As we are mesmerized by the video visuals of the tragedy in Texas, we are also driven to tears of pride as we witness the heroic response from plain folk volunteers. The expected first responders are needed and extremely appreciated; however, the truth is that the real first responders are often potential victims that were prepared for an unexpected emergency. The clean water and plastic bags for personal waste go a long way when strangers are herded to a safe-from-danger spot that has room, but no accommodations for a large gathering of people.

**BottomLine**

**Key to Emergency Preparedness... Human Kindness!**

(From left to right) CEO of Black Business Expo, Jerry Green; President of the Black Chamber of Commerce Inland Empire, Tammy Martin-Ryles; Black is Lit Founder, Winter Minisee; and Host of “Empire Talks Back”, Wallace.
“Is That Your Final Answer?”

By Lou Coleman-Yeboah

Well, you asked for it! Fate it will be: your destiny. Death says the Lord. “For when I invited you, you ignored me; when I spoke to you, you brushed me off. You did the very things I exposed as evil; you chose what I hate.” Therefore, I will put you to death... [Isaiah 65:12-15] [Psalms 50:22]. Prepare to meet your God!

Listen, life is filled with boundaries. The government places boundaries on our lives through various laws and regulations. Society places boundaries on our lives by telling what most people feel constitutes acceptable behavior. Religion places boundaries upon the lives of people by telling them what they can and cannot do. Even churches have certain standards which they expect people who attend to observe. The list could literally go on forever, but the truth of the matter is this: everywhere you go in this world, you are confronted with boundaries, and when a boundary is crossed, usually a penalty is incurred. If you violate the laws of the land and get caught, there is a price to pay. If you step over the boundaries imposed by society or religion, you may be ostracized by the group. The same is true when it comes to God. When you step over God’s boundaries, there is always a price to pay. Case in point, Lucifer was proud and because of that God hurled him from heaven down to the earth because he crossed God’s boundary of obedience into the territory of disobedience. [Revelations 12:7-9]. Adam and Eve had one boundary in the Garden of Eden: abstain from the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, but they chose to overstep the boundary. They crossed the boundary and the result was the introduction of sin, disease, violence, greed, pain and death into our world. [Genesis 3:14-19] [Romans 5:12]. Not to mention Eli’s sons who crossed the boundary of morality. They slept with the women who came to sacrifice at the altar. They therefore met untimely and tragic deaths [1 Samuel 2:12-36]. And Jonadad, who advised and encouraged his friend and cousin Amnon to commit incest by sleeping with his own sister. After committing incest with Tamara, Amnon turned to hate her and chased her away, later Amnon was murdered. [2 Samuel 13:1-39]. Ham who saw his father Noah’s nakedness, Noah was displeased and rained curses on him [Genesis 9:18-25]. The problem is we’ve been deceived into believing that the boundaries don’t matter. But here is the deal, if God is truth and he speaks the truth, then what he says matters. Stepping beyond the boundary stones is worse. If you need more reading, please visit www.wswnews.com.)

Thematic Monday

By Lou Dowdy

Winner of LUE Productions 2017
B.S.M. Competition-Clyde Gatewood

What It Do With Lue

B.S.M. Competition-Clyde Gatewood is What It Do! History was made! It was a packed house and something different. LUE Productions was able to pull off the 1st Big and Sexy Men Competition in the Inland Empire. The event was created to bring focus to the plus-size community and to show that sexiness and confidence comes in all shapes and sizes. Body shaming in my opinion is another form of bullying and it needs to be dealt with.

Back Again! SBPU Hosts Another Community Block Party

SAN BERNARDINO, CA- The San Bernardino Pastors United (SBPU) will be having another Community Block party on Saturday, September 16th at Anne Sherrill Park, located at 1367 California Avenue in San Bernardino. The community leaders are giving back to the community and taking a stance against crime, increasing gang activity and other senseless violence in our City. The Pastors believe that we must show love, help thy neighbor, be there for one another. The Churches of San Bernardino will take a stand together as a united front to encourage the community. There will be Free food, free groceries, free shoes, free backpacks for kids, free clothes and free health checks and the money machine. There will be a life-saving message by Pastor Raymond Turner, Temple Missionary Baptist Church, powerful gospel music, dancing and good fellowship. Please register by phone, email or at our website www.sbpastorsunited.org. They are asking the community to join them as they bring “Healing, Change, and Progress” to the City of San Bernardino, for more information call (909) 533-7977 or email sbpastorsuniteded@gmail.com.

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**Friday, September 8 and Saturday, September 9**

**High Desert Arts and Literary Festival**
The High Desert Arts and Literary Festival invites artists to submit original entries of their paintings and prints, sculpture, clay art, textile art, photography, art, mixed media, and original fine art jewelry. Festival proceeds benefit local STEM educational programs and local scholarships. The festival will be held from 7 p.m. on Friday and form 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday at San Bernardino County’s Victor Valley Museum in Apple Valley.

**Friday, September 8 and Saturday, September 9**

**ECF Encounter-Disciples Are Made, Not Born Again**
The purpose of this conference is to build leadership within the house and body of Christ. ALL members and the Community are encouraged to attend both days. Keynote Speaker: Bishop Kenneth C. Ulmer of Faithful Central Bible Church. The conference will start at 7 p.m. and 9 a.m. at Ecclesia Christian Fellowship located at 314 E Date Street in San Bernardino. Childcare will be provided. For tickets and more info, please visit www.eclesiachurch.com.

**Saturday, September 9**

**6th Annual Mom’s First Tea**
Save the Date! Presented by MYSELF LLC.

Saturday, September 9

**SWAP and Shop:** Presented by W.O.P (Women of Purpose) from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. at 9980 Hesperia Road located in Hesperia. This is a Spirit Filled Family Church. Fundraiser Admission is $2. There will gently used shoes, clothing, purses, accessories, and more. Vendors are wanted. For more information, please call (909) 956-2501 or (760) 766-3373 (option 2).

**Saturday, September 9**

**Upcoming Stage Play, “Victim”**
Presented by Jae’ Chanel Productions at 6:30 p.m. at Sturges Center for the Fine Arts located at 780 North E Street in San Bernardino (92410). Parking is FREE. Come watch a dynamic production about human sex trafficking, revenge, and forgiveness. For tickets, please visit www.eventbrite.com/e/victim-play-live-at-the-sturges-theater-tickets-3581488925.

**Saturday, September 9**

**“Be Brave, Be Smart, Be Wise, Be Fabulous, Be You Service” Women’s Conference**
Presenting Pastor Karen Sykes, Minister Tracey Spencer, NAOFW Founder Dr. Mary McBean, Shentell O’Neal, Deborah O’Neal, and Tami Drayton. Tickets are $30 and includes catered lunch, vendors, and live entertainment. The conference kicks off at 10 a.m. at Cross Word Christian Church located at 21401 Box Springs Road in Moreno Valley. For tickets and vendor information, please visit www.naofwinc.org or call (951) 656-5018.

**Wednesday, September 13**

**Mini Job Fair**
Hosted by America’s Job Center of California. Are you looking for a job? Join us for our 60-day job fair. Many employers are ready to hire! Job fair hours are 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at 658 E. Brier Dr., Suite 100 in San Bernardino. There will be 15-20 employers present, which include direct hires with benefits. Many conditional job offers made on the spot. Most wages are $12 and more. Dress for success. Practice/applying your 30 second commercial. Bring plenty of resumes/cover letters. Open to all job seekers!

**Monday, September 25**

**WWE Monday Night RAW Comes to Ontario**
For the 1st time ever, the WWE Flagship Monday Night Raw will broadcast from the Inland Empire’s Citizens Business Bank Arena on September 25th. This will be your chance to see your favorite RAW WWE Superstars live in action! See: Roman Reigns, Seth Rollins, Dean Ambrose, Bayley, Braun Strowman, Sasha Banks. Finn Balor, Samoa Joe, The Hardy Boys, Cesaro and Sheamus, and many more RAW Superstars. WWE tickets start at $20 and are available at www.ticketmaster.com, the CBBA Center Box office, and charge-by-phone at 800-745-3000. *Lineup subject to change.

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Obituary: The Life of Dr. Francis Bandoh-Aidoo

Dr. Francis Bandoh-Aidoo was born in Bekwai (Ashanti), Ghana of Ghanaian parents. He lost his parents at an early age and was raised by his grandmother and aunt. His parents were highly educated and therefore he aspired to be the best he could be in life. He was destined for greatness, faithfully serving the Lord and being led by the Holy Spirit to make decisive decisions. Ranking high in exams in high school and college were some achievements he spoke about. Obtaining his first job in Ghana as an accountant was thrilling for him for he had gained experience working amongst people. He often spoke of his beloved siblings, whom he learned from. A unique man was Dr. Aidoo. It was hard for us to grasp where he was coming from at times because of his excellency and being a disciplined individual. We had to accept the fact that he was a strict man who wanted the best for his family, so he did things his way. (To continue reading, please visit www.wsnews.com).

Freestyle Rappers Bring the Heat in Verizon’s 2nd Annual #freestyle50 Challenge

Y.K. Supe was the winner in the 2nd Annual Verizon #freestyle50 Challenge held at Play House Nightclub in Los Angeles on Tuesday, August 29, 2017. (from left to right) Smack White, Y.K. Supe’s mother, Sway Calloway, Y.K. Supe, Verizon Representative Jessica Thorpe, London on Da Track, and Kevin Liles. (Photo Credit: Naomi K. Bonman).

Freestyle is culture. Free style is art. And art and culture is Hip-Hop. On Tuesday, August 29, at Play House Nightclub in Hollywood, nine freestyle rappers from across the Nation battled it out at Verizon’s #freestyle50 challenge where they competed for a debut produced by London On Da Track, an opening slot in the upcoming 300 Artist Development Tour, and $10,000. The challenge was hosted by Sway Calloway (former MTV VJ) and Smack White. The eight nine were chosen from over 9,000 entries submitted through Instagram and Twitter. However, out of the nine finalists only eight performed, due to one being from Houston and having to deal with unfortunate weather conditions which prevented him from attending the finals. “We’re looking for energy,” London On Da Track stated when asked what skill set that the judges would be looking for. Producer Kevin Liles added to the statement, “Two words, Beast Mode.” And that is what the finalist brought, energy! The energy was felt throughout the club in the battle between...
Encounter Co-Founder, Splendor Events and Williams, CEO at True Camp was launched. is how the Encounter environment, which adventurous and fun come together in an Black entrepreneurs Kareem Taylor wanted Shanelle Williams and University alumni, and Clark Atlanta clubs, entrepreneurs restaurants and local from all the happy After being exhausted Entrepreneurs and Professionals Retreat in the San Bernardino Mountains. (Photo credit: Naomi K. Bonman)

Attendees at the first Encounter Camp held by True Splendor Events at Pali Retreat in the San Bernardino Mountains. (Photo credit: Naomi K. Bonman)

To Sunday, August 27. Attendees had a full-run weekend that consisted of workshops, early morning yoga, dance classes, s’mores around a campfire, and archery. Dance classes were taught by Los Angeles based Choreographer, Luckie, who is known from Oxygen’s hit show “Dance Your A** Off.” “It was very powerful experience,” Dwight Williams, Art Director from Los Angeles, stated regarding his experience at Encounter Camp. “It was definitely life-changing and reaffirming. It’s for those who want to get away and want to grow. I had a wonderful time with great people, great views, and the facilities were clean. What set it apart was the structure, friendliness, speakers, activities, down to the food and the snacks. It was very well organized.”

Believed that you missed out? Well, there are already talks about the next Encounter Camp so make sure you follow EncounterSoCal on Instagram, Twitter, and Facebook @ EncounterSoCal or visit www.encountercamp.com and sign up on the email list to stay updated! (To view more highlights and interviews, please visit www.wsnews.com).

Saturday, September 30 UNCF Los Angeles Walk for Education At Leimert Park Village in Los Angeles. Registration is at 8:30 a.m., and the walk begins at 10 a.m. There will be music, food, entertainment, vendors, and a kids zone. For more information, visit www.encountercamp.com.
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Winter Was Cool Despite the Heat

16-year old founder of 'Black is Lit', had no problem tackling all our world issues. Watch the video of the show live at www.ustream.tv (Empire Talks Back) ETB is broadcast each Sunday morning at 10 a.m. on KCAA 1050.

Freestyle Rappers Bring the Heat

Other special guests that were in the house and that performed was rising stars Kamayyah, OMB Peezay, Cyhi the Prince. Last year’s winner, Tre’ Da Kid also came on stage and did a quick freestyle. He recently released his debut single, “Run it” which has over one million streams on music streaming platforms. World Renowned Hip-

Bottom Line: Human Kindness

I pray that this evidence of unexpected devastation will cause more people to realize the importance of each other! There may come a time of tragedy when the people that you disagree with will be the same people that you will be depending on for help. We do not have to agree with each other about how we got here, but we do need to respect the fact that we are here together! Friends do not have to agree, they should only be friendly!

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Winner of LUE Productions 2017

B.S.M. Competition Clyde Gatewood

STOP! No longer do you have to be a size 0 or 4 to be considered beautiful or handsome. The event was held at the Women’s Club of San Bernardino on Sunday, August 27 where a total of four handsome men competed for the title of Mister Pageant, and $500 cash. It wasn’t easy! Each had to endure rehearsals, multiple photoshoots, and more in preparation for the competition.

The categories consisted of four sections: Boss Look, Handsome, Free Style, and Questions. Contestants were also judged on their group opening performance and individual performances. We had the pleasure of having VIC Camp, former Miss California Lea Freeman, Celebrity Hair Stylist Brittany Shearz, and Gina Carter as our panel of judges. Alfred Parker, Michelangelo, Clyde Gatewood, and Maurice Cunningham did a fabulous job from commence to end. The ladies loved them!

The evening was hosted by Petite Model Kristal Yvonne and very funny Comic Tamiko Kirkland. The audience could not stop laughing with Tamiko’s hilarious jokes. We continued on with our mini BBW fashion show featuring DIVA’s Outlaw Fashions provided by Mrs. ‘Risha Shelby. The pieces provided by DIVA’s Outlaw Fashions were smoking hot and gorgeous. R&B Singer Annyett Royale blessed our ear gates and DJ UpperKutt kept it live on the turn tables. Food was catered by PitStop BBQ and the moments captured on film by ILondon Fog and F.W. Photography.

Special thanks to all our volunteers, vendors, sponsors, and supporters. We could not have done it without you all.

Make sure to follow LUE Productions on Facebook, LinkedIn, Twitter, IG, and Snapchat for upcoming events. Donations are welcome and can be made via PayPal under Lue.info@yahoo.com. Remember to always love the skin you’re in! Until next week L’z!
Author Tracy Holmes Releases, “Fruits”, Hosts Book Signing

RANCHO CUCAMONGA, CA-Ms. Tracy Holmes is a local author from the Inland Empire. She has hosted six Barnes & Noble book signings this year throughout Southern California. Her most recent book signing featured her newest release under her publishing company Say It Twice books entitled, “Fruits,” which was at the Rancho Cucamonga Barnes & Noble located on Foothill Boulevard on Sunday, August 20th. Customers received a free face painting with the purchase of a book. Ms. Holmes has created a fun way for children to learn Spanish and an even easier way for their parents to read it in her Spanish to English books. Say It Twice Books all include a learning activity in the back of each book to enhance learning. Children are loving “Fruits” and have given great reviews on it. "It was fun reading fruits. I like how it teaches you Spanish. I also like that my friends were there," Alyssa Suarez a 3rd grader from North Fontana said. "I like the face painting, it’s cool," Ethan Wilson, a 3rd grader from North Fontana, said. All Say It Twice Books are available on Amazon, as well as Barnes & Noble. To learn more about Ms.Holmes go to www.Sayittwicebooks.com.

5th Annual Women’s Wellness Conference Refuses to Let You Go Silent

SAN BERNARDINO, CA- Young Women Empowerment Foundation (YWE) will host their fifth Annual Women’s Wellness Conference at San Bernardino Community Hospital Henderson Auditorium located at 1800 Western Avenue in San Bernardino on Saturday, September 9 from 7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. YWE invites family, friends, faith-based, students and community supporters to this augural event that focuses on emotional and physical health and wellness. This is a free event for all women in the Inland Empire. This year’s theme is, “Silence No More.” It refers to not keeping silent regarding heart disease and domestic violence. Both areas of concern plague all people but especially minority women. The conference will focus on the prevention of heart disease as well as learning to live with and maintain if diagnosed. Women who attend will have the opportunity to participate in interactive demonstrations and hear life changing testimonials from other women on heart disease and domestic violence. There will also be complimentary continental breakfast, lunch, entertainment, giveaways, and opportunity drawings. (To continue reading, please visit www.wssnews.com).

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