

Community Meetings

- * Lubbock Area Client Council meets on the 2nd Saturday, 1:00 pm at the Patterson Branch Library, 1836 Parkway Drive.
- * Hub City Kiwanis meets 1st & 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7 p. m., Mt. Vernon UMC, East 23rd & Cedar Avenue
- * Dunbar Alumni Association meets 2nd Saturdays, 4:00 pm.
- * Booker T. W Washington American Legion, Post 808, meets every 2nd Tuesday at 7:30 pm, American Legion Building in Yellowhouse Canyon.
- Forgotten West Riders meets on the 1st & 3rd Mondays, 7:00 pm, Patterson Branch Library.
- East Lubbock Chapter AARP meets every 1st Thursday at 1:00 pm, Great Saint Luke Missionary Baptist Church.
- * Lubbock Chapter of Black Alumni meets every 3rd Tuesday, 5:30 pm, TTU Market Alumni Center.
- * Dunbar Manhattan Heights Neighborhood Association meets every 1st Thursday at 7:00 pm and every 4th Thursday at 7:00 pm at the Dunbar Manhattan Heights Neighborhood Outreach Center, 1301 E. 24th Street.
- * West Texas Native American Association Pot Luck Supper meets on alternating months prior to meeting, meetings held on 2nd Saturdays of each month at 7:00 pm, Educational resentations and demonstrations.
- * The Unified Juneteenth Commission of Lubbock meets every Monday evening at Bryon Martin Technology Center, 3401 Avenue Q, beginning at 6:00 p. m.
- * West Texas Chapter of 100 Black Men of West Texas meets 3rd Monday evenings at 7:00 pm at Lanier Center, 2nd Floor, TTU Law Center.
- * The Parkway & Cherry-Point Neighborhood Association meets the 3rd Tuesday evenings, 7:30 pm at Hunt Elementary School.
- * Chatman Hill Neighborhood Association meets 2nd Thursday of every month at 6:00 pm at 2301 Avenue A.
- * ROOTS meets every 2nd Saturday at 2:00 p. m. at 2301 Avenue A.
- * If you have an annoucement about your organization, please advise by calling (806) 762-3612
- e-mail swdigest@sbcglobal.net.

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

Southwest Digest Community Meetings 902 East 28th Street Lubbock, Texas 79404 (806) 76first to publicly release a workforce demographics report earlier this year. They were commended for doing so, and so far, experts say they are the most aggressive at addressing the issue.

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SOUTHWEST COLLECTION

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"Merry Christmas To All Of You!", From Kylor Phillips



Santa Claus is shown with Kylor Phillips, right, at the Christmas Carnival at the Mae Simmons Community Center on Saturday afternoon, December 6, 2014.

Kylor, age 3, is the son of Alize Roberson; grandson of Victor and Pam Roberson; and great-grandson of Elaine Rogers. He wishes everyone, "A Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. He'll tell you he enjoyed the Christmas Carnival.

100 BMWT Mentoring Young Men Through "Passport to Manhood"



The 100 Black Men of West Texas is a mentoring organization which takes young men from boyhood to manhood and through their program, "Passport to Manhood," a group of young men embarked on a journey to Clovis New Mexico to see a living legend, Mr. Ira Pottard: Army; 9th Cavalry Regiment "Buffalo Soldiers"; China-Burma-India (CBI) Theater; Second Lieutenant.

Attending are: Degious Childers; Joshua Randolf; Mrs. Pottard; Mr. Pottard, Buffalo Soldier; Totsey Bass, mentoring chair 100 BMWT; Johnny Taylor; Reginald Taylor. and Brandale Randolf pictured with Mr. Pottard.

From The Staff of The Southwest Digest Councilmember Hernandez

Will Serve TMRS Second Term

Merry Christmas!!!



Councilmember Victor Hernandez

nandez, District 1, will serve a second three year term on the Texas Municipal Retirement System (TMRS) Advisory Committee on Retirement Matters. His new term will last through December 2017.

The TMRS Advisory Committee on Retirement Matters provides valuable assistance to the TMRS Board in considering benefit changes and improvements to the municipal em-

Councilmember Victor Her- ployee retirement system. This Advisory Committee acts as a voice for members, retirees, and cities in resolving benefit related issues.

> "TMRS plays an important role in helping Texas cities, their employees, and their retirees address a variety of matters involving employee benefits," said Councilmember Hernandez. "It is an honor to be asked to continue in this role, and I look Continue on Page 8

Chatman Hill Residents Hold Their Annual Pot Luck Meeting At Roots Center



HAPPY BIRTHDAY! - Juanita Johnson, left, is wishing her husband, Edward Johnson, right, a very Happy 65th birthday at the Chatman Hills Neighborhood Association's Pot Luck Dinner at the Roots Historical Arts Council building, 2301 Avenue A, Thursday evening, December 11, 2014.



CHATMAN HILL NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION MEETS - Pictured above are some of the members who attended a Pot Luck Dinner at the Roots Historical Arts Council building on Thursday evening, December 11, 2014. At left is Diane Thomas, president of the association. It was a wonderful evening meeting and greeting members. "It was great," said President Thomas.

Elf on the Shelf Contest Returns to Santa Land!

Wednesday, December 10, our scout elf from the North Pole, Bo, will again be at Santa Land checking up on Lubbock children. As a scout elf, Bo's job is to be the eyes and ears of Santa, so that he can see if area children are being naughty or nice. Using his Christmas magic, Bo flies back to the North Pole to report back to Santa and then returns to Santa Land the next day. Scout elves love to play hide and seek, so Bo will hide in a new location each day so that he can keep an eye on all the good little boys and girls in Lubbock.

With Bo's help, Parks and Recreation and Betenbough Homes are sponsoring the Elf on

When Santa Land opened on ednesday, December 10, our out elf from the North Pole, will again be at Santa Land ecking up on Lubbock chil-

· Each day, Bo finds a new hiding place at Santa Land.

· While walking around and enjoying Santa Land, families look for Bo. Once they've found him, they take a photo of him.

To enter the contest, Message the photo of Bo to the Lubbock Parks and Recreation Facebook page or email it to nneill@mylubbock.us.

but come back nightly and take a picture of Bo's latest hiding place, and you may enter again. No duplicate photos please.

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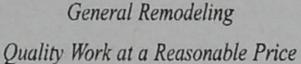
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New Star Approved As An Option On Texas License

Austin, Texas — The Texas Department of Motor Vehicles board recently approved the addition of a new star symbol as an option on all personalized specialty license plates in Texas.

My Plates, recently proposed the introduction of the new symbol. It will be offered in addition to existing symbols that include the Texas silhouette, heart, period and dash.

"The star is synonymous with Texas and we expect the new symbol will prove very popular amongst our plate customers," said Steve Farrar, President of MyPlates.com.

My Plates also recently introduced a new price reduction in

Photos can be emailed or messaged on any day during the 14 days of Santa Land. All photos must be received no later than Noon on Wednesday, December 24, 2014.

· After the close of entries, the winner of the iPad Mini 2 will be selected from all of our entries and announced on our Facebook page.

For more information, contact Parks and Recreation at 775-2673 or 775-2687.

Santa Land is located in Mackenzie Park off of the East Broadway entrance and is open December 10-23, 2014, from 6:00-10:00 p.m. nightly.

The Elf on the Shelf is a Christmas book by Carol V. Aebersold and Chanda A. Bell and is available at local bookstores.

Concerned Citizens
Donates Thanksgiving
Dinner



Roberto Velasquez & Daughter

For 2014, The Concerned Citizens asked the staff of Mae Simmons Senior Citizens Center to provide the name of a family that would benefit having someone to provide them with a complete Thanksgiving Dinner. From turkey and dressing to pumpkin pie, the Roberto Velasquez Family dined on Thanksgiving. Ruben Velasquez was on hand to receive the meal and he was most appreciative and thanklul for the Concerned Citizens donation. He gave a "blessing to all members' as his Continue on Page 3

peal of its specialty plates for all Texans.

Since November 2009, Tex-

Texas to further broaden the ap-

Since November 2009, Texans have purchased more than 214,000 My Plates, putting more than \$27M in the general revenue fund, which helps pay for services for all Texans.

Sen. Perry Files Bill to Adjust Playoff System



Senator Charles Perry

Thursday, December 11, 2014, Senator Charles Perry filed SB 237 to limit the number of teams advancing to the playoffs from each University Interscholastic League (UIL) district to two teams.

"Current UIL rules allow 50%-74% of football teams to make the playoffs," said Senator Charles Perry.

"We have truly watered down competition to the point that 0-10 and 1-9 teams are able to make the playoffs in some districts."

Earlier this year, a school in Houston made Texas history by becoming the first winless team to advance to the playoffs.

"This not only devalues the hard work of the first and second place teams in a district, but it costs our school districts thousands of dollars that could be spent in the classroom," continued Perry. "The cost is especially high in rural areas. Some schools in my district are spending an upwards of \$8,000 per

CASA receives \$5,000 grant for Volunteer Advocacy Program

CASA of the South Plains has been awarded a \$5,000 dollar grant from the C.R. & Virginia Hutcheson Charitable Fund, the H.D. Snell Endowment, the Roy & Lela Furr Fund, and the Marcus and Catherine Stucco Memorial Fund of the Lubbock Area Foundation and from unrestricted funds from the Lubbock Area Foundation, made possible by generous donors since 1981. The Lubbock Area Foundation exists to help people who care about this community to invest at any level – in its future. As the community foundation for the South Plains, the Lubbock Area Foundation provides an easy way for people to establish permanent charitable endowments that benefit specific charitable cases, changing community needs or the needs of specific organizations they care about most. Grants are awarded based on the interest of the donor or through an open competitive process. For more information about the Lubbock Area Foundation, visit them on the web at www.lubbockareafoundation.or g or call (806) 762-8061.

"There is a growing need for additional advocates and this considerable grant will aid in extending CASA's ability to recruit and train more volunteers," said Jennie Hill, Executive Director for CASA of the South Plains, when speaking about the importance of the grant.

This grant from the Lubbock Area Foundation is specific to the volunteer advocacy program.

Viewing the wide-ranging need for additional advocates for abused and neglected foster children in the Lubbock community, the Lubbock Area Foundation has provided CASA with an opportunity to positively influence the lives of children through a CASA volunteer. The grant will aid in training three additional CASA volunteers to advocate for abused or neglected foster children in the Lubbock area.

About CASA of the South

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CASA recruits, trains, and supports volunteers to assist abused and neglected children navigate the foster care system. In order to be a volunteer, thirty-four hours of combined class time, home study, and hands-on training must be completed. Once volunteers have been sworn in, they are appointed to their first case or sibling group of children in foster care.

When home is no longer safe for a child, and the child must enter the foster care system, a judge may appoint a committed volunteer called a CASA or Court Appointed Special Advocate®. The volunteer assists in navigating the way for abused and neglected children—out of the complex, overburdened child welfare system and into safe, permanent homes.

To learn how to become an advocate or to donate, please visit www.casaofthesouth-plains.org or call (806) 763-2272.

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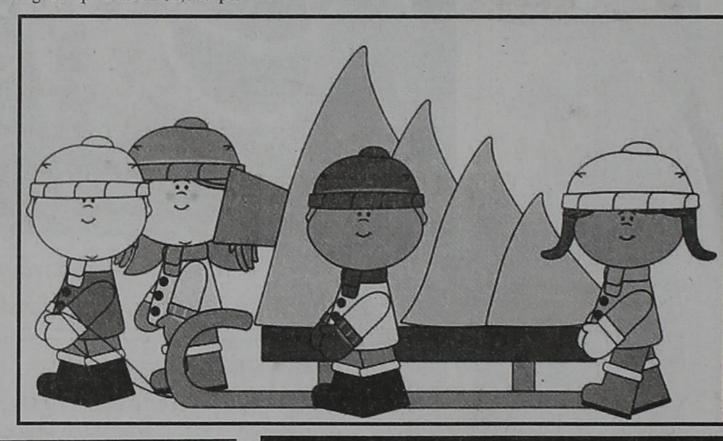
Costs often go beyond the football team to include the band, cheerleaders and other support organizations. Depending on the distance traveled costs can include travel, food and lodging.

56% of the 1,209 Texas high school football teams made it to the playoffs this last year. Under Perry's bill, 384 teams would have still been playoff eligible or

roughly 32%.

"I have fond memories of playing high school football. My coaches served as role models, teaching me valuable life lessons and instilling in me a desire to succeed," Perry added. "It is my hope that this bill will help us celebrate triumph, give school districts more flexibility with their budgets and reduce the burden on families during the holi-

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Mae Simmons Community and Senior Centers What's Happening This Month!

HOLIDAY CAMPS
Holiday Camp: Dec 22-24, \$2

New Year's Camp:

Dec 29-31 and Jan 2, \$28 Fun, games. snacks and more!

7:45 am-5:30 pm, Youth Ages 6-12

Register at Simmons by Friday, December 19!

Register at Simmons by Friday, December 17

NEW YEAR'S EVE GALA Wed, December 31, 7:30 pm-Midnight

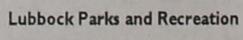
Ages 40+, \$10/person

Celebrate New Year's with us! Partiers will enjoy live Country Western music, party favors, refreshments and black-eyed peas and cornbread at midnight! Lubbock Senior Center, 2001 19th Street, 767-2710

Spring Guide Available January 11th





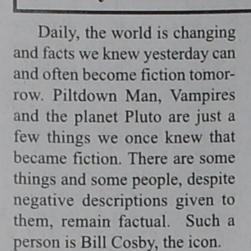




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Dr. William Henry Cosby, Jr. has made a mountain of positive contributions to the American culture as a stand-up comedian, lecturer, author of several books on fatherhood, and an actor in sitcoms and children's shows which helped to teach children morals needed to grow up to be morally mature adults. Aside from the sixteen honorary degrees which have been conferred upon him, Bill Cosby earned a doctorate degree in education from the University of Massachusetts Amherst in 1976. Mr. Cosby was nationally known in the series "I Spy," with Robert Culp as a tennis player/detective; he enticed us to buy anything with the name "Ford" because it had a brighter idea; our children would not let us get out of the grocery store without some "Jell-O."

Aside from the advertisements, many of today's adults grew up watching "The Electric Company" and "Fat Albert and the Cosby Kids " and "The Bill Cosby Show" which captivated us in the eighties and has had reruns for years as well as a spinoff, "A Different World," could bowl?" We need to get 'in not help but make some lifelong indentations in our memories. Movies such as "Ghost Dad" and books about fatherhood, lectures about taking responsibility for your actions, etc. are just a few things that are positive in the life of Bill Cosby, the icon.

On the other hand, there is an element which attempts to negate the icon. With all of the

positive attributes, it seems logical in the minds of people who really think and assess a situation, that somewhere, somehow, someone, has engineered a plot to bring the man down from his high place in our society. This too often happens to people who are popular, earn a great sum of money and just may be too nice for their own good.

We can recall that Mr. Cosby did indeed have an affair with a young lady years ago to later accuse him of fathering a child which seemingly was not his, but to keep the world from knowing about it, he paid the lady about \$100,000 to keep it quiet, but we found out anyway and the so called daughter was arrested for attempting to blackmail Mr. Cosby out of \$40 million dollars. All of this makes us wonder what really were the circumstances surrounding the death of Mr. Cosby's son. Was it somewhere in the mire?

It is a fact that only one female filed charges against Mr. Cosby a year after her reported incident of sexual allegations and vowed to line up 13 witnesses to substantiate her allegations. Does it sound like an act which can easily be duplicated? It seems that it has been and he has consequently lost opportunities for public appearances and been stripped of awards previously given him. Is this what the need and desire for someone else's money can do to you, especially if you live in a 'fish cinque' and weigh the good and the bad and not jump to conclusions based on the actions of others. None of us are perfect and more, less than others, but most of us have some good in

Merry Christmas To All of Our Readers!

Frullo Supports Nativity Scene Project at the Texas **State Capitol**

Austin - Monday, December 15, 2014, a nativity scene was unveiled at the State Capitol honoring the birth of Jesus Christ in celebration of Christmas. The display was funded by private citizens as a part of the American Nativity Scene Committee and sponsored by State Representative John Frullo (R-Lubbock).

Representative Frullo said, "I sponsored this project at the State Capitol because I believe citizens want to celebrate their faith and the heritage of Christmas. The Nativity Scene has been weaved into the deep fabric of this nation and represents faith, hope and the story of God's love."

The nativity scene featuring figures of Mary, Joseph and baby Jesus is a constitutionally protected expression of faith and the observance of Christmas by private citizens in a traditional public forum. According to the Thomas More Society, the American Nativity Scene Committee has brought nativity scenes to national prominence since the Christmas display is planned and paid for without government participation or endorsement. The Nativity Scene Committee was founded by Jim Finnegan of Illinois.

Concerned Citizens Give Dinner Continued from Page 2

way of showing his family's ap-

Dwight Pierce, President of the Concerned Citizens stated, "this is something we have been doing lor many years. We do this to show our gratitude for the support provided by the community with our projects and to provide some joy to others.' We will be donating over \$100.00 worth of toys to some organization lor Christmas."

THISTNATION

by T. J. Patterson

STAR BANK FOR EAST LUBBOCK!!! THIS N THAT

...... was taught that if you want something then you NEED TO ASK FOR IT

by seeing who in the community is willing to assist you with their assets and talents..... In Lubbock, Texas USA there is so much talent which would be what is needed to develop this needed financial institution.....

Now THIS N THAT is not begging with his hand out but asking for **HELP** FROM THOSE WITH THE ABILITY TO HELP!!! It will not happen overnight but it

LET'S NOT FORGET A 5 can happen. There are so MANY VALUABLE RE-SOURCES in District Twowhere it is needed..... THIS N THAT remembered when the SINGLE MEMBER DISTRICT was developed the popula-

tion of each district was equal ATION in the NEW and yet THE FIVE HOME of ROOTS OTHER DISTRICTS at 2301 Avenue A. It was an

their districts...... Therefore NEW HOME OF ROOTS this is why THIS N THAT is asking for some help tremendous asset for **DIS-** the residents in attendance!

Lubbock. Are there any takers? Hope so!!

NEW HOME FOR ROOTS!!! THIS N THAT

...... along with residents of the CHATMAN NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIhave financial institutions in outstanding effort and the

..... is just GREAT!!! THIS N THAT really enfrom those of you who can joyed the POT LUCK help..... and it would be a **FOOD** and fellowship with

Holiday Outreach: Christmas

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Coat giveaway, canned food giveaway, and a free hot meal provided by The Bridge of Lubbock

—'Jesus is the Reason for The Season' The Bridge of Lubbock has been saying throughout this Holiday season that they want to be the hands and feet of Jesus. They are excited to conclude their holiday season of giving with our Christmas Holiday Outreach on December 22, 2014 from 12PM-1PM.

Paul D. Hewitt so far has financially sponsored this event to make it possible. Holiday Outreach: Christmas is a free meal provided to the homeless and low-income families. Families in attendance on December 22nd will experience a family atmosphere filled with Christ's love. The Bridge of Lubbock hopes to provide every person in attendance with a hot meal, coat, and some canned food items.

This year we are excited to announce that we will have toys for families in need. We are partnered with Experience Life Church, who recently did a toy drive. Mary Grace informed us that they have an abundance of toys that they will bring to us

this week. We are so thankful and overjoyed by a church such as Experience Life who takes time to give to those in need. We are especially thrilled to bless families who may be in a financial struggle or just a hard place this Christmas Season. This will be a phenomenal addition to our Holiday Outreach Meal.

Seasoned with Love, The Bridge's catering service, will prepare a Christmas feast. Volunteers from Communities in Schools, Covenant School of Nursing and other individuals from the community will help serve the meal and spread holiday cheer.

In addition, The Bridge of Lubbock has partnered with Kingsgate Center in collecting coats for families in need. There are drop off bins all throughout Kingsgate center at 82nd and Quaker. The drive started in November and will continue until December 31st. Coats are still needed and can be donated every Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 10: 00 am - 1:00

pm at the Bridge of Lubbock.

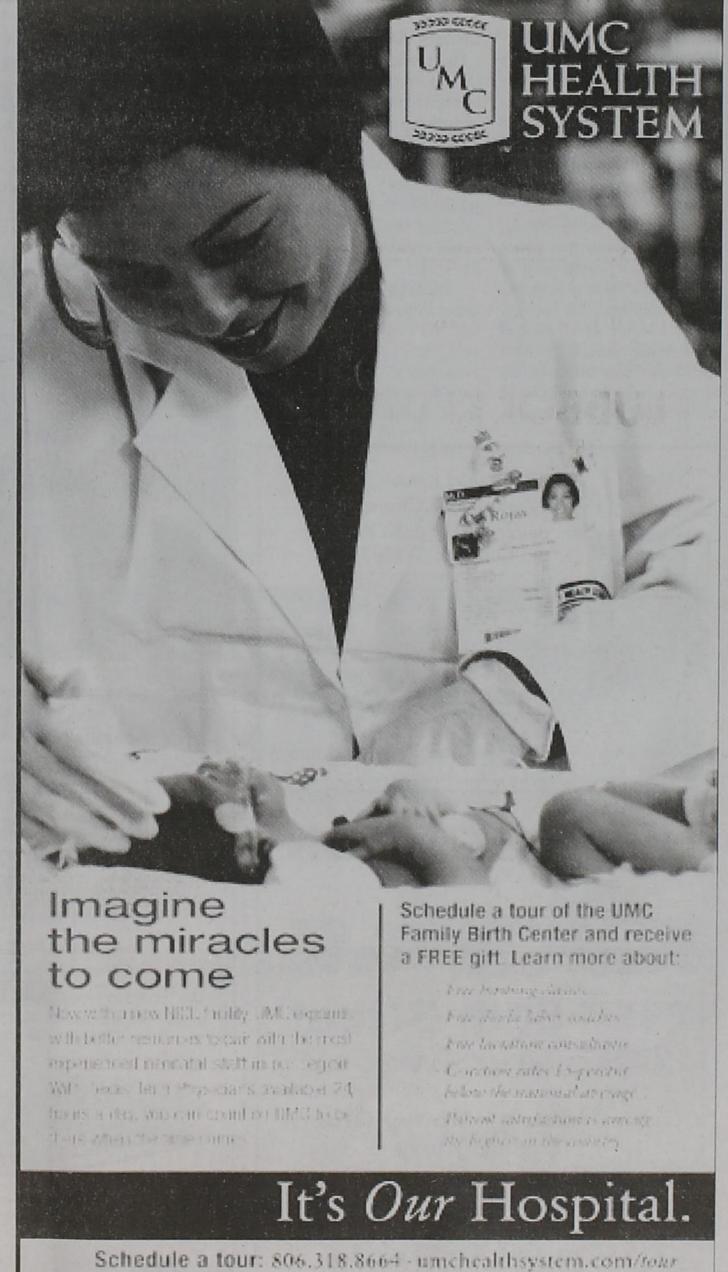
Volunteers who have contacted The Bridge of Lubbock indicate that they are excited to serve. "Our outreach events to the Lubbock community is possible because of our generous volunteers and our faithful donors," says Hillary Hilderbrand, Director of Operations. "Many individuals say, 'it is a blessing to bless others.' This statement definitely rings true with our volunteers."

If you are interested in volunteering and would like to know how to get involved please contact Hillary Hilderbrand @ hhilderbrand@bridgeoflubbock.org or call 806-687-0772.

The Bridge of Lubbock is a Christian non-profit organization serving families around the east Lubbock community by offering Bridge 2 Success and Reaching Our Kids, mentoring programs for students in grades 1-12. Our youth mentoring programs consist of an after-school program during the school year camp during the and sports

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We Thank God for Jesus

"Is Christmas For Christians???" Written by Evangelist Billy "BJ" Morrison, III

I James 2:15-16 -- Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all thee is of the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but of the world.

*** IF ITS NOT OF GOD, THEN IT'S OF THE WORLD, AND THE WORLD IS OF THE DEVIL!!! ***

Matthew 4:10 -- Jesus said, get thee hence, Satan; for it is written, Thou shall worship the Lord thy God, and only him shall you serve.

The DEVIL is not WOR-SHIPPING THE BIRTH OF JESUS -- HIS WORSHIP IS: TREES, PRESENTS, drugs, PARTYING, SHOPPING THINGS THAT HIS FLESH PLEASES!!!

Exdous 20:4a-5 - The Lord said, You shall not make unto you any graven image, or any likeness of any things that in heaven above. You shall not bow down yourself to them, nor serve them; for I the Lord, your God, am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the father upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that

The **DEVIL** is doing what his FLESH TELLS HIM TO DO. He's not interested in things that: CHRIST TOLD THE CHRIS-TIANS TO DO!!!

I Corinthians 11:24b --

Jesus said, Take, eat; this is my body, which is broken for you: This do in remembrance of me.

THE WORLDLY MAN believes in SANTA CLAUSE, AND FLYING REINDEERS --- And having some PERVERT IN A RED SUIT; TELLING LIES IN THE CHILDREN'S EARS!!!

Matthew 18:6 - Jesus said. whoso shall offend one of these little ones which believe in me, it were better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and that he were drowned in the depth of the sea.

*** JESUS IS THE REA-SON FOR THE SEASON!!!

(THE DEVIL IS GETTING READY TO CHANGE CHRISTMAS DAY INTO --HOLIDAY SEASON!!!)

THE WORLDLY MAN WORSHIP HIS HOME, SUR-ROUNDED BY MANY X-LIGHTS. CHRISTIANS SHOULD BE FOLLOWING JESUS. HE IS THE WAY, THE TRUTH, AND THE LIGHT!!!

John 9:5 -- Jesus said, As long as I'm in the world, I'm the light of the world.

(A WOMAN WAS BUY-ING STAMPS AT THE POST OFFICE, AND SEEING MARY AND BABY JESUS ON HER STAMPS, AN-GRILY SHE SAID: THEY'RE NOW PUTTING **JESUS** INTO CHRIST- MAS!!!)

The DEVIL tells the CHIL-DREN: SANTA KNOWS WHEN YOU'RE SLEEPING AND AWAKE. ONLY GOD KNOWS ALL THINGS. HOW MANY HAIRS ARE ON YOUR HEAD? SO STOP LYING, FOR GOD'S SAKE!!!

*** YES, CHRISTMAS AND THE WORLDLY MAN ARE ROBBING GOD!!! ***

Isaiah 5:20 -- Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter.

JESUS SAID, GO TELL THE GOOD NEWS OF SAL-VATION UNTO MANKIND. THE DEVIL SAYS: GO AND SPEND THAT MONEY -- LIKE IT'S THE END OF TIME!!!

*** YOU CAN'T SERVE TWO GODS. IT'S EITHER GOD OR YOUR MASTER CARD??? ***

Everyone thinks they DE-SERVE A GREAT GIFT, AND THAT'S TRUE. GOD SO LOVES THE WORLD THAT HE GAVE HIS GREATEST GIFT: JESUS TO ME AND YOU!!!

*** JESUS IS THE GIFT, THE ONE THAT KEEPS ON GIVING!!! ***

II Corinthians 9:15 --Thanks be to God for his un- reedk1@covhs.org. speakable gift.

Let me list a few things I am

I am really not thankful for

really not thankful for... no mat-

the time change that happens

every six months. Spring for-

ward, fall backward. All this

nonsense only serves to confuse

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bering where I am let alone what

time of day it is. Am I an hour

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ahead or am I an hour behind?

thankful for is music on the tele-

phone when I'm put on hold.

This is the most irritating thing I

can think of, at least right now.

Why do they think I want to hear

music of their choosing? This is

America, after all, and every-

body has the right to choose

things. And I like to choose my

own music, thank you.

ter what anyone says.

St. Matthew Baptist Church News

Rev. Edward Canady, Pastor 2020 East 14th Street Lubbock, Texas

Church services were well at- coness Sister Ethel Williams. tended at the St. Matthew Baptist Church, 2020 East 14th Street, on Sunday morning, December 14, 2014, where the proud pastor is Rev. Edward Canady.

Sunday morning services begun at 10:10 a. m. with Sunday School and Superintendent Sister Shirley Davis in charge.

Our teacher for our Sunday School was Sister Susie Davis who did a splendid job. We thank God for her and all she

If you enjoy Sunday School, job. then come and visit us if you are not a member of St. Matthew Baptist Church.

The Sunday morning devotion was conducted by Deacon meets every Wednesday evening Edward Williams and Dea- at 5:00 p. m. If you are interested

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the meaning of music. If they

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them. Unless I contact them and

offer to give money, I do not

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those political calls that are so-

liciting my vote. If a politician is

Along with this would go

derstand.

And while I am on the sub-

Pastor Canady entered the Church with the Choir singing.

The morning sermon was delivered by Pastor Canady. His subject was "How Watchful Are You?" His scripture text was Matthew 25:11-13.

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

The morning announcements were read by Sister Gayla Austin, who did an outstanding

St. Matthew Baptist Church are as follows:

The Missionary Society

so desperate that he needs to call

me for one last vote, he better be

calling me in person and not

things I am not thankful for;

there is one that I cannot omit.

No list of mine, no matter how

incomplete it might be, could

Regardless of the time of the

year, I am never thankful for

broccoli. In my opinion, God

created the New York cheese-

cake and then to be nasty about

the whole thing, the devil threw

it looks like a cross between a

vertically challenged tree and a

toadstool, and we all know what

a toadstool is used for. I have

every reason to believe that

broccoli is a member of the fun-

gus family. Thankfully, it is not

a member of my family, which

is the only thanks I can offer on

I do not like broccoli because

As I look over this list of

some recorded message.

ever overlook one item

in a sprig of broccoli.

Covenant Children's Upcoming Holiday Events A broad variety of visits and events happen at the hospital in December.

Booze Fighters Motorcycle Club toy delivery: 7 p.m. Dec. 19, Covenant Children's third floor. This group of bikers has been raising money and bringing gifts to Covenant Children's for several years. They will bring a motorcycle to the third floor for the children to look at and take pictures with.

Andrew's Mission: 9 a.m. Dec. 24 -- This event involves a family who lost a child who they buried as a fireman with a full firefighter's funeral. The fire department has drop-off locations at their station, brings fire trucks and Santa at 9 a.m. Christmas Eve morning. Look for additional information in a release from the Lubbock Fire Department.

Find Covenant Health news and story ideas in the Covenant Newsroom, on Facebook or follow us on Twitter.

CONTACT: Leslie Cranford, media relations coordinator, Covenant Health, (806) 725-6358 or cranfordla1@covhs.org, or Katie Crump, child life coordinator, (806) 725-6992 or

in becoming a part of this Missionary Society, then come and join us.

Bible Study is held on Wednesday evenings at 6:00 p. m. Come and learn with those

in attendance. Choir rehearsal is held on Saturday afternoons, beginning.

at 3:00 p. m. Remember, your involvement in any of these important meetings is key to our growth.

The monthly meeting of the Federation of Choirs will be held at the St. Matthew Baptist Church on Sunday afternoon, The Weekly meetings held at December 21, 2014, beginning at 2:30 p. m.

Everyone is in invited.

Let us continue to pray for our sick and shut-ins who reside in Lubbock, Texas and the United States of America. ****

Thought For The Week:

"Keeping Christ out of Christmas is as futile as holding back the ocean's tide."

Merry Christmas to everyone and have a prosperous New Year, from the Pastor and Members of the St. Matthew Baptist Church!!!

What do you think? A man had two sons. And he went to the first and said, Son, go and work in the vineyard today. And he answered, "I will not," but afterward he changed his mind and went. And he went to the others on and said the And he answered, "I go, sir," but did not Which of the two did the will of his father?

> They said, "the first." Matthew 21:28-31

"just try a bite and you'll like it." The next time someone says that to me, I just may bite them and see if they like it.

This is only a partial list of things I am not thankful but I am trying to work on my "attitude of gratitude." It is not easy and requires a lot of intestinal fortitude on my part.

Maybe an important part of an "attitude of gratitude" has to do with just being content. That could be what Paul was thinking of when he wrote to the Philippians. "Not that I speak in respect of want: for I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content." (Philippians 4:11 KJV).

I am learning gratitude has nothing at all to do with things but rather with personal content-

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God has said, "Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you." So we say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can man do to me?"

Hebrews 13:5-6

Striving to Develop an Attitude of Gratitude Dr. James L. Snyder

Now that Thanksgiving is over, I can sigh a deep, well-deserved sigh of relief. Being thankful for everything is very hard work. During the Thanksgiving season, I pasted a gratuitous smile on my face claiming to be thankful for everything,

but deep down inside some-

where there is a streak of rebel-

lion that struggles with this

concept of being thankful. I must admit that I am working on it because the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage keeps telling me, "You had better be working on that attitude of yours."

And so, I work on my attitude, but I must confess it is rather hard. I admire people, such as my wife, who claim to be thankful for everything that happens in life. I would never want to question her sincerity (at least not in some venue that she could hear me), but I do harbor some doubts about this whole matter

of being thankful for everything. I will grant that there are many things to be thankful for in life. I will be the first to acknowledge

that many things that happened to me have created a deep sense of gratitude in my heart. The list could go on forever,

but there are a few things that I am really thankful for. I am thankful to live in a coun-

try such as ours. I am thankful to be married to someone who puts up with my idiosyncrasies (idiot for short). (Grant me, that is a big item for thanks.) I am thankful that I have my health. And regardless of what other people say, I am thankful for a level of sanity enabling me to operate day-to-day.

Then there is that infamous list of things I am not thankful for... no matter what anybody says. I have a sneaking suspicion everybody has this list but do not have the courage to let anybody know about it.

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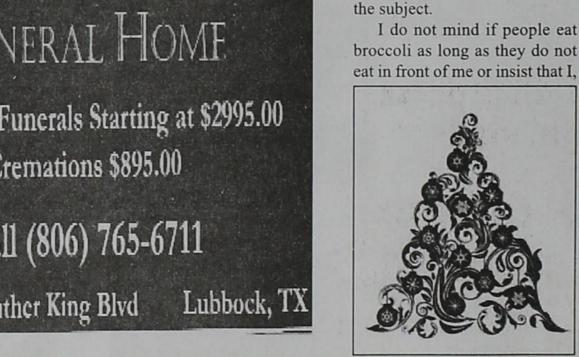
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Samuel-John Lee Gambles, III

Obsequies

Michael D. Kirkwood

Funeral services for Michael D. Kirkwood were held on Friday afternoon, December 5, 2014, at First Baptist Church.

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

Kirkwood, 57, of Lubbock passed away on Friday, November 28, 2014.

Michael was born on April 15, 1957, in Los Angeles, California, to John B. Kirkwood Jr. and Dorothy Thomas. He was raised in Los Angeles and received his AA from Marymount College.

He united in holy matrimony to Sharon Cooks in June 1995 and relocated to Lubbock in August of the same year.

He attended Wayland Baptist University and earned his BA in Education and Masters in Education. Michael was employed with Slaton ISD. He was also pastoral leader at Hollowell UMC in Midland, Mackey Chapel UMC in Odessa, Forrest



Heights UMC in Lubbock and Maranatha Baptist Church in Lubbock until his death.

He served as Minister of Music at the Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church under the leadership of the late Rev. N. H. Franklin.

He was an active member of KAIROS and the Emmaus Community and taught classes at Montford prison. All those who had the opportunity to know him will truly miss him

He was preceded in death by

Betty Wynn

The funeral services for Betty Wynn were held on Friday, December 5, 2014, at the Community Baptist Church with Pastor Larry Brooks officiating.

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

Wynn, 70, of Lubbock, Texas, passed away on Wednesday, November 26, 2014, at Covenant Hospital.

Betty was born on January 13, 1944, to the parentage of Leroy and Eveline Jones in Honey Grove, Texas. Betty accepted Christ at an early age.

She was reared and educated in Lubbock. Betty united in marriage to Billy Don Wynn on July 5, 1966, and to this union three children were born.

Betty was employed with Texas instruments in 1970 and retired after 30 years of service. Her life and legacy will continue through her family and friends.

Betty was preceded in death by her parents, Leroy and Evehis father, Rev. John B. Kirkwood Jr.; and one sister, Peggy S. Morrison; followed in death by his sister, Theresa Jacobs.

He leaves to cherish his memories: his wife, Sharon Kirkwood; father, Rev. Otis Cooks; mothers, Dorothy Kirkwood, Christine Cooks and Bennie M. Kirkwood; two daughters, Christa Kirkwood and Gabriela Kirkwood; six sisters; five



line Grove; and two brothers, Billy and Roy Lee Jones.

She leaves to cherish her memories: daughters, Lisa Wynn (Tammara), LaToya and Brandon) and Tabatha Jackson (Kevin and Kevin C); one son, Billy Don Wynn; six sisters; four brothers; seven great-grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Sympathy sees and says, "I'm sorry." Compassion sees and says, "I'll help." **Bits and Pieces**

brothers; ten goddaughters; three godsons; 16 grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

III on Saturday afternoon, December 6, 2014, at First Baptist Church. Interment followed in Peace-

ful Gardens Memorial Park under the direction of Griffin Mortuary & Funeral Home of Lubbock.

Funeral services were held

for Samuel-John Lee Gambles,

Gambles III C.J., 19, of Lubbock, Texas, passed away on Thursday, November 27, 2014.

C.J. was the son of John Lee and Cheryl Gambles, born on May 9, 1995, in Lubbock, Texas.

He was a graduate of Estacado High School and a freshman at Midland College, fall of 2014. Samuel was a true athlete and scholar. At Estacado High School, he played varsity basketball and football, where he developed many friendships and happy memories.

Samuel had the option of attending The University of Texas of the Permian Basin or Midland College. He chose to attend Midland College and stay in the dorms with his best friend and cousin, Jerry Bibbs.

Samuel was a loving and caring young man who will truly be missed by those that knew him.

Samuel was preceded in death by a brother, Tre'John Gambles;



and grandfathers, John Lee Gambles Sr. and Phillip Ross Jr.

Samuel leaves to cherish his memories: his father, John Lee Gambles, Jr.; mother, Cheryl Denise Gambles; brother, Coland Conwright-Gambles; sisters, Erika Gambles and Bri'-Janae Gambles; grandmothers, Nettie Briscoe, Johnnie Faye Gonzales (Joe); uncle Phillip Ross III; aunts, Sandra Bibbs (Rodney), Lillian R. Porter (Robert); cousins, Marcus Bibbs (Wonique), Rodneidra Bibbs, Jerry Bibbs, Robert Porter, and Aaron Porter; his girlfriend, LaTisha Richard; great-aunts, great-uncles, cousins and a host of other relatives and friends.

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Lawrence Bunton, Jr.

Corsicana, Texas - Funeral services were held for Lawrence Bunton, Jr. on Saturday afternoon, November 29, 2014, at the Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church with Rev. Willie L. Greene, pastor, as Eulogist.

Interment was held at Woodland Cemetery in Corsicana, Texas under the direction of Scott Funeral Home of Corsi-

Bunton, who was the first of six children born to Lawrence, Sr. and Esther Breedlove Bunton, was born December 20, 1926 in Cameron, Texas.

He passed away on Tuesday, November 18, 2014 at the Twilight Nursing Home.

Lawrence expressed his faith and was baptized at the Mt. Gilead Baptist Church in Lubbock, Texas at an early age under the leadership of Rev. Cook.

After graduation from Dunbar High School in Lubbock, Lawrence enlisted in the U.S. Army where he served for ten years and was honorably discharged.

Lawrence later united with the Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church in Corsicana where he was a very active member in attendance.

Lawrence was preceded in death by his parents, Lawrence and Esther Breedlove Bunton; three brothers: Harvey, Earnest, and Harlan Bunton; a sister, Glo-



ria Bunton; and a son, Steve Bunton.

He leaves to cherish his fond memories: a loving wife, Erma Jean Bunton; two sons: Lawrence (Maggie) Bunton, and Carl Bunton; two daughters: Judy (Frank) Isaac, and Michelle (Lonnie) Jacobs; one sister, Frances Bunton Bell; thirteen grandchildren; thirty-four greatgrandchildren; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and other family members.

Active Casket Bearers were: Tinnis Hines, Bill Jones, Tyrus Greene, Tommie Smith, Trevel Hines, and Turner Hines, Jr.

Honorary Casket Bearers were: Bobbie Hines, Terell Person, and Marcus Hines.

The friendship of the Lord is for those who fear Him, and He makes known to them His covenant. Psalm 25:14

Regina Gay McConic

Funeral services were held for Regina Gay McConic on Saturday morning, December 6, 2014, at the Greater St. Luke Mission-Baptist Church with Rev.DeShun Avery, pastor of First Progressive Baptist Church, officiating. Rev. J. H. Ford, pastor,

Interment was held in the City of Lubbock Cemetery under the direction of Ossie Curry Funeral Home & Chapel of Lubbock.

McConic, age 51, of Lubbock, Texas, passed away Friday, November 28, 2014.

She was born September 27, 1963 in Lubbock, Texas to Oscar and Lola McConic. She attended Lubbock ISD, namely: Wheatley Elementary School, E. C. Struggs Junior High School, and Dunbar-Struggs High School. She also attended Cisco Junior College and Dallas Baptist University.

She became a member of St. Luke Baptist Church where she worked in the Sunday School Department, Usher Board, Junior Mission for Young Women, and the Inspirational Choir.

Later, she accepted Christ as her Lord and Savior under the leadership of Reverend R. E. Price, pastor of New Mt. Zion Baptist Church of Dallas, Texas. In 2006, she became a mem-

ber of the First Progressive Baptist Church where she sung with the S Sanctuary Choir and Praise Team until her health began to fail.

Regina was on the Board of Directors of he Caviel Arts Museum where she served as Parliamentarian.



She is preceded in death by her parents; a brother, Charles Dunbar; and two sisters: Linda Williams and Barbara McConic.

Regina leaves behind to cherish her precious memories: brothers: Rickey McConic (Sarah) and Earnest McCormick (Maxine); sisters: Alice Mc-Conic, Paul Reed (David), Karen Williams (Kevin), and Debra Dixon; a special niece, Linda Diane Brown; a nephew, Matthew Williams; and a host of nieces, and cousins.

She will be missed by her special friends (True meaning of Sisterhood): Virginia Avery, Sean McClarty, Darnise Jackson, Antwinett Young, Faye Goodlow, Sandra Robinson, and Stan Roberson -- thank you for helping me.

Also a special 'thank you' to Dr. Simfukwe, Dr. Ravi, and Dr. Nugyen and their staff.

Pallbearers were Clinton Hobdy, Myron Young, Lee Willis, Aaron McConic, Kevin McConic, and Anthony Dixon.

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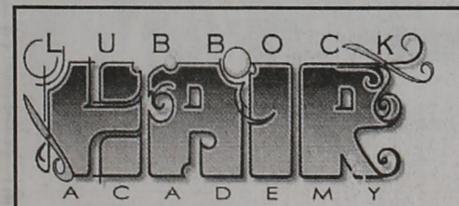
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Top 10 Scholarships For Black and Minority Students For 2015



Nationwide — 2015 is expected to be a great year for students because a record-number of foundations and organizations are planning to give away billions of dollars in legit scholarships. These scholarships usually have different criteria to qualify, but once obtained can be used to pay for college tuition, books, and room and board.

Here are the top 2015 scholarship programs, for African American and minority students with upcoming deadlines in December or January:

#1 – Tom Joyner Foundation
"Full Ride" Scholarship: Awards
a full scholarship to one student
to attend a Historically Black
College and University
(HBCU). The scholarship is
open to graduating high school
seniors with high academic
records. The deadline to apply is
in January 2015.

#2 - The Gates Millennium
Scholars Program (The Bill
Gates Scholarship): Awards
scholarships each year to
African American, American Indian/Alaska Native, Asian Pacific Islander American or
Hispanic American students
who plan to enroll full-time in a
two-year or four-year college or
university program. The deadline to apply is in January 2015.
#3 - Burger King Scholars

Program: Designed to help highschool seniors who are looking to start college next year. Annually, the program awards more than \$1.4 million in scholarships to more than 1,000 students. Applicants must be residents of the United States or Canada, and must be graduating high school seniors. The deadline to apply is

in December 2014

#4 – Go Red Multicultural Scholarship Fund For Women: Aims to ease the financial burden to students and increase the number of underrepresented minorities in medicine. Also, champions greater inclusion of multicultural women in the nursing and medical industries. The deadline to apply is in December 2014.

#5 – Foot Locker Scholar Athletes Program: Gives high school students who are active it sports and in their communities, as well as outstanding students, an opportunity to win a \$20,000 college scholarship. Students must be planning to attend a four-year college. The deadline to apply is in December 2014.

#6 - Ron Brown Scholar Program: Provides scholarship awards to African-American high school seniors who are excelling in their academics, exhibiting exceptional leadership potential, and actively serving in

community service activities. The deadline to apply is in January 2015.

#7 – Dell Scholars Program:
Recognizes students who have overcome significant obstacles to pursue their educations, and are now serving as positive role models in their communities.
Awards hundreds of scholarships each year annually, and since 2004, has given away more than \$31 million in college funding. The deadline to apply is in January 2015.

#8 – Generation Google
Scholarship For Minorities,
Women and Disabled Students:
Helps minority students who
plan to attend college and study
computer science and technology. Eligible students must be
African American, Hispanic,
American Indian, female, or one
who has a disability. The deadline to apply is in January 2015.

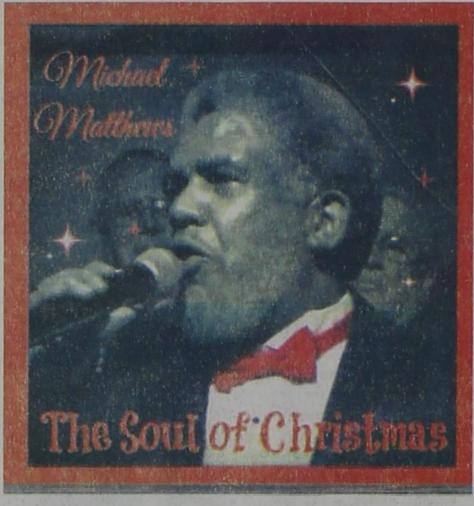
#9 – United Negro College Fund (UNCF) Scholarships: Provides extraordinary amounts of scholarship opportunities for minority students with financial need. Scholarships include educational assistance for students attending participating Historically Black Colleges or Universities (HBCU) and other colleges as well. The deadlines to apply vary.

#10 – Ronald McDonald House Charities Scholarships For Minority Students: Gives financial aid awards to Black, Hispanic and Asian eligible high school students with high academic performance and community service as well as financial need. The deadline to apply is in January 2015.

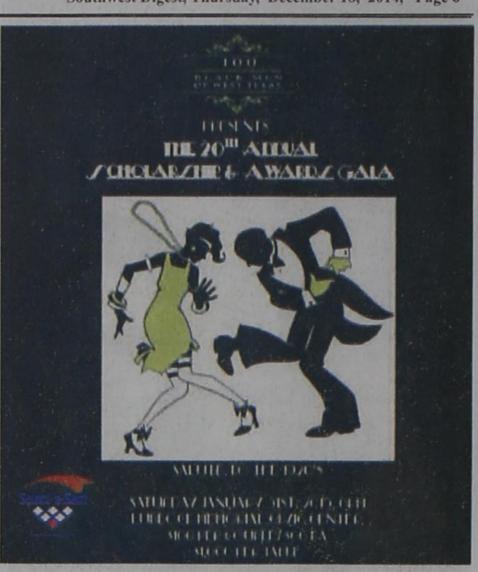
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St. Louis, MO — Data from city and county prosecutors in the city of St. Louis confirm that a total of 39 people were fatally shot by police officers between 2003 and 2012; and according to the St. Louis Circuit Attorney's office, only one police officer was indicted. It was a case back in the year 2000, and that same officer was acquitted.

Sadly, many of those fatalities were not subject to grand jury investigations because they were deemed justified by police internal affairs or the local prosecutor's office. In fact, since 2000, only four such cases in all of St. Louis County have been investi-

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gated by a grand jury.

Even worse, during St. Louis County Prosecuting Attorney Robert McCulloch's 23-year tenure, his office handled at least five grand jury investigations into fatal on-duty police encounters, and you guessed it... none of the grand juries returned indictments. Since the recent Michael Brown case, the media has brought to light that McCullough and any other state prosecutor can determine HOW the case is presented to the grand jury, and that this can influence their decision.

> So how is this legal? Roger Goldman, a legal and

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I had rather do and not promise,

than promise and not do.

Arthur Warwick

Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church

criminal procedure expert, says that a long-standing Missouri statute gives police officers a very wide latitude to shoot to kill. According to Goldman, the law states they are justified in doing so if they "reasonably believe" their target "has committed or attempted to commit a felony" and deadly force is "immediately necessary to effect the arrest."

Goldman says this is one major reason why "it's particularly difficult to get grand juries to indict or prosecutors to even take the case to the grand jury in the first place." .



Jesse Jackson

San Francisco, CA - Jesse Jackson, via his Rainbow PUSH Coalition organization, is making major moves in the areas of technology and diversity. The 73-year old long-time civil rights activist is hosting a Diversity 2.0 workshop in Silicon Valley, and his message is simple inclusion.

Representatives from Google, Apple, Facebook and more than other 20 other tech companies will be on hand to elaborate on their plans to diversify their workforces. They will reportedly brainstorm strategies to increase participation of minorities in the industry, and set concrete goals and timetables.

Buy Why?

Recent reports from both outside agencies and the companies themselves confirms that the technology work force is white and Asian men. African Ameritans, Hispanics, and even women of all ethnic backgrounds make up a very small percentage of those working for the top technology companies. For example, only 2 percent of

Kudos To Jesse Jackson For Hosting Diversity 2.0 Workshop in Silicon Valley — Says "Inclusion Will Lead To Growth"

Facebook are Black. In addition, the number of Hispanics is below 5 percent at both compa-

Jackson comments, "There is much more work to be done to meet the challenge of transforming the tech industry to resemble the America it depends upon for talent and customers."

One of the major sponsors and supporters of the event is Intel. Rosalind Hudnell, Intel's vice president of human resources and chief diversity officer, com-

the U.S. workers at Google and ments, "We want to lead because we think it's important. The ability to get great talent and build great products will be compromised if we don't get better at

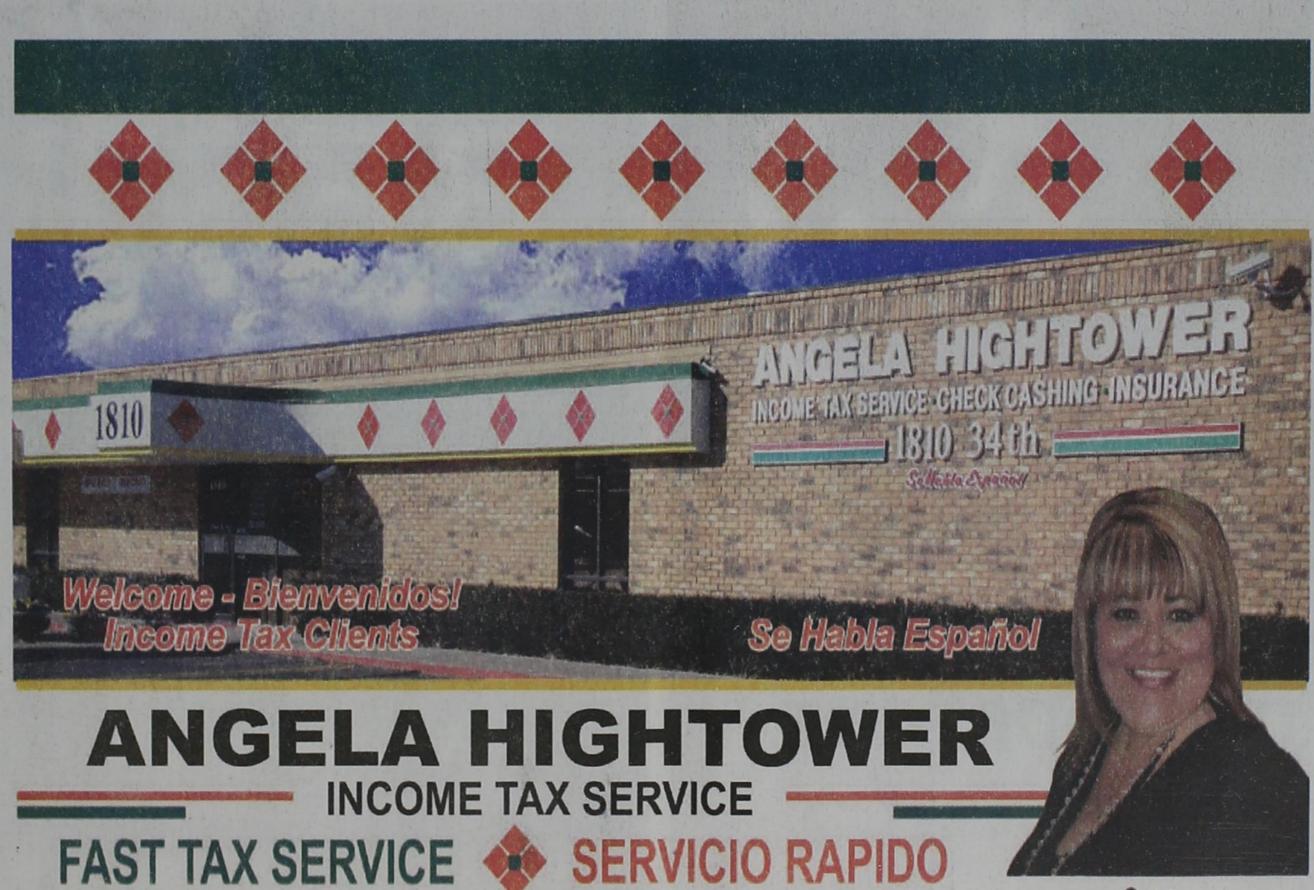
And also private meetings

Jackson has also reportedly privately met with and had "positive and productive dialogues" with both Microsoft CEO Satya Nadella and Apple CEO Tim Cook in the past week. He says he intends to hold tech companies more accountable for prom-

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Holiday Camp at Hodges Community Center 4011 University Avenue – (806) 767-3706 December 22-24, 7:30 am to 5:30 pm, \$48 per child (3 days)

December 29-31 and January 2, 7:30 am to 5:30 pm, \$64 per child (4 days)

Holiday Camp at Mae Simmons Community Center 2004 Oak Avenue - (806) 767-2700 December 22-24, 7:45 am to 5:30 pm, \$21 per child (3 days)

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December 29-31 and January 2, 7:45 am to 5:30 pm, \$28 per child (4 days)

Holiday Camp at Trejo Supercenter 3200 Amherst - (806) 767-2705 December 22-24, 7:45 am to 5:30 pm, \$21 per child (3 days)

December 29-31 and January 2, 7:45 am to 5:30 pm, \$28 per child (4 days)

Sen. Perry Files Bill On High School Play offs

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day season."

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Due to how playoff systems are structured, Perry's bill would only affect traditional team sports such as football, baseball, volleyball and basketball.

If you have any questions or comments about this bill or any of Senator Perry's legislative agenda, please feel free to contact Travis McCormick at 512-463-0128 Travis.McCormick@senate.stat

> Merry Christmas To Everyone!!

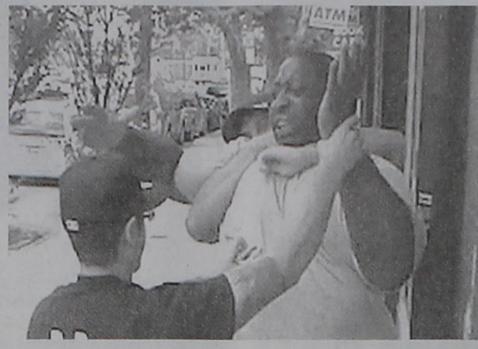
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forward to working with other representatives from across the state to collectively carry out this significant component of municipal operations."

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How Racism Killed Eric Garner



Daniel Pantaleo's chokehold helped kill Eric Garner. Stop and Frisk, though supposedly no longer in practice, helped kill Eric Garner.

Racism actually killed Eric Garner.

The confrontation that led to Garner's death was a part of Broken Windows, the policing policy adopted by the NYPD after a federal judge ruled that the city's Stop and Frisk program was unconstitutional. Broken Windows is built around the aggressive enforcement of lowlevel, seemingly insignificant offenses, such as littering or drinking on your stoop.

And just like Stop and Frisk, Broken Windows disproportionately targets Blacks and Latinos.

The policy targeting low-level offenders makes sense for a police department that spent nearly a half-billion dollars targeting Blacks and Latinos for marijuana arrests, even though whites are more likely to smoke

ing loose, untaxed cigarettes.

In the video taken of his confrontation with police officers, Garner—an unarmed Black man-gets upset over what he calls the harassment of the local plainclothes NYPD officers, including Pantaleo.

"Every time you see me, you want to mess with me," Garner said to one of the other officers. "I'm tired of it. It stops today."

That's when officers moved to subdue Garner, with Pantaleo applying what clearly appears to be a chokehold. As Garner goes to the ground, he repeats over and over that he can't breathe.

Pantaleo and his partner left the 43-year-old laying lifeless on the sidewalk for nearly seven minutes before EMS personnel placed him on a stretcher and wheeled him away. Officers are heard telling bystanders that Garner was fine. At no time during any of this did Garner receive any medical attention.

Pantaleo—who claimed that he used an approved takedown method, not the banned chokehold move seen on the videowas cleared of any criminal charges by a grand jury late last week, sparking new protests nationwide.

A new USA Today/Pew Research Center poll found that nearly 60 percent of Americans believe Pantaleo should have been charged; only 22 percent agreed with the decision not to indict, a nearly 3-1 margin.

The same poll found that half of Americans support the grand jury that cleared Ferguson Police Officer Darren Wilson in the Eric Garner's offense? Sell- shooting death of Michael Brown. The sample group agreed with the no bill by a 50 percent to 37 percent margin.



Happy Holidays To All of Our Readers!!!



WESS MORGAN....will be the featured guest performer at the upcoming 2nd annual 100+ Voice Gospel Youth Choir, composed of youth from our local community, which will be held on March 29, 2015.

It could be his powerful, soulful voice, or his refreshing delivery that makes inspirational artist Wess Morgan such a thrill to bear witness to. Or maybe it's because he has walked on a rough path—one that might have made another falter—that makes his music so moving, so unique, and so unforgettable. But one thing is for certain, Wess, by the grace of God, has proven that he is strong, resilient, and one of the most talented and anointed gospel/ inspirational artists of this generation.

The road hasn't been easy, but because of his unwavering love of God, Wess is certainly on the right path. "God put something special in me and He was going to get it out of me regardless. I love my time before audiences because I know what God has put inside of me is life changing. That's why I love being on stage because I see the people being blessed and there's nothing that can compare to it."

For more information regarding this event, please contact, Faye Brown, CEO of Each One-Reach One Organization @ 806-831-9986.

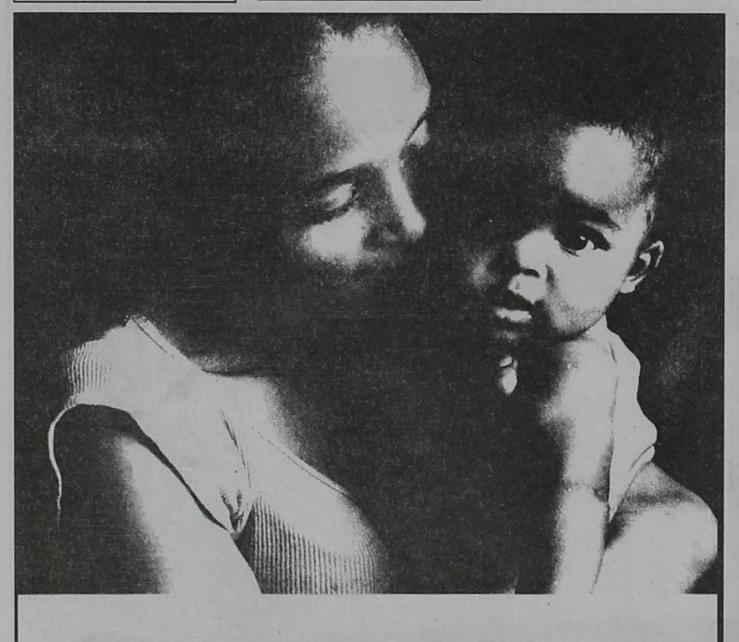
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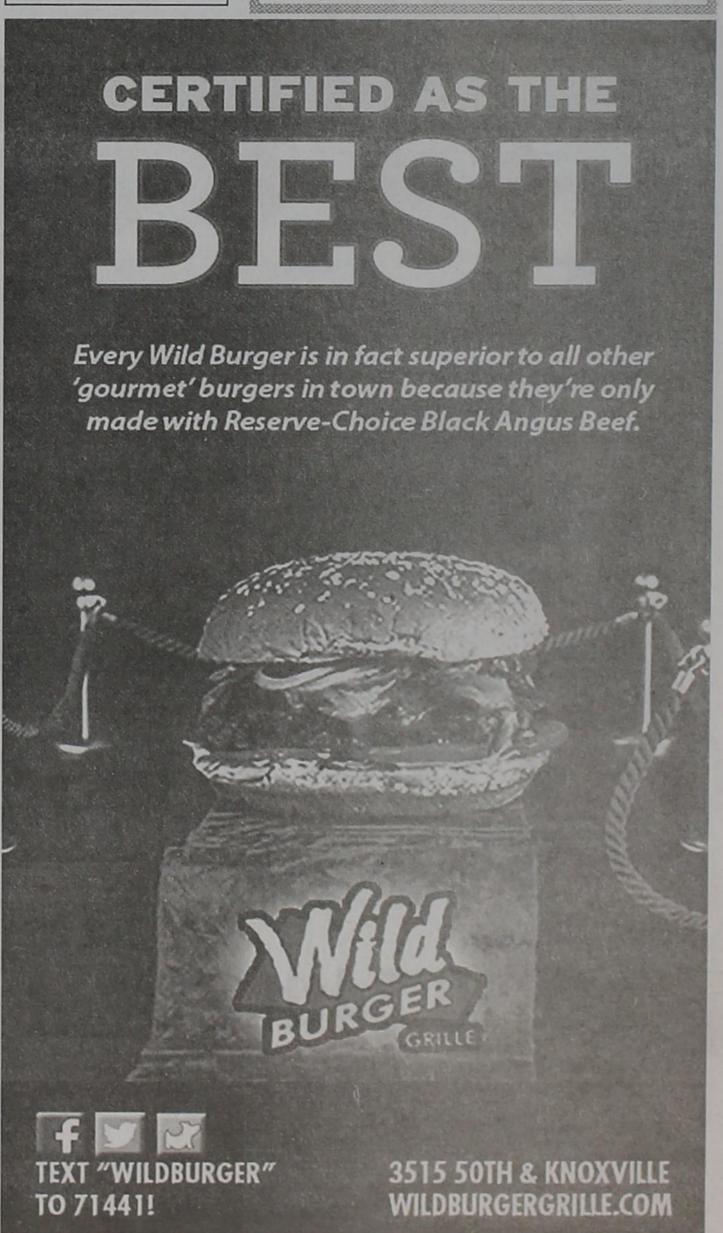
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The First Day of Winter, The Longest Night of the Year

country will mark the deaths of homeless people during 2014 with a memorial service on Sunday, December 21st - the first day of winter and the longest night of the year.

have died this past year and to remember those still struggling simply to find a place to sleep, the Community Health Center of Lubbock

(CHCL) has partnered with Salvation Army, National Coalition for the Homeless, local churches and community organizations to host National Homeless Persons' Memorial Day.

CHCL is hosting a candlelight vigil on Sunday, December 21st, starting at 3:00 p.m. at Dave Freriks Park located on 16th and Ave K, in downtown care access in America.' Lubbock.

include Councilman Floyd Price; Captain Parker, Salvation Army, Aida Martinez, President of South Plains Homeless Consortium; Jaime Wheeler, Carpenters Church and Michael Sullivan, CEO; Claudia Bustos, Outreach Coordinator; Kezia Cottenoir, CHCL Nurse Practitioner and Dr. Xochitl Anderton, CHCL Dental Director.

Additional events at the candlelight vigil include readings of the Proclamation by

Councilman Floyd Price, public discussions and a prayer service.

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Communities throughout the Hot chocolate, coffee, Hot dogs care and adequate incomes for and donuts will be served at the Salvation Army Canteen after the Vigil.

National Homeless Persons' Memorial Day is organized each year by the National Health Care To honor the homeless who for the Homeless Council (NHCHC) and the National Coalition for the Homeless. Every year, some 100 communities conduct Memorial Day events.

> "Mortality rates for homeless people are three times the rate for others, and life expectancy is around fifty years - about what it was for everyone in 1900," said John Lozier, Executive Director of NHCHC. "These high death rates point to the terrible conditions of homelessness, and to serious problems of health

In addition to the ongoing, Speakers at the memorial will unnecessary deaths from disease and exposure, a wave of cruel and senseless murders of homeless people is emerging throughout the country," said Michael Stoops, Acting Executive Director of NHCHC.

> "Homeless Persons' Memorial Day is in part a call for America to come to our senses and to treat homeless people with kindness rather than unprovoked beatings."

NHCHC is a home for those who work to improve the health of homeless people

and who seek housing, health

everyone. In the NHCHC, agencies and individuals, clinicians and advocates, homeless people and housed people come together for mutual support and learning opportunities and to ad-

vance the cause of human rights. Additional information regarding National Homeless Persons' Memorial Day can be found at http://www.nhchc.org. For more information on Lubbock's National Homeless Person's Memorial, please contact Claudia Bustos at (806) 765-2611, ext. 1024.

Homeless people die from illnesses that affect everyone, frequently without health care. Homeless people die from exposure, unprotected from the

Homeless people die from violence, often in unprovoked hate crimes.

heat and cold.

Health care is a human right. Housing is a human right. Physical safety is a human

Remember our neighbors and friends who have died without homes.

Remember why they died.

- NHCHC -

Let the wise hear and increase in learning, and the one who understands obtain guidance. Proverbs 1:5

Funeral Services Held For Lorenzo Man: Carl Edward Brown



Carl Edward Brown

Funeral services for Carl Edward Brown were held Saturday afternoon, November 29, 2014, at the Mt. Plesant Baptist Church in Lorenzo with Pastor Charles Hankson officiating. Rev. Charles Gonzales assisted.

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

Brown passed away on Friday, November 21, 2014.

He was born August 14, 1942 to the parentage of Johnny & Everlena Brown in Milam County, Texas, and was the seventh child of six children. The Brown family moved to West Texas in 1945, and Carl attended public school in Lorenzo and Idalou, Texas. He graduated from Dunbar High School in Lubbock, Texas in 1962.

He enlisted in the United States Marine Corps in 1963. He received three medals; namely: Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, National Defense Service Medal, and the Good Conduct Medal.

After serving four years, he returned home in 1967 and married Lee Ethel Thomas. They were married for eleven years, and three hildren were born: Linda Marie Brown, Tamara

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Lubbock Man's Sister-in-Law, Mildred L. Donaldson, Succumbs In Arizona

Phoenix, Arizona - Funeral services for Mildred L. Donaldson, a sister-in-law of E. J. Donaldson, were held Saturday morning, December 6, 2014, at The Hope Chapel of First Institutional Baptist Church with Dr. Warren H. Stewart, Sr., Senior Pastor, officiating.

Mildred was born November 22, 1919 to Thomas Burton and Veneree Ward Burton in Cleburne, Texas. Both parents preceded her in death. She passed away Sunday, November 30, 2014, at the age of 95.

Louis C. Donaldson and Mildred were married in Clovis, New Mexico on February 10, 1952 after a whirlwind romance of three days. They were married for 57 years. Louis "Honey" preceded her in death on August 23, 2009.

Mildred was blessed with one daughter, Gloria Jean Burton. She was very proud of her only granddaughter, Angela N. Davis (Jerrard).

To know Mildred was to love her. She met no strangers. She spoke with a smile on her lips and joy in her eyes. She graduated from Patton High School in Amarillo, Texas.

Even though she had only one daughter, she was called "Mama" by everyone who came to know her. She found happi-

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partment store clerk, and retired as a Sky Chef. Mildred was a member of Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church in Amarillo, Texas, where she served in the Ruth Circle and as a deaconess. She joined First Institutional Baptist Church with her husband in 1986. She never said "goodbye" to anyone but "I'll see you later."

Mildred L. Donaldson

ness in the kitchen. Her food

was not only delicious, but also

eye-appealing, picture-perfect.

Mildred relaxed with crossword

puzzles, games, sports, and

crafts. Her great joy was for her

granddaughter's dog, Federico

Pena Davis, a Yorkie, Chi-

huahua mix. During World War

II and the Korean Conflict, she

worked for the government to

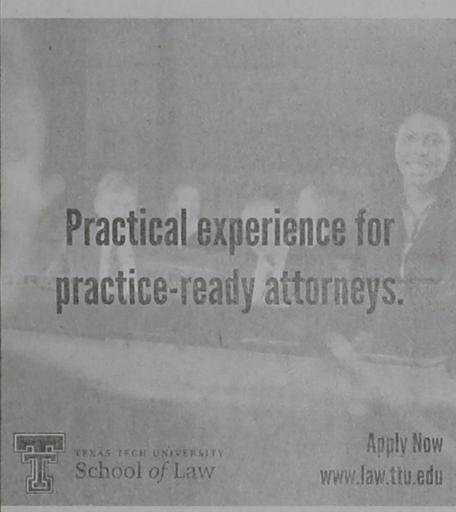
help "bring the boys home." She

also worked as a domestic, a de-

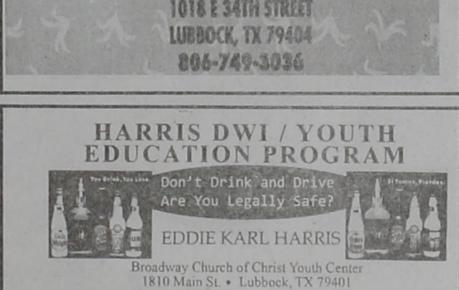
E. J. Donaldson and Terry Graham sung "There's a Leak in This Old Building.'

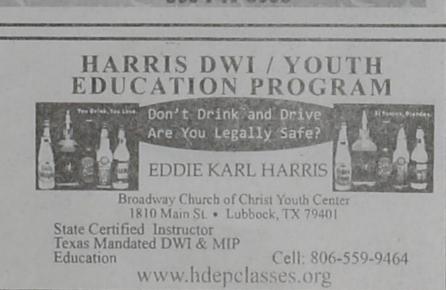
Interment was held Tuesday morning, December 9, 2014, at the National Memorial Cemetery of Arizona under the direction of Preston Funeral Home of Phoenix.

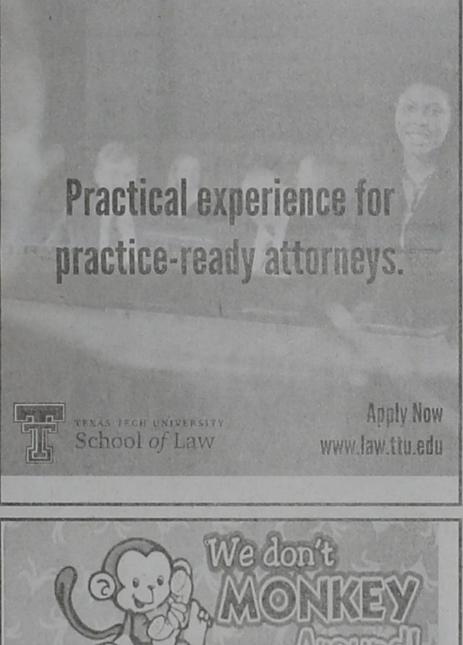
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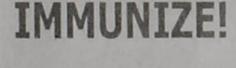


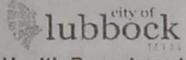






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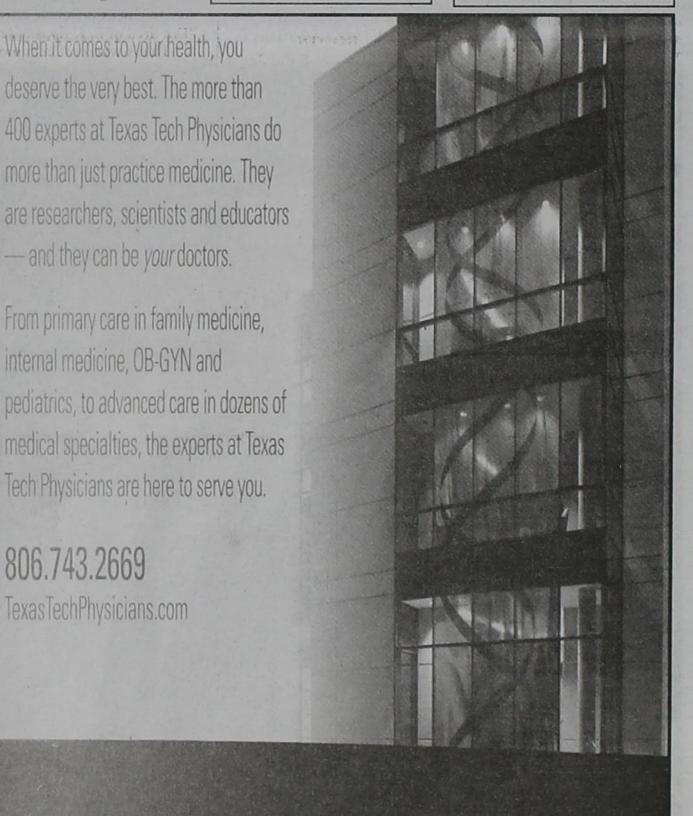


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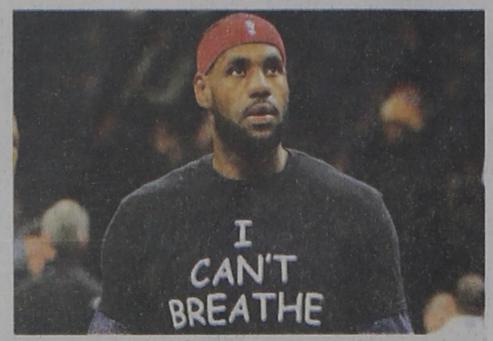
Lebron James and Other NBA Players Speak Out on Police Brutality: "I Can't Breathe"

New York, NY - NBA star Lebron James is no longer keeping his mouth closed about social issues. This past Monday, while in New York City, James was seen wearing a t-shirt that said "I Can't Breathe", which he says pays respect to NYC native Eric Garner, who died after a NYPD officer applied a chokehold when attempting to arrest him. The entire encounter was on camera, and Garner can be repeatedly heard saying said, "I can't breathe".

Regarding wearing the shirt, James comments, "It was a message to the family that I'm sorry for their loss, sorry to his wife and that's what it's about. I think everybody gets caught up in everything else besides who's really feeling it, and that's the family."

NBA stars Derrick Rose of the Chicago Bulls and Kyrie Irving of the Brooklyn Nets also wore the exact same shirt recently before an NBA game, which Lebron says prompted him to get one too.

When reporters asked him if there was a larger message, James replied, "How larger can it be than to pay respects to the



than that. Obviously our society needs to do better. Like I said before, violence isn't the answer and retaliation isn't the solution. As a society, we know we have to get better. It's not going to be done in one day... We all have to do better."

His foundation, The Lebron James Family Foundation based in Akron, Ohio, also puts out positive messages and partners with local organizations (such as the Boys and Girls Club) and businesses to empower the community.

"If it feels important to me,

family? It doesn't get any larger then I respond. If it doesn't, I don't," James says. "There's a lot of issues that I haven't talked about. For me, it's about knowledge. It's a gut feeling. If it hits home for you, if you feel it, then go about it. If not, then don't worry about it."

Fans and civil rights activist But James is not just all talk. say they admire James for having a social conscience and not worrying about backlash from corporate sponsors. One fan was quoted as saying, "Just because you are paid well by big sponsors, it doesn't mean you can't have your own voice!"

Lubbock, Texas, and Leonard

Brown (Elaine) of Allen, Texas;

4 grandchilden: Stephon Jones,

Brittany Brown, Tiara Jones,

and Christopher Brown, Jr. (CJ);

6 great-grandchildren: Aaniyah

Jones, Za'Riyah Norris, Stephon

Jones, Jr., all of Lubbock, An-

toine Anderson, Kyng Jones,

and Tayunna Crawford, all of

Dallas, Texas; and a host of nie

ces, nephews, family and

lena and Johnny Brown; and a Carl Edward Brown Continued from Page 9

Renee Brown, and Christopher DeWayne Brown.

Carl worked for several businesses: Grinnell's (TYCO). Bever's Lift Service, and Lubbock Citibus where he worked

for 13 years and retired because

of his health. He was an active member of the Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church in Lorenzo. He was a member of the Usher Board, Trustee Board, and was an ordained Deacon in

2005. He loved to sing in the Church Choir, and played the month of July. Other outreach guitar.

Carl was preceded in death by his mother and father, Everdaughter at birth, Lisa Marie Brown.

He leaves to cherish his memory: wife, Lee Ethel Brown; daughter, Tamara Brown; son, Christopher Brown, all of Lubbock, Texas; a sister, Rose Hankson (Charles) of Slaton, Texas; six brothers: Washington Brown (Amanda), Freddie Lee Brown (Betty), Frank Brown, all of Slaton, Texas, Lester Brown and Joe Brown (Archie), both of

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