

Southwest Digest



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.

* 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.

* If you have an announcement about your organization, please advise by calling (806) 762-3612 or e-mail swdigest@sbcglobal.net.

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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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Recently: In Historic Moment NAACP Rings Closing Bell on Wall Street to Highlight Launch of New Minority Impact ETF

NEW YORK - February 26, 2019 – Tuesday, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) joined Impact Shares in ringing the closing bell at the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE), to highlight the launch of the NAACP Minority Empowerment ETF (NYSE Arca: NACP).

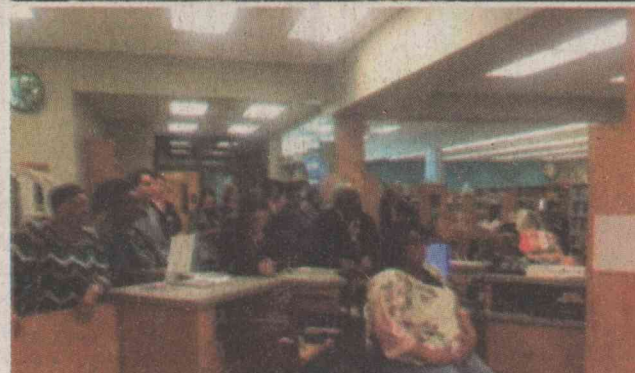
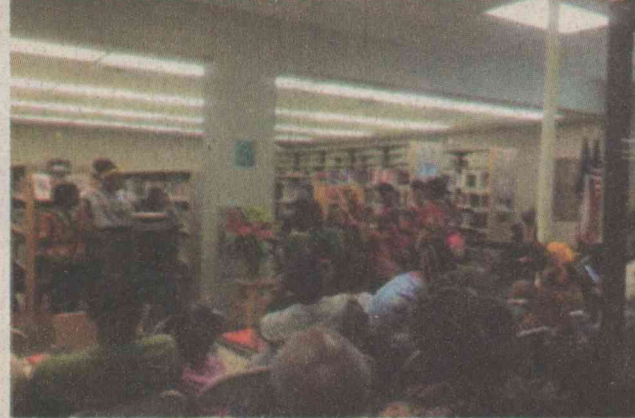
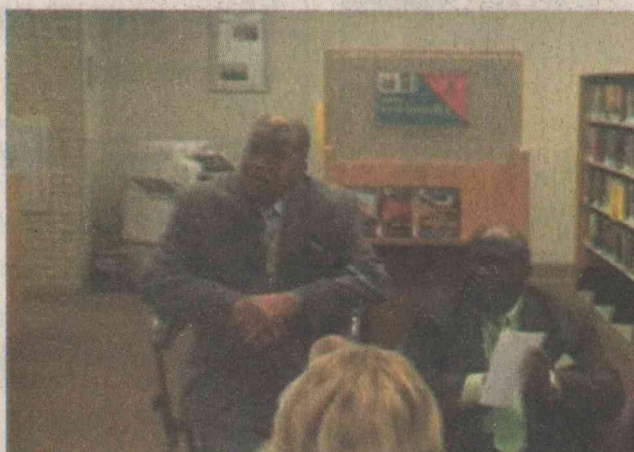


L-R: NAACP Economic Director Marvin Owens, President Derrick Johnson, Board Chairman Leon W. Russell, and NY State Conference President Hazel Dukes, lead in historic ringing of NYSE of closing bell as NAACP launches new ETF on Wall Street
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NAACP Historic Wall Street Bell Ringing Panel Discussion "Using Capital Markets to Create Social Equity." Jim Casselberry, CIO of the Sarowitz Family LLC, former stock trader for Rosenblatt Securities Lauren Simmons, who made history as the youngest and only full time female NYSE trader, Guaylon Arnic, Co-Portfolio Manager at Profit Investment Management and Moderator Reggie Browne, Managing Director at Cantor Fitzgerald & Co (standing).
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Photos of Lubbock Citizens Who Were In Attendance Of The 16th Annual African American History Month Program and Reception At The Bobbie Gean and T. J. Patterson Branch Library On February 23, 2019



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Lt. Jesse Iwuji

African American sailor first to race with NASCAR while serving in U.S. Navy

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Jesse graduated from the Naval Academy where he played Division I College Football. After graduation, Jesse was commissioned as a SWO and embarked on his Navy journey. The Navy has brought Jesse to parts of the world he never imagined seeing. It wasn't just exploring new cultures that gave Jesse a fresh outlook on life—it was his Navy brothers and sisters he traveled with along the way. Teamed with men and women from diverse backgrounds, Jesse soon began to realize that individualism—something he had been taught his whole life—had to be put

aside to succeed in this new environment. Teamwork became crucial to the success of Jesse's assignments and the safety of his crew.

Onboard the ship, there was simply no room for error. Hard work, dedication and a relentless pursuit of success opened Jesse's mind up to a place it had never been before. In May 2017, Jesse made the decision to transition into the Navy Reserve so he could pursue a racing career full-time. Even though he has seen great success in racing, he attributes much of it to the Navy. The Navy has taught him what success looks like, how to confront adversity, and to keep believing, even when the cards are stacked against you.

For more information:
<https://www.navy.com/faces-fleet-ep-04-jesse-iwuji>

Trustees announce new assistant superintendent for curriculum and instruction

The Lubbock ISD Board of Trustees named Misty Rieber as the new assistant superintendent for curriculum and instruction at their meeting on Thursday morning, February 28, 2019.



Misty Rieber


Rieber has been the leadership and professional development coordinator since 2014 and was the K-12 social studies coordinator from 2003-2014. Rieber was a teacher from 1995-2002 with assignments at Dunbar College Preparatory Academy and Estacado High School before serving as an assistant principal at O.L. Slaton Middle School from 2002-2003.

She earned a bachelor's degree in history and education from Texas Tech University and a master's degree in educational administration from Lubbock Christian University. She is currently completing her superintendent's certification.

Larry Combest Community Coalition Will Meet May 30th


The Larry Combest Coalition will meet on Thursday morning, May 30, 2019, at the Larry Combest Community Health & Wellness Center, Conference Room -- 301 40th Street, from 10:30 a. m. until 12:00 noon. For information, call 743-9671.

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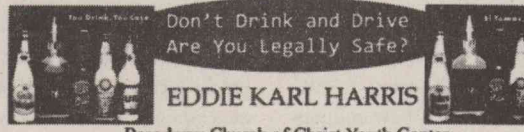
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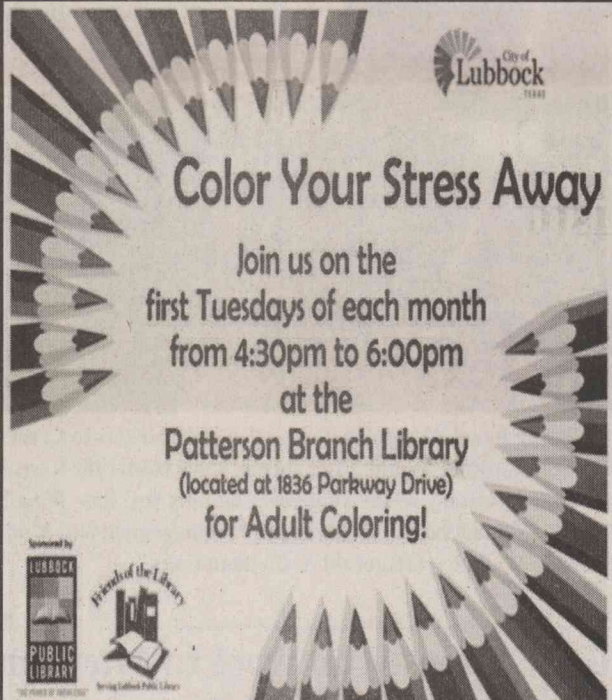
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By Renetta Howard

GOVERNMENT AND THE ECONOMY

One would think that for all practical purposes, that a government's first priority would be to the welfare of the people governed unless it were a totalitarian or dictatorship type of government. Three weeks of a partial government shutdown does not sound like a democracy or a capitalistic society to me and probably a good number of other 'thinking Americans.' This country has been in existence for over 232 years, since 1787 under the present Constitution and as a formal government with the Declaration of Independence from England since 1776. This country has existed all of these years with a 'Southern Wall.'

A wall or fence is usually designed to either keep something in or keep something out. It appears that the wall demanded by the President of the United States is designed to keep people south of the border from entering this country illegally because he has no qualms about kicking some people out of this country. From all past records, no wall or fence or any other device is going to make that happen. People who want to come into this country will find a way or make one. They will either build a stairway or ladder over it or dig a tunnel under it.

With the current situation of non-employment or un-employment, these are the kinds of times that county and state welfare offices are bombarded with applications, many times for emergency help. As a rule, there are an excessive number of people in need even when employment is at its best. Who needs uncalled for emergencies which are being made by the partial government shutdown? The unreal thing is that states rely on the Federal Government to match their welfare dollars and some states like Texas generally

only pass on Federal dollars and put as little as possible into the welfare program, because it is not a welfare state. With as little to offer as possible, private organizations have to kick in to help people in need. This current situation is an embarrassment to our country and our government, especially the elected leaders who fail to help us to "form a more perfect union, establish justice, insure domestic tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general welfare and secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity." It makes one wonder if our elected leaders really know what they have been elected to do. Is our government now nothing more than a political mix of 'haves and have nots' taking a ride on the backs of the American public?

Our government needs to be accountable. Our votes need to be cherished. We need to keep in mind the accountability of candidates for re-election when we go to the polls and pay close attention to their campaign promises and decide where our votes should go when we consider accountability. Let us get 'in cinque' and be knowledgeable about who and what we vote for.

Hi Lubbock NAACP Members:

The Lubbock Branch is in need of Chairpersons or Committee Members for different standing committees. Here's one that might interest you. Take a look at it on the website and if you decide you might like to be on it, let me know.

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Beyond the Rhetoric

By Harry C. Alford & Kay DeBow

Blacks Need to Challenge the Shutdown

When America gets a "cold" Blacks will come down with "pneumonia". That is why we are going to suffer from the current federal shutdown more than any other segment of the United States population. Yet, Blacks in general look at this calamity like it isn't any of our business. Our people, we better wake-up i.e. SNAP OUT OF IT! While our elected officials on Capitol Hill are playing games like it is fun, millions of families - particularly Black families are heading to financial disaster. A disproportionate number of federal employees are Black. A major portion of Blacks doing government business is the sector doing federal contracting and subcontracting. They are in the way of this "Economic Freight Train".

So where are the Black organizations? The National Black Chamber of Commerce appears to be the only group seriously concerned about this growing Armageddon. The news and updates about the issue are everywhere but our Black organizations are silent. It is now a month and two paycheck periods and millions of our federal workers and contractors have received nothing. The only businesses prospering from this tragedy are pawn shops and check cashing rip-off joints. Rent payments, mortgages, medical bills, tuition payments and other serious financial obligations are in deep jeopardy.

What is the National Black Chamber of Commerce doing? We have joined forces with the US Chamber of Commerce and 44 other national organizations. Also, nearly 300 local affiliated chambers belonging to the US Chamber federation have joined in as co-signers of the letter. Together we have written a letter to

THIS N' THAT by T. J. Patterson, Sr.

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REHAB OF OLDER HOMES IN THE AREA!

With what is happening in DISTRICT TWO it sends a message that there is more to come in this district. There is no doubt about it THIS N THAT predicts there is much more coming toDISTRICT TWO but it can't happen without YOU!!! THIS N THAT would advise those want to helpto attend YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION which meets monthly. Attend and let the membership know YOU APPRECIATE what you see and hear but YOU want to be part of what YOU SEE AND HEAR!!! YOU CAN AND WILL

MAKE A DIFFERENCE which is what will happen in DISTRICT TWO!! THIS N THAT would like to ENCOURAGE AS MANY AS WILL to get involved in DISTRICT TWO!!

THIS N THAT ask that you believe that some very positive things will continue to HAPPEN IN DISTRICT. There is one thing we'd like to say which may help you in WORKING TO MAKE DISTRICT THE WAY YOU'D LIKE TO SEE IT! And that is QUIT SAYING THAT IT WON'T WORK!! With the help of GOD working together MUCH WILL HAPPEN!

THIS N THAT says WE CAN DO IT!!!

the President and members of Congress.

Here is the letter:

January 18, 2019

"TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES AND MEMBERS OF CONGRESS:

On behalf of the American business community, we urge Congress and the administration to immediately take steps to restore the full operation of the federal government.

The current shutdown - now the longest in American history - is causing significant and in some cases lasting damage to families, businesses, and the economy. The harm is well documented and continues to compound with each passing day.

Since the shutdown began, various compromises have been floated by both Republicans and Democrats. There are numerous

paths forward that would allow for the government to be reopened that should be acceptable to all parties. Failing to seize on one of those compromises that can pass Congress and be signed into law is unacceptable.

The time to act, the time to end this shutdown is now so that we can keep the economy moving forward.

Sincerely,

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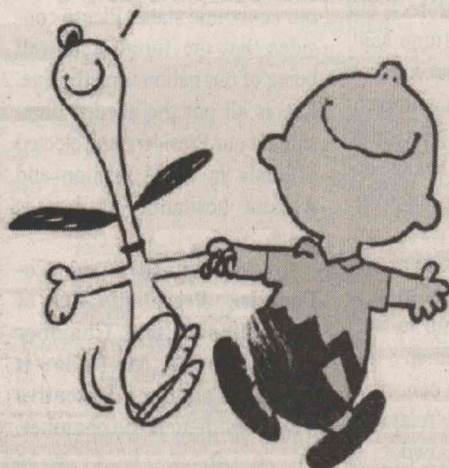
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Revelation 2:7a -- Jesus said, He that has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit said unto the churches.

***** ARE THE CHURCHES LISTENING TO THE VOICE OF GOD???**

Lord as we look into MANY CHURCHES; IT'S THE GAMES THEY'RE NOW STARTING TO PLAY.

THE DISGUSTING THINGS THEY'RE DOING; CAKE SALES, CAR WASHES, THINGS NOT YOUR WAYS!!!

***** MAN'S BUSINESS--- \$\$\$ OR GOD'S SEEKING SOULS!!!!**

Revelation 2:1 -- Jesus Said, He that has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit said unto the churches.

***** DOES YOUR CHURCH HAVE AN EAR TO HEAR FROM GOD???**

Exodus 34:14 -- The Lord said, You shall worship no other god: for the Lord, who's name is jealous, is a jealous God.

***** ARE CHURCHES MAKING GOD JEALOUS???**

IN MANY CHURCHES; THERE IS SO MUCH OF THE WORLD; AND ITS THINGS. JESUS IS NOT BEING LIFTED; AT ALL; IT'S A SHAME, SHAME,

SHAME!!!

Revelation 2:17 -- Jesus said, He that has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit said unto the churches.

John 12:31,32 -- Jesus said, Now is the judgment of this world: now shall the prince (RULER) of this world be cast out. And I, if I be lifted up from the earth (GRAVE), I will draw all men unto me.

*****ARE THE CHURCHES; DRAWING SOULS TO JESUS???**

LORD, INSIDE MANY CHURCHES; THEY ARE NOT PREACHING AGAINST SIN; AND WHY JESUS WAS KILLED. MANY CHURCHES ARE DEAD; TRYING TO GIVE THE PEOPLE THEIR THRILLS!!!

Revelation 2:29 -- Jesus said, He that has an ear let him hear what the Spirit said unto the churches.

John 3:16-17 -- Jesus said, For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believe in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.

***** PICK UP YOUR CROSS; AND FOLLOW JESUS!!!!**

MANY CHURCHES; ARE YET TALKING ABOUT BLACK HISTORY; AND MARTIN L. KING. WHILE SIN IS ON THE RISE; AND IS INCREASEING; WHILE

THEY ARE PREACHING A MAN'S DREAM!!!

Revelation 3:6 -- Jesus said, He that has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit said unto the churches.

Jeremiah 23:25-28 -- The Lord said, I have heard what the prophets said, that prophesy lies in my name, saying, I have dreams, I have dreamed. How long shall this be in the heart of the prophets that prophesy lies? Yes, they are prophets of deceit of their own heart; which think to cause my people to forget my name by their dreams which they tell every man to his neighbor, as their fathers have forgotten my name for Ba'al.

The prophet that has a dream, let him tell a dream; and he that has my word, let him speak my word faithfully. What is the chaff to the wheat? Said the Lord.

*****THE NIGHTMARE OF THAT DREAM!!!!**

LORD, WE KNOW; YOU ARE CALLING THE ROLL; TO HEAVEN YOUR CHURCHES THAT DO WELL.

BUT THE CHURCHES; THAT'S NOT ABOUT YOUR BUSINESS; THEY WILL SURLEY GO TO HELL!!!

Revelation 3:13 -- Jesus said, He that has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit said unto the churches.

1 Peter 4:17 -- For the time is come that judgment must begin at the house of God: and if it first begin at us, what shall the end be of them that obey not the gospel of God.

Kyler Murray's latest comments still may not be enough to get a team to take the risk

Mike Florio, ProFootball Talk on NBC Sports



Kyler Murray's incredible talent has created a thorny problem.

As he prepares to head to the Scouting Combine, which will consist of many face-to-face hotel-room interrogations with potentially interested teams, he'll have to persuade them that, if they draft him, he will come. More accurately, that he'll sign a contract.

The fact that Murray became a first-round pick of the Oakland A's, signed a contract, and collected a seven-figure signing bonus is enough to make teams skeptical of his Heisman-fueled change of heart. The fact that the A's reportedly remain ready and willing to try to outbid the wage-scale-limited financial package he'll get based on when he's drafted doesn't help. But until the time comes to sign a con-

tract, there's nothing Murray can do other than say that he will.

The question is whether that will be enough before then to get a team to roll the dice.

While Murray may fully believe what he's saying, it's still possible that his beliefs will change based on when he's drafted, and by whom. When, for example, he says that "I didn't know how the NFL felt about me before this season because I hadn't played," he leaves the door open (intentionally or not) to later say that his ultimate draft position and location means that the NFL actually doesn't feel about him the way he'd thought it did.

History is filled with quotes that later became meaningless based on changed circumstances. In Murray's case, there's surely a spot at some

point between No. 1 overall and Mr. Irrelevant that would cause him to say, "Baseball likes me better." The question becomes where that spot is, and whether a team will risk being on the wrong side of it.

That's why nothing Murray says now will matter. And anything he says when meeting with teams this week can and will be used against him, if he folds under questioning.

The only other way to get a team ready and willing to take the risk would be to put together performances at the Combine and his Pro Day that are so obviously dominant that a team would be willing to risk accept the risk having him play baseball if the reward is getting him to play football.

Kyler Murray up to 206 pounds in advance of Combine

When Oklahoma quarterback Kyler Murray gets to the Scouting Combine in Indianapolis this week, he'll have some work to do to convince teams he's made a serious commitment to playing football instead of baseball.

But at least when he gets on the scale, there will be one bit of evidence backing him up.

Via Peter King of NBC's Football Morning in America, Murray's current weight is 206 pounds.

When he played football last fall, he was in the 190-pound range, which is fine if you're an outfielder but less so if you're being tackled by 300-pound men.

And as teams consider whether the 5-10-ish quarterback (and the ish will give them pause) is sturdy enough for the NFL, showing up looking more like Russell Wilson will help. Wilson's listed at 5-11 and 215 pounds, and when all the teams

have a chance to measure Murray together, we'll have an official comparison.

Of course, all the other numbers he has compiled should weigh more heavily in the minds of football evaluators, but at least if he's bigger than anticipated, it might alleviate some concerns.

Beyond the Rhetoric

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sociation, National Grocers Association Arlington, National Council of Chain Restaurants, National Multifamily Housing Council, National Retail Federation, Security Industry Association, The Association for Advanced Life Underwriting (AALU), The Toy Association, U.S. Chamber of Commerce"

It is without a doubt that the above effort will have an impact in the decision making of this crucial controversy. It is too bad that other Black organizations feel or do not realize that they have "skin" in this game. The financial future of our constituents is on the line. Don't they care? Does it matter that people who depend on them expect activities from them that benefit their vested interests?

Here are some of the actual cases of the several hundred thousand horror stories: federal employee living paycheck to paycheck with a car payment due and \$11 to his name; federal workers with advanced degrees at the welfare office; new federal hires have not had their health-care processed and they are literally splitting their prescription medicine pills in half to "stretch" the supply.

These are some of the stories that will multiply by the millions and cause very serious harm to our economic state. Please consider that the future and well being of our nation is on the line. Let us all put the needed pressure on our President and elected officials in equal fashion and without hesitation until it is done.

Mr. Alford is the Co-Founder, President/CEO of the National Black Chamber of Commerce®. Ms. DeBow is the Co-Founder, Executive Vice President of the chamber. Website: www.nationalbcc.org.

Spike Lee On 'BlackKlansman' Losing Best Pic To 'Green Book': "Every Time Somebody Is Driving Somebody, I Lose"



Spike Lee Speaks About The Oscars

The backstage press corps here at the Oscars had questions for Spike Lee after his reaction to Green Book winning Best Picture on Sunday night.

Asked backstage at the Dolby Theatre if his Adapted Screenplay win for BlackKlansman makes up for Do the Right Thing loss at the 1990 Oscars and the Academy overlooking it for a Best Picture nomination, Lee quipped in reference to that year's Driving Miss Daisy Best Picture win: "I'm snake bit. Every time somebody is driving somebody, I lose - but they changed the seating arrangement!"

Pressed again about his sore-loser response in the theater after Green Book was announced as the winner, Lee responded, "Oh wait a minute, what reaction did you see? What did I do?" he continued. "No, I thought I was courtside at the [Madison Square] Garden. The ref made a bad call."

Still, while Lee didn't win Best Picture, he finally found himself in that category, which he was happy to acknowledge. In an Oscar night bringing forth multiple historic wins for African-Americans, Lee knows who he has to thank for his own win in Adapted Screenplay.

"Here's the thing: Without April Reign, #OscarsSoWhite and the former President of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences, I wouldn't be here

tonight. [The Academy's] more diverse. That wouldn't have happened without Cheryl Boone Isaacs," Lee told the press. "Facts."

With three nominations tonight—for Adapted Screenplay, Director and Picture—Lee prepared two speeches for the evening, he said, "one with the list of people I was going to thank, and the other was what you heard me say."

"[But] I said to myself, 'Self, your black ass won't be up here again,'" Lee explained of his ultimate decision to go political in his acceptance speech, touching memorably on black history and the 2020 election, in lieu of a more traditional list of thank-yous.

There was much discussion in the room about the director's 1990 nomination for Do the Right Thing, also in a Screenplay category, regarding the legacy of that film, and how it might be different were he to tackle it today. But Lee wasn't interested in considering hypotheticals.

"The film was made when it was made. But the thing is, I wrote that film in '88," he said. "I was talking about gentrification, about global warming, and all the stuff I talked about in that film is still relevant today."

Along those same lines, Lee feels confident about what the legacy of BlackKlansman will be.

"I do know that the coda of this film, where we saw home-grown, red-white-and-blue terrorism...Heather Heyer, her murder was an American terrorist act, when the President of the United States did not refute, did not denounce the Klan, the alt-right and Neo-Nazis," he said.

Lee reflected. "This film, whether we won Best Picture or not, will stand the test of time for being on the right side of history."

Of course, multiple journalists tried to get Lee's thoughts on controversial topics. David Duke has seen the film—but what do you want to say to him? And what did you really think about Best Picture winner, Green Book?

"Let me take another sip," Lee joked with a glass of champagne in hand. "Next question! Adapted from a book by Ron Stallworth, BlackKlansman tells an unbelievable true story, examining Stallworth's experience as the first African-American officer in the Colorado Springs police department who managed to successfully infiltrate the Ku Klux Klan.

Lee co-wrote the script with Charlie Wachtel, David Rabinowitz and Kevin Willmott.

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Attorneys Ben Crump and R. Allen Smith Call Linkage Between Johnson & Johnson Baby Powder And Ovarian Cancer a Civil Rights, Public Health Crisis



The High-Profile Attorneys Joined Forces with the National Council of Negro Women (NCNW) to Urge Minority Women to Stop Using Johnson & Johnson Baby Powder and to Reach Out Immediately For Legal Assistance, if Symptoms Arise.

ATLANTA — Nationally renowned civil rights and personal injury attorney Ben Crump hosted a press conference in Atlanta on Monday, February 25, 2019, in partnership with Attorney R. Allen Smith and Janice L. Mathis, Esq., executive director of National Council of Negro Women (NCNW), the oldest advocacy group for minority women, to alert women of color about evidence that shows a direct correlation between ovarian cancer and the use of Johnson & Johnson baby powder. Attorneys Crump and Smith are joining forces nationally to represent women harmed by their unsuspecting use of the product and urge women that believe they may have been negatively impacted by the product to contact them immediately.

A BUSINESS INSIDER story published January 21, 2019, reported that Johnson & Johnson is currently under investigation by the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission following concerns about the

safety of the brand's baby powder. Subpoenas were issued following a Reuters report published on December 14, 2018, that noted Johnson & Johnson had been aware of traces of asbestos, a human carcinogen, located in the ingredient talc, which is often mined near dangerous asbestos.

At the conference, Crump encouraged women of color to stop using Johnson & Johnson baby powder and to seek medical attention immediately, if symptoms are present.

"We have to protect our women of color," Crump said. "There is evidence that Johnson & Johnson preyed on women of color while possessing scientific reports that showed a linkage between talcum powder and ovarian cancer."

In July 2018, a Missouri jury ordered Johnson & Johnson to issue a payment of up to \$4.7 billion to 22 women that claimed their ovarian cancer diagnoses were directly related to the company's baby powder.

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Obsequies

Kenneth O. Simmons

Funeral services were held for Kenneth O. Simmons on Saturday afternoon, February 16, 2019, at the Faith First House of Hope.

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

Kenneth, age 58 of Lubbock, Texas, 58, passed away on Monday, February 11, 2019.

Kenneth was born on December 24, 1960 to Josephine Simmons and E. J. Williams. He was known as a happy man.

He leaves to cherish his memory; his wife, Valerie Simmons; 5 children, Layton, Willie, Adelia, Kenneth, and David; 4 sisters, Jacqueline Simmons, Lucinda Simmons, Gwendolyn Milligan (Larry),



and Katina Williams; 5 brothers, Willie Simmons (Jeannette), Ronnie Simmons, Randy Simmons, Donald Reed, and Nathaniel Williams; 31 grandchildren; a host of great grandchildren, other relatives, and friends.

Arron Jerome McConic

Funeral services were held for Arron Jerome McConic on Saturday morning, February 23, 2019, at the Greater St. Luke Missionary Baptist Church, with Rev. Dr. J. H. Ford officiating.

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

Arron, age 45 of Lubbock, Texas, passed away Tuesday, February 19, 2019.

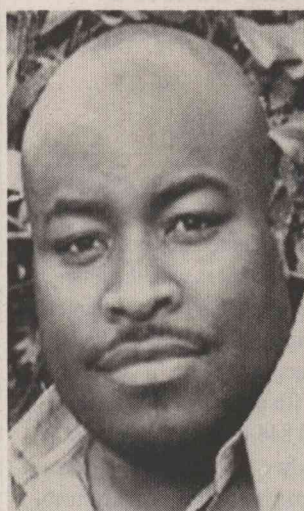
Arron was born on November 30, 1973 to Valce Parks, Sr. and Karen Sue Williams in Lubbock, Texas.

Arron attended Lubbock Public Schools and graduated from Dunbar High School. He received his Bachelor Degree in Special Education from Texas Tech University.

He was a dedicated member of the 100 Black Men of West Texas and Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.

He was an educator for Lubbock Public School District and a soccer coach with the Lubbock Soccer Association.

He was a faithful member



and Deacon of Rising Star Baptist Church.

He leaves to cherish his memory: his ex-wife, Kimberly McConic; mother, Karen Williams (Kevin); 2 daughters, Keissa McConic and Lillyan McConic; sister, Ny'Quisha McConic (Mack Ashea); 3 brothers, Kevin McConic (Tawnya); Andre Johnson (Tina), and Valce Parks, Jr.; special brother, Royce Toler (Stephanie); 5 aunts, 3 uncles; a host of other relatives and friends.

Rundia Patricia Conwright "Miss Parker"

Funeral services were held for Rundia Patricia "Miss Parker" Conwright on Monday morning, February 18, 2019, at the Greater St. Luke Missionary Baptist Church, with Rev. Dr. J. H. Ford, pastor, officiating.

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

Rundia, age 58 of Lubbock, Texas, passed away Wednesday, February 13, 2019.

Rundia was born on September 23, 1960 to Mary Conwright in Arthur City, Texas. She graduated from Slaton High School.

She leaves to cherish her memory; her mother, Mary Conwright; son, Shelton Conwright (Brandi); 2 daughters: Sharese Conwright and Jazale Wright; 5 sisters, Louise Conwright, Gwen Conwright, Sherri Yarbrough



(Oneal), Rochell Conwright, and Sonia Nelson (Byron); 4 brothers, Cedrick Conwright, Kenneth Conwright, Kimothly Dennis (Liz) and Darrell Dennis; two grandchildren; a host of other relatives and friends.

Cheryl Young

Funeral services for Cheryl Young were held on Saturday afternoon, February 2, 2019, at the St. James Baptist Church with Pastor Vernon Rose as Officiant/Eulogist.

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

Cheryl, age 59 of Lubbock, Texas, passed away on Friday, January 16, 2019.

Cheryl was born to Emerson and Hazel Young on September 12, 1959.

She attended Estacado High School, and she loved being with her grandchildren and her family. Cheryl loved to cook, feed, and help people. She had a loving and caring heart.

Cheryl is preceded in death by her parents, Emerson "CD" Young and Hazel Young, twin sister, Shirley Young; brother, Tony Young; and two nieces, Sandra Judie and Shanice Bell.

Cheryl leaves to cherish her memories: her husband, David Locke; daughter, Natisha Young; son, Terrell Young; seven sisters:



Peggy Green, Judy Judie, Robbie Whitfield, Patricia Daniels, Donna E. Young, Donna K. Young, and Rita Young; five brothers: Billy Givens, Troy Givens, Eddie Givens, Grady Young, and David Young; six grandchildren: Akeelah Lockett, Malik Young, Samajai Young, Kamayia Hicks, Reuben Young, and Ja'Vyoun Williams; thirteen nieces, twelve nephews, and a host of other relatives and friends.

Curtis Wayne Lilly, Sr.

Funeral services for Curtis Wayne Lilly, Sr. were held on



Wednesday afternoon, February 20, 2019, at Griffin Mortuary.

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

Curtis, age 63 of Lubbock, Texas, passed away on Wednesday, February 13, 2019.

He was born to Robert Lilly and Clara Phillips in Temple, Texas on January 21, 1956.

Curtis is survived by his mother, Clara Phillips; siblings, Gregory Lilly (Alberta), Joyce Johnson (Charles), and Diane (Alfred); 8 children, Lesa Rollison, Brandi Jackson (Don), Curtis Lilly Jr, Kaiya Lilly, Naiya Lilly, Kendall Lilly, Christopher Lilly and Jordan Lilly; 23 grandchildren; a host of other relatives and friends.

"And she went, and sat her down over against him a good way off, as it were a bowshot; for she said, Let me not see the death of the child. And she sat over against him, and lift up her voice, and wept."

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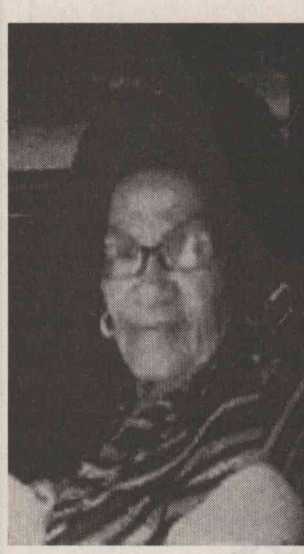
Funeral services were held for Jessie Lee Daniel on Friday afternoon, February 15, 2019, at the Manhattan Church of Christ with Brother Tyrone Dubose as Eulogist.

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

Jessie, age 81 of Lubbock, Texas, passed away on Saturday, February 9, 2019.

She was born on January 12, 1938 to Lorene Warren in Colorado City, Texas.

She leaves to cherish her memory; her husband, Lawrence Daniel; 5 children, Wanda Ridge, Janice Stephens, Patrick Ridge, Cody Ridge, and Tyrone Ridge; grandchildren, great



grandchildren, 11 siblings, other relatives, and friends.

Active Pallbearers were: Charles Edward, Alfred Lewis, Tim Lewis, Crip Jackson, Terrell Shoals, and Jesse Earl Tyron.

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New Light Baptist Church

3013 Idalou Road Rev. Kenneth O. Jackson, Pastor
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On Sunday morning, February 10, 2019, church services begun at the New Light Baptist Church, 3013 Idalou Road, where Rev. Kenneth O. Jackson is the proud pastor.

 Church School started at 10:00 a. m. with the Superintendent, Sister Alvera Johnson teaching the morning lesson.

The morning worship begun at 11:00 a. m. with the Praise Team leading the way. There was testimonial period with members testifying of how the Lord blessed them.

The responsive reading came from Psalm 27:1-5. The altar call was led by Pastor Jackson, with the congregation singing the song "I Need Thee."

Sister Linda Green read the morning announcements, and told of all the upcoming events which will be taking place.

The morning offering was taken up by appointees.

The Choir sung the following selections: "Beulah Land," "If You Miss Me," "God Has Smiled On Me," "O How I Love Jesus," "When I See Jesus" and "Precious Lord." "Amazing Grace" was sung before the sermon.

Pastor Jackson preached the morning sermon which was entitled: "Is Your Spiritual House In Order?"with its printed scripture coming from 2 Kings 20:1-6.

Everyone's house is different and things are also done differently. Is Your House in Order? It's later than you think. Can you safely and honestly say today that if the Lord came right now, that you will live with him.

People procrastinate about a lot of things. Even things we do

in our physical homes we put off.

Our houses are different. Can you envision what the order of today is in some people's houses or what the condition is in someone else's house is?

Children today are out of order that causes some houses to be out of order. Parents are doing all they can to raise their children.

Even though the world is in a bad way, God is still in control. If the Lord came today, will your house be in order or will you be able to reside with Him?

This is a serious matter. God is a momentary God. God is still telling people today to get their

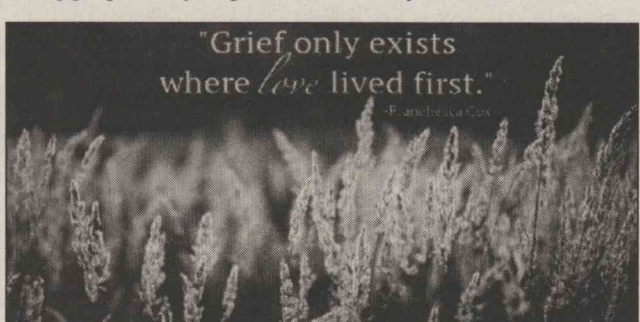
spiritual house in order. It's later than you think. God is still in the healing business.

Jesus wants us to get our houses in order. When you can't help yourself, Jesus fixes our house and helps us to get them in order. Jesus got our house in order when He went to Calvary.

Ask yourself, is your spiritual house in order?
 The song sung after the sermon was "Near The Cross."

The Thought For The Week: "LIVE LIKE YOU BELONG TO GOD!"

May God Be With You!!



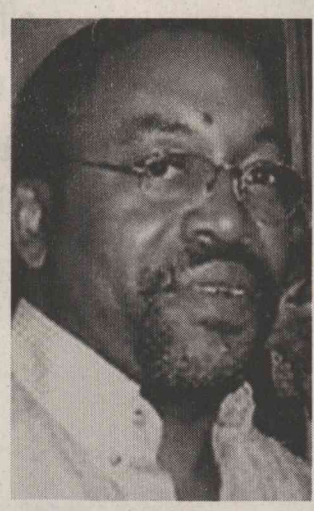
Clifford L. Oages Passes Away In Tahoka, Texas

Tahoka, Texas -- Funeral services for Clifford L. Oages were held on Friday afternoon, February 15, 2019, at the First Baptist Church of Tahoka with Pastor C. C. Peoples as Conductor. Pastor Willie R. Bolton, Jr. was the Eulogist.

Interment was held in the Nevels Cemetery in Tahoka, Texas under the direction of Griffin Mortuary & Funeral Home of Lubbock.

Clifford, age 57 Tahoka, Texas, passed away on Sunday, February 10, 2019.

Clifford was born on October 19, 1961 to Janie Mitchell and



C.L. Oages in Tahoka, TX. He graduated from Tahoka High

School where he was a star athlete in football, basketball, and track. Upon graduating from High School he played college football for the University of Houston. He was an avid Dallas Cowboys and L.A. Lakers' fan.

Clifford leaves to cherish his memory: wife, Linda Oages; 3 daughters: Kirsten Tillman, Shelia Davis, and LaToya Harris; honorary daughter, Porscha Price; 4 sons: JaVaen Tillman, Patrick Davis, Larry Davis, and Clifford Oages, Jr.; 3 sisters: Staci McGruder (Harold), Janis Reed, and Katrina White; 1 brother, Willie Mitchell (Shelia); 1 aunt, Wanda Jackson; a host of grandchildren, other relatives, and friends.

Attorneys Ben Crump and R. Allen Smith Call Linkage Between Johnson & Johnson Baby Powder And Ovarian Cancer a Civil Rights, Public Health Crisis

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Smith, who is based in Ridge-land, Mississippi, has estab-lished himself as the pre-e-minent plaintiffs' attorney in talc cases. He recently was retained to represent his home state in seeking civil fines against Johnson & Johnson. "Johnson & Johnson baby powder is just like a cigarette, as it contains multiple cancer-causing substances," Smith said. "The carcinogenic ingredi-ents referenced include multi-

ple forms of talc, heavy metals and asbestos." Allen expressed that his team's litigation efforts have uncovered documents that found Johnson & Johnson de-liberately targeted African-American, Hispanic, and obese women to increase sales while knowing that African-American women would be prone to ovar-ian cancer at higher levels when using baby powder in genital areas.

Attorneys Crump and Smith are scheduled to travel through-out the United States to speak at conferences with the mission of educating women within the communities of color about this issue.

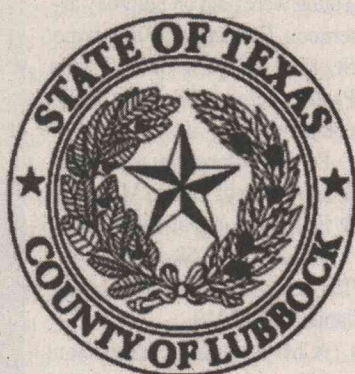
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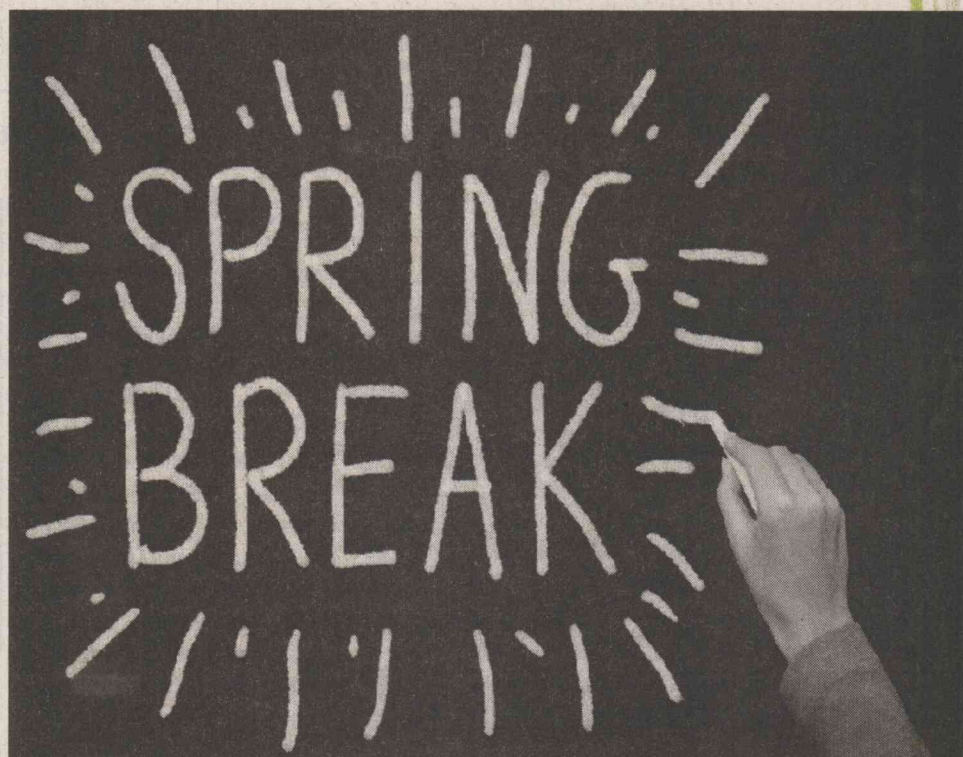
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I can remember that far back sitting and listening to the band rehearsing and it brings back great memories.... especially hearing my daddy's voice on the microphone.

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.



Mr. & Mrs. Lee Hunter

Article Written and Submitted by his Daughter, NaTasha Hunter

Within the past few months, he's developed a hernia that continues to protrude out further and further the more he has these coughinspells.

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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The Keepers of My Brothers and Sisters Life Skills Will Sponsor Banquet Honoring T. J. Patterson

Article Submitted & Written by:

The Keepers of My Brothers & Sisters LS Group

We are pleased and honored to invite you to our 1st Banquet that will take place at the KoKo Inn, 5101 Avenue Q, Lubbock, Texas, 79412 on Saturday, March 9, 2018 at 6:00 P.M.

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continue to provide the services that help our youth to mature. The Keepers want to thank you in advance for your support. We are looking forward to seeing you on March 9, 2019 at 6:00 P.M. If you have any questions, please contact JaNette Cage at 806-786-8929 or Tyrone Moore at 806-281-2280.

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PRESS RELEASE

Lubbock Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. Scholarship Gala

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(Lubbock, TX) On Saturday, April 6, 2019 beginning at 6:00pm in the Texas Tech University Red Raider Ballroom, the Lubbock Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta (DST) Sorority, Inc. will present its annual scholarship gala and celebrate 66 years of proud existence in Lubbock, Texas.

This gala will highlight and honor two outstanding members of the Lubbock community. The honorees are Mrs. Billie Jean Caviel and Mrs. Cicely Alexander, both of whom will receive the Community Leader of the Year award. Mrs. Caviel has served and continues to serve her community in many ways. She served on the LISD Board of Trustees for six years as well as other boards, in the city. During her membership at New Hope Baptist Church, Mrs. Caviel served as a Girl Scout Leader. Her passion for children has caused her to be present in their space. She served as a faithful volunteer at Wheatley Elementary School and continues to be present weekly at Joan Y Ervin Elementary School. Since 1975, Billie has been an active member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Incorporated, Eta Delta Omega Chapter. As a member of her sorority, Mrs. Caviel participates in many service projects and community events in "service above self" such as voter registration, mentoring young girls, and participating in the East Lubbock Community Alliance. The Caviels owned and operated their pharmacy for forty-nine years in Lubbock, TX. In April 2011, the Caviels donated the building to the nonprofit Roots Historical Arts Council with the understanding that it would be renovated into an African-American museum. The Caviel Museum of African-American History became a reality when the museum opened its doors in 2015.

After twenty-one successful years in education, Cicely Alexander was on a smooth road, winding down a wonderful career path. In just nine years, she would be eligible for retirement. This was her trajectory until she decided to jump from her comfort zone into the greatest challenge of her professional career. This was two years ago; she accepted the position of leading Alderson Elementary, which had been an Improvement-Required campus for four years. A principal colleague whispered in her ear "Now that's career suicide, taking on THAT school!" before knowing that she accepted the position. All she could hear in her ear was her mother's advice, "Cicely, if you don't want to take on the challenge, then who will? The next leader of Alderson has to WANT to be there! You have to lead Alderson, believing that you are the principal of YOUR future doctor, who might be taking care of YOU or even the NEXT president!" Throughout her 23-year career span, Cicely has been a classroom teacher, math specialist, behavior counselor, assistant principal and now principal. She has been a guest lecturer at Texas Tech University and served on the Education Advisory Board at Lubbock Christian University. She was a TEPSA Region 17 Assistant Principal of the Year Nominee in 2011 and is currently a 2019 TEPSA Region 17 National Distinguished Principal of the Year Nominee.

As one of 1,000 chapters of the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc, the local alumnae chapter promotes educational development, economic development, and physical and mental health, all of which are in the Sorority Five Point Programmatic Thrust. As a part of the education program, Lubbock Alumnae raises funds through this annual gala to assist with providing academic scholarships to deserving young people. Over its history, Lubbock Alumnae has issued nearly 128 scholarships to a diverse, multi-racial, and multi-cultural group of high school seniors, college students, and graduate students. Since 2010, Lubbock Alumnae has recognized outstanding elementary, middle and high schoolers at its Youth of the Year Program. The chapter provides scholarships to further support their education. The proceeds from this scholarship gala will significantly help the Lubbock Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta continue and sustain valiant efforts.

The doors to this always exciting, enlightening, and fun event will open at 5:30 pm and dinner will be served at 6:30 pm. This year's theme is **Harlem Renaissance: A Crimson & Cream Affair**. Come dressed to impress. Following the awards presentation, the evening will explode with featured entertainment from DJ Spoon. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend.

For sponsorship and ticket information, please contact Mrs. Dee McPherson at (806) 535-3726 or by email at dstlubbock@gmail.com.



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