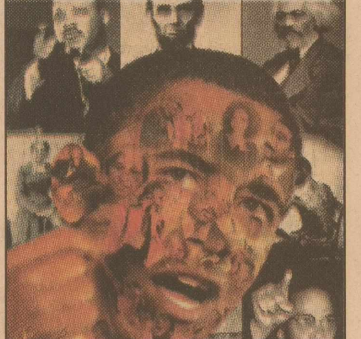
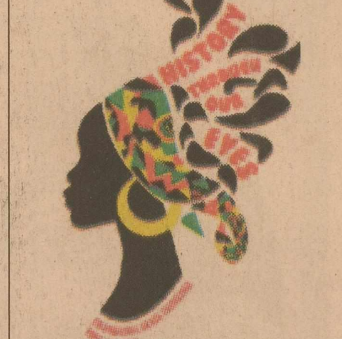
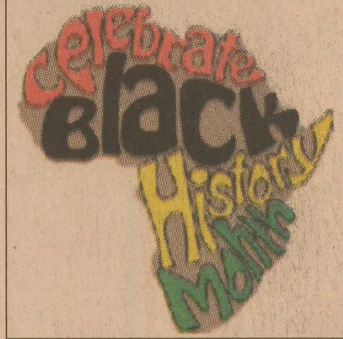
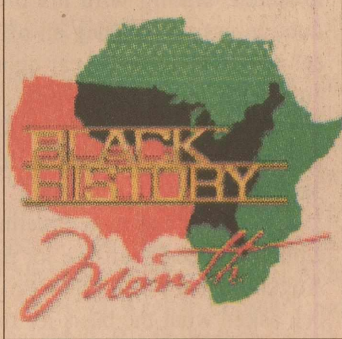
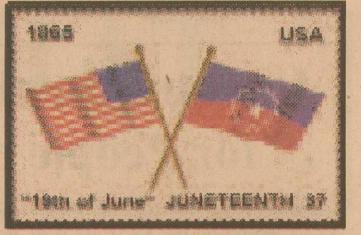




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* Lubbock Area Client Council meets on the 2nd Saturday, 1:00 pm at the Patterson Branch Library, 1836 Parkway Drive.

* Hub City Kiwanis meets 1st & 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7 p. m., Lyons Chapel Baptist Church, East 24th Street & MLK Blvd.

* Dunbar Alumni Association meets 2nd Saturdays, 4:00 pm.

* Booker T. W Washington American Legion, Post 808, meets every 2nd Tuesday at 7:30 pm, American Legion Building in Yellowhouse Canyon.

* Forgotten West Riders meets on the 1st & 3rd Mondays, 7:00 pm, Patterson Branch Library.

* East Lubbock Chapter AARP meets every 1st Thursday at 1:00 pm, Great Saint Luke Missionary Baptist Church.

* Lubbock Chapter of Black Alumni meets every 3rd Tuesday, 5:30 pm, TTU Market Alumni Center.

* Dunbar Manhattan Heights Neighborhood Association meets every 1st Thursday at 7:00 pm and every 4th Thursday at 7:00 pm at the Dunbar Manhattan Heights Neighborhood Outreach Center, 1301 E. 24th Street.

* West Texas Native American Association Pot Luck Supper meets on alternating months prior to meeting, meetings held on 2nd Saturdays of each month at 7:00 pm, Educational presentations and demonstrations.

* The Unified Juneteenth Commission of Lubbock meets every Tuesday evening at Bryon Martin Technology Center, 3401 Avenue Q, beginning at 5:30 p. m.

* West Texas Chapter of 100 Black Men of West Texas meets 3rd Monday evenings at 7:00 pm at The Bridge 1401 Redbud Avenue

* The Parkway & Cherry-Point Neighborhood Association meets the 3rd Tuesday evenings, 7:30 pm at 517 Zenith Avenue, Star Care Center.

* Chatman Hill Neighborhood Association meets 2nd Thursday of every month at 6:00 pm at 2301 Avenue A.

* ROOTS meets every 2nd Saturday at 2:00 p. m. at 2301 Avenue A.

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Rosieleeta Reed, President, Texas Buffalo Soldier Association Will Speak About Black History

With the theme, "We've Come This Far By Faith," the President of the Texas Buffalo Soldiers, Rosieleeta "Lee" Reed of Venus, Texas, will be the keynote speaker in a Black History program at the Mt. Gilead Baptist Church, 2511 Fir Avenue, on Saturday afternoon, February 18, 2017, beginning at 1:00 p. m. Rev. J. J. Johnson, Jr. is pastor.

A welcome will be given by Chaplin Eddie Harris of the West Texas Buffalo Soldiers. The historical occasion will be presented by Trooper Bennie Nash also a member of the West Texas Buffalo Soldiers.

"This will be a very educational program as this program will be held in Oldest Black Church in Lubbock and Lubbock County," said Nash.

Reed founded the Lakeside Riders Club as an outreach and community service, on-profit, dedicated to providing positive avenues for the energies of disadvantaged youth. Her organization teaches youth, ages 6 - 18, the fundamentals of horseback riding, hunting, fishing, and camping. Texas Black History and the legacy of the Buffalo Soldiers is emphasized.

As Lakeside Riders develop in the program, they perform in rodeos, parades, and honor guards. Her efforts have resulted in her receiving multiple awards including, but not limited to: the First Humanitarian Award from the Medical City of Dallas, Texas and the Jefferson Award, the Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis Award, for outstanding public service benefitting communities. Reed is one of five people awarded the National Jacqueline



Rosieleeta Reed

Kennedy Onassis Award by the American Institute for Public Service; A. Maceo Smith Award for Youth Division; Dallas African-American Museum and North Texas.

Reed continues to educate people about the history and heritage of Cowboys and Cowgirls of Color. Today, she serves as the Health and Wellness Coordinator of the Huff Wagon Train Project which serves dozens of students from California and Texas. The project requires participants to board mule-drawn wagons and retrace the route of

the gold rush adventure to lumpur William P. Huff. The journey takes the students from El Paso through New Mexico and back to Texas.

Reed makes numerous presentations each year to multiple organizations such as the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, the National Cowboys of Color Museum, and the Panhandle Plains Museum, and the George Bush Memorial Library. She also travels statewide as a trooper in the Texas Buffalo Soldier Regiment conducting edu-

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Patterson Branch Library Closure Scheduled For Renovation; Will Re-Open In June

The Patterson Branch Library will close on Wednesday, March 1, 2017 for renovations. The Lubbock City Council approved the next stage of renovations for the library at the January 26, 2017 meeting.

During this stage of renovations, the Patterson Branch will receive: new flooring, new fur-

niture, new paint, exterior repairs, and ADA compliant restrooms. Stage 1 of the renovations included a new roof and HVAC system, which were installed in 2015.

Library materials checked out from the Patterson Branch will need to be returned to one of the three other Lubbock

Public Library locations starting March 1st.

The Lubbock Public Library locations are: Mahon Library, 1306 9th Street; Godeke Branch Library, 5034 Frankford Avenue Groves Branch Library, 5520 19th Street.

The Patterson Branch is scheduled to reopen in June.

Rosa Parks' Birthday Party Celebration



Pictured above is a portion of the crowd who were in attendance of the Rosa Parks' Birthday Celebration on Saturday afternoon, February 4, 2017, at the Mae Simmons Senior Citizens Center. This celebration was sponsored by the Lubbock Democratic Party and the Lubbock NAACP.

Stuart Williams, Chairman of the Lubbock Democratic Party, who presided at the celebration, said "It is good to see all of you here and helping us celebrate this icon's birthday!" She would be 104 years old. She was 93 years old when she died.

Annie White, coordinator to reorganize the Lubbock Branch of NAACP, announced that the goal of registering 50 members was done on Wednesday, February 8, 2017 with 53 members who registered. Rose Wilson, who served as President of Lubbock Branch of NAACP for 42 years, was present.



Pastor Adna Bean

Pastor Adna Bean Encourages Parents To Speak Positively

Pastor Adna Bean of the Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church presented some valuable information to parents attending the 15th Annual African-American History Month program and reception on Saturday afternoon, February 4, 2017.

The theme for the annual program was "I Am Hope" with students from Dr. Meilinee Lesley, Texas Tech University, participating. Among the students who were scheduled to be on program were: Kristen Adame, Serenity Bell, Cameron James, Kayla Martinez, and Jaden Salter.

Pastor Bean said, "When you talk to our children, give them some positive information about how they look. Don't tell them they are losers. Let them know they are valuable, and can make positive contributions to the world."

"You see if you continue to give them negative information, that's all they will remember. They will forget about the very positive information you gave

them earlier."

Continuing, Pastor Bean reminded parents of what they had to come through when they were young. She made it clear that as a young person, there are some things we had to go through.

"All I'm asking each of you to do as parents which will help your children make it in life," she said.

A welcome was given by City Councilwoman Shelia Renee Patterson-Harris. She expressed her appreciation for those who were in attendance.

The Patterson Branch was opened on December 5, 1995, and has been a valuable institution in District. Many young people look forward to utilizing this library.

Minister Mercelle McCutcheon of Pilgrim Baptist Church offered the invocation. Pastor Bean gave the benediction.

The reception was catered by Hankson BBQ and hosted by Left to Right Book Discussion Group in the Mildred Deo Community Room.

Bill Stubblefield, First Male African-American LISD Trustee



Bill Stubblefield

The story of Bill Stubblefield's journey, from his days as a student in Lubbock ISD to serving as the district's first male African-American trustee will begin airing daily on LISD-TV on Monday, February 20th at 7:30 a.m., 3:30 p.m. and 9 p.m. It will also air on the CW at 12:30 p.m. on February 26.

Unequal Justice: The High Costs of Disparities for People of Color in Multnomah County

Written by Lee Van der Voo and Nick Budnick InvestigateWest/Pamplin Media Group.

For everything from jaywalking to driving without a license, it pays to be white in Oregon if you run afoul of the law.

What you really don't want to be is black.

For example, littering fines for African-Americans are nearly double those imposed on whites, according to an analysis of cases filed in state courts from 2005 to 2016. Transit fare violations? Those fines, too, are more than doubled if you're black.

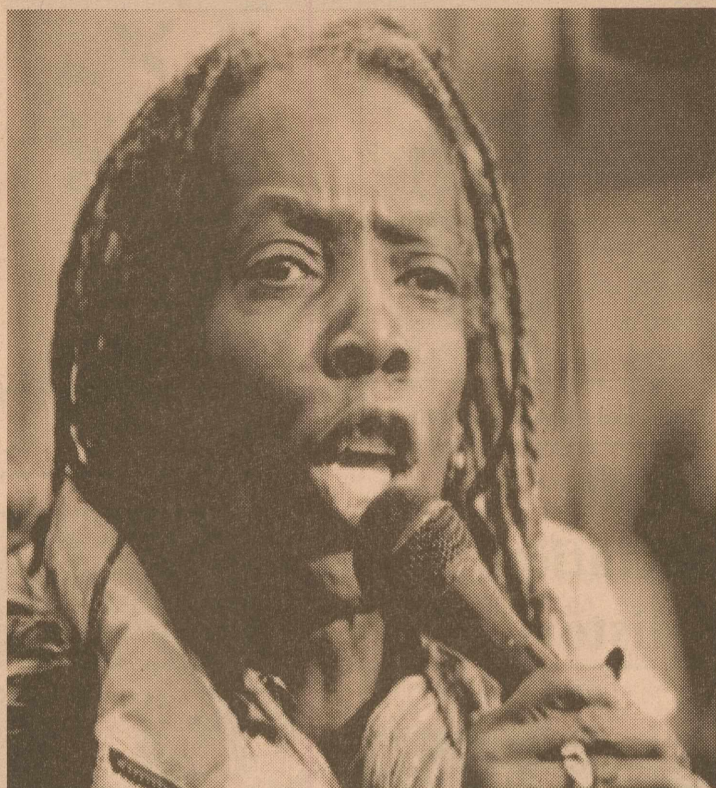
Our review of the past dozen years of court records shows that white residents charged in relatively minor cases in Multnomah County — those with a single count — paid a median fine of \$181, while African-American defendants paid \$261.

Since 2005, that disparity added up to about \$5.6 million.

If you look at fines related to all cases, African-American defendants in Multnomah County paid about \$21.5 million more than they would have if their fines had been equal to those levied on white defendants.

"These are the hidden injustices built into the justice system," said Jo Ann Hardesty, president of the Portland Branch of the NAACP and a former state legislator.

Living black in Multnomah When people discuss racial disparities in the criminal justice



Jo Ann Hardesty speaks at the March for Justice and Equality on Jan 28, 2017. Photo by Jaime Valdez.

system, they often focus on cops. Yet, as evidenced by the gap in fines (which are outside the control of police), obstacles to obtaining equal justice in Multnomah County — and throughout Oregon — are seen at every tier of the criminal justice system.

Prosecutors, the courts and even state legislators play a role in perpetuating the disparities, but it's logical to zero in on police, who make the first — and very public — contact with people who end up in our courts and

jails. In Multnomah County, ticket by ticket, arrest by arrest, African-Americans are charged three to 30 times as often as white residents for everything from pedestrian and transit fare violations to drug charges and crimes related to interactions with police.

For black people in Multnomah County, unequal treatment in the criminal justice system is nothing new.

Lauretta Reye Austin, 22, described being hassled by a cop while waiting at a MAX station.

Teressa Raiford, 46, and a leader of Don't Shoot PDX, said it was only after talking to white

girls that she learned police didn't know all young kids by name — just the black kids.

Teressa Raiford went from being a pro-cop anti-gang activist to leading the group Don't Shoot PDX. She says she learned from an early age that her skin color merited special attention from police.

Red Hamilton, 40, a Milwaukie resident whose family lives in North Portland, says her brother has been stopped by police while walking to work.

"They ask him stuff like, 'Oh, where you going? You look familiar,'" Hamilton said, "criminalizing him by just his skin tone."

And then there's Kevin Jones'

story from last July.

The co-founder of an arts group, Jones was parked in the loading dock outside the Artists Repertory Theatre in downtown Portland, talking with his production assistant, when an officer activated his squad car lights and began questioning him — the officer's hand either on his gun or resting very near it, his partner standing further back.

Jones, who was then directing a play on racial profiling for the August Wilson Red Door Project, asked what the basis for the stop was, pointing out that he was parked legally and rented space at the theater.

Eventually, the police were persuaded and drove away. But

the officer's initial response to his questioning struck Jones as out of line. "If you're going to have an attitude, let me have your driver's license," he recalled the cop saying.

Such tales are the reality of life inside these numbers: Of the 202 types of offenses for which there was adequate data to compare — everything from mail theft to murder to escape from prison or custody — African-American residents in Multnomah County were charged at higher rates than whites for all but five types of crimes. And in 80 percent of those crimes, they were charged at two or more times the rate of whites.

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Friday, February 24 at 1 pm, Ages 50+, \$5
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BREAKFAST BINGO
Wed, February 29 at 9 am, Ages 50+, \$2
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POETRY AND STORYTELLING
Every Friday in February at 2 pm, Free
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In Cinque

By Renetta Howard



BLACK HISTORY

This is February, 2017 and it is BLACK HISTORY MONTH. This month in America, emphasis is placed on the accomplishments of the American Negro, now called the African American or Black American. I like American Negro or Black American as a name better, because there are very, very few Black Americans today who can truly or fully identify with Africa. The Black American living in this country today is a product of miscegenation. As a matter of fact, I will not say most, but many native Africans in America have a kind of superior attitude when compared to Black people born in this country. None the less, in the greater observation and social milieu, Americans with the ebony hue regardless of origin, are the same.

We have heard a lot about 'Hidden Figures' but there remains a lot to be said and learned about 'Hidden Colors.' In my theory of the land in the world once being the same and split by some natural phenomenon, Africa and South America, along with North America and Europe, were split apart. The cultures of Africa and South America were basically the same. Migration to Europe had not begun before the split. There is historical evidence found in artifacts in the Americas and Europe that represent African influence.

Black History began in America, long before Leif Erickson and Columbus; as a matter of fact, before America. The chronicles of America have systematically left out the existence and accomplishments of the dark skinned brother throughout its existence. Actions of a Black man had to be over and beyond

the top or outrageous to be recognized in history until Carter G. Woodson and his Negro Society decided to bring attention to the accomplishments of Negroes for the benefit of the American Negro. They set aside the second week in February and called it Black History Week. That was the week that American Negroes had the opportunity to celebrate Black Americans. They listened to lectures about Black Americans and witnessed silent films made by Black companies and listened to music and saw dancing by Black people. Out of fifty two weeks in the year, a week of Black work, literature and art was celebrated.

Today, we now celebrate Black History a whole MONTH! This is good. It helps Black Americans to know and realize that they have worth and are worthy human beings. Much of the progress in this country has been borne by Black individuals whom have never been recognized. Early inventions were credited to slave owner masters. After slavery, many Black inventors were cheated out of a patent and some do-good White friend got the credit and the money from sales. I personally knew the brothers who invented signal lights for automobiles and who were duped out of the patent and both succumbed from heartbreak and disillusionment. We can, however, get 'in cinque' and celebrate the accomplishments in every field of interest of the great American Black people, PAST AND PRESENT! Celebrate Black History EVERY DAY!!



Beyond the Rhetoric
5468
By
Harry C. Alford

The Wall will Stop more than Illegal Immigration

The Wall along our southern border will indeed be built and it is at least 30 years overdue. Mexico does a lot of serious and legal trading with the United States. In fact, we have a trade deficit with them of over \$60 billion annually. They are getting over on us and President Trump is going to deal with that. But that isn't the problem the Wall will address.

Illegal immigration is alive and well. People living in the San Diego area are warned by traffic signs to beware of people running across Interstate 5 (like deer signs). I have experienced that. A couple of years ago, we were driving into the city and to my shock there were about 30 humans running across the freeway. Most of them were children and I had to swerve and brake at the same time. It was a blessing that the lane to my right was available. The caution signs were appropriate. I imagined most of the teenagers and adults in this group will first end up working as cheap labor in the farm areas. Many will end up in Oregon and Washington and California. That is an everyday thing across our border. Traveling to the destination seems to be no problem as illegal immigrants who work the fields are in just about every state in the union. This must be an impediment to unemployed American workers who would demand at least minimum wage.

Unfortunately, there is a very sleazy side to this. The male workers who live in areas of limited population are supplied comfort ladies. Where do they come from? The same place as the workers. They are teenage females who are led into crossing the American border and forced into sex slavery. My son noticed this shameful business

THIS N' THAT

by T. J. Patterson

MAE SIMMONS SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER IS ON THE MOVE!!! SENIORS NAMED THEIR KING & QUEEN!!! THIS N THAT want to advise those Lubbock residents over the age of **55 AND OLDER** who do not attend the **MAE SIMMONS SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER** 2004 Oak Avenue that you are missing out on many activities..... Perhaps the best opportunity you are missing is by associating with those Senior Citizens who are your age and experiences..... Of course**THIS N THAT** realizes that one

can't beat enjoying their homebut for **FOUR OR FIVE HOURS A DAY** you know or went to school with in your earlier years..... At the same time **THIS N THAT** re-minds you of **NEW ACQUAINTANCES** you will meet..... Even during the **NOON HOUR** after **THE BLESSING OF THE NOON MEAL** by one of your peers you eat a well balanced meal..... Also twice a week there is an opportunity for all **SENIORS** to participate in a..... **FITNESS PROGRAM**

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while visiting a small town in Vermont. These girls would be sitting outside a large farm on benches waiting for the workers to get off from work. They would take their "John" into a cabin area located along the side of the farm. It shouldn't take authorities too long to catch onto this and bust it up. They must go along with it and that is an American tragedy. This alone should make us threaten the annual foreign aid we give to Mexico if they don't bring this to a stop.

That is just one problem that involves our southern border. Auto theft is another problem. It is quite easy to steal a car; pay off a Mexican border agent and sell it to a "chop shop". That car will never be seen again and the Mexican authorities have little interest in finding it. If you visit border cities such as Tijuana, Juarez etc. never, never take your car and park it across the border.

The above are two problems that are generated by our southern neighbor. However, if you take all the problems that originate in Mexico and affect the United States and add them up the total would not begin to approach our biggest problem with the Mexican border - Cocaine. Over 90% of the cocaine that is smuggled into America is from Mexico. It seems to run freely despite the efforts of our border security guards.

The cocaine industry in Mexico is run by four major cartels. They are the Sinaloa Cartel, Gulf Cartel, Tijuana Cartel, and the Colima Cartel. These are some of the most dangerous crime groups in the world. The Mexican Army has proven to be no match against them. The rate of corruption (politicians, military and police) is out of hand. 90% of the murders in the nation of Mexico are directly related to the cocaine drug industry. They have a presence in over 500

cities throughout the nation.

This is our challenge. Cutting down the flow of cocaine coming into our nation from Mexico. Don't worry about marijuana. There is so much growing here since some U.S. areas have made it legal. In fact, the drug cartels from Mexico are buying significant amounts from legal Colorado pot shops. Then they distribute them to areas that still consider marijuana illegal. How ironic.

Cocaine is a scourge that comes into our nation to infect our population and wreak chaos throughout our land. We do need that Wall President Trump is talking about. More so to cut down on the availability of illegal drugs and the harm to our quality of life. An impenetrable wall would cut down on the traffic significantly. Then we can find a way to detect tunnels that are also used by the cartels. "Build that Wall".

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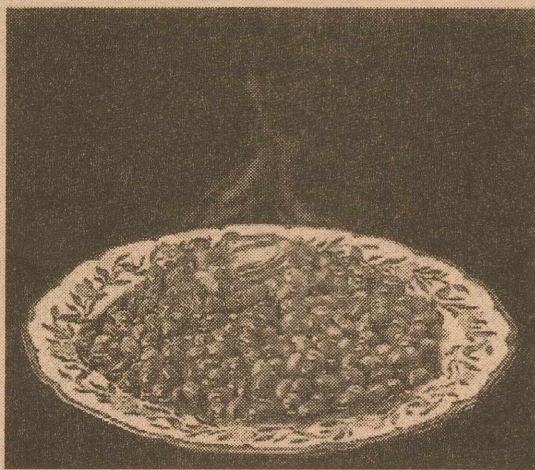
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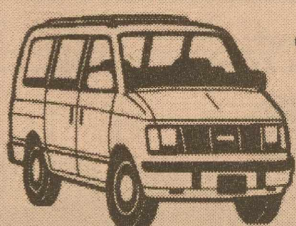


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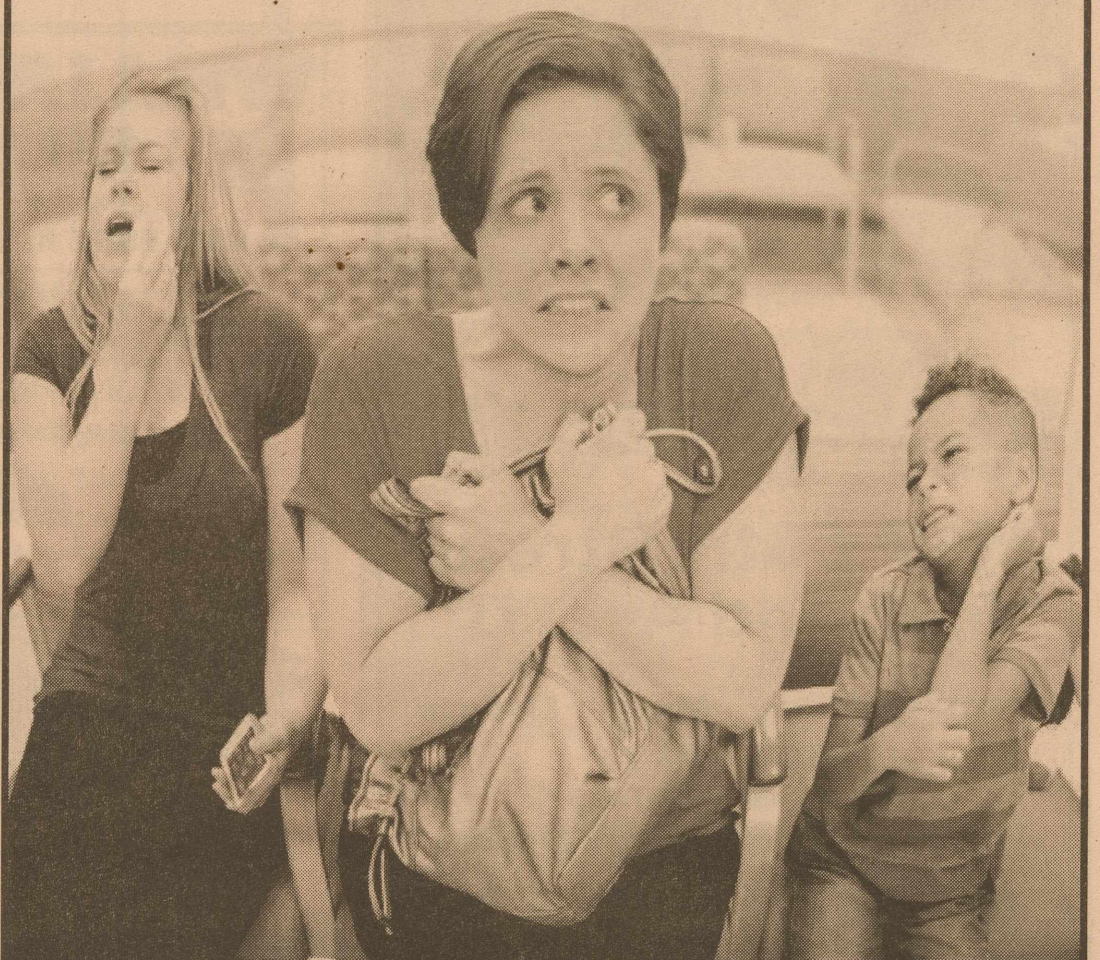



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THE CHRISTIANS WERE TEACHING THAT THINGS OF THE FLESH WOULD MAKE YOU FREE. THAT WAS A LIE FROM THE DEVIL; FOR I KNOW IT WAS JESUS. HE LIBERATED ME!!!

John 8:32 -- Jesus said, And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free. -- (THERE IS NO FREEDOM IN REST ROOMS, AND SEATS ON THE BUS!!!)

THE CHRISTIANS are teaching on things you need to do. BUT JESUS DID IT ALL; DYING FOR YOUR SINS; AND THE FAITH IN HIS IS UP TO YOU!!!

Romans 10:9-10 -- That if you shall confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus, and shall believe in your heart that God had raised him from the dead, you shall be saved. For with the heart man believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salva-

tion.

(So many people are telling NEW CHRISTIANS, NOW YOU HAVE TO DO THIS, AND TO DO THAT. ON SUNDAYS, WEDNESDAYS, AND FRIDAY NIGHT CHURCH AND OF ALL THE RITUALS AND THINGS TO DO. THEY ARE NEVER TOLD TO KEEP JESUS IN THEIR HEART!!!) -- Galatians 4:10-11 -- You observe days, and months, and time, and years. I'm afraid of you, lest I have bestowed upon you labour in vain.

HYPOCRITE CHRISTIANS; MARCH WITH UN-GODLY PEOPLE. I DON'T SEE HOW???. THEY SAY; WHAT DO WE WANT? DEAD COPS; WHEN DO WE WANT IT? -- NOW!!!

Galatians 5:13 -- For, Brothers, you have been called unto liberty; only use not liberty for an occasion to the flesh, but by love serve one another.

The DEVIL BROUGHT SIN TO THE WORLD, AND DAMNATION TO ALL SOULS. JESUS DIED FOR THE WORLD'S SINS, AND THE WORLD NEED TO BE TOLD!!!

Matthew 28:19 -- JESUS SAID, Go you therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.

But THE DEVIL GOT INTO JESUS' PREACHERS,

AND THEY WENT SATAN'S WAY. LUCIFER, ADAM, JUDAS, JIM JONES, MARTIN LUTHER KING. THEY ALL WENT ASTRAY!!!

Matthew 4:10 -- Jesus said, Get thee hence, Satan, for it is written. You shall worship the Lord, your God, and him only shall you serve. ---- (JESUS REBUKED THE DEVIL!!!)

The CHURCH was to PREACH JESUS; THE MESSAGE WAS TO BE ABOUT HIM!!! BUT THE DEVIL; GOT THE DISCIPLES TO PREACH; ALL ABOUT THEM!!!

Galatians 1:6-8 -- I marvel that you are so soon removed from that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel. Which is not another; but there are some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ. But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we preached unto you, let him be accursed.

Galatians 4:16 -- Am I, therefore, become your enemy, because I tell you the truth.

A day that begins and ends in prayer and praise won't become unraveled.

Psalm 92:1-2

St. Matthew Baptist Church

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Church services at the St. Matthew Baptist Church were well attended.

All members had a wonderful time on Sunday morning, January 29, 2017. The Church's address is 2020 East 14th Street where the proud Pastor is the Rev. Edward Canady.

Sunday morning services begun at 10:10 a. m. with Superintendent Barbara Johnson in charge. Praise God for all the knowledge we receive during Sunday School.

The subject of the Sunday School lesson was entitled "Global Applause." The scripture text was Psalm 148. The Sunday School lesson was taught by Sister Johnson, and reviewed by Pastor Canady.

The Sunday School lesson was well received and enjoyed by all in attendance.

The Sunday morning devotion was conducted by our Missionary Society with Sister Ethel

Williams and Sister Barbara Johnson participating.

Pastor Canady entered the Church with the Choir and Congregation singing "Because of Who You Are."

The morning sermon was delivered by Rev. Edward Canady. His subject was "Do You Believe This?" The scripture text was John 11:23-26.

The morning announcements were read by Sister Shirley Canady. Praise God for Sister Canady who always an outstanding job in explaining all of the announcements.

Sister Barbara Johnson spoke for the Missionary Society.

She did an outstanding job on the following areas:

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wants to say Thank You, Sister Johnson!!!

The Weekly Meetings held at the St. Matthew Baptist Church are as follows:

1. The Missionary Society meets on Wednesday evenings at 5:00 p. m.

If you love studying the Word, then please and study with us. You'll be glad you did so.

2. Choir Rehearsal is held on Friday afternoons, beginning at 2:00 p. m.

If you love to sing God's Praises, then do come and become a part of.

Let us continue to pray for sick and shut-in. Among those on the sick list are Sister Wanda Brown and Sister Arlene Jackson.

Thought For Today: "We know how much God loves us, because He sent his son to save us!!!"

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New Light Baptist Church News

3013 Idalou Road Rev. Kenneth O. Jackson, Pastor

On Sunday morning, February 5, 2017, Church Services got started at the New Light Baptist Church, 3013 Idalou Road, where Rev. Kenneth O. Jackson is very proud pastor

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

Morning worship started at 11:00 a.m. with the devoted Praise Team leading the way. The responsive reading came from 1 Corinthians 11:23-30. The altar call was led by Rev. Jackson and the congregation singing **I NEED THEE**.

Sis. Linda Green read all the morning announcements and told of all the upcoming events that will be taken place.

The Choir sung **NOW BEHOLD THE LAMB, I AM REDEEMED, I KNOW IT WAS THE BLOOD AND PRECIOUS LORD. AMAZING GRACE** was sung before the sermon.

Rev. Jackson preached the sermon titled: **UNCONDITIONAL FORGIVENESS** and its printed text came from **LUKE 23: 28-34**. Some people just can't get pass things. With forgiveness God can't forgive you if you don't forgive. When people offend you they don't even have the mind to go back and ask to be forgiven. Feelings

are involved, and when people use your kindness as weakness they don't even know how to repent.

You can't treat people any kind of way and expect to be blessed. The Lord don't want us to be rude to others. It's not what you say, its how you say it. God can't forgive you with that excess baggage. If you want God to forgive you than you have to forgive others. If you believe it you can have eternal

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Stark gap for drug crimes
The biggest disparities are seen in drug crimes. Researchers have found that African-Americans use most drugs, including powder cocaine, at lower rates than whites. The only drug black people consume at a higher rate is crack cocaine.

Yet black residents in Multnomah County were charged at a rate seven times that of whites for all drug cases. In minor cocaine cases, mostly single counts of possession, the rate was 30 times that of whites.

African-American residents were more likely to be charged with crimes related to their ex-

life. God's forgiveness is for real. Father forgive them for they know not what they do. When people misuse and abuse you that's when its time to let go and let God. Jesus is our prime example of letting things go.

Are you living like you belong to God? You can't carry excess baggage around with you and expect to be blessed. How many of us can say I forgive you? You can unload your own excess baggage by yourself.

changes with police, too. They comprise just 7 percent of Multnomah County's population, including people of mixed race, but make up nearly a third of charges for interfering with a police officer and giving false information to police, and more than a quarter of cases for resisting arrest.

Those findings are hardly shocking. A year ago, the county released a study, funded by the MacArthur Foundation, that found African-American defendants were six times as likely as whites to end up in the county jail.

Police want to get 'into pock-

The Song after the sermon was **BECAUSE HE LIVES.**

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: LIVE LIKE YOU BELONG TO GOD ON A DAILY BASIS.


What is surprising is the unexpected, little-discussed daily experiences of black residents who are more likely to be slapped with violations for things that white people rarely even think of as violations.

Spitting in public? Black people were charged at 27 times the rate of white residents. Failing to cross the street at a right angle? Fifteen times the rate of whites. Jaywalking? Eight and a half times the rate of whites. Walking in the road? Five and a half times the rate of whites. Littering? Nearly four times the rate of whites.

Time and again, African-American residents interviewed for this series characterized Multnomah County as a place where police use petty violations as an excuse to get their names and "get in their pockets" to look for contraband.

"In a busy city, living a busy life, these are the little crimes that we do," Hardesty said, referring to people of all races. She worries that the disproportionate enforcement may be "a practice and pattern of targeting people

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Obsequies

Ella Faye Bryant

Funeral services were held for Ella Faye Bryant on Friday morning, February 3, 2017, at the Griffin Mortuary Chapel.

Interment followed in Resthaven Memorial Park under the direction of Griffin Mortuary & Funeral Home of Lubbock.

Bryant, 72, of Lubbock, passed away Saturday, January 28, 2017.

Ella was born July 29, 1944, in Frederick, Oklahoma to L.C. and Hattie Bryant.

Ella graduated as Valedictorian from Boyd High School in 1962 and continued her education with a Bachelor of Education from Oklahoma University in 1966.

Ella united with Carter Chapel Christian Methodist Episcopal Church.

Ella began her teaching career with Lubbock ISD until she retired in 2001. She was a fan of the Oklahoma Sooners.

Ella is preceded in death by her parents, L.C. and Hattie Bryant; grandparents, Searcy and Mary Lucas Arnold. Ella leaves to cherish her memory: two sisters, Marva Bryant and Debra Bryant; one aunt, Joyce



Stenson; one brother-in-law, Ruben Stenson; six cousins; two honorary sisters; and a host of other relatives and friends.

Happiness is essentially a state of going somewhere, whole-heartedly, one-directionally, and without regret or reservation.

William H. Sheldon

Charles S. Kerr

Funeral services were held for Charles S. Kerr on Saturday morning, February 4, 2017, at the Hope Baptist Church with Pastor Larry Polk officiating.

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

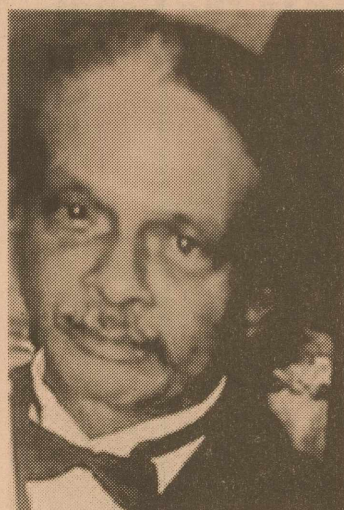
Kerr, 83, of Lubbock passed away Thursday, January 26, 2017.

He was born October 30, 1933, in Cameron, Texas, to Paul Lawrence Kerr and Jessie Mae Evans.

Charles was educated in the Lubbock Independent School District and graduated from Dunbar High School in 1951. He attended Huston-Tillotson College in Austin, Texas, on a basketball scholarship.

He united with New Hope Baptist Church as a child and was baptized. Charles was employed by the Lubbock Country Club for several years as a waiter and bartender.

Charles is preceded in death



by his parents; stepfather, John S. Evans; and wife, Elera Kerr.

Charles leaves to cherish his memories: his daughter, Lori Montgomery (Rev. David); son, Reginald Kerr (Seleka); sister, Joan Jones; two brothers, Clovis Kerr, Sr. (Millie) and John R. Evans; seven grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; two nieces, three nephews; and a host of other relatives and friends.

Clarence Joe "CJ" Law, Jr.

Funeral services were held for Clarence Joe "CJ" Law, Jr. on Saturday morning, January 28, 2017, at Griffin Mortuary Chapel.

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

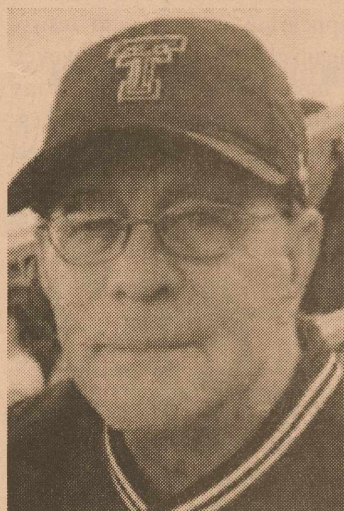
Law, age 67 of Lubbock, passed away on Sunday, January 22, 2017.

He was born January 8, 1950, and was reared by Bill and BeBe Jo Turrentine in Levelland, Texas. He grew up in Seagraves, Texas.

He was an honor student and excelled in sports while he attended Seagraves I.S.D. He went to South Plains College and Eastern New Mexico University here he played football for the Greyhounds.

After graduation, Law coached at numerous high schools such as Grapevine, Lampasas, Round Rock, Anton, nd Vernon, Texas, until moving to North Texas University to coach college football. He coached with great coaches and players who became lifelong friends of Clarence.

He then proceeded to start coaching his love of his life's Sterling George, Stormy george,



Luke Law, and Hudson Law, and many of their friends. He was well loved and respected. He never met a stranger. Many of the youth baseball programs in Lubbock will miss him.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Clarence Joe Law, Sr. and Alvia Jackson, Bill and BeBe Jo Turrentine; and grandson, Scotty George.

Clarence leaves to cherish his memories: love of his life, Janice; two daughters, Kimberly Law, George and Mika Law; four grandchildren, Sterling George, Stormy George, Luke Law, and Hudson Law; a host of other relatives and friends.

Robbie L. Williams

Funeral services were held for Robbie L. Williams on Saturday morning, February 11, 2017, at the Church of The Nations with Pastor Roy Davis officiating.

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

Robbie, age 52 of Lubbock, passed away on Sunday, February 5, 2017.

He was born May 27, 1964, in Levelland, Texas, to Robert Williams and Alice F. Williams.



Robbie attended Estacado High

Melvin Eugene Carter

Funeral services were held for Melvin Eugene Carter on Friday afternoon, February 3, 2017, at the Lyons Chapel Baptist Church with Pastor Wendell Davis officiating.

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

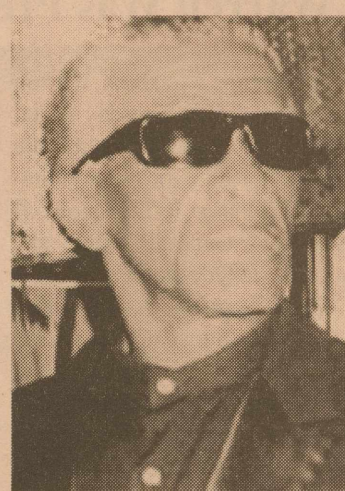
Gene, 68, of Lubbock, passed away Sunday, January 29, 2017.

He was born on April 19, 1948, in Waco, Texas, to Maxwell and Jessie Mae Carter.

Melvin, aka Gene, attended schools in McLennan County where he later graduated from Carver High School.

Shortly after graduation, Melvin joined the U.S. Army where he served faithfully until retirement. Melvin enjoyed a life of music and sharing his musical talents with others.

Melvin is preceded in death by his parents, Maxwell and Jessie Mae Carter; his wife, Armetta; and one sister, Dorothy L. Carter.



Melvin leaves to cherish his memories eight children: Edwina Leblanc, Roquel Jones, Melvin Carter Jr., Amanda Carter-Johnson (Lamaire), Darren Carter (Fran), Melvin Pruitt, Melton Pruitt, and Myra Pruitt; one sister, Elsie Mae Carter-Free; four brothers, Maxwell E. Carter Jr., Richard E. Carter (Ruthie), Larry D. Carter (Chanelle), and Kevin D. Carter (Joni); and a host of grandchildren, nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

Joyce Wilburn

Funeral services for Joyce Wilburn were held on Wednesday morning, February 8, 2017, at the Living Word Church with Pastor Berry Chili officiating and Eulogist.

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

Judy passed away on Tuesday, January 31, 2017.

She was born November 18, 1941, in Waxahachie, Texas, to Alford and Litter Byrd.

She attended Wayland Baptist University. She worked Texas Instruments and also worked as a nurse.

Joyce was a member of Living Word Ministries.

Joyce is preceded in death by her parents; two sons, William Holmes and Terry Holmes; and one sister, Ruth Bennett.



Joyce leaves to cherish her memories: her loving husband of thirty-five years, John; one daughter, Rachel Vasquez; one son, Jamie Holmes; one step-daughter, Cindy Washington; 12 grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and a host of other relatives and friends.

Elaine Bolt

Funeral services were held for Elaine Boit at the New Jerusalem Baptist Church in Plainview, Texas, on Saturday afternoon, February 11, 2017.

Interment was held in the Plainview Cemetery under the

School.

He owned his own business, Rob's BBQ.

Robbie is preceded in death by his father, and one daughter, Shermonna William.

Robbie leaves to cherish his memories, his wife, Johnetta Williams; daughter, Shonnea Williams, and stepdaughter, Treva Steele; mother, Alice Williams; one son, Robbie Williams, Jr.; one sister, Shrona Wesley (Isaac); one brother, Deverick Williams (Mary); seven grandchildren; and a host of other relatives and friends.



direction of Griffin Mortuary & Funeral Home of Lubbock.

Elaine passed away on Wednesday, February 1, 2017.

She was born on July 6, 1956, to the late Chinell Smith and Ella B. Carter in Plainview, Texas. She attended Plainview

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This Is the Coretta Scott King Letter That Elizabeth Warren Was Prevented from Reading in the Senate

Senator Elizabeth Warren was silenced on Tuesday night, February 7, 2017, during the Senate debate over the nomination of Senator Jeff Sessions as Attorney General after she quoted a letter written by the late Coretta Scott King in which King spoke out against Sessions' character, the Washington Post and other outlets reported.

Senate majority leader Mitch McConnell said that Warren had "impugned the motives and conduct of our colleague from Alabama," referring to Sessions; the Republican-held Senate then voted 49 to 43 to uphold the objection that she had breached the rules of debate.

The letter in question, first published publicly by The Washington Post last month, was written by Martin Luther King's widow to Senator Strom Thurmond in 1986, when Sessions was nominated to serve as a federal judge.

King was writing the letter to "express sincere opposition" to the confirmation of Sessions, who, she wrote, had "used the awesome power of his office to chill the free exercise of the vote by black citizens in the district he now seeks to serve as a federal judge."

The full text of that letter is below:

Dear Senator Thurmond: I write to express my sincere opposition to the confirmation of



Coretta King

Jefferson B. Sessions as a federal district court judge for the Southern District of Alabama. My professional and personal roots in Alabama are deep and lasting. Anyone who has used the power of his office as United States Attorney to intimidate and chill the free exercise of the ballot by citizens should not be elevated to our courts. Mr. Sessions has used the awesome powers of his office in a shabby attempt to intimidate and frighten elderly black voters. For this reprehensible


conduct, he should not be rewarded with a federal judgeship. I regret that a long-standing commitment prevents me from appearing in person to testify against this nominee. However, I have attached a copy of my statement opposing Mr. Sessions' confirmation and I request that my statement as well as this be made a part of the hearing record. I do sincerely urge you to oppose the confirmation of Mr. Sessions. Sincerely, Coretta Scott King



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High School.

Ella is preceded in death by her parents; and one brother, Norman Smoots.

Ella leaves to cherish her memories: husband, David Boit; one daughter, LaKenya Osby (Kevin); one son, Darrin Smoots; three sisters, Shirley Buard (Herbert), Evelyn Thompson, and Tiffany Smoots; two brothers, Tyson Smoots (Angela) and Damien Nails (Belinda); a host of other relatives and friends.

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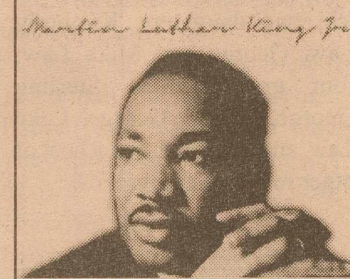
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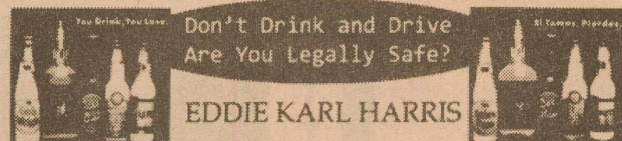


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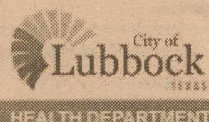
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Mitch McConnell to Elizabeth Warren: Shut Up, Sit Down

Democratic Sen. Elizabeth Warren (Mass.) held the Senate floor Tuesday to make remarks on the pending appointment of U.S. Attorney General nominee Republican Sen. Jeff Sessions from Alabama. When Warren began reading a recently uncovered letter written by the late Coretta Scott King in 1986, Republican senators shut her down.

King, an activist and wife of slain civil rights leader Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., penned a nine-page letter of testimony, dated March 19, 1986, to then-Judiciary Chairman Strom Thurmond (R-S.C.). She testified against Sessions' nomination for a federal judgeship in Alabama because of his civil rights record, particularly the criminal voting fraud charges he filed against Evelyn Turner, Albert Turner and Spencer Hogue, known as the "Marion Three." King's opposition became a crucial part of the argument against his confirmation, and a Republican-controlled Senate rejected Sessions for a federal judgeship.

Because Warren read from that letter, she was accused by Republican majority leader Mitch McConnell of impugning a peer.

"Mr. President, Mr. President," McConnell interrupted Warren as she read the letter. "The Senator has impugned the motives and conduct of our colleague from Alabama as warned by the Chair."

He continued, "Senator Warren said, 'Senator Sessions has used the awesome power of his office to chill the free exercise of the vote by Black citizens.'"

McConnell opposed Warren's words that were a direct quote from King's letter.

After given permission by the Senate President, McConnell then said, "I call the Senator to order under the provisions of Rule-19."



Sen. Elizabeth Warren

Rule-19 (Rule XIX) prohibits, during debates, senators from "directly or indirectly, by any form of words imput[ing] to another Senator or to other Sena-

tors any conduct or motive unworthy or unbecoming a Senator."

Warren responded, "Mr. President, I am surprised that the words of Coretta Scott King are not suitable for debate in the United States Senate. I ask leave of the Senate to continue my remarks."

McConnell, who famously said in 2010, "Our top political priority over the next two years should be to deny President Obama a second term," objected to Warren's request.

"Objection is heard," said Sen. Steve Daines, Republican of Montana, who was presiding in the chamber at the time.

Daines then told Warren to "have a seat."

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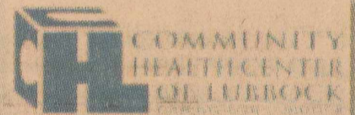
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