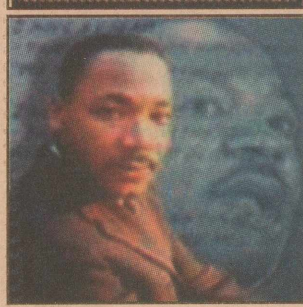


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Community Meetings

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

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

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

* The Lubbock Branch of The NAACP meets the 3rd Saturday of each month at Life Run, Inc, 8240 Boston Ave., at 11 a.m.

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

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

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

* Dunbar Manhattan Heights Neighborhood Association meets every 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 meets at 7:00 pm, at the New Jerusalem Baptist Church, 3524 East Broadway Avenue on Tuesday evenings..

* 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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LISD Trustees Announce Five New Principal Assignments



LISD New Principals, from left to right: Dr. Kathy Rollo, Gabe Gillespie, Brandi McKinney, Kim Callison, Ofelia Mendez and Kris Ann Blodgett.

The Lubbock ISD Board of Trustees announced new principal assignments for five campuses on Thursday morning, June 7, 2018, that will begin in the 2018-2019 school year.

Kris Ann Blodgett is the new principal of O.L Slaton Middle School. Blodgett has been an assistant principal since 2015, including O.L. Slaton for the past two years. She previously served as principal intern, math instructional coach and math teacher in Lubbock ISD. She earned a bachelor's degree in interdisciplinary studies from Wayland Baptist University and a master's degree in educational leadership from Texas Tech University. Blodgett has been an educator for 11 years.

Kim Callison was named as the new principal for Hardwick Elementary School. She has been the principal at Bowie Elementary School since 2016. Callison earned a bachelor's degree in English from Southwest Texas State University, a mas-

ter's degree in secondary education from the University of Alabama and a master's degree in educational leadership from Wayland Baptist University. She began her career in education in 1994 and was the district coordinator for English/Language Arts from 2004 to 2016.

Gabe Gillespie will serve as the new principal at Dunbar College Preparatory Academy. Gillespie has been an assistant principal since 2014, most recently at Dunbar since 2016. He began his career in education with Lubbock ISD as a special education teacher in 2009. He earned a bachelor's degree in biblical studies from Faulkner University, master's degrees in special education and educational leadership from Lubbock Christian University and is currently working on a doctorate in education at Texas Tech University.

Brandi McKinney is the new principal of Bayless Elementary School. She has been a grant in-

structional administrator at Bayless since 2016, which includes assistant principal responsibilities. She earned a bachelor's degree in human development and family studies from Texas Tech University and a master's degree in education from the University of Phoenix. McKinney has been an educator for 11 years, including roles as a classroom teacher and instructional coach.

Ofelia Mendez was named as the new principal for Bowie Elementary School. She has been the principal at Guadalupe Elementary School since 2010 and has previously served as an assistant principal, classroom teacher and paraprofessional. She earned a bachelor's degree in business management and a master's degree in bilingual education and curriculum design from Texas Tech University, and a master's degree in educational leadership from Lubbock Christian University.

Dr. Kathy Rollo is LISD Superintendent.

Martin Luther King Commemorative Council Presents \$500.00 Scholarships To Lubbock Youth



The Lubbock youth above received a \$500.00 Joan Y. Ervin Scholarship from the Dr. Martin Luther King Commemorative Council to help with some of their college or university expenses.

These young people are, from left to right: Kionna Wilkerson, Amaya Jones, Yukhari Servey and Benjamin Ashton Alexander.

The community will look forward to their many successes in the near future.

Lubbock Councilwoman Patterson-Harris Named Honorary Citizen In Musashino City.

If you would ask Lubbock City Councilwoman Shelia Patterson-Harris, District 2, she will tell you she enjoys making people honorary citizens of Lubbock.

But to be named an Honorary Citizen for the Musashino City, Japan was something she had no idea of receiving. It did happen to her while she was there on June 6, 2018.

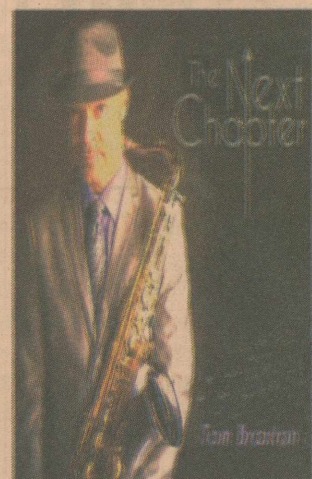
"I was very surprised, and I thank the Mayor of Musashino City, Japan, where I was guest of Mayor Reiko Matsushita....first female mayor of Musashino City. We received



City Councilwoman Patterson-Harris & Mayor Matsushita citizenship to the city.....also toured the insinirator facility." It was an outstanding experience for all in attendance.

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\$1.00



Tom Braxton



Brad Leali

Caprock Jazz Concert 2018 Set Here In Lubbock July 5th

The Lubbock Historical Roots Council will present the Caprock Jazz Concert 2018 on Thursday evening, July 5, 2018, at the Helen DeVitt Jones Auditorium inside the Texas Tech Museum.

This exciting Caprock Jazz Concert 2018 is being held to help support the Caviel Museum of African American History, 1719 Avenue A.

"Funds raised from this Caprock Jazz Concert 2018 will help keep the doors open for the Caviel Museum of African American History," said Shirley Green, Director of the Lubbock Historical Roots Council.

Tickets to the Caprock Jazz Concert 2018 are \$50.00 each and may be purchased at SELECT-A-SEAT, Ralphs Records and Tapes, Dollar Western Wear, and any Roots Board Member. The concert will be held from 6:00 p. m. until 9:00 p. m.

The artists performing during the evening are Tom Braxton, Brad Leli, and Joy Harris.

Dynamic...Energetic...Charismatic...Warm-hearted... These are just a few adjectives that have been used to describe saxophonist Tom Braxton, whose distinct, melodic sound has been thrilling audiences of all ages from coast to coast and abroad for nearly two decades. This versatile instrumentalist and gifted composer is a seasoned performer who has the amazing ability to "grab the heart-strings" of the audience within the first few minutes of his show; engage them with his exceptional skill, wit, and charm; and leave them astounded, clapping, and on their feet screaming for more! That's why Jazz Review calls Braxton "one of smooth jazz's most prolific saxophonists...with all the required tools to become a major force." This Lubbock native has recorded nine albums and his music can be heard on radio and television airwaves nationwide. His albums have hit numerous jazz charts including Billboard, RadioWave, SmoothJazz.com, Groove Jazz Music,

Capital Jazz Radio, and Amazon. He has also garnered rave reviews overseas, performing as a headliner. Braxton is currently touring with Earl Klugh. Braxton has shared the stage with many great artists including Dave Koz, Rick Braun, Peter White, Brian Culbertson, Marcus Miller, Candy Dulfer, Warren Hill, Bob James, Lee Ritenour, Paul Brown, Paul Jackson Jr., George Duke, Kirk Whalum, Jonathan Butler, Jeff Golub, Norman Brown, Sheila E., Aretha Franklin, Luther Vandross, and Phillip Bailey. He has been featured in media and publications such as JAZZIZ, Smooth Jazz News, The Saxophone Journal, CBS's The Saturday Early Show, Ugandan Television, and Daystar Television Network.

"One of the most respected and loved sax men in Smooth Jazz...Tom Braxton is a treasure...incredibly talented composer, producer and musician." ~SmoothJazz.com

With a unique style and sound, which echoes the influences of his past, Brad Leali is one of the most notable saxophonists of current times. Leali toured and recorded with numerous jazz greats, including several years with the Harry Connick, Jr. Orchestra and with the Count Basie Orchestra. Leali was a standing member of the Kennedy Center Honors Band and performed for President Obama's inaugural celebration. Brad has had a long-time endorsement with Keilwerth Saxophones and D'Addario Reeds. Currently the professor of jazz saxophone at UNT, Brad continues to perform domestically and abroad, including touring with Lyle Lovett & His Large Band.

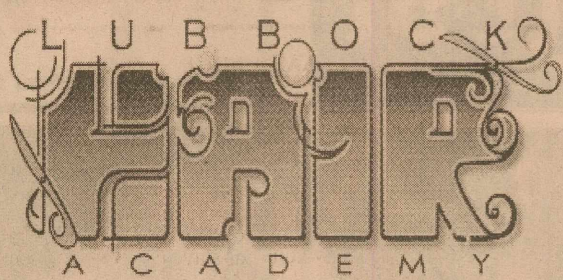
"Saxophonist Brad Leali was among the most soulful and exciting I've heard recently." - New York Times.

Joy Harris is one of the most talented musicians; mastering the bass, drums and piano. Joy is a well-known Lubbock favorite and has a large fan base.

Lubbock Citizens Visit Musashino City, Japan



Pictured above are the Youth who were in attendance and City Staff: Assistant City Manager Mark Yearwood, Division Director of Public Works Wood Franklin, Coordinator for Junior Ambassador Program Alyssa Carillo.



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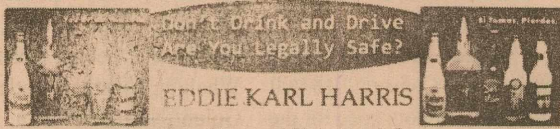


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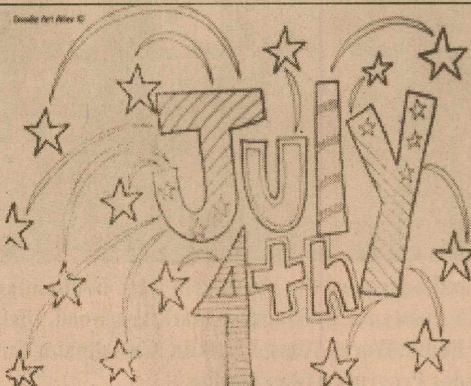
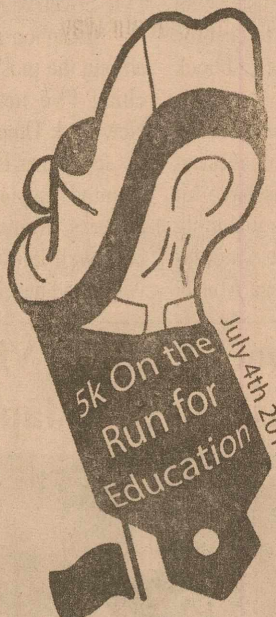
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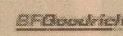
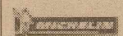
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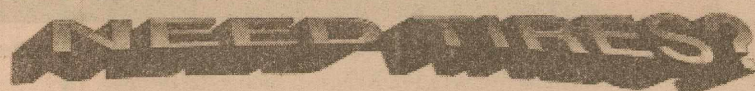
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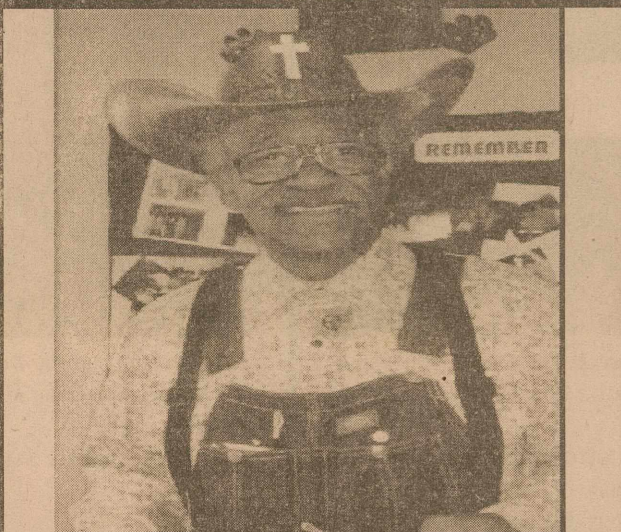
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In Cinque

By Renetta Howard

NATIONAL PROBLEM: CHILDREN SEPARATED FROM PARENTS

While reading and observing on Facebook today, I saw a cartoon wherein a 'lady' was standing in front of a cage with a dog in it and shouting about what an outrage it was to cage that poor animal, while behind her were stacks of cages with children in them whom had been separated from their parents. The parents were asylum seekers who were arrested as criminals at the border in McAllen, Texas and their children were put into cages with other children with no discern for age, maybe separating them by sex only; boys in one cage, girls in another.

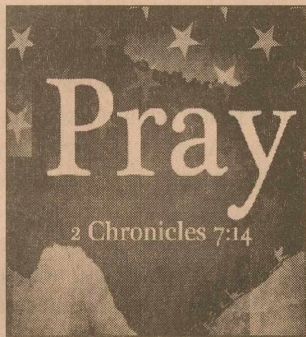
We can imagine the frustration of the parents with not knowing what will happen to them and even more so worrying about the welfare of their children. The greater problem in this situation is the welfare of the children. Young children who only felt safe in the care of their parents, no doubt are stressed with a trauma which will endure a lifetime. No child should have to endure such a fate. How can children gain adequate care in a warehouse type of situation where they know no one and it seems no one really cares? Older children may be able to cope with a caged situation, but that is quite a burden for children who barely walk or talk. Perhaps the greatest trauma is not knowing if they will ever see each other again in a strange new world and order.

Many of these families were leaving their homes, coming from a country where they perhaps were persecuted for one reason or another and had relatives in the United States whom they wanted to join in order to gain some freedom for themselves and their children. Some of them had been persecuted be-

cause of their religious or political views or gang related issues and wanted to experience the kind of freedom that they heard about in the United States. They had a dream, because they knew of people whom had been admitted to this country because of persecution, yet to have that dream squashed at the border.

For some of the families detained at the border, returning to their native home will mean execution or life imprisonment. No matter what the parents have done, or what will happen to them, the greatest sin is taking the children from their parents without any concern for the children or the parents. This seems like a heartless act and perhaps it is.

What will happen to the children? The Department of Health and Human Services Office of Refugee Resettlement will take control of the children. Some of the children will end up in a massive detention center. Parents most often have a difficult time locating their children to be able to talk to them according to U. S. Senator Jeff Merkley and he is encouraging citizens to donate to the Move-on Organization to help to change the separation policies at the border. It is time for American citizens to get 'in cinque' and observe and support the correction of governmental wrongdoings that affect the MORAL of America.



Beyond the Rhetoric By Harry C. Alford

Energy – The Lifeblood of our Economy and National Security

The above is no understatement. America became a strong and great nation through the development and maturity of its energy prowess. The sectors like coal, iron, oil, coal, natural gas, aluminum, electricity, telecom, etc. made us the industrial giant – greatest in the world. Thank God for those inventors, entrepreneurs and risk takers who pioneered robust corporations that made America the greatest nation on earth.

We, the National Black Chamber of Commerce, have received criticism for the proactive role we play in supporting our energy sectors. They can criticize us all they want. We will stand our ground and be on the side of a strong and growing America. We owe it to our legacy and our children.

We are not the only institution that believes in the importance of energy. Here is what Tom Donahue, President/CEO of the US Chamber of Commerce has recently stated:

"Many Americans have likely noticed a spike in gas prices just as we enter the summer driving season, which is fairly typical due to the changeover from winter to summer crude oil. While higher prices are always a headache and a burden for families, the situation has yet to become as dire as many of the price spikes from decades past—and it likely never will. The days of the world's biggest oil producers having the U.S. over a barrel, literally, are unlikely to return, thanks in large part to a renaissance in U.S. energy production that has been bolstered by the Trump administration's emphasis on pro-growth energy policies.

Ten years ago, in June 2008, you and I were paying just over

THIS N' THAT

by T. J. Patterson

LET'S QUIT SAYING WHAT WE CAN'T DO AS A PEOPLE, AND BELIEVE IT WILL HAPPEN. NO MATTER WHAT OBSTACLES ARE IN OUR PATH!! THIS N THAT is asking for all of us who are BLACK PEOPLE to quit saying what we can't do.....but BELIEVE IN WHAT WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO ACCOMPLISH AND ASK GOD TO BE WITH US, AND GIVE US THE ENERGY FOR IT TO BECOME A SUCCESS..... As of a few days agoBLACK PEOPLE CELEBRATED THE ANNUAL JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION! This celebration was to remind

BLACK PEOPLE IN TEXAS when they were set FREE FROM SLAVERY WHICH WAS DONE IN 1865!! As a people we were no longer SLAVES which was made known on JUNE 19, 1865 which was done in December, 1862 for the other states in this country..... Just think by being set free as a HUMAN BEING that was ONE HUNDRED & FIFTY THREE YEARS AGO! Even today it gets one attention as why when we hear the name JUNE-TEENTH which reminds us as a Black people that we have come a mighty long ways but we still have a

MIGHTY LONGS WAY TO GO!! Even for THIS N THAT who was born June 29, 1937 reminds how few years ago when BLACK PEOPLE served as slaves and were owned by another human being whom happened to be WHITE which was only 81 YEARS AGO!! Even when THIS N THAT rides by the closed ELLA R. ILES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL the question asked is why isn't this building being used?Blacks have often asked why don't we buy it and something for our children. We can that is if we quit saying what we can't do! BUT WE CAN DO IT!!

\$4 per gallon for gasoline. Today, even with the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries, or OPEC, attempting to tamp down much of the global supply to push prices higher, American consumers are weathering the storm with gasoline hovering around \$3 a gallon. This is far better than many European countries, where gas prices are well over \$6 and rising.

We owe much of this to a dramatic energy renaissance in America that has given us greater control over our own supply. In a short period of time, our country has gone from a major energy importer to a major energy exporter of oil and natural gas. In fact, today the U.S. is the world's top producer of these critical resources.

The U.S. Chamber of Commerce is proud of the role our Global Energy Institute has played in this remarkable turn-

around. The Institute has fought misguided regulations, run effective policy campaigns, and mobilized our members at every level. It led efforts to lift the oil export ban, unleash production in previously restricted areas, and speed up the permitting process. And it has worked on behalf of the entire industry, uniting the sector behind a common strategy and moving all forms of energy forward.

The Institute is now working to tell the story of the American energy renaissance through EnergyInnovates, a multiplatform initiative spotlighting the ingenuity behind our ongoing energy revolution.

America's energy revolution hasn't solved all our energy challenges, but it certainly has given us a comfortable hedge against a volatile global energy system. It is good for jobs, the economy, and geopolitics. Best of all, our energy industry is

poised to continue to grow significantly to reduce our vulnerability—and the U.S. Chamber will be there every step of the way."

Mr. Donahue is "Spot On". The NBCC will continue to promote our energy progress and partner with energy corporations in the process of delivering safe, efficient, and affordable energy growth.

A great example is the prosecution of World War II. Nazi Germany and Imperial Japan surprised the world with their invasions of nations across Europe and Asia. They got off to a ruthless and unbending start. However, the 'tide' started turning in favor of us and our allies for one reason: Germany and Japan ran out of oil and then coal and eventually steel. They could not move their tank regiments and replace war ships without the needed fuel and related materi-

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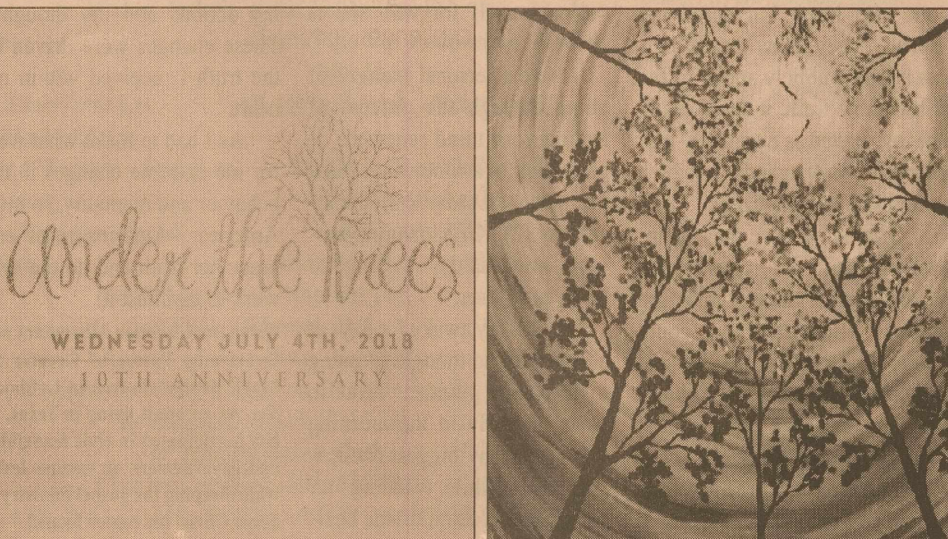
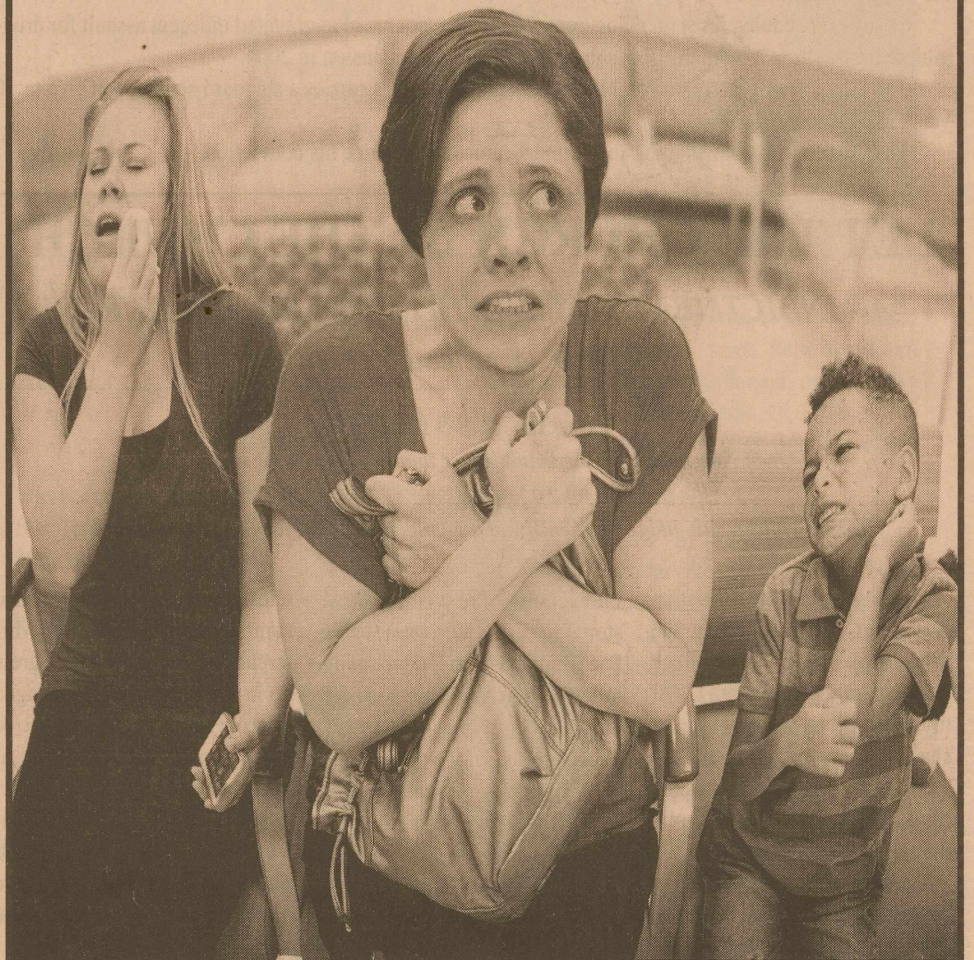
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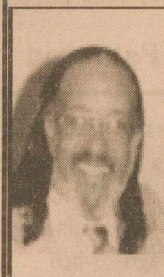


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Revelation 2:7a -- Jesus said, He that has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit said unto the churches.

Matthew 13:24b, 25 -- Jesus said, the kingdom of heaven is like a man which sowed good seed in his field: but while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat, and went his way.

Like the rich man in Luke 16:19; he didn't care for SOULS. SO IT IS WITH MANY CHURCHES THEY; WANT TO BE BIGGER AND BIGGER; SO AS TO COLLECT; MORE OF MANKIND'S GOLD!!!

Revelation 2:4,5 -- Jesus said, Nevertheless I have somewhat against you, because you have left your first love. Remember therefore from whence you have fallen, and repent, and do the first works; or else I will come unto you quickly, and will remove your candlestick out of his place, except you repent.

The trouble; with the CHURCHES TODAY; THEY'RE GOING AROUND; GIVING PEOPLE RIGHTS. TO DO THAT WHICH IS WRONG; AND THAT THEY DO DAY AND NIGHT!!!

Psalms 37:23-24 -- The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord: and he delights in his way. Though he fall, he shall not utterly be cast down: for the Lord uphold him with his hand.

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WHO DIED FOR ALL MAN'S SINS; ON THE CROSS!!!

Matthew 28:18-19 -- Jesus said, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go you therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and in the name of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.

When JESUS; COMMANDED THE CHURCH; TO GO PREACH THE GOOD NEWS; TO THE WORLD. THE DEVIL PLANTED THE SEEDS; OF CIVIL RIGHT; TO EVERY MAN, WOMAN, BOY AND GIRL!!!

Isaiah 55:8-9 -- For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, said the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.

You see the RICH MAN IN LUKE 16:19, DIDN'T KNOW GOD BLESSED HIM SO; TO BLESS OTHERS. AND THE CHURCHES DON'T KNOW; THEY'RE TO SHOW LOVE; TO THE UN-MADE BROTHERS!!!

Jeremiah 23:25-28 -- The Lord said, I have heard what the prophets said, that prophesy lies in my name, saying, I have dreamed, I have dreamed. How long shall this be in the heart of the prophets that prophesy lies? Yes, they are prophets of deceit of their own heart; which think to cause my people to forget my name by their dreams which tell every man to his neighbor, as their fathers have forgotten my name for Ba'al. The prophet that

has a dream, let him tell a dream; and he that has my word, let him speak my word faithfully. what is the chaff to the wheat?... said the Lord.

THE CHURCHES DIDN'T UNDERSTAND; GOD'S WORDS FOR SALVATION; OR HIS WILL. RIGHTS TO THE FRONT OF THE BUS; REST ROOMS, RESTAURANTS; IT ONLY GET PEOPLE KILLED!!!

Matthew 2:18 -- In Rama was a voice heard, lamentation, and weeping, and great mourning, Rachel Weeping for her children, and could not be comforted, because they are not.

THE DEVIL PLANTED SEEDS CALLED RIGHTS; AND THEY'RE WRONG; THE RIGHT TO TAKE A LIFE. JESUS DIED ON THE CROSS OF CALVARY; FOR THE SIN'S OF EVERYONE'S RIGHT; TO THE TREE OF LIFE!!!

FROM THOSE DREAMS; OUR CHILDREN ARE LOST; THEY'RE IN JAILS, IN PRISONS, AND GRAVES. IF THE CHURCHES; HAD BEEN ABOUT GOD'S BUSINESS; MANY SOULS; WOULD HAVE BEEN SAVED!!!

Matthew 7:22-23 -- Jesus said, Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in your name? And in your name have cast our devils? And in your name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, you that work iniquity.

St. Matthew Baptist Church

2020 East 14th Street Rev. Edward Canady, Pastor Lubbock, Texas 79403
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Again, we must say, What a wonderful time we had at the St. Matthew Baptist Church, 2020 East 14th Street, on Sunday morning, June 10, 2018, where the proud pastor is Rev. Edward Canady.

Sunday morning services begun at 10:10 a. m. with our Superintendent, Sister Barbara Johnson, presiding.

The subject of our Sunday School lesson was entitled "You Reap What You Sow." The scripture text was Matthew 13:24-33.

The Sunday School lesson was taught by Rev. Michael Menton. It was a very informative lesson which affected the lives of those in attendance.

 The Sunday morning devotion was conducted by Sister Annie Menton and Sister Barbara Johnson.

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

 The morning sermon was delivered by Rev. Canady. His

subject was "When The Dead Comes Alive." His scripture text was Ezekiel 37:6-10.

Ezekiel 37:6-8 And I will lay sinews upon you, and will bring up flesh upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and ye shall live; and ye shall know that I am the Lord.

So I prophesied as I was commanded: and as I prophesied, there was a noise, and behold a shaking, and the bones came together, bone to his bone."

 The morning announcements were read by Sister Barbara Johnson who did a splendid job.

 The weekly meetings which will be held at the St. Matthew Baptist Church are as follows:

The Missionary Society meets on Wednesday evenings beginning at 5:00 p. m. As has been mentioned about the Missionary Society, there is always important learning during these important sessions.

So if you can attend, then please do so and bring your tal-

ents to the table for discussion.

Hope to see you at our next Missionary Society if you haven't been able to attend.

Also another very important session on Wednesday evenings is Bible Study which begins at 6:00 p. m.

Your valued input is needed as we study God's Word. As it is always mentioned, as we sit down together and study God's Word, there is much discussed and learned.

If you are looking for a Church Home, then come and visit the St. Matthew Baptist Church, 2020 East 14th Street.

Come and visit with our members and Rev. Edward Canady. For more information, call (806) 744-2445.

On Friday evening, June 22, 2018, beginning at 7:00 p. m. and Sunday afternoon, June 24, 2018, beginning at 3:00 p. m., Rev. & Mrs. Edward Canady will be celebrating their 20th Pastor & Wife's Anniversary.

Come and help the members celebrate this wonderful occasion. We will be looking forward to seeing you in attendance.

May God continue to bless each of you!!!

The Emperor's New Clothes, believing that if America declares a thing to be then so it is (even if only in her own eyes).

Policing the world, while neglecting her own critical needs, America behaves like a person who has experienced trauma. Like many trauma victims, she has refused to see her own pain and has developed an other world for herself, her citizens to embrace.

Self-image is a powerful development tool whether positive or negative. Internal hyperbolic perception is a common product of having a distorted self-view. This distortion is at the core of psychic schisms. Racism and prejudice come from there; a place of mental dissension and disruption. Self-image is often seen as too personal to be addressed by someone else.

Who is it that views themselves as adequately positioned to analyze or critique others? A popular saying among the more recent adult generations is "Only God can judge me".

That's the defensive posture assumed by our country when she hears her critics express their views of her. It's as if, in America's mind, they believe themselves to be superior and ultimately judgmental although they have many obvious offenses within their own countries.

How can America truly hear them as a voice of truth when their relationship is not one of mutual respect; when she has no ear to hear what they want to contribute?

From this defensive position, does it matter if what is said is true? Truth always matters. Truth is not always heard. As with the Emperor in his new suit which existed only in his imagination, America has grown to believe her false image of superiority and has impressed upon the rest of the world the danger of failing to accept her self-perception.

The beauty of the little boy who declared the nakedness of the Emperor lies in his innocence and integrity. This child had no reason to speak ill of his leader. He had no secret agenda, no personal interest in the Emperor's self-view.

He was neither antagonistic nor apologetic. This little boy simply spoke a truth that everyone else knew but dared not speak. They knew that if they, as adults, publicly spoke of the observable truth, it could easily be interpreted as negatively motivated propaganda (which should be marginalized).

This is because they themselves had not consistently spoke from a place of unbiased truth. Therefore, how could their observation be trusted when there was not proof of seeing and speaking truth without bias or ulterior motives?

For America, there must arise a voice of innocence, without in-

centives of personal gain; a voice of integrity to acknowledge the truth that is before their eyes. As it relates to racism, I believe that voice to belong to the white Christian church. She has been silent for so long while others suffer in silence; silence, not because they are not crying out, but silence because there is no ear to hear their voices.

When the platform presents itself via unarmed youth of color being murdered openly by police and private citizens; when marginalized people say their lives matter and it causes mainstream America to defensively protest this uprising; when white voices that don't represent the church are murdered while expressing discontent and dissatisfaction with the substantiation that no voice of color is being heard, where is the voice of Christian white America?

I believe it is their duty and should be a spiritual conviction, that is, if they truly believe the holy Word of God and are truly desiring to live for Him. I thank God for those white Christian Americans (many of whom I call personal friends) who are on the fringes of leadership and speak the truth of America as loudly as they can. But they need help.

They alone are too small and the attenuation of their voices resonates the truth so gently. I pray that their voices find the ears of the Emperor himself, white America. I pray that their voices continue to declare truth loud enough to be carried by the winds of progress to meet the heart of a country that, in her mind, has no equal and can do no wrong.

As a Christian, growing and maturing in Christ on a constant basis, I have learned that once truth is received, drastic change must occur in our actions. The reason for drastic change is because there needs to be an established newness in thought, self-perception and relevance.

The scriptures refer to this as a renewing of the mind (1), a purging of useless perceptions and lies and a relearning of what we thought we knew; what we thought we had mastered.

With a new heart comes a new mindset. With a new mindset comes new actions. America must learn to live in this new light of recognizing her truth and seeing herself for who she is NOW.

I have a personal example of going through the process of having your mind renewed. It goes back to a time when I had the sleep disorder called narcolepsy (2). Of its many symptoms, one was the challenge to be an early riser.

I could stay awake for days at a time with no thought of going to sleep on purpose. But to wake up early in the morning was one of my biggest challenges. Well, while teaching our congregation about divine heal-

ing I experienced a divine touch from the Lord.

Later that night while I was home, I noticed that the weight of the narcolepsy was gone along with every symptom I was aware of. I went to bed that night at a decent hour and rose early the next morning at approximately 5am. This was definitely not normal for me.

In my excitement about the healing I received, I read my bible, meditated and prayed to listen for God's voice in His Word. Then I documented what I heard in my spirit. This was a very unusual morning. I was doing simple things that I could not have imagined doing before.

I would have never rose at that time in the morning without an alarm clock. And if I did I would have been groggy and dragging the entire time, never being able to read or quietly meditate without finding myself sleep again.

The next day it happened again. The next day it happened again. As the days went on, I learned that the Lord was renewing my mind (2) by showing me I could live differently; that I could do what seemed impossible before I was healed. But I had to learn how to live this new life that was given to me.

For 40 years I learned to live my life around having the symptoms of narcolepsy. Since childhood, all my judgements and perceptions were filtered through the fact that I was living with this condition I learned was an incurable sleep disorder. Being healed, I had to learn new habits while discarding old ones. I had to learn to speak new words of affirmation to myself, reminding myself of the truth that manifested in my life.

My communication had to change in many ways. I had to learn how to speak from a place of healing rather than a place of disability. I also had to educate those around me of my truth and not allow them to hold me captive in the box of what they perceived my truth to be.

In educating others, it helped to create a healthy environment for me to live in my truth. Those who refused to accept my truth were simply excluded from my immediate circle of influence and reciprocated transparency. To get me to this point, there were drastic changes made in my actions and my thoughts. These changes were driven by the truth I received within my heart.

As I had to make what were for me extreme changes in my behavior and mentality, so must America. America must embrace her truth and do the self-work to manifest it.

[Don is a Christian Missionary and Overseeing Pastor of Greater St. Mark Baptist Church in Lubbock, Tx. As an adult living in Texas, he has participated in civic leadership and government on various levels while keeping the gospel ministry of Jesus Christ his center focus.]

Bill Cosby fires lawyers; Camille Cosby divorce reports denied



Actor and comedian Bill Cosby exits Montgomery County Courthouse after jury convicted him in sexual assault retrial in Norristown, Pennsylvania, on April 26, 2018.

PHILADELPHIA -- Bill Cosby has ousted the high-powered defense team whose aggressive tactics failed to sway jurors from convicting him of sexual assault in April.

Cosby's spokesman, Andrew Wyatt said Thursday that Tom Mesereau and the rest of the retrial team have been replaced by a Philadelphia-area defense attorney with experience handling sex crimes cases.

The new lawyer, Joseph Green, didn't immediately return a message. Wyatt wouldn't say why the change was made.

Wyatt also refuted reports that Camille Cosby is considering a divorce, telling CBS Philadelphia the suggestion is "false."

Cosby is scheduled for sentencing Sept. 24 on three counts of aggravated indecent assault for drugging and assaulting a woman at his suburban Philadelphia mansion in 2004.

The charges will likely be combined into one charge that carries a standard sentence of five to 10 years in prison.

The 80-year-old comedian has been under house arrest since his conviction.

LET THE CHURCH BE THE CHURCH!

"AN INDICTMENT TO THE WHITE AMERICAN CHURCH"

By Don W. Armstead 8/26/2017

Proverbs 31:8-9 (AMPC)

8 Open your mouth for the dumb [those unable to speak for themselves], for the rights of all who are left desolate and defenseless;

9 Open your mouth, judge righteously, and administer justice for the poor and needy.

As a young black Christian American, growing up in the semi-rural military and college town of Lubbock, Texas, USA, my perceptions were definitely shaped by my environment.

Please consider that at the time of my youth, there was no internet or mobile phone and television entertainment was just beginning to learn the power of music videos and direct public

interaction. We visited local stores to play video games like Pac Man and Tetris, developing today's gamer culture from the humble beginnings of Atari's Table Tennis.

The power of branding was in an infancy stage when compared to where we are today.

The average consumer of yesterday could never have imagined the percentages of income

released totally because of brand names. The times were very different, but so was I. As I grew up in the world, I also managed to grow with the world, that is, remaining current and aware of the demands of the day's culture.

Knowledge of the past has always informed my present. Since my youth, I've been aware of my country's persona as the principal fairytale character in

Obsequies

Lee Ester Hicks

Funeral services were held for Lee Ester Hicks on Wednesday morning, June 6, 2018, at the Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church.

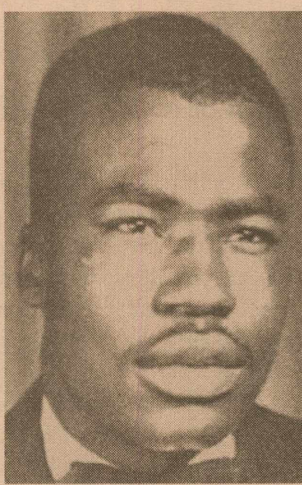
Interment followed in the City of Lubbock Cemetery under the direction of Griffin Mortuary & Funeral Home of Lubbock.

Lee, age 76 of Lubbock, Texas, passed away Wednesday, May 30, 2018.

He was born on November 27, 1941 to Lee Roy and Rosie Bell Hicks in Calvert, Texas.

Lee graduated from Dunbar High School in 1960 where he played football, team captain, also participated in track and field.

Lee joined the United States Army during the Vietnam War and was stationed in Korea.



Lee was employed for Love-Cot Warehouse.

Lee is survived by four sisters: Flossie Davis, Evelyn Hicks, Gloria Nash, and Rosie Prigg (Ronnie), special friend, Billie Jean Lewis; a host of other relatives and friends

Darlyne "Doll" Griffith-Chatman

Funeral services were held for Darlyn "Doll" Griffith-Chatman on Saturday morning, June 9, 2018, at the Mt. Vernon United Methodist Church under the care of Ossie Curry Funeral Home.

Darlyne, age 88 of Lubbock, Texas, was called to her Heavenly Home on the evening of Wednesday, May 30, 2018.

Darlyne was born to Foster Griffith and Ora Lee Ward Grice in Big Sandy, Texas. She was raised by her mother and her grandmother, Mrs. Kitty Stephens. She attended public schools and graduated High School in Big Sandy. She graduated from Meharry Medical College's Licensed Vocational Nurse program in Nashville, TN.

She came to Lubbock in the early 1950's where she met and married the love of her life, the late Harold M. Chatman in March, 1952. Darlyne worked as a Nurse at the Chatman Hospital, which was built by her father-in-law, the late Dr. J.A. Chatman. After Dr. Chatman's death, Darlyne was employed as a nurse in the Pediatric Care Ward at Methodist Hospital (Covenant Medical Center) and retired after 30 years of service.

Darlyne accepted Christ at an early age and was a tireless worker at Mt. Vernon United Methodist Church in Lubbock which she joined in 1969 under the leadership of Rev. M. T. Reed.

She served in various areas of the Church. She was a Church Council Member, Lay Leadership, alternate Lay Delegate, Co-Chair LEAD Program, Treasurer for United Methodist Women and served as an Usher. Her faith in God always remained strong and showed in her works.

She was President of Chatman Memorial, Inc., board



member of several organizations that include the League of Women Voters, Civic Center, Well Baby Clinic, Chatman Hill Neighborhood Association, and was a member of the Lubbock Branch of the NAACP and Hub City Kiwanis.

Darlyne is preceded in death by her parents and her husband Harold.

She leaves to cherish her memory: Emmalene Chatman, Step Mother-In-Law of Lubbock, Texas; Sherrill R. Hearne (Joe), Stepdaughter of Dallas, Texas; Brothers-In-Law, Alvin Chatman of Lubbock, Texas; and Michael Chatman (Rochelle) of Georgetown, TX. Kelsee Hearne, Step Granddaughter of Dallas, Texas; Hosea Stephens "Bubba", Uncle of Dallas, Texas; Cousins: Jason & Yolanda Perkins of Mesquite and her Miss Payton- whom she called her niece. Margaret R. Hamilton of Dallas, Texas, John (Georgia) Walton of Houston, Texas, and Betty Ivory and Alma Walton of Memphis, Tennessee. Goddaughter Sonya Fair of Lubbock and a host of loving nieces, nephews and friends. Her dearest and closest friends for over 50 years: Ruth (Clarence) Priestly, and Florinza "Doll" Stokley of Lubbock.

Doris Jean Hines

Funeral services for Doris Jean Hines were held on Saturday afternoon, June 9, 2018, at the Alexander Chapel Church of God in Christ.

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

Doris Jean Hines (Williams) was born August 28, 1940, in Lubbock, Texas to Mary and Nathaniel Williams.

She was raised to accept and love her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ in the Ford Memorial Church of God in Christ.

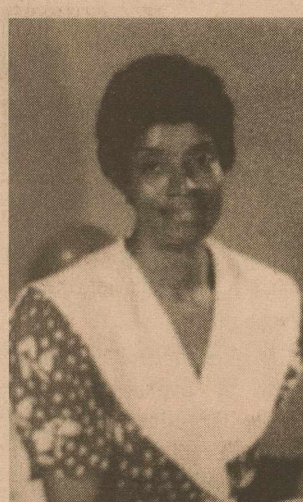
She graduated from Dunbar High School in 1958 and attended Texas Southern University in the sixties, receiving both her Bachelors and Masters in Education.

A scholar and a musician, she was a recognized baritoneist, Girl Scout, and school librarian.

She returned to Lubbock after her schooling and began her career as an elementary school teacher for Lubbock Independent School District. She was a beloved kindergarten teacher and was often approached and thanked by the many students she impacted over her career.

During her first year teaching, she met and fell in love with Percy Hines, Jr., a new coach for Dunbar High School. They quickly married and welcomed their first and only child, Percy Hines III.

Illness forced her to leave education in 2004 with her final



class at Christ the King.

As a servant of the Lord, she began a short career as a chaplain comforting those in need. An avid traveler, she crossed the world by land, air, and sea with her husband, child, and grandchild.

The Lord called Doris home on Monday, June 4, 2018, leaving to cherish her memories Percy Hines, Jr.; one son Percy Hines III and daughter-in-law Nicole Hullum Hines; one granddaughter Britney Hines and her spouse Jordan Boggs; one brother Charles Williams, and many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. Preceding her in death were her mother Mary (Linton) and father Nathaniel Williams, brothers Jimmie, Bennie, Nathaniel, Jr., Bobby, and John; sisters Linda, Hazel, Donnie, and Myrtle, uncles, aunts, nephews, nieces and cousins.

**My flesh and my heart may fail,
But God is the strength
of my heart and
my portion forever.
Psalms 73:26**

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Dennis Wholey

New Light Baptist Church
3013 Idalou Road Rev. Kenneth O. Jackson, Pastor
Lubbock, Texas 79403

On Sunday morning, May 27, 2018, our exciting church services got started at the New Light Baptist Church, 3013 Idalou Road, where the Rev. Kenneth O. Jackson is pastor.

Church School started at 10:10 a. m. with our Superintendent, Sister Alvera Johnson, teaching the morning lesson.

The morning worship begun at 11:00 a. m. with the devoted Praise Team leading the way. There was the testimony period which was held. The responsive reading came from Psalm 1:1-6. The altar call was led by Pastor Jackson with the Congregation singing "I Need Thee."

Sister Linda Green read all the morning announcements and told of all the upcoming events which will be taking place in Lubbock.

There was the receiving of the offering which was taken up by appointees.

The Choir sang the following selections: "O Lord Help Me," "Jesus Is The Rock," "Two Wings," and "Lord Move In This Place." "Amazing Grace" was sung before the sermon.

Sister Alvera Johnson spoke to us today on the subject, "What Will Your Judgement Be?" Her printed scripture came from Hebrews 9:27.

We need to live like we belong to God daily.

You can't go back and do things you have already done again. You just have to let it go.

We are all trying to see Jesus. He died on the cross for us.

He left the Holy Bible as a guide for us to do right.

We have to repent and when we fall out of the grace of God. We need to get back to it.

We need to be ready at all times.

The Lord is like a thief in the night. We don't know when our time comes.

If we expect to go to heaven, we need to get it right down here. There will be no mess in heaven. God doesn't deal with any mess.

We need to praise and lift God up always. We need to continue to Praise God. We don't live like we want to. We need to live for the Lord always.

We can call upon the name of Jesus when He comes upon us. Satan can't stand it when you call on the name of the Lord.

God's praises should continue to be in our mouth at all times.

We want our living to not be in vain.

We want people to look at us and see God in us.

When we die we are gonna face the judgement.

The Lord woke us up this morning in our right mind and we are to be grateful.

In the last days, we will have a great falling away from the Church and that is what's happening now. People don't wanna hear the gospel.

We need to lift each other up in time of need.

God is a good God! He's been good to us and our family at all times.

God has healed us all from all things. There are different kinds of illness that he has and will heal us from.

We need to study to show ourself approved unto God a workman that needed not to be ashamed rightly divided by the word of truth.

After death comes judgement. We will stand before the bar of God and that is one appointment we will not be able to cancel and see it for another day. We don't have to put it on our calendar.

What is your judgement gonna be?

THOUGHT FOR WEEK:
"You have to believe before you can achieve."
LIVE LIKE YOU BELONG TO GOD DAILY!!

Vera Antoninete Smith

Funeral services were held for Vera Antoninete Smith at the Greater St. Luke Missionary Baptist Church with Dr. J. H. Ford, pastor, officiating.

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

Vera, age 54 of Carrolton, Texas is a former resident of Lubbock, Texas, passed away on Monday, May 28, 2018.

Vera was born January 6, 1964 to George and Lottie Mae Smith.



Vera was employed at Arbonne International in her final years.

Vera loved her family more than anything in the world.

She is survived by her only son, Kinzey Joiner Jr., daughter in-law, Victoria Joiner, her husband, Kinzey Joiner Sr., and three beautiful grandchildren, Raul, Adonai (Addy), and Bella; four stepdaughters, two stepsons, five sisters, three brothers; a host of other relatives and friends.

Evan Tyrese Anderson



Seagraves, Texas – Funeral services were held for Evan Tyrese Anderson on Monday morning, June 11, 2018, at the Seagraves High School Auditorium in Seagraves.

Interment followed in the City of Seagraves Cemetery under the direction of Head Duarte Funeral Memorial Chapel of Seagraves, and Head Duarte Funeral Homes and staff of Brownfield and Levelland.

Evan, age 19 of Seagraves, passed away on Tuesday, June 5, 2018, in Brownfield.

Evan was a 2017 graduate of Seagraves High School. He worked for United and Llano Warehouse of Lubbock, and

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Willie Jean Green

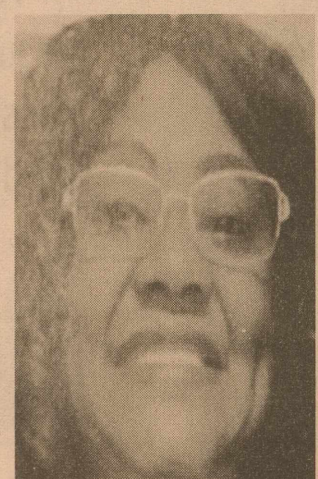
Funeral services were held for Willie Jean Green on Tuesday afternoon, June 5, 2018, at The Legacy Event Center.

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

Willie Jean, age 60 of Lubbock, Texas, passed away on Sunday, May 27, 2018.

Willie Jean was born on March 25, 1958 to Adell V.

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Longtime Member, Jimmie Espy Demerson, of Greater St. Luke Baptist Church, Succumbs Here

Homegoing Celebration for Jimmie Espy Demerson was held on Saturday morning, May 26, 2018, at the Greater St. Luke Baptist Church, where the pastor is Rev. Dr. J. H. Ford. Rev. Solomon Fields, pastor of the St. John Baptist Church, was the Officiant.

Interment followed in the City of Lubbock Cemetery under the direction of Ossie Curry Funeral Home.

In Ecclesiastes 3, the preacher writes: "To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven: A time to be born. Jimmie Espy Demerson was born January 18, 1930 in Ravenna, Texas to the parents of Mr. and Mrs. Mance Espy.

And a time to die..... Jimmie went home to be with the Lord on Tuesday, May 15, 2018.

Jimmie received her education in Ravenna, Texas. She moved to Lubbock, Texas when she was 18 years old to assist her sister with her family. After a few months, she met and married Harvey Demerson on December 30, 1950, and to this union a baby girl was added. She united with Greater St. Luke Baptist Church, and remained a member until her death.

Jimmie was visible in her spiritual walk. In her local Church, she was a member of the Senior Choir, Superintendent of the Sunday School, President



Jimmie Espy Demerson

of the Deaconess Board, Class Leader for the College and Career Division, and a teacher for Mission II. In the Lovely Sunset District Association, she was the Junior Mission President.

In her state work with the General Baptist State Convention of Texas, she was the Personal Service Committee Chairperson. Jimmie was often guest speaker at many church functions throughout Texas and at her school class reunions. Her charitable contributions include volunteering for Meals On Wheels and walking for the Diabetes Association's Fundraisers. Her employment consisted of working as an Agent for Atlanta Life Insurance and a Woman Attendant for South Plains Funeral Home.

She was well traveled through her extensive district and state

work. Jimmie loved her family and friends, and often spoke about them fondly. She loved her church and work untiringly whenever she was called on, but most of all, she loved God and her motto was, "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me and let me do it while I can." She loved her garden, yard, and her large pecan tree. She loved people and was proud that her house was a house by the side of the road where she could be a friend to mankind. She will surely be missed by all who knew her.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Harvey Demerson of 68 years; her parents and siblings.

She leaves to cherish her memory are: her daughter, Jean Fuller and husband, Willie; grandchildren, Willie Kirkpatrick (Pat) and Tamarra Fuller; three great-grandchildren, as well as a host of relatives and friends.

Pallbearers were Charles Hill, Dustin Hill, Michael Hill, Tyrone Cooper, Mark Sanders, Justin Bush, Michael Toler, and Michael Harvey.

Honorary Pallbearers were Deacons and Trustees, Mission Ministry, Anthony Reese, Gerry Brewer, and Willie Kirkpatrick.

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White and Franke L. Green in Lubbock, Texas.

Willie Jean graduated from Dunbar High School and she attended New Light Baptist Church where she served as the Social Service Coordinator and played a vital role in the church's Lunch and Love Program.

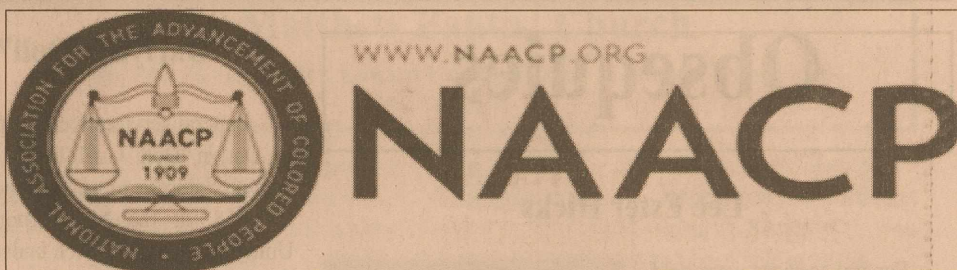
Willie Jean leaves to cherish her memory; two sons, King Patrick Green and Ejindu Ume; a host of other relatives and friends.

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FedEx in Midland.

He enjoyed watching television, the Patriots football team, and the Cavaliers basketball team. Evan loved dogs, his dreadlocks, listening to rap music, BBQ, and spending time with his son, family and friends.

Evan is survived by his parents, Jeffery Wade Roberson and Sonya Anderson, son, Kyrie La-reese Anderson, brothers, Jeffery, Jarven and Adrian Anderson. He is also survived by his sisters, Nekia and Asjai Anderson, Jenique Johnson, and Jaskeeka Roberson, his grandparents, Walter and Ida Roberson, and L.V. and Wanda Anderson, and great-grandmother, Kathleen Anderson.



NAACP STATEMENT ON MARKING FIFTY YEARS SINCE THE ASSASSINATION OF SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY

BALTIMORE (June 7, 2018)—Yesterday marked a sad day in the nation's history. On June 6, 1968, the nation mourned the death of one of its leaders.

A family—a wife, 10 children, parents, and a host of siblings, nieces, nephews, and others—had to mourn the loss of a promising life cut short.

Just two months after informing an Indianapolis crowd that Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. had been assassinated, Robert Kennedy's life was tragically cut short. Today, we pause to mark fifty years since the assassination of Senator and Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy, Sr.

As the 64th Attorney General of the United States, Robert F. Kennedy used his power to ensure that black students were able to safely enter formerly all-

white University of Mississippi. When an angry white mob fire-bombed the Freedom Riders' bus and mercilessly beat them, Mr. Kennedy sent federal troops to Alabama to escort those activists to relative safety.

After the death of his brother, Jack, Attorney General Kennedy remained in office to champion President Kennedy's vision—the passage of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

Upon his election to the Senate, Mr. Kennedy advocated for the Voting Rights Act of 1965, and thus had a hand in passing the two most significant laws of the twentieth century.

As Attorney General, he evolved as a civil and human rights champion as a Senator and continued this work until his untimely death.

As we reflect on the life and legacy of Robert F. Kennedy, we should recommit ourselves to a cause that he worked for his entire adult life—the strengthening of this American republic. During this all important election year, we should demand that Congress work to restore Section 4(b) of the legislation he voted for—the Voting Rights Act. Let us continue the work of Senator Kennedy to secure a living wage for all persons in this nation; to protect our military from fighting unnecessary wars; and to bring people from all walks of life together to perfect our union.

The NAACP sends its deepest condolences to Mrs. Kennedy and the family of Robert F. Kennedy on this most somber of anniversaries.

Beyond the Rhetoric

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als. In fact, they never had a chance but were ignorant about the dire need of plentiful energy. This is a lesson we must never forget. We won because of our energy prowess!

So, when you see demonstrators, newspaper reporters dogging the NBCC and Harry Alford don't worry about us. We will be there standing strong for the growth of American energy. We will encourage such growth throughout the Black Diaspora, especially Africa. How can our Motherland be so abundant in natural minerals such as oil, coal, gold, diamonds, etc. and be the poorest continent on earth? It doesn't make sense! We must work with our homeland to become self-sufficient and eventually wealthy and strong. God has blessed them with the right ingredients. We just must help them get it together and be like the United States.

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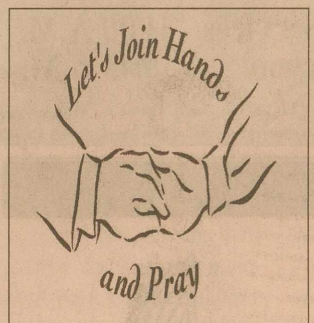
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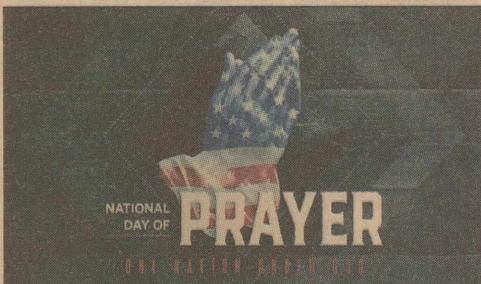
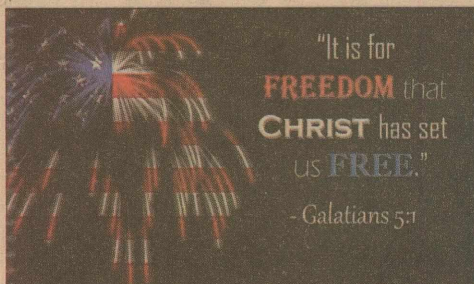
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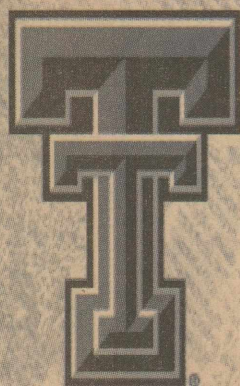
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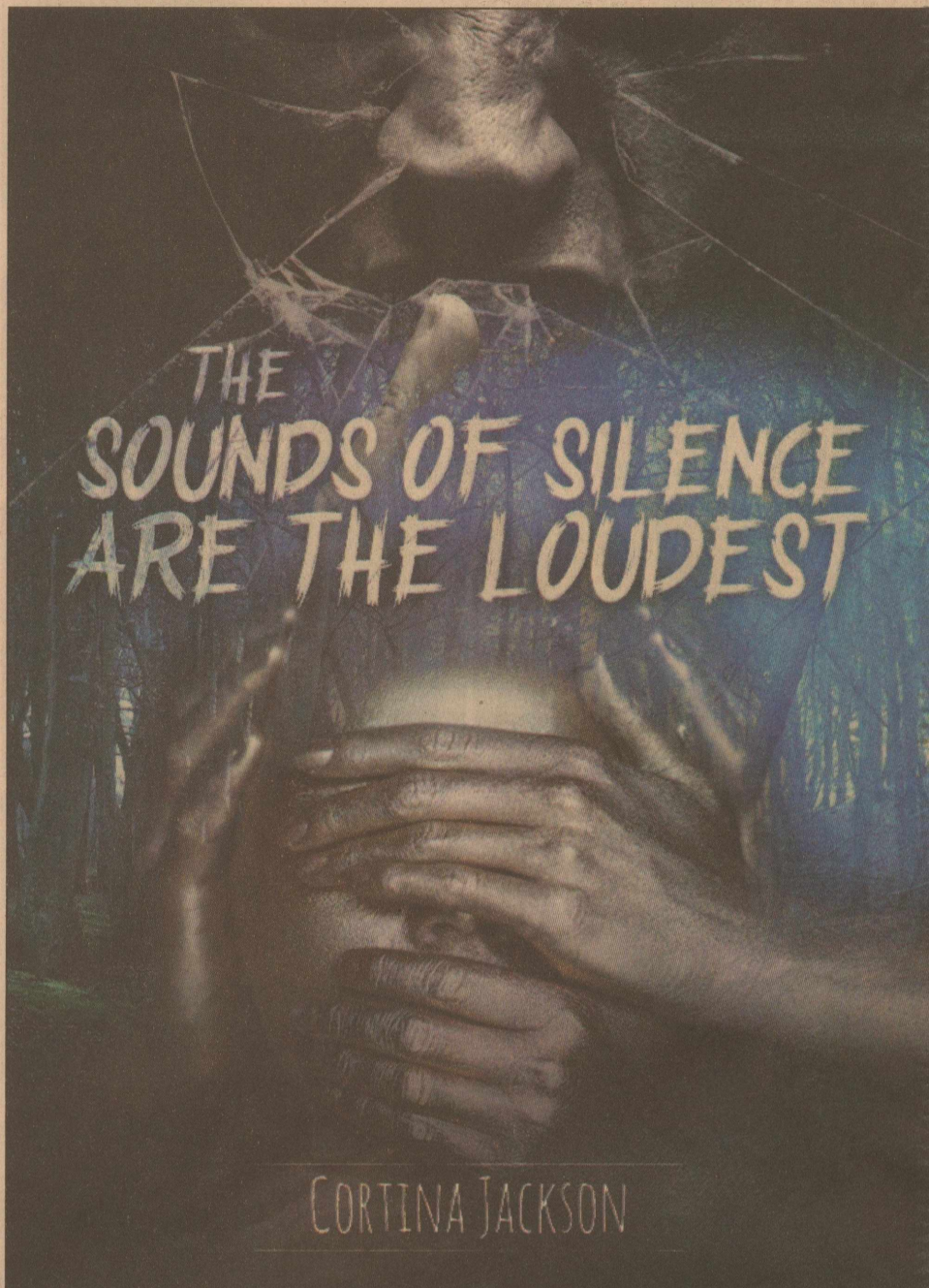
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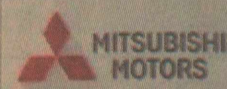
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