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Long-time MCC educator and retired colonel vows to unseat Flores

(From the Desk of Democratic Candidate for Congress, Dr. Bill Matta)

This year, the differences between the Republicans and the Democrats have never been so clearly expressed in the two major presidential candidates. One candidate has a proven service record and the ability to serve. The other candidate lacks judgment, compassion, and the stable temperament needed for public office. He is manifestly unfit.

However, Americans are facing a number of other challenges. One 21st century fact of life we all know: Getting a good job requires technical training or a bachelor's degree as a basic entry-level requirement. Good jobs that require only a high school



DR. BILL MATTA

diploma and a willingness to work are gone.

Fortunately, our American

higher education system is second to none.

Unfortunately, the cost of higher education has soared, with no signs of slowing. For those who graduate and get jobs, crushing student loan debt often prevents or delays major life events such as buying a house or starting a family. Few choose to face such milestones without economic security.

A college education should not financially shackle a graduate for decades. Student loan debt has become a form of wage servitude and is bad for individuals, bad for society, and bad for our country.

For those of us old enough to have earned degrees when

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TSTC auto collision student receives national recognition

BY DANIEL PERRY, TSTC COMMUNICATIONS

(WACO) - Texas State Technical College in Waco student Willie Hutchinson has taken the discipline he learned in the military and applied it to the precision of bringing vehicles back to life.

"I have a passion for cars and wanted to learn collision repair and how to fix them structural-wise," he said about his career choice.

Hutchinson, 44, of Waco, was among 58 recipients nationwide to receive the 3M Hire Our Heroes award sponsored by the 3M Automotive Aftermarket Division and the Collision Repair Education Foundation. The award's goal is to raise awareness of the work that military veterans can do in the auto collision industry, according to 3M. Hutchinson will receive up to \$1,500 in work tools.

"The tool grant is something I cherish," Hutchinson said. "I never won too much of anything."

Hutchinson applied for the award after being encouraged by Clint Campbell, chair of TSTC's Auto Collision Technology program. "Going out and working in the profession, Willie is going to make somebody a good technician," Campbell said. Campbell said student veterans, like Hutchinson, exhibit maturity and a good sense of organization.

"The military members are trained to be early,"



WILLIE HUTCHINSON

Campbell said. "They look out for other students. It is more of a teamwork effort."

Hutchinson is scheduled to graduate in August with a certificate in Auto Collision Repair. Some of the topics he has learned include structural analysis, repair estimating and alignment.

"It's been what I expected and more, learning about the collision industry and care and how to protect vehicles from erosion," he said.

After graduation, Hutchinson wants to work in a body shop and return to TSTC to study auto body refinishing.

Hutchinson grew up in Kosciusko, Mississippi, among three siblings and other relatives.

"Kosciusko is a small town, probably not different from any other small country towns," he said. "There was not much to get into."

He graduated in 1990 from McAdams High

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"My Summer at Duke TIP"

BY JAY SIMONE

'No way,' I thought as I listened to my campus instructor explain that I qualified for 'Duke TIP' as part of the '7th Grade Talent Search'. She said we qualified to take the SAT or ACT. I immediately thought, 'There's no way I am doing this! That'll be way too hard!'

I was totally opposed to the idea, that is, until I attended the meeting and learned there was much more to Duke TIP than the 7th grade talent search. There were many programs available if I passed my ACT or SAT, and that made me excited. Okay, maybe I wasn't totally opposed to this Duke TIP thing.

Initially I was undecided about which test I was going



JAY SIMONE

to take, until I took the practice ACT. I decided on the SAT. For those that don't know, the ACT has 5 sections: English, Math, Science, Reading, and Writ-

ing (optional, not a part of the test for Duke TIPsters.) The science was high school science. Science that we had not even scratched the surface of in middle school! I knew I'd have a better chance with the SAT, which had Writing, Critical Reading, and Math, all strong subjects for me. So, my mom got some practice books from the library and I started studying. It was tedious, but definitely worth it in the long run.

The day of the test was nerve-racking. That's right - I had to take the test with actual high school juniors and seniors! One thing I did learn during the SATs - time goes by FAST! There

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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN...

Things that can go wrong with your home sale or purchase

BY LINDA MCDONALD,
PRESIDENT, WACO ASSOCIATION
OF REALTORS

With so many steps involved in buying or selling a home, it's common to face some challenges on the way to closing. Here are some of the ways a real estate transaction can go wrong that you may not know about:

The buyer has difficulty qualifying for a loan.

The appraisal comes in lower than the purchase price.

The seller tries to back out of the deal to enter into a contract with a buyer who offered a higher price.

The buyer gets cold feet and tries to back out of the deal.

The inspection turns up a problem with the foundation, roof, chimney, wiring, plumbing, or another major compo-



LINDA MCDONALD

nent of the property.

The inspector finds a problem that needs a specialist to examine, and no specialist can be scheduled before the buyer's termination-option deadline.

The pest inspection reveals termite damage.

Previous hail damage that was claimed on an insurance policy was not repaired.

The property tests positive for lead-based paint, asbestos, radon, or mold.

The title search reveals a tax lien on the property or some other cloud on the title.

The property description in the contract describes the wrong location.

The survey reveals a problem with a boundary or easement.

Items such as appliances that were listed on a property flier as conveying are not listed in the contract.

The buyer moves in (on a temporary lease) prior to closing and causes damage to the property.

The seller stays in the property after closing (on a temporary lease) and causes damage to the property.

The property sustains flood or fire damage before closing.

On the final walkthrough, the buyer finds new defects

or unfinished repairs.

Are you ready for situations like these to come up during your real estate transaction? Fortunately, working with a Texas Realtor gives you the peace of mind that you will have a professional on your side who has seen it all. Your Realtor can advise you about scenarios such as these and others that may arise.

In fact, the Texas Association of Realtors has created a free guide with tips from Texas Realtors to help you negotiate your real estate transaction and avoid mistakes that other buyers and sellers have made. You can find the free guide titled *Now That's a Smart Move* from the home page of texasrealestate.com. Linda McDonald is the President of the Waco Association of Realtors and is associated with Coldwell Banker Jim Stewart Realtors.

From the Crawfords...

Anchor News turns 14 years old

Fourteen years ago, on August 5, 2002, we printed the first issue of *The Anchor News*.

Back then we used a 1981 Mac computer that was the size of an 8 X 11 1/2 sheet of paper. It had no spell check

and no Internet. We hand pasted pictures, headlines, and articles to over-sized journalism pieces of paper, and we hand delivered every page to *The West News*, in the town of West, Texas, usually by 6:00

a.m. before our regular workday started at 8:00.

That newspaper was really bad, so filled with errors, so filled with every kind of mess-up that you can think of. Still, you read it, you supported it, you kept it around for 14 years!

Please enjoy our 14th Anniversary/Education Issue. Please wish The Anchor News a Happy Birthday when you see her. Our little girl, AN, is growing so fast.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY
ANCHOR NEWS!

TSTC

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School in nearby Sallis, Mississippi and quickly joined the military because of his friends and the ability to get money for college.

"It turned out to be one of the best things I have done in my life," Hutchinson said.

Hutchinson retired in May 2015 from the U.S. Army after 24 years and 11 months, earning the rank of major. His last post was at Fort Hood and he has also been stationed in Georgia and Kentucky. He worked the last decade of his

military career in computer communication. During his military time, he served four tours of combat in Afghanistan and Iraq.

"I liked training the young soldiers and seeing the American flag lowered and raised," Hutchinson said.

Summer Commencement for TSTC campuses in Waco, North Texas, Williamson County and Fort Bend County is at 6:30 p.m., Friday, Aug. 19, at the Waco Convention Center on Washington Avenue.

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TSTC student uses experiences to cook

BY DANIEL PERRY, TSTC COMMUNICATIONS

(WACO) - Shawnthena Burks can literally use the farm-to-table concept made popular these days in the culinary world. Burks, 32, can slaughter cows and hogs, shell purple hull peas straight from the garden and use fresh peaches to top a tasty dessert.

Burks, who will graduate in August with an Associate of Applied Science degree in Culinary Arts at Texas State Technical College in Waco, credits her upbringing for making her the cook she is today. She grew up on family land in Sandy in Limestone County as a self-described country girl. She had always been good with her hands, whether it was braiding hair or creating crafts.

"You saw cows, donkeys and grasshoppers," she said. "I didn't have cable."

She spent a lot of time with her grandfather, Taylor Reed, who taught her how to make fresh pork sausage, butter and pork cracklings. Her mother, Margaret Burks, taught her a lot about cooking while working two jobs. Burks and her mother would often pick and prepare vegetables from their garden.

"We would have a full family meal - a protein, three fresh vegetables, bread and tea each day," Burks said. "My mother was always in the kitchen."

Burks graduated in 2002 from Mexia High School and was active in the DECA club. And the older she got, the more she developed a talent for baking cakes.

"When she did let me in the kitchen, my mother was impressed," Burks said. "Food and family is everything."

After high school, Burks had an automobile accident and said she did not know what to do with her life. But in 2012, she realized the profession she needed to pursue after making two wedding cakes.

"I think I reached a plateau of what I wanted to do in my life," she said. "I was 27."



SHAWNTHENA BURKS

She researched TSTC and learned about its Culinary Arts program. She visited the campus and talked to staff members who helped ease her way into technical college life.

"My faith is what put me here," she said. "I asked God what I could do that I was overlooking and something my family could benefit from."

Burks cited TSTC's Chef Martin Ellenberger and Chef Len Pawelek as having pushed her hard in the Culinary Arts program. According to Pawelek, Burks was ahead of her time in using vegetables and meat as fresh as possible in her dishes.

"She is way ahead of the curve in what the industry is coming back to," he said. "I think she's very respectful and passionate about what she does. She shows up and has a great attitude."

Burks already has a job working at Rio Brazos Fine Custom Cuisine in Waco where will be working with catering, a food truck and food preparation.

In the fall, Burks will begin work on an Associate of Applied Science degree in Web Design and Development Technology at TSTC in Waco. Her goal is to maintain her own web site for the catering business she wants to open one day.

"If I can keep following the path where every door has been open for me and build something big, I want to give back," she said. "I want to have jobs open for good people."

Midway senior claims several pageant titles

BY TRACI MARLIN, MIDWAY PUBLIC INFORMATION COORDINATOR

A Midway senior, Shariviya Sam, is Miss US Virgin Islands and won 1st Runner Up at the Houston Caribbean Queen Pageant on July 10. She also won Most Photogenic, Cultural Costume, and Glamour Wear, while competing among college students who are now her pageant sisters! Born August 2, 1998 in Houston, Texas, Sam began singing at the early age of 8. She is recognized as an aspiring international sensation. Her creativity has also led her into songwriting and recording songs such as "Like Everyday," "No More Games," "Right Now" that were written for an independent film titled Love Is... and I'm Somebody. Both premiered on the runway for the African-Dubai Fashion Week in Dubai, United Emirates.

Sam's roots stem from America's Paradise, the astounding island of St. Thomas in the United States Virgin Islands. Her West Indian background is rich with Caribbean culture, food and music. Her upbringing has been greatly nourished and entertained with the sounds of Gospel, Soca, Calypso, Reggae, Country, Dancehall, R&B (Neo Soul), Rap, Contemporary, and other genres of music that have continued to flourish and influence her growth as an artist.

Sam has brought a fresh sound to this male dominating industry. Currently her



SHARIVIYA SAM

platform is expanding venturing out as a participant in the 2016 Houston Caribbean Miss Division utilizing this platform to raise awareness thru her campaign "Reign Over Alzheimers." Sam has quickly realized that this disease targets all races, ages and creeds, and her goal is to raise awareness of the early-onset this disease imposes on our families.

Determined, goal oriented, passionate, songstress, Sam is destined for greatness, only to leave behind an iconic legacy. She is the daughter of Omar and Rosie Rodriguez-McDowell.

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Student wins international science fair in Biochemistry

BY TRACI MARLIN, MIDWAY
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PHOENIX, May 13, 2016 – Intel Corporation and the Society for Science & the Public announced that Edward S. Kim, a Midway High School junior, was awarded first place and Best of Category in Biochemistry for his project that can be used to detect cancer in a very early stage via highly sensitive DNA mutation detection. The award was given at this year's Intel International Science and Engineering Fair (ISEF), which is the world's largest high school science research competition.

For his project, "Highly Sensitive Single Mutation Detection of EGFR by Bridged Nucleic Acid," Edward won \$8,000 in cash prizes, a trip to India, and he will have an asteroid named for him by MIT. As part of the Intel and Indo-US Science & Technology Forum Visit to India, he will showcase his research project at the National Fair of India, and will have the opportunity to visit research institutions and universities and interact with the key scientific leaders in India. Edward also earned a \$1,000 grant for Midway High School and \$1,000 for the Central Texas Science and Engineering Fair.

Student winners are ninth through twelfth graders who earned the right to compete at the Intel ISEF 2016 by



EDWARD S. KIM

winning a top prize at a local, regional, state or national science fair. The Central Texas Science and Engineering Fair (CTSEF) supported Edward's trip, and Midway High School AP Chemistry Teacher David Morrison accompanied Edward to the international science fair and was with him throughout the course of the event. More than 1760 students and 77 countries participated in this international science fair.

Sixteen-year-old Edward S. Kim is the son of Sung-Kun and Sang-Nam Stella Kim of Waco. He is a AP Scholar, All-State violinist, finalist in the Discovery Education 3M Young Scientist Challenge for converting grass clippings to energy, a regional finalist for the National Chemistry Olympiad,

and multi-year competitor in the International Science and Engineering Fair (he placed fourth in Biochemistry in 2015). Edward, a junior, is a National Honor Society student at Midway High School.

Each year, more than 7 million high school students around the globe develop original research projects and present their work at local science competitions with the hope of making it to the Intel International Science and Engineering Fair, a program of Society for Science & the Public. Only the best and brightest—approximately 1,750 winners of local, regional, state, and national competitions—are invited to participate in this week-long celebration of science, technology, engineering, and math. At the event, these young innovators share ideas, showcase cutting-edge research, and compete for more than USD 4 million in awards and scholarships. The Intel International Science and Engineering Fair honors the world's most promising student scientists, inventors and engineers. Finalists are selected annually from hundreds of affiliated fairs. Their projects are then evaluated on-site by approximately 1,000 judges from nearly every scientific discipline, each with a Ph.D. or the equivalent of six years of related professional experience in one of the scientific disciplines.

Fourth annual Gathering of Women conference set

Bridgette M. Boggess is the daughter of the Late Wilson Boggess and Cherry Boggess. A 1986 graduate of Waco High School, she attended McLennan Community College before transferring to Jarvis Christian College in Hawkins, Texas and Paul Quinn College in Dallas, Texas with a major in Organizational Management.

In 1994 she went through some difficult times, and she fell into a state where she wanted to go only to work and back home.

"Although I was raised in the church, at that time, church was not an option for me. But God! I heard the voice of God say 'Get up! Hold your head up because I have work for you to do!' I became a survivor," and sometime later, BMB Ministries and Productions was born.

Boggess's first event was a benefit for a dear friend, Zachary Robinson, who later passed away with Lou Gehrig's disease. That first benefit was a great success, with wall to wall attendance. From then on, Boggess received calls requesting her skills, as people wanted her to coordinate different events. It was during that time that her passion for being a promoter deepened. "Being a promoter is my passion; it's my ministry," explained Boggess, whose dream is to be a full time promoter.

Boggess started a men's and female group in the early 90's and her first women's conference was in 2008 held at Toliver Chapel Missionary Baptist Church in Waco, Texas, and her



BRIDGETTE M. BOGCESS

first men's Conference was in 2009. All have been successful. Boggess says God put people in her life to teach her the inner makings of being a successful promoter.

"I thank my mentors, Mr. Jimmy Spivey and Mr. Charles Shaw, who have given me guidance in this field."

Spivey gave Boggess the opportunity in 2011 to co-sponsor the 4th of July Weekend Gospel Extravaganza featuring Kirk Franklin, John P. Kee, and The Rance Allen Group.

"Mr. Spivey worked me so hard that I wanted to throw in the towel, but when it was all said and done, I made Mr. Spivey a proud man. There were over 5,000 people at the concert from all over. It was awesome."

Since that time, Boggess has worked with a number of other Gospel celebrities, such as Wes Morgan, Ricky Dillard, Juanita Bynum, Ricky Smiley and Malcolm Williams.

Each year Boggess hosts a Gathering of Women Praise and Worship Service. Women from all over the Central Texas region gather to fellowship with one another.

"We as women go through so much in life and this is what this event is all about, supporting one another through our struggles."

Held in honor of Missionary Thelma E. Scott, this year Gathering of 2016 Praise and Worship Service will be Sunday, September 11, 2016 at 4:00 p.m. at Carver Park Baptist Church in Waco, Texas. Women are asked to wear royal blue and pink.

Event held in honor of Missionary Thelma E. Scott.

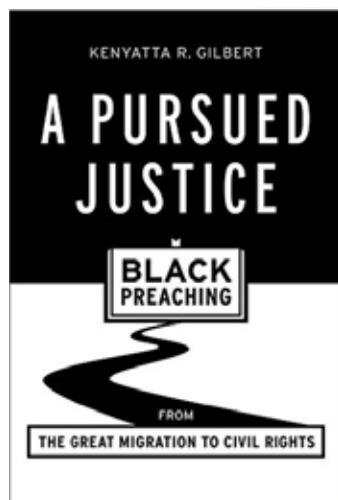
Boggess coordinates weddings, events, concerts, and conferences. For more information on the upcoming event, Gathering of Women 2016 Praise and Worship Service, please see the ad in this month's issue of The Anchor News or call Boggess at (254) 733-8876.

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Baylor university named great college to work for

WACO, Texas (July 25, 2016) – For the sixth consecutive year, Baylor University has attained elite Honor Roll status as a “2016 Great College to Work For,” according to a new survey by The Chronicle of Higher Education, a top trade publication for colleges and universities.

The results, released July 18 in The Chronicle’s ninth annual report on The Academic Workplace, are based on a survey of 281 colleges and universities.

Only 93 institutions achieved “Great College to Work For” recognition, with 42 named to the Honor Roll as the standouts in their size categories. Baylor is included in the large university category with 10,000 or more students.

Baylor was cited in 11 categories this year:

- Collaborative Governance: Faculty members are involved appropriately in decisions related to academic programs.
- Compensation and Benefits: Pay is fair, and benefits meet employees’ needs.
- Confidence in Senior Leadership: Leaders have the necessary knowledge, skills and experience for institutional success.
- Facilities, Workspaces and Security: Facilities adequately meet needs, the appearance of the campus is pleasing, and the institution takes steps to provide a secure environment.
- Job Satisfaction and Support: Provides insight into the satisfaction with job fit, autonomy and resources.
- Professional/Career-Development Programs: Employees are given the opportunity to develop

skills and understand requirements to advance in their careers.

- Respect and Appreciation: Employees are regularly recognized for their contributions.

- Supervisor or Department-Chair Relationship: Supervisor makes expectations clear and solicits ideas.

- Teaching Environment: Faculty members say the institution recognizes innovative and high-quality teaching.

- Tenure Clarity and Process (four-year colleges only): Requirements for tenure are clear, faculty members say.

- Work/Life Balance: Policies give employees the flexibility to manage their personal lives.

“Baylor University’s mission challenges us with a call to excellence,” said Baylor Interim President David E. Garland. “The Baylor family of faculty and staff commits its time and talents creating a caring community dedicated to leadership, service, academic excellence and Christian commitment. Beyond the privilege of educating men and women to be leaders and servants throughout the world, employees enjoy an active community, stability, investments in employee success and outstanding benefits – all of which make Baylor a Great College to Work For.”

“Nine years in, The Chronicle’s Great Colleges to Work For program is well known as a mark of a college or university that puts thought and effort into serving the needs of its faculty and staff,” said Liz McMillen, editor of The Chronicle. “The colleges and universities that make the list are

highly rated by their employees for creating great working environments, an important achievement that helps them recruit top academic and administrative talent.”

The survey results are based on a two-part assessment process: an institutional audit that captured demographics and workplace policies, and a survey administered to faculty, administrators and professional support staff. The primary factor in deciding whether an institution received recognition was the employee feedback.

To administer the survey and analyze the results, The Chronicle worked with ModernThink LLC, a strategic human capital consulting firm that has conducted numerous “Best Places to Work” programs, surveying hundreds of thousands of employees nationwide.

“It’s easier to be a great workplace during good times, but it’s when times are tough that the commitment to workplace quality really gets tested,” said Richard K. Boyer, principal and managing partner, ModernThink LLC. “And those institutions that measure up during times of economic hardship reinforce their already strong cultures and put even more distance between them and their peer institutions with whom they compete for talent.”

Great Colleges to Work For is one of the largest and most respected workplace-recognition programs in the country. For more information and to view all the results of the survey, visit The Chronicle’s Web site at <http://chronicle.com/AW16>.

MCC selected for Texas Success Center's Pathways Project

McLennan Community College is among 12 community colleges representing all regions of Texas that have committed to better serving their students through revisiting what it takes for students to succeed.

“We were pleased to have received competitive applications from community colleges across the state,” said Dr. Cynthia Ferrell, director of the Texas Success Center. “We were very impressed by MCC’s application, and the efforts made to date to address the ways students experience higher education in Texas.”

The other colleges chosen to participate in the Texas Pathways Project are: Amarillo College, Austin Community College, Brazosport College, Dallas County Community College District, Grayson College, Houston Community College System, Lone Star College District, Midland College, South Texas College, Southwest Texas Junior College, and Temple College.

The Texas Pathways Project is geared toward transforming the way students transition from public education into community colleges on their way to certification or transfer into 4-year

institutions leading towards meaningful careers.

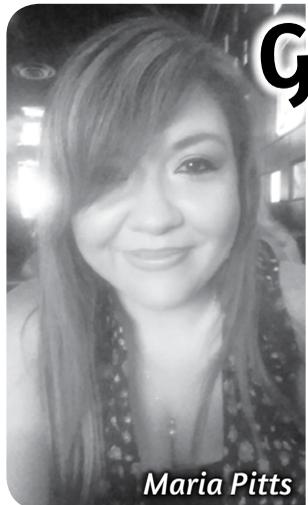
Selected colleges will participate in biannual institutes designed to assist participants implement these structured student pathways. The first institute will take place November 2-4, 2016 in Bastrop, Texas at the Hyatt Lost Pines. These 12 colleges will be joined by teams from Alamo Community College, El Paso Community College, Paris Junior College, and San Jacinto College; these four colleges were selected to participate in the American Association of Community Colleges’ Pathways Project, a national project designed to institute pathways at scale.

“We’re looking forward to assisting these dedicated and innovative colleges achieve their goals, and help create meaningful futures for Texas students,” Ferrell said.

The Texas Pathways Project received its seed funding from the Greater Texas Foundation. “Texas Pathways could not be more aligned with Greater Texas Foundation’s mission to ensure all Texas students are prepared for, have access to, persist in, and complete a post-secondary credential,” said Wynn Rosser, president and CEO for the Greater Texas Foundation. “We are proud to support this work.”

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Minister of Music steps in as lead pastor of Killeen church

BY WB GUNTER

On the heels of a tragedy at Grace Christian Center in Killeen, Director of Music Ministry was called to elevate his leadership role in the church where he was directing music. A year following an automobile accident that took the lives of three pastors, the church was in a state of transition. Music director, Charles Reid, obeyed the calling to move in another direction, not as music director, but as the Lead Pastor.

His first order of business was to seek God's wisdom and follow the plan, so he could be a compass for others. On Friday, December 4, 2015, he began the work becoming Senior Pastor in November 2015. With an interest group of 19 individuals, they met, engaged in a discussion and studied the Word of God. The following month, on January 3, 2016, the church was formed and named, Kingdom of Life Church. It was inspired from

the scripture, Romans 14:17, which says, "For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost."

The first six months were a test of faith. Several locations were available to the congregation, but they were temporary. Each week, Kingdom Citizens, church members, received an email, a text, or posting so they would know where to meet for services.

Reid states, "When you are a citizen you are granted certain rights and privileges. When you are a citizen of Kingdom of Life, every individual is granted an all access pass to healing, peace, and joy in the Holy Name."

With each gathering, citizenship grew. The church, now approaching its first year has a congregation that averages 100 each week. That doesn't include the number of citizens who attend online by visiting www.KingdomLifeCTX.com.

According to Reid, finding a



CHARLES REID

building was a miracle. After weeks of moving from one place and another, "I felt God was calling us downtown." The trend right now, is for churches to relocate into the suburbs, moving away from the area downtown. "And there's nothing wrong with that, but that was not my instruction," explained Reid.

So after getting all of the paperwork in order for business and taxes, Reid and the members looked at a building; however, the parking area was too small. "I was beginning to wonder if maybe the place we needed was not where we were looking. That's when the Lord reminded me,

'You are the shepherd.' My job was to lead. Something told me to look on Craig's List."

The pastor found a number and address and called it. He was told the building was used as a transmission shop. "We went, and it was vacant. The previous owner never pictured it as the place for a church, but then again, he said, Why not?"

As he showed the building, people could see remnants of transmission and car repair activities. As the pastor's wife, Tramita, looked at it, they saw the possibilities, and "The 203 on Avenue G. became home to Kingdom of Life."

With much work to be done, the congregation experienced an outpouring of blessings. As a 3rd generation organist since the age of 13, and having a passion for music, Reid felt they needed an organ.

"We received the blessing of sound by George Moore. When we needed chairs, office equipment, and more, miracles just poured in from the blessings of God."

A cleaning team came in and removed most of the stains and all of the smell, and of course, there's much more to be done.

"The hope of Kingdom of Life is to build a multipurpose

room and eventually open up a dream center for families struggling with domestic abuse. The center will provide shelter, transportation to and from schools so the kids will have stability in that area," said Reid.

Reid restated the vision, "Reflecting and Imparting the Kingdom of God, one life at a time. We are striving to be a weigh station for anyone who may be down for whatever reasons. We will teach them how to come out of situations and move past them without returning to the circumstances that caused the situation to get out of control."

Kingdom Citizen, Terry Mustapher stated, "For me, I am chosen, called upon, appointed, set apart, and set up for success in the Kingdom. Here, we invite the hurt, the lost, abused, unsaved, and we bring them in with acceptance, reintroduce them to salvation while reigniting the fire within them so they can be a light to others."

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Midway leaders sweep regional awards



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Midway Independent School District is proud to announce that assistant principals from three MISD campuses swept the Region 12 assistant principal of the year awards for every grade level in their respective professional development organizations.

Christy Watley was named



CHRISTY WATLEY

Elementary Assistant Principal of the Year (TEPSA), Mandi Bronstad won Middle School Assistant Principal of the Year (TASSP), and Becky Odajima is the High School Assistant Principal of the Year (TASSP). These outstanding leaders provide consistency in all levels of our administration and at all



MANDI BRONSTAD

grade levels.

For the 2016-17 school year, Christy Watley is the new principal of Hewitt Elementary following Diane Gough's retirement. Becky Odajima has been named Associate Principal of Midway High School in place of Alison Smith, who is now head principal in Comal ISD.

MATTA

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BILL AND VICKI MATTA

tuition could be paid with part-time jobs and summer work and modest student loans, the problem may be hard to fathom. We may be tempted to claim that today's students just don't work hard enough.

But a look at average tuition rates and earning potential reveals a more serious problem. According to the National Center for Education Statistics, tuition at a 4-year public college in the 1976-77 school year averaged \$1,218. In comparison, the College Board now reports that tuition at 4-year public colleges in the 2015-16 school year averaged \$9,410.

In 1976, working 20 hours a week at the minimum wage of \$2.30 per hour was enough to pay off the yearly tuition in about 26 weeks. Today, students would have to work a minimum-wage job for almost 30 hours a week for 43 weeks to pay the average yearly public college tuition.

The time has come for free or reduced college tuition for students of families with low to moderate incomes. If we truly believe that education is indispensable, why not pay for it now with funds that already exist rather than with money our nation's students have not yet earned?

We can do that with minor changes to the current tax-rate structure, changes that won't adversely affect the tax bill for 90% or more of Americans. With higher education tax credits, students and their families will have greater financial resources to stay in school. Combine tax credits with a modest

education tax on annual incomes over \$500,000 and we may yet solve the most pressing education funding problem.

The penalties for inaction are great. If we don't take steps now, many deserving students will have no means to reach their full potential, and we will all suffer the consequences.

We're already suffering greatly. Every time our education system loses a student, that student becomes less employable, less likely to become self-sufficient, resourceful, and productive. Even worse, drop-outs often become a burden on taxpayers.

Education should be a totally non-partisan issue. However, conservative politicians in recent decades have demonized taxes—as though priceless gov-

ernment services like education can somehow be provided free or nurtured successfully behind the profit motive of for-profit enterprises.

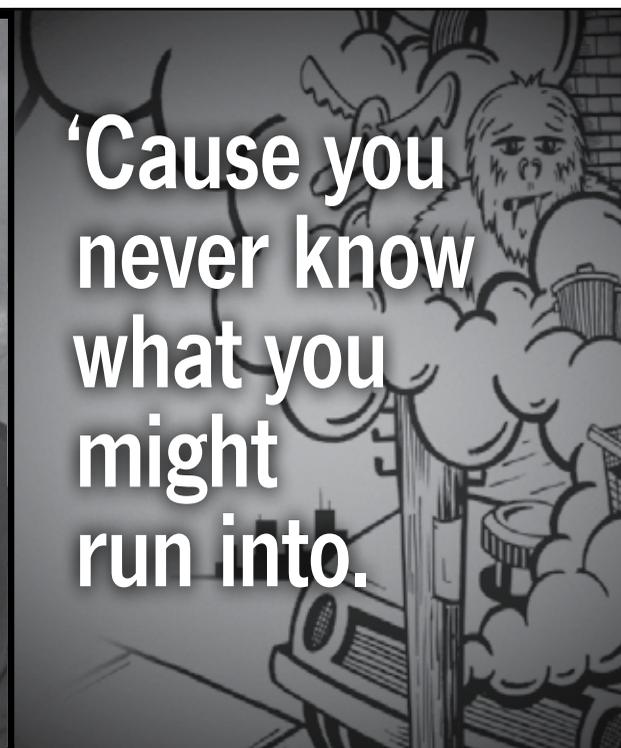
Our country is the greatest and richest in the world, but too much of our wealth has been pooling idly at the top. For decades, one major political party has coddled the top 10% while the other party struggles to serve the greater

good, to serve those who work and those who cannot—our children and our elders, our sick, our poor.

This year your vote is more important than ever. Democracy is at stake. To save it, we must all vote. Register now if you have not done so. Talk to your friends, your family, your co-workers, everyone. Encourage and help others to vote. Become part of history now as

we revive democracy!

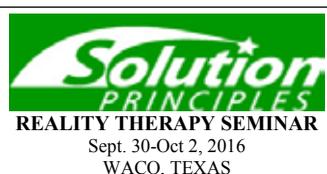
William Matta, Ph.D., Colonel, USAF (Ret) is the 2016 Democratic Candidate for US House District 17 (TX). Presently, he is the Chair of the Language, Literature & Communication department at McLennan Community College. Dr. Matta desires to meet with local leaders, churches and organizations to share his vision for change. See more at www.billmatta.com.



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NAACP awards Rev. Robert Gilbert and Dr. Mae Jackson scholarships

BY PEACHES HENRY

At its May 23 meeting the Waco NAACP presented the Dr. Mae Jackson and Rev. Robert Gilbert Scholarships to three deserving McLennan County youth. The three honorees were Destiny Lawson who received the Robert Gilbert Scholarship for a student attending a community college, Mi'Kayla Jackson who received the Robert Gilbert Scholarship for a student attending a 4-year college or university, and Davia LeBlanc who received the Dr. Mae Jackson Scholarship for Continuing Students.

Lawson is a student at Waco High School and the Greater Waco Advanced Health Care Academy. She has also been an active volunteer at the South Waco Community Center where she counseled youth and teens. Her coordinator there praised her for her "pleasant and encouraging attitude." Lawson also participated in the softball program as a part of Young



PICTURED ARE DESINTY LAWSON AND MI'KAYLA JACKSON

Life at Waco High. Her coach calls her "the most trusted high school student I have ever met" and noted that she "always treats every person with dignity, no matter the circumstance." Lawson plans to attend Temple College and will study to become a nurse.

Jackson attended Midway High School where she received numerous academic awards, including membership in the National Honor Society. She served as the Student Athletic Trainer for three years, helped orient new students in the school through the Link Crew organization, volunteered in her church and at the Heart of Texas Fair and Rodeo, and held down a part-time job. Those who recommended her praised her leadership skills, her willingness to work hard, her work mentoring younger children in the PALs program, her maturity, and her caring about others.

She plans to attend the University of Houston where she will major in kinesiology so that she can realize her goal of becoming a physical therapist and to eventually own her own practice.

LeBlanc graduated from

Midway High School and currently attends McLennan Community College where she has earned a great deal of recognition. At MCC two of her photographs have been selected for publication in the Stone Circle, McLennan Community College's art and literary magazine. She has been employed for two years as an after-school care-giver at Woodway Elementary. Her resume also includes a long list of volunteer work for the Salvation Army, Art on Elm, H-E-B Feast of Caring, City of Waco Library, Neighborhood Works, and March of Dimes. She is also active in her church and in the Zeta Phi Beta Sorority's youth group. She is studying photography and is pursuing every opportunity to make that her career.

The Waco NAACP scholarships are named in honor of Rev. Robert Gilbert, the first African-American graduate of Baylor University, and Dr. Mae Jackson, Waco's first African-American mayor. Dr. Jackson's daughter and Waco NAACP member, Andrea Barefield, was present to see the scholarship named for her mother presented for the second time by the NAACP.

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Willow Grove School reunion planned for Sept. 17

Excitement is rising as a reunion committee works to bring together the Willow Grove School Reunion. All former students of the Willow Grove Elementary School are invited and encouraged to attend. The school was located at 1635 Willow Grove Road in Waco, Texas.

It was part of a great legacy that will be celebrated on September 17, 2016 as the Willow Grove Cemetery Association observes its annual event by remembering the dearly beloved Willow Grove Elementary School. This year's celebration will be an All School Reunion. Beginning at 6:00 P.M. at the Bellmead Community Center, 3900 Parrish Street in Bellmead, the celebration's chosen theme for the evening is "Prom Night."

The Willow Grove community is a rich legacy in itself. William "Buck" Manning and A. W. Crawford, two African American pioneers, made it possible. Around 1826, Manning was born a slave in the small town of Shubuta, Mississippi. His father was a plantation owner, and Manning eventually became the overseer of the property.

After marrying the house cook, Lucy Ann, Manning, his wife, and the plantation owner

and his family, moved to Texas. Settling first in Valley Mills, Manning continued to look for a larger place to live. The Mannings would eventually have nine children. In 1874, he located 320 acres on Hog Creek, and even though blacks were now free, they continued to face adversity.

Being an African American, he could not buy the land. Thus, A. W. Crawford, a black man who could pass for white, bought the land for Manning.

Manning helped build the community's first church and helped other African Americans make the area their home. A. W. Crawford was also very instrumental in the makings of the Willow Grove Community. Though Manning was a brave and strong leader, his skin color did not allow him the same opportunities that non-minorities experienced. Thus, Crawford became the catalyst for the land transactions. Buying the land for Manning, from a John A. Cobb, Manning's dream began to take on a form of reality.

Crawford, also a landowner, left a rich legacy behind as well. The Willow Grove community is still home for many of the descendants of the early pioneers. The Willow Grove Baptist

Church and the Willow Grove Cemetery Association are very active in keeping the legacy alive. The Willow Grove Community Cemetery established in 1874, was designated by the Texas Historical Commission as a Texas Historical Cemetery Designation.

The cost per person is \$30. Please contact Marie Compton at 214-850-4077 or at VMCOMP86@gmail.com or you may contact Lillian Manning at 254-855-7247 for further information. For ticket information, please contact August Jean Debose at 254-799-5593.

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Historical black colleges and universities

BY RON OLIPHANT

School is about to start, but for many of our seniors, the only thing on their mind is college. When I was a senior I did not have a plan. My father was from the old school and so his advice was simple. He said, "You better get yourself a job, go to college or join the army. Either way you cannot stay here. Too many grown folks in this house."

I decided to go to college, but I had no idea how I was going to pay for it. Also, I figured out you had to be accepted in college and you could not just go. In Louisiana, the more adventurous African American kids went to HBCUs such as Grambling and Southern University. I simply went to Northwestern State University because it was close.

When I look back on it, I realize I could have used great advice from loving and kind mentors. I needed someone to get me involved in community service because it builds character, and a resume for the better colleges. I played sports and slept in class more than I should have. I am not saying I was a dumb jock but I could get away with a lot. I could have used a strong hand to shake me and make me understand what it means to be a black man, trying to enter the work force in America. My father was a guide when it came to working hard for a living and so I work hard, but he did not go to college. Although he wanted me to go, he did not push as hard for me to make good



RON OLIPHANT

grades. The small details one must know to get into a good college, he simply could not help me with.

I never heard of Spellman, Howard, Hampton and Morehouse until I saw the Cosby show. I never heard of Jack and Jill of America until I left that town. I never saw black doctors, lawyers, engineers or high ranking city officials. I was never taught black history or told positive things about myself and that I could be anything. I did not have some black man or woman grab me by my collar and tell me to wake up. It was a small town in Louisiana. The highest ranking blacks were teachers and a few policemen. I don't remember having a black man as a teacher. I remember a black man that was assistant principal in high school, but he did not give advice; he was just the equivalent of a prison guard.

Waco has many college options from which to choose. A student can choose to go to McLennan Community College or Texas State Techni-

cal College. Baylor University can be expensive with tuition cost at about \$40,000 dollars but if you have what it takes to get in, that is an option. My advice to all students is to get as many scholarships that are available. Many fraternities and organizations will give money in exchange for a well written essay. Also smaller colleges with lower tuition fees can be the more sensible option, before attending a major university. If basic classes can transfer to the major university you dream about, and you get to stay around mom just a little longer, go to MCC. If you want to be an artist go to the Art Institute. If your desire is to be a mechanic or electronic technician go to a technical college.

HBCU's provide a culture that not only educates the African American, but they build self-awareness and self-esteem. African American students, who desire a well-rounded college education, in my opinion, should consider HBCU's. I believe the experience will not only educate, but also allow students to be proud to be African American.

If you don't want to stray too far from home, Paul Quinn located in Dallas area is still an option. Texas southern in Houston area can be an experience. Prairie View sounds good to me. In 2016, anyone can go online and search out HBCU's, find one that seems interesting and gas up the car. Students should visit potential colleges and apply to more than one.

Nine-year-old Kymberly J. Gaddy starts non-profit for rare disease

BY W.B. GUNTER

As most kids about ways to spend their time off during the summer, few if any think about creating a non-profit organization. In May, 2016, that's exactly what 9 year old, Kymberly J. "KJ" Gaddy did. With the help of her parents, she is on a quest to help children who have food allergies. The online site at www.Kjsveggies.org is set up to accept donations and sell t-shirts so the proceeds will be distributed.

According to KJ, her "natural passion is to create awareness about food allergies." More purchases can be made by using PayPal. With PayPal, the bookkeeping is automatic and she can track sales, inventory, check distribution. KJ also does the mail outs and tracking of merchandise. "Some people want shirts because they love the idea." Many of the T-shirts were designed by KJ's cousin, Robyn Butler, who is the CEO of the hair care company, Created Coily, a company she began while in college.

KJ knows a lot about foods and allergies. She was diagnosed at 6 months old with a rare condition called Tyrosinemia. It prevents the enzymes in her body to break down proteins into amino acids. Robert Gaddy, KJ's father states, we thought it was gas. He remembered, that after an ultrasound during the pregnancy, something was detected, but nothing was definite as to what was going on or what to look for. So naturally, when babies cry and experience discomfort after being fed, gas is usually the culprit." KJ's parents realized something more was going on with their daughter. "After testing, we were informed about Tyrosinemia. We didn't know what to expect so we did what we needed to do and did a great deal of research. With Tyrosinemia, Type 1, too much accumulation of proteins will cause serious problems with other systems



KYMBERLY J. GADDY

and organs in her body."

At 9 years old, KJ is proactive about her dietary and nutritional needs. "When people call me, I tell them what I can or can't eat." While she meets children who can't eat seafood, gluten, nuts, milk, eggs, soy and meats, she is able to eat less than 4 protein grams. KJ sees her doctors about twice a month. She has a team of specialists. It is important to KJ that most of her appointments are in the afternoon so she doesn't have to miss much school, but, some may start in the morning. "No matter what," explains KJ, "the appointments don't affect my learning."

KJ is a top notch student who participates in many activities. She encourages her older brother who is pursuing his goal of launching his business specializing in grill cooking. According to KJ, he knows what he's doing. With Kymberly's tenacity, many children will be able to sit down and enjoy meals without fear. By supporting her efforts, she will be able to expand her message. The T-shirts are in standard sizes for now, but she has plans to bring in other sizes and colors. To donate and learn more, please log on to www.kjsveggies.org.

Kymberly's mother LaTasha states, "As parents of a child with medical dietary restrictions, we are extremely proud of Kymberly and her vision to support all children with food allergies. Kymberly is a 9 year old on a mission to create a living free movement."

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Common sense parenting

BY MONA DUNKIN

Parenting is one of the greatest fulfillment of life and also the most challenging. Someone rightly said, "Children are such a good way to start people." But, sometimes we expect these little people to be, and know, and act like an adult. We often expect our children to be something that we, their parents, are not willing to be - things like patient, kind, mannerly, and honest. Here are a few common sense thoughts on parenting that makes childrearing a joy.

1. Survive and Thrive. To survive, children need air to breathe, water to drink, food to eat and protection from harm. To thrive, they need love. The Apostle Paul admonished the older women to teach the younger women to love their children. (Titus 2:3-4) This seems to indicate that love does not come naturally but must be learned. Oh sure, most parents love their children, but they find it

hard to "like" them; and that is exactly what Paul meant. To love means, "to be kindly disposed toward." In other words, learn not only to love but also to like and enjoy being with your children.

2. Acceptance does not mean approval. In learning to like your children, you must accept them as they are! You may not approve of your child's laziness, but accept him in spite of this character trait and teach him responsibility. You do not approve of your child's disobedience, but accept him in this weakness and teach him to obey. A child needs to be acknowledged as a person. Show common courtesy to your children; introduce them to friends and acquaintances rather than ignoring their presence.

Children need to make choices so they can learn to reason. Be careful that the choices are not too overwhelming. Do not ask your child, "What do you want to wear today?" Give two alternatives, say, "Do



MONA DUNKIN

you prefer to wear this outfit or this outfit?" Allow them to help make simple family decisions such as the choice of the restaurant when dining out.

Include your child as an important family member. This sounds so simple, yet it is often overlooked. I know a couple that purchased a house and were ready to move and the children were totally unaware they were moving until the

big day arrived. When a major decision has been reached, at least let the children know what is going on so they will feel like a necessary part of your lives.

3. Children need to be useful. Often it is easier to do a task for a child instead of taking the time to help him learn, but this is damaging to his self-esteem and produces a lazy, dependent person. Remember that children are children and are not as proficient at chores as you are, but trial and error is an effective way to learn. Resist the temptation to redo the child's effort, at least in the presence of the child. When our daughter was learning to make her bed, it was hard for me not to go behind her and smooth out the wrinkles and straighten the lop-sided spread. Instead, I would praise her effort and overlook the imperfections. Those times it was too sloppy to overlook, I would straighten it while saying to her, "When you are a little taller you will be able

to reach the middle of the bed better, and smooth out these lumps." Or, "When you are a little bigger you will have stronger muscles to pull the spread." Using the term when projects to the child that it just a matter of time until he/she will be able to perform the task as well as you. With loving guidance, she learned to make the bed beautifully.

4. Children need to be trusted. Set moral standards before them, teach them honesty and responsibility and then trust them. Of course, this does not mean they are turned loose on their own without monitoring. Children need to voice their opinions, to speak for themselves as to what their feelings are. Children need time alone just to think. In other words, children's needs are the same as yours.

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9 things you must know about student loans

SUBMITTED BY
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As the cost of higher education continues to rise many students require financial assistance to pay for school. For many students a significant portion of their financial aid consists of student loans. It is vital that students and potential co-borrowers understand the different types of loans available to them, the resources available in the event of a hardship and the poten-

tial consequences of default. If you have questions or need assistance reviewing loan documents call your LegalShield provider law firm.

1. Subsidized loans are awarded based on financial need. While you are in school the federal government pays your loan's interest. Therefore, you do not accrue any interest before entering the repayment period. This will save you a great deal of money over the life of the loan.

2. Unsubsidized loans begin accruing interest as soon

as the loan is disbursed. If the interest is not paid, it will be added to the loan's principal. You will pay interest on the principal of the loan, as well as any interest that has already been added to the balance of the loan. This capitalized interest means you will pay a significantly higher cost over the life of an unsubsidized loan.

3. Credit cards are readily available to college students and are widely used to pay for housing, books and living expenses. The interest rates on credit cards are far higher than those on both subsidized and unsubsidized student loans. In addition, you are required to make monthly payments. Failure to make payments on credit cards will lead to a poor credit score and may affect your ability to obtain additional credit or even find a job.

4. Many student loans offer a grace period before regular payments must be made. Make sure you know the grace period duration for your loan so you are ready when your first payment is due. If you are unable to make your payment when it is due contact your lender prior to the due date.

5. Default, the failure to make payment on student loans, may have serious consequences. If you default on your loan, your remaining balance and interest may become



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due in full and you may lose access to modified repayment plans. Also, additional fees and penalties may be added to your loan, your credit score and history may be damaged, your wages may be garnished and your tax refunds may be withheld. Your lender will also seek to collect, using all of the above methods, from your co-borrower.

6. Avoid default by contacting your lender if you are unable to make your scheduled loan payments. It may be possible to alter your payment due date or the structure of your repayment plan to better accommodate your budget. If you are experiencing financial hardship, you may be eligible

for deferment or forbearance. Canadians have several options for repayment assistance and may learn more by visiting the canlearn.ca website.

7. Discounts may be available if you set up auto-payment for your account. Some lenders offer reduced interest rates when you develop a history of timely repayment. If you work in social services or healthcare fields you may also be eligible for student loan assistance. Contact your lender to learn more.

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The crops we are reaping are seeds we have sown

BY MATTHEW REED

Farmers don't plant cotton and expect to reap corn. Horse ranchers don't breed Angus cows and expect quarter horses to be born. Mankind can't sow hate and expect love in return. We can't sow deceit and expect trust. We can't sow discord and expect unity. We can't sit and do nothing and expect something. We can't do bad and expect good. We can't eat from the devil's table and expect God to bless us. We can't sow anarchy and look for structure. We can't sow disrespect and look for respect. We can't walk in unbelief and expect to have faith.

My point is you reap what you sow. God made this world like this and there isn't any changing it. These are universal laws and try as you may, they can't be changed. Whatever is going on in your life you or somebody planted it. If you like the crop, keep



PASTOR AND MRS. REED

sowing the same thing; you will keep getting the same results. If you don't like it, sow the kind of seeds for the crop desired and that crop will manifest in your (field) life. It's the law.

You can't read worldly books and come to know God. You can't get a different outcome by doing the same thing. You can't deny the facts to change the truth. You

can't be a felon and expect to be gainfully employed. You can't be a law breaker and not eventually go to jail. That's just the way it is (the facts of life). You can't live in a mansion working for pennies. You can't make more money if you are an entry level employee. You can't become more than entry level employee if you don't qualify yourself. You can't soar with eagles if you fly with buzzards.

You can't be a doctor, nurse, lawyer, teacher, accountant, dentist and any other professional that requires formal education without going to college. You can't be a Christian without repenting.

You can't lie in the sack half a day and expect to keep up with those who get up at the crack of dawn. Proverbs14:23 says, "In all labor there is profit: but the talk of the lips tendeth only to penury." What crops are you sowing?

Midway ISD free and reduced-price meals

Midway ISD announced its policy today for providing free and reduced-price meals for children served under the attached current income eligibility guidelines. Each school/site or the central office has a copy of the policy, which may be reviewed by anyone on request.

On August 1, 2016 Midway began distributing letters to the households of the children in the district about eligibility benefits and any actions households need to take to apply for these benefits. Applications also are available at your child's campus or online at midway.schoolunchapp.com.

CRITERIA FOR FREE AND REDUCED-PRICE MEAL BENEFITS

The following criteria will be used to determine a child's eligibility for free or reduced-price meal benefits:

Income

1. Household income that is at or below the income eligibility levels

Categorical or Automatic Eligibility

2. Household receiving Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF); or Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR)

Program Participant

3. Child's status as a foster child, homeless, runaway, migrant, or displaced by a declared disaster

4. Child's enrollment in Head Start or Even Start

INCOME ELIGIBILITY

For those households that qualify for free or reduced-price meals based on income, an adult in the household must fill out free and reduced-price meal application and return it to Janet Gourley at 1205 Foundation Drive, Waco, Texas 76712 or your child's campus. Those individuals filling out the application will need to provide the following information:

1. Names of all household members

2. Amount, frequency, and source of current income for each household member

3. Last 4 digits of the Social Security number of the adult household member who signs the application or, if the adult does not have a social security number, check the box for "No Social Security number"

4. Signature of an adult household member attesting that the information provided is correct

CATEGORICAL OR PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY

Midway ISD is working with local agencies to identify all children who are categorically

and program eligible. Midway ISD will notify the households of these children that they do not need to complete an application.

Any household that does not receive a letter and feels it should have should contact Janet Gourley at JanetGourley@midwayisd.org or (254) 761-5760, ext. 4276.

Any household that wishes to decline benefits should contact Janet Gourley at JanetGourley@midwayisd.org or (254) 761-5760, ext. 4276.

Applications may be submitted anytime during the school year. The information households provide on the application will be used for the purpose of determining eligibility.

Family Size	Annually		Monthly		Twice per Month		Every Two Weeks		Weekly	
	Free	Reduced	Free	Reduced	Free	Reduced	Free	Reduced	Free	Reduced
1	\$15,444	\$21,978	\$1,287	\$1,832	\$644	\$916	\$594	\$846	\$297	\$423
2	\$20,826	\$29,637	\$1,736	\$2,470	\$868	\$1,235	\$801	\$1,140	\$401	\$570
3	\$26,208	\$37,296	\$2,184	\$3,108	\$1,092	\$1,554	\$1,008	\$1,435	\$504	\$718
4	\$31,590	\$44,955	\$2,633	\$3,747	\$1,317	\$1,874	\$1,215	\$1,730	\$608	\$865
5	\$36,972	\$52,614	\$3,081	\$4,385	\$1,541	\$2,193	\$1,422	\$2,024	\$711	\$1,012
6	\$42,354	\$60,273	\$3,530	\$5,023	\$1,765	\$2,512	\$1,629	\$2,319	\$815	\$1,160
7	\$47,736	\$67,931	\$3,978	\$5,663	\$1,990	\$2,832	\$1,837	\$2,614	\$919	\$1,307
8	\$53,118	\$75,589	\$4,426	\$6,304	\$2,215	\$3,152	\$2,045	\$2,910	\$1,023	\$1,455
9	\$58,500	\$83,247	\$4,874	\$6,946	\$2,441	\$3,473	\$2,253	\$3,206	\$1,127	\$1,603
10	\$63,882	\$90,905	\$5,322	\$7,588	\$2,667	\$3,794	\$2,461	\$3,502	\$1,231	\$1,751
11	\$69,264	\$98,563	\$5,770	\$8,230	\$2,893	\$4,115	\$2,669	\$3,798	\$1,335	\$1,899
12	\$74,646	\$106,221	\$6,218	\$8,872	\$3,119	\$4,436	\$2,877	\$4,094	\$1,439	\$2,047

For each additional family member add:
 + \$5,408 + \$7,696 + \$451 + \$642 + \$226 + \$321 + \$208 + \$296 + \$104 + \$148

Applications may also be verified by the school officials at any time during the school year.

DETERMINING ELIGIBILITY

Under the provisions of the free and reduced-price meal policy, Janet Gourley, Child Nutrition Secretary, will review applications and determine eligibility. Households or guardians dissatisfied with the Reviewing Official's eligibility determination may wish to discuss the decision with the Reviewing Official on an informal basis. Households wish-

5611.

UNEXPECTED CIRCUMSTANCES

If a household member becomes unemployed or if the household size increases, the household should contact the school. Such changes may make the children of the household eligible for benefits if the household's income falls at or below the attached current income eligibility guidelines.

Texas Department of Agriculture Chart | Income Eligibility (IEGs) March 24, 2016

SIMONE

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were many questions I didn't complete, which thankfully did not affect my score.

I got my scores back and I was happy with the results. 410, 480, and 510 didn't seem bad to me. Well, they were more than 'not bad', they were in the top 5% of the TIPsters who tested! Late March I got the letter confirming I did well enough to be invited to spend 3 weeks on a college campus to study a course of my choosing! I signed up for the Creative Writing course at Austin College in Sherman, Texas. I was going to Duke TIP summer camp!

Let me just say, at Duke TIP Summer Studies, there is never a dull moment. Here is just a portion of the amazing things we did: a carnival, a lip sync battle, a 'field day,' a talent show, a staff talent show, attended a WNBA game, watched movies, etc. And, oh, the classes! My class was such a cast of colorful characters and it was amazing to hear their stories. My instructor was the coolest - and by that I mean the coolest. I learned so much from him and my Teaching Assistant. Be-

cause of the work we did in class I now have another book project in the works. I met amazing people and made memories to last a lifetime. And, I get to go back for the next 3 years!

All in all, I would recommend Duke TIP to ANYONE. Duke TIP starts as early as 4th grade, so if your child is interested, go ahead and do it! Not to mention, I have heard great things about the one-week CRISIS program for 6th graders. I look forward to spending more summers learning and having fun at a college campus. And I can safely say, Duke TIP was the highlight of my summer.

Jay Simone is a 12-year-old author of three books she self-published. She released her first book at 10 years old, with her 4th and latest project set to be released later this year. Jay is an A-B student going into the 8th grade this month. She loves reading, writing, math, and AVID class. She loves to speak to children about her love of reading and writing. Simone resides in Killeen with her mother and father, both retired Army veterans.

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All men are endowed by their creator with certain unalienable rights, Part 8

BY RUBY MCCRAY

Continued from the July issue of The Anchor.

I'm beginning by asking you not to read this in a mean-spirited tone. Abortion is such a touchy subject and needs to be addressed in the light of God's Word. Since He created everything in the heavens, earth, under the earth and even you and me (Genesis 1:26, 27; Colossians 1:15, -17), He knows everything about us, and has given us His Constitution (the Bible) by which we can live the abundant life (John 10:10). He will never change His rules to accommodate us (Matthew 5:17-20); we have to obey what He has already said (1 Peter 3:8-12).

For a better understanding of this article, please read the previous ones at: www.theanchornews.com, click "ARCHIVES" at the top to find the months and years. All of the recorded Scriptures are from the New Living Translation Holy Bible unless otherwise stated. In your Bible, please read the Scriptural passages recorded, or at least let your smart device read them from the free downloaded Bible app. We have no excuse to remain in the dark-

ness pleading ignorance (Proverbs 24:11, 12).

In the July article, I mentioned that you were with God before you were born, and gave you a word visual about buildings which are already on paper before they are constructed on properties.

"Even before he made the world, God loved us and chose us in Christ to be holy and without fault in his eyes. God decided in advance to adopt us into his own family by bringing us to himself through Jesus Christ. This is what he wanted to do, and it gave him great pleasure" (Ephesians 1:4, 5).

"For God knew his people in advance, and he chose them to become like his Son, so that his Son would be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters" (Romans 8:29). God had a need for us to do a specific work on this earth, that's the reason we were born. Some of us think that it's all about us; no, it's all about Him. "You can make many plans, but the LORD'S purpose will prevail" (Proverbs 19:21). I know we think that we're running things—we're not! "We may throw the dice, but the LORD determines how they fall" (Proverbs 16:33).

Let's take a look at John, bet-



EVANGELIST
RUBY MCCRAY

ter known to many as John the Baptist because he baptized those with water who repented of their sins. However, he said that One was coming after him who would baptize with the Holy Spirit and with fire (Matthew 3:11, 12).

Isaiah and Malachi, both, told of his birth hundreds of years before he was ever conceived, yet people are still arguing today about when life begins.

"Listen! It's the voice of someone shouting, 'Clear the way through the wilderness for the LORD! Make a straight high-

way through the wasteland for our God" (Isaiah 40:3)! "Look! I am sending my messenger, and he will prepare the way before me. Then the Lord you are seeking will suddenly come to his Temple. The messenger of the covenant, whom you look for so eagerly, is surely coming," says the LORD of Heaven's Armies" (Malachi 3:1). Those prophesies are mentioned in all four of the gospels.

"Repent of your sins and turn to God for the Kingdom of Heaven is near." The prophet Isaiah was speaking about John when he said, 'He is a voice shouting in the wilderness. Prepare the way for the LORD'S coming! Clear the road for him'" (Matthew 3:2, 3).

"This is the Good News about Jesus the Messiah, the Son of God. It begin just as the prophet Isaiah had written: 'Look, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, and he will prepare your way. He is a voice shouting in the wilderness, Prepare the way for the LORD'S coming! Clear the road for him!' This messenger was John the Baptist. He was in the wilderness and preached that people should be baptized to show that they had repented of their sins and turned to God to

be forgiven" (Mark 1:1-4).

"Isaiah had spoken of John when he said, 'He is a voice shouting in the wilderness. Prepare the way for the LORD'S coming! Clear the road for him'" (Luke 3:4).

People wanted to know if John was the Messiah, or Elijah, or another prophet. "John replied in the words of the prophet Isaiah: 'I am a voice shouting in the wilderness, Clear the way for the LORD'S coming'" (John 1:23).

Yes, this is the same John that was spoken about by the prophets in the Old Testament who was to be the forerunner of Jesus in the New Testament. What if his mother, Elizabeth, had had an abortion? Join me in September as we continue our discussion about John! Please go to You Tube, type: Ruby McCray Please Let Me Live. Listen to the ballad that supports this series and tell your friends about it and the series! You may not believe me, but...just what if I'm right?

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A life in Christ – Jesus, so much more to offer

BY PAM TURNER

Recently I mentioned some of the subjects I've touched on this past year.

Here's another recap of what our loving Savior has to offer once we put our life into His hands:

Grace, forgiveness, protection, comfort, shelter, mercy, compassion, healing, blessings.

Some people think that becoming a Christian is one of sacrifice and giving up of what life has to offer as pleasure. Once you except Christ as your Lord and Savior you get to partake not only of the points I listed, but you also get to spend eternity in Heaven.

An eternity with Jesus Christ? What more could you ask for? Remember, Jesus is our Alpha (beginning) and Omega (end). He is our end to suffering and the beginning of a life of peace and contentment.

Of course, you'll have issues in between; however, you'll have someone to turn to for help. You won't have to walk it alone. I'd like to end by saying it's easy



PAM TURNER

to give your life to Jesus; all you have to do is with a sincere heart ask Him to be your Lord and Savior and thank Him for the price He paid on the cross for all our sins—past, present, and future.

I pray you make the right decision and may God richly bless you!

Pam Turner is a member of High Point Church in Waco. She is a free-lance writer.

Douglas joins legacy of family graduates

Ambranesha B. Douglas is a recent graduate of University Texas at Arlington. She is the daughter of Fernando and LaJuan Douglas and the granddaughter of Linda Weaver and the late Marvin Warner.

Douglas is a Waco native and a Midway High School graduate, who always dreamed of becoming a teacher. Douglas played in the MHS marching band for 4 years and attended McLennan Community College for two years before transferring to UTA. There she graduated with Bachelor of Science



AMBRANESHA DOUGLAS

degree in university studies and minor in Spanish. She is the mother of two delightful children. Currently, Douglas is a substitute teacher in the Dallas Independent School District. Her professional goal is to earn a master's degree in education at Southern Methodist University. Douglas joins a family of college graduates. Her grandmother, Linda Weaver, a non-traditional student, graduated from college and as a single mother of five daughters, helped put them all through college.

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