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Joe Biden, 2020 President Elect & Kamala Harris, Vice President Elect



President-elect Joe Biden, his wife Jill Biden, and members of the Biden family, along with Vice President-elect Kamala Harris, her husband Doug Emhoff stand on stage Saturday, Nov. 7, 2020, in Wilmington, Del. (AP Photo/Andrew Harnik)

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President-elect Joe Biden claimed victory Saturday night, pledging in an address to the nation "to be a president who seeks not to divide but unify," and drawing a contrast between himself and President Donald Trump without speaking the incumbent's name.

He also evoked former President Barack Obama, promising that as president he wouldn't "see red states and blue states, but only sees the United States" and pledging "to work as hard for those who didn't vote for me as for those who did."

"Our nation is shaped by the constant battle between our better angels and our darkest impulses," Biden said. "And what presidents say in this battle matters. It's time for our better angels to prevail tonight."

He said that on Monday he would name a group of experts as transition advisers to design a plan "built on a bedrock of science" to defeat the coronavirus pandemic.

He closed with a nod to both his faith and his son Beau, who died of cancer in 2015, quoting words from the hymn "On

Eagle's Wings," which he said they both loved.

"And now together, on eagle's wings, we embark on the work that God and history has called upon us to do, with full hearts and steady hands, with faith in America and each other," Biden said.

Biden took the stage outside the Chase Center on the Riverfront in Wilmington, Del., on Saturday night, four long days after the election. An audience of about a thousand ebullient supporters was present, many in their cars, waving American flags and blue lights distributed by the campaign. Some tailgated with food and drinks. Thousands more supporters gathered in the surrounding streets.

Fireworks went off immediately after Biden's remarks, as well as a light display spelling out "President-elect Biden" in blue and the number 46 in a circle, as well as "VP-elect Harris."

Biden was preceded onstage by his running mate, Vice President-elect Kamala Harris, whose ascent marks a turning point for women, people of color, immigrants, and the people of India and Jamaica, who celebrated her

victory on Saturday.

Harris praised Biden for having "the audacity to break one of the most substantial barriers that exists in our country and select a woman as his vice president."

"But while I may be the first woman in this office, I will not be the last," she said. "Because every little girl watching tonight sees that this is a country of possibilities."

Harris also gave a shout-out to the Black women whose dedicated organizing and votes for Democrats have been "too often overlooked," she said, but who are "the backbone of our democracy."

She promised that she and Biden would tackle everything from the Covid-19 pandemic to systemic racism, climate change and equity.

The Associated Press and cable networks called the race shortly before noon on Saturday, naming Biden and Harris the winners of the hard-fought contest against President Donald Trump and Vice President Mike Pence. Pennsylvania, where Biden trailed by more than 600,000 votes on election night

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No changes to the Lubbock City Council as Mayor, Council Members win Re-Election!!!



Pictured from left to right, Councilwoman Shelia Patterson-Harris (D2), Councilman Randy Christian (D5), Mayor Dan Pope, Councilman Steve Massengale (D4), Councilman Jeff Griffith (D3), Councilman Juan Chadis (D1), and Councilwoman Latrelle Joy (D6).

The final results from Tuesday's, November 3rd election show Mayor Dan Pope, Councilwoman Shelia Patterson Harris and Councilwoman Latrelle Joy were all re-elected to the Lubbock City Council.

Councilman Steve Massengale didn't draw an opponent, so the results Tuesday night mean the Lubbock City Council will stay as-is for the next year-and-a-

half. It'll be a shortened term since elections were pushed back from May to November.

The winners were sworn in on Thursday, November the 12th.

Pope will serve a third, two-year term. Patterson Harris and Massengale were elected to a second, four-year term as council members, and Joy was elected to a third term.

Pope won the significant ma-

majority of the city's precincts, particularly in central, west and south Lubbock.

Patterson Harris received the majority of the votes in every precinct in District 2, and Joy received the majority of the votes in all but one of the precincts in District 6, which was the district furthest west where only 10 votes were cast.

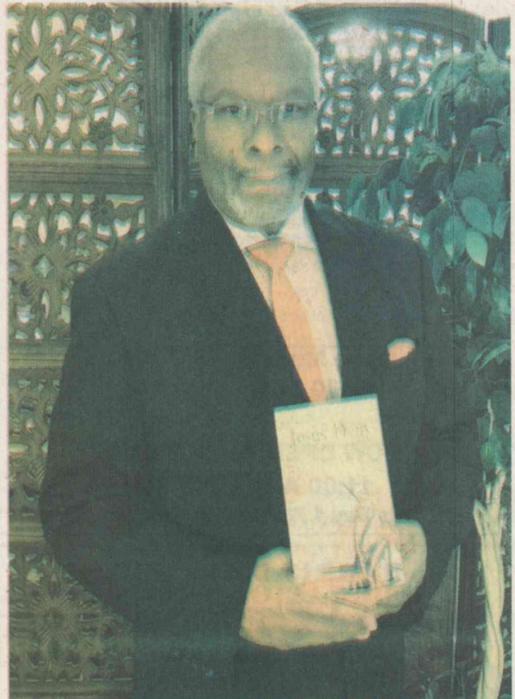
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Local Pastor Releases New Book: Jesus' Deity

Pastor Solomon Fields



Pastor Solomon Fields

The Gospel of John differs from the other gospels, Matthew, Mark, and Luke in how they present the good news of Jesus of Nazareth. Over the years, I have heard many pastor/teachers tell newborn Christians to begin reading and studying the Gospel of John before other Biblical passages.

The question of why read and study this particular book before other books has inspired me to perform a more in-depth

study of John's Gospel. Therefore, I selected the Gospel of John for my doctorate studies to address the question of whether his gospel provides definitive proof of the deity of Jesus Christ, and to examine the question of why people could view these miracle-signs and not believe in Him. *The Signs of Jesus' Deity* in the Gospel of John is the result of the past five years of study.

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Clifton Beck Hired as City of Lubbock Human Resources Director

The City of Lubbock is pleased to announce that Clifton Beck is the new Director of Human Resources. Mr. Beck brings more than 15 years of professional experience in the public sector to this position.

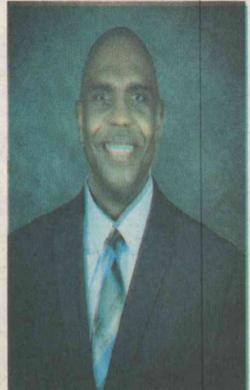
"Mr. Beck has an extensive background in human resources management, and he will be able to hit the ground running," said Bill Howerton, Deputy City Manager. "He has valuable experience in HR policy development, Employee Compensation and Civil Service. His commitment to public sector service and track record of implementing innovative human resources solutions will be a great addition to our team."

Mr. Beck previously served as the Director of Human Resources/Civil Service for the City of Amarillo, and as the Director of Human Resources for the City of Odessa. Most recently, he served in a senior role with The Salvation Army - Texas Division, in Dallas, where he directed and managed the

compensation structure for more than 1,900 employees throughout the State of Texas.

"I am very excited at the opportunity to serve the Lubbock community and lead the Human Resources Department. I am looking forward to working with other City departments and supporting their workforce needs," noted Mr. Beck. He replaces Leisa Hutchinson, who retired as

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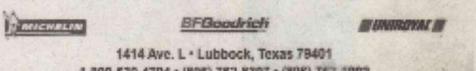
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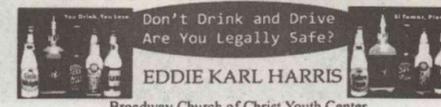
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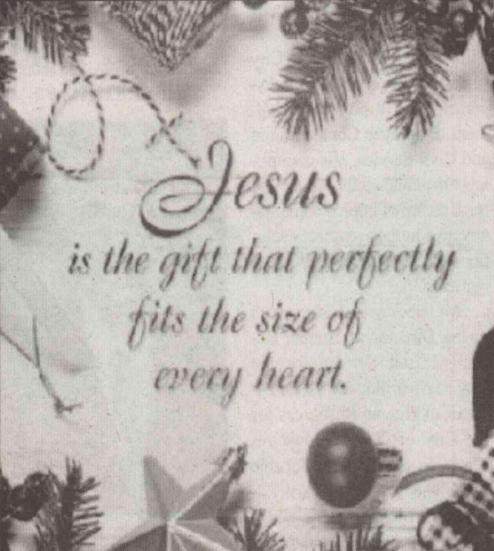
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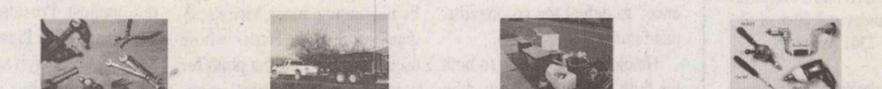
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"I KNOW WHAT I M LIVING FOR"

By: Evangelist Billy "B.J." Morrison, III

Malachi 1:2a, I have loved you, said the Lord. Yet you say, wherein have you loved us?

Matthew 11:15, Jesus said, He that has ears to hear, let him hear.

WE KNOW GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD; AND GAVE ALL THINGS UNTO MANKIND.

BUT GOD HAD RULES; FOR MANKIND TO OBEY; BUT MANKIND WANTED TO USE HIS OWN MIND!!!

Hebrews 4:12, For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

Matthew 13:9, Jesus said, Who has ears to hear, let him hear.

EVEN WHEN PEOPLE WENT TO VOTE; SOME PEOPLE STOOD; UP TO 9 HRS;-- IN LINES.

IN CHURCH ARE SOFT CUSHIONS; AND A/C; AND CAN'T STAY 1 HR; YOUR HEART GOT TO BE LYING!!!

Malachi 1:6, A son honours his father, and a servant his master: if then I be a father, where is mine honour? And if I be a master, where is my fear? Said the Lord of host unto you, O priests, that despise my name.

and you say wherein have we despised your name.

Matthew 13:43b, Jesus said, Who has ears to hear, let him hear.

WE READ IN THE BOOK OF MALACHI 1: 7, YOU HAVE POLLUTED MINE ALTAR;--IS NOT THAT A SHAME? AND THE PREACHERS MAKES IT WORSE; THEY DESPISE GOD'S NAME!!!

(WITH HOMOSEXUALS PLAYING THE INSTRUMENTS--\$\$; DOPE DEALERS HOLDING OFFICES--\$\$; SHACKING COUPLES LEADING THE CHOIR--\$\$; AND MANY MORE DESPICABLE DISGRACEFUL THINGS THAT'S NOT PLEASING TO GOD. GOD DON'T WANT MANKIND'S MONEY; HE WANTS HIS SOUL; GOD SAID, I WOULD THE CHURCH BE HOT OR COLD; BUT BECAUSE YOU'RE LUKE WARM;-- I WANT YOU TO SHUT THEM DOORS!!!) *** THAT'S HOW A MAN ROB GOD!!!***

Malachi 1:8, And if you offer the blind for sacrifice, is it not evil? And if you offer the lame and sick, is it not evil? Offer it now unto your governor; will he be pleased with you, of accept thy person? Said the Lord of

hosts. Mark 4:9, Jesus said, He that has ears to hear, let him hear.

JESUS CHRIST CAME AS THE SUN; IN A VERY DARK AND DYING WORLD. HE CAME TO OPEN THE EYES SO MANKIND COULD SEE HIM; EVERY MAN, WOMAN, BOY AND GIRL!!!

Galatians 6:7,8, Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man sow, that shall he also reap for he that sows to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that sows to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting.

Mark 7:16, Jesus said, If any man has ears to hear, let him hear.

Malachi 2:1-2, AND now O you priests, this commandment is for you. If you will not hear, and if you will not lay it to heart, to give glory unto my name. said the Lord of hosts, I will even send a curse upon you, and I will curse your blessings: yes, I have cursed them already, because you did not lay it to heart.

(YOU PREACHERS GOT PEOPLE THINKING; ONLY BLACK LIVES MATTER. THAT IS A LIE FROM THE PIT OF HELL; TO GOD ALL LIVES MATTERS; RED, YELLOW, BLACK OR WHITE; ALL MATTERS IN GOD'S EYE SIGHT!!!

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Alex Trebek, Longtime Host of 'Jeopardy!,' Dies at 80



Alex Trebek in 2010 on the set of "Jeopardy!" As the show's host, Mr. Trebek was the essence of durability. Credit...Amanda Edwards/Getty Images

At a restaurant several years ago, a stranger went up to Alex Trebek, the longtime host of "Jeopardy!" and as strangers often did, tried to stump him.

"The American flag flies here 24 hours a day, every day of the year," the stranger said, using the quiz show host's particular location, in which questions are delivered as answers.

Mr. Trebek sensed that the stranger was looking for something more clever than a list of which buildings, like the White House, had been authorized to fly the flag through the night. And without missing a beat he answered in the form of a question: "What is the moon?"

The quick-witted Mr. Trebek, who died on Sunday at age 80 after a battle with cancer that drew legions of fans to rally around him, hosted "Jeopardy!" for a record-setting 37 years. He was an authoritative and unflappable fixture for millions of Americans who organized their weeknights around the program, shouting out the questions as Mr. Trebek read the answers with his impeccable diction.

One major appeal of the show, apart from its intellectual challenge, was its consistency. Over the years its format stayed reliably familiar, as did Mr. Trebek, though he trimmed back his bushy head of hair, grew grayer and occasionally sported a mustache, beard or goatee. Otherwise he was the

model of a steady and predictable host — a no-nonsense presence, efficient in his role and comforting in his orderliness.

Mr. Trebek's death was confirmed by the show's producers. They said that episodes of the show he hosted would air through Dec. 25 and that they had not made plans for a replacement.

Mr. Trebek had announced in a video on March 6, 2019, that he had received a diagnosis of Stage 4 pancreatic cancer that week. He said that like many others with the disease, he had no symptoms until it had spread throughout his body. He delivered the news from the show's set, wearing, as usual, a bandbox-fresh suit and tie as he spoke straight to the camera without sentiment or histrionics.

When he commanded a game, he might occasionally raise an eyebrow and say "Oooh, noooo, sorry" or repeat a clue with a whiff of condescension; he told New York magazine that when contestants missed obvious answers, he deliberately struck a tone that was meant to convey: "How can you not get this? This is not rocket science."

Through it all, he kept the game running on its strict timetable. He started hosting in 1984, when the show returned to the airwaves after a hiatus. Since then he has been the only host, helming every episode except one, on April Fools' Day in

1997, when he swapped places with Pat Sajak, the host of "Wheel of Fortune."

Mr. Trebek and Mr. Sajak had a friendly rivalry over the years as they led two of the longest-running game shows in television history. For years, "Jeopardy!" was the top-rated quiz show in America and usually the No. 2 game show, behind "Wheel of Fortune."

A few weeks after Mr. Trebek announced that he had cancer, the ratings for "Jeopardy!" coincidentally began to soar when a contestant, James Holzhauer, a sports gambler from Las Vegas, roared through the game on a winning streak that captivated the nation.

Each night, more and more viewers tuned in to see whether Mr. Holzhauer could beat the record set by Ken Jennings, a computer programmer, who scored 74 straight victories in 2004. With Mr. Holzhauer on the buzzer, "Jeopardy!" even blew past "Judge Judy," long the top-rated show in syndication.

In the end, Mr. Holzhauer fell just \$58,000 shy (over 32 games) of breaking Mr. Jennings' record win of \$2.5 million. But he boosted the show's ratings to a 14-year high, drawing 13.3 million daily viewers. He later donated some of his winnings to charitable causes, including research into pancreatic cancer in Mr. Trebek's name.

The girls Kamala Harris addressed in her speech were watching closely



But while I may be the first woman in this office, I will not be the last," she said. "Because every little girl watching tonight sees that this is a country of possibilities."

(CNN) Even the girls too young to understand her were rapt when Sen. Kamala Harris gave her first speech as vice president-elect.

When Harris spoke to the nation and singled out women and girls and the possibilities her victory inspires, many of them watched her and took her words to heart.

Families flooded social media with photos of their daughters and nieces glued to the screens as Harris, the first woman, the first Black person and the first South Asian person to become Vice President-elect, celebrated. Her victory, their mothers and aunts told CNN, proves to the young women and girls in their lives that they, too, can dream all the way to the White House. Harris makes them excited

to vote one day. Hanna Nichols' 4-year-old said she's ready to vote after watching Harris become vice president-elect.

In 2016, Hanna Nichols watched the presidential election results pour in while she held her infant daughter in her arms. Four years later, she kept her daughter close again -- and this time, the 4-year-old watched along excitedly.

Nichols shared a black-and-white photo of her daughter in her pajamas, paying close attention to Harris from their home in Golden, Colorado.

"Is she talking to me?" Nichols said her daughter asked. "Yes baby girl, she is."

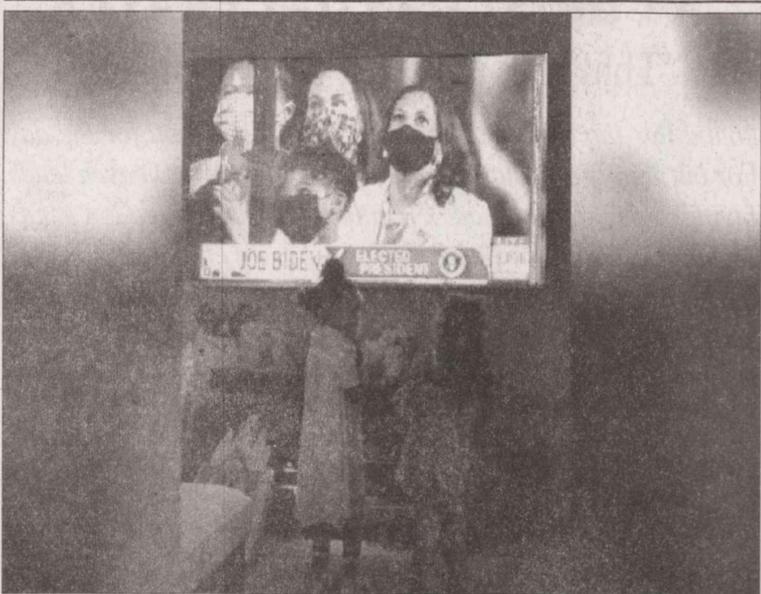
Like any toddler, Nichols' daughter eventually grew bored of the lengthy speeches Harris and her running mate, President-

elect Joe Biden, delivered on Saturday. But Nichols said she's continuing to talk with her daughter about the importance of Harris' win -- and the significance of kindness.

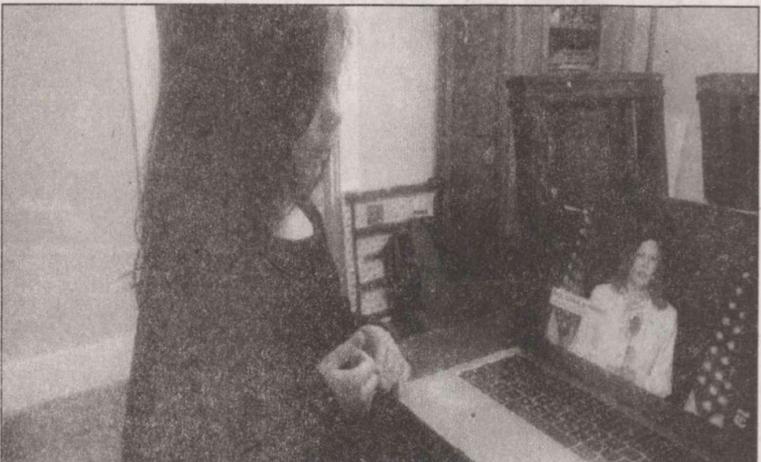
"She also thinks we should let kids vote, as she told me this morning!" Nichols said.

Rosa Guzmán-Snyder's 7-year-old daughter Eliana watched Harris' speech from a laptop. Guzmán-Snyder said her "heart exploded" when she heard Harris say she wouldn't be the last woman in the White House. "I saw Eliana watching on Saturday so intently," Guzmán-Snyder told CNN. "(Harris) was speaking right to Eliana."

Guzmán-Snyder was born in El Paso, Texas, to Mexican parents. The last four years of racist rhetoric and restrictive immi-



Cassandra Bonhomme's two nieces, ages 2 and 3, giddily played in front of the TV in Hamilton, New Jersey, while Hamilton celebrated her victory with her family.



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gration policies were "incredibly disheartening," she said. Harris' win feels like "rising up for a brighter future" -- for immigrants and for her daughter. Cassandra Bon-

homme's nieces watched Harris on Saturday closely. "One day, these two can run for any office they want, and they will not be judged by the color of their skin," Bonhomme told CNN. "A

dream indeed." They may not have recognized the significance of Harris' win, but Bonhomme certainly felt it. A daughter of immigrants, she wept when Harris spoke. Continued on Page 6



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and do all that we can to let them know that we appreciate what they have done. That is why we should not only celebrate Veterans Day on November the 11th of each year; we should think about them each and every day of their lives. They have contributed so much to the outcome of our democracy, that's what it's all about. We are a Democracy. So if I never see many of you again in my life, I have been very fortunate to have served as a Veteran in the United States Army. Hopefully one day we'll all understand and will completely come to attention and stand in a positive posture as we will salute these men and women who have given their time and efforts to serve us in such a military posture. We appreciate all that they have done. But as I mentioned earlier, let's not just think of Veterans on November the 11th, but rather let us think about them each day of the year. May God Bless all the Veterans in the different services of the United States of America!!

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AND HAPPY NEW YEAR

Girls V.P. Elect Kamala Harris Addressed
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She said Harris' victory was one she could share with her 20-year-old daughter, who attends an HBCU and voted for the first time this year. "My parents' sacrifices were not in vain," she said. "This is truly a tiny step, but a step nonetheless." They see themselves in Harris Neelam Patel-Crawley in Durham, North Carolina, watched her 1-year-old daughter, who is half Black and half Indian like Harris, peer up at the Vice President-elect as she addressed the nation on Saturday, dressed in suffragette white. Seeing a woman who shares her daughter's racial background was important, Patel Crawley said. "It's inspirational to know that she will have endless opportunities, and that she can see through Kamala what those opportunities look like," she told CNN. "Honestly, several months ago, I was nervous and scared for her, but that weight has now been lifted."

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The Signs of Jesus' Deity in the Gospel of John by Pastor Solomon Fields

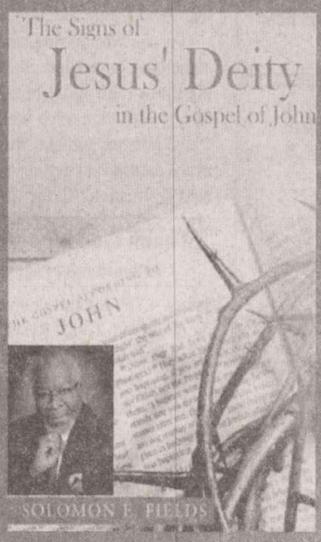
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In Cinque

By Renetta Howard

"A TIME TO HEAL"

I am certain that many Americans are feeling some relief since the election of the 46th President of the United States of America. With much joy and hallelujahs abounding, it is still a sad situation when the current official leader of this country does not seem to bow out gracefully. Joseph Biden had accumulated 270 electoral votes when it was announced that he had been elected by the news media. Today, the count is shown as 290 for Biden and 214 for Trump.

This election was about the pandemic and the way Mr. Trump handled it along with the many negative aspects of his campaign with regards to empathy and racism. America spoke and spoke loudly.

Certainly Trump supporters are disappointed, but as Mr. Biden said in his speech last night in Delaware, "It is a time to heal." We all know that this country has been divided drastically since Mr. Trump started his campaign based on his birther foundation that the Obama administration was not legitimate.

He alienated a large number of Americans who believed that he was the real thing. Funny, how he was impeached with many guilty charges brought against him and brushed aside

by the Republican majority which continued to uphold him in his undertakings and supported him throughout his campaign, yet they now seem to be the silent majority. Hate has its consequences. Too often, it comes back to haunt us. Let us pray that Mr. Trump exits the White House peacefully and helps us to heal, mentally, physically, morally, financially, religiously and emotional.

America's history has been tumultuous but laws have been passed to help us to move along somewhat peacefully down through the years and we are still witnessing a number of 'firsts' for Black Americans, especially a Black female as Vice President.

These last four years have had a devastating effect on too many of us and we need a healing period. We must have hope that the elected leaders will attempt to help us to be whole without ill feelings for each other while attempting to end systemic racism which has been a root of American evil and compounded by the COVID-19 pandemic. Let us get 'in cinque' and look forward to a brighter day!

**MERRY CHRISTMAS
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President Elect J. Biden & Vice President Elect K. Harris 2020 Election

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night, tipped in his favor on Friday morning, and on Saturday added 20 additional electoral votes in Biden's column, putting him over the 270-vote threshold for victory.

In brief remarks on Friday night, scheduled in the hope that the race would have been called

by then, Biden urged patience with the vote-counting process and reminded his audience — and the current president — that "the purpose of our politics isn't total, unrelenting, unending warfare."

Christopher Cadelago contributed to this report.

Beyond the Rhetoric

By Harry C. Alford & Kay DeBow

Why We Funded Over 50 Black-Owned Bars & Restaurants

This fall, NBCC and humble ventures launched a program to award Black-owned bars & restaurants grants. After careful review, we funded over 50 Black business owners. I've written below about the program and what we'll do next with the knowledge gained.

Why

In June, the National Black Chamber of Commerce (NBCC) expressed interest in partnering to help as many Black & Brown-owned businesses as they can during the pandemic. Analysis from the National Bureau Of Economic Research reveals 41% of Black business owners disappeared in April. According to a report by Restaurant Business Online, only 130 Black-owned restaurants received PPP loans over \$150,000 with further analysis. The data highlights the systemic neglect of minority business owners and the dire situation many are facing alone. We agreed to support Black-owned restaurants as one immediate way to stand in solidarity with the Black community.

How

Humble facilitated a 1-hour design thinking workshop with NBCC to ideate and brainstormed the components of what this approach could look like. The workshop's purpose was to help us define the current state regarding the bar & restaurant landscape, which segments to target, activities that can drive results, and what a vision for the future looks like in a partnership.

The result was financial relief assistance to Black-owned bars & restaurants — awarding \$150,000, in total, through a program/application process.

What

We developed a portal for submissions with selection crite-

THIS N' THAT

c/o T. J. Patterson, Sr.

It is important to have this opportunity to talk about something that one really believes in and that is, serving in the United States Army.....No matter who you are and where you live in this country, you must always appreciate what these persons, male or female have done to protect our freedom. Hopefully one day most of us will really understand why we have a military force in our posture each day of our lives.

Being a veteran, I served two years plus four months in the United States Army which was quite an opportunity for me to do what I could do best to help my country, a country in which I truly love. You see I was born in this country on June 29th, 1937 and I had an opportunity to at-

tend public education and other things to help this country, so when we talk about the US Veteran, it makes me wonder what's around the corner for each of us.

It is so important that we understand where we are from and what this country means to each of us. Therefore, after serving in the United States Army and also a few months in South Vietnam, I have a better idea of why we have veterans. We should not only serve Veterans on November 11th of each year, but we should think about them and do for them each year, each day we are living.

After going through basic training and seeing so much in reference to military aspects, I know that we must completely understand what these dedicated

men and women are doing to protect the United States of America. You see, once you go through the process, can you only then understand the importance of being a Veteran. It's just not a name you are given, but it's something you serve and you really understand.

After serving those years as a Veteran and receiving a top secret clearance, I really understand.....you see, I served as a cryptographer in the United States Army. I was able to understand and see so many valuable opportunities that we all have as citizens of the United States of America and we must always salute those men and women who have served as Veterans and wish them well,

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Use Of Funds Example

Good To Go, Jamaican and American Cuisine, purchased Igloos with the grant in order to offer heated outdoor dining.

Select Grant Recipients

Name: Ben's Chili Bowl and Ben's Next Door

Location: Washington, DC

About: Since Ben and Virginia Ali first opened the doors in 1958, Ben's Chili Bowl has been a community pillar.

Name: CupCakin Bakeshop

Location: Berkeley, California

About: Cupcakin' Bake Shop is the realized vision of owner Lila Owens.

She started a home-based cupcake catering business in 2007. As an advocate for sustainability and the natural and local food movement, Lila found Berkeley to be the perfect place to set up shop.

ria and an overall engagement strategy utilizing existing relationships and new networks across the country. We audited our existing assets, businesses, specific regions, and developed a content strategy to deliver consistent content, messaging, and experience across channels.

NBCC and humble launched the campaign, August 18th. We promoted and concluded the campaign by the end of the month.

In early September, we reviewed submissions and conducted two levels of review and approval by mid-September. The final selection of businesses was completed in October, alongside the identification of compelling SMB case study candidates. Grants between \$2,000-\$5,000 have been awarded to grantees.

Results And Insights

States with the highest participation came from:

- Louisiana
- Illinois
- Alabama
- Florida
- Virginia
- New Jersey
- Texas
- Tennessee

Name: Victory

Location: NewOrleans, LA

About: Daniel Victory has been lauded as a pioneer of the New Orleans "craft cocktail" emergence.

Victory has high standards and

is often found molding the next generation of bartenders.

The grantee feedback and insights outlined the need for more support, both financial and otherwise, in dealing with the current pandemic.

Their main areas of request for assistance centered around how to keep afloat through the pandemic. According to National Restaurant Association estimates, more than six months after states implemented stay-at-home orders, over 100,000 bars & restaurants — or 15% of all eating and drinking establishments — have permanently closed.

We plan to continue our work and create more opportunities for growth for Black-owned bars & restaurants.

Partners

National Black Chamber of Commerce

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Humble Ventures is a venture development firm that drives innovation forward through collaboration and partnerships with startups, investors, and established organizations.

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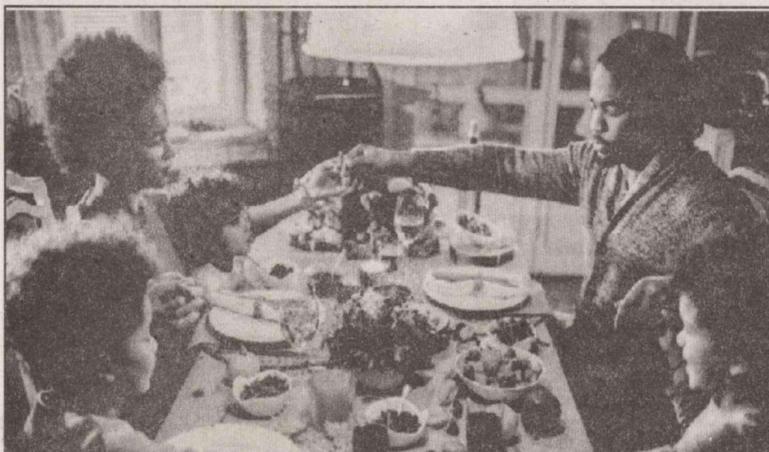
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Obsequies

Amanda Faye Reed-Dial

Celebration of Life Service was held Thursday, November 12, 2020, at 11 a.m. at St. Luke Baptist Church. Interment followed at the Peaceful Gardens Cemetery under the direction of Griffin Mortuary.

She was born on April 23, 1932, to Selva and Leona Crawford in Rockdale, TX. Amanda attended Aycock High School.

She leaves to cherish her memory; her daughters, Rita Baldwin (Johnny), Tina Reed (Clint), Donna Reed (Carnell), Dorothy Reed (Ivan), Iwona Reed (Al), Charlie Mae Holt (Michael), Barbara Goins, Joanne Derrick, and Peggy Dial; four sons, Bobby Reed, Preston Reed, Freddy Reed, and Tommy Dial (Vera); sisters, Gloria Ma-



jors (Willie) and Kathy Pride; 46 grandchildren, 117 great-grandchildren, 37 great-great-grandchildren; a host of other relatives and friends.



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Tommy Harriel Williams, Jr.

Celebration of Life Service was held Saturday, November 21, 2020, at 11 a.m. at Peaceful Gardens Cemetery under the direction of Griffin Mortuary.

Tommy Harriel Williams, Jr. was born on September 1, 1957, to Mae Pearl Patton and Tommy Williams, Sr. in Lubbock, Texas. Tommy attended public school in Lubbock, Texas. During his junior and senior years in high school, he excelled in football, basketball, and track.

He received "All American," All-District, All-City, All-South Plains honors in both sports. Tommy graduated from Paul Lawrence Dunbar in 1975. He furthered his education at Mary Mount College in Salina, Kansas (#15) and Cowley County Community College in Arkansas City, Kansas (#32). In college, Tommy was described as a Super-quick defender with great defensive

pride. In 1977 he was "All-Conference" and All-Tournament Big Orange, Co-Winner of the 110% Award, and named "Most Valuable Player" and "Outstanding Defensive Player" in 1978. His ability to accelerate with the ball was an outstanding attribute. Tommy was a good perimeter jump shooter and



could also, take his man inside because of his tremendous strength.

In 1979 he received the "S. Dean Evans, Sr. Most Valuable Player Award," and made the "The NAIA District 10 All-Star Team." Tommy received many accolades and awards during his college years.

Tommy leaves to cherish his memories; his wife, Donna Williams; two children, Bryson Williams (Kendra) and Shanitha Williams; three grandchildren; four sisters, Percillia Howard, Earnice Coppage, Michelle Jacobs (Lonnie), and Yolanda Allen; a host of other relatives and friends.

Emma Jean Evans

Celebration of Life Service was held Wednesday, November 25, 2020, at 1 p.m. at Abernathy Cemetery under the direction of Griffin Mortuary.

Emma Jean was born to Eugene and Le Bertha Florence on February 1, 1929, in Overton, Texas. She attended high school in Ft. Worth, Texas at Terrell High School. She worked as a Nurse's Aide at Methodist Hospital. She also drove a bus for the Lubbock Independent school district and served as a teacher's aide for mentally challenged students earning a teacher of the month certificate.

She leaves to mourn her husband, Mr. HM Evans; two sons, Edward Lester (Sandy) and James Lester (Beverly); 13



grandchildren; a host of other relatives and friends.

Belva Gail Green "Nana"

Celebration of Life Service was held Friday, November 6, 2020, at 1 p.m. at Peaceful Gardens Cemetery under the direction of Griffin Mortuary.

Belva was born August 23, 1961, to Dave, Jr. and Gloria Thomas Bailey. Belva graduated from Dunbar High School in 1980 and she pursued a career with Caprock Home Health Service. She leaves to cherish her memory; her husband, Sammy Green; son, Tyrell Bailey; daughter, Stephanie Owens; four grandchildren; three sisters, Donna Kay (Garrett), Glenda Bailey, and Sandra Bailey; one brother, Dave, II (Jerri) Bailey; special friend, Rose Mary Pick-



rell; a host of other relatives and friends.

Dennis Eugene Thomas, Jr.



Dauids passed away Tuesday, November 10, 2020. Visitation

was held Friday, November 20, 2020, from 3 to 6 p.m. at Griffin Mortuary. David was born December 19, 1963, to Hosea, Jr. and Ruby Lee Hooker. He graduated from Estacado High School. He leaves to cherish his memory; six sisters, Tina Competio (Daniel), Brenda Session, Patricia Hooker, Kathy Hooker, Betty Fletcher, and Ruby Kipp (John); six brothers, Randy Hooker, Johnny Hooker, Billy Hooker, Larry Hooker, Richard Hooker, and Clarence Hooker; a host of other relatives and friends.



C.C. Dickson, Jr.

Celebration of Life Service was held Monday, November 23, 2020, at 1 p.m. at the City of Lubbock Cemetery under the direction of Griffin Mortuary. CC Dickson Jr. was born to Sheila Dickson and CC Sanders on May 25, 1979, in Lubbock TX. CC attended Lubbock ISD and graduated from Estacado High in 1999.

He leaves to carry on his memories his mother, Sheila Dickson; sister, Monica Wright; brother, Terry Dickson; god sister, Amani Thomas; a host of



other relatives and friends.

"Bug! Bug! Where's The Bug?"

by
 Dr. James L. Snyder

As far back as I can remember, every time I would leave the house, the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage would say, "Be careful. Drive safely."

It's as though she doesn't think I could drive carefully without giving me some instructions. I think it has become just a routine for her.

Although I've not had many accidents, they still are accidents. Although most of them were not my fault, I still got blamed.

Well," my wife explained to me, "you were the one behind the wheel, so it has to be your responsibility. You should know how to control your car."

Every year when it comes time to renew our insurance, she reminds me, "Don't forget to renew our insurance because you just might need it this coming year."

My wife had various places to go last Thursday, which is a normal thing for her. She's always busy, particularly visiting thrift stores.

One thing about my wife is that she does not like insects.

As she was driving, she felt something on her leg. She simply shook it off and kept driving. She is always a very well focused person, and she was entirely focused on getting to her next destination. All the while,

something seemed to be crawling up her leg.

Then she stopped at a red light. There was a car in front of her which she didn't pay much attention to. While she was stopped, she thought she would look into what was crawling up her leg.

Her foot was on the brake pedal, and as she looked down, she saw a bug crawling up her leg, which threw her into a frenzy. She jumped, her foot got off of the brake pedal, and she reached down to grab the bug and throw it out the window.

As she did this, her car lunged forward and hit the back of the car in front of her.

Officially, this was an accident. She got out, and the man in the car in front of her get out, and they looked at the damage, fortunately, there was very little damage. They exchange insurance cards and names, and so forth.

Then she went home. I was already home, and as she came in the door, her cell phone rang, and it was our insurance company. I sat there, overhearing all the information about her "accident."

She hung up the phone, looked at me, and said, "It wasn't my fault. It was that stinking bug's fault."

"But," I said as soberly as

possible, "weren't you behind the wheel?"

She just looked at me with both hands on her hips and then turned around and walked away.

Nobody was hurt, not even the vehicles themselves. But it was an "accident."

The next morning she had to go somewhere else, and as she opened the door, I said to her very carefully, "Be safe. Drive carefully."

She looked back at me and said, "Very funny."

It's so wonderful to have the upper hand finally.

As she closed the door behind her, I chuckled and then thought of a Scripture verse. "Therefore all things whatsoever you would that men should do to you, do you even so to them: for this is the law and the prophets" (Matthew 7:12).

One thing I have learned in life is to be careful what you allow to bug you

Dr. James L. Snyder is pastor of the Family of God Fellowship, Ocala, FL 34472, where he lives with the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage. Call him at 352-216-3025 or e-mail jamesnyder2@att.net. The church web site is www.whatafellowship.com.

Thank God for Jesus

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James 4:7,8, Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, you double-minded.

(I'M JUST A NOBODY; BILLY B.J. MORRISON,111, TRYING TO TELL EVERYBODY; ABOUT JESUS' BODY; DYING ON THE CROSS OF CALVARY; FOR THE SIN'S OF EVERYBODY; SO-REPENT!!!)



Clifton Beck Hired as COL HR Director

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the City's Human Resources Director in June.

Mr. Beck received his master's degree in Public Administration from the University of Texas at Arlington, and Bachelor of Science degree from Paul Quinn College in Dallas. He is originally from Texarkana, and graduated from Liberty-Eylau High School.

Congratulations Clifton Beck!!

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

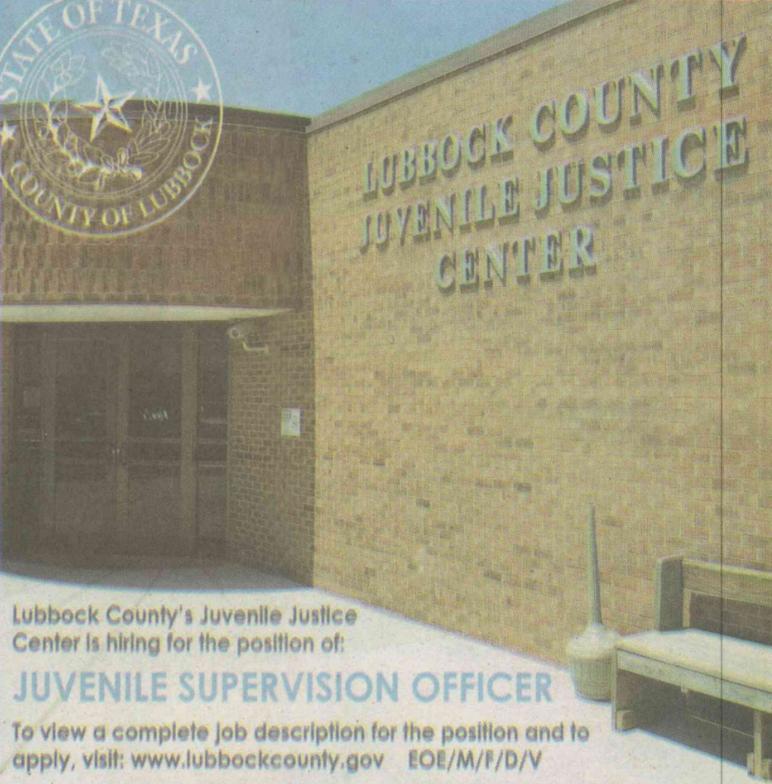
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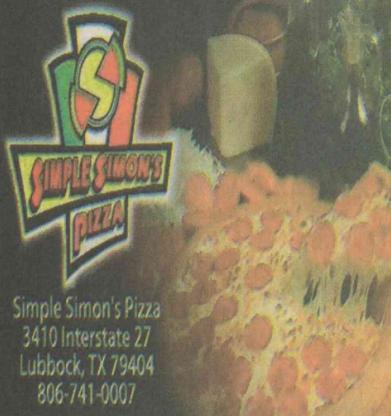
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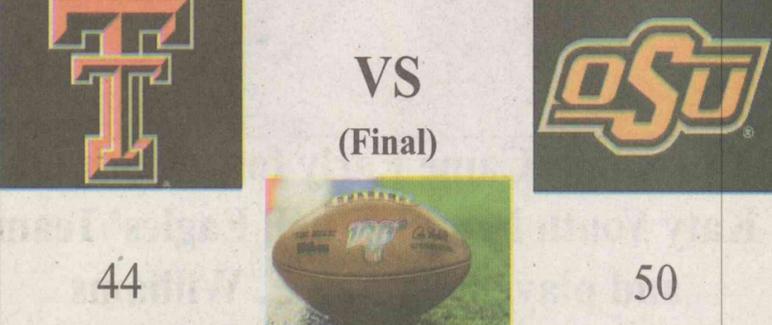
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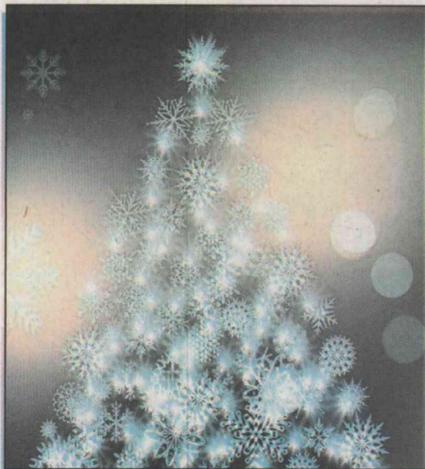
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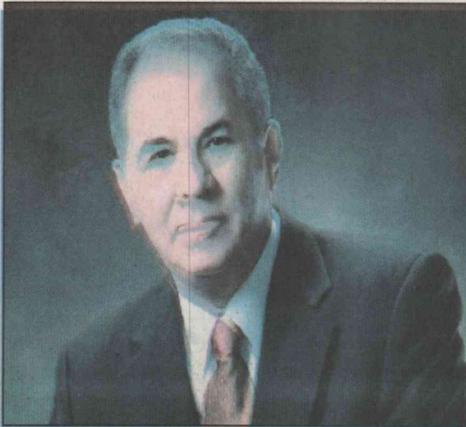
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Respectfully yours,
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Christmas and Happy New Year to you all! **God Is So Good!!!**

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Introducing Miss Mary Ward and Miss Jadyn McDaniel "Power in Her Finger Tips"

Power In Her Finger Tips EXHIBITION

Mary Ward

Jadyn McDaniel

Caviel Museum of African American History

Friday, December 18, 2020
 7:00p.m.-9:00p.m.

Top Left: Ms. Mary Ward and Bottom Left: Ms. Jadyn McDaniel

Introducing Miss Mary Ward and Miss Jadyn McDaniel. These two young women are proving they have a story to tell with their brushes and this is an event you will not want to miss.

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District 2 Council Woman
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Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year

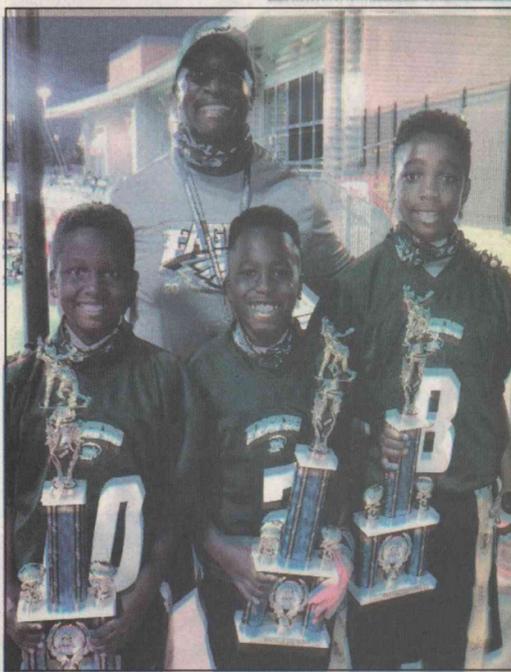
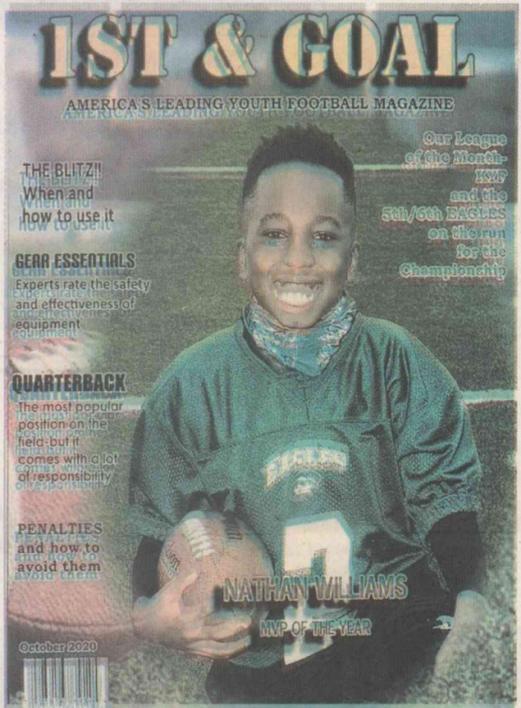
"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life"

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The KYF Eagles made it to the Turf Bowl in 2019 after a great season but lost to the KYF Steelers. The 2020 Turf Bowl between the Eagles and Texans was an amazing defensive game as the score was 0-0 at the end of regulation play. The Eagles scored first during the second overtime and scored a 1pt extra point conversion. The Texans responded with



Touchdown of their own, but was unsuccessful with the extra point conversion, sealing the victory for the Eagles. game was played at Legacy Stadium in Katy, TX; \$70 million stadium built for Katy area High School football.

Nathan Williams was selected MVP of the year. He was the starting Halfback and Middle Linebacker; with three touchdowns for the year and a host of flags.

Nathan is the son of Marcus & Emmanuella Williams and the Great-Grandson of T.J. Patterson, Sr. Pictured to the left are a few teammates with Nathan; Dale Davis, (Nathan Williams), Sheriff Kareem and Asst. Coach Dale Davis. Nathan's father, Marcus Williams also serves as one of the Asst. Coaches on the Team.

Congratulations Eagles!!!!

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Merry Christmas from our family to yours...

And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord."