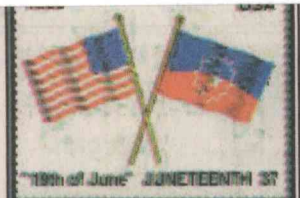




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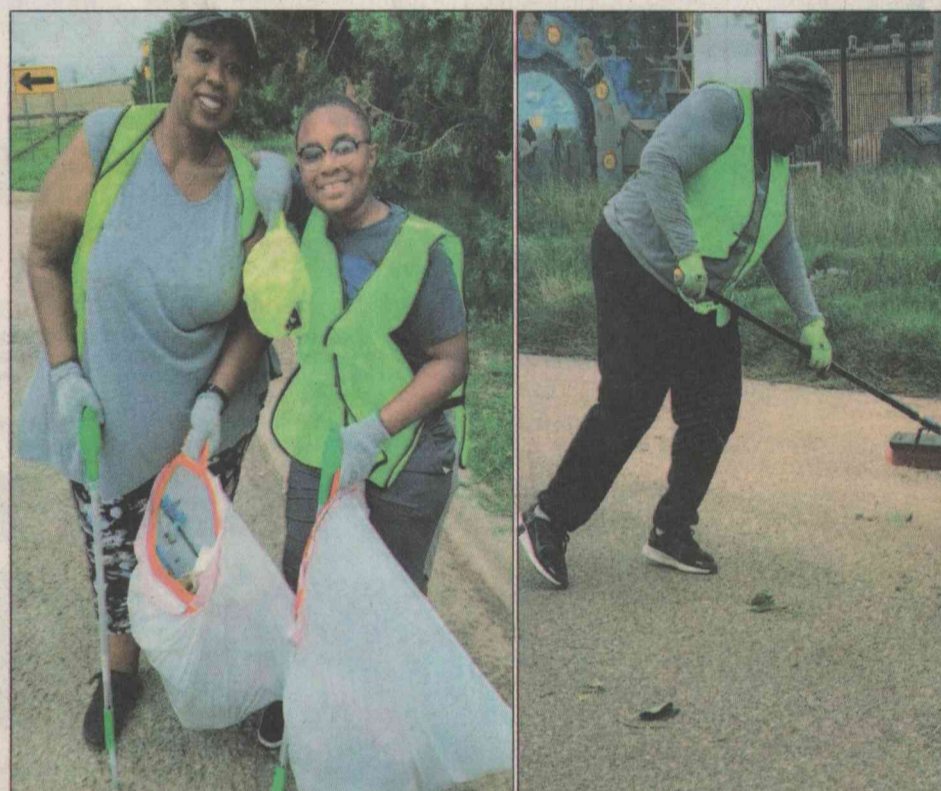
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- * Bayless-Atkins Neighborhood Association Every 4th Sunday @ 6pm 6501 University (YWCA)
 - * Hub City Kiwanis meets 1st & 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7 p. m., Lyons Chapel Baptist Church, East 24th Street & MLK Blvd.
 - * Dunbar Alumni Association 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.
 - * Yellow House Canyon Neighborhood Association Every 2nd Tuesday @ 6pm 4203 E. 63rd (1st Progressive)
 - * 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 The Patterson Branch Library
 - * Chatman Hill Neighborhood Association meets 2nd Thursday of every month at 6:00 pm at 902 E. 28th Street
 - * ROOTS meets every 2nd Saturday at 2:00 p. m. at 2301 Avenue A.
- * If you have an announcement or Ad about your organization, please advise us by calling (806) 762-3612 or e-mail: swdigest@sbcglobal.net**

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A Big "Thank You" Goes To The Chatman Hill Neighborhood Assn Clean-up Crew for Their Services



Pictured Left: Renee Cage, CHNA President is shown with her nephew, C.J., picking up trash in the Chatman Hill area. Pictured Right: Councilwoman Shelia Patterson-Harris, doing her part as a member of the CHNA, a concerned citizen and leading by example in representing District 2.

On behalf of the Chatman Hill neighborhood, the Southwest Digest would like to extend a heartfelt "Thank You" to the Chatman Hill Neighborhood Association Clean Up Team that worked so hard on Saturday, July 10th, to make our community neighborhood look so clean and inviting to live in.

These individuals gave of their time freely with great sacrifice. Each team consisted of

individual clean up assignments from picking up trash, sweeping the sidewalk areas and driveways, cutting down trees, and hauling off unwanted furniture.

These teams were also provided with a place to retreat to for water, bug repellent, paper towels/towels, and other items to help them be refreshed and ready for the next clean up area.

A special "thank you" goes out to the three gentlemen who

handled the hard labor of hauling off all unwanted furniture. Everyone involved in this clean-up were of various ages. Hats off to the children and young adults who lended their time to help out in our neighborhoods.

If you would like to take part in the marvelous clean up team ventures, please contact Renee Cage, CHNA president at: 806-777-4172
Thank you all once again!!!



Left to Right: Shaun Harris, Duke Holmes and John Taylor traveled from street to street collecting unwanted items from residents in the Chatman Hill area. These men did a wonderful job. Thank you!!



Gyna Bivens Named Mayor Pro Tem



District 5 Councilmember Gyna M. Bivens

District 5 Councilmember Gyna M. Bivens was unanimously elected mayor pro tem by her council colleagues Tuesday evening, June 22, 2021.

"I am delighted and humbled to serve in this capacity," Bivens said. "In addition to performing the general duties of mayor pro tem, I hope we can inspire all city workers and citizens to provide specific input on the challenges facing us as we address important topics such as the municipal budget, redistricting, COVID-19 recovery, the 2022 Bond election, and expanded use of the MyFW app."

Mayor Mattie Parker congratulated Bivens and described her as "an advocate, community leader, truth teller, friend, and the dean of our council."

Bivens serves as president and

executive director of North Texas Leaders and Executives Advocating Diversity, known as LEAD, a consortium of major employers in North Texas whose chief executive officers seek to increase diversity in their managerial ranks.

Bivens was previously corporate spokesperson for one of the nation's largest electric utility companies and was a television news reporter before being appointed public information manager for the City of San Antonio.

She has volunteered with many organizations, and was twice elected chairwoman of the board of directors for the Fort Worth Transportation Authority. Bivens began serving on the City Council on July 9, 2013. She will serve as mayor pro tem until Oct. 1, 2022.

Mrs. Annie L. Contee Celebrated her 98th Birthday, May 2021



Mrs. Annie L. Contee

Annie L. Contee turned 98 on her birthday, May 26, 2021. She has lived in Lubbock for over 60 years.

Mrs. Annie has 13 children, 48 grandchildren, 125 great grand children, 26 great great grand children and 5 great great grand children.

Our mother worked at West Texas Hospital, Texas Instruments and the Lubbock State School, per daughter, Jeanette.

She is the mother of Burford Wiley, Sheryl Wiley Henry, Arthur Wiley, Lee Dell Wiley, Annie L. Contee Griffin, Dolores Contee Taylor, Charles J. Contee, and Anthony J. Contee. Annie's first marriage was to Arthur Wiley Sr, who is now deceased. Annie's second marri-

age was to Charles Dean Contee Sr., who is also deceased.

She also had some children who have passed away; Washington Wiley, Floyd D. Wiley, Ezar J. Wiley Holder, Charles D. Contee Jr & Carolyn A. Contee.

She is so loved by her children and others. We want to thank you for being the strong woman you are, a mother who is patient enough to listen to our issues and help guide us through them.

We thank God most of all for allowing us all to still be able to talk to, listen and see our mother who is in better shape than all of her children.

**We love and appreciate you Mama!!!!!!
From the Contee Children**

EACH ONE REACH ONE PRESENTS A Day of Food, Fun and Praise "GOSPEL CELEBRATION 2021"

Each One Reach One presents A Day of Food, Fun and Praise! On August 14th & 15th, 2021, EORO will sponsor A Gospel Celebration Concert that will be held at the New Triumph Missionary Baptist Church in Slaton, Texas.

This event will take place over two days. On Saturday, the

14th, there will be a Fish Fry, meet and greet event beginning at 5:00 pm and on Sunday, the 15th, will be the Pastor & Wife Anniversary that will begin at 3:00 pm, followed by free food and fellowship.

The address for these events is at 905 S. Johnson Street in Slaton, Tx., where the proud

Pastor is Rickey Peques. The public is invited.

For further information regarding this event, you may contact Ms. Faye Brown-Dunn at 806-831-9986.

The concert will feature: Mrs. Deborah Barnes-Moss, Mrs. Porsha Vidaurre and Rev. Buddy & Company! Come One & All!

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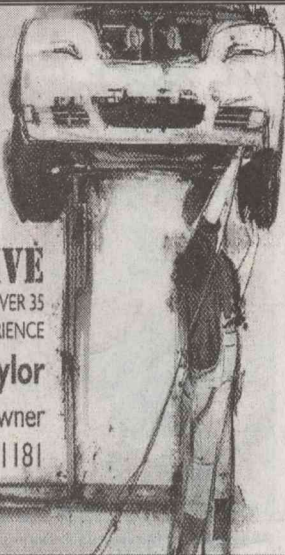
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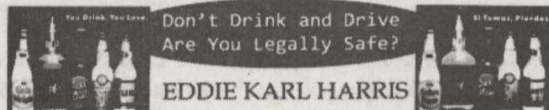
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Amerigroup Health Screenings
Aug. 11th & 12th at 9a.m. - 1p.m., Ages 50+
Mae Simmons Senior Center.

Amerigroup is hosting health screenings for our seniors this August on Wednesday and Thursday August 11th and 12th. Free.

Just Men in the Kitchen
Aug. 28th at 9:00 a.m., Ages 21+
Mae Simmons Community Center
Join us for this ongoing series teaching men how to cook, grill, and smoke meat. \$5 per class.

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



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In Cinque

By Renetta Howard

“THE DELTA VARIANT”

With all of the relaxation, some of us believe the pandemic is over. It may be a great awakening to some of us, that the DELTA VARIANT of the COVID-19 is a pandemic in itself! I understand that individuals whom have had the recommended two doses of the Pfizer or the Moderna and one of the Johnson vaccines are pretty much protected after three weeks of having the last dose of the vaccine. The thing worrying the Center for Disease Control (CDC) right now is the number of people who have not had a vaccine and do not plan to get one.

It seems that this situation has its roots in the followers of ex-President Donald Trump, whom has said that people who believe the election was stolen do not trust the government, as well as they are opting for voter restrictions because of their beliefs in fraud.

It is amazing how one unlearned individual can capture so much support from educated people. I am sad to say that a relative of mine with a college degree is refusing to get a vaccination. I pray for him and constantly remind him to get the vaccination, but so far, to no avail.

Science has proven that the Delta Variant is attacking individuals whom have NOT had a vaccination and especially the

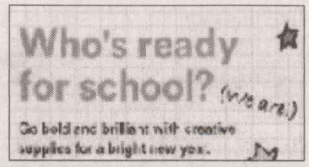
young adults. Some are not surviving and are counted daily among the dead. It is known that some individuals whom are fully vaccinated have been tested as positive with the virus.

It is said that having the vaccination is an asset as those whom have had the vaccination are likely to survive with less hardship than those whom have not been vaccinated. Therefore, it pays to get a vaccination.

The endurance of a vaccination is not known yet. But Pfizer is working on a booster as the early prediction was that a vaccination would be good for at least six months. Hopefully, a determination will soon be made, because I feel that those individuals whom have been fully vaccinated and still get the Delta Variant probably had their vaccinations in January or February.

July would be the target date for a January booster vaccination and August for a February booster vaccination. Let us get ‘in cinque’ and pray that the booster is soon ready for delivery because I have felt long ago that I need one.

THE PANDEMIC IS NOT OVER!



Beyond the Rhetoric

By Harry C. Alford & Kay DeBow

“Overcoming Barriers Through Education Keep a Careful Eye on the Higher Education Act”

As the country watched in amazement while President-elect Joe Biden and Vice President-elect Kamala Harris solidified their lead in the historic 2020 election with record voter turnout, there was a new demographic represented – a woman of color who will be in the position to help lead our nation through one of our most trying economic and political times. And this woman attended one of our nation’s historically black colleges), Howard University, to boot! As the first female, first Asian American and first Black vice president in this nation’s history, her path to success is an important reminder of the value of higher education.

Indeed, like many before them, these newly elected Democrats are committed to prioritizing expanded access to quality education, which is something those of all political persuasions can get behind. How we do this is much debated and it’s critical the new administration’s higher education agenda is devoid of red-tape and overreach, so that all types of students, regardless of their backgrounds or economic standing, are able to receive the education they seek.

One policy that opened higher education access for disadvantaged, lower income demographic is the Higher Education Act (HEA). The HEA was signed into law by President Lyndon Johnson in 1965 and was intended “to strengthen the educational resources of our colleges and universities and to provide financial assistance for students in postsecondary and higher education”.

Significantly, it created low-

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THIS MONTHS’ FEATURED STORY: “First African American to Win National Spelling Bee Overwhelmed With Scholarship Offers”



Nationwide — Zaila Avant-Garde, a 14-year old from Harvey, Louisiana, has made history as the first African American winner of the Scripps National Spelling Bee. Since then, universities from all across the country have been offering her full-ride scholarships.

Zaila won the historic championship after correctly spelling the word “Murray,” a type of tree, in the final round. She bested 208 contestants from 5 countries. Soon thereafter, Zaila began receiving full-ride scholarships one after another.

Southern University President Ray L. Belton took to Twitter, “I am pleased to announce that @Southern_BR is offering #ZailaAvantgarde a full scholarship and “#Zaila Day” at SU, part of the nation’s only #HBCU system. Our student leaders, faculty, and alumni look forward to meeting with you. We welcome

you to the #JaguarNation!”

Louisiana State University President William Tate also wrote on Twitter, “Zaila Avant-garde @basketballart performed at the highest level in the National Spelling Bee. Your academic performance reflected scholarship first! You modeled intellectual excellence. @LSU_Honors awaits. I write to offer you a full scholarship to attend LSU. Here for you!”

Louisiana Community and Technical College System posted on its Facebook page, “In celebration of her incredible performance at the National

Spelling Bee, LCTCS is proud to offer Zaila Avant-garde a full scholarship to any Louisiana community and technical college. We believe our programs, such as aerospace technology, would be a great fit for you.”

Meanwhile, Zaila, who also holds 3 Guinness World Records for her basketball skills, expressed her interest to attend Harvard University to play college basketball. She plans to pursue a career in Neuroscience or Gene Editing. She says wants to either work for NASA one day or play for the NBA.

terest loans for students. This access to financial support has been the lifeline for many low-income students. Without federal student aid, they would not otherwise be able to attend college. Quite simply, their families cannot afford to pay the costs of college. Despite the progress in 1965, Congress has repeatedly failed to reauthorize the HEA. We must now capitalize on our current momentum and make

changes that drive expanded access and support for our low income, and often minority, students.

While most low-income students and their families have little or no money to contribute towards their education, it is an ironic twist that politicians layered in a controversial directive resulting in a formula that required at least ten percent of the money institutions received

from students with Title IV benefits to include sources other than federal student aid. This policy counteracted the very purpose of Title IV and similar aid programs. The “90/10 rule,” as known in common parlance, instead hampers incentives for schools to enroll too many low-income, Pell grant-eligible, and Title IV aid dependent students—the very people Title IV is

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August 11th

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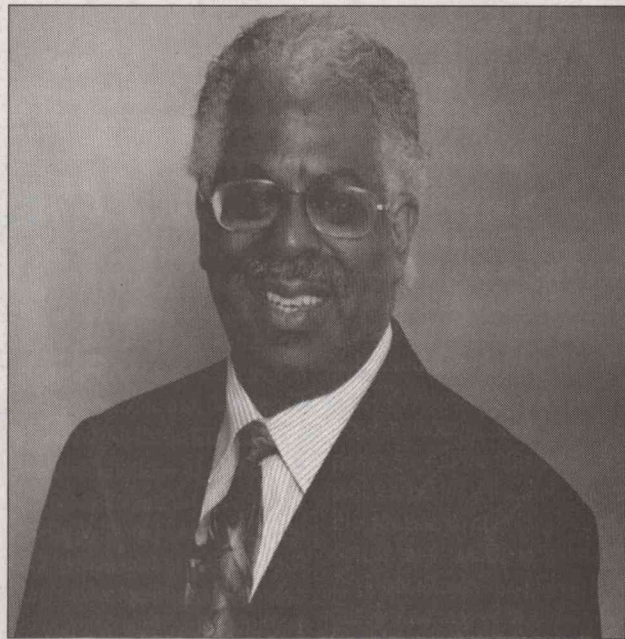
Longtime Fort Worth Metropolitan Black Chamber leader Devoyd Jennings dies

Devoyd “Dee” Jennings, longtime president and CEO of the Fort Worth Metropolitan Black Chamber of Commerce has died.

A native of Fort Worth, Jennings grew up supporting the gold and blue at I.M. Terrell High School, graduating in 1966. He was part of the legendary Coach Robert Hughes 1965 state basketball championship team at I.M. Terrell. He enrolled at Tarrant County College and later attended Texas Wesleyan University, graduating with a degree in marketing in 1971.

In 1973 he began a 27-year journey with TXU as a Community Affairs Specialist and was the first Black lobbyist for Texas Electric.

Jennings helped create two stand-alone organizations that directly benefit minority development – the William Mann Community Development Corp., a financial lending agency; and Southeast Fort Worth Inc., a community development agency that fosters de-

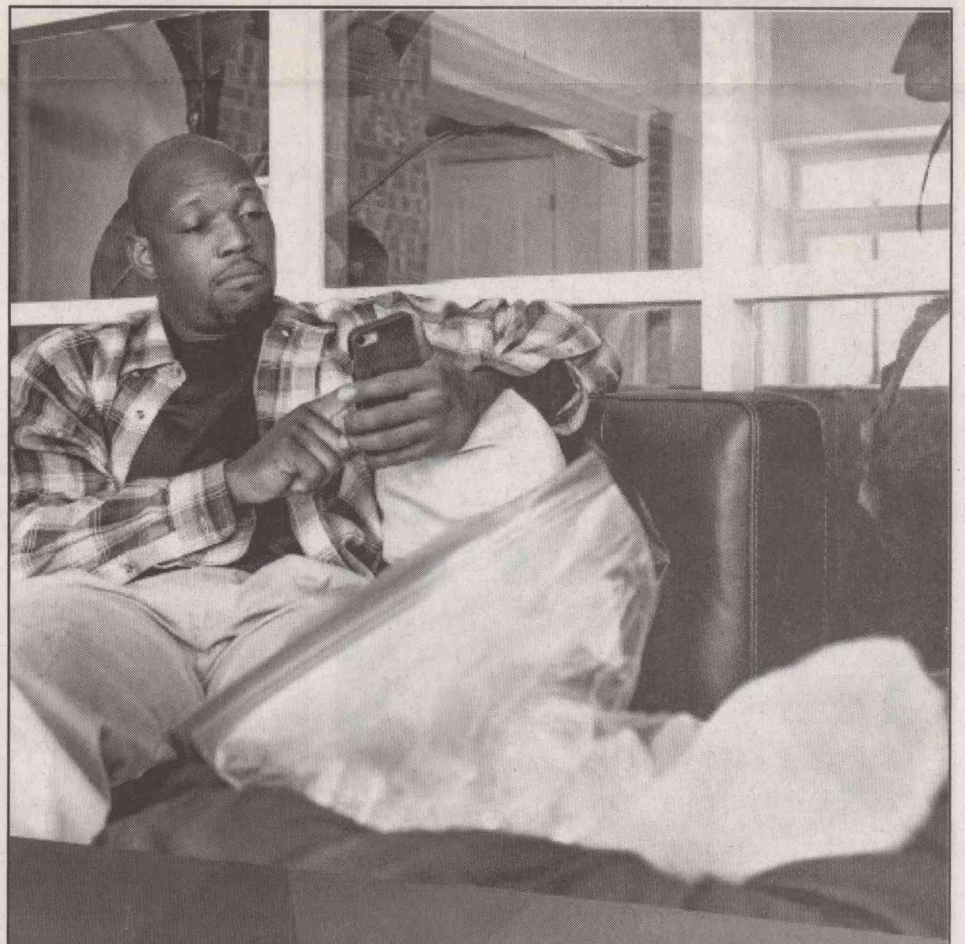


Devoyd “Dee” Jennings

velopment in east and southeast Fort Worth specifically. He’s also worked with government bodies and others such as the city of Fort Worth, Arlington, JPS Health Network, Tarrant County and the Fort Worth ISD to help establish minority and women-owned business enterprise goals. “Dee Jennings was a

pillar of the Fort Worth community, a true friend and inspiration to so many, including my own family,” said Fort Worth Mayor Mattie Parker.

“We have lost one of our larger-than-life community leaders in Fort Worth today,” said U.S. Rep. Marc Veasey, D-Fort Worth. Continued on Page 4



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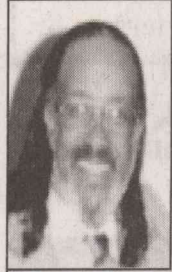
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We Thank God For Jesus

"Jesus' Salvation Is Not In The Churches"

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

Matthew 8:25, 26a, Jesus' disciples came to him, and awoke him, saying, Lord, save us: we perish. And he said unto them, Why are ye fearful, O you of little faith?

MANY PEOPLE BELIEVE, BY GOING TO CHURCH; IS THE ONLY WAY YOU CAN BE SAVED. BUT CHURCHES HAVE NO SALVATION IN THEM; AND WILL SEND THEM TO THEIR HELL GRAVE!!!

John 3:16, Jesus said, For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son (JESUS), that whosoever believe (TRUST) in him should not perish (IN THE LAKE OF FIRE), but have everlasting life (IN HEAVEN).

*** JESUS' HEALING WAS NOT DONE IN CHURCHES!!!!**

IN YOUR READING YOU REMEMBER; THE WOMAN WITH THE ISSUE OF BLOOD. SHE DIDN'T GO TO THE CHURCH; AND SHE COULDN'T; BUT JESUS HEALED HER IN LOVE!!!

Mark 5:27, 29, When she heard of Jesus, came in the press behind, and touched his garment. And straightway the fountain of her blood was dried up; and she felt in her body that she was healed of that plague. ***HAVE YOU BEEN HEALED???— GO TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN!!!!**

YOU REMEMBER WHEN: PETER WALKED ON THE WATER; AND LOOKED THE OTHER WAY.

HE BEGAN TO SINK; AND CRIED UNTO THE JESUS; AND HE WAS SAVED!!!

Matthew 14:30,31, But when he saw the wind boisterous, he

was afraid; and beginning to sink, He cried, saying, Lord, save me. *** JESUS SAVED HIM ON THE WATER!!!!**

YOU REMEMBER THE WOMAN; WANTED WATER IN HER PITCHER: WENT TO THE WELL.

SHE MET JESUS; HE GAVE HER LIVING WATER; AND THE WHOLE TOWN; SHE DID GO TELL!!!

John 4:28,29, The woman then left her water pot, and went her way into the city, and said unto the men, come, see a man, which told me all things that I ever did: is this not the Christ?

YOU REMEMBER 10 LEPROUS WAS CLEANSED; AND ONE CAME BACK; TO GIVE GOD THE GLORY.

THE BOTTOM LINE IS; SALVATION IS ONLY IN JESUS; AND THAT'S THE WHOLE STORY!!!

Luke 17:17,18, Jesus said, were there not ten cleansed? But where are the nine? There are not found that returned to give glory to God, save this stranger. ***WILL YOU GO AND TELL IT?***

YOU REMEMBER WHAT JESUS SAID, GO TELL OF SALVATION; TO THE WHOLE WORLD.

TELL THE GOOD NEWS OF JESUS; TO ALL THE MEN, WOMAN, BOYS AND GIRLS!!!

Matthew 29:19 Jesus said, Go you there, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.

(BUT THE CHURCHES DID GO; BUT STARTED TEACHING, HUMAN RIGHTS, CIVILS RIGHTS, EQUAL RIGHTS, WOMAN

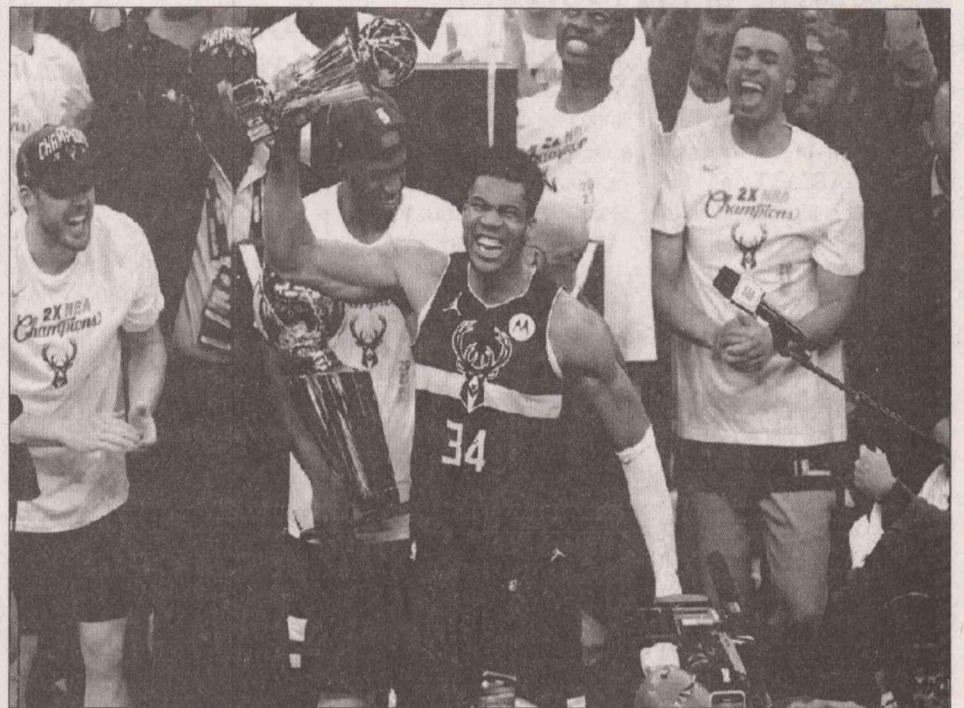
RIGHTS, HOMOSEXUAL RIGHTS, DEFUND THE POLICE RIGHTS, BLACK RIGHTS, FISH FRY RIGHTS, CAR WASH RIGHTS, CAKE BAKING RIGHTS, CHURCH ANNIVERSARY RIGHTS, PASTOR AND WIFE ANNIVERSARY RIGHTS. ALL THESE RIGHTS; ARE LIKE THE ONES ADAM AND EVE HAD IN THE GARDEN; THEY TOO MADE THE WRONG CHOICES; BY DISOBEYING GOD'S WORD. NOW LOOK AT OUR CHILDREN; THEY LIKE SAVAGES; THEY WANT THEIR RIGHTS; TO DO THAT WHICH IS WRONG; IN HIS OWN EYES;— IT'S NOT RIGHT!!!)

COLOSSIANS 3:8, beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ.

Luke 13:34, 35, Jesus said, O Jerusalem, CHURCH, Jerusalem (CHURCH), which kills the prophets, and stone them that are sent unto you; how often would I have gathered my children together, as a hen do gather her brood under her wings, and you would not! Behold, your house (CHURCH) is left unto you desolate: and verily I say unto you, you shall not see me, until the time come when you shall say, Blessed is he that come in the name of the Lord.



The Milwaukee Bucks Are Your 2021 NBA Champions



This is the Bucks' first championship since 1971.

The Milwaukee Bucks have officially won the 2021 NBA Championships, marking the team's first Larry O'Brien Championship Trophy in 50 years. This is only the second time in franchise history that the Bucks have taken home the championship title.

The Giannis Antetokounmpo and Khris Middleton-led team capped off their successful season run with a victory over the Phoenix Suns, 105-98 on Tuesday's Game 6 of the NBA Finals. The Bucks' 26-year-old behemoth, also known as the Greek Freak, scored a career and playoff-high of 50 points, 14 rebounds and five blocks on the home court in Milwaukee. The championships marked the rise of Antetokounmpo who also won the year's Most Valuable Player Award.

The Greek native has now won a championship with the team that drafted him and in his eight-season in the NBA. The win fills a large gap in his already stacked resume that sees the player as a five-time All-Star and a Defensive Player of the Year winner. The previous two seasons saw the Bucks finish as the top contenders in the Eastern Conference. However, they were consistently eliminated in the playoffs before the finals, that is until this year.

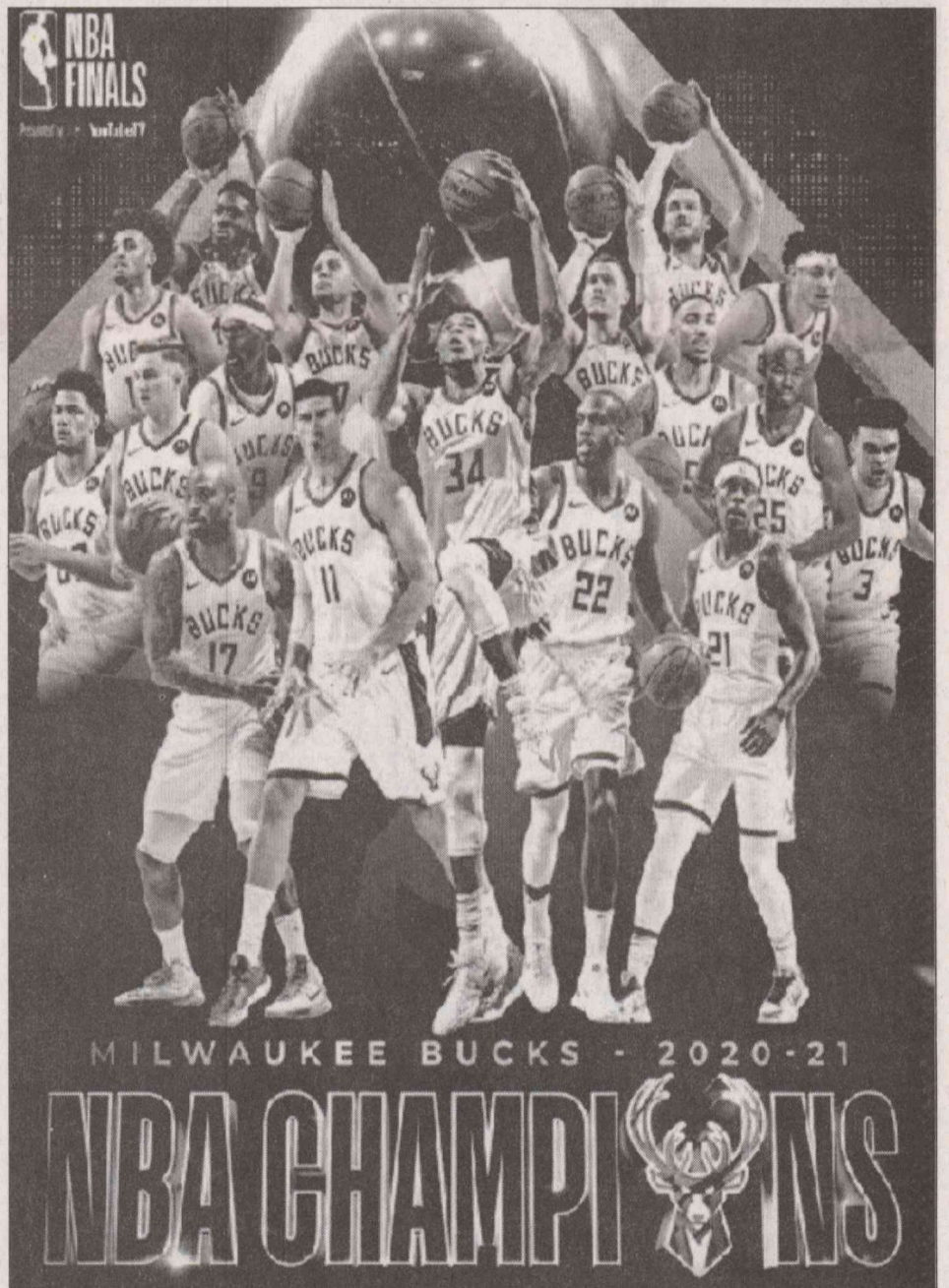
This regular season, the Bucks finished third in the ECF behind the Brooklyn Nets and the Philadelphia 76ers. Earlier this season, the Bucks took a gamble and acquired P.J. Tucker from Houston Rockets to beef up their own defensive and offensive strategy.

The Suns initially lead the

2021 NBA Finals best-of-seven series with a 2-0 lead. However, the Bucks came back winning the next four games, resulting in "Bucks in six" win. This was the Bucks' first NBA finals appearance since 1974 and the Suns' third appearance in the finals, with the most recent being in 1993.

The changes the Bucks have made over the course of the past few seasons have evidently paid off. In a post-game interview after Milwaukee's victory in Game 4, Giannis said, "I got to move on. I got to keep making winning plays. I got to keep competing. I got to keep finding ways to help my team be great."

Giannis stayed true to his words and as a result, brought home the Larry O'Brien Championship Trophy to Milwaukee Bucks.



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I pray for each of our students that are starting a new school, hoping to make new friends and especially those kids who struggle with social interactions.

I pray for those students who have moved to a new area and are starting over- that they would find a warm welcome in their new environment.

Lord, we lift up those who have been out of their "normal" school environment for a long time, and are anxious to resume school as they once knew it.

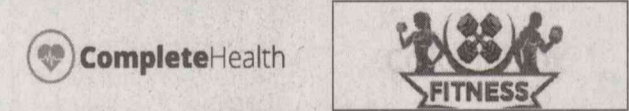


Devoyd "Dee" Jennings
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"My sincerest condolences to Gwen Barbee and the family of Devoyd Jennings, President of the Fort Worth Black Chamber of Commerce and proud I.M. Terrell alumni."

"Devoyd Jennings was not only a very close friend, advisor and confidant he had an unwavering commitment to the City of Fort Worth and particularly the African American community. He chose to spend his life promoting the economic interest of our city," said Glenn Lewis, chair of the board at Texas Wesleyan University and a past board member and chair of the board of the Fort Worth Metropolitan Black Chamber of Commerce. Lewis was a member of the Texas House of Representatives from 1995 to 2005.

"I'm saddened to hear about the passing of my friend Dee Jennings," said U.S. Rep. Roger Williams, R-Austin. "Dee gave so much to the community. While he will be missed, his legacy lives on in Fort Worth."



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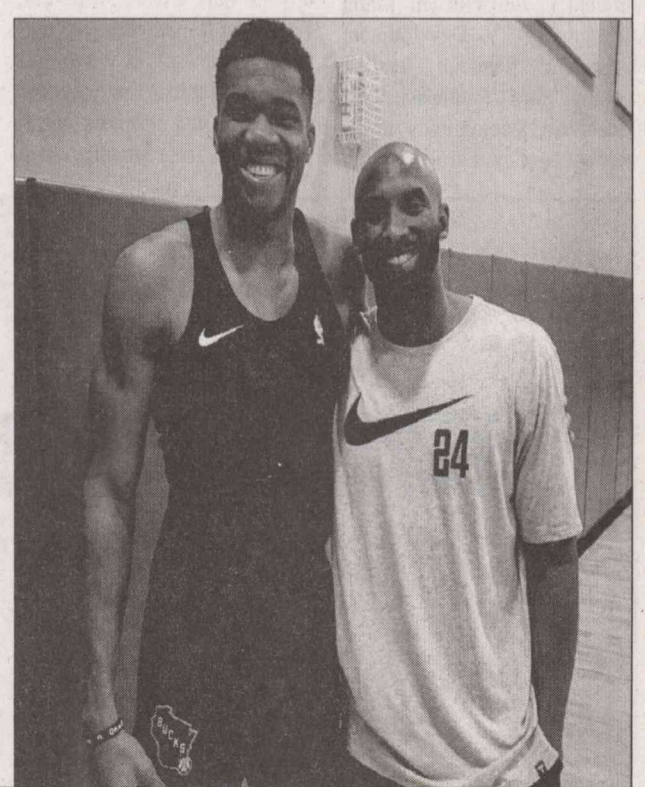
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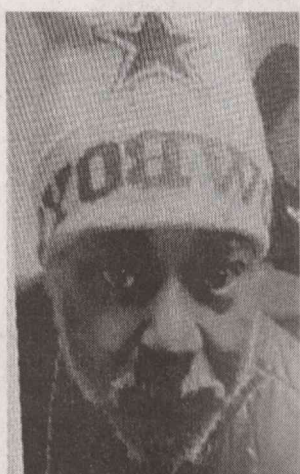


Obsequies

Donald Ray "Donnie" Johnson

Donald Ray "Donnie" Johnson, 57, passed away Monday, June 28, 2021. Celebration of Life Service was held Tuesday, July 13, 2021, at 12 noon at the City of Lubbock Cemetery under the direction of Griffin Mortuary.

Donald was born on June 29, 1963, to Herbert, Sr. and Wavie Johnson. Donald was a truck driver for many years, and he loved the Dallas Cowboys. He leaves to cherish his memory; one brother, Herbert Johnson, Jr. (Trena); four sisters, Gloria Lee (L.C.), Colleen Johnson, Barbara Johnson, and Angela Mosley; four daughters, Angela Ferrell, Donnetta Johnson, ShaNora Johnson, and Erica Johnson; three sons, Jackie Cubit, Joshua Cubit, and Donnie Johnson, Jr.; thirteen grand-



children; a host of other relatives and friends.



Esther T. Vega



Esther T. Vega, 64, passed away Tuesday, June 22, 2021. Celebration of Life Service was held Friday, July 9, 2021, at 1:00 p.m. at St. Patrick's Catholic

Church.

Esther was born on March 17, 1957, to Refugia Segura Cuca and Victor Segura, Sr. in Paducah, TX. She enjoyed spending time with her family. She leaves to cherish her memory; her husband, Diego Cruz; two daughters, Guadalupe Rosas (Luis) and Victoria Vega (Manuel); one son, Victor Vega (Wendy); one sister, Norma Serna (David); three brothers, Pedro Trevino (Barbara), Victor Segura, Jr. (Virginia), and Richard Segura (Minerva); thirteen grandchildren, ten great-grandchildren; a host of other relatives and friends.

Lisa Jean Adkins

Lisa Jean Adkins, 55, passed away on Thursday, July 8, 2021. Celebration of Life Service was held Wednesday, July 21, 2021, at 1:00 p.m. at St. John Baptist Church. Private Disposition was held under the direction of Griffin Mortuary.

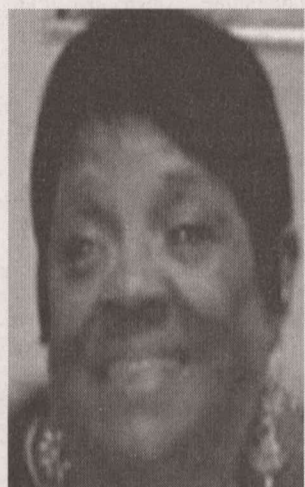
Lisa was born on February 26, 1966 to Terry and Joyce Dixon. She attended Roosevelt from grades K-12th. She also attended International Business College where she received her business degree in secretarial. She leaves to cherish her memory; her children, Ashley Adkins (Bruce) and Donald Adkins (Mireille); grandchild, Chance Adkins; special friend, Earl Horton; siblings, Joyce Williams



(Edward), Charles Dixon (Peggy), and Rita Doss (Jimmy); a host of other relatives and friends.



Goldie Griggs



Goldie Griggs, 76, passed away Tuesday, June 22, 2021. Celebration of Life Service was held Friday, July 2, 2021, at 11 a.m. at Peaceful Gardens Cemetery under the direction of Griffin Mortuary.

fin Mortuary.

She was born on April 16, 1945, to Willie and Mattie Linzsey. She started her own Adult Foster Home many years, she retired at the age of 70. She leaves to cherish her memory; two daughters, Jacquelyne Johnson and Rose (Antonio) Block; one son, Thomas Johnson; three sisters, Tammie Washington, Betty Linzsey, and Charlotte Whitfield; three brothers, Odre Williams, Michael Williams, and Luther Williams; and a host of other relatives and friends.



"The Blossoming Flower Whisperer"

by
Dr. James L. Snyder

When it comes to flowers, I am the epitome of naivety. I have no expertise whatsoever in the plant world. All I see are red, blue and yellow.

A couple of weeks ago, as I passed the glass door that goes out into the porch area, I heard my wife talking. Not wanting to interfere, I assumed she was talking to our neighbors. That happens quite a bit. I'm not saying it's in the area of "gossip," but it comes very close.

Trying to listen, I heard her say, "Oh, you look so beautiful today."

That caught my attention. I've never heard the neighbors talk about being beautiful. So I just shrugged it off as neighborhood nonsense.

A day later, as I was passing the door, I heard her say, "Don't you worry about the rain. I'll take care of you."

Then she said something curious, "I'll be careful, and promise this will not hurt; it is something that I need to do."

Then I heard, clip, clip, clip. "See," I heard her say very lovingly, "I told you that it wouldn't hurt. So now you're going to look a lot more beautiful."

* My dilemma was, shall I walk away and pretend I haven't heard anything? Or, should I go

out and find out for myself what was going on?

I have the philosophy that once you step into a puddle of water, you can never unstep.

Then I heard, "Don't worry, little friend, I'll get to you soon."

At this point, I've had enough. No matter what it cost me, I was going to find out what was going on.

I opened the door and stepped out on to the porch, and said, "Who are you talking to?"

She looked at me, gave me one of her contagious smiles, and said, "I'm talking to my flowers. Aren't they beautiful?"

Being a husband for as long as I have been, I know what it's like to be in a position where you don't know what to say. Unfortunately, this was not one of them.

For anybody to talk to flowers was pretty silly as far as I was concerned.

After a short pause, I responded, "Do they ever talk back?"

Laughing for a moment, she replied, "Silly boy, they're flowers, and flowers don't talk."

She then went back to her flowers, and I could hear her still talking to them. Evidently, her talking to them was working out because all of the flowers were

Donald Wayne Reed

Donald Wayne Reed, 61, passed away Wednesday, June 16, 2021. Celebration of Life Service was held Friday, June 2, 2021, at 2:00 p.m. at the City of Lubbock Cemetery under the direction of Griffin Mortuary.

He was born on June 28, 1959 to Donald, Reed, Sr and Josephine Simmons. He leaves to cherish his memory; special companion, Debra Attipoe; daughters, LaKeshia Johnson and Dawn Johnson; sisters, Gwendolyn Simmons, Lucinda Gray, Jacqueline Simmons, Donna McCullough, Donique Reed, Trellis Clay, Shadondra Foster, Minnie Reed, and Sherry Reed; brothers, Willie Simmons, Ronnie Simmons, Kenneth Simmons, Randy Simmons, Darold Simmons, Donald Reed,



Reed, and Keith Reed; 6 grandchildren; a host of other relatives and friends.

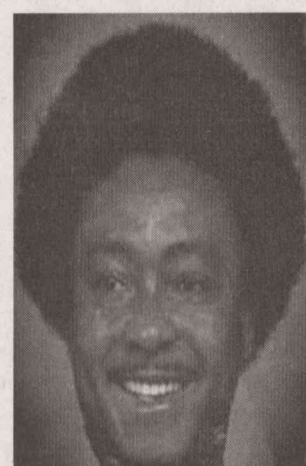


Lonnie Hunter, 91, passed away Wednesday, June 30, 2021. Visitation was held on Tuesday, July 6, 2021, from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Griffin Mortuary.

Celebration of life service followed at 1:00 p.m. at the City of Lubbock Cemetery under the direction of Griffin Mortuary.

He leaves to cherish his memory his sons, Dale Hunter, Leonard (Lisa) Hunter, and Michael (Nicki) Hunter; daughters, Loretta Cooper and Dashonda Hunter; nine grandchildren; a host of great-grandchildren, other relatives and friends.

Lonnie Hunter



Terry J. Banks

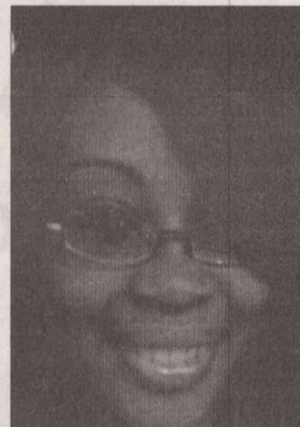


Terry J. Banks, 63, passed away Wednesday, June 30, 2021. Celebration of Life Service was held Wednesday, July 14, 2021, at 1:00 p.m. at New Millennium Baptist Church, 101 E. Queen, Lubbock, TX 79403

Interment followed at the City of Lubbock Cemetery under the direction of Griffin Mortuary.

Terry was born to Lee and Maedell Banks on February 23, 1959, in Lubbock, TX. He leaves to cherish his memory; ten sisters, Clarence Taylor, Annie Taylor, Shonda Taylor, Sybil Lewis, June Banks, Aeneas Taylor, Bridget Taylor, Ashley Taylor, Bernice McLin, and Cathy Vester; nine brothers, Don Taylor, Timothy Taylor, Walter Taylor, Melvin Banks, Mark Taylor, Karl Taylor, Willy Johnson, Micheal Vester, and Herman Banks; and a host of other relatives and friends.

Erin D. Kennard



Erin Kennard, 51, passed away Sunday, July 25, 2021. Celebration of Life Service was held Saturday, July 31, 2021, at 11 a.m. at Faith First House of Hope. Interment followed at Peaceful Gardens Cemetery under the direction of Griffin Mortuary.

Erin was born to Jessie and Annie Jackson on January 11, 1970. She graduated from Estacado High School and later continued her education at Austin Community College.

She leaves to cherish her memory; her husband, Tony Kennard; daughters, Taneka Smith (Dave) and A'myrael Kennard; sons, Brandon Kennard, Anthony (Lamar) Kennard and Marcus Kennard; sisters, Maxine McKinnie, Anise Breckenridge, (Anthony), Christine Cook, and Simone Glenn; brother, Marcus Jackson; aunts, Tweety, Mary Ethel, and Linda; a host of other relatives and friends.



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meant to serve.

Looking to the next Congress, some policymakers think the remedy to problems created by the 90/10 Rule is to expand it. One idea is to move to a more strict 85/15 ratio. In other words, require students to come up with even more money from other sources, which is often divorced from the reality of people from economically disadvantaged communities or working parents juggling multiple responsibilities. Remember, Title IV was enacted as a societal commit-

ment to extend opportunities for people at the economic margins so it makes no sense to make them come up with more money on their own - especially not at a time when COVID-19 pandemic is wreaking disaster in the economy. Another solution offered is to treat benefits that veterans and active-duty personnel earn in their service as part of the 90 percent instead the ten percent in the 90/10 formula. The rationale for this is the belief that schools recruit veterans and service members specifically to improve their 90/10 rates. However, adding benefits

our veterans and uniformed personnel have rightly earned to the category of students' overall federal financial aid could threaten the operation of many schools. This would have the perverse effect of closing off options for people who served this country.

As more and more people now well know, government and other institutions have often overlooked critical populations - whether African Americans, lower income, veterans, etc. - and higher education has unfortunately not been spared of this discrimination. There are higher education institutions, like many

proprietary institutions of higher learning, that have models that are correcting this historical disadvantage through open, rolling enrollment, curriculum flexibility, and more personal, tailored attention to the individuality of the students. Our policies should indeed not hamper their progress.

Further, Americans know the rising costs of higher education and the debt load students are carrying are all too often unsustainable. This is true for all schools - public and private, proprietary and non-profit.

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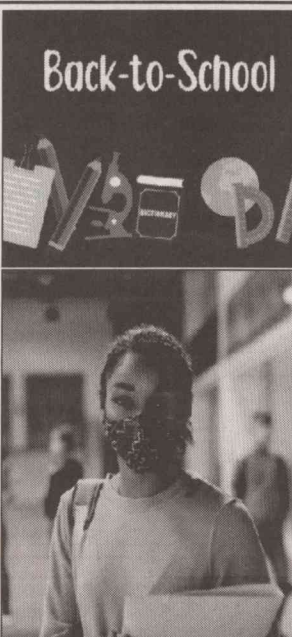
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It afflicts not only low-income students but also those who are securely middle class but unable to rely on family to foot the enormous bill. Expanding the 90/10 rule would do nothing to address this reality.

We need to be careful about who we paint as the enemy as we put the pieces in place for education policy. The enemy in American society is ignorance, not institutions that are taking a chance on atypical students aiming to improve their lives through education and thereby better their communities. There

There is no evidence that the 90/10 rule has any connection to metrics that matter, such as whether students stay in school, complete their degrees, or land the jobs they want.

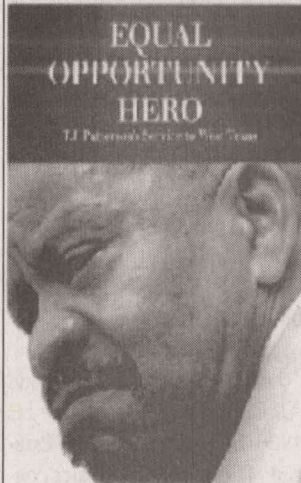
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Texas Tech President Schovanec disappointed in OU, Texas leaving Big 12

LUBBOCK, Texas — Texas Tech University President Lawrence Schovanec released a statement Monday, 07/26/21, regarding the University of Texas and Oklahoma University leaving the Big 12.

Schovanec said he was disappointed in the news, which became official Monday, 07/25.

Schovanec is a member of the Big 12 Conference Executive Committee, which met with Texas and Oklahoma's presidents Sunday, according to the Big 12.

As a founding and trusted member of the Big 12 Conference, we are disappointed in today's announcement that two members have elected to not renew their media rights.

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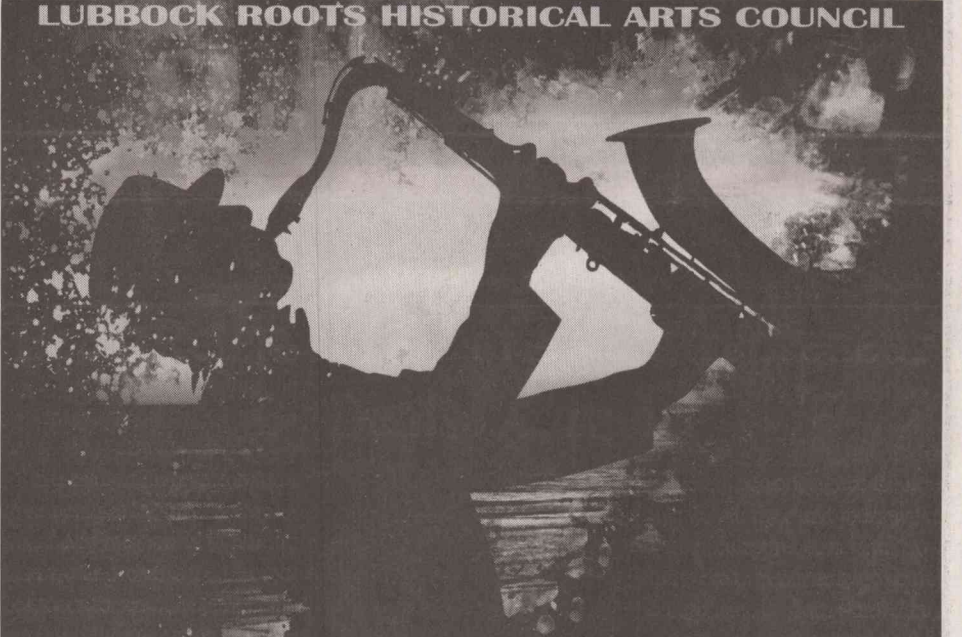
tunities for generations of Texans to access higher education while also working to creatively solve issues faced in our state through research and innovation.

The passing of the 40,000-student milestone last fall clearly demonstrates our ability to attract students from across the country and around the world. They are attracted here because of our traditional college town environment, our excellent on-campus academic experience and their belief in knowing that From Here, It's Possible.

Texas Tech has achieved status as a Carnegie R1 'Highest Research Activity' institution while retaining our commitment to student success. We are proud of our diverse student body, our support of first-generation college students, and the opportunities we provide for our nation's military veterans.

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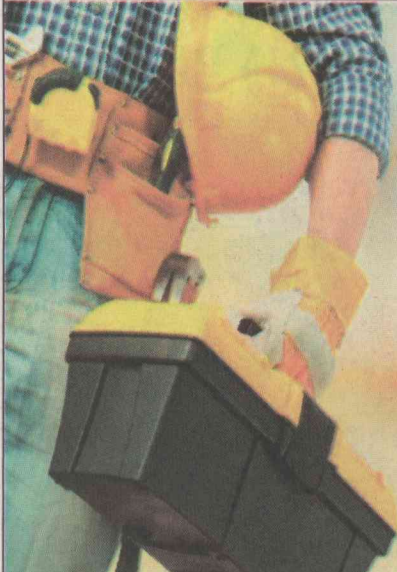
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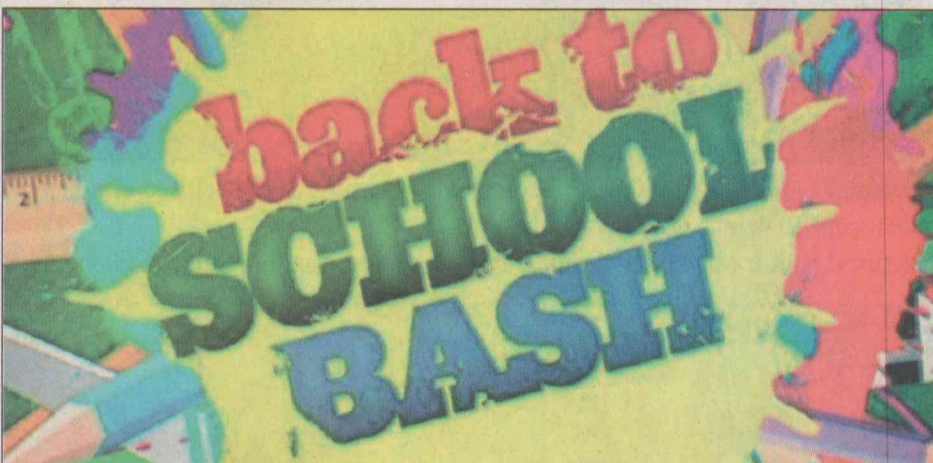
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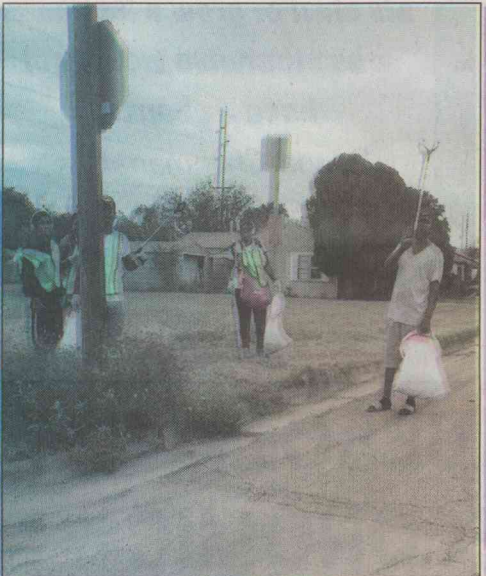
Pictured Left: Ms. Adrienne Gilbert enjoying her time as she helps to clean up the Chatman Hill neighborhood.

Pictured Right: Mr. Miller cleaning up the lot located at 26th Street & Globe Ave.



Pictured Left: Mrs. Rowanda Toler leads the Refreshment/Medical team at 26th & Birch.

Pictured Right: Another female volunteer helping to clean up the CHNA community.



Pictured Left: Jay Shaw and members of the Miller family cleaning up at 26th Street & Globe Ave.

Pictured Right: Christie Cage along with her son, C.J. doing clean up in part of the community.

Pictured Below Left: A city employees helping to trim some trees and bushes.

Pictured Below Right: Antonia Pena, is doing her part as she cleans up on Date Avenue.



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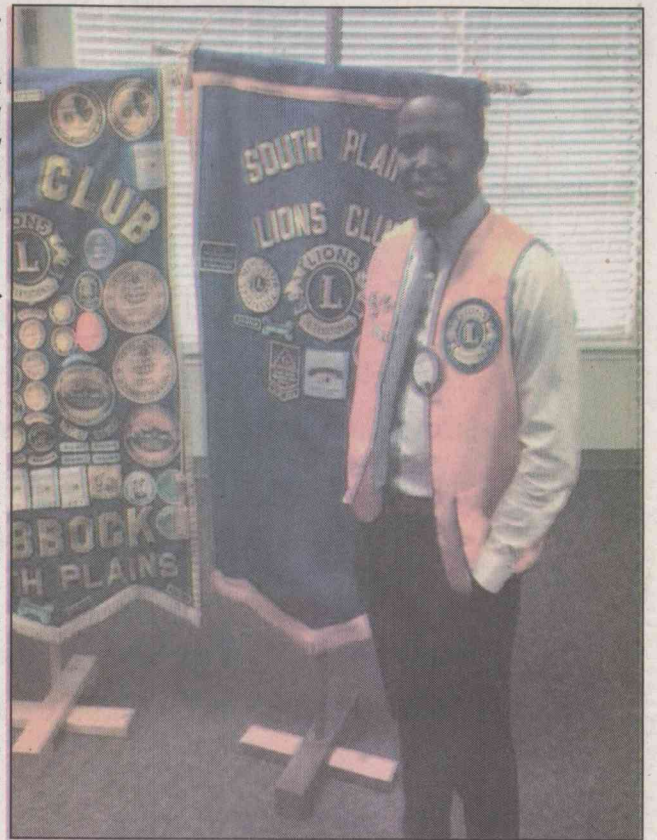
"Help me give a big Shout Out and Congratulations.... to Mr. Al Duvall.....Club Director for Ted Phea Boys and Girls Club.....Say What....Say What....."

The Boys & Girls Club of Lubbock:

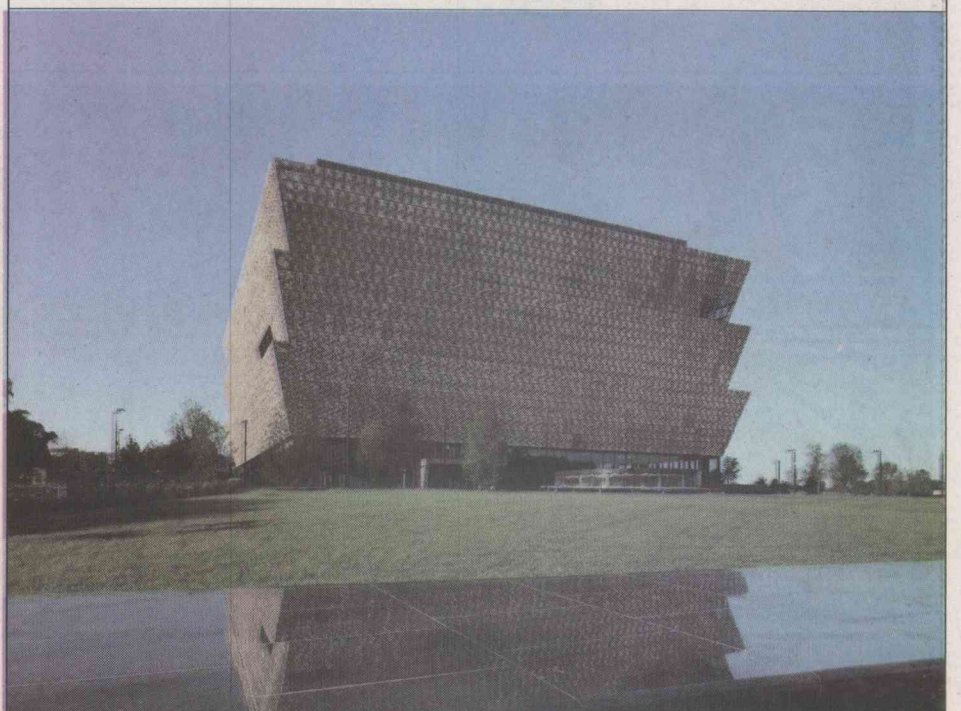
"We are so excited for Al Duvall, Director of the Ted Phea Boys & Girls Club! Tom Vermillion, our Executive Director at Boys & Girls Club, passed the gavel to Al Duvall as the new South Plains Lion Boss. We know he will do a great job! They are a great group of people that serve our community".

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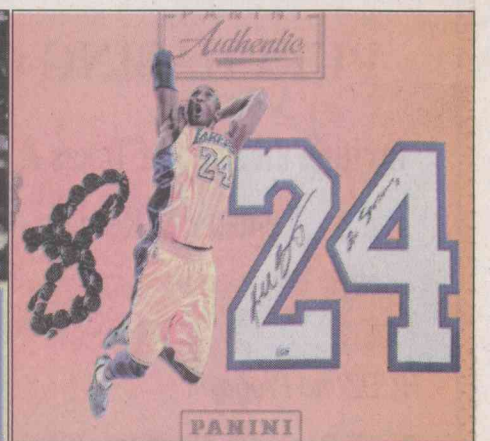
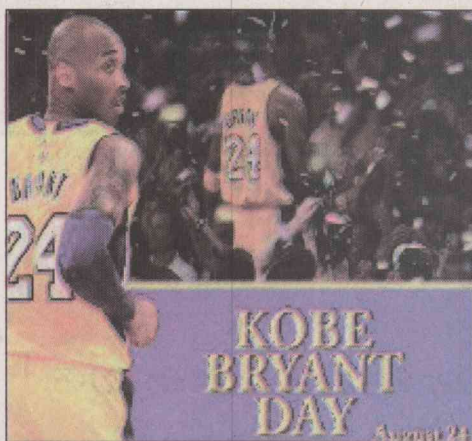
"Congratulations Al! May your path and every decision be guided by God's wisdom!!!!"



Texas Southern University Museum



Texas Southern University is one of five Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) to partner with the Smithsonian's National Museum of African American History and Culture (NMAAHC) to support University museums and archives. The five-year project will enhance TSU's ability to care for and share archives that tell the story of African Americans and their essential role in American culture and history.



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