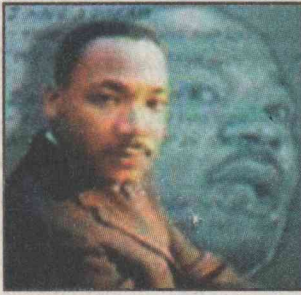




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* Lubbock Area Client Council meets on the 2nd Saturday, 1:00 pm at the Patterson Branch Library, 1836 Parkway Drive.

* 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.

* The Lubbock Branch of The NAACP meets the 3rd Saturday of each month at Life Run, Inc, 8240 Boston Ave., at 11 a.m.

* 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 meets at 7:00 pm, at the New Jerusalem Baptist Church, 3524 East Broadway Avenue on Tuesday evenings.

* 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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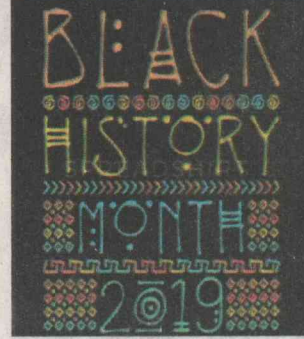
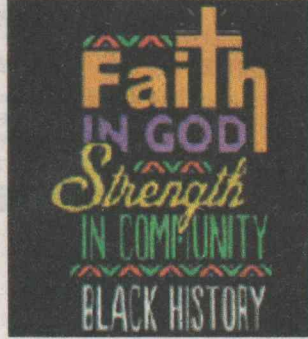
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workforce demographics report earlier this year. They were commended for doing so, and so far, experts say they are the most aggressive at addressing the issue.

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Lubbock Citizens Recognized During The Individuals of Distinction Award Banquet



Pictured above Lubbock residents recognized: Reginald Russell, Frankie Baucham, and Victor Hatchett; Pastor Hiawatha Culver, Jr, Officer Sharniece King, Anthony Peppers, Regina Butler, and Cathy Pope on Friday evening, January 18, 2019, at the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center.

The Dr. Martin Luther King Commemorative Council of Lubbock, Texas, Inc. presented its annual Individuals of Distinction Award Banquet on Friday evening, January 18, 2019, at the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center.

The guest speaker was Dr. Carol A. Sumner, who is Vice President and Chief Diversity Officer at Texas Tech University. She delivered a very important message which was well received by all in attendance.

The 2019 Award Recipient for Community was presented to Cathy Pope who began her career with StarCare Specialty Health System, previously Lubbock Regional MHMR in 1978, and served the public system as a visionary for almost 47 years until her retirement in 2017. Cathy has a unique blend of strength in clinical programs and savvy in the business side of community mental health centers (CMHC) and as the Chief Executive Officer for 10 years grew the Center to a \$45,000,000 human service organization.

The 2019 Award Recipient for Education. The recipient is Regina LaGail Butler who is a

teacher and mentor at the Lubbock Independent Public School District. Born in Amarillo, Texas, she is the daughter of Shirley Canady and the late Charles Butler. Although she was born in Amarillo, she was raised in Lubbock, Texas. When asked to describe herself; she does not hesitate to mention her favorite saying to her Maker which is to guide herself to be an example of his teaching so that she can positively lead others in the right direction.

Another 2019 Award Recipient for Law Enforcement is Sharniece King who graduated from Coronado High School in 2011. She also graduated from South Plains College with her Associates of Science in Criminal Justice. It was in March of 2017, Sharniece began her career with the Lubbock Police Department. Sharniece currently works as a Patrol Officer. She provides public safety by maintaining order, responding to emergencies, protecting people and property, enforcing motor vehicle and criminal laws, and promoting good community relations.

Another 2019 Award Recipient for Athletic is Anthony Pep-

pers. In his thirty-second year as the Head Athletic Trainer at Lubbock High School, he enjoys helping young athletes. He was a student athletic trainer at Dunbar High School, and Texas Tech University where he received his Bachelor of Science degree in Physical Education and Health Education with a specialization in Athletic Training and Sports Medicine. He was awarded the Ken Locker Speaker Award for his outstanding presentation to the student membership at Southwest Athletic Trainers Association clinical symposium in 1993 and 1995.

The 2019 Award Recipient for Business is The Paul's Barber Shop. The Barber Shop was opened in May of 1962, as Joe and Paul's Barber Shop. The owners were Joe Davenport and George Paul. It became Paul's Barber Shop in June of 1992 until this present day. Ownership changed in April of 2012. The current owners and operators are Velisha Johnson Mitchell, and Victor Hatchett. The current barbers are: Reginald Russell, Frankie Baucham, and Victor Hatchett.

The 2019 Award Recipient for Pastor is Pastor Hiawatha Culver, Jr. Pastor Culver began preaching in Dallas, Texas at the age of 18. He has been the Pastor of the Rising Star Baptist Church since 2001. He is married to Reggina, and they have been married for 24 years. From this union, they have three sons: Trey, JJ, and Jarrett. Pastor Culver loves the Lord, Loves People, and Loves teaching the Word of God. Pastor Culver has an associate degree in Pastoral Care Ministries from D. Edwin Johnson Theology School.

Yolanda Jeffery is Chairperson of the Individuals of Distinction Award Banquet, and gave the greeting and welcome.

L. V. Andrews, president of the Dr. Martin Luther King Commemorative Council of Lubbock, gave remarks.

67th Annual Pancake Supper February 16th

The 67th Annual Pancake Festival, a festive atmosphere with fabulous entertainment, melt in your mouth pancakes and activities for the entire family. \$7 for adults; at door \$9.

It will be held on Saturday, February 16, 2019. It is sponsored by the Lubbock Lions Club, founded in 1929, is one of the largest Lions Club in North America. It will be held at the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center from 7 a. m. until 8 p. m.

Governor Names African American Woman As California's First Surgeon General

Governor Gavin Newsom today named Dr. Nadine Burke Harris as California's first-ever Surgeon General.

As a pediatrician, entrepreneur and nonprofit CEO, Dr. Burke Harris has dedicated her professional career to understanding the link between adverse childhood experiences and toxic stress in children, and the effect both have on future health outcomes.

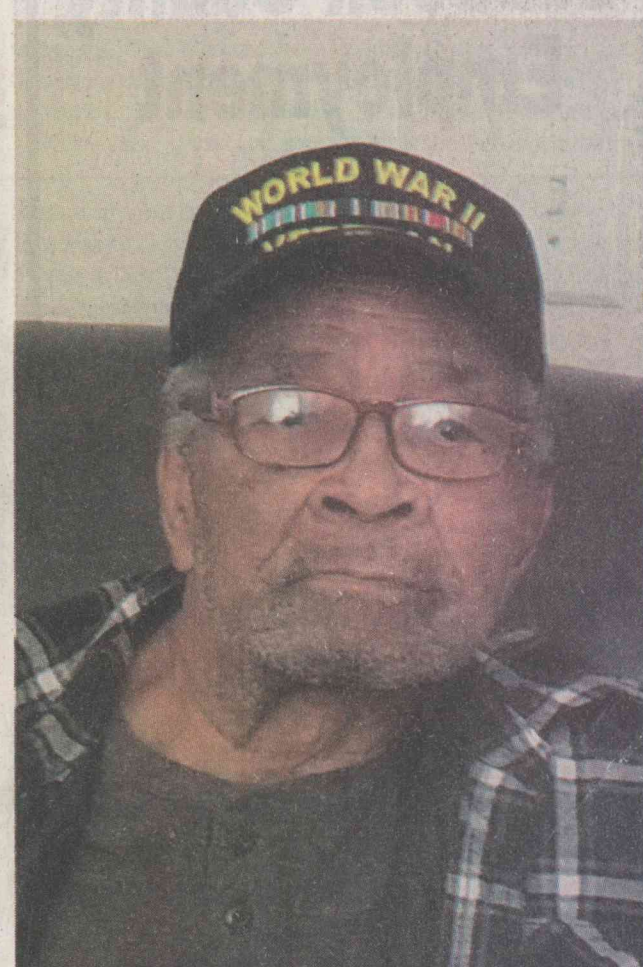
She is the founder and CEO of the Center for Youth Wellness (CYW) - a national leader in the effort to advance pediatric medicine, raise public awareness, and transform the way society responds to children exposed to adverse childhood experiences and toxic stress. Harris leads the Bay Area Research Consortium on Toxic Stress and Health, a partnership between CYW and UCSF Benioff Children's Hospitals, to advance scientific screening and treatment of toxic stress.

She serves as a member of the American Academy of Pediatrics' National Advisory Board for Screening and on a committee for the National Academy of Medicine. She is an expert advi-



Dr. Burke Harris, 43, of San Francisco, will be sworn in as Surgeon General on February 11. This position does not require Senate confirmation and the compensation will be \$200,000. She is a Democrat.

son on the Let's Get Healthy California Task Force, a former member of the Boys and Men of Color Trauma Advisory Committee and a former appointee by then-Mayor Gavin Newsom to the San Francisco Citizens' Committee for Community Development.



Willie Blocker

Willie Blocker, Well Known Professional Roofer, Dies In Waco, Texas

Waco, Texas -- Family and friends were in attendance of the funeral services of Willie Blocker on Saturday morning, January 26, 2019, at the Greater Bosqueville Baptist Church with Rev. Ronald English, pastor, as the Officiant. Minister Robert L. Stevenson was the Eulogist.

Interment was held on Monday, January 28, 2019, at the Central Texas State Veterans Cemetery in Killeen, Texas under the direction of the McDowell Funeral Home of Waco, Texas.

Willie, age 93 of Lubbock, Texas, passed away on Tuesday, January 15, 2019, in Waco, Texas.

He was born in Bosqueville, Texas to Benny and Emma Johnson Blocker on July 8, 1925.

He married Willie Jean Montgomery. Later, he married Sara Wadley of Lubbock, Texas, who preceded him in death.

Willie was a World War II and Korean Conflict Veteran. He enjoyed sharing some of the many experiences he received while serving as a military person.

Willie loved the Lord and his church. He gave his life to Christ at an early age at Bosqueville Colored Church faithfully until he moved to Lubbock.

In Lubbock, Texas, he joined the Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church under the leadership of the late Rev. A. W. Wilson. He served as a Trustee for many years, and was always willing to contribute to efforts of the church.

There's no doubt about it, Willie enjoyed working as a Trustee for Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church.

After residing in Lubbock for a while, he begun his business as a professional roofer. He became well known for the professional service he would give to those he did business with. He was responsible for the development of many roofs on homes in Lubbock.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Benny and Emma Johnson Blocker; his wife, Sara Blocker; and granddaughter, Sandra E. Crain.

He leaves to mourn his passing: his daughter, Willie Ruth Kindred of Hewitt, Texas; son-in-law, Rogers B. Kindred; three grandchildren: Avery L. Kindred of Reno, Nevada, Bryant and Randall Lane of Temple, Texas; a step-grandson, Gary Wadley of Lubbock, Texas; great-grandchildren: Caitlin B. Kindred, Carissa D. Kindred, and Cameron B. Kindred, all of Reno, Nevada; two

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Airman Keavon M. Fininen Graduates From Basic Training

U.S. Air Force Airman Keavon M. Fininen graduated from basic military training at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, San Antonio, Texas.

The airman completed an intensive, eight-week program that included training in military discipline and studies, Air Force core values, physical fitness, and basic warfare principles and skills.

Airmen who complete basic training also earn four credits toward an associate in applied science degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Fininen is the son of Trina and brother of Kiera Fininen, grandson of James W. and Terry Brooks and nephew of Veronica




Airman Keavon M. Fininen

Fininen, all of Lubbock, Texas. He is a 2015 graduate of Frenship High School, Lubbock, Texas.


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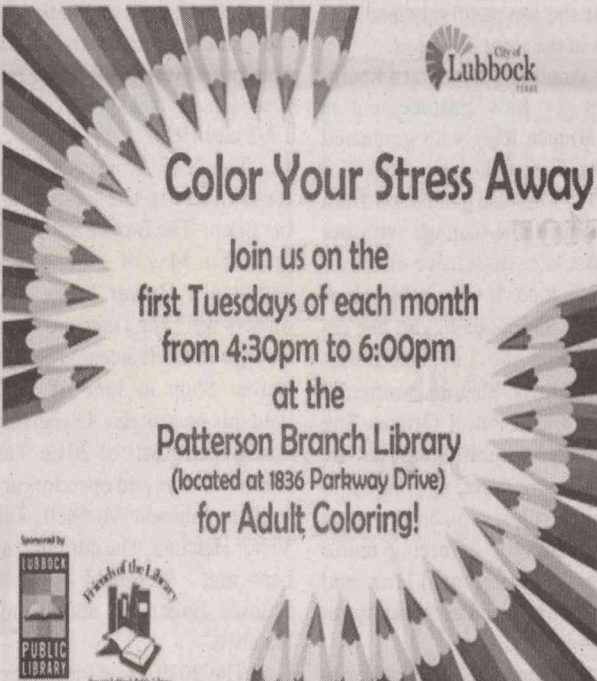
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In Cinque

By Renetta Howard

MORALS

If we observe our daily living in this country, The United States of America, we should notice that for a country which was built on Christian principles that we seem at this juncture to have lost all of our senses when it comes to morals. We must remember that the morals which we have attempted to instill in our societies on Christian principles were not really pure in the first place because there was this idea in the very beginning that some people are not as good as some other people.

Our moral foundations have been kaput for a long time, but noticing the immoral activities in this day and age which are going unresolved, makes things even worse. We speak of individual activity, physical, emotional, sexual and political which is wreaking havoc on the entire country. We have vocalized, criticized, and taken to social media in an attempt to put some type of equalizing into the various immoral things that are happening, but for the most part, there has not been any positive outcome for anyone whom is considered a victim.

Right now, with the government shutdown, American workers who depend on a paycheck for doing government work are being victimized by a leader of this country, in an attempt to have the government run the way he wants it run. The senators and representatives nor the American populace seem to matter with regards to what the leader wants. The national government seemingly is in the hands of one man whose desire it seems is to be the only important individual in this country who decides what makes the national government work. There is insanity somewhere 'in the woodpile!'

America needs to face the

reality that the Constitution of the United States needs to be taken literally and used to the letter and if the letter is not serving its purpose, that it needs to be overhauled to meet the needs of the American people so as not to perpetuate inequality, a lack of justice and victimization for any group of Americans or immigrants.

The American people need to be more vocal and active politically to the point wherein rogue groups or individuals are not able to penetrate the institutions of this country and demonstrate acts which violate the freedom and civil rights of other Americans. We need to get 'in cinque' and wake up and take actions within the limits of the law to guarantee to ourselves and our posterity those freedoms and rights stated in the U. S. CONSTITUTION. Our morals need to be revamped!

Texas Employment Growth Continues In December

As 2018 concluded, the Texas economy added another month of positive employment growth, with 38,000 seasonally adjusted nonfarm positions added for the month of December. Texas' seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 3.7 percent, and has remained at the same historic 43-year low since October 2018. Annual employment growth for Texas was 3.2 percent in December, and marked 104 consecutive months of annual growth. Over the year, Texas has added 391,800 jobs as Total Nonfarm employment reached a new high of 12,744,100.

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Beyond the Rhetoric

By Harry C. Alford & Kay DeBow

The "Children" on Capitol Hill

If there is a privilege class of people in this nation it is the legislative division of our government. Members of congress are overpaid for minimal work. Their work week is typically Tuesday - Thursday. They have salaries that would resemble corporate executives. For national holidays when we may get a day off; they get at least one week. Their retirement plans are the envy of all other workers. Yet, when they do work very little results from their slight effort. Congressional members are, in effect, American style "royalty".

They become accountable to the voters at election time - every two years for the house of representatives and six years for the senate. Terms are renewable, and many have been in Congress for decades. We need term limits in a desperate way. Some have been in office for so long that they regard themselves as being invincible and exempt from any harm. They are drunk with power and that can lead to corruption. It will certainly lead to ineptness and no respect for accountability.

The latest disaster coming out of Congress is the fiasco concerning our border security. We need them to fund the erection of a border wall. It is drastically needed as hundreds of thousand illegal immigrants come across our southern border with no documentation or any formal process. We are being invaded by criminals, gang members, rapists, terrorists and most of all, illegal drug trafficking. The number of drugs coming into our nation amounts to hundreds of billion dollars. Maybe that is the problem - a hell of a lot of tax-free cash. Who is getting paid with this money? How much misery will Congress tol-

THIS N' THAT

by T. J. Patterson, Sr.

THERE IS A DEVELOPMENT MOVEMENT IN EASTERN LUBBOCK WITH MUCH MORE TO COME!! THIS N THATalong with others in **EASTERN LUBBOCK** are very glad to see some development in this part of Lubbock. And for what has been observed over the past few months **EASTERN LUBBOCK** will continue to move.....

THIS N THAT has noticed attention to the need to **DEVELOP SOME OF THE STREETS** as they should be so citizens can move around the area..... What has happened so far **THIS N THAT** believes this is only the beginning on what will happen to the **STREETS**

erate? They must know that our national security is being directly threatened. Don't they care? Bad characters from all over the world get into our country via the southern border. Some are captured and deported only to return repeatedly. It is like a "cancer" infecting freedom loving American.

Not only is nothing being done about it, but Congress has not renewed our annual budget. They can't come to terms on financing the construction of the much-needed border wall. The Democrats are in denial. Both sides won't even consider compromise. With the budget not approved a huge number of federal employees are not being paid. At least 800,000 people are being financially hurt. Plus, millions of contractors and their employees are being equally hurt by this man-made disaster. Their families are hurting and the "clowns" on Capitol Hill

IN EASTERN LUBBOCK!!!
The newly developed **HABITAT DEVELOPMENT** in Eastern Lubbock really looks outstanding. This new development will bring much to an area which has not been developed..... It just reminds all of us there are many opportunities enroute to Eastern Lubbock.

THIS N THAT is very excited about the **NINE CONSTRUCTED NEW HOMES** which are being built on properties in Eastern Lubbock. This means that **TAXES** will be paid on these properties..... Not only is this great but it adds much to the area. There is other development on vacant lots in Eastern Lubbock and when we drive by these areas and see

some **POSITIVE DEVELOPMENT** it just makes you smile and you **THANK GOD** for what is being done in **EASTERN LUBBOCK**.....

A very needed project is being done by the **DEVELOPMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICE** which is changing the way it looks when you enter Lubbock on Idalou Road and traveling to East 19th Street or Broadway Avenue..... This a very **POSITIVE PROJECT** and it should add much to **EASTERN LUBBOCK!!! THIS N THAT** very proud of what is happening at this time in **EASTERN LUBBOCK!!!**

The beginning doesn't matter, it is the end which counts!

won't snap out of their deadlock. How many children of these employees will be denied their economic subsistence?

These victims are helpless! How many millions will not be able to afford their needed medications? How many must forego needed operations or other medical treatment? How many will die? How much will crime statistics start going through the "roof"? Federal employees are some of the best paid workers in the world. However, many may be headed for bankruptcy, homelessness, hopelessness and insolvency. Doesn't Congress realize this? Of course, they do! They just don't care. Pre-school children are not this stubborn or "bull headed".

They are acting like Marie Antoinette. When she was told that the people were running out of bread, she sarcastically replied, "Let them eat cake". Congress is acting in a similar heartless

fashion. Both sides, Democrats and Republicans, are at fault here. Republicans had control of both congressional chambers and the White House for two years. They knew the urgency of establishing a border wall but laid back or procrastinated in funding it. They should have rammed the funding through. But no, they just didn't do it. Now the Democrats have control of the House of Representatives and they are fanatical in their resistance to the Trump Platform. They rather would hurt millions of Americans; put our nation in jeopardy and delight our enemies.

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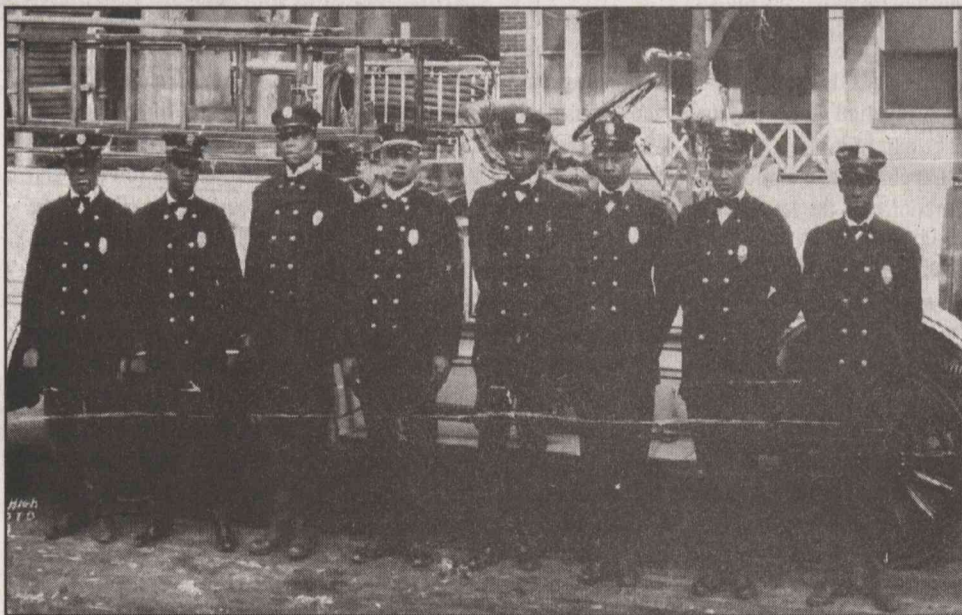
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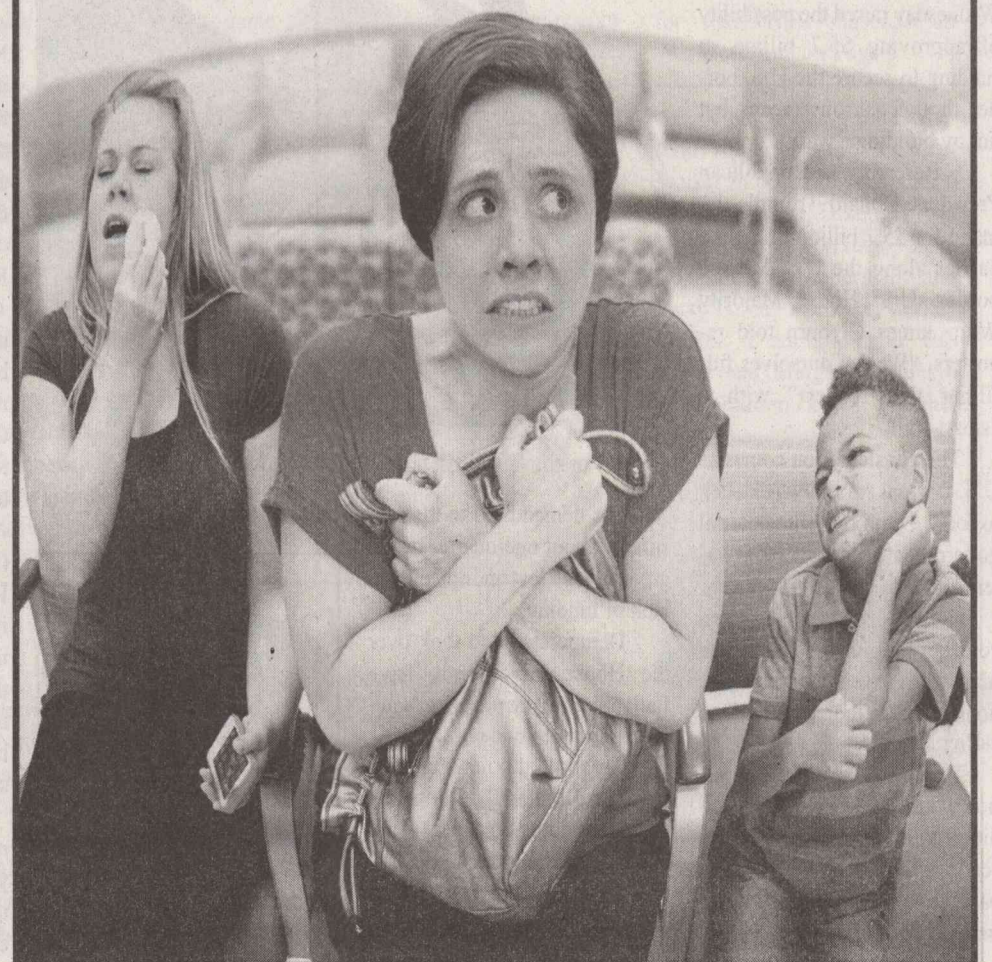


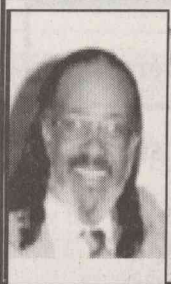
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Psalm 107:1 - 2 -- OH GIVE thanks unto the Lord, for he is good: for his mercy endures forever. Let the redeemed of the Lord, say so, whom he had redeemed from the hand of the enemy.

LORD I KNOW YOU BEEN SO GOOD; YOU BEEN BETTER TO ME; THAN I HAVE TO MYSELF. THAT'S WHAT I CALL TRUE LOVE; AND I JUST HAVE TO TELL SOMEONE ELSE!!!

John 15:13 -- Jesus said, Greater love has no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.

I WANT A DYING WORLD TO KNOW JESUS CHRIST; WHO DIED FOR A NO GOOD SINNER LIKE ME. WITH ALL THE TROUBLES OF THIS WORLD; YOU NEED TO TRY JESUS;-- O' TASTE OF HIM AND SEE!!!

Matthew 11: 28-30 -- Jesus said, Come unto me, all you that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

Take my yoke (HOLY BIBLE) upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and you shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

I WAS AT ONE TIME LIKE THE PRODIGAL SON; I WENT OUT INTO THE WORLD; AND HAD FUN.

I WAS RAISED IN A CHRISTIAN HOME; AND MY HEART LED ME BACK: TO WHERE I CAME FROM!!!

Jeremiah 3:14a -- Turn, O backsliding children, said the Lord

AS THE PRODIGAL CRIED UNTO HIS FATHER; I DID THAT. I SAID LORD; I HAVE SINNED.

THAT IS WHEN I WAS LIKE THE PRODIGAL SON.

Matthew 6:33 -- Jesus Said, MOUNTAINS DON'T GET TO HIGH IN MY LIFE; THAT I CAN'T CLIMB.

I GOT ALL THE HELP I NEED; HE'S WITH ME ALL THE TIMES!!!

I DON'T HAVE TIME; TO

WORRY ABOUT THE WORLD'S RECESSION; I SERVE A MIGHTY GOD; AND I KNOW I KNOW HE'LL GET ME THROUGH THE DEPRESSION!!!

ON MY HOUSE ADDRESS SIGN IS --THE LORD IS OUR SHEPHERD..

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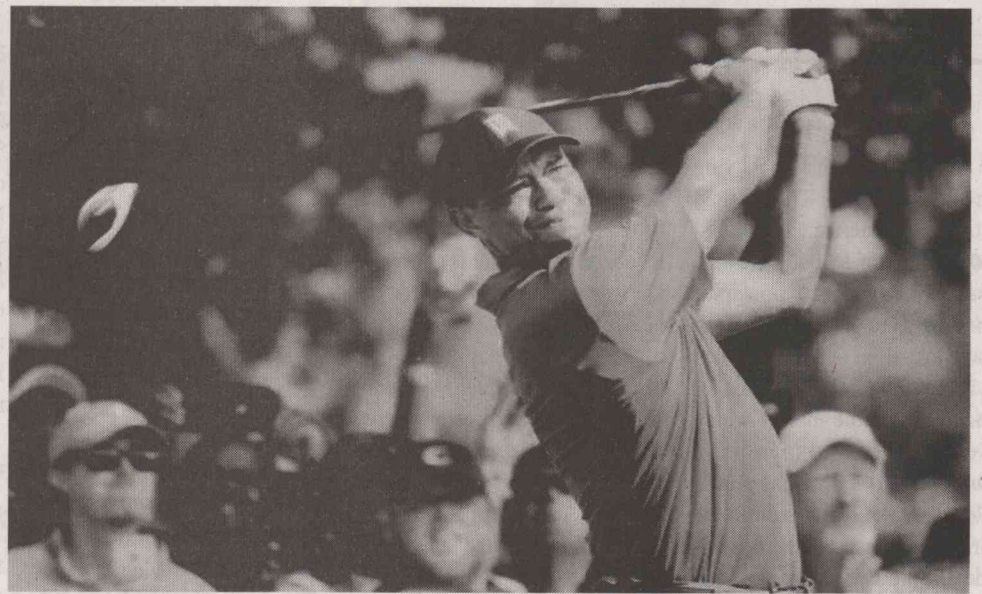
ON MY LICENSE PLATE OF MY PICK UP-- IS WE "THANK GOD FOR JESUS."

ON THE SIDE OF MY PICKUP IS MY BUSINESS NAME -- LORD'S WILL I WILL--AND NO PHONE #. ON MY TEXAS SIGNS THERE IS NO STAR-- BUT THE CROSS.

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Tiger Woods displays new TaylorMade woods, irons for 2019 debut at Torrey Pines



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On Tuesday, January 22, 2019, Woods shared a photo of the equipment he'll be using at the Farmers Insurance Open, and ostensibly most of the 2019 season:

One of those new toys includes the TaylorMade M5 driver. The M5 includes the company's bulge and roll curvature pattern called TwistFace found in last year's M3 and M4 models, where the face is curved slightly open on the high toe and slightly closed on the low heel to help correct those common mishits (and the face angles that typically accompany those mis-hits), curving them more closely back to the center line. What's interesting about the M5 is that the driver face flex is initially illegal, then injected with a precise amount of resin (through blood-orange ports) to make it as close to the conforming limit as possible.

Featuring carbon-composite crown and sole panel technology, the M5 driver will be TaylorMade's most adjustable driver

ever. It features a T-shaped track in the sole with the top of the T curving around the sole's rear perimeter. Two 10-gram weights allow for independent weight placement. Combined with the 12-way adjustable hosel that changes loft by plus/minus two degrees, the M5 boasts more than 21,000 possible settings.

Woods also added the M5 fairway 3-wood. A compact titanium body and face and a lightweight carbon-composite crown freed up considerable discretionary weight, allowing for 65 grams that can be rotated for draw or fade bias. For the first time, the fairway wood features TwistFace technology.

Perhaps the biggest change is a new set of irons for the 43-year-old. Playing last season with a TW-Phase I TaylorMade prototypes, Woods has switched to another version of muscle-back blades, stamped with P-7TW. Tommy Fleetwood was seen with a version of these clubs last week at Abu Dhabi. The irons are nearly-identical to the P730 irons, which can be found at retail.

Not every stick is new for Tiger. It appears he is using the

same TaylorMade Milled Grind wedges from last season, as well as the TaylorMade M3 5-wood. Woods' putter remained under the cover in his photo, but don't expect a switch from his trusty Scotty Cameron Newport 2 anytime soon.

Woods has won eight times as a professional at Torrey Pines, the last coming at the 2013 Farmers Insurance Open. He begins his 2019 campaign on Thursday with Xander Schauffele and Tony Finau.

Tiger Woods is kickstarting his 2019 campaign this week at a familiar site with some new clubs.

Woods showcased his club equipment Tuesday on Twitter and it had a few different items than the ones with which he captured the Tour Championship late last year.

Woods looks to now be using the TaylorMade M5 driver and 3-wood, compared to the M3 model he used at East Lake. He also displayed an M3 5-wood as opposed to the M1 2017 version he previously had.

Woods is playing the Farmers Insurance Open at Torrey Pines, an event he's won seven times.

Lubbock State Representatives Assigned To Committees By Speaker Dennis Bonnen

Rep. Burrows To Chair House Committee On Ways And Means

AUSTIN, TX -- Today, Texas House of Representatives Speaker Dennis Bonnen named State Representative Dustin Burrows to Chair the House Committee on Ways and Means. This committee assignment is for the 86th Texas Legislative Session and the interim.

"This is going to be a critical

session to address tax reform," said Rep. Dustin Burrows. "Taxpayers are looking for solutions this legislative session and I share Speaker Bonnen's optimism that we are going to be successful moving forward."

Rep. Burrows continued, "I am looking forward to fighting for all Texans this legislative



Rep. Dustin Burrows

session. I believe this committee will give taxpayers a strong voice as we look to keep Texas the best state in the nation to raise a family. I want to thank Speaker Bonnen for trusting me with this important committee assignment."



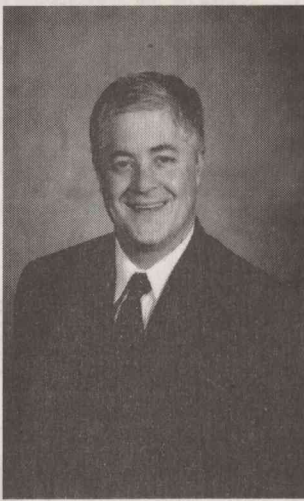
throughout the legislative session. I look forward to working alongside Rep. Frullo to make Texas an even better place to live, work and raise a family."

"It is an honor to be appointed to these key committees," said Rep. Frullo after receiving his assignments. "I want to thank Speaker Bonnen for trusting me with these assignments that are important to our community."

Texas Representative John Frullo Receives Committee Assignments

District 84, Lubbock, and Texas Tech are well positioned with the committee assignments announced today by the Texas House of Representatives. Speaker Bonnen issued the following comment:

"Throughout his tenure in the House, Representative Frullo has come to be known as a man of utmost integrity who never stops advocating on behalf of his constituents. Lubbock is home to a flourishing workforce and a thriving university system, making Rep. Frullo uniquely qualified to serve as a member of the House Higher Education Committee and as Vice Chair of the International Relations & Economic Development Committee. As a member of House Calen-



Rep. John Frullo

dars, Rep. Frullo will play an integral role in setting the agenda and priorities of the House, and I will rely on his counsel

Where have all the NFL's Black Coaches gone?



New York Jets head coach Todd Bowles speaks to the media following an NFL football game against the New England Patriots, Sunday, Dec. 30, 2018, in Foxborough, Mass. The team announced Sunday night that Bowles had been fired. (AP Photo/Steven Senne)

(Editor's Note -- This is the continued article.)

"I liked it better when there was eight and not just two," said Richard Lapchick, director of the Institute for Diversity and Ethics in Sport at Central Florida. "But I do think there is a cyclical nature to this and that may be part of it."

Lapchick, who authors annual reports on the level of diversity in all the major professional leagues, said the NFL experienced a similar dip in the hiring of black coaches after the 2011 season into 2014. Then the hiring picked up again to the point in the last two years when there were eight coaches of color — including Panthers coach Ron Rivera, who is Hispanic.

He's hoping that this dip may also be short-lived, while others believe promising black coaches may get more opportunities if the Rooney Rule was expanded to include coordinator positions, too.

"Am I concerned there are (two) coaches of color?" Lapchick asked. "Of course, and if I hadn't just gone through it in my head looking at 2011 and the three years after that I would have been deeply discouraged by what I saw at the end of this season."

Just why the number of minorities is down depends on who you're talking to, though it's certainly not for a lack of qualified candidates. There are black

coaches on the staffs of almost every NFL team that potentially could run teams just as well as any of the coaches hired so far this postseason.

It doesn't help that a few of the more recent hires are head scratching choices, at least to those outside the organizations.

Arizona reached into the college ranks to tab Kliff Kingsbury, as its new head coach. That by itself was unusual since Kingsbury had a losing record at Texas Tech and has never coached in the NFL.

And Tampa Bay hired former Cardinals coach Bruce Arians, who is coming out of a one-year retirement at the age of 66 to take the Bucs job.

Ultimately, of course, teams are free to hire the person they believe will lead them to the Super Bowl. And, remember, it wasn't until 1989 when the Raiders hired Art Shell that the NFL had a black coach at all.

Still, one black coach of the last 13 is a troubling trend in a league dominated by black players. Cyclical or not, that's not the number envisioned by the NFL when the Rooney Rule was put in 16 years ago.

Diversity is one of the NFL's strengths, and one of the big reasons it is the most popular sport in America.

Right now, there's not nearly enough of it at the head coach level.

Garage Sale Set For Triumph Baptist Church In Slaton April 6th

Slaton, Texas -- Triumph Missionary Baptist Church will be hosting a garage sale on April 6, 2019 at 106 Texas Ave. Slaton, Texas starting at 9:00 am until. There will be furniture, household goods, adult dependable pull-ups and much more.

Please contact Sister Johnson at home (806-828-5173) or cell (806-239-6050).

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The public is invited to attend this Garage Sale!!

Beyond the Rhetoric

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what water is to an aquarium. As the water starts dissipating from the tank it must be replenished. If that water is not replaced with more water, eventually the tank will become empty and the fish (owners and employees) will die. During the federal shutdown in the Clinton Administration, we witnessed too many of our members go out of business. It is an avoidable tragedy and leadership must rebound and take command.

Now is not the time to take vacations to Hawaii or retreats to Puerto Rico. Those are vivid examples of attitudes like the be-headed Marie Antoinette. The damage is starting to accrue, and may God help us. Our elected leaders appear to be "absent without leave".

Mr. Alford is the Co-Founder, President and CEO of the National Black Chamber of Commerce.

Ms. Debow is the Co-Founder, Executive Vice President of the organization. Website: www.nationalbcc.org Emails: halford@nationalbcc.org kdebowl@nationalbcc.org

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No. 3 House Democrat floats possible \$5.7 billion in border funding

WASHINGTON (Reuters) - The No. 3 Democrat in the U.S. House of Representatives on Wednesday raised the possibility of approving \$5.7 billion in funding to secure the U.S. border through various means but not by building a wall.

Referring to Republican President Donald Trump's demand for \$5.7 billion to build a barrier along the U.S.-Mexico border, U.S. House Majority Whip James Clyburn told reporters, "We see ourselves fulfilling that request" with a "smart wall."

The consideration comes as U.S. lawmakers this week seek to forge a path out of the partial government shutdown as it entered its 33rd day on Wednesday. House Democratic leaders' consideration of the figure is a jump from the earlier appropriations of \$1.3 billion that they had earlier supported.

Trump has said the \$5.7 billion would be for the wall in addition to other funds for border security, and that he will not back any measure that does not include his long-promised bar-



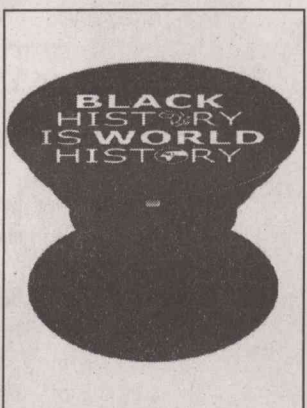
Majority Whip James Clyburn

rier. His demand led to the closure of about one-quarter of the government last month due to lack of funding.

Democrats, who took over the House this month, have flatly rejected the president's demand for wall money.

Clyburn, at a news conference, said the \$5.7 billion that the House could consider would be used to fund more drones, X-rays, sensors and border patrol agents but could not be used to

build Trump's wall.



Obsequies

Oscar Lynn "Hound" Randles

Funeral services were held for Oscar Lynn "Hound" Randles on Saturday morning, January 19, 2019, at the Agape Temple Church of God in Christ, with Elder Daryl J. Collins, Sr., Pastor, Officiating. Bishop Joseph Moore was the Eulogist.

Interment followed at Peaceful Garden Memorial Park in Woodrow, Texas under the direction of Ossie Curry Funeral Home of Lubbock.

Oscar, age 58 of Lubbock, Texas, passed away on Saturday, January 12, 2019.

Oscar was born on March 14, 1960 to parentage of Raymond Cooper and Margaret Bass in Roxton, Texas.

He attended graduated from Estacado High School in 1979.

He leaves to cherish his cherish his memory, his mother; Margaret Ann Jenkins; two sisters: Shirley Thomas, and Linda Williams, (Elder John); four brothers: Douglas Randles, George Randles, Albert Jenkins, and Billy Jenkins (Shakonda).

Active Pallbearers were Robert Willard, Cleveland



"Todd" Parson, Randy Wilson, Kenneth S. Cade, Ronald Watson, Jr., Tommy Rashaw, and Tommy Hodge.

Honorary Pallbearers were Douglas Randles, George Randles, Albert Jenkins, Kendrick Bass, Billy Jenkins, JaKaidyn Watson, and Prince Watson.

Grace be unto you, and peace, from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ.

Philippians 1:2

Reverend Henry Earl Crawford, Retired Amarillo Teacher, Passes

Amarillo, Texas -- Funeral services were held for Reverend Earl Crawford, Sr. on Tuesday morning, January 15, 2019, at the Mount Zion Baptist Church with Rev. Gary Thomas, pastor, presiding. The Eulogist was Reverend Dr. Charles C. Martin, Sr. of Dallas, Texas.

The Entombment followed in the Memorial Park Cemetery/ East Mausoleum in Amarillo, Texas under the direction of Laurel Land Funeral Home & Memorial Park of Dallas, Texas.

Rev. Henry E. Crawford was born July 28, 1933, to Steve and Elnora Crawford in Corsicana, Texas. He was the tenth of eleven children. He was sick as a child suffering from a condition where he couldn't walk for a while. His father passed away when he was 8 years old, leaving his mother to raise the younger Crawford kids on her own.

His older brother, Thomas, came home from the military and moved the family from the country to the city. He graduated from Pemberton High School in 1952 in Marshall, Texas. He was working and saving money when he received his "Greetings" letter, "You have been drafted into the United States Army." After serving his country for two years in Germany and seeing the world, this country boy returned to Marshall and attended Bishop College on the GI Bill, graduating with a Bachelor of Science Degree in 1959.

He was also on the charter line of Omega Psi Phi while there. He began selling insurance and looking for a job, when someone told him they were looking for a business teacher in Amarillo, Texas. He applied and got the position and moved to Amarillo and began teaching at Carver High School in 1959. While teaching typing and business courses, he was one of the first six blacks to enroll in West Texas State University where he received his Master's Degree in 1968.

After the closing of the predominantly black schools, in Amarillo, Mr. Crawford was sent to Tascosa High School and then Amarillo High School. He



served as Treasurer of the Amarillo Classroom Teachers' Association. He retired from teaching in 1989 with over 30 years of service. Many of his former students today praise him for teaching them the skill of typing.

He met and married the former Lorene Thomas (deceased) in 1960. They had three children: Henry, Jr., Charyse, and Carlisse. He and Lorene opened their home to 18 foster children over the years. He loved taking the kids to the park, skating, and bowling. He loved sharing those activities with his grandchildren, Colton, Cole, Blake, and Courtney.

Rev. Crawford was a member of Mount Zion Baptist Church of Amarillo, Texas, where he served as Deacon, financial secretary, and Sunday School teacher of the Men's Bible Class. He heard God calling him to preach at an early age, but finally answered the call in June of 1990. He was ordained as Pastor of New Zion Primitive Baptist Church in July of 1997, serving there until he relocated to Dallas in 2005. He also preached monthly at the Faith City Mission Homeless Shelter of Amarillo from 1998-2005. He served as Treasurer of the Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance of Amarillo from 1990-2005. He also served as Treasurer of the Amarillo Black Cultural Center.

After moving to Dallas in 2005, he was eager to join the Union Church of Dallas, Texas, having heard Pastor Charles C. Martin, Sr., preach on several

Ronald Dene "Ron" Blakemore, Sr.

Funeral services for Ronald Blakemore Sr., 65 of Lubbock was held on Saturday morning, January 19, 2019 at New Hope Baptist Church with Rev. Larry Polk, pastor, officiating.

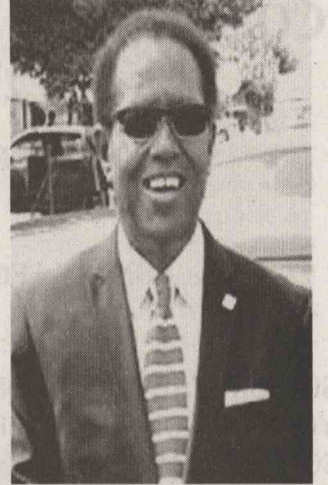
Interment followed under the direction of Calvillo Funeral Home and Chapels.

Mr. Blakemore was called to be with the Lord on Wednesday, January 16, 2019.

He was born on September 11, 1953 in Lubbock to Rubie Sr. and Clara (Colquitte) Blakemore. He was a graduate of Estacado High School where he ran track and attended the University of North Texas.

Ronald was a booking agent for American Airlines for a number of years and had various interests in life which include being an avid Dallas Cowboy fan. He also enjoyed traveling, studying history and always had a funny sense of humor that everyone enjoyed.

He is preceded in death by



his father Rubie Blakemore Sr.

Survivors include his mother Clara Blakemore of Lubbock; four sons, Ron Blakemore II of Dallas, Bryan Brooks of Cedar Hill, Michael Ross, Kevin Ross; daughter, Precious McMillan of Desoto, Texas; two brothers, Jerry Colquitte, Rubie Blakemore Jr. both of Lubbock; one sister, Patricia Becknell of Lubbock and five grandchildren.

He will be missed!!

Levolla Jackson

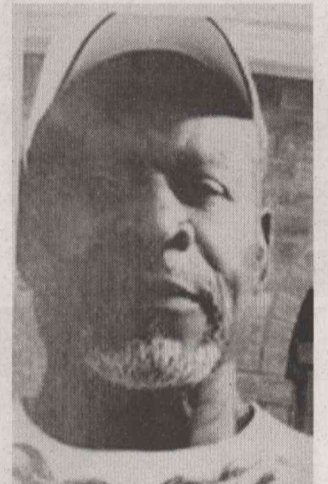
Funeral services for Levolla

occasions. He participated along with Pastor Martin in marrying his youngest daughter, Carlisse, to Kevin Bluit. He served as a Sunday School teacher for many years and as the Director of the Prayer Ministry and many other capacities at The Union Church.

In his spare time, he enjoyed watching political shows and religious programs. If you ever sat down to talk with him, you learned a lot of history from him, and he would share God's Word with everyone he came in contact with. His family calls them "sermonettes."

He was preceded in death by his parents, nine siblings, and his wife, Lorene.

He leaves behind to cherish his memory: his son, Henry Crawford, Jr. (Deborah); his daughters, Charyse Crawford and Carlisse Bluit (Kevin); one brother, L.J. Crawford; his grandchildren, Colton Crawford, Cole Crawford, Blake Bluit, and Courtney Bluit, and a host of nieces, nephews, and former typing students.



Jackson were held on Friday afternoon, January 18, 2019, at the New Zion Baptist Church.

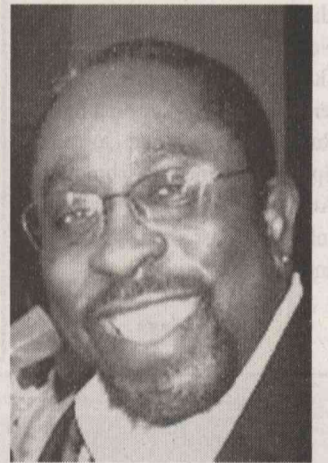
Interment followed in the City of Lubbock Cemetery under the direction of Griffin Mortuary & Funeral Home of Lubbock.

Levolla, age 75 of Lubbock, Texas, passed away on Wednesday, January 9, 2019.

Levolla was born on January 10, 1943 in Bastrop, Texas to the late Flenoid and Apple Jackson. He attended Dunbar High School.

Levolla is survived by his wife, Mary Jackson; daughter, Trista Jackson; 2 sisters, Pearl Jackson and Mabel Mathis (Harry); 5 brothers, Isaac Jackson (Eve), Flenoid Jackson (Helen), Jimmy Jackson, Sammy Jackson, and Edward Jackson (Rachel); 7 grandchildren; a host of great grandchildren, other relatives, and friends.

Robert B. Johnson, Jr.



Funeral services were held for Robert B. Johnson, Jr. on

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ters, Whitney Young and Deme-teria Young; 2 sons, Jonathan Walker and Charles Young, Jr.; 6 sisters, Wonda Dixon, Linda Walker, Brinda Watson, Faye Cox, Louise Moherman, and Patsy Polite; 1 brother, Corkey Walker; 2 aunts, Mamie Edwards and Margaret Wade; 6 grandchildren; a host of other relatives and friends.



Yvonne Young

Slaton, Texas -- Funeral services for Yvonne Young were held on Thursday morning, January 17, 2019, at The Tabernacle of Truth in Slaton.

Interment followed at Englewood Cemetery in Slaton under the direction of Griffin Mortuary & Funeral Home of

Lubbock. Yvonne, age 51 of Slaton, passed away on Saturday, January 12, 2019.

Yvonne was born on September 5, 1961 to William and Juanita Walker.

She is survived by: her husband, Charles Young; 2 daugh-

High school boys basketball team pulls out of MLK Day tournament after fans show off Trump flag



The Jordan High School boys basketball team will not compete in a tournament on Martin Luther King Jr. Day after fans controversially waved a flag supporting President Donald Trump. (Getty)

Following a game on Tuesday, January 15th, in which their fans controversially displayed a flag supporting President Donald Trump's re-election, the Jordan (Minn.) High School boys basketball team has pulled out of an invitational tournament on Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

The Jordan Hubmen were scheduled to play Patrick Henry High School at the Martin Luther King Showcase on Monday but cancelled the game on Sunday. Jordan School District Superintendent Matthew Helgeson said in an email to the Star Tribune that he didn't "want our presence at the event to detract from the athletes."

Jordan High School got into hot water because of the optics surrounding their recent home game against Roosevelt High School. Jordan is a rural, predominantly white school, while Minneapolis-based Roosevelt's enrollment is 79 percent minority, according to the US News & World Report.

Home fans had planned a patriotic theme night, and several students prominently displayed a "Trump 2020: Keep America

Great!" flag on the front row. The move upset Roosevelt head coach Michael Walker, who posted a picture of the crowd on Facebook, questioning what place the flag had at the game.

"I coach a predominantly black inner city high school team. We go out to a rural area in Jordan, MN and this is there.... Posted by Michael Zeke Walker on Wednesday, January 16, 2019.

The Minneapolis district has a policy "to not allow political advertising" at games.

Furthering the problem is that Jordan students reportedly chose the patriotic theme because the Roosevelt basketball team is known to stay in the locker room during the national anthem. The

Jordan administration was told in advance of the game that the Roosevelt team would not be out on the court for the anthem, and Roosevelt High School has since said in a statement, "we're coming from a place that recognizes a history of oppression for people of color in the U.S."

Notably, Patrick Henry High School, whom Jordan was scheduled to play on Monday, follows a similar practice. Head coach Jamil Jackson told the Star Tribune that his team also stays in the locker room during the national anthem for road games and plays "Lift Every Voice and Sing," also known as the "Black National Anthem," at home games instead.

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Robert B. Johnson, Jr.

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Thursday morning, January 17, 2019, at the Griffin Mortuary Chapel.

Private Disposition was under the direction of Griffin Mortuary & Funeral Home of Lubbock.

Robert, age 68, passed away on Thursday, January 10, 2019.

Robert was born on September 24, 1950 in Lubbock, Texas to Robert Johnson Sr. and Ola Mae Brown.

Robert leaves to cherish his memory: 4 children, Erika Hamilton, Robert Johnson, Natasha Johnson, and Robin Gooden; 6 grandchildren; 3 sisters, Rose Mary Wiley (Buford), Ramona Spencer, and Doreatha Spencer (Delmer); two brothers, Attris Johnson and Edward Johnson; a host of other relatives and friends.

The Key To Ending Alzheimer's, Parkinson's, And ALS? Animal Research.

By Matthew R. Bailey

Article submitted by Hayden Frye, Keybridge Communications

A vaccine for Alzheimer's could be within reach -- and animal research is to thank.

In November, researchers at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center announced that their experimental vaccine had prevented the development of substances associated with Alzheimer's in mice. If successful, it could prevent half dementia cases in humans.

Below, Matthew Bailey -- president of the Foundation for Biomedical Research -- explains that these findings stand out as just the latest example of the power of animal research. He argues that cures for devastating neurodegenerative diseases, like Alzheimer's, are on the horizon -- and animal research is the key to finding them.

A vaccine for Alzheimer's could be within reach.

In November, researchers at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center announced that their experimental vaccine had prevented the development of substances associated with Alzheimer's in mice. The scientists hope to start clinical trials in humans soon. If the vaccine lives up to its promise, it could prevent half of dementia cases.

These findings stand out as just the latest example of the power of animal research. Cures for dementia are on the horizon -- and animal models will be the means by which they arrive.

Neurodegenerative diseases like Alzheimer's exert an immense toll on those who suffer from them, their families, and the broader economy. The number of Americans who died of Alzheimer's more than doubled between 2000 and 2015. It's now the country's sixth-leading cause of death. Alzheimer's and other forms of dementia are projected to cost the nation \$277 billion in 2018.

Parkinson's afflicts nearly 1 million Americans and costs the country roughly \$14 billion per year. And every day, 15 Americans are diagnosed with ALS, or Lou Gehrig's disease.

Only 10 percent of them will live more than 10 years after diagnosis.

Animal research is crucial to reducing the burden of diseases like these.

Consider how such research has already improved our understanding of Alzheimer's. By studying monkeys and mice with similar brain abnormalities, scientists have discovered molecules and genetic mutations associated with the disease. Researchers have also been able to prove that obesity and head injuries increase susceptibility to Alzheimer's.

Recently, University of Florida researchers found that a special protein could reduce the plaque that builds up in the brains of mice with Alzheimer's. That could lead to the development of a drug that stops the progression of the disease.

Animal research is also yielding breakthroughs in the fight against Parkinson's. A few decades ago, with the help of monkeys, scientists developed a surgical treatment called "deep brain stimulation" that blocks irregular nerve signals. The therapy has helped tens of thousands of people with Parkinson's.

New research points to a way to stop Parkinson's entirely. At the University of Queensland in Australia, scientists have been working with a small molecule

that has halted the loss of brain cells in several animal models. They're aiming to start human trials in 2020.

There's hope on the horizon for people with ALS, too. With the help of mice and rats, scientists at the Washington University School of Medicine recently identified a therapy that could reverse neuromuscular damage in people with an inherited form of ALS.

Animal research helps not just humans but animals themselves, too. Dogs, for example, experience a disease similar to Alzheimer's that affects their memory and responsiveness. So treatments that help reduce Alzheimer's in people could yield therapies for our canine companions as well.

Some animal activists are opposed to this research. They argue that computer models or cell cultures should be used instead. But these supposed alternatives are not yet nearly sophisticated enough to illustrate how a treatment -- especially for a disease as complicated as Alzheimer's -- will work within a complex living organism.

Neurodegenerative diseases are becoming the scourges of our time. But thanks to animal research, there's hope in sight.

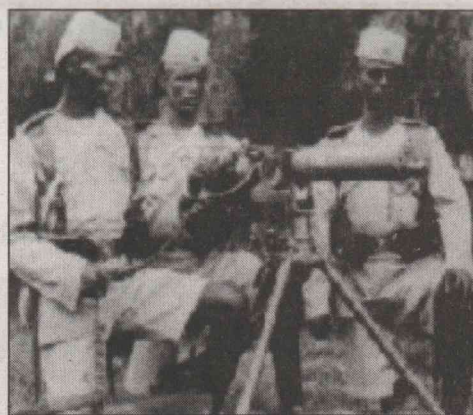
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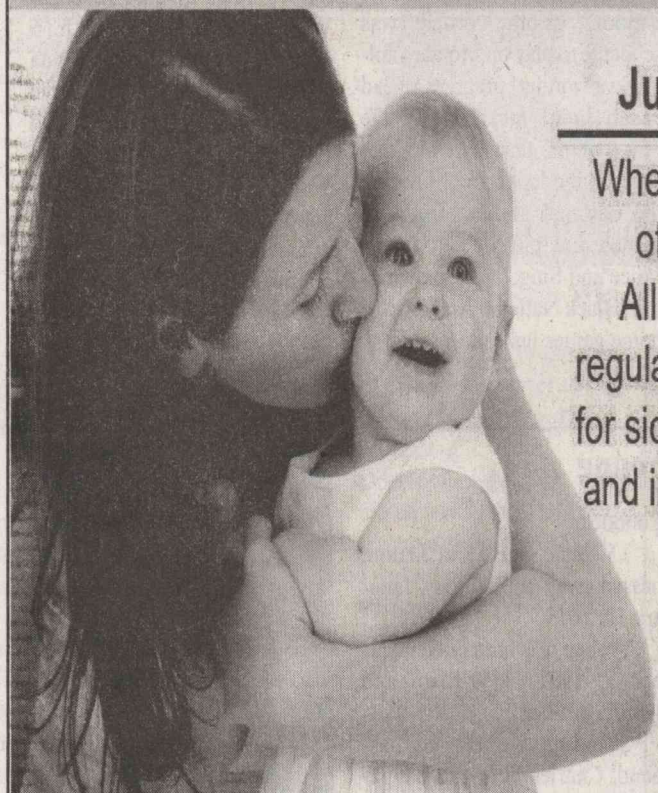
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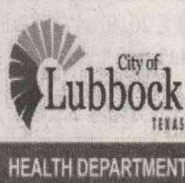
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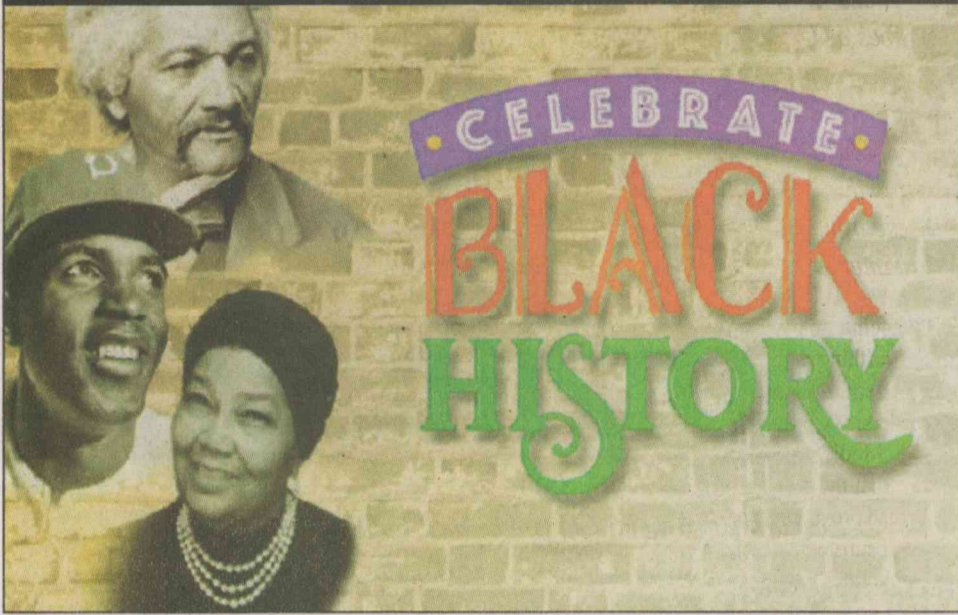
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Concerned Citizens of Lubbock Present Scholarship Awards To Lubbock Students

"Holidays With The Concerned Citizens"

The Concerned Citizens' 2018 Thanksgiving and Christmas Holidays kicked off with Dunbar Prep Academy selecting Jean Wilborn to receive our annual Thanksgiving Dinner for her family.

The Wilborn Family was most receptive and showed their appreciation by assisting with unloading all of the dinner items.

Following Thanksgiving, over \$125.00 worth of toys were donated to Toys for Tots. Prior to Christmas Day, over 100 candy canes were given to the Phea Boys and Girls Club.

The 90 individuals at the Windmill Nursing Home and Rehab Center received Christmas Cards and candy canes. The staff was given Christmas cookies.

The selection for award of the Clarence and Gwen Denson Scholarship was very close. Kaila Jackson, a Lubbock High 2018 graduate and freshman at San Angelo State was awarded the 2019 Scholarship in the amount of \$750.00.

Amaya Jones, a 2018 graduate of Estacado High School

Willie Blocker Funeral

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brothers, Rotan Blocker of Shreveport, Louisiana and Nathan Blocker of Fort Worth, Texas; and a host of other relatives and friends.

A Resolution from Rev. Adna Bean, pastor, and Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church, was read by the Clerk.

and a freshman at Texas Tech was awarded the 2019 \$250.00 Higher Education Assistance Award.

The support of the community has enabled the Concerned Citizens to accomplish all of the above. Thanks to all."

The members of The Concerned Citizens are always ex-

cited when an opportunity is possible to help our young people who are college students. It's just a blessing when these opportunities and we are able to show our appreciation.

As The Concerned Citizens of Lubbock, members are always ready to do what they can to assist young college students.



Kaila Jackson
2018 Lubbock High School Graduate
Receives a \$750.00 Scholarship
Presented By Francis Eddins and Dwight Pierce



Amaya Jones
2018 Estacado High School Graduate
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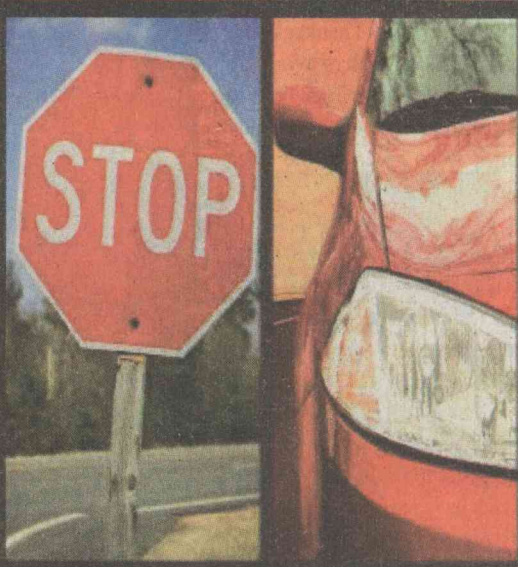
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The Family of Lee Hunter is Soliciting your Assistance in Raising Money to Help Pay for A Required Lung Transplant.

(A GoFundMe Page has been set up on his behalf)



Mr. & Mrs. Lee Hunter

Article Written and Submitted by his Daughter, NaTasha Hunter

The Lee Hunter Story:

If you know and have met our father, husband, grandfather, friend, Lee Hunter, you know this man and you know his SMILE!! His passion in life was performing vocally. He's had the opportunity to be a part of a number of bands within Lubbock including way back with one of the original Lubbock bands, 15th Street Players.

I can remember that far back sitting and listening to the band rehearsing and it brings back great memories... especially hearing my daddy's voice on the microphone.

Lee has been battling some pretty serious health issues that have hindered him and now doesn't allow him to do what he loves most, expressing himself through songs and lyrics!

He has gone from the microphone to sitting in the pews or sitting at the table while he is entertained by other vocalist. His lungs have been through so much and are to the point that doctors are debating on lung transplants. He continues to battle night and day all because of a major medical battle with the evil monster, lupus.

He now carries an oxygen machine and continues to have a hard time walking from point A to point B without losing his breath to the point of passing out... but this loving man still finds strength to run around and play with his grandchildren... and wife lol. Within the past few months, he's developed a hernia that continues to protrude out further and further the more he has these coughing spells.

It breaks our hearts to watch as he tries to gain back control of his breathing.

His Lung and Heart doctor will meet with him within the next couple weeks after the holidays to make some major decision.

All our family will continue to be behind him with love, support and prayers! We are now reaching out asking for help from those who care or have a giving heart. Medical bills are piling up and continue to add up because of treatments needed and visits to his heart and lung doctors.

Lee's immediate family can only help so much without putting ourselves in a predicament with money. My parents are on a fixed income. We've run out of options and this is our last hope!

Please take a moment to consider helping with his situation. If all you can offer is your prayers, we'll gladly take that! Thank you for taking time to read this message! God bless and Happy New Year!!

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