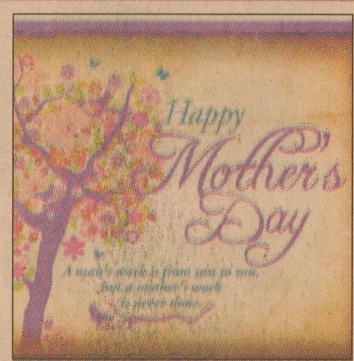




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## Community Meetings

\* 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., Lyons Chapel Baptist Church, East 24th Street & MLK Blvd.

\* 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 Tuesday evening at Bryon Martin Technology Center, 3401 Avenue Q, beginning at 5:30 p. m.

\* West Texas Chapter of 100 Black Men of West Texas meets 3rd Monday evenings at 7:00 pm at The Bridge 1401 Redbud Avenue

\* The Parkway & Cherry-Point Neighborhood Association meets the 3rd Tuesday evenings, 7:30 pm at 517 Zenith Avenue, Star Care Center

\* Chatman Hill Neighborhood Association meets 2nd Thursday of every month at 6:00 pm at 2301 Avenue A.

\* ROOTS meets every 2nd Saturday at 2:00 p. m. at 2301 Avenue A.

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

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Southwest Digest Community Meetings 902 East 28th Street Lubbock, Texas 79404 (806) 762-3612 to publicly release a workforce demographics report earlier this year. They were commended for doing so, and so far, experts say they are the most aggressive at addressing the issue.

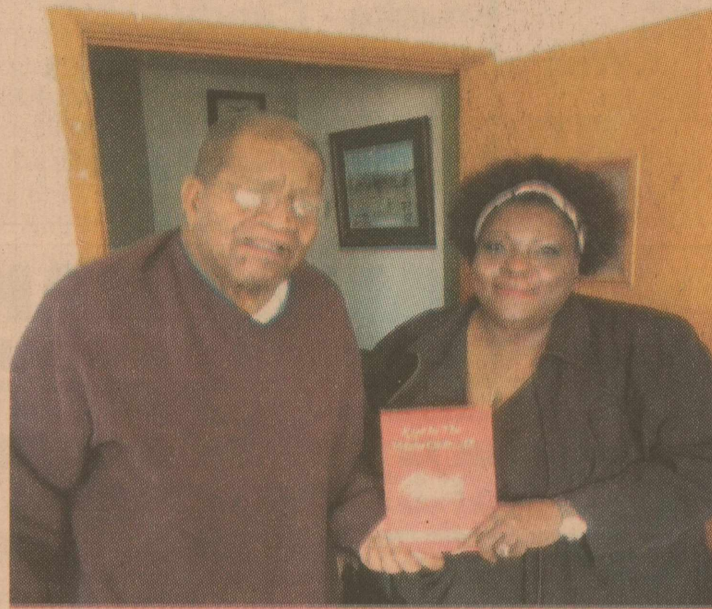
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## New Author In Lubbock

Minister Mercelle McCutcheon is an up and coming local author. She is a wife, mother, minister, and counselor. She is passionate about helping young families overcome life's many challenges. She holds a degree in Theology and Christian Family Counseling and has been a licensed minister for eighteen years. She resides in Lubbock, Texas with her husband, Everett, children, and grandchildren. This is her first book.

"Kept In The Midst Of It All", her first book, takes you on one woman's journey of abuse, brokenness, heartbreak, Continue on Page 7



T. J. Patterson, left, & Mercelle McCutcheon, right

## These Young Martin Luther King Hub City Astros Had A Ball At Red Raiders Game



Martin Luther King Hub City Astros, 7-8 year olds, are shown attending a Texas Tech University Red Raiders baseball game. The Red Raiders were playing Texas Southern University Tigers of Houston, Texas on Saturday afternoon, March 25, 2017.

The players attending were Shabron Bozeman, Torrence Cox, Anthony Bell, Antwan Gray, Netravion Wilson, Damarius Britt, Davion Parks, Markevion and Arquavius Hines. Coaches in attendance were Trafton Cox (Assistant Coach), in photo, and Quincy Parks. Other coaches include Doug Slade and Tywan Smith.

## Third Annual Hometown Heroes Well Attended And Received on April 15, 2017

Many have asked what is the Hometown Heroes program which took place in Mae Simmons Park on Saturday, April 15, 2017?

According to Tyrone Moore, a member of My Brothers Keeper, it was designed by a

young man from Houston, Texas, who grew up in Lubbock, Texas, and he wanted to give something back.

The purpose of this special program is to: Expose kids to local Hometown Heroes right here in Lubbock and also to con-

vey that the choices they make can and will shape their journey in life.

(Below are some photos taken during this event).

The event began with a commemorative ceremony honoring Continue on Page 7



Mikayla Holmes

## Mikayla Holmes Elected President of SPC SGA

Levelland, Texas -- During the South Plains College Student Government Association's election on March 1, 2017, four new student officers were elected and will begin their terms in fall of 2017.

The Student Government Association acts as an intermediary between students and the SPC administration. The SGA is also responsible for organizing student activities, events, and initia-

tives.

The president-elect is Mikayla Holmes, a broadcast journalist major from Lubbock, Texas. During her term as the SGA president, the freshman says that she will strive to create a culture of diversity and looks forward to having a leadership role on campus.

Holmes says that at first, she was not intending to run for pre-

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## Marcus Jerrod Williams Named HR Director In Toledo



Marcus J. Williams

Toledo, Ohio -- Marcus Williams has been named human resources (HR) manager at the Toledo Refinery. In his new role, Marcus will be responsible for leading the HR function and supporting the development and implementation of the refinery's strategic direction. As a member of the refinery leadership team, Marcus will participate in business planning, strategy development and performance planning. Marcus will also join the Fuels, North America HR leadership team. His position is effective June 1.

During his seven years at BP, British Petroleum, Marcus has held business-facing and HR-leader roles at the Houston Texas City, Toledo and Whiting refineries. In his current role as

HR manager, Projects and TAR, in Refining Technology & Engineering in Chicago, IL., Marcus manages the Projects Organizational Capability team and leads efforts to build and sustain employee capability. The role to backfill Marcus will be posted in TAS shortly.

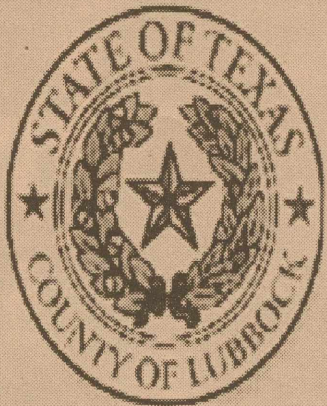
Marcus was selected by a diverse interview panel which included Mark Dangler and Kevin Androsian, as well as Tyrone Mitchell and Lydia Velthuis.

He is the son of Avis Patterson (Lubbock, Texas) and Mark Williams (Cincinnati, Ohio), and the grandson of the late Bobbie Gean Patterson and T. J. Patterson, Sr. of Lubbock, Tx. He and his family are currently living in Wheaton, IL and will be transitioning back to Toledo, OH.



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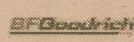
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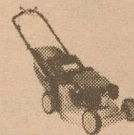
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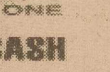
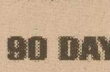


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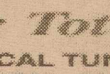
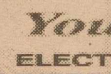
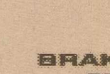
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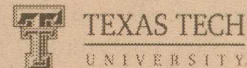
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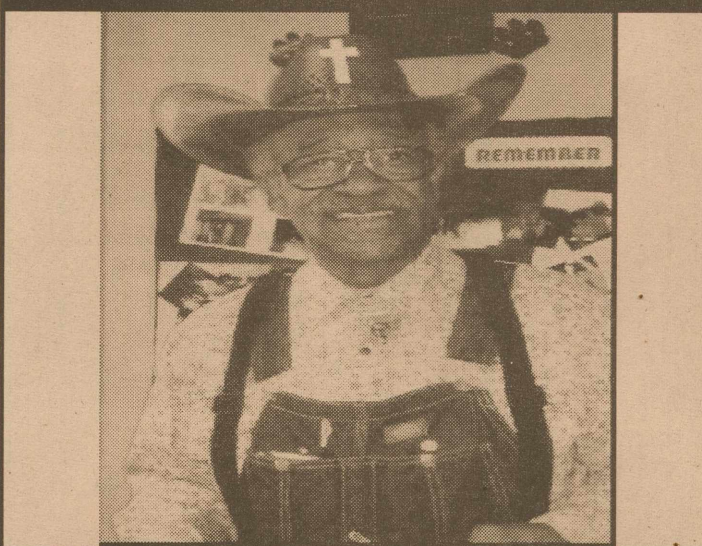
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### BREAKFAST BINGO

Wed, April 26, 9 am, \$2/person, Ages 50+  
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### CINCO DE MAYO

Friday, May 5, 12:45-3 pm, Ages 50+  
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Mae Simmons Community Center will be re-opening soon. Look for updates here!



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## In Cinque

By Renetta Howard



### TAXES AND WAR

Anyone who lived during World War II and is still alive today and have the faintest memory of life during those times will probably tell you that the fear of war along with increasing taxes, which pays for war, may have a griping feeling during these present days.

As a very small child during the last world war, some people may understand that I have a dreaded fear which arose from periodic 'black outs,' war planes flying in formation, horrific newscasts of soldiers killed in combat on a daily basis on the radio, "Remember Pearl Harbor" chants, "Uncle Sam wants YOU" signs, rationing of food, clothing, fuel, curfews, and the inferior quality of everything.

All of this conjures up in mind that the various protests about our elected President of this country should be sending the message that he SHOULD make his tax returns public as many of us may have the idea that he has invested money in ISIS since he has stated that he knows more than anyone about it. We want to know what he is hiding. In the meantime, he has sent U.S. troops, missiles and war ships to quell the unrest in Syria and to keep a watch on North Korea.

We are aware that Kim Jong Un has been flirting with his nuclear devices for some time now and the past President did not seem to be impressed enough to outwardly condemn his actions by any great show of military power on the U.S. front. I am certain that there are many people who feel as I do that our current President is or will be tempted to show Kim Jong Un that no one is afraid of his antics and get World War III initiated.

Kim Jong Un, the President

of the United States and the one in Russia, Vladimir Putin, all seem to me to have something in common. I sense the narcissism in all three of them. Putin, Kim Jong Un and Mr. Trump are all wealthy men who have no concept of what the average citizen wants or need. Somehow their desires come across to me as a great chess game in which they are using citizens as pawns. We pay taxes for this privilege. We have very little influence unless we VOTE our desires. There is still no guarantee that our desires will be granted. Our President is Commander in Chief of our armed forces. We MUST get 'in cinque' and PRAY without ceasing that he uses utmost rationality in his military decisions and not launch this country into a full blown war. We are enduring terrorism across the continents and that is terrible enough. We do not need outright combat on U.S. soil and Kim Jong Un is ready to make a hit and I have no doubt that Mr. Trump is ready to retaliate.

**State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness (STAAR) tests administered over the next two weeks....**

**High School students will be taking STAAR End-of-Course exams in addition to the administration of Advanced Placement exams the week of May 1 - 5. Elementary and middle school students will take STAAR tests the week of May 8 - 12. For a complete list of which assessments are administered on each day, please follow the link below to the Lubbock ISD testing calendar.**

## Beyond the Rhetoric

by Harry C. Alford

### A Sweet Farewell to a Wonderful Lady

On April 14, 2017, Aurelia Jane Priscilla Stuart DeBow was declared deceased. It was a very quiet departure and I am certain that St. Peter stated, "Job well done, come on in". She will be greatly missed by her six children: Jane, Charles III, Kayanne "Kay", William, Emily and Jon. She is preceded by her loving husband, Charles Henry DeBow Jr. A house full of her beloved grandchildren and a growing number of great grandchildren. God blessed her with 91 years of vibrant life.

Miss DeBow was more than a wonderful person to me. She was the mother of my love and wife, Kay DeBow Alford. She gave birth to her, raised her in a very loving way and molded her into a mature, principled and caring person (perhaps one of the most attractive ladies ever born - inside and out). For this fact alone, I could not help but love and respect "Mama DeBow". It was her who prepared Kay for me. I had been a natural born player who had broken the heart of every love affair partner from high school on up. But with Kay it was so different. A few weeks after we first met, Kay told me, "I appear to be falling in love with you. That is a very new thing for me and I only want to do that once. Therefore, if you accept my love you must reciprocate. That means our love will be unconditional and includes a DEATH CLAUSE." After accepting her love I asked, "Explain death clause". She replied, "If you ever try to leave me I will have to kill you." "What happens if you leave me?" I responded. She gave me a great big smile and said, "I will never leave you daddy." We are going on 36 years of bliss and looking forward to a brighter future. I ain't going nowhere!

# THIS N' THAT

by T. J. Patterson

**HOMETOWN HEROES WAS QUITE A SUCCESS WITH AT LEAST FIVE HUNDRED BOYS AND GIRLS IN ATTENDANCE!! THIS N' THAT** ..... as well as many others in attendance of the ..... **HOMETOWN HEROES EVENT** ..... were most appreciative of the program in attendance of the ..... **THIRD ANNUAL EVENT** ..... which was held on Saturday ..... April 14, 2017 ..... at the Mae Simmons Park..... It was ..... **VERY IMPRESSIVE** ..... the opening program begun at the ..... **DR. FRANKLIN LOVINGS**

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ward to a brighter future. I ain't going nowhere!

Kay's father, Charles DeBow Jr., comes from an all American family. His father served our nation during World War I, a Calvary man -spurs and all - carrying on the tradition of the famous Buffalo Soldiers. He himself became one of the original four Tuskegee Airmen during World War II. His specialty was dive bombing. Pop gave German General Rommel's tanks fits over the North African desert. He led the annihilation of German artillery during the invasion of Sicily. Then he and his fellows knocked out German radar stations in preparation of the Normandy Invasion. I imagine when Mama DeBow first saw her Tuskegee Hero she put that same mystique on him like Kay did me.

Mystique indeed. Mama DeBow was part of the prestigious Indianapolis, Indiana Stuart Family. Her parents, William

Weir Stuart and Mae Llewellyn had four daughters and five sons. A very productive family with entrepreneurial accomplishments. All the children married well and were considered a very prestigious group throughout the segregated Indianapolis community. The state of Indiana was lobbied by the Ku Klux Klan and had "Race mixing laws". Indy was as segregated as Birmingham, New Orleans, etc. until the mid - 1960's. Much of the Black segment of the Indy population relied on the services, console, etc. of the Stuart family.

Patriarch William Weir Stuart had a great productive life. He was born in northern Alabama and journeyed to Indianapolis. It was there, as the story goes, that he met the famous band-leader John Phillips Sousa. Sousa took him in and employed him as his valet. Grandfather Stuart made a diary of their tours to Russia, Europe, etc. I had a

chance to look at it and it was fascinating. A young Black traveling around the world with a Marine Corps band and accompanied by the world renown John Philip Sousa.

When grandfather Stuart became of age, he dreamed of being a dentist. That would have been just a dream but his benefactor John Philip Sousa forced his admission into the Indiana Dental School and paid full tuition and board. Thus, this kid from northern Alabama became the first Black dentist in Indiana.

His dental practice was quite successful. He had the market on the growing Black population. He was the only Black dentist for a while. His nine children all had "mulatto" features. One of the daughters had natural blonde hair while another was a red head. One of his sons had grey eyes. Kay's brother has those same grey eyes today. They all were born with very I

## Lubbock Independent School Board Of Trustees Met On Thursday Morning, April 27, 2017

At their meeting today, the Lubbock ISD Board of Trustees recognized three National Scholastic Art and Writing Competition Winners, the Lubbock High State Champion Speech and Debate Team and six state qualifying wrestlers.

Three Lubbock ISD students were recognized with National Scholastic Art and Writing Awards, the country's oldest and most prestigious awards and recognition program for creative teenagers. NeNe Phenix from Coronado High School and Emma Whitfill from the Talkington School for Young Women Leaders received silver medals for their artwork. Hutchinson Middle School student Maddie Haas received a silver medal and gold medal for her photography entries. Haas was also awarded Best in Grade for her organic photo, a recognition given to only two students in each grade nationally. The competition attracted approximately 350,000 submissions in 28 categories.

The Lubbock High School Speech and Debate Team earned a regional sweepstakes award and a state championship at the Texas Forensic Association state tournament. The Westerner debate team won the Region 1 sweepstakes championship by placing highest out of the schools in their region, their first in the last five years. Team member Gabriella Ghandour won the state championship in Impromptu Speaking, placing first out of 115 entries. This is the largest team of students Lubbock High has taken to the state tournament. The Lubbock High School team members are: Kat Abraham, Mackenzie Banks, Erica Burley, Akash Dev, Georgeanna Gaines, Anne Ghandour, Gabriella Ghandour, George Ghandour, Caleb Powell and Brooke Thorson.

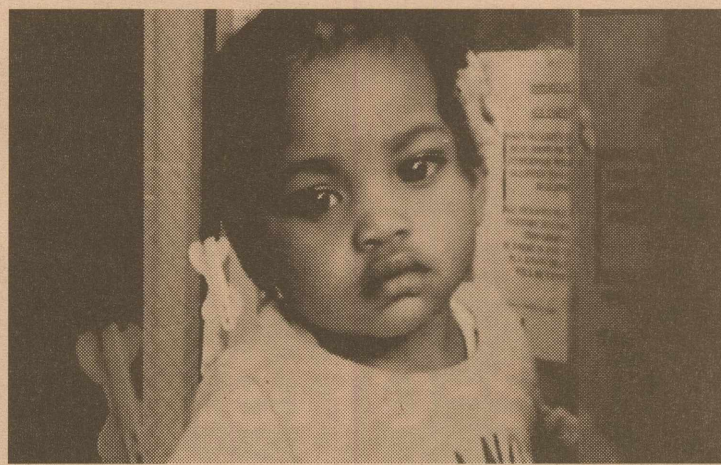
Five Lubbock ISD boys and one Monterey girl qualified for the state wrestling tournament.

Monterey junior Ambry McCann placed first in her division in the state tournament in Girls' 5A wrestling, finishing the season with a 35-4 match record. Bryan Pena of Lubbock High was the state silver medalist, placing second in his division in the state tournament in Boys' 5A wrestling. He finished the season with a 33-5 match record. Other students qualifying for the

state meet were: Joseph Cortez, Drew Garza, and Marcos Luna of Monterey High School and Alex Bonner of Lubbock High School.

Trustees also approved PlainCapital Bank as the district's depository and a contract with Sodexo School Services to provide full-service maintenance, custodial and grounds services for the district.

## Missing Toddler Found Dead After She Vanished While Playing in Yard



An Illinois toddler whose disappearance sparked a desperate search last week has been found dead.

The body of 16-month-old Semaj Crosby was discovered in a Joliet Township home early Thursday, more than two days since she'd been last seen playing with about a dozen kids gathered in a nearby yard.

Semaj's body was discovered at about midnight, according to the Will County Sheriff's Office.

Her family reported the toddler missing at about 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, just hours after Department of Children and Family Services officials say they saw her safe in her home.

"DCFS had been at the home on April 25 at approximately 3:20 p.m. and had seen all three of the mother's children including Semaj," DCFS spokeswoman Alissandra Calderon

said in a statement obtained by the Chicago Tribune. "There were no obvious hazards or safety concerns at that time."

"The family had been looking for her for an hour and a half," Public Information Officer Kathy Hoffmeyer told InsideEdition.com Wednesday.

More than 80 people were at one point searching for the child, aided by bloodhounds and drones. An all-night canvas of the neighborhood using a helicopter equipped with an infrared and heat-seeking device found nothing, authorities said.

A reverse 911 call was sent out last night to all residents within a five-mile radius.

Demaj's body was found after the Will County Sheriff's Office, along with the FBI, gained consent to search an area residence late Wednesday, April 26, 2017.

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# We Thank God for Jesus

## "The Jonah Christians Of Today" Evangelist Billy "BJ" Morrison, III

**Ecclesiastes 1:9** -- The thing that has been, it is that which shall be, and that which is done is that which shall be done; and there is no new thing under the sun.

**Jonah 1:2** -- The Lord said, Arise, go to Nin-e-veh, that great city, and cry against it; for their wickedness is come up before me. (JUST AS AMERICA HAS!!!)

God told Jonah, go **PREACH THE GOOD NEWS OF REPENTENCE; TO THE PEOPLE. CHRISTIANS OF TODAY; DOING OTHER THINGS; WANTS CHURCHES WITH BIG STEPS.**

Jesus told the Christians, **GO INTO ALL THE WORLD, AND PREACH THE GOOD NEWS TO EVERY MAN, WOMAN, BOY AND GIRL!!! (AS WAS TOLD OF NIN-E-VEH!!!)**

**Matthew 28:19** -- Jesus said, Go you, therefore; and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.

Jonah didn't go to where he was sent; he like the **CHRISTIANS OF TODAY. HIS TIME WAS SPENT SLEEPING; DOING THINGS THAT ARE NOT GOD'S WAY!!!**

**THE CHRISTIANS ARE LIKE JONAH; LOVE SLEEPING AND SLUMBER; ON THEIR MINDS PUTTING GOD'S BUSINESS ON**

**THE BACK BURNER; LEAVING IT FAR BEHIND!!!**

**Isaiah 56:10-11** -- The Lord said, His watchmen are blind; they are all dumb dogs, they cannot bark; sleeping, lying down, loving to slumber. Yes, they are greedy dogs which can never have enough, they are shepherds that cannot understand; they all look to their own way, everyone for his gain, from his quarter (4 **QUARTERS EQUALS TO AN ANNIVERSARY**).

Jonah went to sleep, and the **LORD HAD TO SEND A STORM; TO SHAKE UP THE SEA, AND ROCK THE BOAT; TO GET HIM TO SOUND THE ALARM!!!**

**CHRISTIANS OF TODAY, GOD HAS SENT THE SIGNS --- BUT THEY'RE SO BUSY: CAKE SALES, CAR WASHES, LUNCHESES, FISHERIES; THINGS OF MONEY. THEY DON'T SEE THE SIGNS. (GOD'S BUSINESS IS SAVING SOULS; NOT COLLECTING THE GOLD!!!)**

**Luke 12:54-56** -- Jesus said, When you see a cloud rise out of the West, straightway you say, There comes a shower; and so it is. And when you see the South wind blow, you say, There will be heat; and it comes to past. You hypocrites, you can discern the face of the sky and of the earth, but how is it that you

do not discern the face of the sky and of the earth, but how is it that you do not discern the times?

**GOD SENDS THE EARTHQUAKES, THE RAINSTORMS, THE TORNADOS, AND THE FOREST FIRES TO WARN MANKIND OF HIS SOON TO RETURN; AND THAT'S NO LIE!!!**

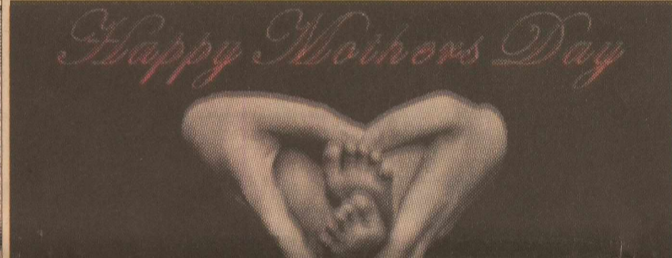
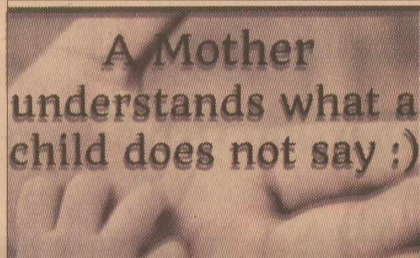
**\*\*\* THE DEVIL CALLS IT GLOBAL WARMING, BUT IT'S GOD'S WARNINGS!!! \*\*\***

**BUT MANKIND DOESN'T REPENT IN THE STORMS; AS JONAH DID TO SURVIVE. MANKIND PRAYS LITTLE WHILE, AFTER THE STORM'S OVER, AND THEY'RE ALIVE!!!**

**Chronicles 7:14** --- The Lord said, **IF MY PEOPLE WHICH ARE CALLED BY MY NAME, SHALL HUMBLE THEMSELVES, AND PRAY, AND SEEK MY FACE, AND TURN FROM THEIR WICKED WAYS; THEN WILL I HEAR FROM HEAVEN, AND WILL FORGIVE THEIR SINS, AND WILL HEAL THEIR LAND.**

### Toddler Found Dead Continued from Page 3

The Will County Coroner's Office pronounced Semaj deceased and an autopsy was scheduled for Thursday, April 27, 2017.



## St. Matthew Baptist Church

2020 East 14th Street Rev. Edward Canady, Pastor Lubbock, Texas 79403 (806) 744-7154

We, the members at St. Matthews Baptist Church, had a wonderful time Sunday morning, April 30, 2017. The proud Pastor is Rev. Edward Canady.

Sunday morning services begun at 10:10 a. m. with Superintendent Sister Barbara Johnson presiding. We Praise God for the knowledge we receive during Sunday School.

The subject of the Sunday School lesson was "True Love. The scripture text was John 10:15. It was another morning of learning information all can use.

It was so great to have this wonderful discussion during Sunday School.

Again we thank God for being so good to each of us who attend Sunday School.

Pastor Canady also brought a wonderful discussion on the lesson. We give all to our God for being so good to each of us who attend Sunday School.

The devotion for church

services was conducted by our Mission Sisters, Sister Barbara Johnson and President Sister Shirley Canady.

Pastor Canady entered the Church with the Congregation singing "While I'm On My Mission."

The morning sermon was delivered by Pastor Canady. His subject was "Fisherman of Men." His scripture text was Mark 1:17.

There is no doubt about it! Truly it was an informative message. It was well received by all.

The Mission Department had a short program. Sister Barbara Johnson read a short paper entitled "Move Forward As Missionaries." Thank God for our Mission Department.

The morning announcements were read and explained by Sister Shirley Canady.

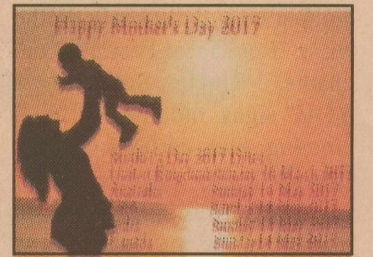
The weekly meetings held at the St. Matthew Baptist Church are as follows:

1. The Missionary Society meets in the home of Sister Lorene Conaway. What a wonderful time we have on Wednesday evenings at 5:00 p. m.

2. Choir Rehearsal is held on Friday afternoon, beginning at 2:00 p. m.

If you love singing, then come join us at St. Matthew Baptist Church, 2020 East 14th Street, every Friday afternoon.

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## Serena Williams Addresses Ilie Nastase's Racist Comments About Unborn Baby



Serena Williams has fired back at Ilie Nastase. (Photo: Getty Images)

Serena Williams has a few more months to go before she's officially a mother, but the women's No. 1 ranked tennis player already has the "mama bear" thing down.

Williams, 35, is speaking out against racist comments allegedly made by Romanian tennis captain Ilie Nastase. During a Fed Cup press conference on Friday, Nastase — a Grand Slam champion in the '70s and former world No. 1 — allegedly said of Serena's unborn child, "Let's see what color it has. Chocolate with milk?"

Taking a break from her baby-moon with fiancé Alexis Ohanian, Williams addressed the incident on Instagram.

"It disappoints me to know we live in a society where people like Ilie Nastase can make such racist comments towards myself and unborn child, and sexist comments against my peers," Williams wrote.

The "sexist comments against my peers" statement is referencing other obscene outbursts from Nastase at the Fed Cup tournament during the match between

Romania and Great Britain. Nastase was ultimately ejected for verbal abusing Britain's Johanna Konta, Britain's captain, Anne Keothavong, and the chair umpire.

Serena continued, "I have said it once and I'll say it again, this world has come so far but yet we have so much further to go. Yes, we have broken down so many barriers — however there are a plethora more to go. This or anything else will not stop me from pouring love, light and positivity into everything that I do. I will continue to take a lead and stand up for what's right."

Quoting parts of Maya Angelou's "Still I Rise" she added, "Does my sassiness upset you? Why are you beset with gloom? You may shoot me with your words... you may try to kill me with your hatefulness, but still like air, I rise."

The International Tennis Federation is considering disciplinary action against Nastase, 70.

"The ITF does not tolerate discriminatory and offensive language and behavior of any

kind," the ITF said in a statement. "We are aware of alleged comments made by Romanian captain Ilie Nastase and have begun an immediate investigation so that we have the full facts of the situation before taking further and appropriate action."

And the ITF has Williams's full support. "I humbly thank the ITF for any consideration given to all the facts in this case," she concluded.

On Monday, April 24, 2017, Nastase told the Associated Press he didn't understand the fuss over his comment about Serena's unborn child. He said he considers Williams a friend and asked, "I want to know what word I used is racist?"

Williams hasn't let the incident get her down. After climbing back to the top spot in the Women's Tennis Association rankings, the superstar posted a sweet message to her "Dearest Baby" on social media.

vided. Bring your \$5 bills, and celebrate the Cinco!

### A FEW HIGHLIGHTED MOMENTS FROM THE COMMUNITY WELLNESS EVENT HELD ON APRIL 22, 2017

Photo shown to the right displays:

Worship and Praise which was enjoyed by all in attendance.



Photo shown to the right displays:

The music ministry from Agape COGIC, a Ministry Beyond the Walls partner, blessed our hearts.



Photo shown to the right displays:

Nurses from the department of Covenant Health Wellness that were friendly and eager to serve.

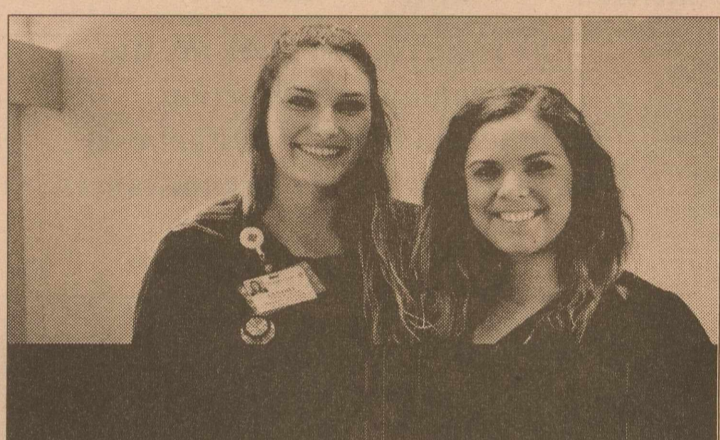


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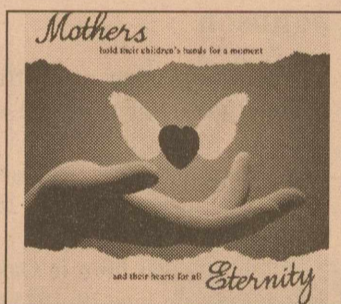
LaRyon Witherspoon "DJ Spoon" and Bodyworks Zumba instructors worked together and lead the Zumba classes.



### Join us for a Cinco de Mayo Fiesta at the Legacy

Come celebrate a Cinco de Mayo Fiesta, Friday, May 5, 2017 from 6p - 9p at the Legacy Event Center, 1500 14th Street. \$5 Taco Meal, \$5 Margaritas and Cervezas, \$5 Loteria (Bingo!) and a \$5 Self-Portrait Project provide art, food, and fun all in one setting! It will be FREE to view the art on this special First Friday Art Trail evening in Lubbock and enjoy LIVE music by Greg Goodnight. A NEW exhibit celebrates the 60th Anniversary of Lubbock Christian University by highlighting its Juried Senior Artists. First place juried winner and LCU Student Jami White will be featured as a guest watercolorist. Other featured local Lubbock artists include Greg Goodnight — musician and wood sculptor, Donna Rose - NEW photography entitled "A Walk in the Woods," and the 2017 People's Choice winners from the West Texas Watercolor Society's Splash of Red Show. Ongoing local exhibits include Linda Adkins' Heirloom Jewelry Cre-

ations and Rick Vanderpool's "Cross in America" Photography Collection. The public is in-



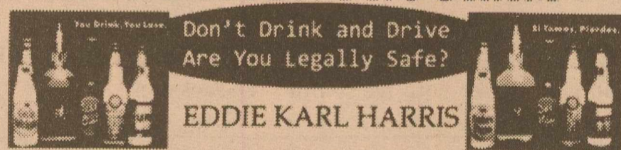
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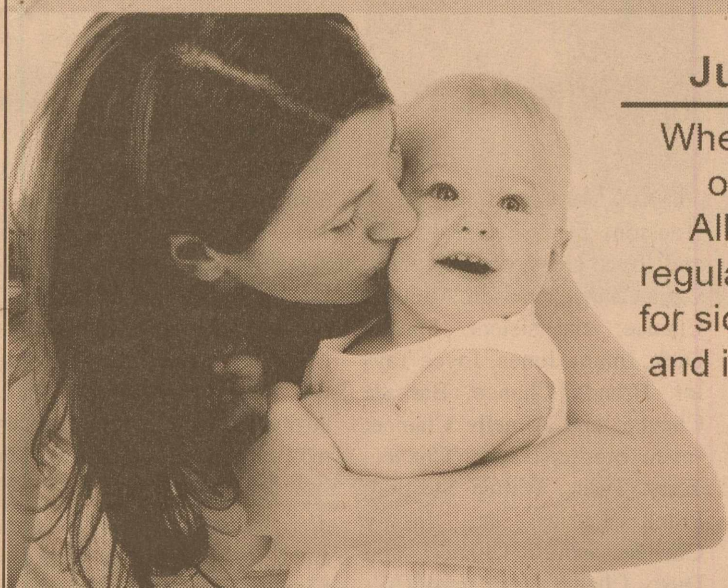
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Pastor & Mrs. Vernon Rose

## Installation Service Held For Evangelist Vernon Rose

On Sunday afternoon, April 23, 2017, Greater St. James Baptist Church welcomed by installation their new Pastor, Vernon L. Rose, with a wonderful installation service and reception. Many pastors and churches were present in support and the celebration was a major success.

Dr. Justin Lawrence of Faith First House of Hope delivered a stirring message. Dr. Ed Sena of the Lubbock Area Association of Churches was the moderator. Other great ministry leaders also participated in the ceremony.

As primarily a teaching pastor, Pastor Vernon has a passion for carefully unpacking the truths of Scripture. A native of

Dallas, Texas, he attended North Texas State and is a Graduate of Calvary Commission Ministerial School. He has served as Evangelist throughout Lubbock and the West Texas Region for many years. He has taught at surrounding universities and also in several conferences in the area. He has served Greater St. James as Associate and Interim Pastor for almost two years.

He and his wife, Sharon, have been blessed with children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren, and have a heart for our youth.

Pastor Vernon has served as Chaplain in the Texas area pris-

ons and University Medical Center and Covenant hospitals and has ministered in the community where ever he is needed. Pastor Vernon is passionate about missionary work, community outreach and has a heart for the poor.

Deacon Garland Hollins presented the Pastor-Elect to the Greater St. James Baptist Family.

Words of Welcome and Introductions were made by Sister Julie Lang.

Pastor Rose replaces the late Pastor Johnny Barnes as pastor.

It was a very exciting afternoon for all in attendance! It was an afternoon of blessings.

## Beyond the Rhetoric

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light yellow skin. Their mother had normal Black features. One night two of Kay's aunts were arrested and jailed with their husbands while dining at a classy restaurant. They were accused of violating the Indiana Race Mixing Law. Their father, William Weir, went off and made the authorities apologize. That incident led to the demise of the stupid law.

We all wonder where did these strong features come. The question is this: Could it be that William Weir Stuart was more than just a close associate of the senior John Philip Sousa. Could they be related? Another clue, John Philip Sousa had a daughter named Jane Priscilla. Mama De Bow's given names are Aurelia Jane Priscilla. Just a coincidence? Why were these given names special to Grandfather Stuart?

Time will tell!  
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Mr. Alford is the Co-Founder, President/CEO of the National Black Chamber of Commerce ®. Website: [www.nationalbcc.org](http://www.nationalbcc.org) Email: [halford@nationalbcc.org](mailto:halford@nationalbcc.org)

## New Author In Lubbock!

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and shame, and how Jesus Christ would ultimately bring her healing and hope through faith and trust in him. Jesus Christ will never turn his back on us, no matter what we find ourselves caught up in. He gives us the power to endure all things and stands by our side through life's difficulties. Even when we don't realize we need him, he's there undergirding us and keeping us. With Christ, you can make it!

There will be a book signing May 20, 2017, at 2:00 PM at Barnes and Noble South Plains Mall.

She came by Wednesday afternoon, April 19th, and she was told it was press day at the Southwest Digest, "This could be a positive omen for her first book," said T. J. Patterson, publisher.

"Let's support this new author!" said Patterson.

## Hometown Heroes Held Here

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those who were instrumental in keeping Eastern Little League going during the 60's thru the 80's up until the current Martin Luther King Little League.

Also included in the ceremony were local Hometown Heroes.

Those commemorated were: In memory of Dr. Franklin Lov-

ing, Donnie Moore, Fulton Berry, and Eric Strong. A moment of silence followed for those who have passed on.

Others commemorated were as followed: TJ Patterson, Quincy White, Ruby White, Stephanie Hill, Vernita Holmes, Oscar Jones, Walter Hibbler, Nelda Hibbler, Wyatt Ward Jr., Deborah Ward, Everett Hooper, Wanda Hooper, Ruby Dial, Burt McWilliams, Darrell Snell, Charles Curry, Ronald Sanders, and Tony Wagner.

The event was filled with activities for the kids, entertainment, live DJ, food, life skills presentations.

Mr. Richard Baumgartner, director of Rise Academy, was the keynote speaker who was also presented with a Hometown Mr. Baumgartner did an outstanding reminding those in attendance of why this Hometown Heroes is so important.

He was presented the Hometown Heroes award for his outstanding leadership at Rise Academy.

The Southwest Digest would estimate that more than 500 boys and girls, between the ages of 5 and 16, were present during this special effort.

It is hoped that next year, more than 2,000 boys and girls will be in attendance.

"This was an outstanding program, and we need to continue to support the upcoming Fourth Hometown Heroes program," said Shelia Renee Patterson-Harris, City Councilwoman, District 2.

"We appreciate this special effort," she continued.

## Mikayla Holmes Elected Prexy

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sident. After encouragement from a peer, she decided to try it.

"It turns out, when I took that risk, I got the reward," she says.

Last semester, Holmes held the office of public relations coordinator. She currently oversees the SGA recruitment committee. At the end of March, she had an opportunity to attend a Texas Junior College Student Government Association convention, where she had an opportunity to run for a state public relations position.

She is the daughter of Marvia Holmes, and granddaughter of Vernita Holmes, former Lubbock Independent School Board of Trustee; and Duke Holmes.

Mikayla was also elected to the State Student Government Director of Public Relations Position on Sunday, April 2, 2017, in Houston at the State Student Government for Junior Colleges Conference. This is the first time an SPC student has been honored with a position on the state level of student government in more than seven years.

The Southwest Digest wishes her the best in all she does.

## NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS

The Lubbock Metropolitan Planning Organization invites interested persons to review and comment on the Draft FY 2018 and the proposed amended FY 2017 Unified Planning Work Program. Comments may be submitted through May 2nd to May 12th, 2017 to the LMPO, located at 916 Main Street, Suite 531, Lubbock, TX 79401 or email to [DJones@mylubbock.us](mailto:DJones@mylubbock.us)

Two public meetings will be conducted. The first meeting is scheduled for **May 2nd from 2:00-3:00 p.m. at 916 Main Street, 2nd floor conference room and the second on May 8, 2017 at 4-6 p.m. at 916 Main Street, Suite 531.** Documents can be reviewed at Lubbock MPO office and also at [www.lubbockmpo.org](http://www.lubbockmpo.org).

This public notice of "public involvement activities" and time established for public review and comment on the Draft FY 2017 UPWP will satisfy the program -of-projects requirements of the Urbanized Area Formula Program (Section 5307) of the Federal Transit Administration.

## HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF LUBBOCK ANNOUNCES A PUBLIC HEARING

DATE: June 15, 2017

TIME: 5:00 p. m.

PLACE: 1708 Crickets Ave. Lubbock, TX.

The purpose of the hearing is to obtain input from the city residents in reference to the Annual Plan Submission and the Capital Fund Program Five-Year Action Plan being submitted to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for fiscal year beginning October 1 2017. Total funds being allocated for the year are estimated at \$1,087,254 for Operating Funds and \$658,789 for Capital Funds. The Annual Plan includes proposed changes to the Admissions and Continued Occupancy Policy (ACOP), the Section 8 Administrative Plan and implementation of the Public Housing Non-smoking Policy. Those changes are outlined in the Annual Plan and will be a part of the Public Hearing. All residents are encouraged to attend this hearing. The Plan will be available for review beginning May 1, 2017 during regular business hours. prior to the public hearing at the addresses below. Persons can also submit written comments prior to the public hearing to:

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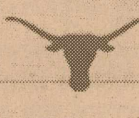
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**HIGHLIGHTED MOMENTS FROM THE  
COMMUNITY WELLNESS EVENT HELD ON APRIL 22, 2017**

**Psalm 24:1** "The Earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof; the world and they that dwell therein." Earth Day, April 22, 2017 was a day filled with joyful worship and praise to the Lord, while the intentional display of stewardship by His creation allowed many partners to collaborate and serve our community.

In conjunction with Covenant Health Systems and MICAH (Multi-faith Initiative on Community and Health), Ministry Beyond the Walls helped to provide the first ever Community Health and Wellness Event designed to address the holistic approach to taking charge of our Body, Mind and Spirit.

The event held at Joan Y. Ervin Elementary School created and cultivated the partnership of the community, local schools, our churches and medical professions to minister and serve our community members.

While the cold weather proved to be a factor, the hearts of those who attended and volunteered were warmed and filled with the love and desire to serve and commune with each other.

Many were informed, empowered and inspired by the opportunities and resources provided to increase their awareness about a holistic approach of health and wellness.

Furthermore, all were motivated to make positive changes toward a healthy lifestyle, mentally, physically and spiritually. Partnerships with Covenant Health System, Lubbock ISD, Lubbock Area Baptist Association, LCU department of Nursing, COSTCO, Sam's Club, Bodyworks, Lubbock Area Family Guidance & Counseling, Amerigroup, My Brothers/Sisters Keepers and Ministry Beyond the Walls afforded this event to be open to the public free of charge.

Plans for the next Community Health and Wellness Event are well underway!



Attendees of the Community Health and Wellness Event received medical services including: Diabetes testing, Blood Pressure screening, Dietary information and Health Insurance planning.



Zumba instructors from Bodyworks teach the young people the latest dance moves while promoting physical activity.



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