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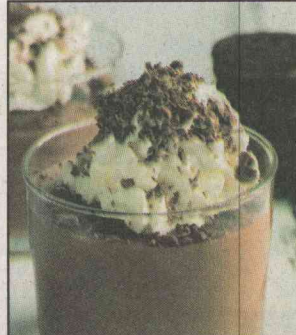
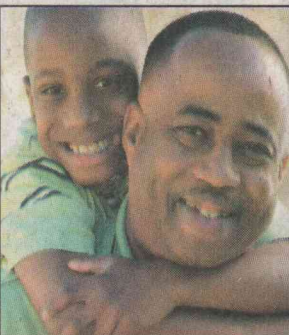
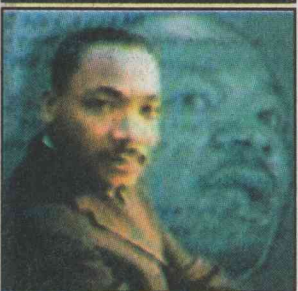
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Nat'l Eat Your Veggies Day  
June 17th

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June 20th

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Nat'l Chocolate Pudding Day  
June 26th



## 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 p. m. at the Dunbar Alumni Building

\* 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 2nd Saturday at 10:00 am at the Mae Simmons Community Center located at 2004 Oak Avenue.

\* West Texas Native American Association meets at 7:00 pm, at the New Jerusalem Baptist Church, 3524 East Broadway Avenue on Tuesday evenings..

\* 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.

\* ColorYour Stress Away Adult Coloring meets the 1st Tuesday of each month at the Patterson Library 4:30 pm to 6:00 pm

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## Natalie Anderson Named the Principal of Dunbar College Preparatory Academy



Natalie Anderson

On Wednesday, April 28th's afternoon regular meeting of the Lubbock Partnership Network Managing Committee, members made a principal appointment for Dunbar College Preparatory Academy for the 2021-2022 school year.

Natalie Anderson has been elevated to school principal. She has extensive experience as an administrator and teacher in Lubbock ISD, most recently as assistant principal at Dunbar College Preparatory Academy.

She received her Bachelor of Science degree in Multidisciplinary Studies from Texas Tech University in 2002 and her Masters in Educational Leadership

and Policy Studies from the University of Texas at Arlington in 2011.

The Lubbock Partnership Network is an innovative collaboration with Lubbock ISD designed to continue improving learning outcomes at a group of schools in the Estacado High School feeder pattern by increasing their access to resources and educational partnerships. Dunbar Academy and Alderson, Ervin, and Hodges elementary schools are under the LPN umbrella.

Anderson replaces Dr. Gabe Gillespie who has been named the new principal at Stewart Elementary School in Lubbock ISD.

## Texas Tech Holds Annual Celebrate Diversity 2021 Awards Event

After a year absence due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Office of Institutional Diversity resumed its annual recognition of those within the Texas Tech University and Lubbock communities who exemplify an outstanding commitment to inclusivity with the 10th annual Celebrate Diversity Awards. The event typically serves as the primary fundraiser for TTU's Student Diversity Scholarships.

This year's event was held virtually via Zoom webinar on Thursday, April 29th. The keynote speaker was Dr. Melissa Harris-Perry, author, professor, and the Maya Angelou Presidential Chair at Wake Forest University. She teaches courses in American politics and elections where race, place and gender intersect. From 2012 to 2016 she hosted the Melissa Harris-Perry show on weekend mornings on MSNBC and was awarded the Hillman Prize for broadcast journalism in 2016. She is the founder and president of the An-



Dr. Melissa Harris-Perry

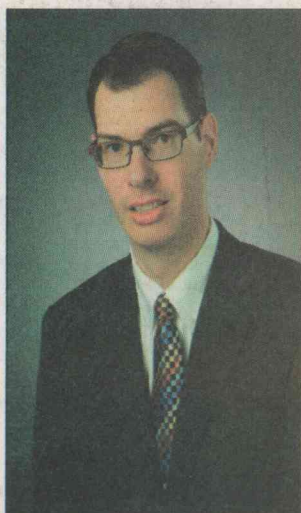
na Julia Cooper Center, which advocates for justice for women and girls of color in higher education.

Dr. Carol A. Sumner, Chief Diversity Office and Vice President of the Division of Diversity, Equity & Inclusion said, "It was an absolute honor to bring Dr. Harris-Perry to campus as

our featured speaker. Having her here would be enough on its' own but having her while celebrating those who have worked with passion and dedication to advance diversity, equity, and inclusion across TTU, and the greater Lubbock community was even more special."

Three outstanding individuals were recognized during the event for their contributions to diversity. Dr. Kirsten A. Cook, Associate Professor of Accounting in the Jerry S. Rawls College of Business, and Dr. Angela Lumpkin, Professor and Chair of the Department of Kinesiology & Sport Management in the College of Arts & Sciences, both received Inclusive Excellence Awards. This year's recipient of the Sen. Robert L. Duncan Community Champion Award was Dr. Damon H. Hill, Jr., long-time General Family Medical Practitioner with Covenant Medical Center.

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Dr. Kirsten A. Cook

Dr. Cook taught at the University of Arizona for five years prior to joining the faculty at Texas Tech. He serves on the Faculty Senate Campus Climate Committee, on the President's Gender Equity Council, as a Women's & Gender Studies affiliated faculty member, and as a Rawls College Co-Director of Diversity, Equity & Inclusion.

He has participated in the Institute for Inclusive Excellence and the Texas Academic Leadership Academy. Dr. Cook indicated he is most grateful for mentoring opportunities with Mentor Tech and the Scovell Business Leaders Program and the friendships formed with the LGBTQIA Faculty/Staff/Graduate Student Association.

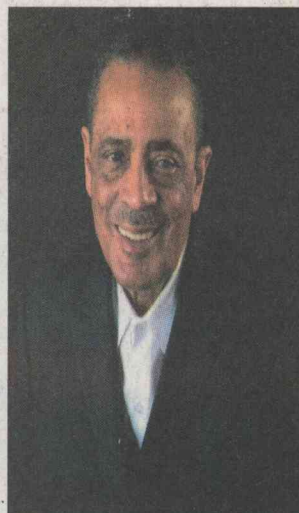


Dr. Angela Lumpkin

An accomplished author, Dr. Lumpkin served on several campuses prior to coming to Texas Tech. She was named to the Texas Tech University Teaching Academy for excellence in teaching and contributions to teaching in 2016.

She received the North American Society for Sport Management's Distinguished Educator Award in 2018. In 2019, she received the President's Excellence in Teaching Award at Texas Tech University.

She is a member of the Texas Tech University Teaching Academy, which recognizes excellence in teaching and contributions to teaching and is serving as Chair of the Teaching Academy's Executive Council in 2020-2021.

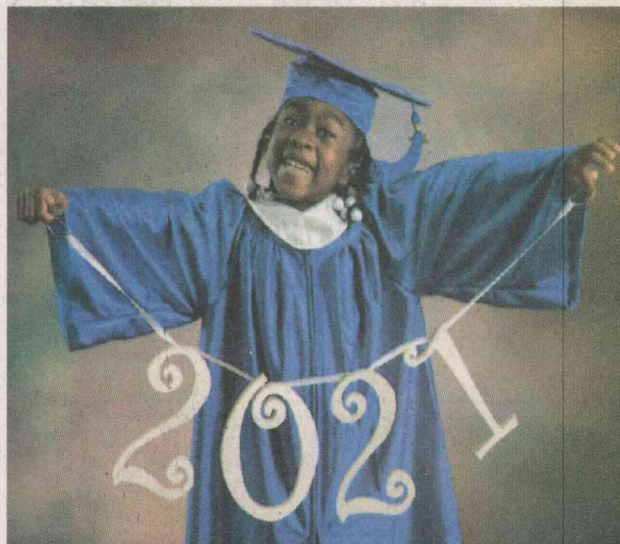


Dr. Damon H. Hill, Jr.

Lubbock native, Dr. Damon H. Hill, Jr. taught Biology within the Lubbock Independent School District for five years, before entering the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center School of Medicine in 1977. He opened his first private practice in 1982. For nearly forty years, Dr. Hill has served the Lubbock community as a Family Practice Physician with the Medical Arts Group, St. Mary's Medical Group, Covenant Medical Group, and Lubbock Medical Associates. He also served as Chief of Family Medicine at Covenant Medical Center. Committed to service, Dr. Hill is a past board member or the Lubbock Boys & Girls Club and Full Amor Ministries.

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## A Hearty Happy Father's Day Wish & Graduation Celebration



Zaya Grace Patterson

Along with celebrating her recent graduation to kindergarden, this little Princess would like to extend a heartfelt 2021 Happy Father's Day wish not only to her Father, Zairreus Patterson, but all Fathers. Her joyous expression says it all.

This zuberant 5 year old is the proud daughter of Zairreus and Chimere Patterson, and big sister to Z.J. (age 3) and Zamir (age 1). These three are the great grand-children of T.J. Patterson, Sr. and grand-children of Shaun & Shelia Harris, Lubbock, Tx.,

and Mrs. Ruby Jean Kirkwood, of Corona, Ca.


Zaya graduated from The Prep School on May 22, 2021. She will be exiting Pre-K to join the Kindergarden Class.

Congratulations Zaya!





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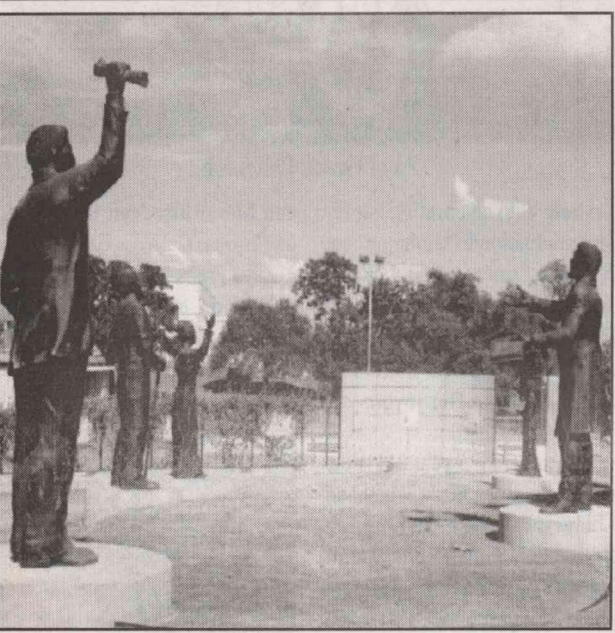
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**Father's Day Breakfast**  
Friday, June 18 at 9:00 a.m., Ages 50+  
Mae Simmons Senior Center  
Fathers and Grandfathers, come join us for a delicious breakfast as we celebrate your day! \$2.

**Juneteenth Trivia**  
Friday's in June, 10:00 a.m., Ages 50+  
Mae Simmons Senior Center  
Test your skills at some Juneteenth trivia with lively conversation and light refreshments! Free.

Due to COVID-19, all events are subject to change.





# In Cinque

By Renetta Howard

## “LIVING OR EXISTING”

It has been almost a year and a half since most of us found out that we were living while being in the midst of a pandemic caused by a virus COVID-19, a SARS-2 (Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome) virus. The alarming thing about it is that there was no remedy for it at the time, though several biotech factories were beginning to try to find a vaccine that would destroy the virus, while thousands of Americans and citizens of other countries were also facing the same dilemma. That was no comfort to anyone, especially when everyone was attempting to try to establish the origin of the detrimental virus, which to this day, still has not been discovered, with several possible places of origin. It has recently been discovered that the common everyday fly can carry the virus for days, so we must not treat it lightly.

The virus is still raging in some countries and still visible in others where the death toll is not as high, but never-the-less, still evident. It appears that the mass vaccination activation has had some effect on slowing the existent of the virus in our communities, but it lingers because there are still people in our country and in the world who feel that the virus is not real and refuse to follow the proper protocol to erase the existence of the

effects of the COVID-19. The rising number of variants to the virus is most important in eradication as tests are needed to see if the various vaccines overcome the variants as well as the original virus. Adjustments are needed daily as well as trials to get our children vaccinated.

Children are vulnerable to the COVID-19 though it strikes them in a different way sometimes than it does adults. Nevertheless, they NEED to be vaccinated. If and when all of the children are vaccinated, it should make a great difference in achieving herd immunity in our communities and lessening the fears of educators who are very reluctant to be in classrooms on a daily basis. It should also reduce the fears of parents who do not want to send their children to school every day. Let us keep our minds, hearts and prayers on staying ‘In Cinque’ as we see progress every day in overcoming the pandemic and being able to enjoy our friends and families in peace instead of fear and get a good night’s sleep and live rather than just exist.



## Beyond the Rhetoric

By Harry C. Alford & Kay DeBow \*\*\*\*\*

### “The Night I Met Fred Hampton”

It was a typical Monday afternoon during my senior year at the University of Wisconsin when my fellow linebacker, John Borders, prompt down next to my seat. John informed me that he had made another deal with Professor Rosenstein. He said this deal was to do separate papers on the Chicago Black Panthers per interviews with Chicago Leader Fred Hampton. Our documented grade would be a “B” each. I became interested and that night we went to hear the mysterious Fred Hampton for the very first time. It was sponsored by the SDS – Students for a Democratic Society. Basically, they were a blend of radicals and communists and totally white.

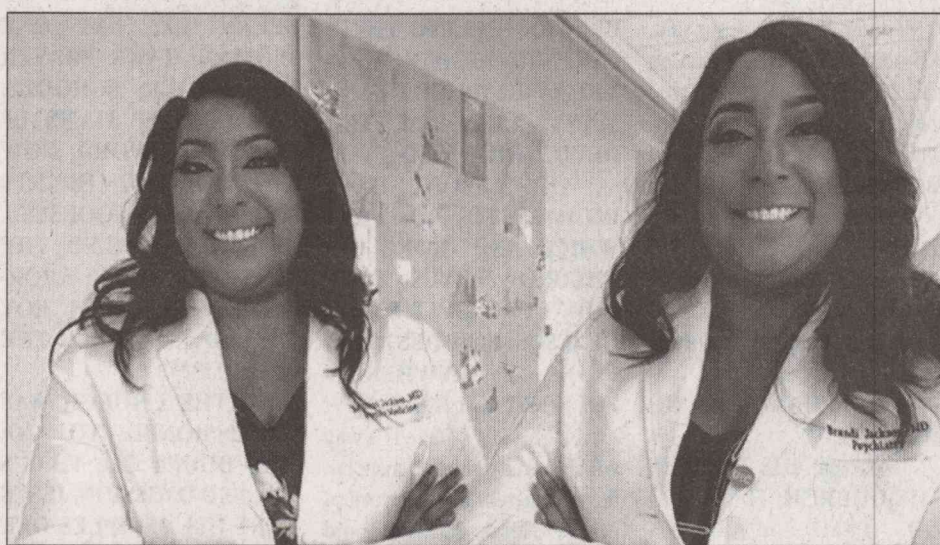
Fred spoke for a straight two hours and mesmerized the large crowd. I went up to him on the stage as they were braking up and told him we would like to come and visit him at his weekend headquarters the following Saturday. He said, “Come on down to “Chi” we would love to chat with you”. So, early Saturday morning we jumped into my little red Opal Cadette (Buick) and drove to the westside of Chi Town. They were expecting us and we had no problem getting into the Saturday morning breakfast meeting. Fred told us to just raise our hand when we wanted to speak or ask any questions.

We stayed a good two hours and learned a lot about the Chicago Black Panthers which was very differed than the Los Angeles or Bay area groups. Every Saturday morning they would sponsor free breakfasts for the local community and the kids would come in masses. To listen to the mesmerizing Fred Hampton on a full stomach was

# THIS N’ THAT c/o T. J. Patterson, Sr.

## THIS MONTHS’ FEATURED STORY:

### “Black Twin Sisters Makes History As First-Generation Doctors in Their Family”



Drs. Brittani and Brandi Jackson

Meet Drs. Brittani and Brandi Jackson, twin sisters who are both medical doctors working at the same hospital in the Chicagoland area. They are first-generation doctors in their family.

Growing up in Twinsburg, Ohio, the twins always showed interest in science. The two excelled academically in school while enduring racial discrimination as they were usually the only African Americans in their classroom.

Even though both of them graduated salutatorians at Twinsburg High School, it did not initially cross their mind to pursue a career in medicine because they said they had never seen a Black female doctor.

Black female doctor, it served as a major source of encouragement for them to attend medical school.

“It’s hard to envision yourself as something you don’t see. But as I got further into medicine, I realized that maybe I could be anything. At least that’s my hope,” Brittani told the Chicago Crusader.

The twins separated ways for the first time as Brittani went to the University of Michigan Medical School and Brandi went to Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine.

After completing medical school, they came back together at the University of Illinois, where they were both elected as

Chief residents — Brandi in the Department of Psychiatry and Brittani in the College of Medicine-Family Medicine.

In 2018, they launched a website that aimed to inspiring people of color to pursue a career in medicine. It served as an online community that allows users to submit questions related to health care that will be answered by medical professionals for free.

“For us, it’s not enough to say, ‘we made it.’ We want to help others do it too,” Brandi said. “It’s our way of giving back for the hundreds of people who have helped us on our journey through medicine. We want to pay it forward. We’re hoping to change the face of medicine, together.”

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## Estacado Booster Club Membership Drive

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## Canton, Ohio Swears in First Ever African American Fire Chief



The Canton Fire Department in Ohio has made history by hiring its first-ever African American fire chief for the first time in 200 years. Akbar Bennett was recently promoted as its first-ever African-American fire chief. Bennett, who is now 50-years old, has been with the Canton Fire Department for 29 years. He was a former combat medic with the Army National Guard before he joined the department

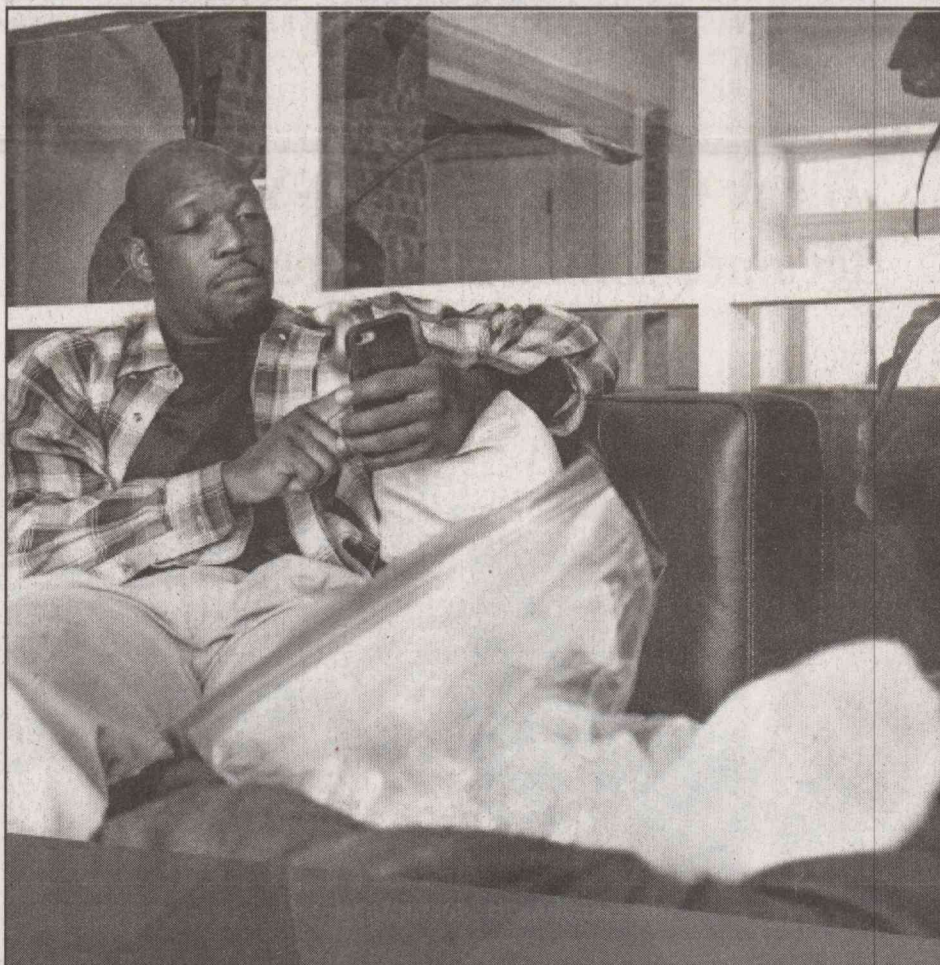
in 1993. He served with his two brothers, becoming the first family to have done so.

When he first took the exam to become a captain, he failed. But he did not give up and he continued working harder until he eventually became battalion chief and then division chief in 2015.

“I was the first black battalion chief, I was the first black assistant chief and so I happen to be the first black chief also,” Ben-

nett told Fox 8 News. “There’s a lot of firsts, don’t get me wrong, but the key is not to be the last and by that, I mean the key is to do a great job and so it’s not even an issue anymore.”

Bennett has served as the interim fire chief for a few months since Chief Tomas Garra retired on March 2. He was officially sworn in on April 26 and he plans to keep up the department’s operations, making it more inclusive than ever.



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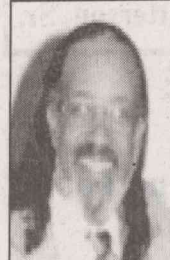
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## We Thank God For Jesus

"All Lives Matter To God"

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

Matthew 28:18,19, Jesus said, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go you therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world.

\*\*\*WHAT DOES GO MEAN???

Jesus sent HIS PEOPLE; THE CHURCH; IT WAS TO GO INTO A DYING WORLD. THEY WAS TO TELL OF THE GOOD NEWS; TO EVERY MAN, WOMAN, BOY AND GIRL!!!

John 3:17, Jesus said, For God sent not his son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved. \*\*\*DOES YOUR CHILD KNOW A SCRIPTURE IN THE BIBLE???

BUT THE CHURCHES; WANTED TO FOLLOW; A MAN WHO THE DEVIL; TOLD A DREAM. THE CHURCHES FOLLOWED; AND NOW IT A NIGHTMARE; THAT BEHIND THAT DREAM!!!

Romans 1:22,25, Professing themselves to be wise (THE CHURCHES), they became fools, and changed the glory of the uncorruptible God into an image made like corruptible man (M.L.K).

(RIGHTS WITHOUT RESPONSIBILITIES; LEADS TO VIOLENCE: ABORTION RIGHTS, KILL THE ABORTION DOCTOR RIGHTS, WOMAN'S RIGHTS, WHITE RIGHTS, BLACK RIGHTS, ROAD-RAGE RIGHTS, SHACKING RIGHTS, HOMOSEXUAL DEACON RIGHTS, DRIVE BY SHOOTING RIGHTS, RUN AWAY RIGHTS, NO SPANKINGS RIGHTS, BLACK SUICIDE RIGHTS,

BLACKS KILLING THEIR PARENTS RIGHTS. KILL THE FAMILY RIGHTS. AND MANY MORE OF THE DEVIL'S RIGHTS!!!)

EVERYBODY HAVE RIGHTS; TO DO THAT WHICH IS WRONG; IN THEIR OWN EYES. THEY DIDN'T FOLLOW THE WAY OF JESUS; NOW DESTRUCTION EVERYWHERE;-- FOLLOWING LIES!!!

Proverb 14:12, There is a way which seems right unto man, but the end thereof are the ways of death.---Hosea 8:7, The Lord said, They have sown the wind, and they shall reap the whirlwind.

The mothers and fathers; they give their children: THEIR RIGHTS; TO DO THEIR OWN THING. NOW THEY'RE IN THE JAILS; PRISONS; AND GRAVE YARDS; SHAME, SHAME, SHAME!!!

Matthew 19:14, Jesus said, Suffer the little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me: for of such is the kingdom of heaven. (ALL LIVES MATTER; TO THE LORD!!!)

(THE CHURCH RUNNING AROUND: TALKING ABOUT REGULATING GUNS;-- DO GUNS KILL???)-- THEN LETS REGULATE CIGARETTES;-- REGULATE OBEST;-- REGULATE TEXTING AT 70M.P.H.-- REGULATE ALCOHOL-- THEY'RE ALL KILLING GOD'S CHILDREN!!!

WHAT KILLED CAIN? HATE THAT WAS IN ABLE'S HEART!!! --O'YOU FOOLS!!! -- IT'S IN THE MINDS; AND HEARTS; OF MANKIND THAT KILLS!!!) (LET'S GO TELL; GOD SO LOVE; HE GAVE; HIS ONLY SON; JESUS CHRIST!! THE COWARD CHURCHES; DIDN'T

SPEAK UP; LET ONE WOMAN; TAKE PRAYER OUT OF OUR SCHOOLS, THEY DIDN'T STAND UP FOR GOD'S WORD; NOW THE KILLING HEARTS ARE IN THESE FOOLS!!! \*\*\*WHICH KILLED THE MOTHER'S BABY; ABORTION; OR THE BOY KILLED AT THE MALL???

(THE CHURCH WAS COMMISSIONED TO GO; AND DIDN'T GO; THAT'S CALLED OMISSION. JESUS SENT HIS DECIPLES OUT IN 2'S; WE ALL NEED TO GET ON ONE ACCORD; JESUS SAID; I AM THE WAY; AND HE DID GO INTO THE STREETS TO THE PEOPLE. DON'T JUST SET EVERY SUNDAY IN THAT CLEAN CHURCH BUILDING; GET OUT ON FUNKEY STREETS; WHERE THE COLD HEART SINNERS ARE!!!)

THE CHURCHES; RUNNING AROUND; LIKE A NO HEADED CHICKEN. TALKING ABOUT GUN CONTROL; IT'S THE HARDNESS OF THE HEART; THAT'S TAKING OUT CHILDREN SOULS!!!

(CHURCH STOP BEING LIKE THAT JONAH PREACHER; THERE IS A WORLD OUT THERE; THAT DON'T KNOW THEIR RIGHT HAND FROM THEIR LEFT HAND. THEY NEED TO KNOW JESUS!!!)

Matthew 23:37,37, Jesus said, O Jerusalem (CHURCH), you that kill the prophets, and stone them which are sent unto you, how often would I have gather your children together, even ad a hen gathers her chickens under her wings, and you would not! Behold, your house is left unto you desolate (FORSAKEN).

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## Black Girls Fly Too: 21-Year Old Becomes Ghana's Youngest Female Commercial Pilot



Ghana — Audrey Maame Esi Swatson is the youngest female commercial pilot in the country of Ghana, having obtained her commercial license at the age of 21. She is currently a First Officer with Passion Air in Ghana, operating the Dash 8 Q-400 aircraft.

Audrey started pursuing her passion in aviation when she was 18-years old. She attended the Mach1 Aviation Academy in South Africa for flight training where she also had her first solo flight just 1 year after.

She eventually obtained her Commercial Pilot License after completing a total of 210 hours that she has flown at age 21. She credits her education for her success.

"Apart from God and my parents, I owe everything I am and everything I hope to be to school. Without the education I have received during my lifetime, the friends I have met and have networked with, the great teachers that have been there for me since day one, I would not be able to move on to a more posi-

tive place in my life. I would not be able to have a chance to even become a pilot," Audrey said in a media interview.

Moreover, Audrey founded her own aviation company called Excel Aviation, where she serves as the CEO. She is glad to be given a chance to "inspire other children that whatever they dream of, they can actually be. Education has fulfilled me and I am a more positive person because of it."

Follow her on Instagram @DreySwatson

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He is a longtime supporter of the Lubbock MLK Little League and Lubbock Youth Football. He is a Charter Member of the 100 Black Men of West Texas and is an active member of the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.



## Willie Mays at 90 -- He was Steph Curry, Michael Jordan, Simone Biles and Mikhail Baryshnikov



Mays was one of the three great center fielders in New York, joining the Yankees' sensational Mickey Mantle and Dodgers Hall of Famer Duke Snider. But as Mantle once said, "Well, there were the two of us ... and then there was Willie." Ken Griffey Jr. made it even simpler. "I call him 'The Godfather of Center Fielders,'" Junior said. And what of those comparisons, that Griffey would be the next Mays?

To appreciate Willie Mays, the oldest living Hall of Famer at age 90, is to remember him at 20. When he joined the New York Giants in 1951, the game had never seen an athlete like him -- breathtakingly graceful, the greatest combination of power, speed and defense ever to wear a major league uniform. And 70 years later, to many, he remains precisely that.

"You'd sit on the bench and watch Willie Mays," Hall of Famer Reggie Jackson said. "It was so exciting just to watch him. People did that with Jim Brown. They did that with the acrobatics and greatness of [Michael] Jordan. It's like players today going to watch the pregame warm-ups of Steph Curry. To watch Willie warm up, to throw the ball underhand, to make a basket catch. The beauty and the grace. For the kids today, it was like watching Simone Biles. It was like watching [Mikhail] Baryshnikov. It was poetry in motion. It was so beautiful, so pretty, to watch this athlete just run on the field, catch a ball. I loved to play against Willie Mays because it meant that I got to watch Willie Mays."

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"In baseball, comparisons are always made, but I didn't compare myself to him," Griffey said. "But I also didn't not want to be compared to him, if that makes sense. You always want to be compared to the best."

Lon Simmons, a Hall of Fame broadcaster who called Giants games all 14 years that Mays played in San Francisco once the team moved west in 1958, said, "Willie was so good, the fans expected a miracle from him every day. So he gave them a miracle every other day."

Mays is generally considered not only the greatest center fielder of all time, but after Babe Ruth, the greatest player of all time. I once asked Doug Rader, a five-time Gold Glove third baseman for the Astros from 1967 to 1977 and a later big league manager, who was the best player he had ever seen. Rader laughed.

"Bill Mays, who else?" he said. Hall of Famer Juan Marichal agreed.

"Willie was the best, No. 1 all time ... and I know," Marichal said. "I was there for a lot of Willie."

Who else? Willie Mays was that good.

"He was magical," Hall of Fame catcher Johnny Bench said. "He was perfect."

"Best player I've ever seen," said Tim McCarver, a former catcher who played in four decades and later became a Hall of Fame broadcaster. "He could do all the things that other guys couldn't."

"He was the first player to have genuine swag," Astros manager Dusty Baker said.

There were five-tool players before Mays, but all of Mays' tools were among the best in the game, like a lead singer who wrote the songs and could also play all the instruments better than anyone in the band. Mays' 12 Gold Gloves are the most ever by a player in the 500-home run club. When he retired in 1973, he was third all time in homers after averaging 33 a year.

Indeed, he could play the piano and move it, too.

"He has all the same traits as Mike Trout," Pete Rose said. "But [Trout] doesn't have Willie's flair."

It almost wasn't fair. "Willie Mays was too good," former teammate Felipe Alou said.

Mays hit 660 home runs, now sixth most of all time. He had 3,283 hits, 11th most ever. He won two MVPs, 11 years apart. He had a .302 average, an OPS over .900 for 13 straight years, an OPS over 1.000 in five seasons. He won a National League batting title and four home run titles. He played 14 years in Candlestick Park, a big ballpark with swirling winds; in another home ballpark, he might have hit 700 homers. If he hadn't missed nearly two prime seasons to military service, he might have hit closer to 800. His swing was short and compact. He often stepped in the bucket, but could still cover the outside part of the plate.

Mays won 12 Gold Gloves. Consider this, though: They didn't begin being awarded until 1957; he could have won 16. He had tremendous speed, incredible range and got as good a jump on the ball as anyone ever.

## Willie Mays arrives at Oracle Park in style as San Francisco Giants celebrate his 90th birthday



Willie Mays rolled onto the field at Oracle Park in a 1956 Oldsmobile convertible on Friday night as the Giants celebrated his 90th birthday. Neville E. Guard/USA TODAY Sports

The San Francisco Giants turned their idyllic waterfront park into baseball's biggest birthday bash Friday night as the team celebrated Willie Mays turning 90 years old the day before.

Mays, baseball's oldest living Hall of Famer, took a victory lap of sorts around Oracle Park before the Giants' 5-4 victory over

the San Diego Padres, riding in a choice white and turquoise 1956 Oldsmobile convertible and waving his cap to a cheering crowd.

The field had a massive grass etching in center field of Mays in his backswing with the words "SAY HEY 90" next to it. Given the pandemic and last year's shortened MLB season, it was

Mays' first visit to the Giants' yard since 2019. Both teams stood at the top of their respective dugouts to salute Mays as he drove by in the pregame ceremony. A live video feed showing Bonds helping Mays cut a birthday cake was shown on the video board after the crowd sang "Happy Birthday" to Mays after the third inning.



# Obsequies

## Marion Darcel Benson

Celebration of Life Service was held Friday, April 30, 2021 at Faith First House of Hope at 1:00 p.m. Interment followed at the City of Lubbock Cemetery under the direction of Griffin Mortuary.

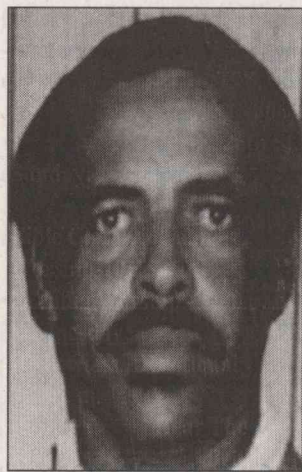
Marion Darcel Benson was born on February 10, 1959 in Lubbock, Texas to the parentage of August and Ruby Benson. She was a former student at Dunbar high school; and a member of Bethel A.M.E Church. She held a career with Aramark for more than 5 years. She leaves to mourn her passing her children: Algeria and Art-Tory (Kendra); grandchildren; her brothers: Wendell Phenix (Christy), Reginal, August III, Proctor, Mario, and Ali; her sisters: Ponizetta (Alvin), Camellia, Chanell (David), Mary



(Darell), Shirely (Frank), Takiyah (Edward), Olisa, Uchenna and a host of friends and family.



## Theophilus Watson Jr.



Jr., was born May 7, 1959 in Midland, Texas to the late Theophilus Watson Sr. and Trudie Vera Black. Theo attended high school at Midland High where he also played sports. His favorite sport was basketball.

Theo's legacy is succeeded to his daughters, LaQuisha Brown, LaDora Watson, LaZextria Watson, Brianna Watson, Desiree Hernandez, Theadria Hernandez, and son's TeWayne Brown, Theophilus Watson III and To-Byron Haynes; his 19 grandchildren, one grandchild on the way; and 6 great grandchildren; three sisters, Louvina Duson (Arthur),

Celebration of Life Service was held Saturday, May 1, 2021 at 11 a.m. at Mt. Gilead Baptist Church. Theophilus Watson was

## Freddie Lee Brown

Celebration of Life Service was held Tuesday, May 4, 2021, at 11 a.m. at Westside Cemetery under the direction of Griffin Mortuary.

Freddie Lee Brown was born to Johnny and Everlena Brown on January 18, 1933. Freddie Lee was a farmer for 70 years before retiring. He attended Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church, Lorenzo, TX, where he served as a trustee, active in the choir, and usher board. He leaves to cherish his memory; his wife, Betty Brown; three daughters, Lur-Wondah Edwards, Ella (William) O'Neal, and Karen (Craig) Mitchell; two sons, Joseph Brown and Jerry Brown; two brothers, Joe (Archie)



Brown and Frank Brown; eight grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren; a host of other relatives and friends.

## Janell Owens

Denver, CO formerly of Lubbock; Celebration of Life Service was held at 1:00 p.m. at the City of Lubbock Cemetery under the direction of Griffin Mortuary.

Janell Owens was born on January 7, 1947, in Mexia, Texas to E.J. Owens, Sr. and Allie Owens (Mayfield). Janell attended Dunbar High School in Lubbock, Texas and graduated in 1965.

Those left to cherish her memories and mourn her loss are: her sons, Jerrod Jackson and Joseph Jackson, Jr; grandchildren, Mario Jackson, Keke Jackson and Elijah Johnson; her Peaceful Rest Church family; and many other relatives and dear friends.



## Marion "Kenneth" McCafferty



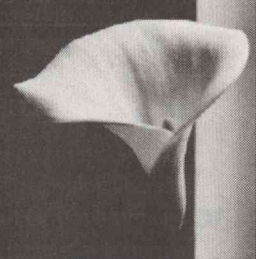
Celebration of Life Service was held Friday, May 14, 2021, at 11 a.m. at the City of Lubbock

Cemetery under the direction of Griffin Mortuary.

Kenneth attended Lubbock High School. He then joined the United States Army. He frequently shared stories of his time served in Korea as a Gunner. Kenneth is survived by his two sons, Bryan McCafferty and Jackie (Janell) McCafferty; five nephews, two nieces; a host of other relatives and friends.



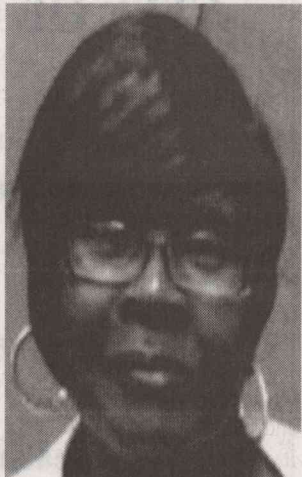
"What we once enjoyed and deeply loved we can never lose, for all that we love deeply becomes part of us."  
~Helen Keller



Ms. Sandra Kay Black and Ms. Teresa Smith; a host of family and friends.

Theo also has a special memory dedicated to common law wife, Irma Dawson.

## Margaret Murry

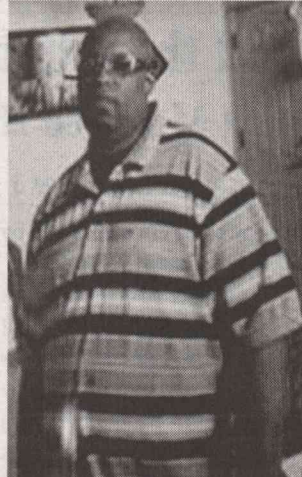


Celebration of Life Service was held Saturday, May 1, 2021,

at 1 p.m. at Ford Memorial. Private Disposition under the direction of Griffin Mortuary.

Margaret was born on January 28, 1951 to Goree Edmond and Mamie Murry. Margaret leaves to cherish her memories, one daughter, Monique Murry; honorary daughter, Pina Tanui; two sons, Shannon Murry and Ramon Murry; one brother, Bracie Jones; twelve grandchildren, four honorary grandchildren, two great-grandchildren; a host of other relatives and friends.

## Dedrick Deshun Robinson



Dedrick Deshun Robinson 38 passed away Sunday April 18th,

2021. He was born August 17 1982 in Lubbock TX to Ritchie L Robinson and Barbara N Bailey. He loved spending time with family and friends as well as his favorite thing to do is fishing.

He is preceded in death by sister LaTonya L Robinson. Those left to cherish is his parents Ritchie L. Robinson, Barbara N Bailey one sister Shaun (Coby) Charli Dillion his life partner his children Devon Deiontre Davonte Dezerae, and Dahryiah Robinson; and a host nieces nephews aunts uncle cousins and friends.

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## "A Shortcut Is Not Always That Short"

by Dr. James L. Snyder

I have always appreciated shortcuts in life. If I can find a shortcut, I will take it because time is valuable to me. I take pride in coming up with a shortcut that actually saves me time.

Last week I had to go clear across town for my appointment with my eye doctor.

My eye appointment went rather well, and I was happy with the results. I had made the appointment very close to the next appointment I needed on the other side of town.

As I left the doctor's office, I thought I would take a different route to go on the other side of town for my next appointment. I've lived in this town for quite a few years, and I thought I knew every street in this town. But I guess I didn't know everything I needed to know.

Driving down one block, I noticed a street to my right that I thought I recognized, and so I made the turn and followed that street. Then I came to a street that took another right, and so I followed that. As I was driving through, I didn't recognize anything that I could remember.

Just then, I saw a street sign to the right that I kind of remembered and gladly turned down that street believing I was going to get their way ahead of my

schedule and I would have plenty of time. I was smiling as I was driving down that street.

As I was driving, I recognized some of the buildings on both sides of the street and was very confident that I had it made.

My only regret was that I didn't have the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage with me to boast about my shortcuts. If there's one thing she doesn't like, it's my shortcuts. According to her, my shortcuts always create problems. Boy, I wish she was with me now!

The more I drove down the street, the more familiar the buildings became. And then I saw it and could not believe what I saw.

On the right side of the street was the eye doctor's office I had left about 20 minutes ago. I could not believe this was happening to me. Looking at my watch, I realized I'm not going to make my next appointment on time. I did not know what to do.

The only thing I could do at the time was call and cancel that appointment. The bad side is, I would have to explain to my wife why I canceled that appointment. When she hears of my shortcut plan, she is going to stare at me with one of "those stares" and then say, "What have

I told you about your shortcuts?"

I just couldn't put a new plan together that would solve the problems that I had right now.

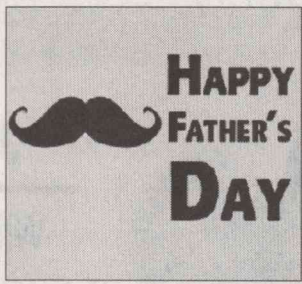
As I drove away from the eye doctor's office, I thought of what David said, "I will instruct thee and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go: I will guide thee with mine eye" (Psalm 32:8).

Sometimes I'm tempted to take a shortcut in my relationship with God. I sometimes think that I know better than God, and it always ends up in some level of tragedy.

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The church web site is www.whatafellowship.com. \*\*\*\*\*



## "Dad's Hands"

by Mary Fairchild



Dad's hands were king-size and strong. With his hands, he built our home and fixed all the broken things.

Dad's hands gave generously, served humbly, and loved mom tenderly, unselfishly, completely, unendingly.

With his hand, Dad held me when I was small, steadied me when I stumbled, and guided me in the right direction. When I needed help, I could always count on Dad's hands.

Sometimes Dad's hands corrected me, disciplined me, shielded me, rescued me.

Dad's hands protected me. Dad's hand held mine when he walked me down the aisle. His hand gave me to my forever love, who, not surprisingly, is very much like Dad. Dad's hands were the instruments of his great big, rugged-tender heart.

Dad's hands were strength. Dad's hands were love. With his hands he praised God. And he prayed to the Father with those big hands. Dad's hands. They were like Jesus' hands to me.



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## Shaq's Son, Shaqir O'Neal, Agrees to Play Basketball at an HBCU



The youngest of the O'Neal brothers, Shaqir stands at 6-foot-6. Shaqir is currently listed as a three-star recruit across multiple recruiting sites and is a shooting guard coming from Creekside Christian Academy in McDonough, Georgia.

Shaqir O'Neal, the youngest son of NBA Hall of Famer Shaquille O'Neal, has announced that he will be attending Texas Southern University (TSU) – an HBCU in Houston, Texas. By doing so, he joins Master P's son, Hercy Miller, and the sons of Deion Sanders who have also committed to supporting HBCUs instead of other colleges and universities.

During a recent interview, he commented, "I just wanted to change the narrative of culture

and do something new. A lot of people are going to follow me. You can expect a lot of buckets. I'm trying to get to the [NBA]." Shaqir also says that he is following the lead of his brother, Shareef, who also plays basketball for Louisiana State University, an HBCU located in Baton Rouge.

During the Instagram live video, he spoke about why he chose to attend an HBCU.

"I want to change the narrative and culture and do some-

thing new," Shaqir said. "You can expect a whole lot of buckets. I'm trying to get into the (NBA)," he said.

Howard Chen at KPRC reported that Texas Southern's current basketball team is coached by Johnny Jones, who was an assistant under Dale Brown when Shaquille played for LSU.

The TSU Tigers offered Shaqir a warm welcome and shared a video on Twitter embracing him.

Follow Shaqir on Instagram @ShaqirOneal

### Beyond the Rhetoric "The Night I Met Fred Hampton"

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On my way to school I would buy a Chicago Sun Times and a donut and then hitch-hike a ride to class. One cold morning (15 degrees) the bold print on the first page hit me like a ton of bricks. "Chicago PD Murders Fred Hampton". My mind was messed up for months. They broke into his bedroom and shot him multiple times as his pregnant wife laid next to him. It was a blatant assassination. The guy who was becoming my hero

was murdered in cold blood by the Police Establishment.

Prosecutor Hanrahan and his police goons did this without any recourse from the law officials. They all walked away "clean". A black hero was slaughtered and nothing was done about it. It was a message to all of us.

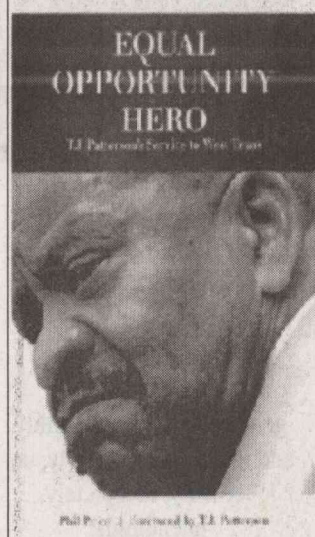
Fred Hampton is still regarded as a "Hero" and books and movies are still being made about him. It is too bad he could

not have blessed us with a full life. Things would be so different now. I learned the hard way of just how crooked our society is and how difficult any positive change is going to be made. HELP US JESUS!

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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.

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We are accepting comments on the 2021 Annual Plan and CFP plan until June 3, 2021 until after the public hearing.

Public Hearing June 3, 2021 at 5:00 pm via zoom

Address: 1708 Crickets Ave. Lubbock, TX 79401  
RE : Five-Year/Annual Agency Plan Submission and the Capital Fund Program Five-Year Action Plan

The purpose of this posting is to obtain input from the city residents in reference to the Annual Agency Plan Submission and the Capital Fund Program Five-Year Action Plan being submitted to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for fiscal year beginning October 1, 2021. Total funds being allocated for the year period are estimated to be up to \$8,516,805 for Operating Funds and \$912,374 annually for Capital Funds for a 5-year total of \$4,561,870 for Capital funds. The Annual Plan includes proposed changes to the Admissions and Continued Occupancy Policy (ACOP) and the Section 8 Administrative Plan (including a Rental Assistance Demonstration (RAD) conversion). Those changes are outlined in the Plan. Due to the Covid-19 for safety there will be a Public Hearing via Zoom on June 3rd at 5 pm to join go to: (See Below). All residents and other interested parties are encouraged to submit comments in writing by letter or email. The Plan will be available for review until June 3, 2021 during regular business hours prior to the public hearing at the addresses below, or online at [www.lubbockha.org](http://www.lubbockha.org). Persons can also submit written comments prior to the public hearing to:

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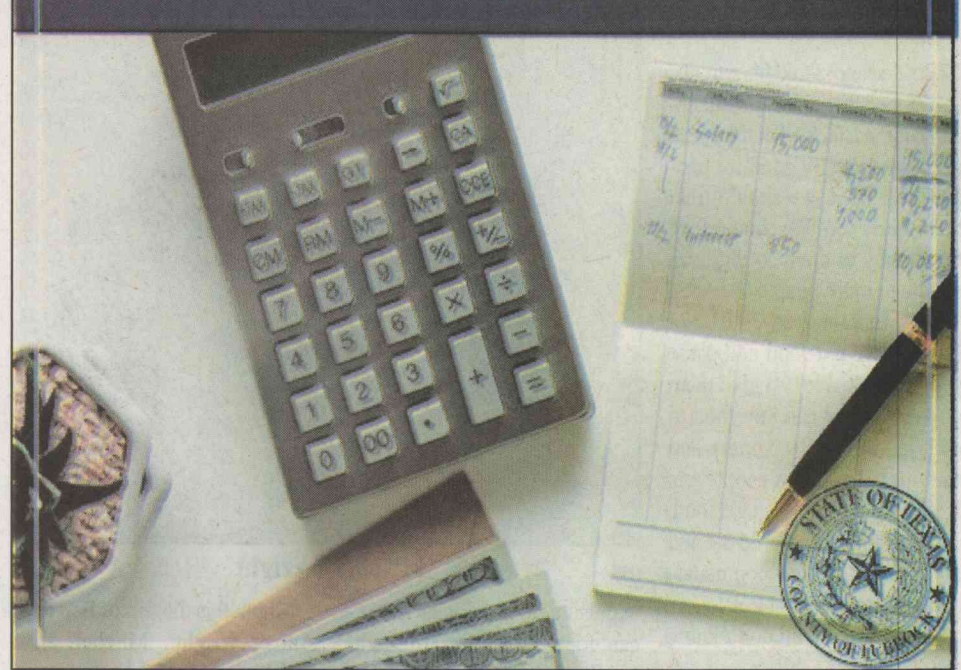

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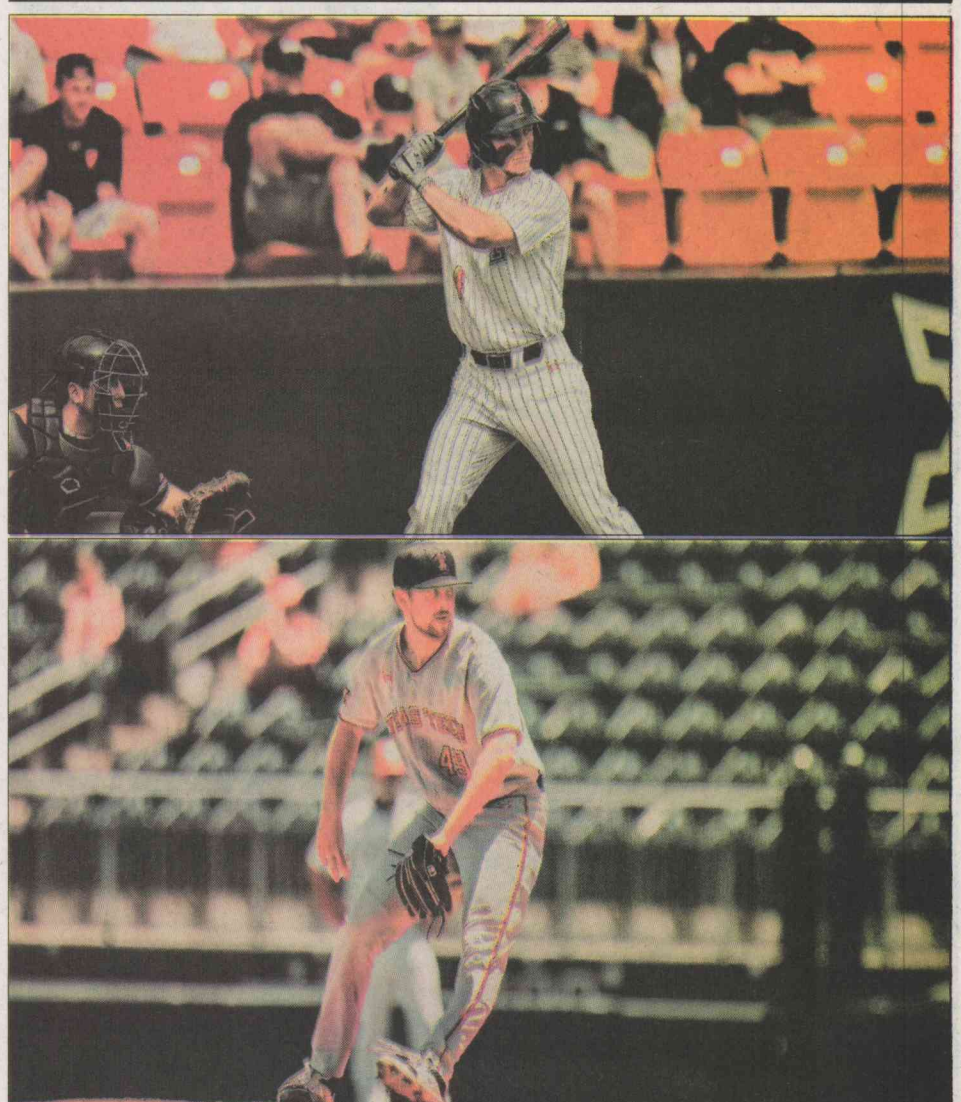
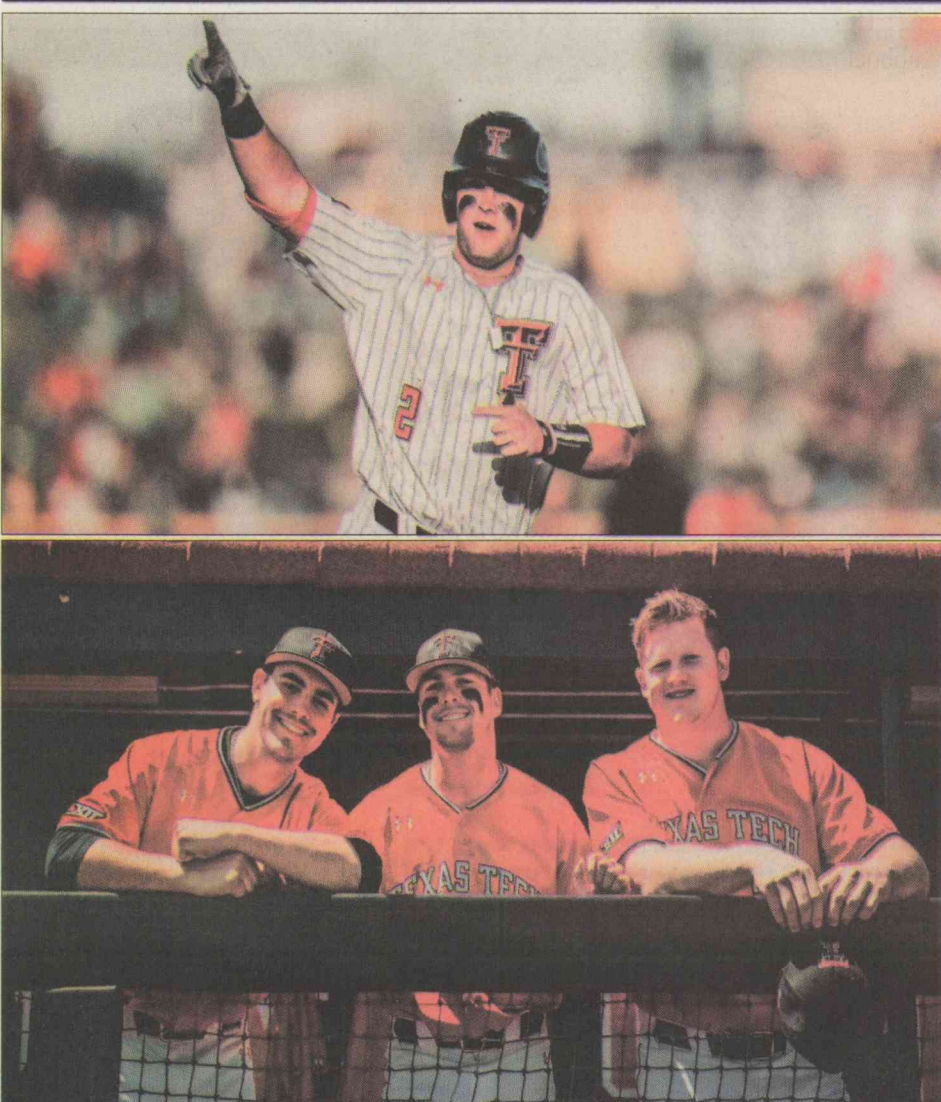
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## 2nd Grader, Mitchell Wright was moved by the Mission of the 'Black14' Organization to donate his money to help those in need!

Matthew 12:16 states: "Do you hear what these children are saying?" they asked him.

"Yes," replied Jesus, "have you never read,

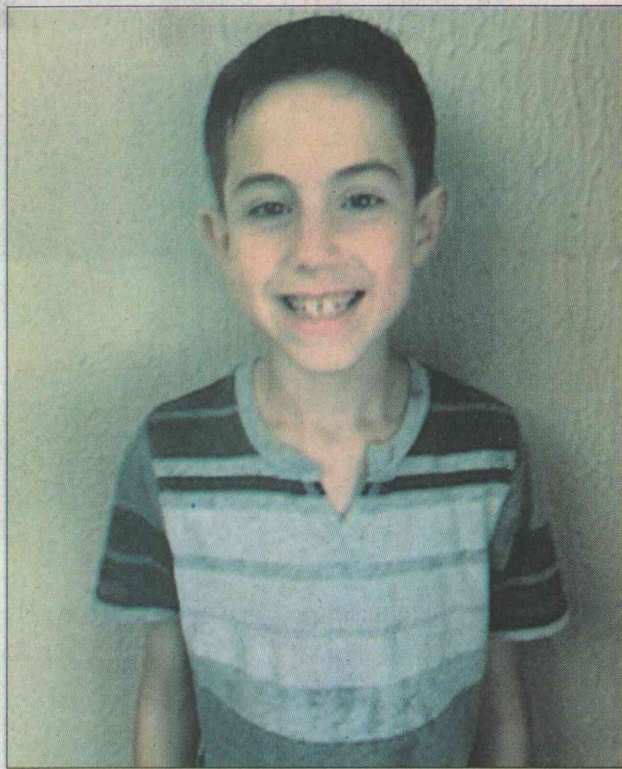
"From the lips of children and infants you, Lord, have called forth your praise?"

This 8 year old told his parents, "I watched that video (documentary) of the Black 14 and they've been doing really good for people. So I think we should treat them fairly too. We should give the money to them so they can donate to more people".

He went on to say, "It's not fair that we get food and some people don't. We can give them money so they can buy food to eat because they're hungry and starving, like a lot of people are. If all the people don't have food, eventually people would die and that's breaking the commandments 'thou shalt not kill'.

For those of you don't know the background history of the Black 14, This football team triumphs faded quickly from public memory when a controversy that fall linking sports, race, religion and protest politics swung the nation's news spotlights to Laramie, Wyoming at a time when Americans were already deeply divided over civil rights and the Vietnam War.

Controversy erupted over the



Mitchell Wright

expulsion of 14 African-American football players from the Cowboys' varsity team. They came to be known as the Black 14. Their mission is to provide food and education to underserved populations.

To read the full story surrounding the Black 14, please go to the following link: <https://www.wyohistory.org/encyclopedia/black-14-race-politics-religion-and-wyoming-football>

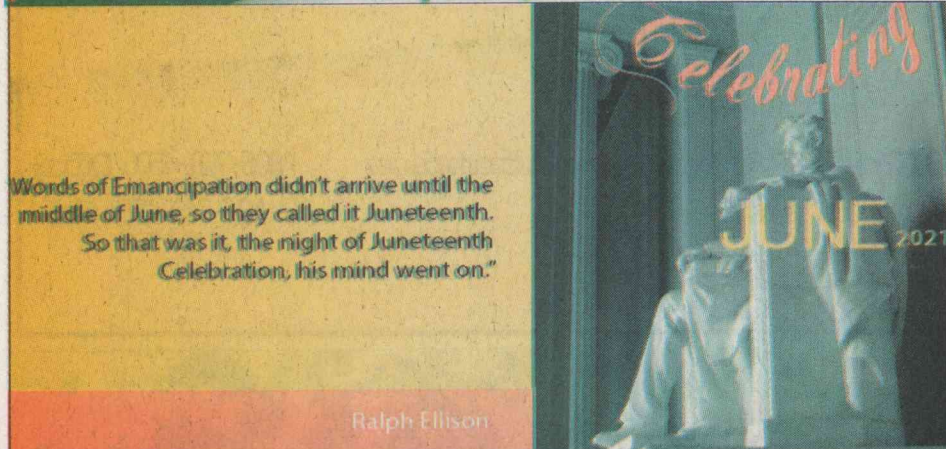
Mitchell is the son of Ben and Amber Wright. Mitchell also told his parents "I have gotten enough presents from 7 birthdays so this birthday should be about other people".

"Man that's really mean. Did that coach get fired? If I were one of those guys I would fire the coach".

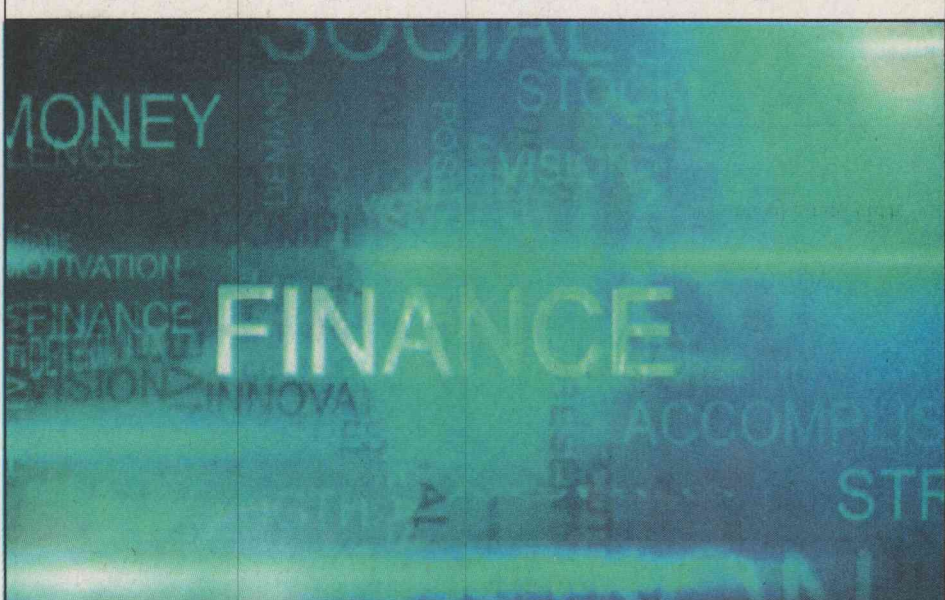
Mitchell likes to play basketball, jumping on the trampoline and running. Mitchell says he also likes to cook stuff.



The Black 14 mural by Adrienne Vetter in Laramie, Wyoming. The week of September 14, 2019, The University of Wyoming made a formal apology to the The Black 14 who, as members of the 1969 football team, were dismissed for wanting to wear black armbands as a civil rights protest.



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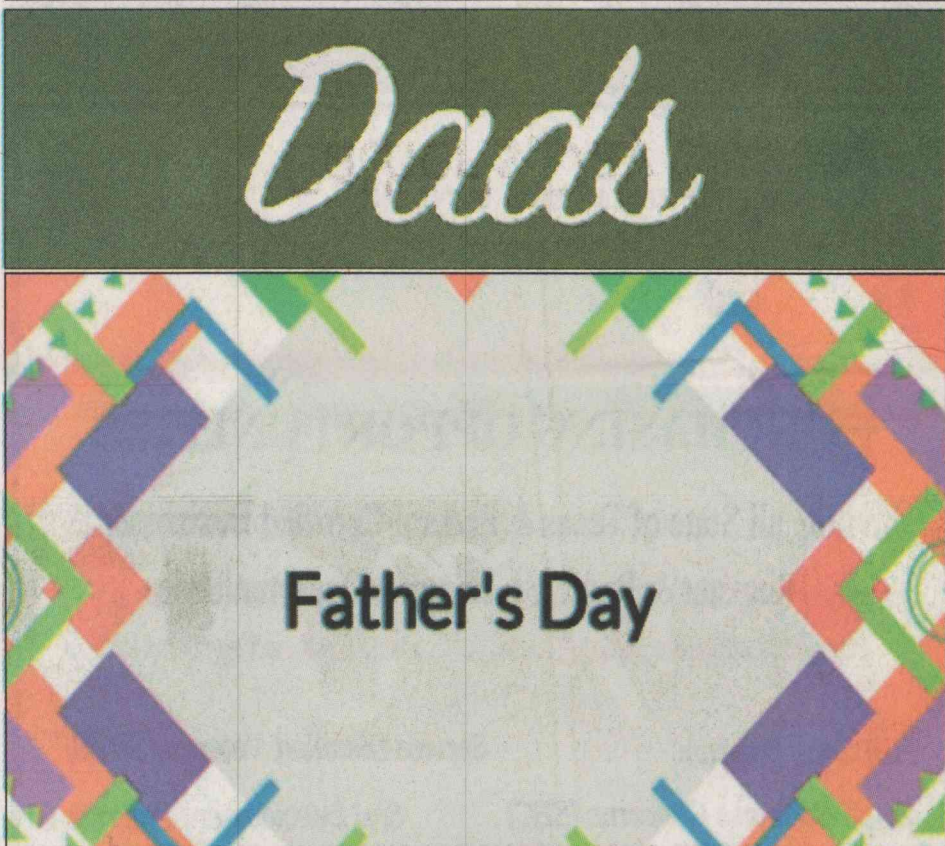
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