ricky West (Chris) and Shawn West (Gracie); two grandchildren, Gerayian Richards and Gadyan Richards and a host of other relatives and friends

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Inspire us to seek our brothers amid the strife

Victory in Thee will be our guiding star.

In courage we march not caring how far

Now we ask for the most important thing.

Grant us salvation to escape death's sting.

In Jesus Name, AMEN!!!



Why are black murder victims put on trial?

By LZ Granderson, CNN Contributor



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_nLaughs.

(CNN) -- Renisha McBride's toxicology report is out and now we know the 19-year-old had a blood-alcohol level that was more than twice the legal limit for driving. This would explain why, according to her family, she was involved in a single-car accident.

However, it does not explain why Theodore Wafer shot her in the face.

McBride's family says she was seeking help after the crash and knocked on the door of Wafer's house in Dearborn, Michigan, a suburb of Detroit. The 54-year-old Wafer, who is white, told in-

vestigators he feared McBride, who is black, was trying to break in.

There are too many unanswered questions to know exactly what happened that night. But we do know this: If a black man told police officers "self-defense" was the reason why he shot an unarmed white teenage girl in the face with his shotgun, it would not have taken protests, national media attention and nearly two weeks for authorities to reject that excuse.

And this is why McBride's death -- ruled a homicide after protests and national media attention -- draws comparisons to that of Trayvon Martin, the Florida teen shot and killed by George Zimmerman, who is of white and Latino heritage, last year.

Not that the events leading up to their shootings are identical. They are not.

But statistics show the benefit of doubt granted to those who have spilled black blood is not extended as graciously when

roles are reversed. In other words, if someone told you a black man stalked, confronted and eventually murdered an unarmed white teenage boy, it's doubtful "self-defense" would get him off the hook.

And it shouldn't, because that sounds ridiculous.

But when the victim is black, the narrative that has historically characterized blacks as a menace -- the narrative that gets supported by out-of-context crime statistics, pop culture imagery and media coverage -- assigns culpability and thus plausibility.

On Friday, Wafer was finally charged with second-degree murder, manslaughter and possession of a firearm in the commission of a felony. We're finally on the road to finding out the truth, and perhaps even achieving justice for McBride. But will another high-profile, racially charged murder trial get us any closer to debunking the strain of thinking that places "fear for

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By Renetta Howard



For days before and since the "Government Shutdown" the only thing that we have heard a lot of pertains to the Affordable Health Care Law which is often called Obamacare, especially by individuals who object to its presence and reality in the United States. These same individuals also want to have the Supreme Court take another look at the law.

Any time you turn on the television or look at the news on the Internet, all you can see is the wholesale criticism of the law or the President and his role in the effectiveness of the law or lack thereof. There is much talk about the glitches in the sign up procedure as though there is no way to fix it. Somehow, it gives me the idea that there is foul play in the making of the glitches.

The constant blame attributed to the President is being done by individuals and groups who fail to realize that the law was produced by Congress. Congress is the law-making body of the United States of America. The President represents the executive branch of the government and his job is to sign a law into effect and see that it is executed.

The very people who are laying blame on the President, such as the defeated presidential candidate Mitt Romney, seemingly feel that it is his job to add fuel to the fire when his political allies seemingly got the fire started in the first place. The Republican Party just seemingly does not know how to gracefully

accept defeat.

Mr. Romney was defeated by President Obama and the Supreme Court upheld the Affordable Health Care Law as Constitutional. Many Americans hail the new law and what it means for American who otherwise would not be able to afford adequate health care. Lord knows this is one of the characteristics in our society which separates the "haves from the have nots."

This country has for quite a while now needed something to check the high cost of medical care. Doctors' prices are outrageous and medical facilities are off the chain! I had a procedure this year in a surgical center which took thirty minutes and was at the center about an hour. I was told that the cash price for the center would be \$578 and I could pay in two installments. I opted to have my medical insurance pay and only paid the \$100 copay. My insurance rejected the bill and it was later sent to me for \$4,000. This is a bill that I will die owing.

We need to get "in cinque" and take advantage of the Affordable Health Care Act. It makes your premiums affordable and it curbs the actions of insurance companies and the medical profession. Support our President and make our country stronger. Medicare recipients are not eligible for the program per se, but will still benefit from the curbs set on the insurance companies and the medical profession.

McBride, was reportedly in a single car accident and went out looking for help earlier this year.

You can tell yourself all these stories are just tragic one-offs if it makes you feel better. Parents of black children don't have the luxury.

Sure, there are plenty of examples of blacks committing crimes but how does that justify pre-emptive strikes? How does that make substituting "open season" with "self-defense", OK?

I remember something former NFL player Dhani Jones once told me: "A lot of upper-middle-class black people hear reports about a black athlete and assume he's guilty. ... If he's innocent, they'll see it more as a special case than the norm."

This attitude extends to society as a whole.

Assuming black people are inherently up to no good is not just something some white people are guilty of. There are blacks who are leery of blacks as well. That is the power of the narrative.

That is the subtlety of institutionalized racism. It doesn't wear a hood or burn crosses in a yard. Rather it's the subconscious element of our culture that looks at a black corpse and quietly puts it, instead of the perpetrator, on trial.

Perryton falls to Lubbock Estacado

CANYON — Field position and wind were as big a factor as anything in a Class 3A Division II bidistrict playoff game between Perryton and Lubbock Estacado at Happy State Bank Field at Kimbrough Memorial Stadium.

Estacado was able to overcome those things the best, scoring a touchdown early in the fourth quarter which held up for

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Marian Wright Edelman's Child Watch Column



We Need Immigration Reform Now!

Nine-year-old Jaime Gordillo Villa was born in the United States and is a good student who has gotten awards for both good grades and behavior. He wants to be a lawyer when he grows up to help immigrants and others who need help. He says he doesn't want people to suffer for things they didn't do. His family knows about suffering since coming to the United States to start a new life. Jaime adored his big brother. They studied and played soccer and video games together. But when his brother was detained by immigration officials his family had to spend so much money on lawyers to try to keep him here that they lost their home. And then his brother was deported anyway. Jaime's afraid his mother or father might be next if they are caught by the police and he might lose them too. He is one of fifty courageous children the Center for Community Change came to Washington, D.C. on November 14 to share their stories with members of Congress and urge them to pass immigration reform with a pathway to citizenship this year.

As the debate on immigration reform continues in Congress, millions of children have so much at stake. One in four children in the United States currently lives in an immigrant family, representing about 18.4 million children. Children of immigrants represent the fastest growing segment of the child population. Immigrant populations are diverse, but many children in immigrant families face significant challenges to their health and well-being, including poverty, lack of health insurance, low educational attainment, substandard housing, and language barriers. Any long term solution to our immigration system must take into account what is best for these children.

A recent report from Human Impact Partners (HIP), Family Unity, Family Health, highlights the need to protect children's rights and keep families together during immigration reform to ensure children's health. Family-focused immigration reform would result in better child health. Our current immigration policies push families apart and children into illness and poverty. HIP projects that if current policies remain unchanged, 43,000 U.S. citizen children will experience a decline in health status, 100,000 will develop signs of withdrawal, and over 125,000 will go hungry in the next year. Children of undocumented immigrants—the majority of whom are U.S. citizens—will

a 18-14.

Offense was a rare commodity in this game, especially in the first half, as each second half possession contained significant tension. But the Matadors (5-6) withstood a late Perryton drive to hold on and advance to the area round at Snyder next Saturday, November 23, 2013, at 2 p.m. Synder High School Tiger Stadium. Students \$2; Adults \$4 and \$5 at the gate.

"It came down to grit," Estacado coach Danny Servance said. "Our kids were determined and they refused to lose, and when you've got that attitude you've got something to be reckoned with."

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one's life" and an unarmed, dead black person in the same scenario far too often?

This is the same idea that says it's completely reasonable for the NYPD to continue to "stop and frisk" — a practice that disproportionately targets black people, despite its resulting in confiscation of a gun one-tenth of one percent of the time.

It's the idea that says two police officers, who fired 15 shots at an unarmed, 60-year-old black man in his own driveway, are the victims.

It's the idea that says there's no need to quickly make an arrest -- even though McBride's unarmed body is lying in a pool of blood and the nearby weapon is still warm -- because the killer may have "acted as a reasonable person would who was in fear for his life," as Cheryl Carpenter, the lawyer of the alleged shooter, claims.

Between 2005 and 2010, an Urban Institute study, using FBI data, found that white-on-black shootings were found to be justified 11.5% of the time in states that don't have stand-your-ground laws and 17% of the time in those that do -- the highest among all combinations. Black-on-white homicides were ruled to be justified 1% of the time in stand-your-ground states and even less frequently in states without the law.

Now, obviously statistics don't reveal the circumstances surrounding each shooting, but they do reinforce the narrative that black people are inherently more dangerous.

Thus Pasadena police were found "justified" in killing a black, unarmed 19-year-old college student who was falsely accused of robbery. Los Angeles police who shot and killed an unarmed black, autistic 27-year-old did so "in defense of their lives" according to their attorneys.

It's the same fear that led four police officers to fire 41 shots at an unarmed black man on the stoop of his New York apartment in 1999, hitting him 19 times. It's the same fear that led an officer to shoot and kill an unarmed 24-year-old black man who, like

THIS N' THAT

by T. J. Patterson

VERY IMPORTANT TOWN HALL MEETING FOR SATURDAY EVENING ON NOVEMBER 23, 2013!! THIS N THAT glad to see our veteran Lubbock City Councilman **FLOYD PRICE, DISTRICT TWO** call a very important **TOWN HALL MEETING** at the Mae Simmons Community Center.....2400 East Oak Avenue beginning at 6:00 p. m. According to Councilman Price there will be some **VERY IMPORTANT INFORMATION RESIDENTS OF DISTRICT TWO** really need to be aware of as it may determine the future of District Two.... Councilman Price is also encouraging residents to bring questions which may be on their

mind..... He wants to know what's on your mind..... So bring someone with you.

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tion with the **NORTH & EAST LUBBOCK DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION** in 2004.... **THIS N THAT** would like to know why it was not implemented..... Well that's past history..... but let's start asking economic development questions..... Just a few days ago **COUNCILMAN PRICE** has asked why there are roads being developed on the **EAST SIDE?** Of course he can't do it by himself but residents can really help..... Hopefully this new **\$18,000,000 JOAN Y. ERVIN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL** will serve as a catalyst for the District Two Area.... Attend Town Hall Meeting on Saturday Night!!

continue to suffer from trauma and fear of deportation which can lead to costly health consequences in their adult lives.

The Children's Defense Fund has joined with many child and family advocates supporting a set of key principles for children we hope Congress and the Administration will incorporate in immigration reform without more delay. Limbo is a very bad place for children to live.

First, we believe there must be a direct, clear, and reasonable pathway to citizenship. Any pathway to citizenship must be open, affordable, safe, and accessible to children in need of status, including beneficiaries of Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA), undocumented children under the age of 21, and unaccompanied immigrant children.

Second, our immigration system must uphold children's basic human rights and ensure access to critical public services, programs, and economic supports for children and their families. Protecting a child's human rights should include ensuring children receive legal represen-

tation before all immigration authorities and, for all unaccompanied children, the appointment of an independent child advocate from the moment of detention throughout the course of any immigration or other related court proceedings.

Third, we need to ensure enforcement efforts have appropriate protections for children. In all enforcement actions, including those along the border, the best interests of the child should be a primary consideration and children must be given the benefit of the doubt during any investigation or detention. There should be appropriate and accountable training policies for interacting with and screening children that reflect a humanitarian and protection-oriented approach, prohibit the use of force with children, and create reasonable and safe conditions for children.

Finally, we must keep families together. All policies regarding admissibility, enforcement, detention, and deportation of children and their parents must consider the best interests of children, including enabling im-

migration judges to exercise discretion in admission and removal decisions based on the hardship to U.S. citizen and lawful permanent resident children. The immigration system must be updated by resolving current backlogs and ensuring family-based immigration channels are adequate for future migration without lengthy family separation.

As the youngest and most vulnerable members of our society, every child within our borders should have access to the services and resources they need to survive, grow, and thrive. As our nation's leaders, hopefully, move forward with the important task of reforming federal immigration laws, I hope they will take into account the unique needs of children. Please urge your member in the House of Representatives to take action on immigration reform that promotes child well-being by ensuring families stay together and gives all children the opportunity to grow and thrive. The Senate has acted. The House must vote—now.

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Councilman Price is encouraging all residents of District 2 to be in attendance and bring their questions with them.

"If you are a concerned citizen, and you want to know what's going on in Lubbock and District 2, you need to be in attendance, and get involved,"

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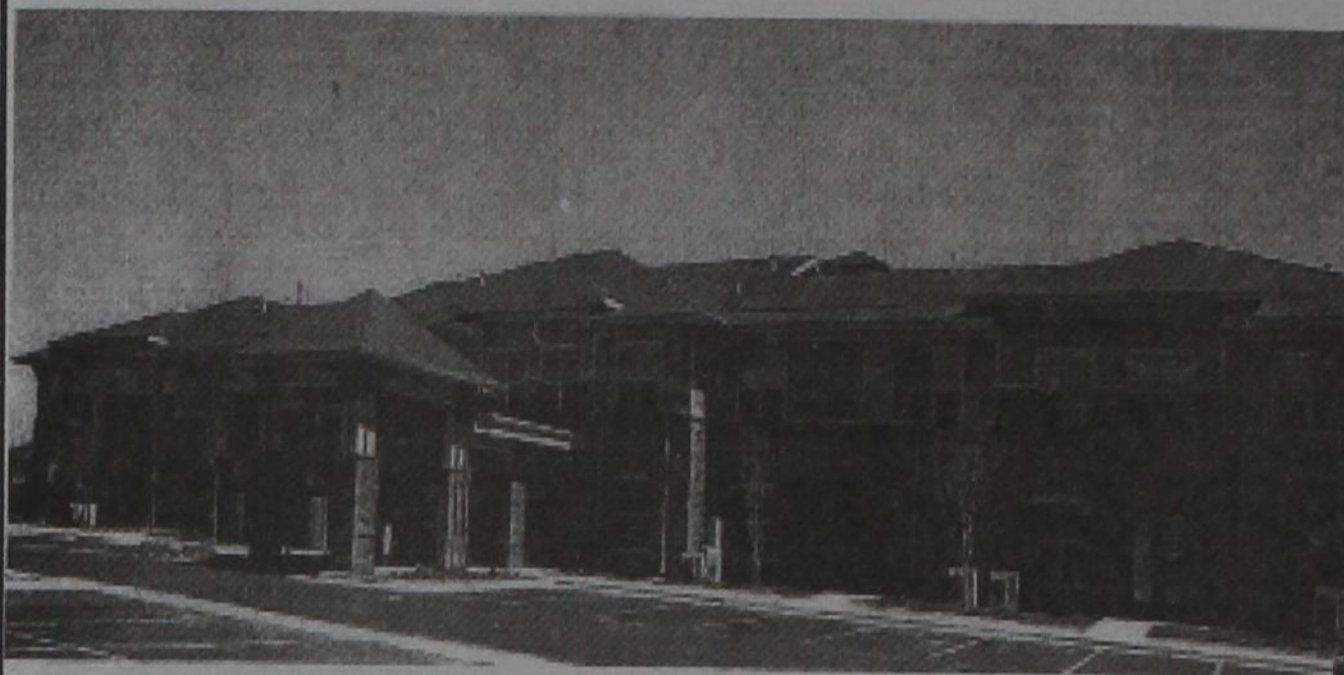
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said Councilman Price. Bring someone with you, he said!


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Professional Background

- Licensed insurance agent in the state of Texas
- Graduate of Wayland Baptist University
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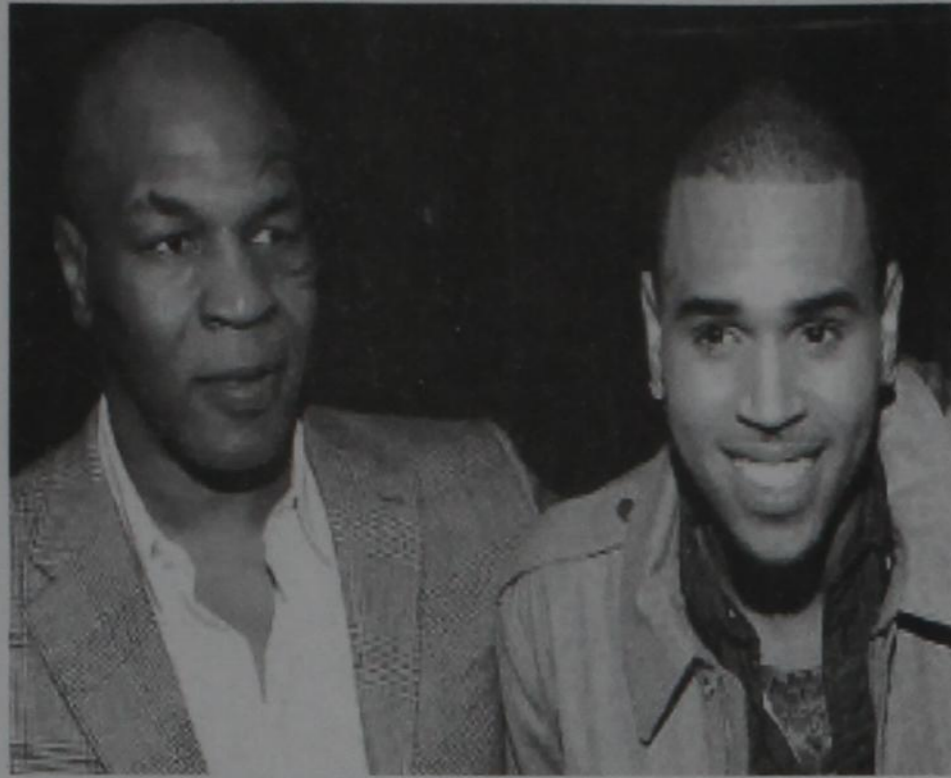
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Chris Brown Arrested, Checks Into Rehab; Mike Tyson Offers Good Advice



In the past few weeks, troubled singer Chris Brown was arrested (again) in DC for attacking a man outside his hotel, and also has reportedly checked into rehab with the goal of better controlling his emotions.

While most people have negative things to say, former boxing champion Mike Tyson had some kind, but tough words for Brown during a recent radio interview. Tyson said Brown needs to "get it together" and learn to control his temper. Otherwise, Tyson warned, he may one day have to face some more serious consequences.

Tyson, who has also struggled with anger issues in the past, commented, "I like and admire that little guy. I'm just worried about him."

He added, "If he keeps getting [involved in] these violent cases, they're gonna put him somewhere where that's all they do is assault people. Chris should know this... if you're not humble in this world, this world will thrust humbleness upon you."

The Associated Press reports that Brown may be facing jail time for the alleged assault, but the judge did downgrade the charge since the man was not seriously injured

United Supermarkets and Mrs Baird's Bread® Announce October Teachers On The Rise Winners

Last week, United Supermarkets, LLC (United) and Mrs Baird's Bread® announced the October recipients of the second annual Teachers On The Rise program. Since the launch in early September, nominations have poured in from students on the South Plains explaining why their teachers deserve this special recognition.

The three October winners are Latasha Dickerson of Rise Academy (independent charter school in Lubbock), Charlotte Watson of Evan Middle School (Lubbock ISD) and Charles Tabor of Olton High School (Olton ISD).

"We are thrilled to honor three exceptional teachers who have contributed to our community in such a profound way," said Shelby Crews, community relations manager for United.

"The Teachers On The Rise program serves to continuously remind our teachers of the tremendous impact they have on their students."

To nominate a teacher, students can log onto www.MrsBTeacher.com to fill out a brief entry on why their teacher(s) deserve special recognition. Winning teachers receive a \$100 United Supermarkets/Market Street/Amigos gift card and a \$100 VISA gift card. The student who nominates a winning teacher also receives a \$50 VISA gift card. New nominations

are accepted every month.

"We want The TTUHS SON/Larry Combest Community Health and Wellness Center, would like to cordially invite you to attend the East Lubbock Coalition for Community Health Improvement meeting. The EL-CCHI meeting will be held on Friday December 6, 2013 from 11:30 am - 1:00 pm in the Harwell Elementary Library (4104 Avenue D). Lunch will be provided, so please RSVP to me Michelle Hunter at michelle.hunter@ttuhsc.edu by Monday December 2, 2013 so that we have an accurate number of attendees for lunch. Come and hear all of the exciting news taking place at the Combest Center and our Community at large!! Looking forward to seeing you all there our teachers to know how appreciated they truly are for their hard work and dedication," said Jerry Cureton, sales director for Mrs Baird's. "Nominations are now coming in at higher volumes than ever before and we are moved to hear about these teachers' incredible passion for their students."

Three more South Plains teachers - one elementary, middle school/junior high and high school - will be named Teachers On The Rise in November and every month this school year.

Teachers On The Rise is also sponsored by the Texas Classroom Teachers Association, KAMC-TV, 102.5 KISS-FM and News Talk 790 KFYO. Follow the Teachers On The Rise Program throughout the school year, including the latest monthly winners on the Mrs Baird's and United Supermarkets Facebook pages: www.facebook.com/mrsbairds and www.facebook.com/unitedwest-texas.

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Annual Quilt Exhibit At Mahon Library

The South Plains Quilters Guild presents their annual quilt display at the Mahon Library, 1306 9th St., from now until December 31. Nearly 40 hand-made quilts of varying colors, sizes and designs are displayed from the library's second floor level. Each quilt tells a story that is a labor of love. Quilts include "Fantastic Fans," "Kitchen Chickens" and a "Grandchild Quilt" which incorporates baby clothes from four grandchildren. Other quilts are "Christmas Bears," "Indian Dreams," and "Trip Around the World." The quilt, "Many Mansions" won Best of Show at the 2013 Portales, New Mexico Quilt Festival and has 365 small houses on the quilt plus a larger center house.

Regular library hours are Monday through Wednesday 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Thursday through Saturday 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday 1:00 p.m. to 5 p.m.

For more information please call 806.775.2834.

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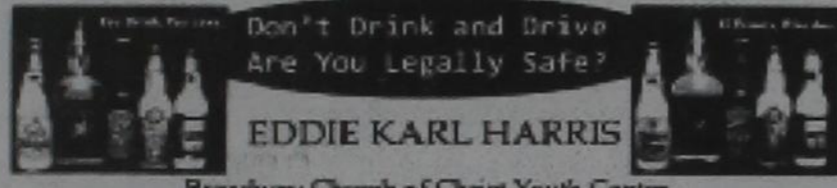
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The Lubbock Municipal Garden and Arts Center strives to offer an array of fun and comprehensive classes and events for all ages, from basic classes in painting, drawing and photography, to specialized classes such as stained glass, mosaics and more. The center is located at 4215 University Avenue.

For more information on classes or reservations please call the Lubbock Municipal Garden and Arts Center at (806) 767-3724.

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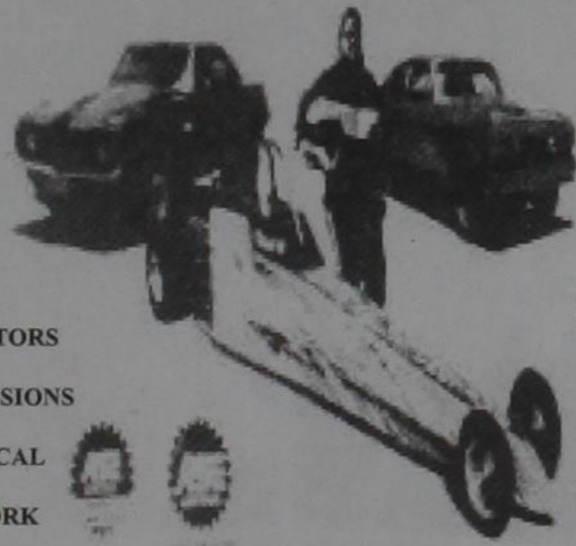


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HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF LUBBOCK ANNOUNCES A PUBLIC HEARING

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:

Individuals requesting reasonable accommodation should call 806-762-1191 for assistance. For the hearing impaired call TTY Relay Texas 1-800-735-2989.

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