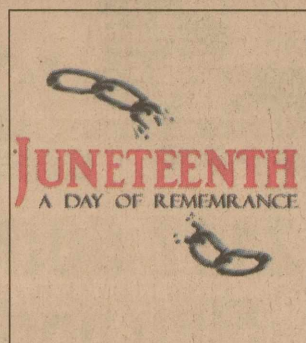
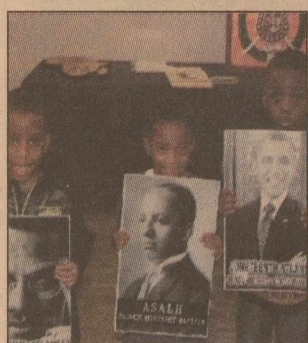
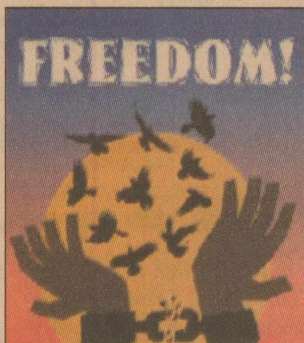
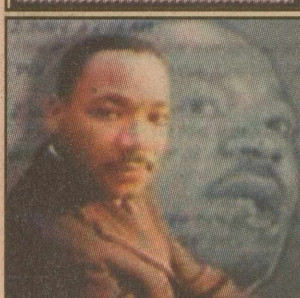




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Community Meetings

* Lubbock Area Client Council meets on the 2nd Saturday, 1:00 pm at the Patterson Branch Library, 1836 Parkway Drive.

* Hub City Kiwanis meets 1st & 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7 p. m., Lyons Chapel Baptist Church, East 24th Street & MLK Blvd.

* Dunbar Alumni Association meets 2nd Saturdays, 4:00 pm.

* Booker T. W Washington American Legion, Post 808, meets every 2nd Tuesday at 7:30 pm, American Legion Building in Yellowhouse Canyon.

* Forgotten West Riders meets on the 1st & 3rd Mondays, 7:00 pm, Patterson Branch Library.

* East Lubbock Chapter AARP meets every 1st Thursday at 1:00 pm, Great Saint Luke Missionary Baptist Church.

* Lubbock Chapter of Black Alumni meets every 3rd Tuesday, 5:30 pm, TTU Market Alumni Center.

* Dunbar Manhattan Heights Neighborhood Association meets every 1st Thursday at 7:00 pm and every 4th Thursday at 7:00 pm at the Dunbar Manhattan Heights Neighborhood Outreach Center, 1301 E. 24th Street.

* West Texas Native American Association Pot Luck Supper meets on alternating months prior to meeting, meetings held on 2nd Saturdays of each month at 7:00 pm, Educational presentations and demonstrations.

* The Unified Juneteenth Commission of Lubbock meets every Tuesday evening at Bryon Martin Technology Center, 3401 Avenue Q, beginning at 5:30 p. m.

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

* The Parkway & Cherry-Point Neighborhood Association meets the 3rd Tuesday evenings, 7:30 pm at 517 Zenith Avenue, Star Care Center
* Chatman Hill Neighborhood Association meets 2nd Thursday of every month at 6:00 pm at 2301 Avenue A.

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

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Lubbock Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Salutes Local Caregivers Over The Years



Sorors of the Eta Delta Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. are shown saluting local Caregivers over the years at the Rising Star Baptist Church.

"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat; I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink; I was a stranger and you invited me in; I was naked and you clothed me; I was in prison and you came to me."
- Matthew 25:35-36 NIV

On Sunday morning, May 7, 2017, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Eta Delta Omega Chapter recognized and honored Community Caregivers in our own local churches! This activity allowed members to reach out to those in the community who have given so much of themselves, providing unselfish, needed service and care for so many! It also gave chapter members the opportunity to actively support our International organization's strong emphasis on Health Promotion, one of our important Sorority targets. It was indeed our pleasure to present certificates and small gifts to groups of caring, honorable individuals who have consistently dedicated themselves to service for others! This is the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority way!
Rising Star Baptist Church.



Soro Nettie Edwards the Eta Delta Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority is shown with Soro Ruth Priestly, center, and Soror Kim McConic, right.

Community Caregivers honored: Sis. Ruth Priestly, Sis. Martha Moore, Sis. Darlene Bradford, Sis. Geneva Allen, Sis. Ruth Johnson, Mrs. Jennifer Riley, Bro. Carlton Hicks, Sis. Hicks & Sis. Emma Adams.
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Lauren Patterson Finishes Fourth In Metro Medalist At The Mansfield National Golf Club

Mansfield, Texas -- Lauren Patterson, one of 32 female high school students, participated in the Metro Medalist at the Mansfield National Golf Club on Monday, June 5, 2017.

Patterson, who will be a sophomore at Lake Ridge High School, shot a 86 in the 18 hole course. The national golf course is 6,850 yards long. She completed the course by shooting a relaxing round.

Patterson was very excited with her outcome in the tournament. One of the highlights of her effort was the birdie in hole number 8. She made a two on the three par hole. What made this birdie so exciting was it came after she shot approximately 20 yards off the green. This was her second birdie.

"Making the birdie on hole number 8 was very exciting for me," she said. She gave the golf ball to her grandfather, T. J. Patterson, Sr., who watched her play all 18 holes, riding in a golf cart.

She played in a trio which included Lyndee Chiles, a student at Grandbury, Texas, who came in second place, with a 85; and Brooke Hinerman, and Patterson.

Patterson is the daughter of Rev. & Mrs. T. J. Patterson, Sr. of Mansfield.



T. J. Patterson, Sr. is shown above enjoying his granddaughter, Lauren Patterson, playing in the Metro Medalist at the Mansfield National Golf Club.



An upcoming Golf Trio: These females played in the Metro Medalist: Brooke Hinerman, Lauren Patterson, and Lyndee Chiles.



Berl McLaurin

Ensigna Berl McLaurin Graduates From U. S. Naval Academy

2013 Lubbock High graduate Berl McLaurin, graduated Friday May 26, 2017 from the United States Naval Academy with Merit with a Bachelor Degree in Nuclear Engineering, and received his commission in the United States Navy.

Ensign McLaurin will continue his studies at the Navy Post-Graduate School in Monterey, California, pursuing his master's degree in physics.

Ensign McLaurin received an early selection into the Navy's

submarine service and will join his 2017 classmates in Charleston, South Carolina to attend Submarine School upon graduating from NPS. During his time at the Academy, Ensign McLaurin was a member of the Academy's Silent Drill Team "The Jolly Roger", the Color Guard and was selected a Bowman Scholar.

Ensign McLaurin notes one of the most memorable times at the Academy was a two week

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Trey Culver

Trey Culver Soaring into Texas Tech University Record Books

It was a refusal to be ordinary that led Trey Culver to heights he didn't even know that he could reach, in a sport, he never thought he would compete in.

"I didn't even know that high jump existed until high school, maybe freshman or sophomore year," Texas Tech sophomore high jumper Trey Culver said.

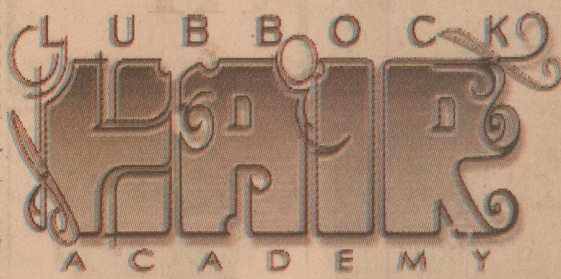
However, four years and change later, Culver made Tech, the first and only university to win back to back indoor high jump titles with two different athletes.

Following in the footsteps of his former teammate, Jacorian Duffield, who Culver says, really laid the blueprint for him.

With the outdoor national championships, Culver could become only the second Red Raider to win both indoor and outdoor titles.

He is the son of Rev. & Mrs. Hiawatha Culver, pastor and wife, of the Rising Star Baptist Church.

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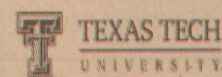


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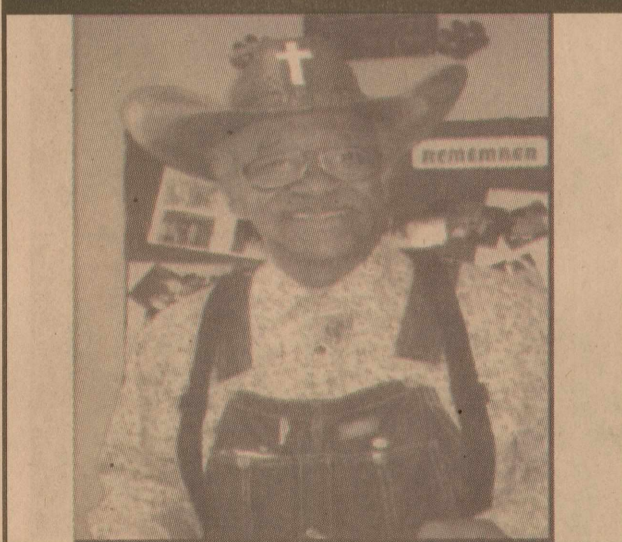
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In Cinque

By Renetta Howard



VIOLENCE

Violence has seemingly taken over the world. That is the way it seems now when each month, sometimes each week there seems to be someone or multiples, who feel that they have been anointed to rid the world of some of the population for some insane reason or another. Surely all of these violent individuals are not all connected to ISIS (Islamic State of Iraq and Syria) as a good number state that they are.

If ISIS has as many people in all parts of the world where much of the violence is taking place, surely they could muster up a better fighting front than sneak attacks on unsuspecting individuals. Many of these attacks which kill numerous individuals and give life lasting injuries to others are the works of sick individuals who have no reason for taking the lives of the people that are their victims.

Life is for the living and should and could be enjoyed if the violent individuals who are set on killing someone were discovered early enough to avoid the crises. It is true that there are many people born into this world who suffer a kind of upbringing or raising into adulthood which puts them on a road of danger and violence. All of the new technology, psychology, sociology, biology and human ology, still allows too many people to pass through the cracks of society allowing them to do bodily harm to other people. There seems to be no excuse for what is going on. One thing is certain. There is not enough love in this world and too many people are teaching racism, ethnocentrism and religious ostracism.

Survival is important, but it is not so important that we attempt to eliminate others. In

order for civilization to continue for eons, somewhere along the line we will have to be able to tolerate each other, especially when we are different from each other. We did not learn anything from Star Trek. We cannot manage to tolerate each other on this planet. What will happen if we really encounter aliens from anywhere? All we seem to know is kill.

If you take a survey of any American city or town, you will likely find a church, cathedral, synagogue or mosque within every eight to ten blocks and yet we resort to violence every eight to ten minutes. Somehow, somewhere, we are not getting through to our populace that violence is not the way. If the world is to be a better place, we must practice love at home. We must teach our children to love one another and not feel superior or inferior to others, regardless to where they are. We must get 'in cinque' and make it real. LOVE conquers all. We must believe and pray without ceasing!

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Beyond the Rhetoric
 by
 Harry C. Alford

Corruption is a Small Business Killer

I was so proud and inspired to speak before the United Nations recently. It was kind of a peak in my public speaking career. Included within my content was my concern of international corruption. To my surprise many came up to me and expressed their appreciation for my comments on the evils of corruption. When I returned home I did a little researching on the UN's attention to this subject. Surprisingly there was some written material on it. One of the publications is entitled "Corruption Prevention" from the UN Office on Drugs and Crime. The following is the beginning paragraph:

"Corruption hurts all, but the pain is greatest among small and medium-sized enterprises (SME's). They are usually the first to suffer in a marketplace where corruption exists. For reasons outlined in this report they are more vulnerable to corruption and, as a result, their profit margins and very survival are at stake when corruption takes hold. Since these companies are often the motor for development in societies vulnerable to poverty, the effects of corruption can be devastating."

Records show that a significant amount of new businesses will fail within two years of existence. That hurts local as well as large, international businesses. It drives unemployment up by large dimensions. Poverty is sustained as oppose to a larger and rising middle class. There is not one nation exempt of corruption. Democracies as well as dictatorships are infected with corruption. From goods entering or leaving our sea ports to those immersed into our interior communities it exists without

THIS N' THAT

by T. J. Patterson

LUBBOCK JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT!!! For many years **THIS N THAT** has always **SUPPORTED** the **LUBBOCK JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION** as it is a part of our **BLACK HISTORY!!! THE LUBBOCK JUNETEENTH 2017 CELEBRATION** will begin on Friday..... June 16th with a Reception and continuing thru Monday June 19th with a **IN THE KNOW BOWL** also the annual **PARADE** from Avenue A down East Broadway Avenue on Saturday

morning beginning at 10:00 a. m. From the parade ending in the **MAE SIMMONS PARK** where many activities will take place..... Among the activities will be the **GOSPEL STAGE** beginning at 6:00 p. m. on Friday evening **THIS N THAT** is encouraging all of us to be in attendance as this annual event is part of **BLACK HISTORY!!! JUNETEENTH also known as Juneteenth Independence Day or Freedom Day**, is a holiday that commemorates the June 19, 1865 announcement of the abolition of slavery in Texas, and more generally the emancipation of

African-American slaves throughout the Confederate South. Celebrated on June 19, the word is a portmanteau of "June" and "nineteenth". Juneteenth is recognized as a state holiday or special day of observance in most states. The holiday is observed primarily in local celebrations. Traditions include public readings of the Emancipation Proclamation, singing traditional songs such as "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot" and "Lift Every Voice and Sing", and readings by noted African-American writers such as Ralph Ellison and Maya Angelou!!! Let's all **SUPPORT JUNETEENTH!!!**

exception. This will not be a strong economic and vibrant world until we all address this economic plague and wipe it out.

According to the World Bank Institute in an article entitled "The Costs of Corruption": "Corruption within and between public and private sectors has become one of the leading problems for businesses all over the world. The recent inclusion of an anti-corruption principle in the United Nations Global Compact, endorsed by more than 3,800 members, further emphasizes the ever-growing importance of the private sector in the global fight against corruption. Just to get an idea of the dimensions of corruption, it is worth mentioning that, according to the World Bank Institute, more than \$1 trillion dollars are paid in bribes every year, which means that each year the cost of corrupt activities is equal to a full 3 percent of the world's gross domestic product."

On our first Trade Mission to Ghana, we brought up our concern about bribery to the current Minister of Trade. He replied that he is distributing his business card to each of us to show any official who attempts such a crime. It didn't take long that one of our beauty products distributors was being hit up by a port supervisor. "You want to drive off with your imports to my country? Good now pay me a decent gratuity." She remembered our meeting and pulled out the minister's business card. The guy broke down and started crying. He pleaded that it was only a sick joke and please proceed with your products.

I once had a conversation with the President/CEO of Dudley Hair Products. He was so excited to finally break into the Brazilian beauty supply market. Most women had African roots and this would be a breakthrough for them and the new bustling beauty salons that were growing almost daily. He flew

to the Port of Rio de Janeiro to greet his maiden supply. He was quickly told by the chief of the Port that he had to provide him with a \$250,000 cashier's check before he would release the shipment. Enraged, he hired a local law firm and sued for the release of his product, worth a few million dollars. It took more than six months before the crook relented and Mr. Dudley's product was released. However, it sat outside in the tropical Brazilian sun and the ingredients became rancid. It was one big heap of trash and he had no recourse. The millions of Black females and their beauty shops would have to wait a good while longer.

Yes, the actions of corruption are real. Large firms simply pay the bribes and pass it along to the consumers or have connections that bring fear to the culprits of bribery. Small and medium sized companies usually must pay the price which

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We Thank God for Jesus

"Here Is Why The Heathens Rage"

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Psalm 2:1-2 -- WHY do the heathen rage, and the people imagine a vain thing? The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the Lord, and against his anointed (JESUS).

As we look around THE WORLD TODAY; EVERYONE IS CRAZY; HATE IS OUT OF CONTROL. EVEN THE DOCTORS ARE TAKING THEIR LIVES; LOOKING FOR HELP; THAT'S UNDER THEIR NOSE!!!

Matthew 11:28-29 -- Jesus said come unto me, all of you that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke (THE BIBLE) upon you, and learn of me, for I am meek and lowly in heart; and you shall find rest unto your souls.

*** THERE IS JOY IN KNOWING JESUS!!! ***

Even the CHRISTIAN FAMILIES ARE ENDING UP IN THE DIVORCE COURTS. THREE OUT OF TEN HOMOSEXUALS ARE OUT OF CONTROL. IT'S THE WORSE THAN IT'S EVER BEEN!!!

Leviticus 20:13 -- If a man also with mankind, as he lie with a woman, both of them have committed an abomination; they shall surely be put to death, their blood shall be upon them.

When the DEVIL OPEN THAT DOOR; TO THE THING HE CALLED: "YOUR RIGHTS." THE

WORLD HAS BEEN GOING BACKWARDS, LIKE HEATHENS. -- DAY AND NIGHT!!!

Judges 21:25 -- In those days, there was no king in Israel, and every man did that which was right in his own eyes.

*** SOUNDS JUST LIKE AMERICA!!! ***

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

The MOTHER WITH 5 CHILDREN, CRACKS UP AND TAKES THEIR LIVES.

--- THE FATHER HAD MOVED OUT, AND FOUND HIMSELF, A MOTHERLESS WIFE!!!

*** THEY WERE YOUR CHILDREN ***

Matthew 24:12 -- Jesus said, And because of iniquity shall abound; the love of many shall grow cold.

*** HATE IS INIQUITY; AND IS OF THE DEVIL!!! ***

The children are on DRUGS AND ALCOHOL; IT'S AN ALL TIME HIGH, SURVEY HAS REPORTED. SOME CHILDREN STARTED EVEN AT THE AGE OF FIVE --- (LIKE PARENTS; LIKE CHILDREN!!!)

Isaiah 5:20-21 -- 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. Woe unto them that are wise in their own eyes, and prudent in their own sight.

OH WHAT A TRAGEDY, WITH THE BOMBING AT THE UK CONCERT; 22 LIVES WERE TAKEN. IF WE COULD GET CHILDREN TO COME TO CHURCH LIKE THAT. JESUS HAS BEEN FORSAKENED!!!

Luke 18:15 -- Jesus called them unto him, and said, Suffer little children to come unto me, and forbid them not; for such is the kingdom of God.

KILLINGS, ROBBERY, RAPINGS, AND BURGULARY ARE NOW THE DEVIL'S ALL TIME PEAK. OLD PEOPLE ARE IN THEIR HOMES BY 5 P. M. AFRAID TO BE OUT ON THE STREETS!!!

II Timothy 3:1-5 -- THIS known also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, with natural affection, truce breakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, Traitors, heady, highminders, lovers of pleasure more than lovers of god. Having a form of godliness, but denying thereof, from such turn away.

Lubbock Branch NAACP Names Officers

On Saturday, April 29, 2017 the Lubbock Chapter of the NAACP became active. Your newly elected Officers are as follow: President - Annie B. White; 1st Vice President - Gordon Harris; 2nd Vice President - Mary Lawson; Secretary - Jessica Dawson Holiday; Assistant Secretary - Michael Taylor; Treasurer - Milton Lee; Assistant Treasurer - Sandra Chatham

Parliamentarian - Michelle Crain
Executive Committee Members: Kathul Anderson, Charles Curtis, Phyllis Gant, Kenyan Medley, Debra Spencer, Mark Tusay, and Felisa Johnson Williams.

The Lubbock Branch of the NAACP will meet on the third Saturday morning, beginning at 11:00 a. m. at LIFERUN, 8240 Boston Avenue.

President White invites Lubbock residents to join this organization. "Your input is valuable, and we are looking forward to you to join us,"

The Lubbock Branch of the NAACP is activated, and its new members are willing to do their very best to reach the goals they will be working on to overcome problems which exist.

and Sis. Claudier Kelley, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.

Caregiver: Sis. Betty Middleton & Sis. Claudier Kelley, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.

Alexander Chapel COGIC. Bishop Watson and Caregiver: Dr. Gladys Whitten with Dr. Stacy Watson & Mrs. Billie Caviel, all three members of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.

Mrs. Billie Caviel, Dr. Stacy Watson, members of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority and Bishop Watson with Community Caregiver at Alexander Chapel COGIC.

AKA's Caregivers

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Sis. Nettie Edwards, Sis. Ruth Priestly, Sis. Kim McConic, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Eta Delta Omega Chapter.

Holy Temple COGIC, Level-land, TX. Community Caregivers honored:

Sis. Tina Stevens, member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority with Caregivers: Sis. Sharon Jones, Sis. Karen Green, Bro. James Jones, Jr., Sis. Clarinda Sis. Nicole Jones, Sis. Melinda & Sis. Joyce Johnson.

Alexander Chapel COGIC.

Sis. Billie Caviel, Sis. Stacy Watson and Bishop Watson with Caregiver: Sis. Christina Phoenix.

Greater St. Luke BC. Sis. Margaret Randle & Sis. Claudier Kelley, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.

Sis. Claudier Kelley, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority & Caregiver: Sis. LaFrances Richardson

Caregiver: Sis. Mary Paul & Sis. Claudier Kelley, Alpha Kappa Alpha, Sorority, Inc.

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Obsequies

M. D. Wormly, Sr.

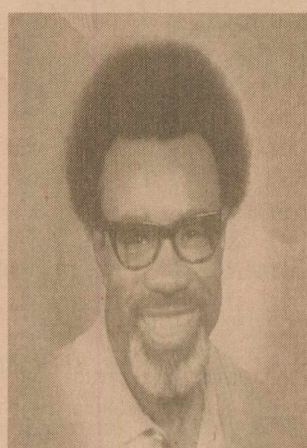
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma – Funeral services were held for M. D. Wormly, Sr. on Saturday morning, May 27, 2017, at the Wilshire Church of Christ Brother Gary Dilworth officiating.

Interment was done by the United States ARMY on Wednesday afternoon, May 31, 2017, at Fort Sill National Cemetery in Elgin, Oklahoma.

Wormly was the third child born to Henry and Renna (Givens) Wormly. He was born December 31, 1931. He was a very active person, friendly, kind, worked hard and loved to be where the people meet.

While a student at Dunbar High School in Littlefield, Texas, he ran track and did well. As a student at Prairie View A&M University, he was very successful. He also spent time in the U. S. Army. He also attended New Mexico State College where he played football.

M. D. drove the bus for the U. S. Government transporting workers from El Paso, Texas to White Sands, New Mexico. He retired working for Milner Trucking Company in the



A.F.L.C.L.O. Trucking Union, and he has also worked for P.M.T. Trucking Company, same union.

He and his wife, Gene L. (Gardner) Wormly had two children, Veronica Gail and M. D. Wormly, Jr. He and his wife, Dorethy, had one son, Jerald Raymond. His six step-children: Gloria, Vickie, Kent, Karen, Keith, Freda Dixon, and Christopher Keith. His step-son, Kent, preceded him in death in 2007.

M. D.'s father, mother, and five brothers: Collie B., R. C., Billy, Henry, Jr., and Lether; also preceded him in death. M. D.

Johnie Hail Bailey

Funeral services were held for Johnie Hail Bailey on Saturday afternoon, June 3, 2017, at the House of Prayer.

Ossie Curry Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Bailey, age 97, finished his race and went to be with the Lord on May 21, 2017, at Covenant Hospital in Lubbock, Texas.

He was born December 19, 1919, in Waco, Texas, to the late Milton and Victoria Bailey.

He married Lessie B. Bailey September 17th, 1939. He was a devoted pastor; over 75 years at House of Prayer. He loved the Lord to the utmost.

He retired at the age of 93 as a mattress finisher. He spent the rest of his days serving the Lord and being a devoted and loving father, grandfather, and great-grandfather.

Johnie was preceded in death by eight children: Johnny Bai-

leaves to cherish his memory: his sisters, Thelma (Clabon) Moss of Dallas, Texas, Lonell (James) Burks of Dallas, Texas, and brother, Tommie Joe Wormly who lived in Hobbs, New Mexico, wife preceded him in death. Others left to mourn are his grandchildren and extended family: Charles Booker, Marcus Wormly, Quiva Burrough, Omar, Jeremiah Wormly, and great grandchildren; his cousins: Caleb Poles, Charlie C. Richardson; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, relatives, friends, and Brothers and Sisters in Christ.

M. D. was added to the May Street Church of Christ in Sacramento, California January 19, 1994, and remained faithful until his death, after a long illness and many hospital admissions. He left us while living at Shawnee Care Center in Shawnee, Oklahoma. The care providers there reported he was very happy shortly before his life ended.

His family wants to extend thanks to Brother and Sister McNeal and Brother Roy Graves and their Sister in Christ, Mary J. Stevenson.



ley, Victoria Bailey, Gloria Bailey, L.J. Bailey, Emma Jean Mooring, Robert E. Bailey, Corette J. Bailey, and Wilma Franklin.

Johnie is survived by children: Early Mae White (Sammie) of Fort Worth, Barbara Nell Bailey, Linda Kay Childress, Tyiga Bailey, Shaun Chambers, Billy Wayne Bailey, and Larry Franklin, all Lubbock; one brother, Wilmer Bailey; and one sister, Gene Hobart of Waco, Texas.

Ruby Lee Ann Fitts

Levelland, Texas – Memorial Services for Ruby Lee Ann Fitts were held on Saturday afternoon, June 3, 2017, at the Head Duarte Funeral Home Chapel in Levelland with Pastor Alvin Childress officiating.

Ruby Lee leaves to cherish her precious memories: a son, Lazarus Dale Fitts; daughter, Lyric Caroline Fitts; brothers, David Fitts, Terry Richardson; sisters, Pamela Sabino, Mary Richardson, Melissa LuLu Richardson, Stephanie White; uncles, John Robert Clewis, Henry (Sara) Clewis, Jimmy (Louis) Clewis; aunts, Joyce (Robert Huey) Clewis, Dorothy



(Clarence) Hurd, Ethel Mae (Ernest) Hall, all of Levelland, Texas.

Gloria Faye Jones Onoh

Funeral services were held for Gloria Faye Jones-Onoh on Friday morning, April 28, 2017, at the Community Baptist Church with Rev. Larry Brooks officiating.

Interment was held in the Peaceful Gardens Cemetery under the direction of Ossie



Curry Funeral Home of Lubbock. Onoh, age 68 of Lubbock, Texas, passed away on Wednesday, April 19, 2017.

Gloria was born August 31, 1949 to the parents of Nero and Lula Bell Jones in Hugo, Oklahoma. Gloria was a humanitarian and pillar of the community. She attended school in Bluff, Oklahoma, and graduated from Dunbar High School in Lubbock. She attended nursing school and graduated in 1968.

Gloria was an accomplished LVN. During her career, she managed a medical clinic and was responsible for delivering many babies in the Lubbock area. She later transitioned into the role of a diabetic nurse educator for United Medical Center where she was nominated for "Woman of the Year" for her outstanding performance and community service.

She retired from the University Medical Center in Lubbock, Texas after 30 years of service.

Gloria was a devout Christian. She professed Jesus Christ as her Lord and Savior at an early age. She was a faithful church member who served in many capacities at the Community Baptist Church until her health began to fail.

Gloria loved her family very much! She leaves to cherish her memories: her sister, Ora Lee Randall, who raised her from the age of eight; her ex-husband, Samuel Onoh; four sons: Bennett (Chinyere), Amobi (Joy), Ekene (Adaobi), and Chukwuma; four sisters-in-laws: four grandchildren: Somto, Kamsi, Muna, and Kosi; and a host of nieces, nephews, and friends.

Pallbearers were: Will E. Jones, Levin Jones, Tracy Jones, Walter Jones, Steven Jones, and Willie Lee Rogers.

Honorary Pallbearers were Joseph Jackson, Christopher Jones, Daryl Jones, Willie Vandell Jones, Charles Jones, Jr., and Cornell Jones, Jr.

Betty Jean Nicks

Funeral services were held for Betty Jean Hicks on Monday afternoon, June 5, 2017, at the Community Baptist Church with Rev. Larry Brooks, pastor officiating.

Interment followed in Peaceful Gardens Cemetery under the direction of Griffin Mortuary & Funeral Home of Lubbock.

Nicks, age 78, of Lubbock, Texas, passed away Friday, May 26, 2017.

Betty was born in Cameron, Texas, on December 15, 1938, to the late Booker T. Sr., and Arlene Thomas.

Betty was educated in the Lubbock Public School System. Betty was a member of Community Baptist Church under the leadership of Pastor Larry Brooks.

She was employed for Texas Instrument for twenty-five years until she retired.

Betty is preceded in death by her parents, Booker T. Sr., and Arlene Thomas; husband, Gilbert Nicks; three sisters; and four brothers.

Betty leaves to cherish her memory: daughter, Burma Bryant (David); stepdaughter, Brenda Kindred; two sons, Harlan Norris (Paula) and Michael



Kindred (Keialsha); two stepsons, Rodney Nicks and Rance Kindred (Nicole); one brother, Booker T. Thomas, Jr.; 19 grandchildren; 25 great-grandchildren; and a host of other relatives and friends.

Blessed is the man who perseveres under trial, because when he has stood the test, he will receive the crown of life that God has promised to those who love Him.

James 1:12

New Light Baptist Church News

3013 Idalou Road Rev. Kenneth O. Jackson, Pastor

On Sunday morning, May 28, 2017, Church Services were well attended at the New Light Baptist Church, 3013 Idalou Road, where the proud Pastor is the Rev. Kenneth O. Jackson.

Church School began at 10:05 a. m. with Superintendent Alura Johnson teaching the morning lesson titled "PERSUASIVE LOVE" with its scripture text was Jonah 4:1-11.

The Morning Worship began at 11:00 a. m. with the devoted Praise Team leading the way. There was testimony service. The responsive reading was Psalm 103:1-12. The Altar Call was led by Rev. Jackson, with "MY SOUL LOVES JESUS".

The offering was taken up by Deacon Quan Shaun Lee, Brother Malcolm Richardson, and Sister Lacey Thompson.

The following selections "Go To The Rock," "Master's Call," "and "When I See Jesus," led by Sister Ambra Jackson, Sister Aluera Johnson, and Sister Angela Mosley. "Amazing Grace" was sung before the morning sermon.

Rev. Jackson preached the sermon. His title was "KEEPING THE MIND CLEAR FOR THE FUTURE" and its printed scripture text came from Romans 12:1-2.

So many things are going to transpire. It's not easy to raise a young lady these days. But sometimes young ladies can be a challenge to mothers, but they have a different set of needs that only a mother can fulfill.

Things are presented to distract you, but you can pass the

test if and when you keep your mind clear.

Life came and showed up but you were able to pass the test.

Keep your mind clear and continue to trust God. **Psalm 37:1-12 -- Say fret not thy self because of evildoers neither be thy envious against the workers of iniquity.**

Life is and will throw some things at you that will make you say run. Keep your eyes focused on the Lord and never let anyone or anything distract you. Life is also going to offer things you're not aware of to try and distract you.

Really stay focused and keep your knees on the ground. Remember Jesus is on your side when nonsense come. Tell it to get behind Satan. Trust God and keep your mind clear. Keep your hand in God's unchanging hand. Jesus will hold, sustain, and provide, but you have to keep your mind clear.

Scripture For The Week: In the beginning, God created the water and earth."

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Ronnie Dean Tobe

Funeral services for Ronnie Dean Tobe were held Tuesday morning, June 6, 2017, at the Community Baptist Church with Rev. Larry Brooks, pastor, officiating.

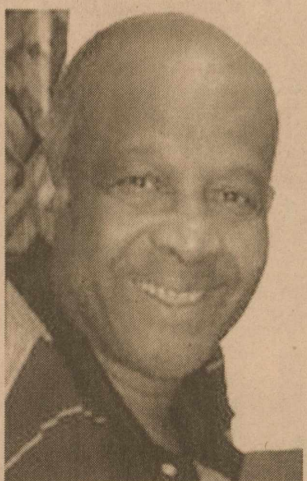
Interment was held in the City of Lubbock Cemetery under the direction of Griffin Mortuary & Funeral Home of Lubbock.

Tobe, age 64, of Lubbock, Texas, passed away Thursday, June 1, 2017.

He was born June 23, 1952, to Leover and Delois Tone. He will be missed by all who knew and loved him. He loved to cook.

Ronnie is preceded in death by his parents, Leover and one brother, James.

Ronnie leaves to cherish his memory: seven sisters, Willie Gilmore (Alfred), Joyce Watson, Joann Love (LeRoy), Margaret Atkins (Mitchell), Patricia Jor-



dan, Dinah Murphy (James), Sheniqua Tone-Kapita; special friend, Equilla Griffin; and a host of other relatives and friends.

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Hear always in your heart the beating of drums, the ancient customs of the Kagani.

Remember always the kings and queens, Tutankhamen, Cleopatra. But do not sit and not remember the dark days. Keep In Your Heart The Blood. Blood spilled by those who fought for freedom. The blood of the slave as the whip touches the flesh.

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Think over what I say, for the Lord will give you understanding in everything.
 2 Timothy 2:7

Texas Teacher Gives Student 'Most Likely to Become a Terrorist' Award

Lizeth Villanueva won an award in school this week, but it didn't feel like a victory.

As KPRC-TV in Houston reported, Villanueva's teacher gave her the award for "Most likely to become a terrorist," sparking outrage from parents and school officials in Channelview, Texas.

"I was shocked," Lizeth told KPRC. "[The teacher] said, 'Most likely to become a terrorist,' and she said my name, and she gave me this."

The award included her teacher's signature. Channelview Independent School District official Mark Kramer told KPRC that the teacher handed out mock awards to the seventh-grade class.

Villanueva said she received the award in her AVID class, which is an advanced learning classroom for those who are headed to college.

She said the teacher warned students that the awards may hurt their feelings, but they were meant to be funny, HuffPost reported.

"It was not a joke," Lizeth said, according to KPRC. "I do not feel comfortable with this ... I do not feel comfortable being in the same classroom with (the teacher)."

Her mother, Ena Hernandez, said she was furious when she saw the award. She also said her daughter was visibly upset when she came home with the award.

10 comments on this story

"We're really upset about it coming from a teacher," Hernandez said. "That program is supposed to be for advanced kids. It is kind of hard to believe that she's doing that. Being a teacher—giving this to a 13-year-old. How is she going to feel when she grows up later on?"

Hernandez said she wants to see the teacher fired at the very least, KHOU in Houston reported.

"It doesn't look good at all, especially coming from a teacher, a grown-up woman," Hernandez said. "It doesn't look good because everything that's going on right now."

Beyond the Rhetoric

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Harry C. Alford

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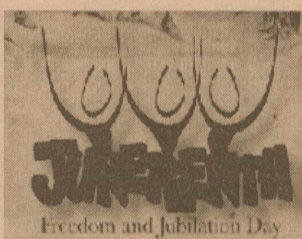
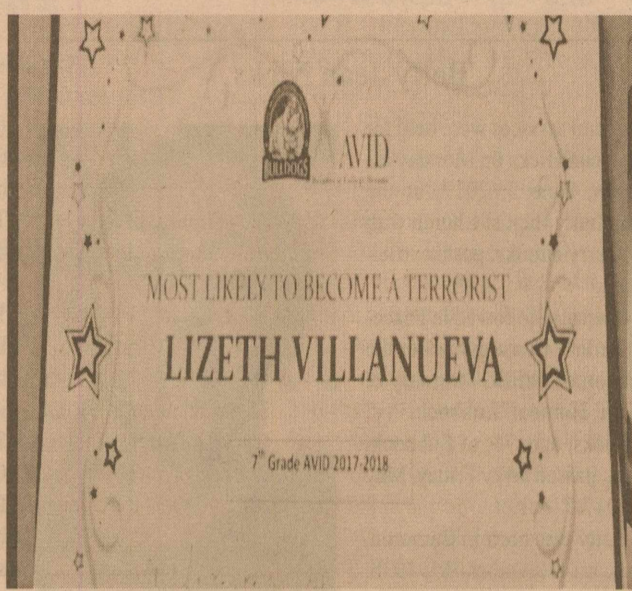
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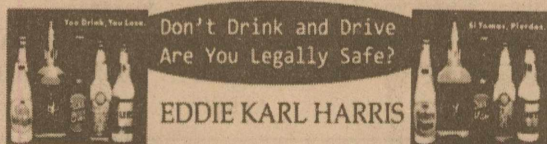
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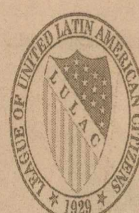
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SUBJECT: Resolution on LULAC Support for Work of Clubs and Groups that Work with Youth 8-18 years of age.

WHEREAS: 13.8% of the population of Lubbock that was 229,575 in the 2010 Census and,

WHEREAS: 40.9% of the population was married couples living together and 14.0% of the householders were single mothers with no husband or male partner, and

WHEREAS: Some areas of the city of Lubbock have large numbers of young men and women who wander the streets after school and have a high crime and delinquency rates such as the Arnett-Benson area which is the 12th highest in Texas, and

WHEREAS: The Optimist Boys and Girls Club has a program at 3301 Cornell to give these youth healthy activities to pursue along with programs in three other parts of the city of the Lubbock Boys and Girls Clubs that provide wholesome boxing, swimming and study programs to 2,500 Lubbock teenagers in safe environments year around, and

WHEREAS: These programs and those of the School Districts and Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts are insufficient to reduce the crime and delinquency that affect the quality of life in many neighborhoods in Lubbock,

WHEREAS: Similar phenomena are found in many other Texas cities, and

NOW, THEREFORE: Be it resolved that LULAC Council 263 of Lubbock urges the Texas LULAC State Convention to show solidarity and financial support for those programs aimed at providing healthy and wholesome activities for those youth 8-18 who lack a strong family and neighborhood ties.

Original resolution proposed and presented to LULAC Council 263 by John P. Cervantez. Accepted and approved by LULAC #263 on the 11th day of April 2017.

Dated this 1st day of June 2017

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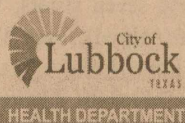
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Melissa Collier Resigns from Lubbock ISD Board of Trustees

Melissa Collier announced Tuesday, May 30, 2017, her resignation from the Lubbock ISD Board of Trustees today in a letter to fellow board members. Collier was elected to an at-large position on the board in 2012, and she was selected as president by her peers in 2016. Collier's current term expires in May 2020.

Collier, co-owner of Collier Construction and mother of two Lubbock ISD students, said the resignation comes at a time when demands on her time as the co-owner of a growing business and a very involved parent make it more difficult to serve in a third role as an elected official.

"My own children will be making transitions into middle school and high school, and I need to balance their needs with my role as a business owner. Things are going very well in Lubbock ISD, and I think this is a good time to hand the reins to someone else," Collier said. "I feel very good about the outstanding educational opportunities being offered to students in Lubbock ISD, and I am proud of the work done by the administration and my colleagues on the board," she added.

Superintendent Berhl Robertson, Jr. said of Collier's resignation, "Mrs. Collier has been an exceptional trustee, among the best board members I've ever worked with in 17 years as a superintendent. She is always well prepared and provides thoughtful consideration to decisions. Her background as a CPA and



Melissa Collier

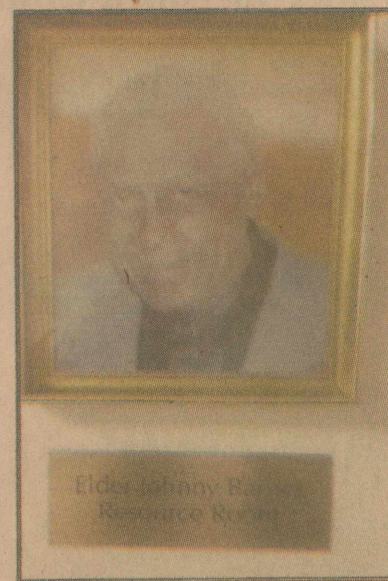
her collegial nature have been real assets to our district. She provided stellar leadership of our board this year," Robertson added. "I hate to lose Melissa from the board and will miss her dearly, but I respect her decision to step aside and I know she'll continue to be an involved parent."

In regard to Collier's board service, Lubbock ISD Vice President Laura Vinson said, "Melissa has been a thoughtful and caring board member and

leader whose unwavering support for our students and teachers was evident in every discussion and decision. I personally will miss her presence on the Board, but know she will remain an ardent advocate for Lubbock ISD as an involved mom." Vinson added, "I have nothing but respect and well wishes for Melissa as she devotes more time to her family and her business."

Melissa and husband Scott Collier are active members of

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He was known for his no nonsense, uncompromising attitude when it came to the things of God. But he was also known for his extreme generosity. If there was a need and Johnny Barnes knew about it, he would find the resources to meet it. It didn't matter who you were, or where you came from, Elder Barnes would reach out to help.

Since his passing, Greater St. James Baptist Church has remembered their former pastor in dedicating a space in the church for the purpose of community knowledge and resources. Such a heart and spirit of generosity should not be forgotten. The Elder Johnny L. Barnes Resource Room will soon be opened for use to those who need information on self, spiritual, and community helps. Contact Sharon Rose at Greater St. James for more information or to make a donation toward his legacy of giving. Please make all checks out to Greater St. James Baptist Church.

Contact: Sharon Rose, (817) 965-8044 or sharonjrose1@gmail.com

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PTAs at Honey Elementary and Evans Middle School, have both served on the Lubbock ISD Foundation for Excellence Board and are co-owners of Collier Construction.

The Board of Trustees will appoint a successor to fill the vacancy until May 2018, when voters will select someone to fill the unexpired term. Interested

applicants should direct a letter of interest and resume to the attention of Laura Vinson, Lubbock ISD Board of Trustees Vice President, 1628 19th Street, Lubbock, TX 79401, or deliver to the Superintendent's Office at Lubbock ISD. Letters of interest and resumes must be received by 5 p.m. on June 8 to be considered.



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Evans Ray Jr.: Starting Over; From Cocaine Dealer to Youth Counselor

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Washington -- Unsure of his fate, Ray said he decided to write a short personal letter to Obama as his presidential administration was nearing the end in hopes it would help him be released.

"I'm writing you because y'all only got seven months left and I want to thank you for all of the positive things that you've done for the community for all races, white, black, and Hispanic," the letter said.

He told Obama he gave "guys like him a sign of faith."

In mid-July, he received a response from Obama. The letter didn't tell him he was released, Ray said. Instead, it advised him to continue to have hope.

Less than Ray's life sentence was commuted, less than a month after receiving President Obama's letter.

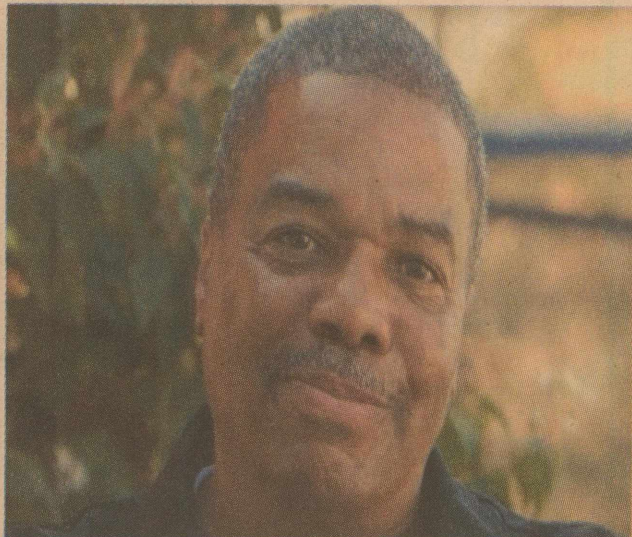
"When I got the news, I walked to my cell and I put up my (a large poster board) so no one could see in, and I got on my knees and prayed, and I thanked God," he said.

Now, Ray is back in Washington living with his mother and working as a counselor and mentor at the Community Empowerment Training Academy, a nonprofit organization that provides job training and other services for inner-city Washington youth.

"My job consists of me speaking to the kids in reference to what I've been through," he said. "I tell them to never give up and not to take shortcuts. Nearly 13 years of my life was taken away because I made that bad choice."

Ray has been looking for work, but it has been difficult, he said, because even though he was granted clemency, he still has a prison record, which scares off many employers.

While working at the acad-



Evans Ray, Jr.

emy, Ray said, he's put out "hundreds" of resumes for jobs without success. Still, he remains optimistic.

"I've looked at different post offices, UPS and other places, but it's just hard for a guy like me to land a job," he said. "I choose to be honest with employers at all times because that's the type of person I am. I know I will get something soon. It's just in God's timing."

Meanwhile, Ray has been reunited with his four children, ages, 16 to 19, who have introduced him to the world of social media.

"The hardest thing for me is just adjusting to this social media thing," he said. "Everybody is speeding, like a bunch of zombies with their heads down and their thumbs moving. It's new to me. When I left, every-

body was using flip phones. Now everybody is Googling and texting, and I'm used to calling people."

He said he wants to help the people who remain behind bars serving what he and Obama see as unjustly harsh sentences.

"I have a passion for speaking and helping people," he said, "and I can't forget those good men that have unfair sentences like mine. There are some good people in prison. Everybody's not black hearted."

Ray said he plans on starting a nonprofit that works with other people who have gotten clemency, but for now, he is focused on rebuilding his life by spending time with family and giving back to the community.

"The life that I left," he said, "is something I'll never return to."

Ensigna McLaurin Graduates From U. S. Naval Academy

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cruise to Brazil on board the USS Dallas of "The Hunt For Red October" fame. He credits the NJROTC program at Lubbock High for his interest and success at the Academy. Ensign

McLaurin is the son of Attorney Ron and Cathy McLaurin.

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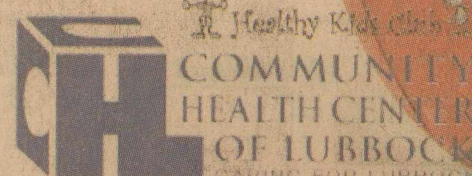
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