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## Local restaurant joins with non-profit to bring monthly entertainment to Waco

It is the norm to hear people say something happened out of coincidence or by chance. However, Romans 8:28 it says "all things work together for the good for those who love God and are called according to His purpose."

Such is the case for the Road to Damascus and Louisiana Catfish and Chicken. It was not fate that joined them together; it was God. Road to Damascus and Louisiana Catfish and Chicken excitedly announce their 1st collaboration in bringing consistent Christian, fun-filled entertainment to the Waco area. These planned events include monthly entertainment at affordable prices.

Waco and surrounding area Christians can be confident in knowing that they will no longer have to travel to larger cities, such as Dallas and Austin, to enjoy a relaxing night of smooth jazz, the spoken word, comedy,



Lionel Randolph

dancing, and an all-around romantic atmosphere.

The Road to Damascus February 14th event, "A Night to Remember," was indeed just that—a night to remember, and beginning November 15th, Wacoans can add similar monthly entertainment to their evenings to remember and on a regular basis.

Mia Thomas, founder of Road to Damascus, has be-

gun to see the beginnings of the mighty ministry God had entrusted to her. Perhaps you are not familiar with the non-profit organization that focuses on helping at-risk children. If you attended the city-wide Back to School Bash hosted at Carver Park Baptist Church, you have experienced God's grace on this ministry.

The book of Acts is a story of tested faith, redemption, and God's revealed purpose for Paul. God led the apostle on a life changing journey. Thomas explains that this is an organization with a similar purpose. It's a non-profit Christian organization designed to help troubled youth get back on the right track, and to fund this organization, God has given Thomas creative ideas and the right people in her pathway, people with whom Thomas can connect,

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## Dareicka Birks takes her 4.0 GPA to MCC

By Peaches Henry

Dareicka Birks, daughter of Angela Thompson, is turning her caring nature into her profession. She recently began her college career as a nursing major at McLennan Community College. She plans to attend McLennan for a year and then transfer to Mary Hardin Baylor.

Birks' desire to care for others has been manifested in her participation for multiple years in volunteer activities in the community. She participated in the Waco Stiletto Stampede,



Dareicka Birks

an event connected to the Komen Foundation which fundraises for breast cancer

research, as well as the Angel Tree ministry to children of incarcerated individuals. She was also involved in more hands-on caring through Meals-on-Wheels, Special Olympics, and Feed My Sheep, a Thanksgiving effort to literally feed and clothe individuals sponsored by Carver Park Baptist Church.

"It is unusual to see a young person so devoted to the care of others. I am impressed by the depth

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## Maxwell named Killeen's Teacher of the Year

By WB Gunter

John Maxwell has been named Killeen Independent School District's Teacher of the Year. A Manor Middle School math teacher, Maxwell touts the philosophy that we should "Love kids and be passionate." He believes it is important that "teachers come to school every day excited."

At a recent back to school rally, Maxwell, along with other panel members, encouraged parents to stand beside their children and work together with teachers to ensure success and high levels of achievement.

"We all have a responsibility—the students, parents, and teachers. The children we have are a fearless generation. They are ambitious when it comes to performing and expressing themselves publicly using the Internet and social networks, but may lack the tools needed to cope with failures."

Maxwell explained that rather than be devastated to the point of giving up and believing as if they somehow can't recover, we as a community need children to see that, "failure is a means to success. Failure cannot be taken personally. You figure out what went wrong, make the adjustments, and succeed."

He went on to say, "Parents are responsible for having children prepared and ready to learn. All of the adults need to be on the same page so



John Maxwell

children won't use one against the other. That same principle applies to education. Be a united front, be committed, and have trust."

Teachers want students to do well. Parents have to trust that their children will be treated well. "As a father of 4, who has school aged children, if I wouldn't do it to my child, I wouldn't do it to yours."

Math can be a difficult subject for some children. Maxwell instills in his students that they are capable of knowing anything. By the time some students leave primary grades, they have been mathematically defeated. Maxwell says he must "get them where they need to be. First, they have to know what to do, Second, they have to know what they did, was done well. Students must then be empowered by not depending on validation."

"Math is simple. It tells you to do something.

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**J.L. and Linda Crawford**

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# Caring for an aging population

**By Congresswoman  
Eddie Bernice Johnson**

The number of senior citizens in our country is growing faster than at any other time in our history. They are living longer lives, and many are in need of physical and mental healthcare that will be provided, in many instances, by members of their families.

Data from the 2010 U.S. Census stated that the growth of older persons outpaced that of young people. According to the Census, one of every five persons in our society today is beyond 50 years of age.

It is predicated that in 16 years, one of every five people in our country will be 65 years or older. With longevity comes health issues, and often

younger people are finding themselves having to care for aging parents or grandparents, while holding down full-time jobs, and raising their own families.

There are a number government programs and agencies that can be very helpful to the aged, and to those who are caring for them. The United States Administration on Aging, for instance, provides information on resources for elderly persons that include at home services, legal issues regarding the elderly and care-giving options.

A web site, [NIHSeniorHealth.gov](http://NIHSeniorHealth.gov), contains information on various diseases, and disorders that can affect elderly persons. Available in written and audio forms, the information is compiled



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by the National Institutes of Health and the National Library of Medicine.

The site [Medicare.gov](http://Medicare.gov) lists nursing centers as well as long-term care payment options and information on various drug usage plans. The Medicare site is interactive, and easy to navigate.

The National Center for Assisted Living is a perfect tool for those who are faced with having to place a loved one in an institutional facility. It outlines costs, dietary provisions, payment methods and social activities offered by various residential facilities.

As a part of the historic "great society" mandate, former President Lyndon Baines Johnson signed the Older Americans Act of 1965. The administration recognized that the population was aging, and needed assistance.

In 2000, the federal government established

The National Family Caregiver Support Program. The program provided grant funding to state governments, allowing them to assist caregivers who were caring for aging family members that lived with them.

The emotional and physical toll on caregivers can be tremendous. The more knowledge a caregiver has about government programs, and other services that are available to assist in the care of a loved one, the fewer mental and financial pressures they will endure.

For instance, if an elderly parent's social security benefits are extremely low, the caregiver might be able to access additional funding through the Social Security Department's Supplemental Income Program, known as SSI.

Also, since many elderly patients are taking numerous prescription drugs, caregivers should become familiar with the Food and Drug Administration's web site which contains information on drug ingredients, drug interactions, and recommended dosages for prescription medications.

Seniors have worked very hard to create a society in which we are able to live and prosper. In their golden years we must be there for them, just as they were there while they were actively working and laying the foundation for today's society, and its quality standard of living.

## Boomers not getting what they need in the bedroom

(NewsUSA) - America's baby boomers, those between the ages of 44 and 62, are not getting what they need in the bedroom: sleep. Quality sleep is necessary to look and feel your best each day, but according to a recent sleep survey of U.S. boomers conducted by the Better Sleep Council (BSC), 75 percent of boomers are logging less than the recommended eight hours of sleep each night. Even more alarming, one-sixth of today's 82 million boomers have difficulty sleeping every night.

The good news is that

getting a better night's sleep can be as simple as making a few changes to the bedroom environment and everyday sleep habits.

"A good night's sleep is vital to proper health and well-being at any age; it's critical to look, feel and perform your best," says Karin Dillner, director of communications of the BSC. "What many people may not realize is that you don't need to go to extremes to get better sleep. It could be as simple as enhancing your sleep surroundings."

For better sleep, the BSC recommends incorporating these tips into your

everyday routine:

- Establish a relaxing bedtime routine. Unwind before bedtime by soaking in a hot bath or hot tub and then reading a book or listening to soothing music.
- Exercise regularly. A regular exercise regimen helps keep you fit and also helps you sleep better at night. But avoid really strenuous exercise right before bedtime.
- Avoid eating right before bed. Finish eating at least two to three hours before your regular bedtime, and avoid heavy

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# Why was Michael Brown shot in Ferguson, Missouri?

By Ron Oliphant

August 9, 2014, Michael Brown was shot and killed by a white, Ferguson Police officer, Darren Wilson. The fact that Michael was eighteen years old, African American and unarmed, sparked protest and acts of vandalism. This led to the National Guard being called in to help control the situation. It took us back to the days of Martin Luther King and Malcolm X, as we watched tear gas and the rubber bullets fly. The Rev. Al Sharpton called the shooting of Michael Brown by a police officer "defining moment for the country."

I sit and watch as everyone attack police officers and claim that they want justice. I would like to say that all police officers do not single out African American children and kill them. In my opinion Darren Wilson was wrong and should be punished, but this is not a new problem. Racism has long been an issue in this country. The southern states do not hide their hatred for Barack Obama and the statistics show that African American men have been under attack for many years. A problem with the police profiling people of color, does exist, but to believe that all men and women in a uniform are enemies, is silly. It is time for people to start working together and doing something about the many problems that plague our families, our communities and our race. Now, when it comes to the African American race, we suffer sometimes needlessly. Here I offer some facts about Ferguson, Missouri, just to make you think.

The population in the City of Ferguson is a little over 21,000 people. Over 65% of the people are African American. Because of the population of the people and the ability to vote, they should not need Al Sharpton to come down to fix the situation. Black people have the power to change the situation in Ferguson, Missouri. The majority of the police officers should be black and raised from the



Ron Oliphant

community. The community should be family, and a natural fear to harm someone in the community should exist. African Americans in Ferguson, Missouri, need to start looking out for one another. When a police man pulls someone over, they should pay attention to the

situation.

Crime and certain moral indecencies should not be allowed in the community. The drug dealer, thief, pimp and violent person should not be allowed. A young man should not be able to disrespect someone's daughter or his elders. A young woman should not disrespect her family or herself. In other words, not only in Ferguson, but we as a people should change the way the world sees us. Our stereotype should be that we are honest and hard-working. We can change our profile whenever we want by deciding to be better in every way. If a race is profiled by the fruit its tree bears, that race must examine what its tree is producing.

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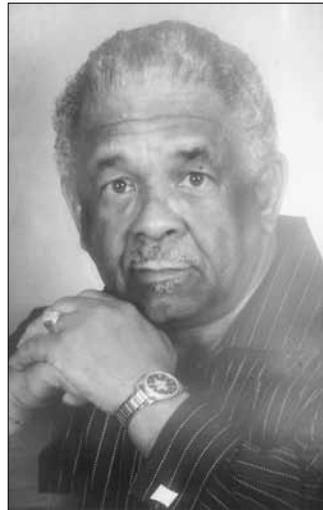


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## Rev. Willie R. Stanley named CTAACC Citizen of the Month

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Rev. Willie R. Stanley

Cemetery Memorial.

Stanley is an Alumni of A.J. Moore High School and went to Paul Quinn College. He serves on several committees: treasurer of McLennan County Historical Commission, a member of the Fred Batts Leadership Association, a member of the Design Team for the Doris Miller Memorial and member of the Advisory Committee First Street

Stanley was also one of the design team members for the mural painted on the wall of the East Waco Library. He appeared in the Waco Civic Theater To Kill A Mockingbird, where he played Rev. Syres.

Stanley, a great leader worthy of emulation, is waxing strong in his journey of exemplary leadership.

## Nine rules debt collectors must follow

Submitted by J. L. Crawford, Independent Associate

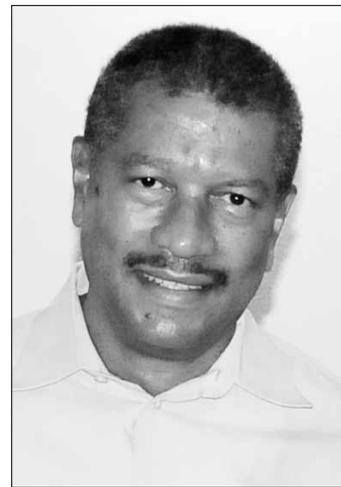
9 Rules debt collectors mustIn the United States collection agents are limited in the methods they can use to collect personal debts by the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act (FDCPA). Personal debts include credit card debt, auto loans, mortgage payments, medical bills and other family and household expenses not used for a business. Canadian debt collection regulations differ by province; however, there are some practices that are generally off limits to all debt collectors. If you are dealing with a debt collector or have any questions call your LegalShield provider law firm today.

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J.L. Crawford

the debt was owed before it was transferred to the collection agency.

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meals late in the day.

It's also important to evaluate your sleep environment and sleep equipment. Make sure your bedroom is dark, quiet, comfortable, cool, uncluttered and free of laptops and televisions. Next, take a look at your mattress. It should be supportive and cradle you with comfort. If your

mattress is five to seven years old, or if you wake up with stiffness, aches or pains, it's time to evaluate and consider replacing your mattress.

"As we age, our bodies' needs for comfort and support change," Dillner says. "The best-quality mattress is simply the one that meets your own personal needs for comfort and support."

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# Millionaire couple Rick and Paige Murphy to speak in Waco on September 26

**By Gail Garrett**

Lonnie and Gail Garrett are excited to help host Rick and Paige Murphy of Austin, Texas. This couple has reached millionaire status with the Nikken Wellness International Company and have committed themselves to mentoring new and former business-minded entrepreneurs for their personal goal settings. The couple became members of the Nikken Millionaire Club at the age of 39 and has since earned many other prestigious national awards for their hard work and accomplishments.

The Murphys have been involved with Nikken Wellness for over 14 years and have built a large organization, achieving financial freedom before the age of 40. They love to spend time helping others balance their health and financial

goals with a concept of "Humans Being More."

Featured in numerous videos, audios, major events and publications such as Success Magazine, they are the co-authors and leaders of a highly successful field training program in Nikken and have spoken and trained all over the world.

They are dedicated to Nikken Wellness Intl. Focusing on five pillars of health—healthy mind, body, society, family and finances, they are driven to empower others to achieve a life of balance and freedom. These millionaires will be speaking in Waco, Texas, Friday, September 26, 2014, 6:15 p.m. at Comfort Suites 2700 LaSalle (on the Circle) Exit 333.

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# Epigenetic and choice theory

**By Mona Dunkin**

Which came first, the chicken or the egg?

The chicken and the egg are interdependent. The egg-laying chicken and the developing egg each have a viable part to play in the on-going production of breakfast and casseroles.

Here is another round-robin-riddle. Which came first, the theory or the theorem?

The developing-egg theory is, "I have a pretty good grasp as to what the outcome will be of my idea" (i.e. based on previous experience, the creative cook has a fairly good idea of how a newly developed recipe will turn out). Theory is a not-as-yet proven abstract concept.

*Encarta Dictionary* defines theorem as "a proposition or formula in mathematics or logic that is provable from a set of axioms and basic assumptions." Theorem is experiments getting closer to text-book-weighed-and-measured fact.

Epigenetic is the science of gene/cell development. A 13-year Human Genome Project (HGP) involving scientists from around the world discovered that each individual cell in our body pretty much has a life of its own.

Epigenetic Scientist Bruce Lipton calls it "The Biology of Belief," meaning that our cells turn-on or turn-off depending on what



**Mona Dunkin**

we believe.

"Sure, I would love to have a doughnut."

And the whole body goes into pre-programmed operation. The brain values the delicacy, the mouth salivates to receive the morsel and the genes turns "on" to store fat.

"No, thank you. I'll pass on the doughnuts."

And the whole body musters strength to re-write previous programming. The brain values a nutritious salad, genes turn "off" to

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# A smarter alternative to treating back pain

(NewsUSA) - Anyone who's ever suffered with chronic back pain can tell you how debilitating it can be. Take Naomi Morgan, a 65-year-old nursing assistant from Maryland who's been living with it for more than 20 years.

"The pain was beyond terrible," Morgan recalls. "There were times when I could barely walk."

Long-popular steroid injections have been linked to medical complications and side effects. So patients like Naomi are now looking for safer ways to manage their pain.

"I had already had two surgeries and my doctor recommended a third," she says. "But I swore that the only way I would ever have



Dr. Shamonica Trunell-Morgan

surgery again is if I wasn't able to move my legs, back

or anything else."

Morgan turned to Dr. Alan Sokoloff, the chiropractor for the Super Bowl champion Baltimore Ravens.

"Often times, patients want instant relief or a quick fix," says Dr. Sokoloff, "even if it means choosing a more aggressive route. Research continues to show the effectiveness of the conservative method: Trying chiropractic first, then medicine and surgery, is gaining in demand with its safe and positive results."

To safely and effectively manage back pain, chiropractic care is fast becoming the go-to choice. For more information, visit [www.yes2chiropractic.org](http://www.yes2chiropractic.org).

## BIRKS

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of Dareicka's charitable activities," commented an adult who has known Birks for more than a decade. "I am not surprised to learn that she wants to pursue a career in nursing."

While engaged in these charitable activities, Birks maintained a stellar 4.0 grade point average. Graduating from Connally High School in May, she was an athlete and cheerleader throughout high school, moving through the ranks in each activity to leadership

positions. Birks was a three-year All-Star Academic who won a math award her junior year. Her academic achievement has been rewarded with numerous scholarships.

Among them are the Peggy Laird Memorial Scholarship, the Lacy Lakeview Chamber of Commerce Scholarship, the Cadet Pride Scholarship, the TADC Urban Scholarship, the Carver Park Baptist Church Scholarship, and a MAC Grant.

While maintaining high academic achievement, Birks was also involved in extracurricular activities. At church, she is a devoted

member of the Youth Department. She often uses her skills as a pianist at church and performs on the praise dance squad. She was a Girl Scout through her junior year. An athlete who played freshman basketball and junior varsity softball, she was also a member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. After being a junior varsity cheerleader in ninth grade, she was a varsity cheerleader from sophomore to senior year.

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## Back to home school

By Jennifer Snyder

Information on getting organized for back to school is everywhere from television commercials to sale ads in the newspapers – and even billboards, but there is an entire population of students and educators who are not included in all of this hoopla: home-schoolers. Educating children at home is a lofty and very rewarding endeavor yet a significant challenge, especially in terms of being organized.

One aspect of home schooling often overlooked is the need for definite separation between home and school. When the special boundaries are ambiguous, so are the boundaries relating to time, attention, rules, and focus. For example, we are told not to eat, play, watch television or surf the net in our beds. Beds are for sleeping. So it is with homeschooling. The schoolroom and playroom absolutely must be separate spaces. Otherwise the kids are instructed to practice their arithmetic and are dreaming of Legos or Barbies instead.

A well-equipped home schoolroom should have at least one bookcase, divided by reading level, dedicated to student books only. A separate bookcase can be used for teacher copies of books and resources. Each student should have his or her own workspace with



Jennifer Snyder

a comfortable chair and enough room to spread out as needed. A white board on the wall is not necessary but helpful and small, individual white boards for practice exercises can save tons of paper.

Ensure the room is arranged where all of the desks aren't facing walls. Pair desks together in the center of the room or face all the same direction. Store supplemental supplies (like counting and sorting kits) in plastic containers of uniform size and shape (not the original packaging, please) in a cabinet or cupboard.

The teacher's space should undoubtedly model what is expected from the students. His or her desk should be tidy with a file system for keeping necessary records leading to meeting government standards and graduation. Be sure to put a pretty apple on your desk too. Believe it or not; it will help you embrace the role change from mother/father to educator.

Finally, and probably most importantly, establish and keep a clear, predictable schedule. Establish a calendar well in advance indicating days off from school as well as daily times dedicated to schooling. Respect this schedule at all costs.

Identify a list of predictable possibilities that are allowed to interfere with learning, post it in the schoolroom and follow it.

Homeschooling is not for everyone but families who are able to do it well are far better for it. Happy homeschooling!

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# Will the real true Christian please stand up? Part 4

*Continued from the August Issue of the Anchor News.*

**By Ruby McCray**

As we continue this delicate series, I ask that you please not read it in a mean-spirited tone; however, unlike our judicial system, I encourage you to be truthful and fair in all and to all. If this is your first time reading this article, please visit [www.theanchornews.com](http://www.theanchornews.com), and click the archives for the previous ones.

It appears that each month, some Christian company is threaten with a lawsuit to accommodate the gays' agenda. Some have actually been sued and have closed down their lively hood rather than violate their faith. The gays, their lawyers and their judges know exactly what they are doing. They are trying to force the Christian to accept that lifestyle as normal and right—it will never happen.

"Don't you realize that those who do wrong will not inherit the Kingdom of God? Don't fool yourselves. Those who indulge in sexual sin, or who worship idols, or commit adultery, or are male prostitutes, or practice homosexuality, or are thieves, or greedy people, or drunkards, or are abusive, or cheat people—none of these will inherit the Kingdom of God (1 Corinthians

6:9-10). That means that they will not go to heaven when they die, but will go to hell. The evil spirits of homosexuality and all other sins are running rampant over this land.

I have never seen so much injustice and INTOLERANCE against the Christians as I am now seeing. Allow me to encourage you once more with the words of Jesus that He spoke to His followers.

"If the world hate you, remember that it hated me first. The world would love you as one of its own if you belonged to it, but you are no longer part of the world. I chose you to come out of the world, so it hates you. Do you remember what I told you? 'A slave is no greater than the master.' Since they persecuted me, naturally they will persecute you. And if they had listened to me, they would listen to you. They will do all this to you because of me, for they have rejected the one who sent me. They would not be guilty if I had not come and spoken to them. But now they have no excuse for their sin. Anyone who hates me also hates my Father. If I hadn't done such miraculous signs among them that no one else could do, they would not be guilty. But as it is, they have seen everything I did, yet they still hate me and my Father. This



**Evangelist Ruby McCray**

fulfills what is written in their Scriptures. 'They hated me without a cause'" (John 15:18-25). So, if the world (sinners) hated Jesus without a cause, they are going to hate us because of Him.

Now, I must warn you lawyers and judges who are oppressing the Christians by trying to force us to accept what God is totally against. All of your judgments should be based upon what the Righteous Judge has decreed. He sets the standards for fairness (Proverbs 16:11). "It is not right to acquit the guilty or deny justice to the innocent (Proverbs 18:5).

"Appoint judges and officials for yourselves from each of your tribes [states] in all the towns the Lord your God is

giving you. They must judge the people fairly. You must never twist justice or show partiality. Never accept a bribe, for bribes blind the eyes of the wise and corrupt the decisions of the godly. Let true justice prevail, so you may live and occupy the land that the Lord your God is giving you" (Deuteronomy 16:18-20).

"Here are some further sayings of the wise: it is wrong to show favoritism when passing judgment. A judge who says to the wicked, 'You are innocent,' will be cursed by many people and denounced by the nations. But it will go well for those who convict the guilty; rich blessings will be showered on them (Proverbs 24:23-25).

"To reject the law is to praise the wicked, to obey the law is to fight them. Evil people don't understand justice, but those who follow the Lord understand completely (Proverbs 28:4, 5). This passage is self-explanatory. When

lawyers and judges don't understand how to rule fairly, it shows that they are evil.

Which one of you attorneys and judges will try a case against a Muslim who refuses to bake a cake, take pictures, host a wedding, etc. for any gay's wedding? If you won't try a Muslim in your courts of law, you shouldn't try a Christian.

So far, you've gotten by, but you will never get away. When good leaves, evil takes its place. He said that the wicked will be turned into hell and all of the nations that forget God (Psalm 9:17), but a nation is blessed whose God is the Lord (Psalm 33:12). You may not believe me, but...just what if I'm right?

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the theatre.

The play will be at the Jubilee Theater, located at 1319 N. 15th Street, Waco, TX 76707. Showings will be on September 19 and 20 at 7:30 p.m. and on September 21 at 3 p.m. Tickets can be purchased online at [www.jubileetheatre-waco.org](http://www.jubileetheatre-waco.org) or at the Mission Waco front office.

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Education Service Center (ESC) Region 12 hosted the event, in collaboration with Waco ISD to bring local educators together with world-class speakers on the topics of poverty and college readiness.

"Let's fight the poverty, not the people in it," said Dr. Donna M. Beegle, guest speaker and renowned author of "See Poverty... Be the Difference!" and "An Action Approach to Educating Students Who Live in the Crisis of Poverty."

Beegle asked educators to let go of middle class preconceptions and connect with disadvantaged students on a personal level to help them succeed in school and continue on to college.

"If you judge, you cannot connect. If you cannot connect, you can't communicate. If you can't communicate, how can you educate?" she said.

Beyond the differences in socio-economic backgrounds, every student has a unique learning style and often the traditional lecture and note-taking model does not create meaningful learning for all individuals, said Patrick Briggs, guest speaker and Texas State Assistant Director of Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID).

"It's not about equality," Briggs said. "It's about equity. What does everyone need to be successful? When we consider education from this perspective, how



Patrick Briggs

we instruct students and what we expect from them changes .... There's no such thing as an achievement gap. In this country, there's an opportunity gap and an expectation gap."

Many districts in Central Texas use the AVID program to prepare students for college, including Waco, La Vega, Midway and Killeen Independent School Districts.

With 59 percent of students categorized below the poverty level in the 12-county region served by ESC Region 12, the encouragement of the speakers hit home for many educators in attendance.

"I learned to think about where our kids are coming from before thinking about their educational needs. There's a lot more that goes into it that we can't see," said Karianne New, Waco ISD speech therapist and convocation participant.

Those in attendance also got the chance to hear from a few of their peers, such as the 2014 Region 12 Teachers of the Year, Counselor of the Year and Superintendent of the Year.

The free event was developed through collaboration with Region 12 superintendents to pool resources and bring in renowned speakers for all Region 12 districts. The result is a free, meaningful event that districts may otherwise not be able to afford or experience.

"As an education service center, we are devoted to helping schools of all sizes save money and leverage resources—driving more money to students in the classroom—where it matters most," Dr. Jerry Maze, ESC Region 12 executive director, said. "We are proud of this event as an example of schools, community and ESC resources aligning to promote student achievement."

Inspired to start the school year with goals in mind, attendees left feeling energized and ready to make a difference in the lives of their students, supported by a close-knit community of educators.

"No kid cares how much you know until they know how much you care," Briggs said.

### About ESC Region 12

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# The prophet Jeremiah speaks to faults of today

**By Matthew Reed**

The major downfall in the era of Jeremiah is consistent with the world today and its problems, the forsaking of the Lord. In Jerimiah chapter one the Lord makes a decision to do judgment and gives his reasons. (1:16) And I will utter my judgments against them touching all their wickedness, who have forsaken me, and have burned incense unto other gods, and worshipped the works of their own hands).

In chapter two God reasons with the people (2:5) Thus saith the LORD, What iniquity have your fathers found in me, that they are gone far from me, and have walked after vanity, and are become vain? God through Jeremiah questions the people as to why they no longer sought him, He reminds them of the great deeds he had done and how it was they themselves that once more brought about their downfall. (2:6) Neither said they, Where is the LORD that brought

us up out of the land of Egypt, that led us through the wilderness, through a land of deserts and of pits, through a land of drought, and of the shadow of death, through a land that no man passed through, and where no man dwelt? 7And I brought you into a plentiful country, to eat the fruit thereof and the goodness thereof; but when ye entered, ye defiled my land, and made mine heritage an abomination). Sounds just like man today.

What do you think God would say to America today. What do you think his thoughts are toward us today. Are they to bless or to curse. Would you say that the country as a whole has forsaken God. Where do you think we're headed and what do you expect our end to be. No matter what you think, ask yourself a question what are my thoughts and expectations based on.

My thoughts are based on my experiences as a man in relation to God Jehovah.

In the part of my 65 years that I can remember when mothers and fathers as a whole loved their children. There are quite a few that don't today. I came along when man as a whole in this country still honored and sought the Lord. I came up during a time when it was a shame to be an alcoholic, a drug addict, an adulterer, homosexual, liar, thief, pedophile, murderer, and convict. In other words it was a shame to be a sinner. Today, rebelling against God and his word seems to have become a badge of honor to most. What a pity!

I know by the scriptures in Romans 1, that God is revealing his wrath from heaven because of our departure from Him. Read the chapter. I can see this truth by the things that are taking place today. This is why I know my thoughts are right. It doesn't matter what man says or does until we return to God; it's not going to get better.

Another similarity that became obvious of those



Pastor and Mrs. Reed

people then and today is they walked in the imagination of their own mind (heart). God was displeased with this. In Jeremiah 3:17 God called them to repent. Read of God's displeasure and judgments of those men who walked in the imagination of their hearts. It should give you an idea of what's

in store for us if we do not repent. Jeremiah 7:24- 9:14- 11:8- 13:10- 16:12- 18:12- 23:17 Luke 1:51 He hath shewed strength with his arm; he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts. Wouldn't you say that we look scattered today. Here comes the good stuff. There is hope. We can repent!



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## MAXWELL

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It tells you to add, subtract, divide, and solve a problem. You must follow directions. What makes math difficult is not being able to follow directions." Maxwell shared the following scenario. A parent says to a child, "I don't want anyone coming to the house when I'm not at home." The parent leaves. The child's friend comes over and that child allows the friend to visit anyway. That child has just made a decision knowing it was wrong. The child got what he or she wanted; however he/she ignored the direction and

the long term consequence of not following directions leads that child to second guessing every decision.

"Once children cross boundaries, every right decision will be second guessed, and their abilities to follow simple instructions with confidence will show up academically."

John Maxwell has taught math at Manor Middle School for 9 years. He is from New Orleans, and Texas has embraced him and his family. He notes that there are many rewards to teaching.

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**MUSIC:** The Indian Spring Amphitheater will be the main stage for music.

Fri. night starting at 6 pm Sept. 26 is a free concert with the college crowd in mind. Bands performing include Guy Forsyth, Folk Family Revival, and Giblet Head

Sat. The main stage opens at 11 am with performances by local orchestras, followed by student dancers, Baylor Percussion, and Lannaya African Drum and Dance Group. Music continues until 11 pm with the Marshall

Ford Swing Band from Austin featuring Waco's own Emily Gimble and the Effinay's Band from Dallas.

Sun. Sept. 28 performers start at noon with several local theater groups, Horton Duo Greek Music, and Dick Gimble and friends. The day closes at 5 pm with headliners Still on the Hill from Arkansas

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All ages can create art at a variety of tents set up with art supplies that include: easel art, wood art, mask making, and much more.

**(254)DANCE FEST:** includes professional dance companies selected by jury as well as student dance companies performing

throughout the festival. Workshops and classes will also be offered. All performances and classes are in the Waco Convention Center and are FREE! More info at <http://www.wacoartsfest.org/dance/> This is the third year for this festival.

**WORD FEST:** includes writer workshops, published authors' panels, open mics, and the 11th annual poetry slam with Michael Guinn, plus a songwriting workshop

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# Historic Willow Grove Cemetery benefit set for September 20

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.

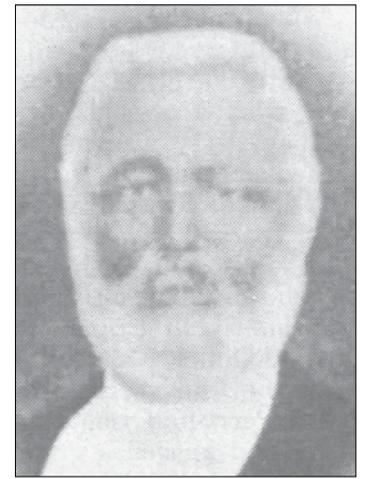
After marrying the house cook, Lucy Ann, Manning, his wife, and the plantation owner and his family, moved to Texas. Settling first in Valley Mills, Manning continued to look for a larger place to live. The Mannings would eventually have nine children. In 1874, he located 320 acres on Hog Creek, and 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



A.W. Crawford



Buck Manning

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. This year The Historic Willow Grove Cemetery Benefit will be held on September 20, 2014 from 6 to 9 p.m. at Sacred Heart Catholic Church—Knights of Columbia Hall, located at 2602 Bagby Street next to the University High Marquee in Waco. The Reverend Delvin Atchison I, pastor of Antioch Missionary Baptist Church in Waco is the key note speaker. Tickets are \$30. Please call 254-717-4927 for more information.

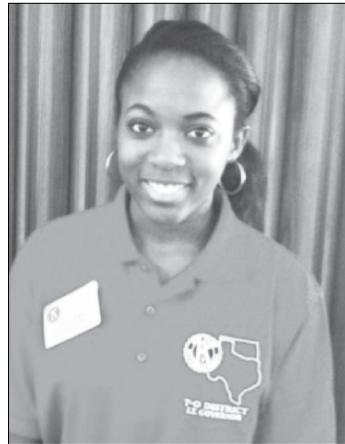
## Rapoport student named key club lieutenant gov.

Rapoport Academy's Meyer High Senior Faith Ward has been appointed Division 23 Lieutenant Governor for the Texas-Oklahoma district of Key Club International.

She is the liaison between district level and 8 local clubs. She monitors reports, payment of dues, answers questions and supports the clubs throughout the year.

As a member of the Board, Faith helps make decisions concerning district by-laws, district convention, etc.

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# A life in Christ – God and his attributes

By Pam Tucker

God has many fine points, or attributes. And in Psalm 139 David's song shows us four of God's attributes that I would like to take a moment and share with you. I hope this Psalm encourages you as much as it does me.

**KNOWLEDGE:** "O Lord, you have searched me and you know me. You know when I sit and when I rise; you perceive my thoughts from afar. You discern my going out and my lying down; you are familiar with all my ways. Before a word is on my tongue you know it completely, O Lord. You hem me in-behind and before; you have laid your hand before me. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, too lofty for me to attain."

I read these first 6 verses and thought, "Wow! The God of the universe, all of creation is familiar with all my ways? Good and bad?" Presently, my family and I have chosen to live about 30 miles outside of town, where it's very quiet and secluded. If we chose to live in a largely populated area of millions, God still knows where I am and knows everything that's going on with me.

Have you ever tried to sit down with someone and have a conversation and not know a thing about him/her or he/she didn't know a thing about you? It's very awkward at first, but if you take time

to listen to what they have to say, then before long you may have a good conversation going.

Each day I take a moment to talk to God, and it's easier now than it used to be because now I understand he has knowledge of me. God knows everything in my heart, my hurts, my failures, and my biggest desires for my life. I'm in a period of my life where I feel like I'm in a holding pattern, or waiting on God's will and giving up mine. God knows that not waiting and seeking him before I step out is a lack of knowledge on my part. I'm praying for knowledge and because He already knows so much about me, I have to wait and seek. My thoughts and plans seem to go off on a rabbit trail and if you've ever tried to keep up with a rabbit you know it bounces all over the place. So if you, like I have, taken off doing what you "thought" God told you to do, you're going to get worn out and frustrated. It makes more sense for me to wait and seek whatever his will is; he'll give me the knowledge to find it. If I pray today and feel I heard him, if it is him, then when I pray tomorrow it'll be him still. If not, then I saved myself a lot of frustration by seeking him first.

I always thought knowledge of God and his will would naturally come with age or years



Pam Turner

of service, but I'm afraid not. David felt that all the knowledge of God was too lofty to obtain, but God wants to share some of his knowledge with us. To obtain a small portion of his knowledge you have to seek it daily, through prayer or reading of his word. The more knowledge of his word you obtain the more confidence you will feel when you pray for his will. His will for your life will align itself up with his word. I have

a desire to get a message of encouragement and salvation to as many people as possible. Jesus commanded his disciples to go into the entire world and spread the good news of salvation, so I know that my desires are in line with his words. Now I must seek him for his timing and direction.

**OMNISCIENCE:** Verses 7-12 talk about God's presence being everywhere. "Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence? If I go up to the heavens you are there. If I make my bed in the depths you are there. If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea, even there your hand will guide me, your right hand will hold me fast. If I say, "Surely the darkness will hide me and the light become night around me," even the darkness will not be dark to you, the night will shine like the day, for darkness is as light to you.

I feel good in knowing that God is all knowing,

and now we read he is all seeing. I just sit here in amazement. Here's a God who knows everything about all of us, those who seem to lead a charmed life, like they have such a smooth, "got it all together life" going on. Then there are some of us who feel like we've set up life on a roller coaster. Of course we're all the same in God's eyes and he's with us during the good times (daytime) and with us during the dark times (night). His omniscience passes all human knowledge to comprehend it. There are days when I feel great, and it's like God is all around me; I can feel his presence. Then other days I want to cry out, "God, I need you! Where are you?" Then I have to remember his promise that he will never leave me nor forsake me. You see, God is always with us. During the good times, and the bad, no matter what, he never leaves us alone.

*To be continued in the October issue of The Anchor.*

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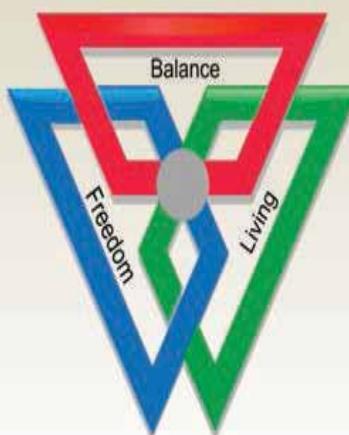
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# RANDOLPH

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taking RTD to higher levels.

Thomas didn't build Road to Damascus from

the ground-up overnight. She said God allowed her to go through her own life-changing journey, which pointed her in "the right direction," an experience to which her most recent connection, Lionel Randolph, can attest.

Louisiana Catfish and Chicken founder Randolph, 30, understands the triumphs and tribulations of being on the road to Damascus. According to Randolph, it was the Word that changed his life and also pointed him

in "the right direction," the Road to Damascus' motto.

Randolph admits that he is still "a work in progress," but growing up in the streets of Waco and living the street life, Randolph learned that if a person wants to make an honest living, he/she must put God first in everything. With the guidance of the Lord, Randolph has turned his dream into a reality. Louisiana Catfish and Chicken is located at two locations in the Waco area, 301 B LaSalle, open Tuesday through Saturday from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. and from 5 p.m. to 3 a.m. at 2525 B West Waco Dr.

Randolph is not only known around Waco for his great cooking but he is also a licensed Master Barber and uses these gifts to give back to his community. He opened his establishment on January 4, 2013 and has since served over thousands of people with his branded catfish, chicken, pork chops, alligator tails and more. Randolph is a man after God's heart, who understands the true meaning of being a blessing to others. "Let me bless your game, from God through me," he touts as his favorite saying.

With rapid growth over the years, God has elevated Road to Damascus and Louisiana Catfish and Chicken to another level of blessing the community. It was in God's plan, when the two founders recently met and envisioned bringing Christian entertainment to the McLennan County

community. Their first joint venture is planned for Saturday, November 15, 2014, at the Ret- Kat Foundation, 5034 Franklin Ave, Waco, Texas.

Road to Damascus and Louisiana Catfish and Chicken present "Distinguished Ladies and Gentleman, A Night of Smooth Jazz, Laughter and Poetry for the Soul." Pre-sale tickets are \$15 and \$20 at the door. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and the show starts at 7 p.m.

Complimentary wine is included. For more information about the event or to purchase tickets, please contact Mia Thomas (505) 402-0199 or Lionel Randolph (817) 448-5598. The team of entertainment is varied and seating is limited. Comedian Da' Mone Jones "The Deacon of Comedy," has recorded with Def Comedy Jam, Who's Got Jokes and has shared the stage with Wild n' Out, Monique, DC Curry, Michael Blackson, B Plat, Rudy Rush, Capone Rob Stapleton, Wil Sylvince, Roz G, B Cole, Kier Spates, Kenny Howell, Hope Flood, Juan Villarreal and a host of others.

Jazz to soothe your soul by Smooth Generation Jazz Band of Waco will perform live and Diva Tashita Bibles, Waco's very own, will bring the spoken word. Onsite attendees will enjoy good food for the soul at affordable prices made available through the Louisiana Catfish Mobile Trailer, called Bless Your Game. The menu includes catfish, chicken and pork chops.

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# A history lesson from a class of '64 graduate

By WB Gunter

*Continued from the August issue of The Anchor.*

"In our daily life, we were a community. Black folks were together because we didn't have anyone else. We were connected by church, community, jobs, and each other. We worshipped in church together, and that included the teachers, the doctors, the employed, unemployed, and children. If someone was in need, their needs were taken care of by a caring member of the community."

During that time, Jordan explained, people in the community felt each other's needs and provided for one another. There was no problem or shame in asking a neighbor for a cup of sugar. People could leave their screen doors open day and night and not worry about it.

The 50's are vivid years for Jordan. She remembers Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. coming on the scene, Rosa Parks' refusal to give up her seat on the bus, and the Emmett Till lynching. "Lynching was also a part of life, and there had already been too many. I'll never forget. I was 10 years old, and Emmett Till's death really had a bearing on me. You know, he wasn't much

older than I was. My parents subscribed to a national paper out of Virginia. The paper sat on a table, and in it was a picture showing Emmett Till, in a casket. His body was mutilated. Near the casket was a photograph of how he actually looked. I was in the fourth grade, and when people visited, I showed them the paper. There were many opinions about the whole thing. Some people even blamed Emmett Till. My father had more to say on the matter than anyone, but I don't remember many conversations in school about Emmett Till."

Jordan attended J.T. Barber High School around 8th grade, and by 9th grade, John F. Kennedy was elected as president in November of 1960. He was inaugurated January 20, 1961. Problems were escalating in Vietnam and within Kennedy's first year in office, troops were sent to South Vietnam. There were so many things changing, and six years following the Supreme Court's decision to integrate schools, NC schools in Craven County remained segregated.

Jordan recalls war and being afraid of atomic bombs. In schools everywhere, they practiced drills where they



Willie Mae Jordan

hid under wooden desks, got on their knees and tucked their heads, placed their hands over the back of their head and waited for the "All is clear" signal.

The following year, a case went to the Supreme Court on behalf of a child's right not to be subjected to specific prayers during devotion. "Part of the devotion included the Pledge Of Allegiance and a daily prayer." In the case of Engel vs. Vitale (1962), the 8-1 decision was ruled in favor of those who challenged the authority of schools to mandate specific prayers. In a separate case that involved Madalyn Murray O'Hair, one

year later, the case she was arguing was consolidated with the 1962 case. O'Hair did not feel Bible study or any religious exercise belonged in public schools. Media reports sensationalized the story by focusing on O'Hair and singling her out as an atheist. Jordan recalls, "Prayer was not abolished. You

could pray on your own." Students continued to pray, silently or with one another when they wanted but not as a whole class.

Jordan's high school years were filled with reports of riots, turmoil, possible wars, unrest, and protest. She recalls, "Media coverage created more divisiveness as priorities were being misrepresented. Civil Rights was an effort to ensure equal access for all people. It was never about Black people wanting to patronize white businesses. Media manipulated reports that incited emotional outbursts and violence."

Willie Samuel Jordan, Jordan's father explained to his daughter, "It is not that we need to be concentrating on people based on color, but rather on equality. That's what we should be fighting for. You can't legislate love."

Willie's words were

relevant, true, and became more evident. Jordan remembers,

"It was November 22, 1963 when President Kennedy was assassinated. That was a terrible day. I was in a study hall class during 5th period. The bell rang as we were entering 6th period English. We were working on some research in the library, and that's where I heard about something going wrong."

"The first report stated that President Kennedy and Vice President Johnson were on a hunting trip. Not long afterward, another report stated that President Kennedy had been shot in a parade. I'll never forget it. People were crying, teachers, students, everyone. At that time, we didn't hear speculations about what may have happened. Our country was in mourning."

That same year, in Mississippi, Medgar Evers was assassinated in his driveway during the spring, five months earlier.

Jordan graduated, June 2, 1964, receiving a diploma and a certificate from Congressman Walter Beaman Jones Sr. He congratulated her for graduating high school. 10 years following the decision to integrate public schools had come and gone. Still nothing changed until almost 10 years following Jordan's graduation. 50 years later, former Congressman Jones's son, Walter B. Jones, Jr., occupies his seat in the US Congress.

Jordan entered college and grad school where she earned several degrees and countless awards for her teaching and stage performances. She went to Graz Steria, Austria under the auspices of the American Institute of Musical Studies based in Dallas, TX. Her recent works include a series of soon to be published books on the subject of music appreciation for children. The first in the series is entitled, We Look Back and Sing the Spirituals.

Jordan's message to students is simple. "Be focused on what you want to do in your life without being distracted from your goals. Keep your eyes on the prize!"

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