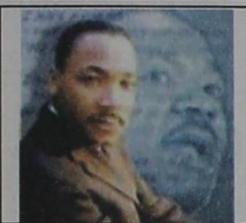


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Community Meetings

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

* The Unified Juneteenth Commission of Lubbock meets every Monday evening at 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.

ROOTS meets every 2nd Saturday at 2:00 p. m. at 20th & Birch Church of Christ, 2001 Birch Avenue. All Invited.

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

New Executive Director, Monique Coleman, of NELDC Wants To Work With Community



Monique Coleman

There is no doubt about it, somebody has been praying for the development of East Lubbock, and it appears as though something will happen. As it is written: "Rejoice in that day and leap for joy because great is your reward in heaven." Luke 6:23

Since July, 2014, the North & East Lubbock Development Corporation (NELDC) has hired a very qualified young lady. She is Monique M. Coleman who comes from the Long Range Planning Department of the City of Wichita Falls, Texas where she was responsible for Primary Zoning and Sub-division

Administration. She was employed in that position from July 9, 2012 until being hired as NELDC Executive Director.

In that position, she was responsible for managing, coordinating, and facilitating the platting process with city staff: Engineering/Building Inspection / Property Management/Health -- and corporate engineering firms/agents of developers. She also was responsible for the Planning & Zoning Commission, the Zoning Board of Adjustment, the Airport Board of Adjustment, and secondary for TIF Boards.

In addition to developing staff reports, memos, and other administrative tasks. She was responsible for coordinating and managing planning-related aspects of assigned comprehensive/long range planning projects -- such as the River Development Study and Lake Wichita Study for the City of Wichita Falls.

Prior to resigning from her position in Wichita Falls, she functioned as the Interim Sr. Planner managing development, from the Planning Division, for the City of Wichita Falls since July, 2013.

Other positions held by Ms. Coleman were with the City of Plano, Texas. From September, 2009 - June 29, 2012, she was the Planning and Grant Administration. In this position, she managed the development of neighborhood (sector) plans, facilitated community meetings, gave public presentations, developed and managed the City's neighborhood enhancement tool (N.E.T.) analysis or neighborhood evaluation model, which tracks neighborhood trends on an annual basis.

Also with the City of Plano, she served as Planner from October, 2008 until September, 2009. She administered the Neighborhood Planning Program and began working on comprehensive plan element updates before moving to the Community Services Division in September, 2009. In addition to writing neighborhood sector/action plans, she worked on special projects such as the Workforce

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Willie Blocker

Willie Blocker Retired Roofer Named Bethel Church Member of the Year

During the 7th Annual Friends and Family Day Celebration at the Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church on Sunday afternoon, August 10, 2014, the Trustees Department honored Willie Blocker as "Church Member of the Year." Sammie Sanders, Jr. presented a signature Bulvar watch to Brother Blocker.

After receiving the honor, with tears in his eyes, he said, "I thank God for all he has done for me, and I'm a member who really loves the Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church over the years."

Brother Blocker was born in Waco, Texas on July 7, 1925, and is the second child of nine children. He came to Lubbock in 1962 and went to work in the construction field. He has often talked about working on the Lubbock Coliseum, with the oval roof and he would walk like a duck to place new shingles on it. Today when you drive in that area of Texas Tech University, one can see some of his professional work.

He has been known as one of the best roofers in Lubbock. After working for a local com-

pany for more than twenty years, he observed how much money he was making for the company, and decided to venture into the roofing business for himself.

He advised young people in attendance of this annual celebration to go into business for yourself. "You're God's child and with Him you can do anything," he said.

Over the years he became a well known man of integrity, and was always seen helping senior citizens. No matter the task, Brother Blocker was willing to take it on. He was available to repair roofs and other parts of the homes he was asked to repair.

He has told the story of problems Black citizens have confronted. During his many travels, Brother Blocker had to travel from a city he was working to another in order to find a place to rest overnight. Brother Blocker recalls this in College Station, Texas. He also recalls serving in the U. S. Army during World War II, he rode on a troop train with other Blacks, and when they came into some cities, they had to pull the cur-

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Kaleb Dunn Loves To Fish!

This young 10 year old fellow, Kaleb Dunn, loves to fish. Every summer, he goes fishing and comes back with large ones. What's good about it, he loves fishing with his father.

He is the son of Derrick Dunn, and grandson of Ms. Faye Brown. Kaleb caught this catch on his summer fishing trip in Dallas, Texas. Prize catch is a 14 lb catfish, and a 20 lb alligator.



The J. A. Chatman Neighborhood Doesn't Need This Kind Of Negative Images!

(Photos Courtesy of Larry "Tue" Alexander)



HELP IS NEEDED! No matter how you look at it, the J. A. Chatman Park is a beautiful city park. Recently, the Parks and Recreation Department of the City of Lubbock replaced the

old playground equipment. This was great! But the rains came, and this was great. But in the meantime, the needed rain brought those nasty weeds. Since the Lubbock Public Schools will

open on Monday, August 25, 2014, it would be great for the Parks and Recreation Department to cut these weeds and tidy up this location. Our boys and girls would appreciate this!



GET THEIR LICENSE PLATES! If you see someone driving in your neighborhood and drop off mattresses, then take their license plates and call in to the Lubbock Police.

These mattresses are lying in the alley of 600 block of East 23rd Street and Fir Avenue.

Let's turn someone in for doing this. This hurts our neighborhood. Will you help?

If you have an announcement you want to appear in this paper, there are three ways to get information to us:

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Bridge 2 Success Summer Camp Wrap up!

Words cannot express the gratitude that we have for all who supported our Bridge 2 Success Summer Camp. Our average daily attendance was fifty campers.

From day one, our staff was ready to show each camper the love of Jesus and be an example of our theme, "A Servant's Heart." Our theme is based on the scripture of Mark 2:1-12. We wanted our campers to understand the foundation of The Bridge of Lubbock. Just like the

paralyzed man, it took the community and friends to carry him to Jesus and bring about healing. Those who carried him had compassion to take care of their fellow man.

This summer our campers got a glimpse of what it meant to have a servant's heart. They served at South Plains Food Bank, Lubbock Dream Center, and completed an East Lubbock clean-up day. It was a first-time and humbling experience for many of them.

We could have not been successful without the help of REACH Community, Community Christian Church, and Osteogenics and many other businesses and organizations that gave selflessly. They provided activities, devotionals, and meals for the campers all month long. By collaborating with these organizations, we were able to show the importance of surrounding yourself with other Christ-minded people.

The campers also had an opportunity to explore the latest amenities of our great city. Activities included a trip to Alamo Drafthouse, bowling, skating, swimming, self-defense classes, touring the courthouse and Texas Tech to name a few.

Our devotional and life-skills time really touched the hearts of our campers. Thirty-six of the campers had the opportunity to attend Crossview Christian Camp for a week. While there, six accepted Christ as their Lord and Savior, two re-dedicated their life to Christ and four decided to declare their faith in Jesus through baptism.

We appreciate your prayers and loving kindness, without them, we could not have served in a manner that would change and influence lives in a Godly way!

11th Annual T. J. Patterson, Sr. Golf Tournament Set In Humble, Texas

Humble, Texas -- The 11th Annual T. J. Patterson, Sr. Scholarship Golf Classic Tour 18 will be held on Tuesday, September 30, 2014, beginning at 1:00 p. m. with the Shotgun Start.

The golf course is located 3102 FM 1960 E. in Humble.

One may register online at www.tournament.com/tour18. For more information, contact Russ Cuss at (214) 533-1927.

This annual golf tournament is sponsored by Texas Association of Black City Council Members, TABCCM).

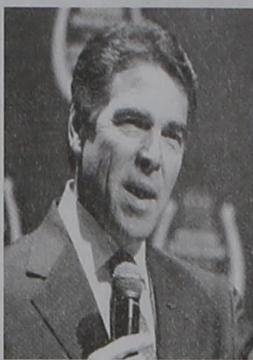
Patterson was the first Black elected as President of the Texas Municipal League, and first President of the TABCCM.

He served as city councilman of Lubbock for 20 years.

"It would be outstanding for some of Lubbock's golfers if they would participate in this tournament which brings some of the better golfers in Texas to play," said Patterson.

"Texas youth benefits from the proceeds of this tournament, and have been since 2002," said Patterson.

Grand Jury Indicts Perry Over Integrity Unit Veto



Gov. Rick Perry

A grand jury indicted Gov. Rick Perry on Friday, August 15, 2014, on charges of abuse of power and coercion as part of an ethics inquiry into his veto of funding for the state's public integrity unit.

The inquiry began last summer after an ethics complaint was filed, alleging that Perry had improperly used a veto to deny funding for the unit, which is housed in the Travis County district attorney's office and focuses on government corruption

and tax fraud.

After District Attorney Rosemary Lehmborg pleaded guilty to drunken driving last year, Perry threatened to withhold \$7.5 million in funding over two years for the integrity unit if Lehmborg did not resign.

Lehmborg, a Democrat, served a jail sentence but did not resign. Perry made good on his pledge and vetoed the state budget's funding line item for the unit. Though Perry has the authority to veto items in the budget, his critics said that this was done expressly for political purposes and is a crime.

That was the rationale used by Texas for Public Justice, a left-leaning money-in-politics watchdog group that filed the initial complaint last June. The complaint said Perry was guilty of coercion of a public servant, official oppression and abuse of official capacity.

Perry's office has repeatedly said that his veto was appropriate and that he violated no laws.

Texas Democratic Party Chairman Gilberto Hinojosa called on

the governor to step down. Perry has "brought dishonor to his office, his family and the state of Texas," Hinojosa said in a statement.

The Austin-American Statesman reported in June that Perry would probably not testify before the grand jury, which has been meeting periodically for months, though several staffers from his office and from Travis

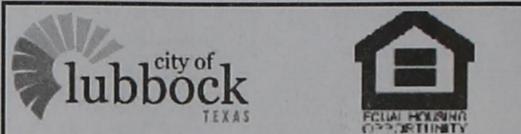
County testified.

Last August, the Travis County Commissioners Court voted to provide some of the funding to the public integrity unit.

Lehmborg declined to comment on the indictments.

Thank God!!!

Happy moments, praise God.
Difficult moments, seek God.
Quiet moments, worship God.
Painful moments, trust God.
Every moment, thank God.



Community Development Contractor Registration

The City of Lubbock's Community Development Department will host an open registration period for existing approved bidders, General Contractors, Sub-contractors, and all new interested General Contractors and Sub-Contractors who are not currently registered with Community Development and are interested in bidding on the following programs funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA):

Program include: New Construction, Demolition, Housing Rehabilitation, Home Reconstruction, Emergency Repair, HEEELP Program, Barrier Free and other programs administered through Community Development.

Registration for approved bidders and application packets for new contractors will be made available as follows:

City of Lubbock
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1611 10th Street Second Floor
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07-28-2014 thru 08-29-2014
Time: 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
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Minority and Women Owned Business are encouraged to register.

For further information call Rey Arias at 806-775-2298.

United Family Launches Rewards Program in West Texas

The United Family® today announced the expansion of its Rewards program to West Texas guests of all United Supermarkets, Market Street, Albertsons Market, Amigos and United Express locations. The free program launched at all seven Dallas/Fort Worth Market Street locations in April, and offers guests a customized shopping experience designed to save time and money.

When West Texas guests join the new program, they will receive product recommendations, digital coupons and product discounts that are individually tailored to their shopping habits, allowing each guest to easily take advantage of relevant offers. Access to deals, coupons, promotions and sweepstakes is available to members only.

"Expanding our engagement program will provide our West Texas guests with enjoyable and exciting opportunities to shop more, save more and earn member discounts and coupons based on their own shopping patterns," said Robin Cash, loyalty marketing manager for The United Family.

Signing up is easy and can be done at www.unitedtexas.com, using the new United Family mobile application (app), or by visiting in-store kiosks at any of the company's 61 West Texas locations. At checkout, guests will only need to provide a phone number or unique 10-digit alternate ID, rather than carrying a

membership card.

The new app, available for iPhone and Android, allows guests to update their profile for a more customized shopping experience. With one touch, guests can create and share shopping lists via text and email, as well as add unique recipes and coupons directly from their smart phone.

To download the mobile app, iPhone and Android users can search keyword "United Market" in the Apple App Store or Google Play. Guests who have the current United Supermarkets app must download the new United Market app to access the customized reward features of the loyalty program.

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Carbon Pollution Limits Can Help Save Lives and Improve Health

By Harold P. Wimmer,
National President and CEO, American Lung Association, and
Thomas Ferkol, MD, President, American Thoracic Society

Few things are more frightening for a parent than racing to the hospital with a child who can't breathe. Few things are more difficult for a physician than telling a family that a loved one will not recover from an asthma attack. We work with people who know those experiences far too well and—because of those experiences—support reducing carbon pollution.

The American Lung Association and the American Thoracic Society members and volunteers understand the impact of polluted air. We know that, as a nation, we have to do more to protect the ability of people to breathe, and that requires us to reduce carbon pollution from power plants.

It isn't enough for physicians to educate patients about the health risks of air pollution, and for parents to keep their children with asthma indoors on bad air days. We must reduce pollution before it takes a further toll on our children and families.

As a nation, we have cut air pollution by over 70 percent since 1970, but today more than 147 million Americans (nearly half of the U.S. population) still live where the air is unhealthy to breathe. Warmer temperatures from climate change will make it even harder to reduce air pollution in many places, and increase the likelihood of drought, wildfires and other threats to our health.

Fortunately, we can fight those threats.

Recently, hundreds of people attended public hearings hosted by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in Denver, Atlanta, Pittsburgh and Washington, DC to speak out in support of the proposed Clean Power Plan to place first-ever limits on power plant carbon pollution. They spoke up because they recognize that reducing carbon pollution benefits the health of communities across the nation.

The EPA's Clean Power Plan provides states with tools to reduce the carbon pollution from power plants by 30 percent, moving us forward in the fight against climate change. But the plan would do more than that. When fully implemented, the carbon reduction plan will also reduce lethal air pollutants such as nitrogen oxides, sulfur dioxide and mercury by 25 percent, preventing up to 6,600 premature deaths and 150,000 asthma attacks in children each year. The plan would also help prevent heart attacks, hospital admissions and missed days of work or school due to illness.

Public health experts call this prevention. For the rest of us, it's just simple common sense. That is why both our organizations support efforts of the EPA to establish national limits on carbon pollution. If we, as a nation, act responsibly now to reduce carbon pollution we can simultaneously improve our air quality now and prevent many of the adverse health and environmental impacts for future generations.

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AFT President on the Death of Michael Brown and Events in Ferguson, Mo.

WASHINGTON— Statement from American Federation of Teachers President Randi Weingarten on the events in Ferguson, Mo.

"The events unfolding in Ferguson are exposing exactly what excessive polarization and imbalances of power are doing to our society—unraveling even the most basic dignity and respect. Today is supposed to be the first day of school in Ferguson, but this would-be time of promise is instead filled with despair. At a time like this, when an unarmed student was gunned down, we must mourn and we must investigate, as President Obama has promised to do. And though I pray for the family of Michael Brown and the families of all young black and brown men who are grappling with this tragedy, prayers aren't enough. We must come together and act, which starts with both healing and respecting peaceful protest. Ultimately, we must overcome the polarization and divisiveness—because every child deserves to grow up in a safe and welcoming community."

Seventy is the new 50

Seventy is the new 50, but some seniors feel like they are 40 years old again, according to the Association of Mature American Citizens. For one thing, people are not only living longer these days, they're living healthier, more active lives and so the concept of retirement is changing.

Many older Americans need to continue working past the traditional retirement age of 65 to make ends meet. Others want to stay on the job because it provides them with a sense of contentment; working makes them feel that they have purpose, says AMAC.

THIS N' THAT

by T. J. Patterson

SOMETHING IS SPECIAL ABOUT THE NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF NELDC, MONIQUE M. COLEMAN!!! THIS N THAT has had an opportunity to sit for an hour plus with **SUPT. W. D. HAYNES** and the newly hired **MONIQUE M. COLEMAN**..... and just observing the knowledge she has acquired over the years as a Planner II, Planner and Program Specialist/Community Development Coordinator.... with three different political sub-divisions..... brings home the fact she has the

talents and abilities to do some **VERY POSITIVE THINGS** as the new hired **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR** of the North & East Lubbock Development Corporation (NELCD)..... In the opinion of **THIS N THAT** really believes that **HOPE IS ON THE WAY** for many things to happen in East Lubbock..... Now **THIS N THAT** knows it will take time and there must be some economic seeds planted in order for there to be some positive growth. **THIS N THAT** observed her words spoken at the "Meet & Greet" of new

LISD Teachers and found her to be on target..... You know **THIS N THAT** has wondered how can a **BLACK SUMMIT** be established in East Lubbock which could address the possibility of developing a **5 STAR BANK** in East Lubbock..... You see with **6.5 BILLION DOLLARS** being deposited into local banks in Lubbock during 2013..... Surely there is an opportunity to do same in East Lubbock.... More than 40,000 residents reside in **DISRICT TWO**... Oh yes we can! Plant seeds!! Begin Today!

Lubbock MSA Growth Continues Upward Trend Hub City Area Economy Adds Over 4,000 Jobs Annually

The Lubbock Metropolitan Statistical Area's (MSA) economy continued to show growth in July, up 2 percent with an annual increase of 3.2 percent, adding 4,200 not seasonally adjusted nonfarm jobs over the last year. Despite most of the state MSAs decrease in government sector jobs due to shedding staff for the end of the school year, the Lubbock MSA was the only area showing an increase over the month, adding 100 government industry positions.

The Trade, Transportation and Utilities industry led the monthly job growth, adding 300 new positions and leading all major Lubbock MSA industry growth with the addition of 1,500 jobs over the past year. Leisure and Hospitality industry followed, adding 1,000 positions and experienced the greatest annual percentage growth of 6 percent.

"The growth in these industries are reflective of the continued expansion of our 'Hub City' area. As we bring quality attractions and more business to the Lubbock area, we can expect

this upward trend. We are proud Lubbock citizens recognize and support our vision of growth and securing our future prosperity," said Workforce Solutions South Plains CEO Martin Aguirre.

The Lubbock-Crosby area's Civilian Labor Force (CLF) continued steady growth, adding 1,500 individuals to the Lubbock MSA over the last month for a total annual increase of 2,300.

Lubbock MSA's 4.7 percent unemployment rate remains well below the nation's unemployment rate of 6.5 percent and below the state's unemployment rate of 5.6 percent.

All major industries in the state expanded over the month. Professional and Business Services led the way in growth, adding 10,600 jobs to the Lone Star State. Eight of the 11 major industries in the state reported annual growth rates higher than 3.0 percent, including Professional and Business Services; Trade, Transportation and Utilities; Mining and Logging; and Construction.

"Private employers added

42,400 jobs in July, which shows their vital role in the Lone Star State's economy," said TWC Commissioner Representing Employers Hope Andrade.

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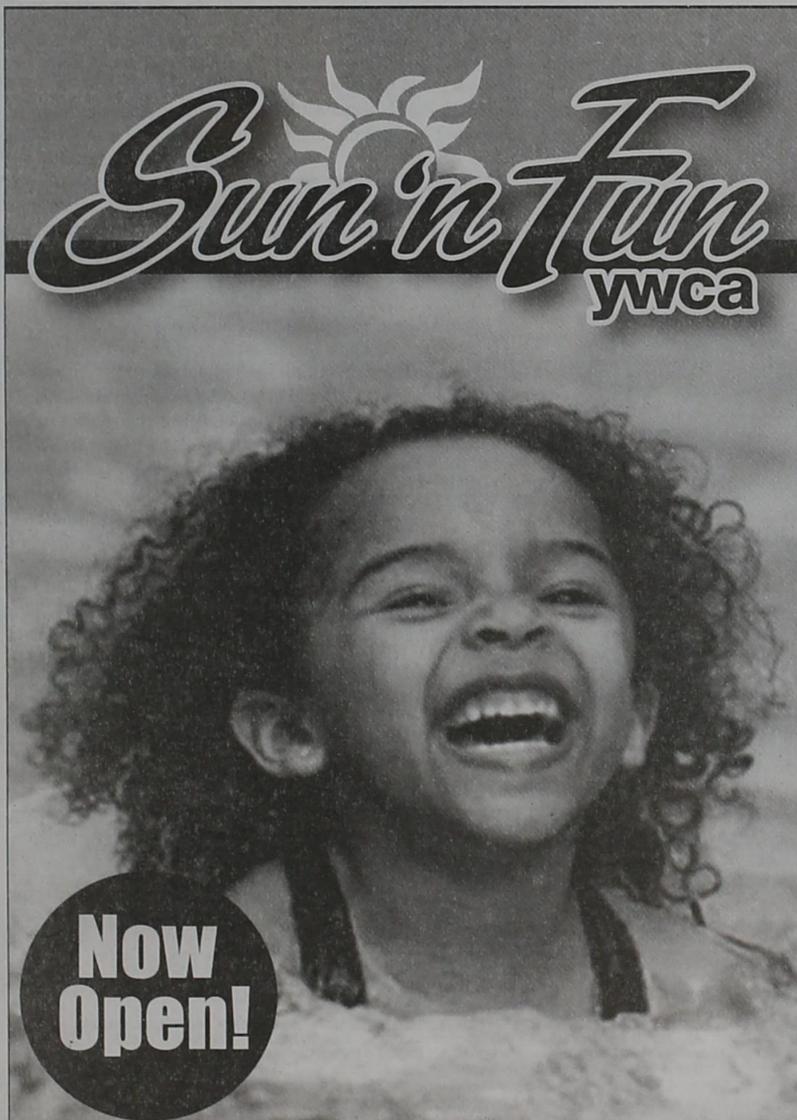
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Kim Lehman is Public Information Officer, Dir. PR and Marketing Workforce Solutions South Plains.

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Job 23:10

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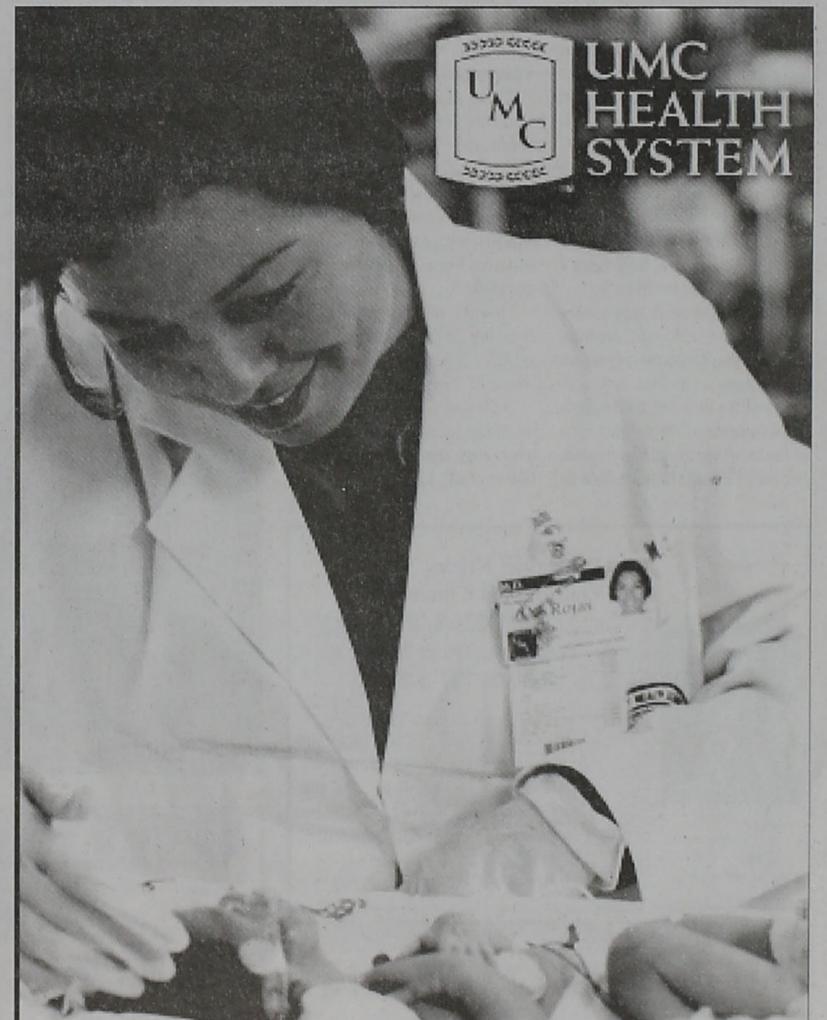
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Isaiah 55:6-7 -- Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near: Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; and let him return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

There are many people: **WITH WHAT IS CALLED BIG PROBLEMS OF TODAY.** They're now COMMITTING SUICIDE, EVEN BLACKS; SAY THAT IS THE ONLY WAY!!!

John 14:6 -- Jesus said, I am the way, the truth, and the life; no man come unto the Father but by Me.

They don't know: **EVERY PROBLEM HAS ITS ANSWER; JESUS IS NOT HARD TO FIND** -- And if you'll talk it over with HIM; HE'LL GIVE YOU A PEACE OF MIND!!!

*** EVEN THE ACTOR ROBIN WILLIAMS; HE NEEDED JESUS!!! ***

Matthew 11:28-30 -- Jesus said, come unto me, all you that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke (THE BIBLE) upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and you shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke (THE BIBLE) is easy, and my burden is light.

All mankind need to do is:

HUMBLE THEMSELVES; GET ON THEIR KNEES AND PRAY -- GOD KNOWS IT ALL -- AND KNOWS WHAT YOU'RE GOING TO SAY.

Jeremiah 23:23-24 -- Am I a God at hand, said the Lord, and not a God afar off? Can any hide himself in secret place that I shall not see him? Said the Lord. Do I not fill heaven and earth? Said the Lord.

So **HE OR SHE CAN SAY: YA'KEYM; OK UDH'SNDJ' JSI -- WHAT SOME CALLS SPEAKING IN UNKNOWN TONGUES -- KNOW MATTER HOW ONE SPEAKS -- GOD KNOWS WHERE YOUR HEART'S COMING FROM!!!**

I Samuel 16:7b -- For the Lord sees not as a man sees; for a man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart.

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John 3:16 -- Jesus said, for God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son (JESUS) that whosoever (THAT'S YOU) believe in him (JESUS) should not perish, but have everlasting life.

In **THIS WORD'S HOG PEN, MANY PEOPLE SAY THEIR LIFE IS HARD. BUT THE WAY TO EASY IT; JUST HAVE A TALK WITH GOD!!!**

Isaiah 1:18 -- Come now, and let us reason together, said the Lord: thou your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool.

Oldest building at The Alamo to get new roof, temporary closure planned

THE ALAMO, Texas -- A roof replacement project at the oldest building at The Alamo will begin soon.

The Long Barrack, located just northwest of the Alamo sanctuary and the only building on the complex which hosts a museum, will be closed starting Monday, Aug. 18. Work is expected to continue through mid-October.

Construction will not affect any other buildings or the complex. The Alamo church, the Shrine of Texas Liberty, will continue to be open year-round.

"This project is part of our ongoing effort to maintain these hallowed grounds out of respect for those who made history here," said Texas Land Commissioner Jerry Patterson, who

St. Matthew Baptist Church News

Church services were well attended at the St. Matthew Baptist Church, 2020 East 20th Street, on Sunday morning, August 17, 2014, where the proud pastor is the Reverend Edward Canady.

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

Praise God for the knowledge we receive during our Sunday School hour. Our teacher is none other than Sister Susie Davis. She does a splendid job. During the discussion, everyone has their opportunity to participate. This allows all to learn.

The Sunday School lesson was entitled "Down But Not Out." The scripture text was II Corinthians 4:2-15. What a tremendous lesson for all in attendance.

oversees the Alamo.

The current exhibit in the Long Barrack, "The Alamo: A Story Bigger Than Texas," will resume once the Long Barrack reopens to the public. A few of the items will go on temporary display in the Shrine but the majority will be in secure storage until the roof replacement project is complete. A fence and scaffolding will surround the Long Barrack through the duration of the re-roofing project.

Over the years, moisture has slowly collected underneath the Long Barrack roof which, if left unaddressed, could jeopardize its structural integrity. The new roof will make for a safer environment for artifacts and will preserve the building for gener-

Just want to know, have you ever been down but not out! Something to think about.

The Sunday morning devotion was conducted by Rev. Lonnie Phenix and Sister Susie Davis. The spirit was very high. What a time we all had!!!

Pastor Canady entered the Church with the Choir singing again from their hearts. What an outstanding gesture to see happen at the St. Matthew Baptist Church. God is awesome!

The morning sermon was delivered by Pastor Canady. His subject was "How Much Fruit Are You Bearing?" His scripture text was St. Matthew 13:22-23.

What an informative sermon it was for all in attendance to hear.

The morning announcements were read by Sister Shirley Canady, our First Lady. Praise God for all she does at the St. Matthew Baptist Church.

And visitors may expect a renovated theater in the Long Barrack, sponsored by the History Channel, along with a new Alamo history film.

The Texas General Land Office (GLO), as the official steward of the Alamo, is leading the

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

The Missionary Society meets on Wednesday evenings at 5:00 p. m. Come and take part and you will be glad you did.

Bible Study is also held on Wednesday evenings, beginning at 6:00 p. m. We are having a great time learning together.

The St. Matthew Baptist Church Ushers meet on Friday evenings at 5:00 p. m. If you want to be a Door Keeper, then come and work with us.

Choir Rehearsal is held on Saturday afternoon, beginning at 3:00 p. m.

If you enjoy singing and you can sing, then do come and join us.

The Missionary Society is sponsoring a Garage Sale on Saturday, August 23, 2014, beginning at 8:00 a. m. until 4:00 p. m.

This Garage Sale will be held at the St. Matthew Baptist Church, 2020 East 14th Street.

Come all, and you will be glad you did.

Thought For The Week: *The Christian life is a process in which we learn complete dependence on God.*

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And the heat goes on... and on... and on

Dr. James L. Snyder

This past week found me in a bit of trouble with the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage... well, more than normal. It has become rather normal for me to be in trouble with her. No matter how hard I try "not to be," it always is "to be."

This week was a high point for me getting into trouble. I never relish getting into a pickle with her, but sometimes it is unavoidable.

All week long, I had been murmuring and complaining about how hot it was. "I've never seen such hot weather," I grumbled. "I don't know how long I can take this hot weather."

You would think that someone my age would have learned long ago that some things should not be vocalized. This is America, and we all have the right to speak our mind although much of the time we should not speak our mind aloud; at least, not to

the point that someone, especially someone living under the same roof, can hear you. I have found that the thing that enhances romance is the sounds of silence.

I guess it was getting a little wearisome with all my complaining, but after all, the weather was really hot.

Then, she looked at me and said, "If I hear you complain about the weather one more time, I'm... I'm... I'm..." The look on her face indicated that she was not at a loss for words; she was just trying to control herself and save herself from early widowhood.

I truly respect people who have the ability to control themselves, especially the people who live under our roof.

I almost said something, but for some reason I had a flash of temporary sanity. I said nothing, but smiled. I am not boasting

here, but I am really good at saying nothing. Even when talking, my wife tells me I am saying nothing.

Saying nothing has gotten me out of many a jam, particularly with my wife. There are times when husbands and wives should sit down and have a rather invigorating conversation. Then there are times when the husband should shut up. I never know which time is which.

It was then that my wife laid out the facts for me to evaluate. How she can remember everything is simply beyond me. However, how do I know she is actually remembering things as they were and not making them up?

It seems, according to her impeccable recollection, that a few

months ago I was complaining about how cold it was and anxious for the hot weather to come. "You were just as grumpy about how cold it was as you are now about how hot it is."

Then she put her hands on her hip and looked at me with "that look!" and said, "I don't mind you complaining about one or the other but I really do mind you complaining about everything. You're going to have to make up your mind whether you hate the cold or the heat, and then stick to it."

That put a new light on the situation, and a new burden on me. Now, according to her latest admonition, I need to choose the heat or the cold. I am tempted, although I know better, to complain about this. I do not think it

is fair that I have to choose one or the other. I think I should be able to hate both the cold and the heat.

However, here is the problem. If I choose to complain about the heat, then what do I do in the wintertime when it gets cold? Faced with a real dilemma I took it to my good wife and asked, "Can I hate the heat in the summer and hate the cold in the winter, if I alternate it every other year?" To me this sounded like a very reasonable request. After all, I was accommodating her request and getting in my share of complaining.

If you would spend as much time thinking of positive things to say as you do complaining it would be absolutely wonderful.

But how can you think of something positive about the heat when you are sweltering? And, how can you think about something positive about the cold when your bones are shivering to death? Mistakenly I told my wife my dilemma.

"I think I have you figured

out," she said. "You're positively negative about everything."

There is only one thing worse than having your wife figure you out. There must be, but I cannot think of any thing right now.

I will not say my wife is right, only that she is not wrong. I must say I have a tendency to complain about everything. Some people can see the silver lining in every cloud whereas I see a cloud over every silver lining. I guess it is a person's perspective.

Thinking along this line, I remembered a verse in the Bible. "Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things" (Philippians 4:8).

Some people (like me) see a glass as half empty while others see it as half-full. There are those few souls (like my wife) who are thankful that there is any water in the glass of all.

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Obsequies

A. B. Josey

Funeral services were held for A. B. Josey on Monday morning, August 11, 2014, at the New Hope Baptist Church with Pastor B. R. Moton officiating.

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

Josey, 85, passed away on Tuesday, August 5, 2014.

He was born on February 8, 1929 in Madisonville, Texas to the parentage of Rev. John and Susie Sanchez Josey.

He married Esther Mae Kelley on March 29, 1955, and to this union five children was born.

Mr. Josey was employed with Plains Co-Op Oil Mill for over 30 years until his retirement.

He was preceded in death by: his parents, Rev. John and Susie Josey; and sisters: Ella Lee Josey and Florence Josey.

He leaves to cherish his precious memories: four sons: James Kelley, Larry, Albert and Lewis Josey; a daughter, Faye Kelley Josey; 14 grandchildren;



five great-grandchildren; and a host of other relatives and friends.

Elaine Orendra Ward-Davis

Funeral services for Elaine Orendra Ward-Davis were held on Friday morning, August 8, 2014, at the Community Baptist Church with Rev. Larry Brooks, pastor, officiating.

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

Davis, age 60, passed away on Thursday, July 31, 2014, at the University Medical Center surrounded by her loving family and friends.

She was preceded in death by her grandparents, Woodrow and Allretta Locklin; her mother, Charlene Locklin-Morris; her step-father, Harold Morris, Sr.; and her father, Thomas Eddie Ward, Jr.



She leaves to cherish her precious memories: her daughter, Sealia Davis; granddaughters: Azaria Davis and Leilani Lacy; and a host of other relatives and friends.

James Edward Sterling

Visitation of the body of James Edward Sterling was held at the Griffin Mortuary & Funeral Home of Lubbock on Wednesday afternoon, August 6, 2014.

Sterling, 72, passed away on Monday, July 28, 2014 in Lawton, Oklahoma.

He was born March 7, 1942 to the parentage of Refus James Sterling, Jr. and Verna Mae Blandon. He graduated from Dunbar High School in 1963.

Sterling was a South Vietnam veteran. He served on the Deacon Board and sung in the Choir.

James was preceded in death by both of his parents and three siblings.

He leaves to cherish his memories: his wife, Willie Mae Sterling; five sons: Edwin Ster-



ling, Deshon Matthews, Isaac Neely, Derrick Hill and Clifford Moore; three daughters: LaTonya Owens, Lisa Robinson, and MShan Sterling; 12 grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; one sister, Clara Crawford; one brother, Gary Sterling; three step-sisters; one step-brother; one aunt, Rena Duncan; one uncle, Roy Toler; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Billy Wayne Bolton

Lamesa, Texas -- Funeral services for Billy Wayne Bolton were held Wednesday afternoon, August 6, 2014, at the St. John Baptist Church in Lamesa.

Interment was held at Lamesa Memorial Cemetery under the direction of Griffin Mortuary & Funeral Home of Lubbock.

Bolton was born November



22, 1954 in Lamesa, Dawson County, Texas. He was born to Willie Rayfield Bolton and Maude Katie Williams-Bolton.

He attended Blackshear Schools, and became a faithful attendee of the St. John Baptist church.

Mr. Bolton passed away at his home on Thursday, July 31, 2014.

He was preceded in death by: both of his parents; one brother, Joe Williams; and one sister, Minnie Mae Parson.

He leaves to cherish his memory: his wife, Angela Hawkins Bolton of Lamesa, Texas; four sons: Roderick Young of Lubbock, Texas, and Jeremy (Maria) Bolton, Lonnie (Iris) Hawkins, and Zachery (Katt) Hawkins, all of Lamesa, Texas; one daughter, Shavell (Glen) Chandler of San Diego, California; brothers: Willie Ray (Gwen) Bolton of Lubbock, Texas, Garfield (Henrietta) Bolton, James (Mary) Bolton, Darrell Bolton, and Dennis Bolton, all of Lamesa, Texas, Jo Bob Ephraim of Midland, Texas, and Brian Larry and Kevin Larry; six sisters: Fay (Tommy) Manuel, Ella (Ricky) Jackson, and Brenda (Kenneth) Jackson, all of Lamesa, Texas, Nichole Larry of Midland, Texas, and Barbara and Mookie of California; nine grandchildren; and four step-grandchildren.

Winner Named In Contest

The winner of the contest,

Loretta McNeal

Crosbyton, Texas -- Funeral services for Loretta McNeal were held Thursday morning, August 14, 2014, at Agape Temple COGIC of Lubbock, Texas.

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

McNeal, 53, of Crosbyton, passed away on Wednesday, August 6, 2014.

Loretta was born on March 29, 1962 in Crosbyton, Texas. She was the daughter of Henry McNeal and Allie Mae McNeal.

Loretta accepted Christ at a young age at Ford Memorial COGIC and became a member of Agape Temple COGIC. She was well loved by her family and friends. She enjoyed reading her Bible, listening to her gospel music, and spending time with her grandchildren.

Loretta leaves to cherish her



memories: daughters: Tarwanda Johnson (Johnny), Myisha McNeal, Regina Thomas (James), Shuenique Gigger (Theo), Laneysa Lockhart (Charles); one son, Lajuan McNeal (Chasity); siblings: Ray Charles McNeal (Rita) and Kent McNeal; 22 grandchildren; one great-grandchild; and a host of other relatives and friends.

New Roof For Alamo

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project. Architecture firm, Volz O'Connell Hutson, which specializes in historic buildings, is working with builders from Turner Construction under the oversight of the GLO and Alamo staff. The project meets the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties and has been permitted by the Texas Historical Commission.

For media inquiries, contact GLO Press Specialist Andy Hogue at (512)463-9212, (512)298-9996 (cell), or andy.hogue@glo.texas.gov. For general information about The Alamo please visit www.thealamo.org.

which appeared in the August 7, 2014 issue, "Name These Individuals", was Sandra Rogers. She named Bobbye Nathan and Coach Elton Conger.

There were others who submitted, but her postmark was the earliest. She will receive a One Year's Subscription to the Southwest Digest.

Social Security Launches 1st National my Social Security Week

In honor of the 79th Anniversary of the Social Security Act, Carolyn W. Colvin, Acting Commissioner of Social Security, invites everyone to celebrate the first National my Social Security Week. From August 17 through 23, 2014, Social Security will host numerous events to highlight the many benefits of a my Social Security account, a personalized online account people can establish at www.socialsecurity.gov/myaccount beginning in their working years and continuing throughout the time they receive Social Security benefits.

"I am excited about the first National my Social Security Week. A my Social Security account is a convenient, cost-effective and secure way for the public to do business with us from the comfort of their home, office or library," Acting Com-

missioner Colvin said.

With a my Social Security account, people can take control of their future by accessing their online Social Security Statement, which is a great financial planning tool that provides workers age 18 and over their complete earnings history and estimates for future retirement, disability and survivors benefits. The Statement allows workers to verify the accuracy of their earnings each year. This is important since earnings are the basis for determining future retirement benefits. Individuals who currently receive benefits can sign up for a my Social Security account to get an instant benefit verification letter, change their address and phone number, and start or change direct deposit of their benefit payment.

To date, over 13 million people have established an account. Events during my Social Security week include a Twitter chat on "my Social Security and Planning for Your Financial Future;" my Social Security sign-up events nationwide at local churches, libraries, federal government agencies, large employers, youth centers/organizations, senior centers, and colleges and universities; social media outreach including a Thunderclap campaign, and a National radio media tour.

"I am proud Social Security continues to provide world-class customer service that meets the changing needs of the public," Acting Commissioner Colvin said. "For those who aren't comfortable with the Internet and prefer to conduct business with us by telephone or face-to-face, we remain committed to maintaining a network of local offices to provide our services."

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Longtime Church Worker, Patricia Ann Walker, Succumbs

A longtime dedicated church worker, Mrs. Patricia Ann Walker, age 67, passed away on Tuesday, August 12, 2014.

Funeral services were held on Saturday morning, August 16, 2014, at the Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church with Rev. Darryl Willie, pastor, officiating.

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

Patricia was born on April 24, 1947 to the parentage of Walter Bailey and Emma Sanders in Lubbock.

She was employed at the University Medical Center for 16 years. She also worked for the Lubbock County Jail, Air Mart, and the South Plains Food Bank.

She was a very dedicated member of the Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church where she was a faithful member of the Stewardess Board, Ma Jones Missionary Society, a member of the Choir, and a dedicated member of the Sunday School Department.

She didn't talk long, but she would always greet you with a positive smile!

Patricia met and married Bobby Dell Walker on January 13, 1971.



She was preceded in death by her step-father.

She leaves to cherish her precious memories: her husband of 43 years, Bobby Dell Walker; twin daughters: Robbie and Bobbie Walker; a son, Timothy Bailey; four step-sons: Otis Walker, Frederick Walker, Jerry Walker and Quinton Walker; mother, Emma Rowe; three brothers and sisters-in-law; and a host of grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Pallbearers were Jamar Jordan, Troy Howard, Sr., Mark Sanders, Jr., Sammie Sanders, Jr., Mark Sanders, Sr., and Ke'Vondrick Jordan.

Honorary Pallbearers were Otis Walker, Fredrick Walker, Jerry Walker, Quinton Walker, Henry Jordan, Bernie Jordan, Eddie Rowe, and Timothy Drake.

Happenings At Mae Simmons Senior Citizens Center

If you are a Senior Citizen in Lubbock, Texas, there is an outstanding program for you to participate as a member. This center also provides a delicious meal, with home cooked vegetables, for you to eat. Oh, yes, there is a cost of \$3.00 for Seniors, age 60 and above. If you are under age 60, the cost is only \$5.00. Meals are served Monday - Friday, beginning at 12:00 Noon.

On Saturday, August 23rd, a Back 2 School Kidoff, from 9:00 a. m. until Noon. Grades K-12 Kids may come be presented a backpack at Mae Simmons Center.

On Friday evening, September 12, 2014, beginning at 7:00 p. m., "A Dance to the Oldies" will take place at Mae Simmons Senior Citizens Center. Come out and cut a rug on some of these Oldies!!! Do you think you can still cut a rug? Then come and show us!!!

Don't forget the Ladies Tea Party which will be held Tuesday, September 16, 2014, at Mae Simmons Senior Citizens Center. Come and enjoy tea and fellowship while decorating with sea shells.

Bingo is held at Mae Simmons Senior Citizens Center on Wednesday afternoons, beginning at 1:00 p. m. Bingo Boards are only 50 Cents each.

FREE Bingo is held on Fridays, beginning at 1:00 p. m. Bring a gift or give a donation.

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First Lady Michelle Obama & Essence Magazine Editor-in-Chief Vanessa K. Bush have put out the call in the August 2014 issue for us to be a champion for our children. Parent Champion Coach Tovi Scruggs has just released a book in full alignment with that national call and initia-

Senior Citizens On The Way Back To Their Mae Simmons Senior Citizens Center



Pictured above are four of the many East Lubbock residents who attend the Mae Simmons Senior Citizens Center each day. These residents enjoy meeting with their friends, playing games such as dominos, shooting pool and any other games which are available for them.

Every Wednesday, seniors have an opportunity to play Bingo, and if they BINGO, there is a special prize for them.

Each day, beginning at 12:00 Noon, a delicious meal is served for the Seniors. Many Seniors will tell you the green vegetables are delicious. A price of \$3.00 is asked for the meal. But no Senior leaves without eating.

If you are a Senior Citizen, why not come and participate with many of your friends who too are Senior Citizens. You'll enjoy just coming each day, Monday through Friday, and have a very rewarding day.

Those Seniors above, sitting, left to right, Jimmy Wilson and Moses Lewis. Leading the way, Elaine Rodgers, and Willie Flowers.

High School Principal Declares, "School Alone is not Enough to Ensure Your Child's Success"

Oakland, CA — It is no secret that many children in America are not being served by their schools. While everyone plays a role in this struggle and in its solution, no one group is more important than parents. Only when families and schools are committed to partnering can all children truly succeed.

Tovi Scruggs says the answer is not simply parenting, but "educational parenting," a term she has originated to get parents and school systems to look at serving



Tovi Scruggs

students better for academic suc-

cess; the book is titled Be a Parent Champion: A Guide to Becoming a Partner with Your Child's School.

Tovi Scruggs, co-founder of ASA Academy & Community Science Center and now principal of a large comprehensive public high school in the Bay Area, wrote Be a Parent Champion: A Guide to Becoming a Partner with Your Child's School and conducts corresponding interviews, workshops, and book talks that are designed to motivate and educate parents to be their very best as school partners. Parents are inspired to analyze, reflect, and take action in regard to how they co-educate their children by partnering with their child's school. Parent Champion is the must-have book for this school year!

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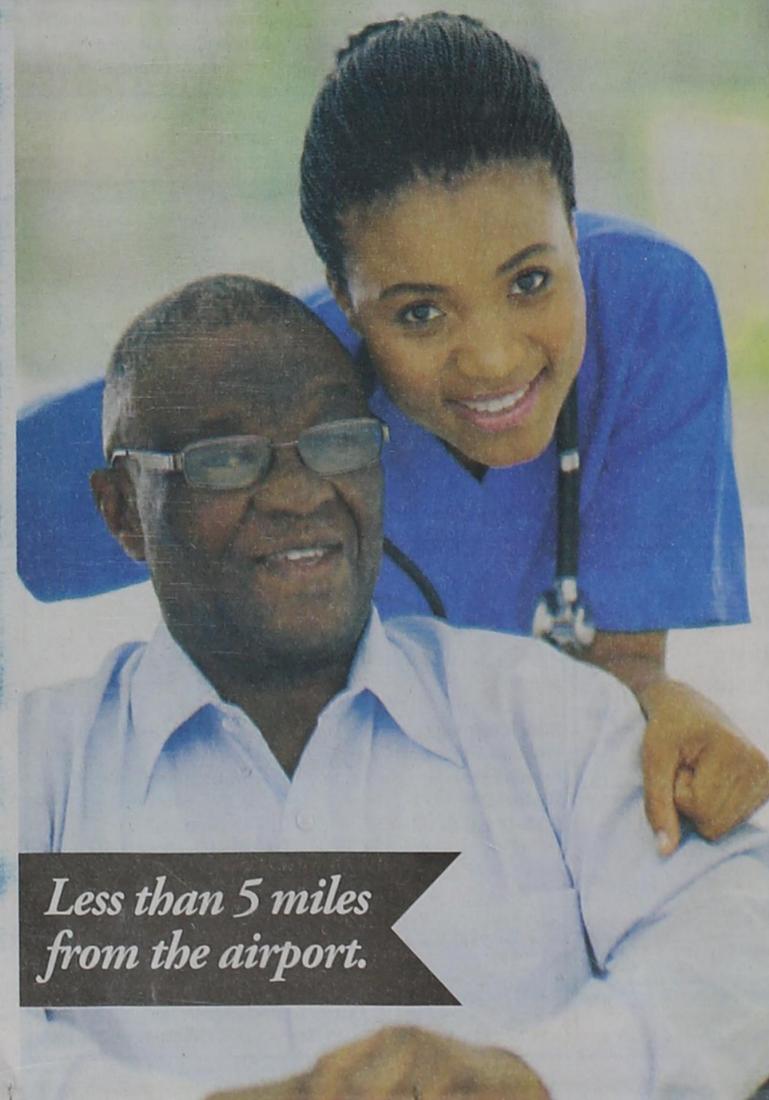
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Black People Have A Right To Be Raging Mad!!!



Lesley McSpadden, right, the mother of 18-year-old Michael Brown, watches as Brown's father, Michael Brown Sr., holds up a family picture of himself, his son, top left in photo, and a young child during a news conference Monday, Aug. 11, 2014, in Ferguson, Mo. Michael Brown, 18, was shot and killed in a confrontation with police in the St. Louis suburb of Ferguson, Mo., on Saturday, Aug. 9, 2014. (AP Photo/Jeff Roberson)

Whatever perverse view the Ferguson police officer had of Michael Brown — and all Black men like him — before taking his life and leaving him to lay in his blood for hours afterward, his mother has made sure to counter such characterizations. Lesley McSpadden described her now-fallen son as a boy with the sort of disposition that made him more like "a big teddy bear" as opposed to someone who deserved to be slaughtered like a dog in the street. McSpadden went on to explain, "He was a good boy. He deserved none of this. We need justice for our son."

No stranger to this kind of disregard toward Black people's humanity, attorney Benjamin Crump, who has since been retained by Brown's parents, made his thoughts clear at a recent press conference. "I don't want to sugarcoat it, their baby was executed in broad daylight,"

Crump noted. "We want to know and see exactly what happened because this family rejects what the police authorities said at their press conference."

As does Michael Brown's friend, Dorian Johnson, who along with other eyewitnesses, disputed Brown's killer's claims that he shoved the officer and tried to wrestle the officer's gun from him.

Any Black man living in this country and who values his life knows better than to tempt fate that way.

The truth may be less imaginative but no less chilling: Even when we don't fight back, our presence is still intimidating to the point where select members of law enforcement feel no choice but to shoot us dead.

Such a revelation brings justified anger, and while Brown's parents have encouraged protesters to remain peaceful, their rage is understandable.

Protesters arrived with signs and peaceful discourse and were greeted with dogs, rubber bullets, and tear gas.

And as New York Times correspondent Julie Bosman reported via Twitter, these rubber bullets were even shot in the direction of journalists and photographers. Meanwhile, area police officers describe the scene as a "war zone" and even when protesters sought an exit, the police reportedly blocked them from locating one. There's since been word of one police officer referring to protesters as "fucking animals" during coverage on CNN.

Yet, some wonder why some of the protesters supposedly sang, "F*ck the police."

And while I don't necessarily excuse the acts of looters and those described as "rioters," I do have empathy. This is why I take issue with Jonathan Capeheart's "A Shameful Way To

Protest the Michael Brown Shooting," where he writes, "This is not how you make authorities understand your anger and concern. This is not how you get others to join your cause."

You mean the authorities who shot a Black child in cold blood, left him in the street for hours as some sort of "example" to other people in his area, and greet peaceful protest with nothing but contempt and the intent to further antagonize? The same authorities who employ individuals who refer to the rightfully angry public as "f*cking animals." The authorities who enter their neighborhood and limit their access?

I am not in the business of policing people's emotions particularly with respect to dire situations such as these. Anger has its consequences, including irrational behavior. It doesn't make it right, but learn to have compassion for people in a situation you have yet to experience. There's a time for discussions on personal responsibility and there's a time to look at tragedy and respect the rightful rage it creates.

Many people are angry and they are running on empty.

I am tired of having to write about people like Michael Brown. The same goes for 22-year-old John Crawford III, who was shot and killed after holding a BB gun in a Walmart. Like Brown's mother, Crawford's father described his son fondly, saying, "He was a good son and a good Father to his two children."

We shouldn't have to quantify our lives this way.

It doesn't even matter if Michael Brown was a "big teddy bear" heading to college or that John Crawford was a good Dad. No matter what kind of personalities they had, there was no reason to slaughter them this way. We shouldn't have to worry that once our lives are unjustly stripped from us, we will be purposely vilified in order to excuse our killers' actions — as evidenced in the trending topic

#IfTheyGunnedMeDown,

Back 2 School Kick-Off And Zero Tolerance Youth Conference

Join us as we kickoff the start of a brand new school year! Mae Simmons Community Center and Lubbock County Voices Coalition/Starcare will be hosting their 5th Annual Back 2 School Kickoff and Zero Alcohol Youth Conference (Z.A.Y.C.) on Saturday, August 23, 2014, from 9:00 a.m. to Noon. Participants will enjoy hot dogs sponsored by Sonic Drive-In, live music, giveaways, information booths and backpacks with school supplies for the kids! This event is free, and all ages are welcome to join in the fun!

A big thank you goes to Amerigroup who has contributed 1,000 backpacks for this

event. We are also grateful to the many local businesses and organizations that have generously contributed school supplies to fill the backpacks. Backpacks will be given away to children and youth in Grades K-12. Children must be present to claim their backpack.

Mae Simmons Community and Senior Centers are located at 2004 Oak Avenue (East 23rd and Oak Avenue). Hours for the Community Center are Monday-Friday from 3:00 to 8:00 p.m., and Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The Senior Center is open Monday-Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. For more information, call 767-2700 or 767-2708.

Buddy Holly Center Announces the New "Buddy Holly Country Tribute" Album Event

The Buddy Holly Center and country music legend David Frizzell will hold an acoustic performance on Tuesday, August 19, 2014 at 2:30 p.m. at the Buddy Holly Center and share details about The Buddy Holly Country Tribute album that is set to be released on what would

and more hauntingly, in both trials relating to the deaths of Trayvon Martin and Renisha McBride.

Structural racism, widening economic inequality, a gun manufacturing lobby so hell bent on making money that they'll probably see to it that guide dogs for the blind receive gun permits, plus the continuation of the militarization of police have all helped it be open season on Black people. You can't help but feel exhaustion, grief, and yes, anger. To some, such rage may not "help our cause," but the alternative clearly has its limitations too.

Cooler heads should prevail, but be clear about who the real hotheads causing trouble are.

have been Buddy Holly's 78th birthday, September 7, 2014.

David Frizzell has gathered a cadre of music's elite for a very special homage to Buddy Holly. The collection includes a DVD on the making of the project. Joining Frizzell for this impressive 21-track collection are Helen Cornelius, Jimmy Fortune, T. Graham Brown, Sonny Curtis and Merle Haggard. Proceeds from the album benefit the Buddy Holly Educational Foundation, a charitable organization that focuses on music education.

Frizzell is a multi-award winner with honors from the Country Music Association, the Academy of Country Music, Billboard and Music City News. He is a three-time Grammy nominee, writer, producer and performer who remains active on the touring circuit, in the studio and through countless other creative endeavors. For more information about David Frizzell visit www.davidfrizzell.com.

Don't forget Tuesday, August 19, 2014 2:30 PM Acoustic performance by David Frizzell.

5th Friday Slaton Around the Square

Slaton, Texas — Once again it is time for the 5th Friday Slaton Around the Square!

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Oct. 11	West	Lubbock
Oct. 18	Kansas	Lubbock
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Minter & Reed Reunion Celebrates 23rd Year In Lubbock

On Saturday, July 12, 2014, the Minter & Reed Reunion was held at the Main Event. This year's theme was "Changing Brings About New Beginnings!" The family motto is: "Only The Strong Survives." This year's gathering was the 23rd Annual Family Reunion which was held July 11 thru 13, 2014. Family members began to arrive on Friday, July 11th.

This year, the families did things a little different. It began with the Family Reunion meeting at the Main Event from 1:30 p. m. until 7:00 p. m. At the Main Event, there was fun for all ages, and a delicious food was served. After this event, family members left for dinner. They went to different places in Lubbock for dinner at various restaurants.

Another year has come and gone. We wanted to acknowledge our Aunts and Uncles: Thelma Joe Jackson, Willie L. Minter, Katherine Gilbert, Margallen Thomas, Earnestine Minter and Lorine Minter. We thank Jehovah God for all of you. Their parents were Rosie Lee Minter (Mother) and Maxie Eugene Minter (Father). A daughter, Emma Jean Benson, passed away February 23, 2001.

T-Shirts were not ordered this year. Some family members wore T-Shirts down through the years, or wore their own clothes.

Our President, Velda Gilbert, gave the welcome to everyone who came his year. Photos were

taken. Everyone had cell phones. Family members from out-of-town came home this year.

Our hats go out to our cousins, Mr. & Mrs. Willie L. Minter, Jr., who were married one year as of July 22, 2014.

Everyone came to the Family Reunion in a happy uplifted spirit. We had plenty of hugs and kisses from family members. The family wants to express their blessing to Jehovah God for bringing the family members from 2013-2014 to this time of the year. Happy Birthday to all family members who had birthdays from 2013-2014.

We had family members who represented us in the June tenth Parade. Congratulations to Effie Nelson for coming First Place for being dressed as a Clown. Also, Tanika Nelson, Berane Nelson, and Jeremial Nelson for being in the Juneteenth Parade for Union Post Office And Aging. And again, congratulations to Effie Nelson for appearing on the front page of the

Lubbock Avlanche Journal. Family members learned you also lay Mrs. Santa on Christmas Day. Keep up tgh e good work. Our family loves you, Effie!

Everyone looked wonderful this year. We want to thank Uncle Joe & Ricky for being the oldest Auntie attending the Family Reunion.

Anthony Thomas, Lanit ha Raven, and Bennie Moore, Jr., we want you to know we missed you all too. We love you! Keep your heads up high. God hears your prayers. God is able! We serve a Mighty God!

For Family Members who didn't come this year, we hope we will see you in 2015.

The plague of Emma Jean Benson will be passed to Br yon Nelson this year. Our hats go out to Family Members who came home this year. We want to thank the Southwest Digest for supporting the Minter & Reed Family Reunion with a summary of our reunion as news in the newspaper.

This is our 23rd year for the Family Reunion. We give honor to Emma Jean Benson and Patricia Minter for starting Our Fam-

ily Reunion in 1992.

He re ar e our officers for 2014; Velda Gilbert, President; Cynthia Pierce, Vice Pr esident; Effie Nelson Secretary; Valrie Gilbert and Tammie Stewart , Treasurers.

We want Family Members to know we all play a part in having the Minter & Reed Family Reunion. Thanks for your support. Also, we have received word that all family members have returned to their locations safe and sound. We give our blessings to Jehovah God!

Please send your dues in as soon as possible so we can acquire our building before we have our next reunion. Information will be sent out in January 2015.

Our special guest were Teresa
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When unfavorable circumstances surround us, we tend to concentrate on the bad stuff in our lives. We start complaining and forget plenty of good things that happened in our lives. No wonder we often experience negative feelings such as depression, apathy, anger, disappointment, and so on. Try to think of all the good that you have ever experienced. I promise you'll feel better. Then start giving thanks to God for all those things. Not only will you feel better, you'll definitely experience the joy and happiness God so lovingly planned for you. So, be grateful to God.
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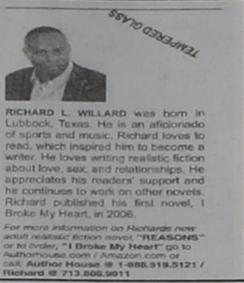


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A Word of Enlightenment

Going to church doesn't make you any more a Christian than going to the garage makes you a car. Your beliefs don't make you a better person, your behavior does. Your words mean nothing if your actions are the complete opposite.

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Celebs Who Have Severe Illnesses

Sure, a lot of celebrities look as if their lives are perfect, but underneath all the fancy clothing and makeup, many of them suffer from the same issues that some of the rest of the world suffers from. And just as with many things in life, illnesses do not discriminate against the famous. Let's take a quick look at

eight celebs who suffer from chronic illnesses.

The Grammy Award winning

Monique Coleman Hired By NELDC

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Housing Study and the 2010 Census Complete Count Committee, and had an opportunity to serve as the Transition and Revitalization Commission.

She had an opportunity to develop the Plano HomeSmart Knowledgebase in conjunction with implementation of the Workforce Housing Study.

Ms. Coleman developed the Plano Quick Link, which is a one-stop online resource for Plano residents.

Competed four neighborhood action plans (sector plans), two of which were presented and adopted by the Plano City Council.

Facilitated two ribbon cutting ceremonies at two new neighborhood association celebrations with the City of Plano Mayor.

Also, she wrote a comprehensive report for executive management documenting the inventory of city services and accomplishments in an area of Plano over a 10 year span as hired by the City of Lubbock.

Finally, Ms. Coleman was hired by the City of Lubbock as a Program Specialist/Community Development Coordinator (Intern) from July, 2005 until July, 2006.

While in Lubbock, she assisted the Director, Coordinators, and Program Specialists with various jobs such as planning, implementing, and evaluating Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG), and HOME Investment Partnerships programs.

And other qualifications which will be beneficial to her.

singer, Toni Braxton was diagnosed with Lupus and APS at only 15 years of age. Her uncle has already lost his life from this



Toni Braxton

United Super Family

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Prince

vicious disease.

Prince, The eccentric singer has suffered from seizures since he was a child. He revealed in a 2009 interview on the PBS show Tavis Smiley, that he was born epileptic and that his "mother and father didn't know what to do or how to handle it but they did the best they could with what little they had."

Joint Hometown News Release COL Elizabeth Coffman

Col. Elizabeth L. Coffman has graduated from the U.S. Army War College at Carlisle Barracks, Carlisle, Pa., and earned a master's degree in strategic studies. The college is the Army's senior educational institution.

The 10-month curriculum of the Army's senior officer school is designed to prepare and train officers of all the U.S. military branches of service, foreign military officers, as well as senior civilian officials of federal agencies, to serve in top-level command and staff positions with the U.S. Armed Forces world-

wide.

She is currently serving as Deputy J2x with the U.S. Southern Command, Miami, Fla. She has served in the military for 26 years.

Coffman is the daughter of Janice and Robert Schlak of El Paso, Texas, wife of Jeff Coffman and mother of Christian and Emma Coffman, all of Temple, Texas.

She is a 1984 graduate of Bradley-Bourbonnais Community High School, Bradley, Ill. She earned a bachelor's degree in 1991 from Texas Tech University, Lubbock, Texas.

High School Principal Declares

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two undergraduate degrees from the University of California, Berkeley, as well teaching and administrative credentials and a Master's Degree from Mills College. Scruggs is also a public school product of Inglewood High School in Southern California. Her real credentials, however, come from working for 20 years in public and private schools, championing students, teachers, and families from whom she garnered a wealth of experience, skills, and talents that make up "best practices" for education. She continues to hone those practices and coach others to do the same in her work as a Parent Champion Coach through a variety of workshops she has put on for schools across the state.

Minter & Reed Family Reunion

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Minter, Tori Moraley, and Alexis Minter.

We've learned that some of our family members have moved. Please contact Effie Nelson with your new address. You will be glad you did. We have no new members this year. Next year, there will be three new members added to the Family.

We want the Main Event to know your Laser Tags were the best.

Congratulations, Aunt Margallene Thomas. You will be blessed with three great-great-grand babies before the July 2015.

Our Aunt Thelma Jackson was the oldest person this year! Family Members want to say 'Thank You' to Earnestine Minter, Uncle Willie, Aunt Katherine, and Aunt Dorothy for coming to the Main Event.

When we left the Main Event, Family Members went out and visited our other Aunties at home. They were: Aunt Thelma, Aunt Margallene, and Aunt Lorine Minter.

Keep in mind, we need a Theme for the July 2015 Reunion. Contact Effie Nelson if you have any ideas.

Family Members, let's keep praying for each other. Keep our Prayer Lines open, and stay connected with God. A Family that prays together, stays together.

Again, we want to thank everyone for coming. God is smiling on our Family. We have a mighty God all the time. For Prayer is Power!

Congratulations and welcome to Family Members who opened the Manhattan Heights Mini Store, 2510 Martin Luther King Blvd. The store is a Blessing to the Neighborhood and the City of Lubbock! The owner is Mr. Terry Humphrey.

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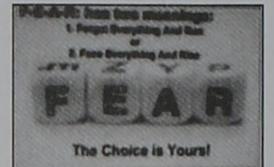
Annual Faces of The Future Golf Tournament Set to Tee Off

The annual Boys & Girls Club, "Faces of The Future" golf tournament sponsored by Lone Star Dirt & Paving, will be held on August twenty-fifth at the Hillcrest Country Club with a shotgun start at twelve thirty p.m.

The tournament will provide great food and prizes and a helicopter ball drop. The helicopter ball drop sets out the option to sponsor one ball for ten dollars or six balls for fifty dollars. The helicopter will hover over Hillcrest Country Club's practice range and drop all participants marked golf balls from above.

The first three participants golf balls that make it into or closest to the hole will each be awarded with a prize.

The Faces of The Future golf tournament will benefit the Boys & Girls Club of Lubbock.



Brother Blocker

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tains down on the train. "You see white folks didn't want to see our Black faces. What they forgot is we as Blacks were fighting for them in World War II."

Brother Blocker advises young Black people to do their very best in life. "If you do your best, then God will bless you. There are no short cuts in life."

Brother Blocker was married to the late Sara Hutchinson-Blocker who was also dedicated to the Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church. Brother Blocker is one of the many influences in the Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church Family and the Lubbock Community for his many positive contributions he has made in the Lubbock area.

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Pastor Pegues & Wife, Bessie, Celebrates Their Second Appreciation



Pastor R. D. Pegus & First Lady Bessie Pegus

Slaton, Texas-- The members of the Triumph Missionary Baptist Church, 905 South Johnson Street, are very pleased with the Second Appreciation Services of Pastor R. D. Pegues & First Lady Bessie Pegues.

These services were held Friday evening, August 8th and Sunday, August 10th. The dynamic theme was: "Weeping May Endure For A Night, But Joy Comes In The Morning." Psalm 30:5.

Bishop W. Griffin delivered the sermon on Friday evening, August 8th. Guest pastors were: Overseer W. Barber, Elder J. Hasting, Pastor A. D. Kelly, Elder D. Phenix, and Pastor A. R. Moore.

Bishop R. E. McDowell brought the word on Sunday afternoon, August 10th.

Guest pastors were: Pastor W. R. Bolton, Pastor G. Moore, Pastor C. Hankson, Pastor K. Jackson, and Elder L. Robinson.

Pastor Pegues and wife, Bessie, expressed their appreciation to all who helped in this splendid Second Appreciation.

Employers Workforce Summit on September 4

The Lubbock Chamber of Commerce has partnered with the Lubbock Economic Development Alliance, Workforce Solutions South Plains, Society of Human Resource Management and South Plains College to host the Employers Workforce Summit on Thurs., Sept. 4, from 7:30 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Lubbock Scottish Rite.

The Summit will begin with registration and continental breakfast at 7:30 a.m. with the program beginning promptly at 8 a.m. Texas Tech University President Duane Nellis will be the keynote speaker. Lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m. with presentations to follow.

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