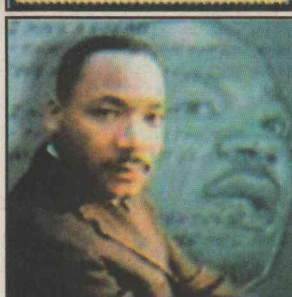


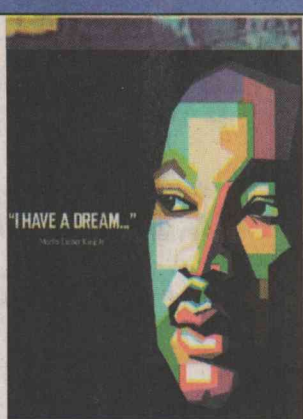


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LET NO
MAN PULL
YOU LOW
ENOUGH
TO HATE
HIM.

People fail to get along
because they fear each other;
they fear each other because
they don't know each other;
they don't know each other
because they have
not communicated
with each other.



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HATE FOR HATE
MULTIPLIES
HATE. ADDING
DEEPER
DARKNESS TO
NIGHT ALREADY
DEVOID OF
STARS.

If you can't fly then run,
if you can't run then walk,
if you can't walk then crawl,
but whatever you do
you have to keep
moving forward.

Community Meetings

- * 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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100 Black Men of West Texas and the City of Lubbock Mourns the Loss of 2 Senior Leaders

The 100 Black Men of West Texas organization is mourning the loss of two senior leaders; men known as role models and pioneers for decades.

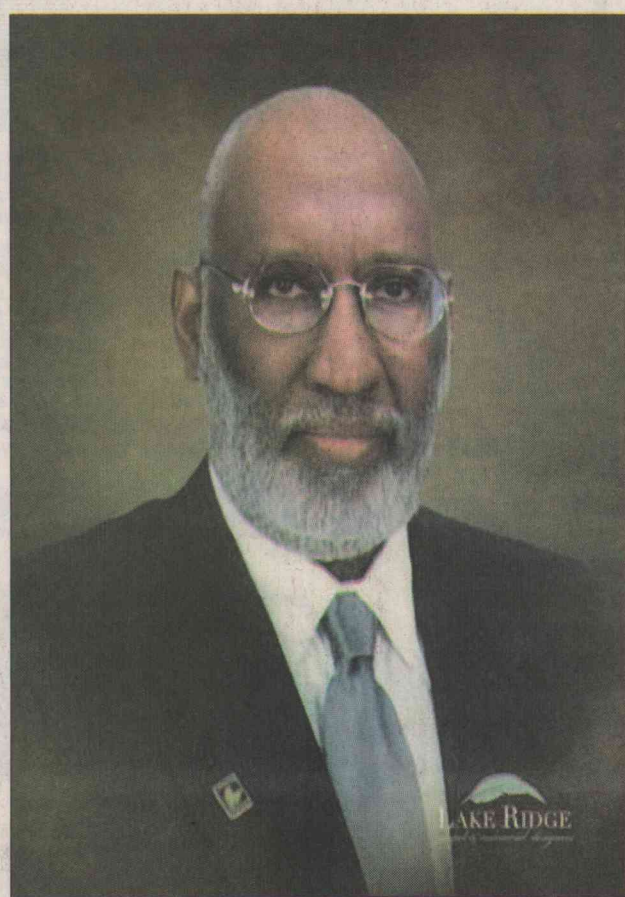
In the span of a week, educator Charles Henry and attorney Robin Green died.

Henry was one of the first black teachers at Lubbock ISD from 1956 to 1972. From there he earned a Master's degree and Ph.D. from Texas Tech. He also taught at the University's medical school.

Green is noted as one of the white leaders for the 100 Black Men group who spent his entire career advocating for underserved people in the courtroom. He was a champion of civil rights and education.

"It's like I can see Charles and Robin in this person or that person, just because of some of the things you taught them or they saw in you -- when you can have that kind of presence in this world, it's very powerful," said Twain Henry, a friend of Charles Henry.

"We can look directly at Dr. Charles Henry and Robin Green, Esq., to say that these are people that if we emulate them, we'll



Dr. Charles Henry

be a better Lubbock, a better state, a better nation, because they not only fought the good fight, they fought and they won," said Calvin Davis, 100

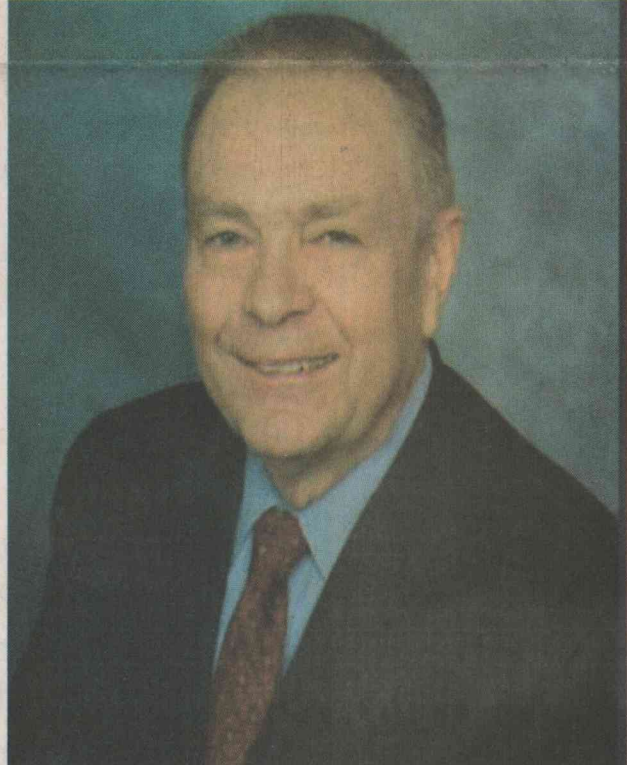
Black Men of West Texas board member.

Charles Henry was 86. Celebration of his life was held on 12/29/21 at Lakeridge Chapel.

Robin Morris Green, 77, of Lubbock, Texas, died on December 9, 2021. Born on November 13, 1944, in Grand Prairie, Texas, to Horace and Naomi Green,

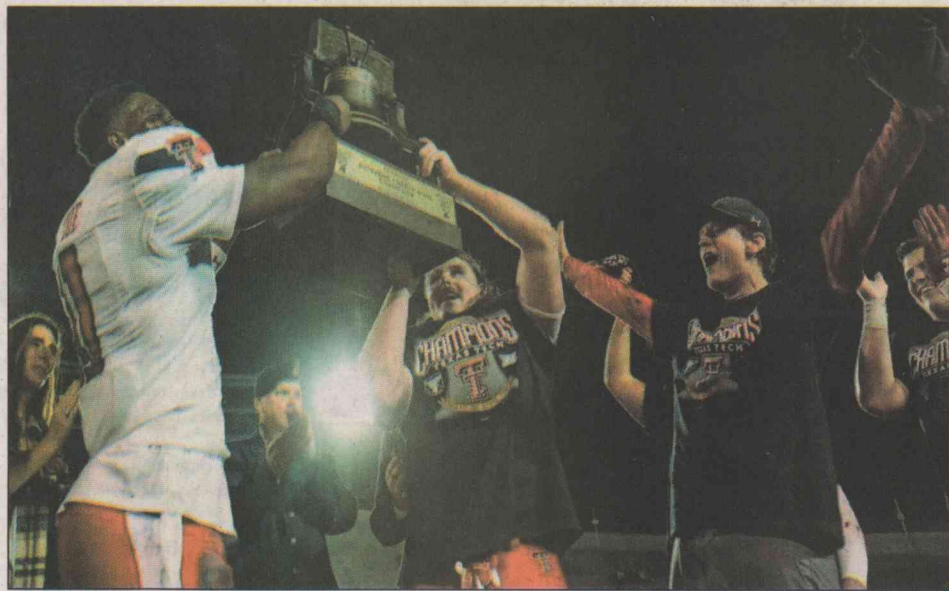
Robin was the oldest and self-decided "Mom's favorite" of seven children. Robin was an advocate for education, voter rights, and equal treatment under the law. Robin volunteered at local schools, tutoring and reading with students, insisting the time was more a gift to him than the students. He was also active in the South Plains Food Bank, the Boys and Girls Club, the Texas American Civil Liberties Union, and the United Methodist Church, and felt blessed that he was counted as a friend to many.

A private family burial was held on 12/18/21 at the First United Methodist Church in Clarendon, Texas



Ross Green

Here Are Your 2021' Liberty Bowl Champions, the TTU Red Raiders



MEMPHIS, Tenn. — On the eve of the Liberty Bowl, Mississippi State coach Mike Leach took the opportunity in a pre-game press conference to badmouth the Texas Tech people who fired him 12 years ago.

The Red Raiders did their talking on the field. Tech waltzed to victory in the Bulldogs' backyard Tuesday night, winning 34-7 and holding Mississippi

State to its lowest point total of the season. Tech ended a five-year stretch of losing seasons and won a bowl game for the first time since 2013.

Tech running backs Tahj Brooks and SaRodrick Thompson popped big run after big run in the first half and quarterback Donovan Smith got hot in thesecond half as the Red Raiders put it on their old coach

first game against his former program.

"I guess the Red Raider gets the Pirate after all," Tech interim head coach Sonny Cumbie said, referring to Leach's nickname.

Both teams finish the season 7-6. (Right): The Texas Tech interim coach Sonny Cumbie celebrates with his children after the Red Raiders' win over Mississippi State. "Our players all

Tramont Blakemore, A 5 Year Old Kindergarten Student Awarded A Bicycle for His Perfect Attendance Record



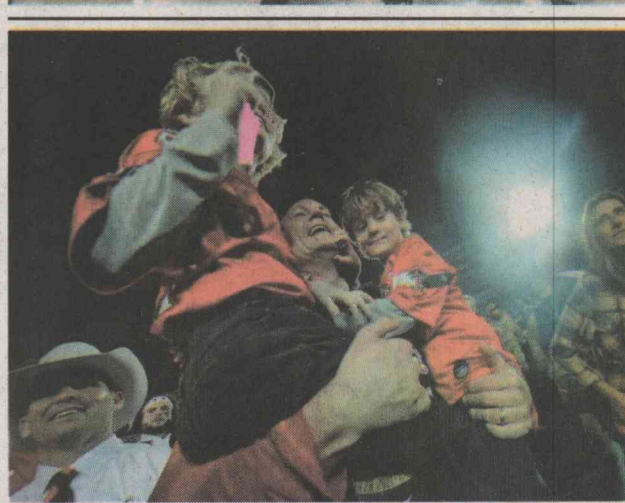
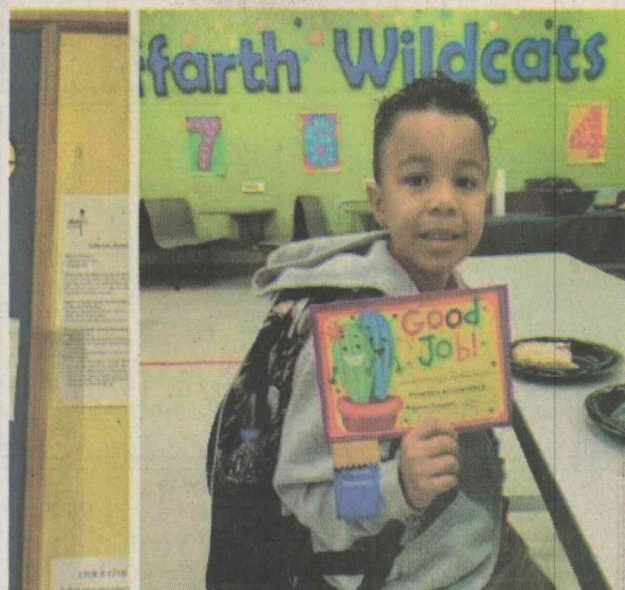
Tramont Blakemore

Tramont Blakemore is a very special and brave 5 year old. He is currently in Kindergarten at Wolforth Elementary. He has talent and ambition to conquer anything he puts his mind to. He loves sports and gaming on electronics.

Tamont's parental guardians are Ronald and Glenda Tatum

He is an amazingly funny, smart and full of joy boy. He also achieved perfect attendance and is on the Honor Roll. He loves school, his teachers and his friends

Tramont was rewarded a bicycle for his accomplishments and knows through God all things are possible with him.



along, man, they just never stopped believing," Cumbie said. "Just excited for our program, the administrations at Louisiana Tech and Texas Tech

to allow us to come back and finish this season. And the way we did, with these players, has been a lot of fun." **Congratulations Red Raiders!**

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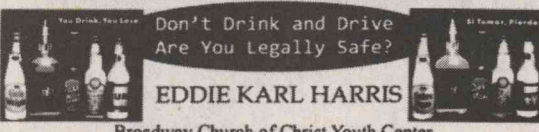
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By Renetta Howard

“ELDERLY BUSINESS OF THE HOLIDAYS”

Every year at this time, there are ceaseless announcements about Medicare Advantage programs and the reason to join one. In addition to media announcements, elderly individuals are bombarded with postal mail requesting them to join a group. Mail is regularly sent to individuals whom have been dead for years. That mail gets through while important mail containing checks to pay your bills are either late or never get to their destination. It is true however, that Medicare Advantage programs do have an advantage over regular Medicare. If you choose regular Medicare, you will need a supplement to cover what Medicare does not pay and then there is usually a co-pay in addition to that. There is always a bill to pay for whatever you buy or do.

On the other hand, if you have an advantage program, there is usually no co-pay to your primary physician if you have and HMO (Health Maintenance Organization) and you pay a standard fee when you visit a specialist of about \$30.00 or \$35.00, depending on the group you join. There is usually a cap on Part D drug purchases and usually the Tier 1 or lowest priced drugs may be obtained for free, if by mail. Part A pays for hospitalizations, the part you paid for while you were still working. Once you become eli-

gible for Medicare, you pay for Part B for the care of physicians. With the HMO, Part D for drugs, is included in the premium which is deducted from your Social Security benefits each month. It goes up practically every year and according to the money watchers, it will engulf most of the COLA (Cost of Living Adjustment), that Social Security is set to give in 2022; one of the largest raises in years, about 5.9%.

If you choose an advantage plan, the sooner the better because there is a penalty for not enrolling when you first become eligible. Each year delay increases the amount of the penalty which is added to the regular deduction.

If you choose the PPO (Preferred Provider Organization), you will have larger choices for all of your medical needs, but you will pay larger deductions for everything. You will have a specified deductible or an amount which you must pay before your benefits are without cost.

December 7 is the cut-off date for changes to your Medicare choices. If you do like what you have, there is next year to make a change. Get ‘in cinque’ and knowledgeable about what is available to you and what fits your needs better, especially if you will be applying for the first time for benefits.

THIS N’ THAT c/o T. J. Patterson, Sr.

THIS MONTHS’ FEATURED STORY:

“National Black Business Chamber Champion Harry C. Alford Dies”

The Southwest Digest loses one of its’ long time Storyline Authors:

It is with great sadness that our Warrior Leader and President/CEO and Co-Founder of the National Black Chamber of Commerce (NBCC), Harry C. Alford, transitioned Monday, December 6, 2021, in Washington, DC., says Larry D. Ivory President/CEO of Illinois State Black Chamber of Commerce,

He was preceded in death by his wife, Kay DeBow, Vice President and Co-Founder of the National Black Chamber five months ago.

In 1993, Harry C. Alford moved the newly established National Black Chamber of Commerce from Indianapolis, Indiana to Washington, DC. The first Board Chairman was the former Assistant Secretary of Labor, Dr. Arthur Fletcher, the “Father of Affirmative Action.” Most of the existing Black Chambers derived from Harry’s initiatives and influence over the years.

Today, the National Black Chamber is the largest Black business organization in the world, consisting of regional organizations of Black Chambers in the United States, eight (8) countries in Africa, eleven (11) membership Chambers in the Caribbean and five-member Black Chambers in Central and

South America. Black Chambers were also established in London and Paris under Harry’s leadership. In addition to coordinating this global operation, Harry C. Alford spoke before Congress on behalf of Black business, often several times a month. For many years, he served on the Board of Directors of the most influential Chamber in America, the United States Chamber of Commerce, in Washington, DC.

“When President George Bush asked Harry Alford to assist him with a strategy to identify any Black owned businesses remaining in the Hurricane Katrina impact zone and a plan for helping them survive, he selected the right man,” said Arnold Baker, President Baker Ready Mix, LLC.

Harry brought a fresh perspective and renewed vision that nothing was impossible and held the White House accountable formaking available unfettered access to the Corps of Engineers, HUD, the Department of Commerce, and DOT for the nation’s greatest rebuild.

“Today the lessons learned and visioning processes that Harry and Kay brought to fruition are responsible for tens of billions of dollars in small business inclusion programming which are now the basis for every disaster relief program. They not only made history in New Orleans but designed the base principals for recovery programs now implemented across the globe,” Baker said. As word spread of Harry’s death condolences and personal memories of Harry’s business acumen began to pour in.

John Harmon, who is the President of one of the most successful Black Chambers in New Jersey, said that it was the guidance of Harry and his beloved wife Kay, that guided him thro-



Harry C. Alford

ugh many business initiatives. He also said it was because of his influence that he served on the NBCC Board and the Board of Directors of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce.

“I knew Harry and Kay before they left Indianapolis to establish the national chamber in Washington, D.C. I had a great relationship with him in Indiana when he served in the cabinet of former Governor Evan Bayh. I went into a meeting with him expecting resistance and I was met with agreement and a solution that led the way for Indiana Black newspapers to do business with the state,” said Dorothy R. Leavell, Publisher of the Chicago and Gary Crusader newspapers.

“When he started the National Black Chamber, our relationship expanded to include me as a board member of NBCC and when I was chairman of the National Newspaper Publishers Association Foundation he served with distinction on our board. He was always eager to help The Black Press ‘as a business,’” Leavell said.

The Southwest would like to take this opportunity to extend our deepest condolences to the Alford family, relatives, dearest & closes associates and friends.

May the Light and Power of God’s Presence surround and heal you. May He make His face to shine upon you and give you peace. Selah!!!!



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"CHURCH'S NEW YEAR REVIVAL PRAYER"

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

Matthew 23:2, Jesus said, The scribes and the Pharisees sit in Moses seat: All therefore whatsoever they bid you observe, that observe and do: but do not after their works: for they say, and do not. ***THIS IS HOW THE PREACHERS ROB GOD!!!***

LORD, WE'RE PRAYING THAT THE PREACHERS; THAT HE'LL STOP WANTING MAN'S GOLD AND BE ABOUT THE BUSINESS OF GOD; THAT IS; HE WANTS TO SEE MANKIND SAVE SOULS!!!

Malachi 1:6, The Lord said, A son honour his father, and a servant his master: if then I be a father, where is my honour? And if I be a master, where is my fear? Said the Lord of hosts unto you, o priests, that despise my name, and you say, wherein have we despised your name?

LORD, WE'RE PRAYING THAT THE DEACONS; THAT'S BEEN SITTING THERE SO LONG AND WILL NOT SPEAK UP; WHEN THEY SEE THINGS IN THE CHURCH; GOING WRONG!!!

Luke 11:44, Jesus said, Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you are as graves which appear not, and the men that walk over them are not aware of them.

LORD, WE'RE PRAYING FOR THE MISSIONARIES; WANTING TO GO TO THE FOREIGN LAND AND ARE NOT THINKING ABOUT HOME LAND FIRST; THAT'S WHERE THE LOVE SHOULD BEGAIN!!!

Matthew 23:15, Jesus said, Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you compass sea and land to make one proselyte, and when he is made, you make him twofold more the child of hell than yourselves.

THIS IS HOW THE CHURCHES ARE ROBBING GOD!!!

LORD, WE'RE PRAYING THAT THE CHURCH MEMBER; WHO GIVES HIS MONEY AND GOLD.... WHILE HE'S LIVING IN ALL KIND OF SIN; AND HIS MONEY; IT WILL NOT SAVE HIS SOUL!!!

Micah 6:6-8, Wherewith shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before the high God? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves of a year old? Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams (\$\$\$), or with ten thousands of rivers of oil (\$\$\$)? Shall I give my firstborn for the transgression, the fruit of my body for the sins of my soul? He has showed you, O man, what is good; and what do the Lord require of you,

but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God.

LORD, WE'RE PRAYING FOR THE CHOIR MEMBER; SATURDAY NIGHTS; HE DO ROCK AND ROLL. THEN ON SUNDAY MORNING; HE'S IN THE CHOIR; SINGING IN THAT CLEAN WHITE ROBE!!!

Amos 5:23, The Lord said, Take away from me the noise of your songs; for I will not hear the melody of your viols.

Matthew 23:13, Jesus said, Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you shut up the kingdom of heaven against men: for you neither go in yourselves, neither suffer you them that are entering to go in.

LORD, WE'RE PRAYING THAT OUR CHILDREN; WILL KNOW YOU; AS LORD OVER THEIR SOULS AND TURN FROM THEIR IDLES; SUPERMAN, BLACK PANTHER, CARS, CELL PHONES, AND MONEY AND GOLD!!

THIS IS HOW OUR CHILDREN ROB GOD!!!

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

NFL Hall of Fame Coach, Broadcasting Icon John Madden Dies at 85



John Madden Was America's Greatest Football Teacher

John Madden, the Hall of Fame coach-turned-broadcaster whose exuberant calls combined with simple explanations provided a weekly soundtrack to NFL games for three decades, died Tuesday morning, the NFL said. He was 85.

The league said he died unexpectedly and did not detail a cause.

Madden gained fame in a decade-long stint as the coach of the renegade Oakland Raiders, making it to seven AFC title games and winning the Super Bowl following the 1976 season. He compiled a 103-32-7 regular-season record, and his .759 winning percentage is the best among NFL coaches with more than 100 games. "Few individ-

uals meant as much to the growth and popularity of professional football as Coach Madden, whose impact on the game both on and off the field was immeasurable," the Raiders said in a statement, hours before team owner Mark Davis lit the Al Davis Torch in honor of Madden, the first person to ever light the torch on Oct. 16, 2011.

It was Madden's work after retiring from coaching at age 42 that made him truly a household name. He educated a football nation with his use of the telestrator on broadcasts; entertained millions with his interjections of "Boom!" and "Doink!" throughout games; was an omnipresent pitchman selling restaurants, hardware stores and beer; and

became the face of Madden NFL Football, one of the most successful sports video games of all time.

"Today (12/28/21), we lost a hero. John Madden was synonymous with the sport of football for more than 50 years," EA Sports, the brand behind the Madden franchise, said in a statement. "His knowledge of the game was second only to his love for it, and his appreciation for everyone that stepped on the gridiron. A humble champion, a willing teacher, and forever a coach. Our hearts and sympathies go out to John's family, friends, and millions of fans. He will be greatly missed, always remembered, and never forgotten."



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THANKS, COACH

JOHN MADDEN EA SPORTS 1926 - 2021

Madden was the preeminent television sports analyst for most of his three decades calling games, winning an unprecedented 16 Emmy Awards for outstanding sports analyst/personality and covering 11 Super Bowls for four networks from 1979 to 2009.

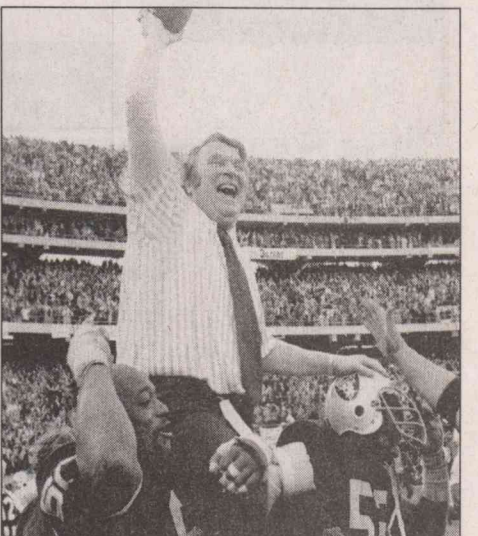
"People always ask, 'Are you a coach or a broadcaster or a video game guy?'" Madden said when was elected to the Pro Football Hall of Fame in 2006. "I'm a coach, always been a coach."

"John Madden was an iconic figure, transitioning from a successful coach to one of the most impactful and distinctive broadcasters in history, across all genres. His love of football was only matched by the fans' admiration for him. He will forever be synonymous with the game," said James Pitaro, chairman of ESPN and sports content for The Walt Disney Company. Madden worked for ABC Sports from 2002 to 2005 as an analyst for Monday Night Football.

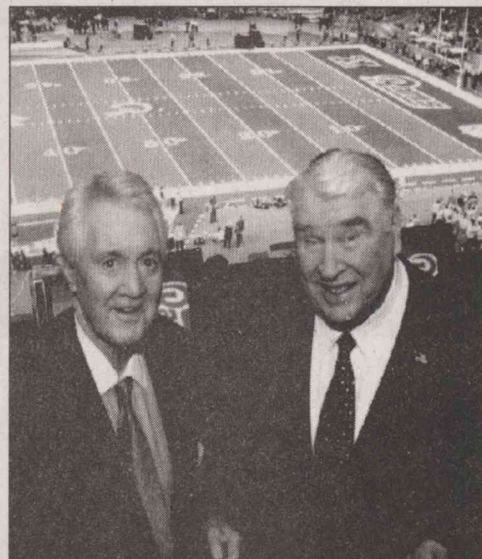
A 90-minute documentary on his coaching and broadcasting career, "All Madden," debuted on Fox on Christmas Day. The film featured extensive interviews that Madden sat for this year, along with his wife, Virginia, sons, Joseph and Michael.



John Madden, the Football Player attended Jefferson High School and California Polytechnic State University.



John Madden was the Coach of the Raiders before he became anything else.



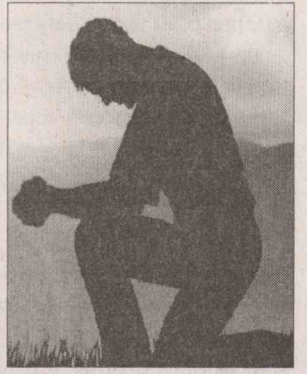
John Madden, the Broadcaster for ABC News



JohnMadden, the Family man.

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New Year's Day Prayer

May the Lord make my New Year a happy one...

Not by shielding me from sorrow and pain, but by strengthening me to bear it if it comes.

Not by making my path easy, but by making me sturdy enough to tread any path.

Not by taking hardship from me, but by taking all cowardice and fear from my heart as I meet hardships.

Not by granting me unbroken sunshine, but by keeping my face bright even in the shadows.

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Obsequies

R.J. Givens, Jr.

R.J. Givens of Irving, formerly of Lubbock - age 88, departed this life on Thursday, November 18, 2021. Celebration of Life Service was held Saturday, November 27, 2021, at 1 p.m. at New Hope Baptist Church. Interment followed at the City of Lubbock Cemetery under the direction of Griffin Mortuary.

R.J. was born on October 5, 1933 to R.J. Givens, Sr. and Susie Gipson in Kaufman, TX. He received his education from LISD and Huston-Tillotson University. He retired from the United Postal Service after 33 years.

R.J. opened Givens' Real Estate and was the first Black Broker with the Lubbock Board of



Realtors. He was a 33 degree Mason, Omega Psi Phi, deacon, member of the Concerned Citizens, DHS Alumni Association, and a LISD sub-teacher.

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Heather Janelle Nixon



Heather Janelle Nixon of Lubbock - age 38, departed this life on Monday, December 6, 2021.

Celebration of Life Service was held Monday, December 13, 2021, at 2 p.m. at Divine Love

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

Heather was born on March 21, 1983 to Billy Finch and Bessie Green. She graduated from Clovis, NM. she received her certification as a nurse tech.

She leaves to cherish her memory; her husband, Ishmael Nixon; father, Billy Finch; mother, Bessie Green; two daughters, Sasha Green and Na'Miah Moore; two sons, Jaliel Green and An'Quan Stinson; three sisters, Patricia (Lonnice) Stanberry, Cynthia Finch, and Geneva Hall; four brothers, Clifton (Audrey) Finch, Milton (Samantha) Finch, Joshua Finch, and Paul Finch; and a

Ruby M. Johnson

Ruby Johnson of Lubbock - age 90, departed this life on Friday, October 29, 2021. Celebration of Life Service was held Friday, November 5, 2021, at 1 p.m. at the City of Lubbock Cemetery under the direction of Griffin Mortuary.

Ruby was a nurse at Covenant for 35 1/2 years. She leaves to cherish her memory; her children, Zack Johnson, Shirley Johnson, Brenda Johnson, Roscoe Johnson, Belinda Johnson, and Orelia Johnson; siblings, Lester Sims, Norvell Palmer, and Grisby Sims; 12 grandchildren, 7 great-grandchildren, 8 great-great-grand



children; a host of other relatives and friends.

children; his step-sister, Diane Thomas; a host of other relatives and friends.

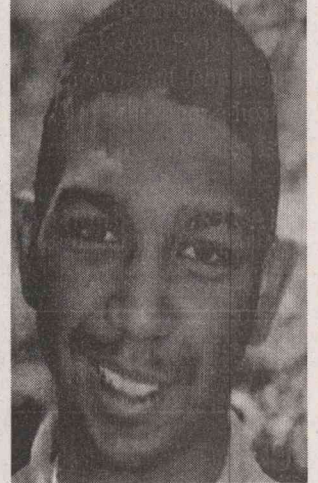


Erik Isiah Jones

Eik Jones of Lubbock - age 24, departed this life on Saturday, November 20, 2021. Celebration of Life Service was held Monday, November 29, 2021, at 1 p.m. at Community Baptist Church. Interment followed at the City of Lubbock Cemetery under the direction of Griffin Mortuary.

Erik was born on February 21, 1997, to Erik Jones and Stephanie Brown Luna. Erik attended and graduated from Frenship High School. He had a love for music, food, family, friends, and his shoes.

Erik leaves to cherish his memory; his parents, Eric and Stephanie Luna; father, Erik Jones; grandparents, James and Rosemary Brown, Pablo and Jonita Luna; great-grandmother,



Anita Flores; his daughter, Ava; sons, Cameron and Miles; two brothers, Orion Luna and Pheonix Luna; sisters, Kiyana Jones and Chlo Marie Luna; a host of other relatives and friends.

Pastor Ray Edward McCoy



Pastor Ray Edward McCoy of Lubbock - 81, departed this life on Thursday, December 2, 2021.

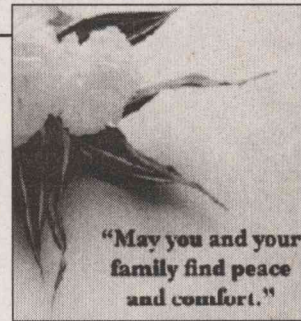
Celebration of Life Service was held Saturday, December 11, 2021, at 11 a.m. at St. Luke Baptist Church. Interment followed at the City of Lubbock Ceme-

tary under the direction of Griffin Mortuary.

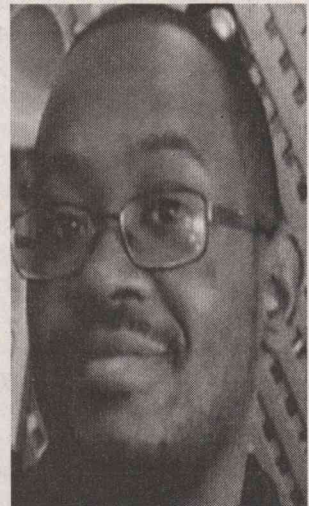
Pastor McCoy was born on March 8, 1940, to the parentage of Clifton and Leroa McCoy in Madison County, TX. He graduated from Anderson High School in Mart, TX and later attended Mary Allen, Jr. College. Rev. McCoy enlisted in the United States Army in 1961. Rev. McCoy was the pastor of Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church.

He leaves to cherish his memory; his wife, Barbara McCoy; 2 sons, Reginald Walker and Zephaniah McCoy; 3 daughters, Anita McCoy, Debbie McCoy, and Tammie Runels; 12 grandchildren; a host of great-grandchildren, other relatives, and friends.

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Damon Darnell Anzley



Damon Darnell Anzley of Lubbock, age 35, departed this life on Thursday, December 16, 2021. Celebration of Life Service was held Thursday, December 23, 2021, at 2 p.m. at Griffin Mortuary Chapel. Private Disposition under the direction of

Griffin Mortuary. Damon was born to Billy and Jacqueline Anzley on July 7, 1986. He leaves to cherish his memory, his wife, Elizabeth Anzley; father, Billy Anzley; daughters, Jayln Anzley, Jalexia Anzley, and Jaleal Anzley; sisters, Ashley Anzley and Damiera Anzley; brother, Chris Anzley; a host of other relatives and friends.

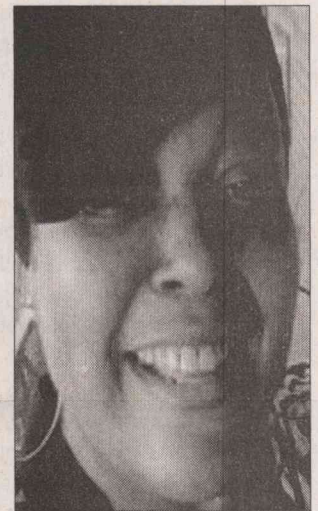


Rechelle Hayes

Rechelle Hayes of Lubbock - age 49, departed this life on Wednesday, November 17, 2021. Celebration of Life Service was held Thursday, December 16, 2021, at 11 a.m. at the Griffin Mortuary Chapel.

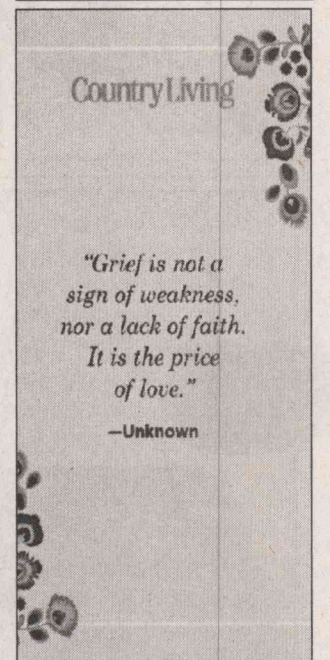
Private Disposition under the direction of Griffin Mortuary.

Rechelle was born on May 5, 1972, to the parentage of Oscar



Brown and Peggy Hayes.

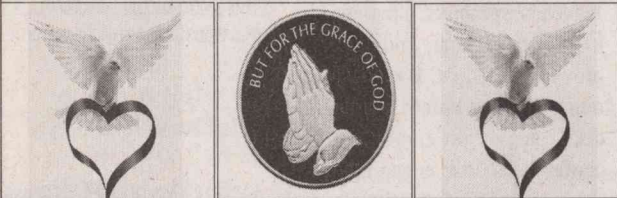
She is survived by her two sons, Dallas Brown and Brandon Anderson; three sisters, Sharon Brown, Jeannette Fulcher, and Marilyn Morgan; four brothers, Edward Brown, Kevin Brown, Weldon Brown, and John Henry; two grandchildren; a host of other relatives and friends.



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"I Love My Imperfections" by Dr. James L. Snyder

Unlike most people, I love my imperfections; those imperfections of mine do not cause me much trouble.

Yes, there was a time when I did not believe I had any imperfections. That is the attitude of bachelors. Once I got married, I was introduced to many imperfections I never knew I had. I had no reason to think I had any.

Before I was married, I thought I was the perfect person with marvelous talent and abilities. From my perspective today, I sure was fooled about those non-existent perfections I thought I had.

This is one of the significant advantages of getting married. When a person only thinks about the perfections they have in their life and does not know anything about any imperfections, they are headed for disaster. Therefore, I guess that is why I got married when I was young.

She does not realize that wrinkles are a verification that you are making something out of your life and you are growing. Instead, she looks at it from a negative standpoint.

As a young person, I believed I knew everything and was perfect in everything. I remember how boring that kind of a life was, not to mention arrogant.

If all I have in my life is perfection, how in the world can I improve myself?

When I am reminded of a certain imperfection that I have, it encourages me to get better. If perfect, I cannot get better, but I can if I am imperfect. So it took me a long time to understand that.

Now that I look back on my life, I can appreciate all those areas of imperfection that I survived. If imperfection is so bad, why have I had so many and have survived?

It was the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage that helped me understand my imperfections. I am sure she is not done with her task, but so far, she has found out many imperfections, and I have been working on some of them.

Through the years, I have enjoyed my imperfections because I do not allow them to harass me or even to define me. If I fix everything that is wrong with me, what in the world would I do next? Start fixing my wife's imperfections?

I remember when my imperfections suddenly did not mean much to me. That was when little children began invading our home. Once they began arriving, everything about me in my per-

fections flew out the window. Now, and I am so thankful for it, everything is about those little children. Nobody is looking at me, but everybody is looking at my children.

I think that is why God gives us children. It deflects the attention from us to those cute, perfect little pre-adults. God is so wise in what he does.

In thinking about perfection, I cannot help but go to a Scripture verse that talks about it. "Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect" (Matthew 5:48).

My idea of perfection is on the human level but that does not meet God's standards. My perfection has to be according to our "Father which is in heaven."

My imperfections are no challenge to God if I yield my heart completely to him.

Dr. James L. Snyder is pastor of the Family of God Fellowship, 1471 Pine Road, Ocala, FL 34472. He lives with his wife in Silver Springs Shores. Call him at 352-687-4240 or e-mail jamesnyder2@att.net.

The church web site is www.whatafellowship.com.

10-Year Old Black Girl Dies From Online TikTok Challenge, Family Warns Others



Nyla Anderson, a 10-year old girl from Chester, Pennsylvania, has sadly died after reportedly trying the "blackout challenge" that tells participants to hold their breath until they faint. Her grieving family wants to alert others about its dangers.

"She happened to be in her own bedroom of her house, with her family at home," Elizabeth Wood, a licensed clinical social worker at the local hospital, told ABC 7. "But no one was in the bedroom with her when this happened, so there was no one there to save her."

Her family describes her as a

happy and bright child who spoke 3 languages. They are still in a state of shock after Nylah's tragic death.

"I'm so hurt," said her mother Tawainna Anderson. "This is a pain that won't go away. It's at the top of my throat. I am so hurt."

Moreover, Nylah's family wanted her story to be known, warning other parents to keep a close eye on their children to prevent it from happening.

"Make sure you take your kids' phones," Tawainna said. "You never know what you...."

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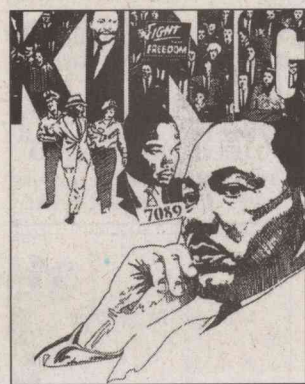
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Nyla Anderson, Tik-Tok Challenge Death Continued from Page 5

might find on their phones. You wouldn't think 10-year-olds would try this. They're trying because they're kids and they don't know better."

The trend, which reportedly traces back to the 1990s, had been recently resurfacing on social media where it spreads faster. A TikTok spokesperson said it is taking measures to stop users from sharing any content that promotes dangerous behavior.

This disturbing 'challenge,' which people seem to learn about from sources other than TikTok, long predates our platform and has never been a TikTok trend," the spokesperson said, according to Today. "We remain vigilant in our commitment to user safety and would immediately remove related content if found. Our deepest sympathies go out to the family for their tragic loss."



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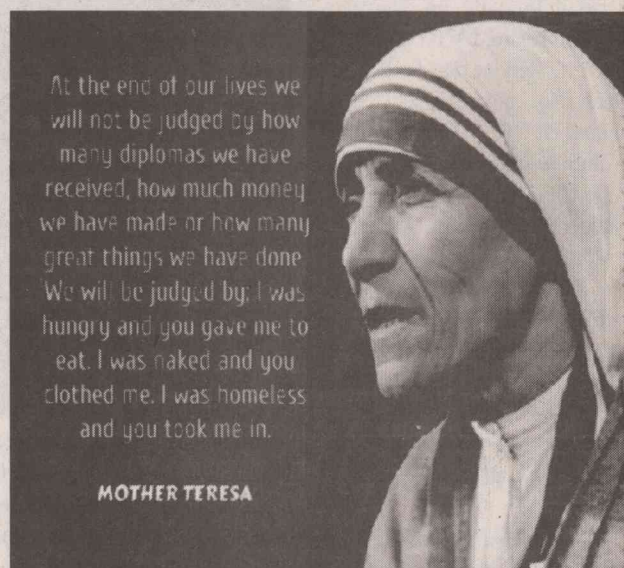
Our Community

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Our Mission Statement

Restoration Empowerment Center Mission exists to meet the spiritual and practical needs of the homeless through the demonstration of the unconditional love of Jesus Christ. It is the mission of REC to support and strengthen the community by providing a safe shelter, food, and supportive services to women and children who are homeless, or at risk. REC is an advocate for collaborative, locally driven solutions to end homelessness in Lubbock, Texas, and be an avenue to self-sufficiency for homeless women and children in our community. It is the aspiration and expectations of REC to bring hope, expectancy and restoration to open doors for these women and children in our community.



At the end of our lives we will not be judged by how many diplomas we have received, how much money we have made or how many great things we have done. We will be judged by: I was hungry and you gave me to eat. I was naked and you clothed me. I was homeless and you took me in.

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Our Vision

At REC, we know housing first is key to an individual's healing, transformation, restoration, and successful transition out of homelessness and on the path to success. Restoration Empowerment Center's vision is to restore hope to the homeless and hurting of Lubbock, Texas. We provide shelter and nourishing meals to women and children. But we don't believe that's enough.

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We believe Jesus calls us to open our arms wide as the need grows. We will continue to expand our services and develop

innovative programs as the complexities of homelessness change.

Our Purpose

The purpose of Restoration Empowerment Center is to proclaim and demonstrate the life-changing Gospel of Jesus Christ, meeting the spiritual, physical, and emotional needs of women and children who are homeless and in need of hope. We believe that all people deserve the basic necessities of life, and the community in which we live is called to serve this purpose.

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Restoration Empowerment Center ascribes to a non-denominational, confession of faith.

Chaplain Janet A. Railey



Preacher that will stop at any given time, make a turn in the middle of the street, just to stop, hug, pray and bless a homeless person.

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Janet Railey, Executive Director of REC

Janet Railey, the Executive Director, known by many as the "Hugging Preacher" has long had a passion for helping and serving the elderly, disabled and homeless community since the of age of 12. Jan has been ministering for 45 years, although not perfect, just forgiven. She is often affectionately called "Momma J" to the women and men she helps.

Jan has something special for

every facet of women's ministry.

God's Word is the authority and His Spirit is the teacher as Jan leads women on a delightful journey of seeking, finding, and growing in Christ. By incorporating ministry, humor, and visuals, her programs and conferences offer engaging and practical application of spiritual truth.

Jan is well known around Lubbock, Texas as the Homeless

More Obsequies

Hilton R. Craddock



Hilton R. Craddock, of Littlefield and of Lubbock - age 73, departed this life on Monday, November 15, 2021. Celebration of Life Service was held Friday, November 19, 2021, at 12 p.m. at St. John's Baptist Church under the direction of Ossie Curry Funeral Home. Eulogy was given by Pastor S.E. Fields.

Hilton Ray Craddock, was born on Wednesday August 25, 1948 in Mt. Pleasant Texas to Dallas Craddock and Irene Vines-Wormly.

Hilton grew up in Littlefield and Lubbock Texas where he attended public school. He worked as a Chef and had passion for cooking and was a jack of all trades. But most of all was loved by all and lived life to its fullest. Loved playing Diamonds and a King at shooting Pool.

He was preceded in death by his father Dallas Craddock, Sister Veronica Wormly, Brother Dalton J Craddock, Son Micheal Fleming.

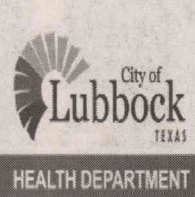
Those left to cherish his love and memory are his Siblings: Addie L. Brown (Walter), Wynnie Ivery, Larry J. Wormly (Pam), James Craddock, Jimmy Craddock, Lester Wormly (Shirley), Benny E Craddock (Joyce), Welton Wormly, I.V Wormly (Michelle). Children: Johnny Vaughn (Shiquetta), Tara L. Craddock, Gregory L. Craddock (Chantel), Hilton R. Craddock JR. (Patricia), Shatomas D. Hervey, Monica R. Hervey-Hartman (Otis). Step Children: Curtis Hobby, Samantha Finch and Latrelle Hernandez. He had 25 Grandchildren and 30 Great-Grandchildren and a Host of nieces, nephews, cousins and a rover of friends. His Special Friend Wanda Gordon. Life Long friend Mary Hernandez.

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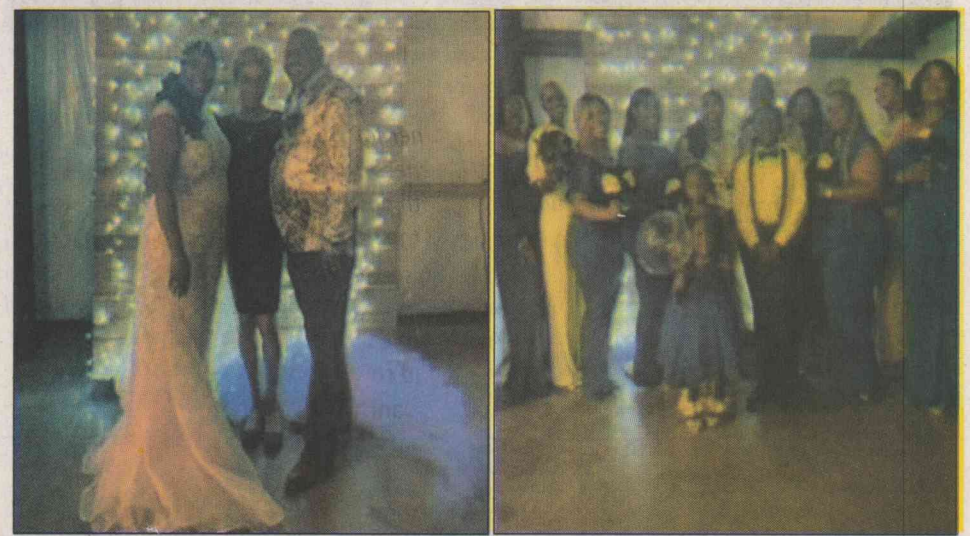
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Congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. Robert Willard

This couple, Robert Willard and Tasha Kinney "jumped the broom" sealing their wedding vows on November 20, 2021 at 3:00 pm at 414 N. FM 1729. Tasha is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Charles Ray Williams and Robert is the son of Robert Norris & Viola Willard.

The wedding was officiated by Pastor Bill Stubblefield. The Maid of Honor was Tisha Kinney and the Best Man was Richard Willard. There were 9 Bridesmaids and 9 Groomsmen. The Wedding Party also consisted of 2 Junior Brides and 2 Jr. Groomsmen. Also there were 4

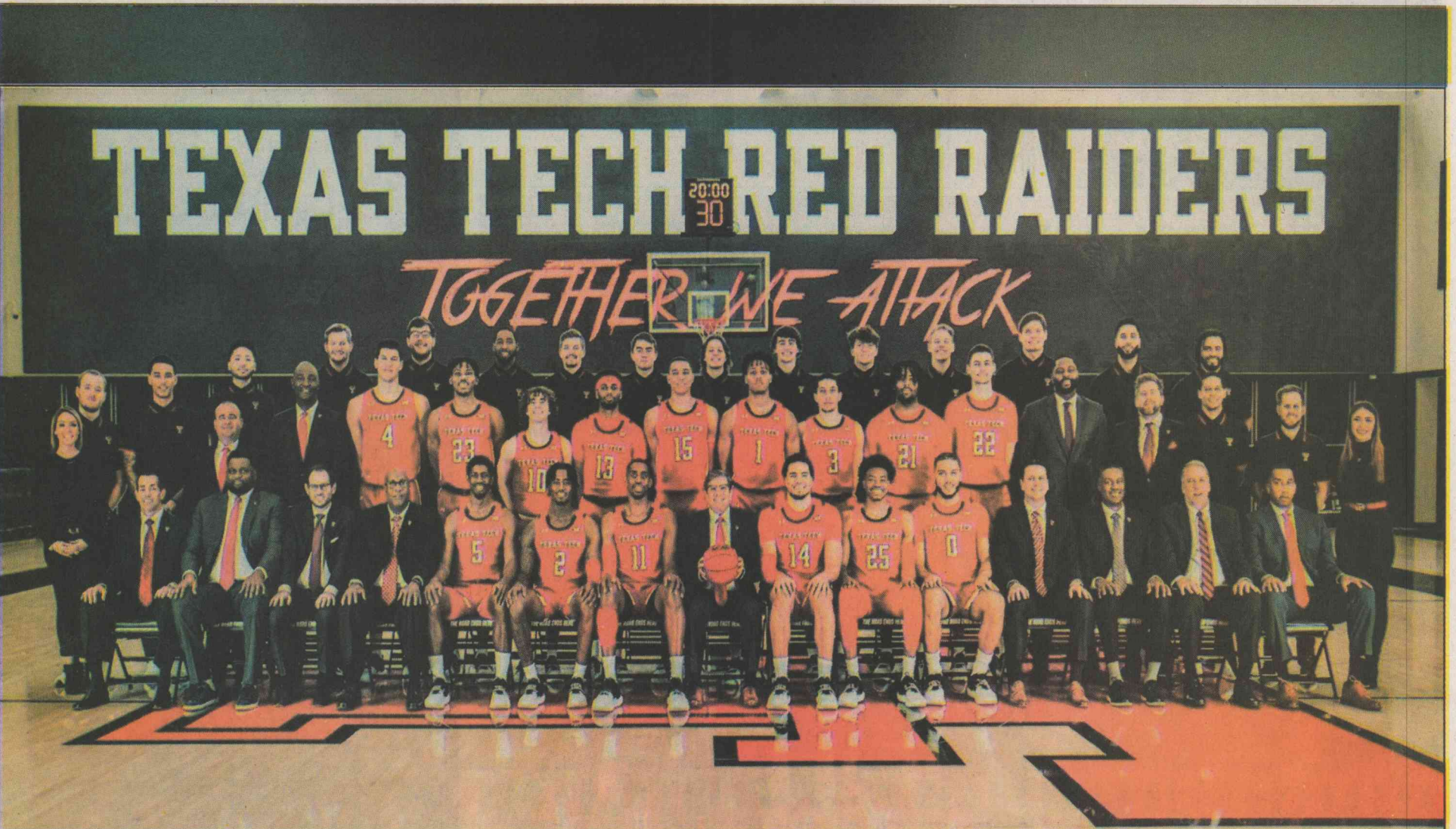
4 precious Flower Girls. A reception followed after the ceremony. Robert and Tasha were surrounded by a host of family and friends. The scripture text chosen for the ceremony was 1 John 4:18 - There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear.....*Congratulations!!!!*



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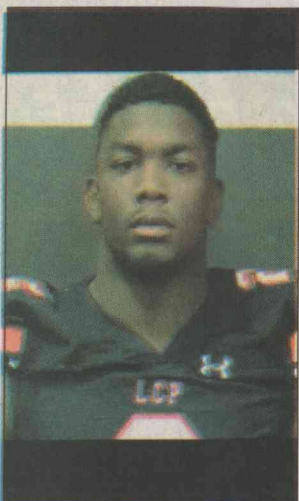
It's very easy to preach patience on the recruiting trail, but it's a lot harder to actually follow that practice.

Especially in the middle of what has easily been the craziest coaching carousel month in a long time in college football.

But all is well that ends well and Lubbock (Texas) Cooper inside linebacker Kobie McKinzie is finally done with the process, picking Oklahoma Monday afternoon. McKinzie will sign with the Sooners on Wednesday, the program he had been committed to from January 2020 until two weeks ago.

Throughout the process, McKinzie and his family had emphasized relationships. And with OU, that meant former coaches Lincoln Riley and Brian Odom.

After the jolt that was with Riley leaving for USC, McKinzie was one of the first recruits to decommit and start looking around. He visited Texas last weekend and committed following the official visit.



Kobie McKinzie

Strangely enough, around the same time McKinzie was picking the Longhorns, OU was getting ready to welcome Brent Venables back to Norman. If you want someone who can coach a linebacker or two, Venables is an obvious choice.

McKinzie is one of those recruits who has been so highly thought of since he was a freshman that you wondered how his trajectory would go. Instead of topping out as a sophomore or

something like that, McKinzie has continued to get better with each season and has earned the No. 6 ranking at inside linebacker in the nation.

With Venables firmly in place, the Sooners went back to work and had an in-home visit with McKinzie last week. That set up McKinzie returning to Norman for a visit over the weekend, and the writing was on the wall.

It remains to be seen how Wednesday is going to go for the Sooners with the beginning of the early signing period, but it's a nice little splash by Venables in the last couple of days.

Earning a couple of Rivals 250 commitments, both from the state of Texas. Flower Mound (Texas) High quarterback Nick Evers chose OU on Monday morning and Venables with the first shot in the Red River Rivalry recruiting battles, getting McKinzie back.

Kobie is the son of Henry McKinzie and the great great nephew of T.J. Patterson, Sr. **Congratulations Kobie!!!**

This Thanksgiving Mr. T.J. Patterson, Sr. AKA "PawPaw" had a chance to spend it with all of his children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and other family members.

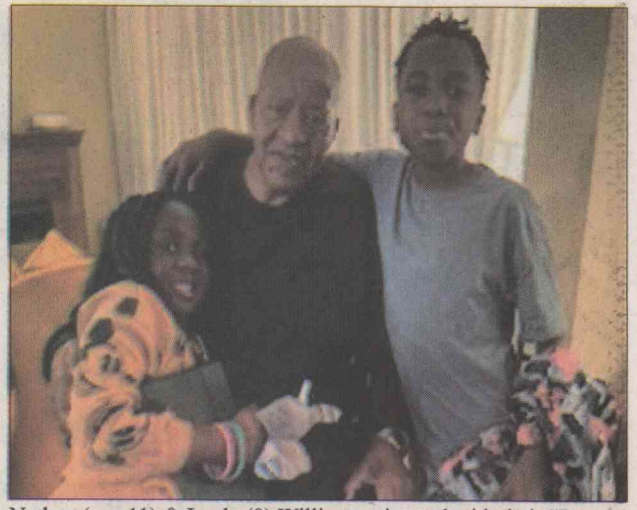
It has been over 5+ years since each family member was able to all be present in one setting.

This year was even more memorable and rewarding for T.J. Patterson, Sr., as there had been an addition to the family; a new reat-grandchild. Here are the names of his pride and joy: **Grandchildren** - Asya Harris, Zairreus Patterson, Marcus Williams, Thomas Patterson, III, and Lauren Patterson.

Great-Grandchildren - Nathan & Layla Williams, Zaya Grace, Z.J. and Zamir Patterson.

They all kept him entertained and a big smile on his face. One of the highlights of one evening was when Zaya, who is a youth cheerleader wanted to show off her skills in tumbling and flips She even talked her Mom into doing a few cheerleading cheers for us. This will be a Thanksgiving "PawPaw" will never forget. What a wonderful time we had.

Thank you Zaya Grace for the show..... **YOU GO GIRL!!!**

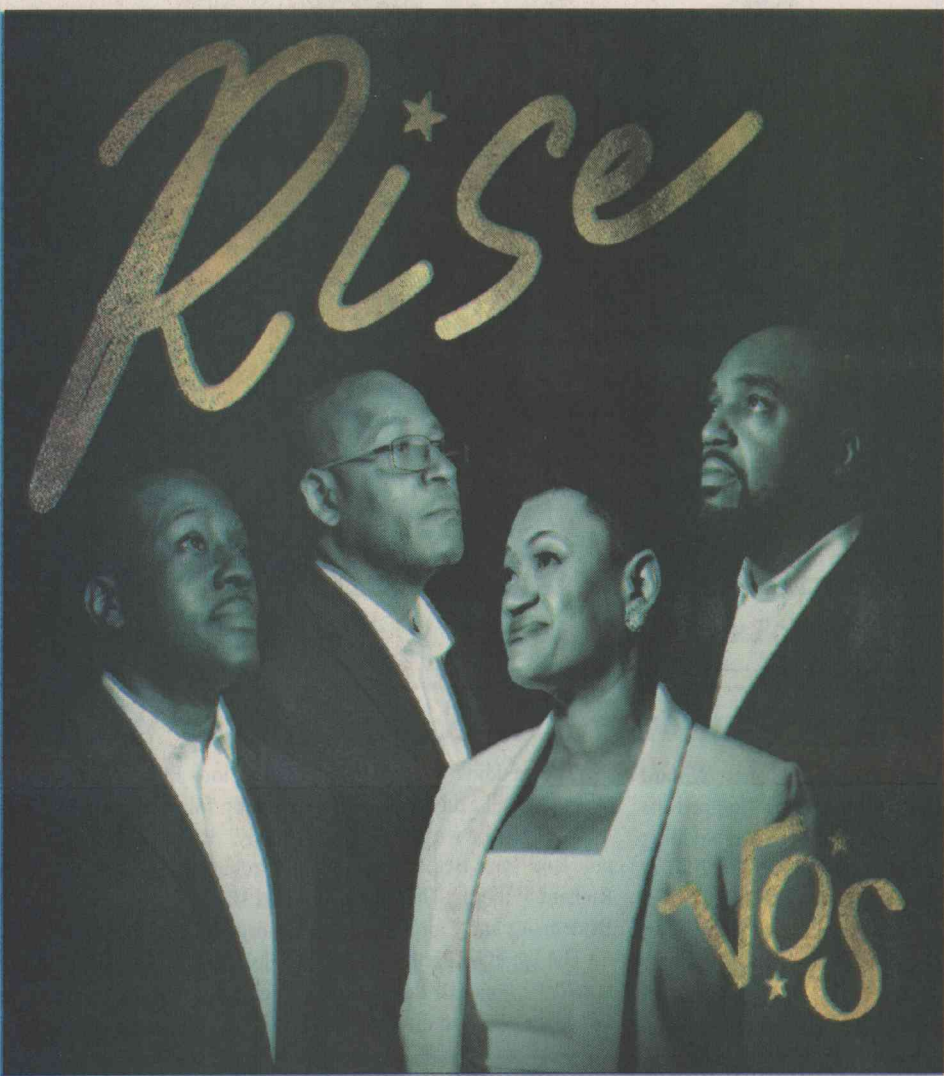


Nathan (age 11) & Layla (8) Williams, pictured with their "Paw-paw." They are the children of Marcus & Emmanuella Williams.



Z.J. (age 3) and Zamir (age 1) enjoying themselves with their dad, Zairreus Patterson. What a great time they had with their cousins.

VOICES OF SERVICES



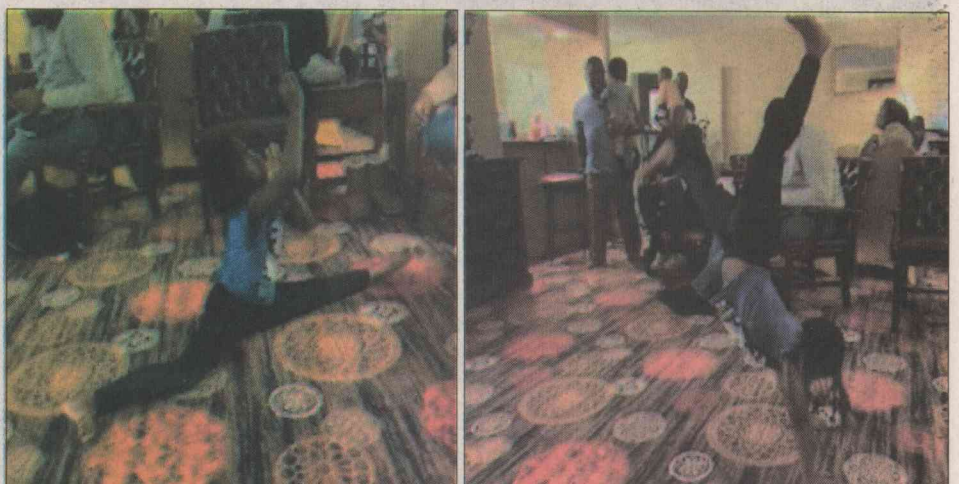
Voices of Services, part of the nonprofit Center for American Military Music Opportunities (CAMMO) is a singing quartet which includes retired Master Sgt. Caleb Green, retired Staff Sgt. Ron Henry, Sgt. Maj. Christal Rheams and Sgt. 1st Class Jason Hanna.

Voices of Services uses their platform to increase awareness of what music can do, for serv

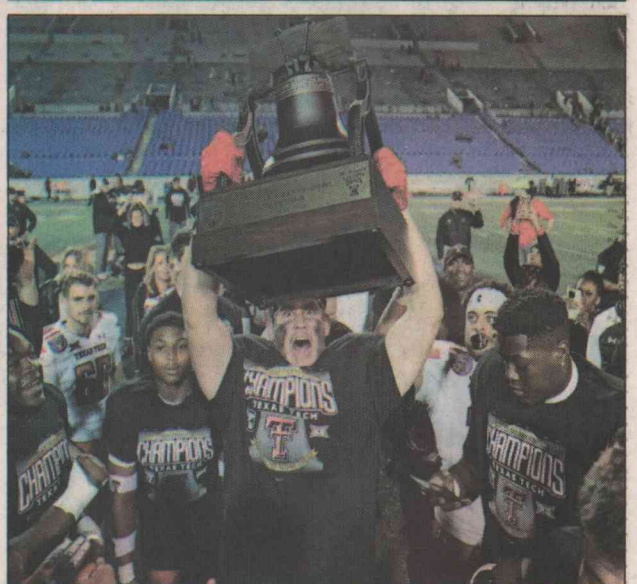
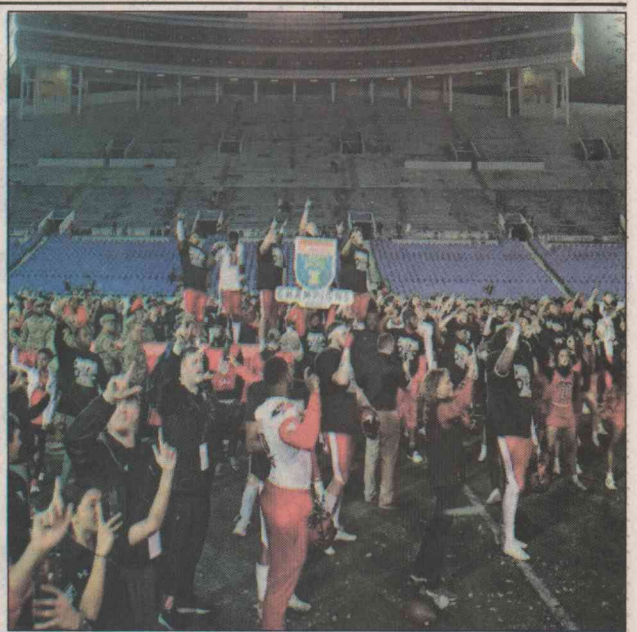
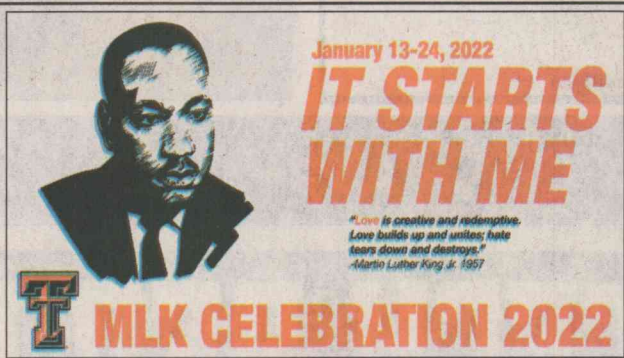
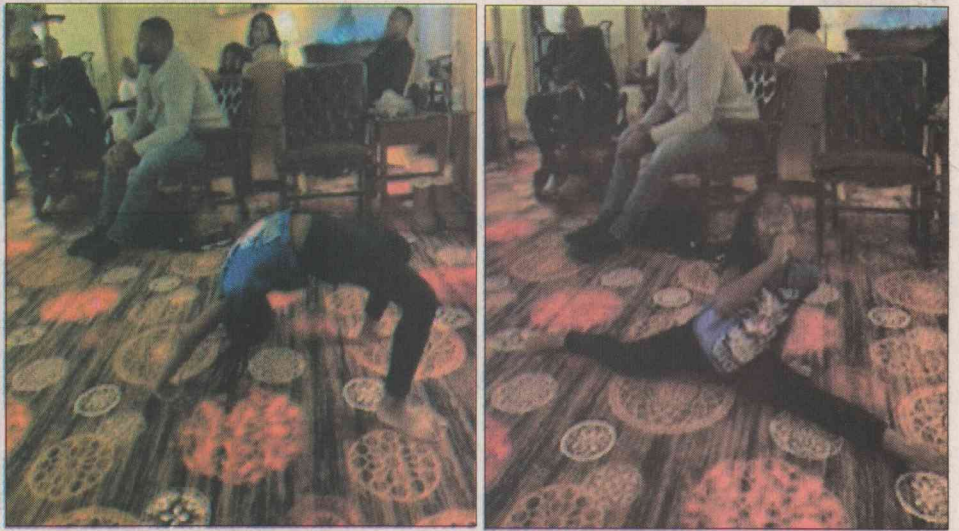
ices men and women who are coping with post-traumatic stress and other invisible/visible wounds.

They have been singing together six years and now their journey and purpose has now reached a new dimension. After their successful competition in Season 14 of America's Got Talent placing fifth, they have been able to create national awareness

to the struggle our service members, veterans and their families go through when dealing with visible and invisible injuries. They represent the excellence that exist within our military and veteran communities and are an inspiring example for the nation that they serve, have served, and continue to serve through music. Voices of Services recently released their debut EP Rise.



Zaya (Great-Granddaughter #2), show off her talented cheerleading and tumbling skills. She really enjoyed herself. Zaya is 6 years of age and is a cheerleader for the youth football team called the Melissa Cardinals of which she really enjoys doing. She is the daughter of Zairreus & Chimere Patterson.



2022 Martin Luther King Celebration Lubbock Memorial Civic Center

The Martin Luther King Commemorative Council, Inc. of Lubbock invites the Public to take part in the 2022 MLK Celebration

1 st Event: 6:30 pm	2 nd Event: 6:00 pm	3 rd Event: 5:00 pm	4 th Event: 6:30 pm
Friday January 14, 2022	Saturday January 15, 2022	Sunday January 16, 2022	Monday January 17, 2022
Individuals of Distinction Award Banquet	Youth Night	Citywide Service	Gospel Night
Speaker: Dr. Vicky Cooper, Lubbock ISD	Mass Youth Choir and local talent	Speaker: Superintendent David Haynes Christ Temple COGIC	MLK Mass Choir, local vocalist and others