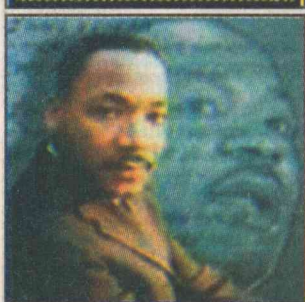




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Community Meetings

* 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.

* If you have an announcement about your organization, please advise by calling (806) 762-3612 or e-mail swdigest@sbcglobal.net.

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Heisman 2018: Kyler Murray becomes Oklahoma's seventh Heisman Trophy winner



Kyler Murray

Kyler Murray of the University of Oklahoma was selected on Saturday, December 8, 2018, as the 84th winner of the Heisman Memorial Trophy, an award presented annually by the Heisman Trophy Trust to the most outstanding player in college football.

The junior quarterback was announced as the 2018 winner of the prestigious honor at the end of ESPN's live broadcast of the Heisman ceremony from Manhattan's PlayStation Theater.

"This is crazy. This is an honor," said Murray from the podium after being announced as the winner. "It's something I'll never forget. Something I'll cherish for the rest of my life."

Murray, who followed Baker Mayfield as quarterback at Oklahoma, is the first player to win the Heisman the year after taking over for another Heisman winner. His victory also marks just the fourth time a school has won consecutive Heismans.

He's the seventh Sooner to win the Heisman, joining Billy Vessels ('52), Steve Owens ('69), Billy Sims ('78), Jason White ('03), Sam Bradford ('08) and Mayfield ('17). That total ties Notre Dame and Ohio State

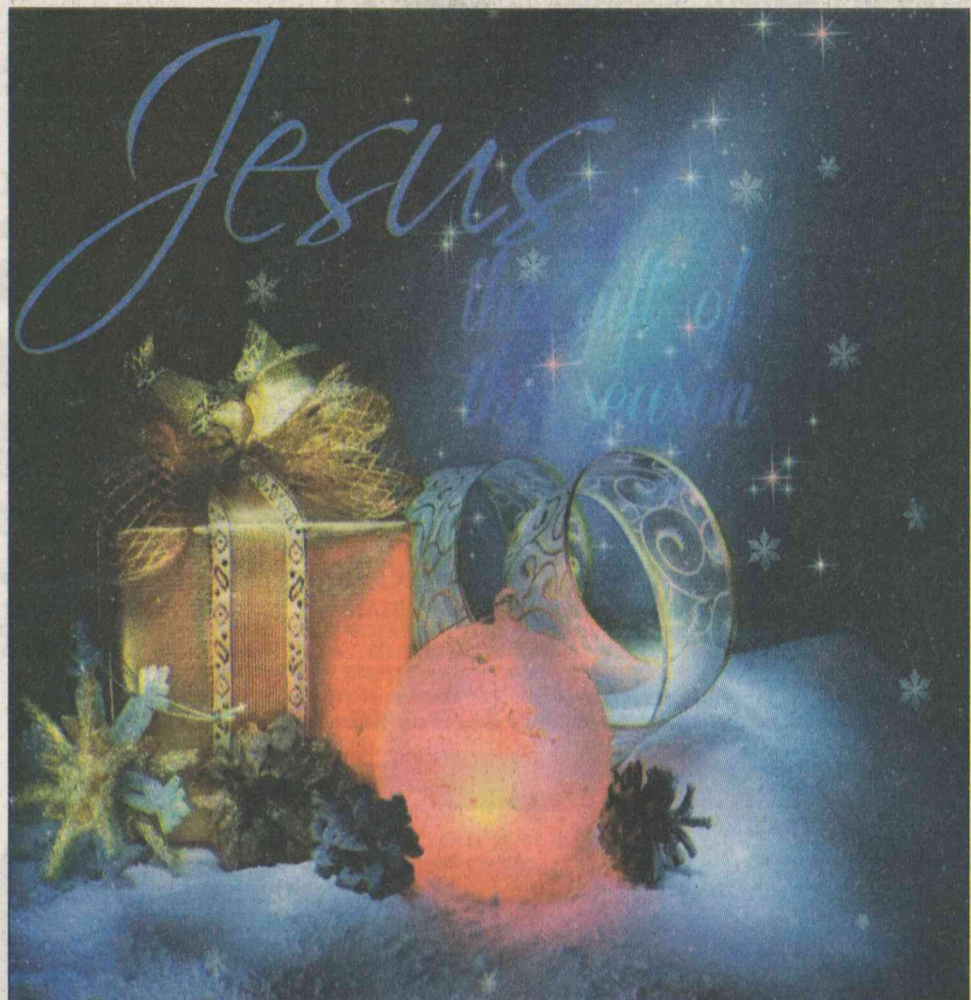
for most Heisman wins. The 5-10, 195-pounder from Allen, Texas, threw for 4,054 yards and 40 touchdowns, with another 892 yards and 11 scores on the ground while leading the Sooners to a 12-1 record, the Big 12 title and a berth in the College Football Playoff. His passer rating of 205.72 is the best in Heisman history, eclipsing the mark of 203.76 set by Mayfield in 2017.

Ballots were emailed to 870 media personnel across the nation plus 58 Heisman winners and one fan ballot, for a total of 929 electors. The ballots were received and tabulated by the independent accounting firm of Deloitte & Touche LLP. Murray polled 2,167 points to capture the award over Tua Tagovailoa of Alabama (1,871 points), and Ohio State quarterback Dwayne Haskins (783 points). The point total is reached by a system of three points for a first place vote, two for a second and one for a third.

Murray was officially inducted into the Heisman family at the 84th annual Heisman Memorial Trophy Dinner Gala on Sunday evening, December 9, 2018, at the Marriott Marquis in New York.



Three Outstanding Young Americans!



Local Press Invited To Visit Lubbock County Detention Center On Christmas Day With Digest

For more than 25+ years, Mr. T.J. Patterson Sr., along with Each-One-Reach-One, Family Members, various local Pastors and Friends have spent Christmas Day from 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm visiting with inmates in the Lubbock County Detention Center. This year will be another memorial landmark for T.J. Patterson, Sr. and those accompanying him. This marks the 32th Year for this blessed Annual Visitation. Mr. Patterson is just as excited about this year's visit as he has been each previous year.

Thanks To The Swains For Their Sunday School Teaching On Tuesdays



Brother Earnest Swain & Sister Julia Swain

For nearly two years, Earnest Swain, with his wife, Julia Swain, as his assistant, he has taught Sunday School lessons for the Senior Citizens who attend the Mae Simmons Senior Citizen Center, 2004 Oak Avenue.

On Tuesday afternoon, December 11, 2018, after class, the Swains were presented a surprise with a tub of goodies to show their appreciation for what the Swains have contributed to those Seniors who have been in attendance.

Mayor Dan Pope was present at the class which was on the Book of Psalms. The lesson was well received by all in attendance. Mayor Pope was appreciative of the invite.

As Lubbock's own local media, you and the members of your press/media team are invited to attend this annual event with us, where we will visit with inmates to encourage them, love on them and strengthen them through the word of God and prayer.

Meet us at 1:45 pm on Tuesday, December 25th, Christmas Day outside of the Lubbock County Detention Center. Please join us as we continue to help bring positive change to the lives of those in the LCDC facility as well as staff/officers that work there.

If you have any questions or need further information, please contact Mr. T.J. Patterson, Sr. at one of the following phone numbers:

Home: 806-744-7914 / Office: 806-762-3612 / Cell: 806-474-9607

You may also contact Faye Dunn at (806) 831-9986 if anyone is interested in being a part of the Team to help minister to the inmates or serve in any capacity that is needed.

How Oregon is Failing Black Students



Panelists Lisa Collins, Kali Ladd and Joe McFerrin at City Club of Portland's Friday Forum, "How Oregon Is Failing Black Students," Nov. 30, 2018. (Video still, courtesy of City Club of Portland)

According to state testing standards, two-thirds of Portland's Black students are failing their classes. Furthermore, that daunting statistic has been persisting over the last decade, says the EcoNorthwest report Black Student in Oregon, which was commissioned by local charter

school KairosPDX and Chalkboard Project.

As a call to the community, KairosPDX co-founder Kali Ladd rallied students, educators and local organizations for a City Club of Portland Friday Forum on Nov. 30.

"Black children graduate at

significantly lower rates than White students in Oregon and many other states," said Oriana Magnera, member of City Club's forum board, in her introduction.

The subject of the forum was how Oregon is failing its Black and African American students.

And the proposed solution - community engagement.

Long-time education activist Ron Herndon opened Friday's event by reading from the late William McClendon's book "Straight Ahead," a collection of essays on the struggle of Blacks in America. McClendon was a writer, journalist, jazz musician and a prominent member of Portland's civil rights community until his death in 1996.

Herndon gave context to the current state of Black students by summarizing Portland's failed integration policy of the 1960s into the early 1980s. In the name of desegregation, Portland Public Schools bussed Black children outside of their northeast communities to some 32 predominantly White schools around the metropolitan area. Schools in historic Black communities were ultimately shuttered.

"Currently the number of Black teachers and administrators is less than it was six years

ago." To uproarious applause, Herndon closed by saying that change lies with those who are willing to "fight like hell to ensure our children receive the education they deserve."

Moderator Joyce Harris, of Education Northwest, was joined by Ladd alongside panelists Joe McFerrin, CEO of Portland Opportunities Industrialization Center (POIC), and Lisa Collins, director of Teaching and Learning at Parkrose School District.

Ladd began by explaining how using criminalizing language to describe young African American children is directly connected to suppressing student achievement. She mentioned examples where four-year-olds were being called "violent" by teachers and child care providers.

"It's no wonder we have disproportionate discipline of Black children in pre-school,"

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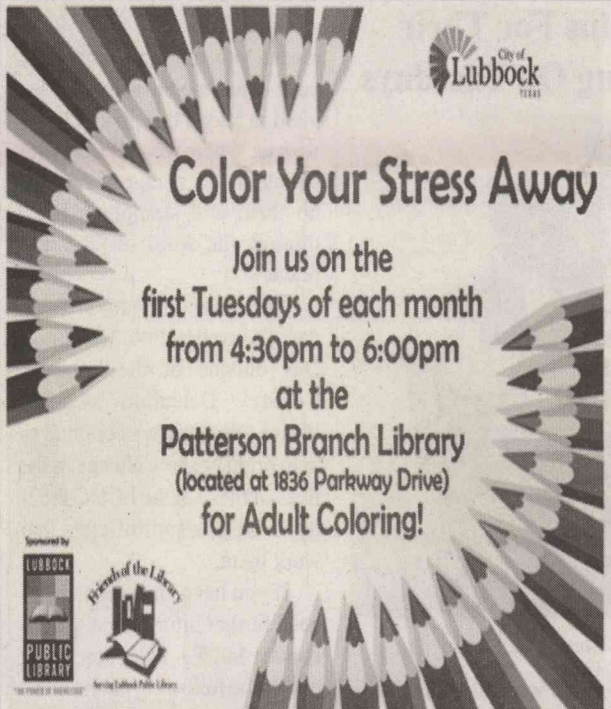
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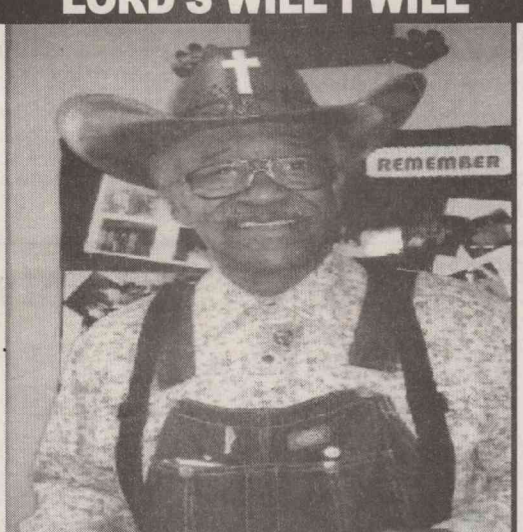
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In Cinque

By Renetta Howard

THE SEASON TO BE JOLLY

"Tis the season to be jolly!" We hear this quite often during this time of year and it leads me to wonder about who is to be jolly. Thanksgiving is over and Black Friday is still taking place today, which is Sunday and there is much talk about Cyber Monday. As I walked into a very, very busy store today to purchase some bags to deposit leaves, while walking to find the bags, I observed the display of Christmas trees and tree decorations. The least expensive manufactured tree was \$39.00 and it was about the size that a four year old could decorate and keep in his bedroom as his personal tree. The next inexpensive tree group started at between \$60.00 and \$100.00. The prices then jumped to \$200, \$300, \$400 and there were some listed for \$1,099.00. Who then will be jolly this season? You or the merchant?

Personally, I have no plans to purchase a Christmas tree and if I did, I would be traveling home with one of the least expensive ones. I did not see what the fresh cut trees costs because they were outside the store. I just thought to myself, with no small children in my household to marvel over a Christmas tree and even if I did have some, why in God's name would I need a Christmas tree that cost so much money when it does not in any way symbolize what Christmas is all about, the birth of the Christ child.

Evergreen trees or plants were used in Pre-Christian times by the Vikings and the Saxons who worshipped trees and not Christ. When Christmas was later celebrated, they decided that the evergreen tree grew in a pyramid fashion with a pointed top symbolizing the trinity and pointing to Heaven. This was a brilliant idea and seemingly has

taken a role in celebrating Christmas, but yet not celebrating the birth of Christ. A star or an angel on the top of a tree seems to add some semblance to the birth of Christ, but the cost of a tree is still prohibitive to the spirit of the season.

We give gifts at Christmas as a tradition also and bearing gifts is an aspect of the holy birth. This is the season to give gifts, preferably to those less fortunate than we are. It does not mean that we neglect those whom we love and care for dearly, but not to forget the people whom we know are in need of life sustaining elements during this season. Bringing joy to those who truly need some jolly feelings during this season should make us all jolly and feel the spirit of the Christ child in our hearts and souls.

If a takes a Christmas tree to make you jolly this season, go for it, but do not forget about those who cannot afford any kind of tree. Let us get 'in cinque' and help our fellow man to be jolly during this season of 2018.

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Beyond the Rhetoric

By Harry C. Alford & Kay DeBow

George H. W. Bush – American Hero

President George H.W. Bush has died after 94 years of a vibrant life. There is one thing that we must all admit: He served this country every second of his long life. When World War II began with the attack on Pearl Harbor, he immediately responded by enlisting as a naval aviator on his 18th birthday. He became the second youngest pilot in World War II. He served with great honor and was decorated accordingly.

His father, Prescott Bush, was his role model. As a senator representing the state of Connecticut, Prescott Bush authored the Civil Rights Act of 1957. That took a mountain of courage back in those days and it also set a lasting impression on his son George. After his service in the war, young George moved to Texas to establish a career in the oil business. With seed money from his father, he settled in Midland, Texas and soon built an empire. It would not be long before his leadership skills took over and he got into politics – like his father. He also kept an affinity for civil rights.

During his long tenure for service he served as our UN Ambassador, Congressman, Senator and even ran the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA). When President Ronald Reagan chose him to be his Vice President, he was more than ready. While being one of the top leaders of our government, he made a lasting friendship with Martin Luther King Sr. He even participated in his eulogy. He always showed empathy for Black leadership. He appointed Colin Powell as commander of our military during Operation Desert Storm (Iraq War). He appointed Clarence Thomas to the Supreme Court. After 27 years

THIS N' THAT

by T. J. Patterson, Sr.

POSITIVE OPPORTUNITIES WILL HAPPEN IN EASTERN LUBBOCK IN 2019! THAT IS IF WE COME TOGETHER AS ONE TEAM MOVING IN THE SAME DIRECTION!!!

No matter how difficult it may appear to be THIS N THAT believes that as a community of believers playing on the SAME TEAM things can and will happen to benefit EASTERN LUBBOCK!!!

THIS N THAT has observed some positive things happening in Eastern Lubbock..... At the same time..... we understand that it will take some time to overcome some of the problems which still exist in Eastern Lubbock.

There are many positive things being said about Eastern Lubbock. All of us must be willing to do our part so Eastern Lubbock can continue to move in the right direction. When you hear individuals who may reside in Eastern Lubbock, and are always talking about what we don't have in Eastern Lubbock. This would be a very good time to ask them what are they doing to enhance Eastern Lubbock?

There may be some of you may recall when there were many BLACK OWNED BUSINESSES in this area. There were men and women who believed we could overcome this problem. In those days, Blacks couldn't go to a local bank and acquire the necessary funds to operate a business, but we be-

lieved it could happen. So there were those in the Eastern Lubbock area that believed something could happen. It did happen, and the development of BLACK OWNED BUSINESSES! These businesses included Restaurants, Barber and Beauty Shops, Grocery Stores, Clothing Stores, and Neighborhood Stores.

You see, in those days, Black Businesses became a reality. As THIS N THAT often says "LITTLE THREADS OF COTTON MAKES MIGHTY STRONG ROPES".

So believe that Eastern Lubbock will bounce back as it was in early days. We can't give up! There is so much we can do. WILL YOU HELP??

of service, Justice Thomas has proven to be one of the most prolific Supreme Court Justices in our history.

It was his presidency that brought on the end of the Cold War. This peaceful success was very historical and, at the time thought to be impossible. President Bush made this world a better and safer place and we all owe him for that admirable service and leadership.

His appreciation of diversity also entered the Space Race. Through his efforts our first Black astronaut, Guion Bluford, was promoted to Colonel. During this process, his activity got a little personal for our family. Our father, Charles H. DeBow Jr., became part of the original class of Tuskegee Airmen during World War II. To our surprise Vice President Bush invited our father to join other graduates of the first Tuskegee class of pilots to a ceremony celebrating the

initial launch of Astronaut Bluford. He flew the families of the survivors to Cape Canaveral, Florida. He wine and dined the families and toasted, "We are here to celebrate the inaugural launch of Astronaut Bluford. It is because of what you did in World War II that led to this moment. It is like Jackie Robinson in baseball, you have led the way for Black aviation in our great nation."

The above event was one of the happiest moments of our father's life. Such a touching tribute for his bravery and service. His service was honored by the White House – what an honor! Vice President Bush performed this tribute with no publicity or fanfare. It was an important event that needed recognition and he did it. Such is the ilk of George H.W. Bush, History will show him as one of the greatest leaders our nation ever had. Despite all the undeserved criticism

of the press and political rivals, he is without a doubt the epitome of what America is all about. May history correct the criticism that was thrown upon him and his family.

His legacy will certainly live on. The Bush family are natural leaders and we will enjoy their participation for decades to come. There are few American families that have contributed so much to the service of our nation. Fewer who see the need for diversity and civil rights for all. From now on let us show the respect and appreciation they deserve. President George H.W. Bush was made of the "Right Stuff". He was a perfect example of what is right with America.

Let us thank our Lord for sending George H.W. Bush our way. Our future is now secure. May God bless the Bush family.

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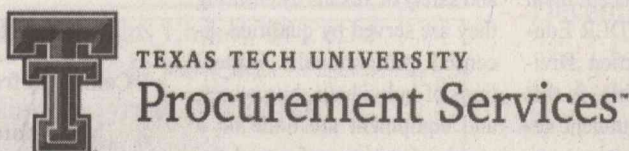
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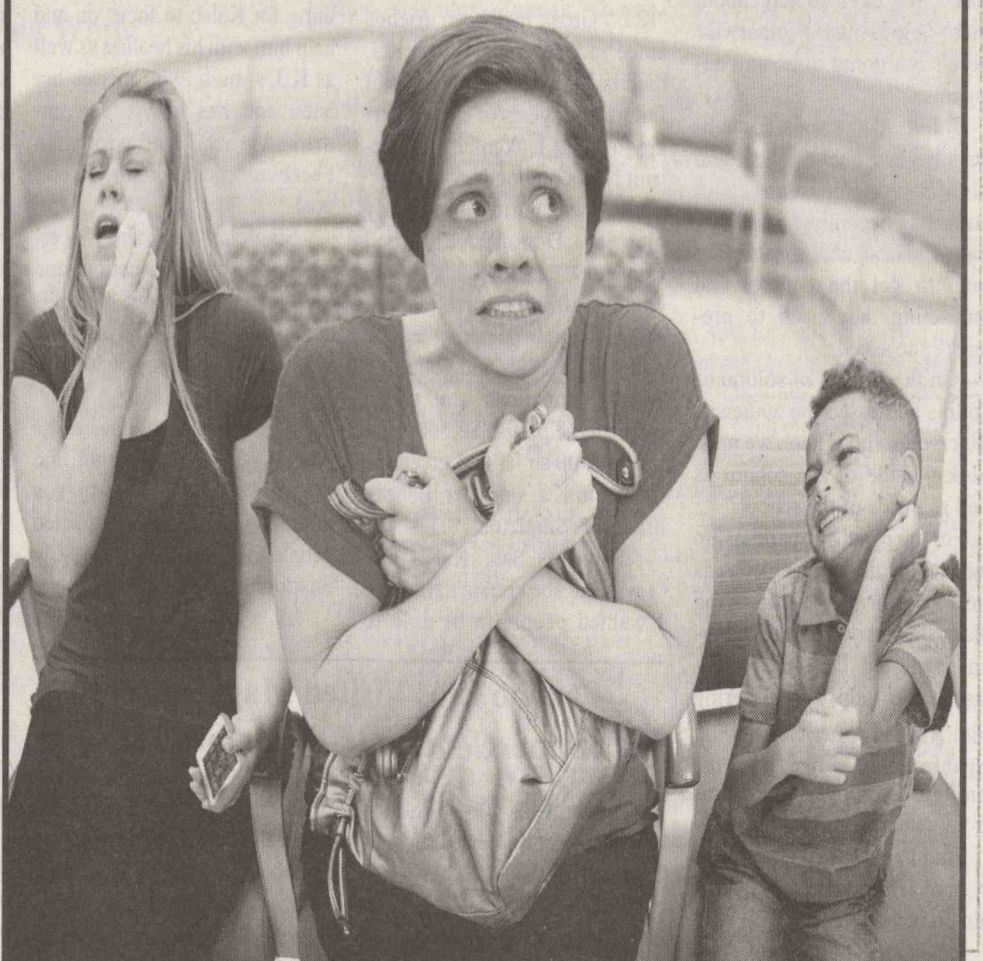


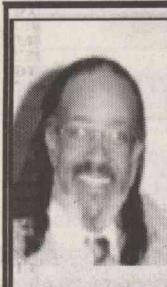
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***** IF IT'S NOT OF GOD; THEN ITS OF THE WORLD; AND THE WORLD IS OF THE DEVIL!!!*****

Matthew 4:10 -- Jesus said, Get the hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou shall worship the Lord thy God, and only him shall you serve.

AMERICA IS NOT WORSHIPPING THE BIRTH OF JESUS.--SHE WORSHIPS TREES, --PRESENTS, DRUGS, PARTING, SHOPPING; THINGS THAT MAKES HER FLESH PLEASING!!!

(FOR MANKIND TO KNOW THE STORY OF JESUS' BURTH; LUKE 1:26, TELLS US THAT MARY WAS TO CONCEIVE; IN THE SIXTH MONTH; ADD NINE MONTHS TO THAT IT'S APRIL; JESUS' BIRTH IS NOT IN THE WINTER!! SO THE DEVIL'S MAY HAVE BEEN IN THE WINTER; AS HOT AS IT IS IN HELL; HE NEEDS COOLING OFF!!!)

***** ITS SATAN; THAT'S PIMPING THE PEOPLE!!!!****

Exodus 20:4a-5 -- The Lord said, You shall not make unto you any graven image, or any likeness of any things that in heaven above. You shall not bow down yourself to them, nor serve them: for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me.

The X-MAS STORY; IT SUPPOSE TO TELL OF THE BIRTH OF JESUS.---- BUT AS YOU CAN TELL; TODAY; JESUS IS NOT THE REASON!!!--- THERE USE TO BE BABY JESUS IN A MANGER; THE SAVER OF THE WORLD IN A STABLE; WHERE WISE MEN BROUGHT PRESENTS; THEY WERE ABLE!!!

Galatians 6:7,8 -- Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man sows, that shall he reap. For he that sows to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that sows to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting

(THE DEVIL'S SEASON IS THE REASON; FOR KILLINGS, RAPINGS, ROB-BINGS, PARTYING, DOP-ING, SHOPLIFTING, FAMILY FIGHTS, DRUNK DRIVING, ROAD RAGE, STEALING THE BELL RINGER'S MONEY POT AT THE MALL; AND MANY MORE DEEDS OF THE DEVIL!!)

THE CHRISTIANS ARE DOING WHAT FLESH; TELLS THEM TO DO.-- THEY'RE NOT INTER-ESTED IN THE THINGS JESUS CHRIST TOLD THEM TO DO!!!

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.

THE WORLDLY MAN believes in SANTA CLAUS, AND FLYING REINDEERS.----- And having some PERVERT IN A RED SUIT; TELLING LIES IN THE CHILDREN'S EARS!!!

Matthew 18:6 -- Jesus Said, whoso shall offend one of these little one which believe in me, it were better for him that a

millstone were hanged about his neck, and that he were drowned in the depth of the sea.

(THE DEVIL IS GETTING READY TO CHANGE CHRISTMAS DAY INTO;--- HOLIDAY SEASON!!!)

THE WORLDLY MAN WORSHIP HIS HOME, SURROUNDED BY MANY X-MAS LIGHTS.

CHRISTIANS SHOULD BE FOLLOWING JESUS; HE'S THE WAY, THE TRUTH, AND THE LIGHT!!!

John 9:5 -- Jesus said, As long as I'm in the world, I'm the light of the world.

THE PIMP, THE DRUG DEALER, THE CHILD MOLESTER; ALL OF THEM WILL HAVE LIGHTS.

THE CHRISTIANS WILL DO THE SAME; ALL OF THEM; WORSHIPPING THE DEVIL WITH LIGHTS???

***** OH HOW LP&L WILL LOVE YOU'LL IN THE MONTH OF JANUARY!!!!****

(A WOMAN WAS BUYING STAMPS AT THE POST OFFICE, AND SEEING MARY AND BABY JESUS ON THE STAMPS; ANGERLY SHE SAID; WHY ARE THEY PUTTING JESUS; INTO CHRISTMAS???)

THE DEVIL tells the CHILDREN: SANTA KNOWS WHEN YOU'RE SLEEPING OR AWAKE.

ONLY GOD KNOWS ALL THINGS; EVEN THE HAIRS THAT ARE ON YOUR HEAD; SO STOP LYING; FOR GOD'S SAKES!!!

Isaiah 5:20 -- Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter.

JESUS SAID, GO TELL Continue on Page 5

Principal on leave after banning Christmas decorations, including candy canes and reindeer



The principal of Manchester Elementary School - located near Omaha, Nebraska - sent her staff a memo outlining specific steps educators were expected to take during the holiday season to remain "inclusive and culturally sensitive."

A Nebraska elementary school principal has been placed on administrative leave following public backlash over the school's holiday policies. Those since-revised rules banned Christmas-related items - including candy canes, reindeer and the traditional Christmas colors red and green - in the name of cultural sensitivity.

The principal of Manchester Elementary School - located near Omaha, Nebraska - sent her staff a memo on holiday symbols that does not reflect the Elkhorn Public Schools District's policies, according to a district statement sent to USA TODAY Friday.

Principal Jennifer Sinclair has been placed on administrative leave as of Thursday, the statement says.

The statement comes after religious freedom advocacy group Liberty Counsel published a memo attributed to Manchester Elementary School. The memo outlines specific steps educators were expected to take during the holiday season to remain "inclusive and culturally sensitive."

Dec. 7: Boy, 8, fighting deadly brain cancer wants 190 cards for Christmas

Dec. 6: Tyler Perry brings Christmas to Walmart layaway, pays \$400K worth of customers' bills

The memo, also published by the Omaha World-Herald, cites confusion among the staff about the school's holiday policies and reluctantly lays out a list of items that were and were not permitted during the holiday season.

The lists said winter-themed symbols such as sledding, gingerbread people and snowmen were allowed. But symbols associated with Christmas were not, as to avoid promoting a religious holiday.

The memo at times includes explanations for why certain items were disallowed: Elf on the Shelf - that's Christmas-related. Candy Cane - that's Christmas-related. Historically, the shape is a "J" for Jesus. The red is for the blood of Christ, and the white is a symbol of his resurrection. This would also include different colored candy canes, Red/Green items - traditional Christmas colors. Reindeer.

The memo is signed "the (Unintentional) Grinch who stole Christmas (from Manchester)."

It explains the policies: "I come from a place that Christmas and the like are not allowed in schools ... over the years in my educational career, this has evolved into the expectation for all educators."

The memo's explanation of the candy cane's religious roots is commonly accepted but likely inaccurate, Smithsonian Magazine reports. The religious symbolism referenced was likely popularized after forms of candy canes were already common holiday treats, the publication says.

Dec. 7: These are the 5 best holiday deals on Amazon right now

Dec. 2: What is Hanukkah? These kids (and their rabbi) explain

The memo is a part of an ongoing investigation and would not be released by the district at

this time, Kara Perchal, communications coordinator for Elkhorn Public Schools District, told USA TODAY on Friday.

The district's policies say that learning activities must have a secular purpose and avoid "excessive governmental entanglement with religion." Activities and programs must neither advance nor inhibit religion, the policies say.

The Liberty Counsel says it petitioned the school district to change the elementary school's policies in a letter dated Nov. 30. That letter cites concerns about the memo.

"The First Amendment simply does not require elimination of all Christmas symbols - religious and secular - in a misguided attempt to be 'inclusive' by eliminating all traditional elements of a federally- and state-recognized holiday. The effort to comprehensively eliminate Christmas symbols is Orwellian," the letter says.

During the holidays, many public schools struggle to maintain the separation of church and state while acknowledging holiday customs with religious connections.

Last year, one Indiana public charter school made headlines for its decision to downplay Christmas and other religious holidays.

"It doesn't matter how you celebrate Christmas in school," Leslie Draper, the head of Inspire Academy, said. "Inevitably, it's not going to align with somebody's viewpoint."

Another Indiana school ran into legal trouble in 2015 when its longstanding nativity tradition drew a lawsuit.

How Oregon is Failing Black Students

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said Ladd. "It's because we've forgotten who they are. We've forgotten that they're children."

McFerrin drew parallels between rates of suspension and expulsion of Black students to what is referred to as the school-to-prison-pipeline.

"You're two to three times more likely if you're Black in Multnomah County to be suspended or disciplined," he said. "What you'll find in the data is that students who are disciplined at a higher level in school are likely to end up in the criminal justice system."

Collins underlined the importance of having school districts and family members stand side-by-side to ignite difficult, but crucial, conversations.

"We know that there are teachers who are afraid of our kids and when our kids go to classes they have to deal with that," said Lisa. "We have to talk about micro-aggressions otherwise there's not going to be any engagement."

Collins also discussed pathways beyond public school and raised pressing questions about students becoming college-ready. "How are we leading them to get the courses and counseling they need to prepare?" she asked.

On the subject of solutions, Collins addressed the audience, "Everyone who is here, we must work outside of the school as well as inside of the school."

For the panelists, partnership and community engagement was the top priority for improving Black student outcomes. McFerrin suggested that local businesses can help by partnering with African American-serving organizations, like POIC, through donations, internships or volunteer opportunities.

And I'm a little disappointed in myself, because I believe I can do better."

Ladd added to the sentiment. "It's only through partnerships that we really can begin to move the needle," she said. "One thing we have in common is that we understand the relational way that we are - that's a cultural thing. We have a relational taxonomy, so we build relationships."

Towards its close, the panel opened to the audience. A handful of students approached the mic to comment on a lack of teachers of color in the district,

as well as the importance of trauma-informed practices in the classroom.

"At this stage, we are discovering ourselves. And if we don't have someone believing in us, it's tough," said Roosevelt High School senior Tosha Kitungano.

To end on a positive note, Ladd's ultimate call to action was for everyone to start believing in Black students. "All the adults need to see our children and their brilliance, and live into that."

Michigan boy raising money for a gravestone for best friend

DETROIT (AP) — A 12-year-old Michigan boy is working odd jobs to raise money for a special Christmas gift: a gravestone for his best friend.

Kaleb Klakulak and Kenneth "K.J." Gross had been friends since second grade before K.J. died in May of congestive heart failure after years of chemotherapy to fight leukemia, The Detroit News reported.

K.J. was buried in a family plot at Detroit's Elmwood Cemetery. But K.J.'s mom couldn't afford a grave marker, so Kaleb has been raking leaves, collecting bottles and soliciting PayPal donations on social media to help raise \$2,500. He's raised \$900 so far and given the money to K.J.'s mother, LaSondra "San" Singleton.

"I love Ms. San," Kaleb said. "I was sad she couldn't afford it. I wanted people to be able to

find (K.J.'s grave) when they went to see him."

Kaleb's mom, Kristy Hall, helped him get started with the fundraising effort.

"I really think this is a great thing for Kaleb to focus on and help him with his healing as well as K.J.'s mom, who misses her baby and has to visit an unmarked grave," Hall wrote in a Facebook post about Kaleb's goal.

Singleton said she's overwhelmed by Kaleb's actions and love for her son, even after his death. She said the boys "were kindred spirits; they were like brothers."

"It just speaks volumes to the type of people that they are, and it speaks to the type of person that K.J. was - he impacted people to where they want to do this for him," Singleton said.

Pancho Clos Visited Maggie Trejo SuperCenter On December 16th

Pancho Clos was so excited to be celebrating its 47th Anniversary of the project.

Before arriving at his final destination at Maggie Trejo Su-

perCenter; Pancho Clos, who is Santa Claus cousin, arrived in Lubbock on Sunday, December 16th, at Maggie Trejo SuperCenter. He arrived at the Mag-

TDLR assisting Lubbock cosmetology students affected by Virginia College closure

AUSTIN - The Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation is assisting more than 70 cosmetology students affected by the sudden closure of Virginia College in Lubbock. The school announced its immediate closure on Thursday, December 6.

As required by state law, TDLR is assisting the displaced students with finding new cosmetology schools that will enroll them. (The list of schools that agreed to take Virginia College cosmetology students can be found here: <https://www.tdlr.texas.gov/cosmet/cosmetclosure.htm#schools>.)

Students who contact a school that is unwilling to accept them should contact the TDLR Education and Examination Division as soon as possible, so that TDLR can help the student negotiate their enrollment. Students will not lose the

hours they had earned at Virginia College, and those hours will transfer to the new school where they enroll. Students can see their hours reported as completed on the TDLR website at www.tdlr.texas.gov/Cosmo-DataSearch.

More information about cosmetology school closures and how TDLR can help displaced students can be found here: <https://www.tdlr.texas.gov/cosmet/cosmetregency.htm>.

About TDLR
TDLR provides regulatory oversight for a broad range of occupations, businesses, facilities, and equipment in Texas. The agency protects the health and safety of Texans by ensuring they are served by qualified, licensed professionals. Inspections of individuals, businesses, and equipment are done on a regular basis to safeguard the public. Currently, the agency

regulates 39 business and occupational licensing programs with more than 800,000 licensees across the state.

Visit TDLR's website for more information and resources. You can search the TDLR licensee database, and also find past violations in which a final order was issued against companies or individuals. TDLR's Customer Service line is available anytime between 7 a.m. until 6 p.m., Monday through Friday, at 1-800-803-9202. TDLR representatives are fluent in English, Spanish, Vietnamese, Korean and Chinese.

Beyond the Rhetoric

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This project is supported by a grant from the Community Foundation of West Texas.

Obsequies

Effie Lee Nelson

Funeral services for Effie Lee Nelson were held on Saturday morning, December 1, 2018, at the Community Baptist Church with Pastor Larry Brooks officiating.

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

Effie, age 62 of Lubbock, Texas, passed away on Friday, November 23, 2018.

Effie was born on January 30, 1956 to the late Wilton Washington, Sr. and Emma Jean Minter. She attended the Lubbock ISD where she graduated from Estacado High School in 1975.

She worked for many years at Texas Instruments and a dietary aide for Hunt Elementary. Effie was member of the Community Baptist Church where she served on the usher board, a member of TJ Patterson book club, and she participated in the annual Juneteenth parade as a clown where she won several awards.

Effie leaves to cherish her memory; her husband, Franklin Nelson; three children, Bryce



Washington, Crystal Nelson, and Byron Nelson (Sonia); five grandchildren; three brothers: Ronnie Washington, Wilton Washington, Jr., and Charles Woodruff; three sisters: Wanda Benson (Roosevelt), Belenda Williams, and Yolanda Woodruff; two aunts, Thelma Jackson and Earnestine Minter; one uncle, Willie Minter; a host of other relatives and friends.

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Eva Mae Ross Mack

Dallas, Texas -- Funeral services were held for Eva Mae Ross Mack on Saturday afternoon, November 24, 2018, at the Alexander Chapel Church of God in Christ.

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

Eva of Lubbock, age 81, passed away Sunday, November 18, 2018 in Cedar Hill Texas.

Eva was born to the parentage of Willie B. and Teddy Eva Griffin Ross on May 8, 1937 in Madisonville, Texas.

After moving to Lubbock, she attended Dunbar High and later graduated from South Plains College.

She retired from Northeast Head Start.

Eva leaves to cherish her memory; husband Bobby G Mack, daughter, Evangelist Fe-



lisa Johnson Williams; sons Reggie Mack, Delbert Coy Mack(Mildred) and Byron K Mack. sisters Esther Cleveland and Dorothy McDowell and two brothers Kenneth and Wesley Ross. Nine grandchildren and nineteen great grandchildren and a host of nephews, nieces, cousins and friends.

Minister James Lee "Papa" Peterson

Funeral services for Minister James Lee "PaPa" Peterson were held at Griffin Mortuary on Wednesday afternoon, November 28, 2018, following the visitation.

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

Minister Peterson, age 74 of Lubbock, Texas, passed away Wednesday, November 14, 2018.

He was born on June 9, 1944 in Midland Texas. He was a graduate of Midland High School. He was a quartet singer and base player with the Gospel Truelights.

He was also a custodian with the Midland Independent School District, owned and operated a landscaping service and detail shop.

He leaves to cherish his memory: Three daughters; Lorine



"Larey" Peterson, Loretta Peterson, and Kathy Peterson; two sons; James Lee Peterson Jr. and Herbert Lee Peterson; one sister, Linda Hickey-McDonald; 13 grandchildren, 21 great - grandchildren; a host of other relatives and friends.

PaPa Peterson will be missed by many in the community.

**Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise:
When as his mother Mary was espoused
to Joseph, before they came together,
she was found with child of the
Holy Ghost.
St. Matthew 1:18**

Longtime Lubbock Beautician, Blanchie Swisher, Succumbs Here

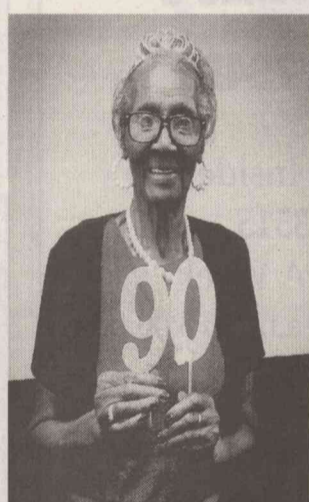
A Celebration of Life for Blanchie Swisher was held on Monday morning, December 10, 2018, at the Greater St. Luke Missionary Baptist Church with Rev. J. H. Ford, pastor, officiating.

Interment followed in Peaceful Gardens Memorial Park under the direction of Ossie Curry Funeral Home of Lubbock.

Blanchie, age 92 of Lubbock, Texas, passed on Tuesday, December 4, 2018.

She was born on July 16, 1926 in Comal County, Texas to Grant and Buelah Harris. She was the third of 9 children.

Blanchie grew up in the climate of southern segregation, where Blacks were escorted through the back door because



they were not allowed to come through the front door. In 1945, she moved to Lubbock, Texas, and she continued her work as a housekeeper, and started cosmetology school.

Timothy Craig White

Funeral services for Timothy Craig White on Tuesday after-

LISD Dates For December 20-24

The following dates relate to the Lubbock Independent School District:

Thursday, December 20 - Middle school and high school campuses will have early dismissal at 12:40 p.m. Elementary school campuses will have no change to their schedule.

Friday, December 21 - All Lubbock ISD campuses will have early dismissal. Elementary campuses will dismiss at 12 p.m. and middle school and high school campuses will dismiss at 12:40 p.m.

Monday, December 24 - Friday, January 4 - Lubbock ISD schools and administrative offices will be closed for the holiday break.



noon, December 11, 2018, at the Dominion Holy Ghost Deliverance Tabernacle.

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

Timothy, age 40 of Lubbock, Texas, passed on Monday, December 3, 2018.

Timothy was born to Steve Thompson and Sandra White-

Leo Thomas, Jr.

Funeral services were held for Leo Thomas, Jr. on Saturday morning, December 8, 2018, at the St. James Baptist Church.

Interment was held in the Peaceful Garden Cemetery under the direction of Griffin Obituary & Funeral Home of Lubbock.

Leo, age 80 of Lubbock, Texas, passed away on Tuesday, November 27, 2018.

Leo was born on August 21, 1938 to O. T. Thomas and Olivia Moore in Rockston, Texas.

He retired from Frito Lay after thirty-five years.

Leo was a member of Victory and Praise where he was a member of the Usher Board and head deacon.

He leaves to cherish his memory; five daughters, Janice (Robert), Linda, Joann (Mike), Lydia (Clyde), and LuCretia



(Chad); two sons, Tim and Rickie; one sister, Trudy Pitts; one brother, Joseph (Cynthia); special uncle, George Lewis; 30 grandchildren, 59 great grandchildren, 10 great-great grandchildren; and a host of other relatives and friends.

Eula Faye Nash

Funeral services were held for Eula Faye Nash on Monday afternoon, November 26, 2018, at the Unity Baptist Church.

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

Eula, age 64 of Lubbock, Texas, passed away Thursday November 15, 2018.

She was born on October 2, 1954 to Maedell Banks Taylor.

She worked in the medical field for twenty-nine years.

Eula leaves to cherish her memory; two daughters, Tonya Timmons and Monica Timmons; six sisters, five brothers, five



grandchildren, five great grandchildren; a host of other relatives and friends.

Felicia Newman-Jones

Celebration of Life service for Felicia Newman-Jones was held on Friday afternoon, November 23, 2018, at the Griffin Mortuary Chapel.

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

Felicia, age 55 of Lubbock, Texas, passed away on Friday, November 16, 2018.

She was born on June 23,

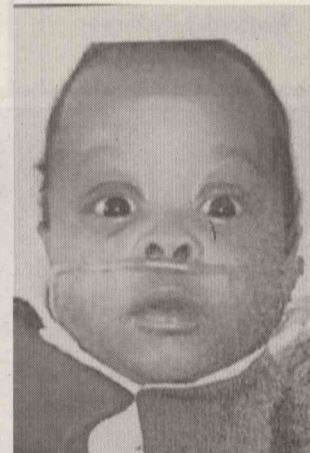


1963 to the parentage of Samuel and Katherine Alexander in Lamesa, Texas.

Felicia graduated from Estacado High School.

She leaves to cherish her memory; her mother, Katherine Alexander; three sisters, Mary Perry, Charlene Flowers, and Barbara Norris (Austin, Jr.); one son, Desmond Newman (Maxine); five grandsons; great granddaughter; a host of other relatives and friends.

Garyontae Donvon Shephard, Jr.



Celebration of Life Service was held for Garyontae Donvon Shephard, Jr. on Saturday afternoon, December 8, 2018, at the Lyons Chapel Baptist Church where Rev. Wendell Davis is pastor.

Garyontae, age 3 months of Lubbock, Texas, passed away Friday, November 23, 2018.

He was born to Risa Thomas and Garyontae Shephard, Sr. on July 29, 2018. He was a good little soldier.

He leaves to cherish his memory; his mother, Risa Thomas and father, Garyontae Shephard, Sr.; grandparents, Kendra Gaither, Kristy Brantley, and Charles Thomas; a host of other relatives and friends.

Thank God For Jesus

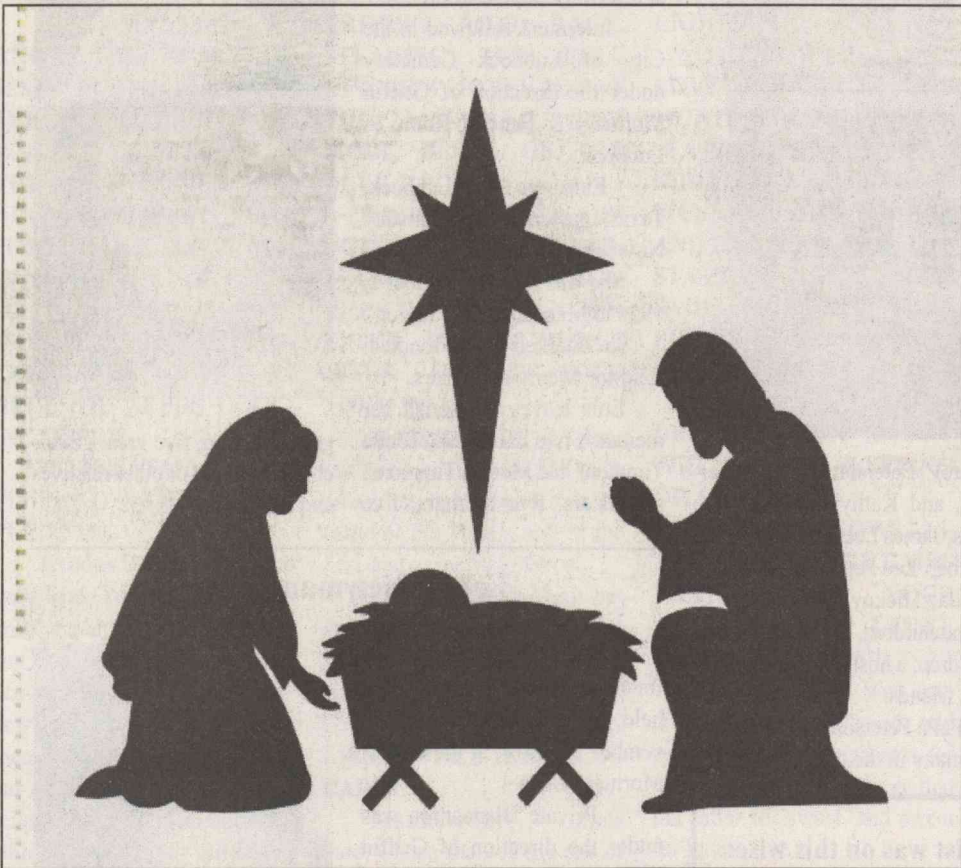
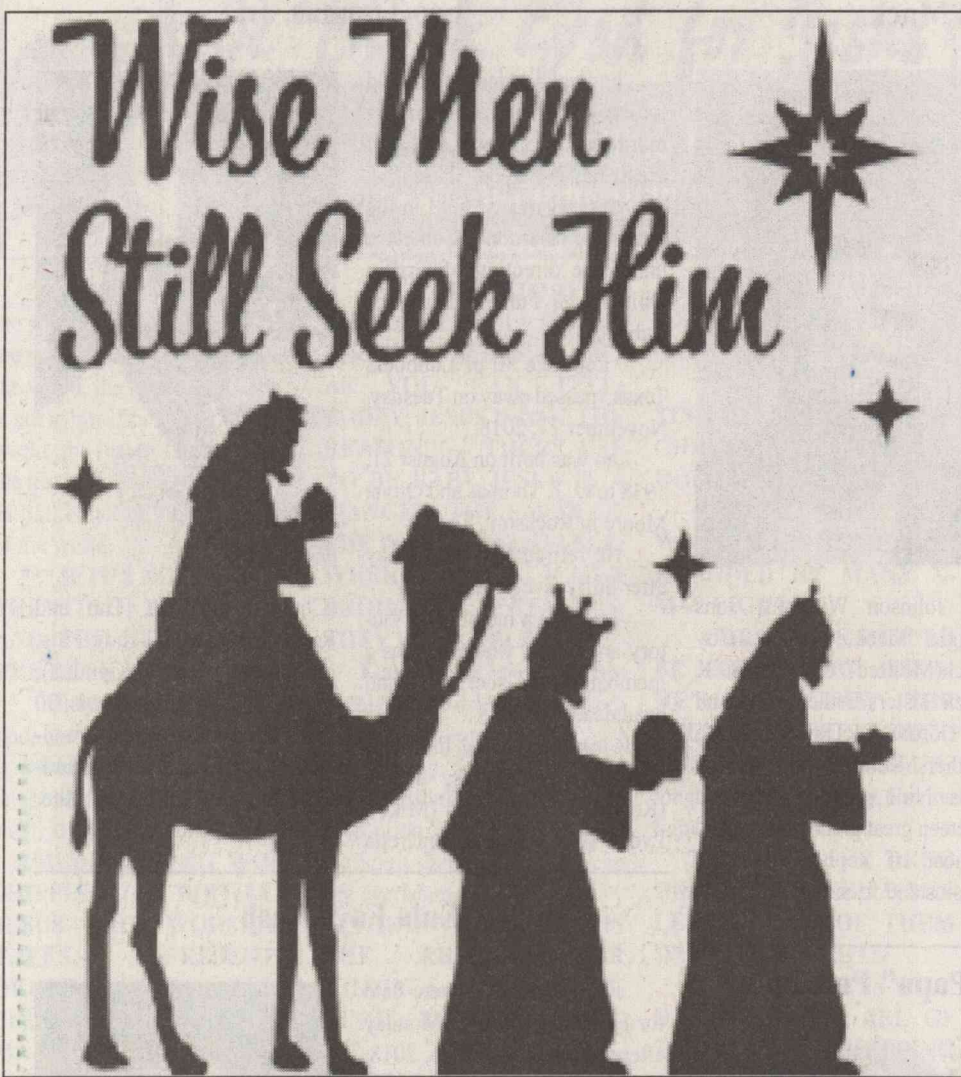
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**THE DEVIL SAY, GO
AND SPEND THAT MONEY;
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TIME!!!**

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TWO MASTERS; IT'S EI-
THER GOD; OR YOUR
MASTER CARD???**

***** JESUS IS THE GIFT;
THAT KEEPS ON GIV-
ING!!!**

II Corinthians 9:15 --
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speakable gift.



Lubbock Housing Authority is extending the application period for the following waiting lists until 3:00 p.m on January 18, 2019

1 Bedroom Elderly (Head of Household, Spouse or Co-head is 62 or older); 4 Bedroom 5 Bedroom

Applications may be dropped off from 7 am to 3 pm every Monday - Friday until the date listed above.

Contact the Housing Authority Intake Department at 806-776-2312 or 776-2316 if you have questions.

Application Process is required!!!

Application packets may be picked up at the Lubbock Housing Authority Central Office located at 1708 Crickets, Lubbock TX, 79401, during regular business hours or downloaded from the Housing Authority website at lubbockha.org.

Completed applications must be returned to the above address, on the dates stated above between the hours of 7:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Applications outside of these dates will not be accepted.

Applications will be reviewed for eligibility. Those qualified will be added to the waitlist and those qualified will be posted at our office on January 25, 2019. Those not qualified will be notified by mail.

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The Silver Star Health Network PACE program, Program of All-inclusive Care for the Elderly, has been running in Lubbock Texas for eight years. Silver Star Health Network is dedicated to providing comprehensive medical care and support services to the frail and elderly population in the Lubbock County area. The target population for PACE is age 55 years and older, who meet nursing home criteria but can still live safely at home.

Silver Star Health Network primarily serves those who are eligible for Medicaid and Medicare (dual eligibles). Medicaid only and Medicare along with a private pay portion, are also options.

The primary benefit to participants in the PACE program is that they receive comprehensive medical care while living at home, rather than in a nursing home facility. However, should nursing home care become needed for the participant, PACE will continue to provide the comprehensive medical care and supports that the participant needs while they are living in the nursing home. The comprehensive care and supports provided by Silver Star PACE includes: hospital care, physician care, including specialists if needed, assistance with activities of daily living (ADLs), rehabilitation (OT, PT, speech & dietary therapists), transportation and opportunities for socialization and recreation at the day center.

FOR MORE INFORMATION REGARDING THE PACE PROGRAM, PLEASE CONTACT:

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Blanchie Swisher Succumbs Here

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Wayland Baptist University. "Sister Swisher", by which she was most affectionately known, was a member of St. Luke Baptist Church in Lubbock. She served in the ministry as a Sunday School Teacher, the Baptist Training Union Director, and devotional leader of the Senior Choir. She was also the founder of The Prayer Vigil Chain member's prayer group.

In addition to these things, she also vigorously prayed for her family and loved ones, the community, citizens and leaders. She was never afraid to call on the name of the Lord and shared His goodness with anyone who had a willing ear and an open

heart. She organized a grocery shopper network for senior citizens, and arranged for elderly citizens to ride Citibus to and from United Supermarkets. She truly led a life of service by example.

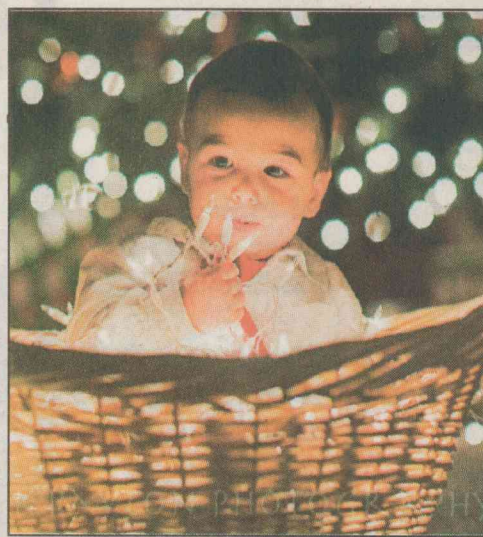
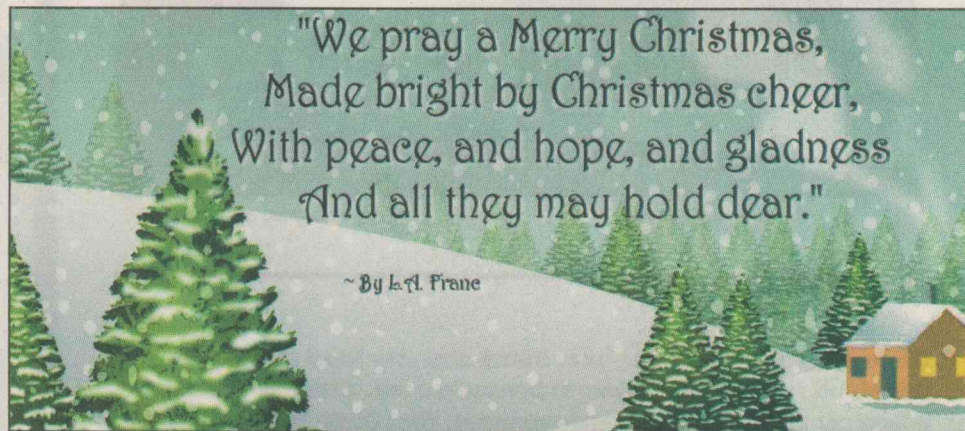
She was preceded in death by her late husbands, Leveil Durham and Reverend Swisher; her son, Alfonso (Bill) Durham, her brother, Grant Harris, Jr.; her sisters: Marie James, Loraine Guyton, and Earlene Durham; grandchildren, Deandre Durham and Mark Anthony Durham; great-grandchild, Jamaica Renner.

She leaves to cherish her memory: brothers: Nathan,

Jimmy Lee, and Clyde (Darlene); her two sons, Bobby Hudspeth (Myra), Travis Durham (Johnnie Mae), and her daughter, Cynthia Durham; and grandchildren: Bobby Hudspeth, Jr., Bryan Hudspeth, Warren Durham, Trivisa Durham, Johhnnita Durham, Brandon Durham, and Charlonda Durham, and thirteen great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were: James Durham, Willie Lee Rogers, Dwight Harris, LaModrick Fraizer, Mark Sanders, Jr., Rodney A. Guyton, and Anthony Guyton.

Honorary Pallbearers were: Warren Durham, Truston Durham, Brandon Durham, Jaydon Dessasore, Clyde Harris, and Travis Durham.



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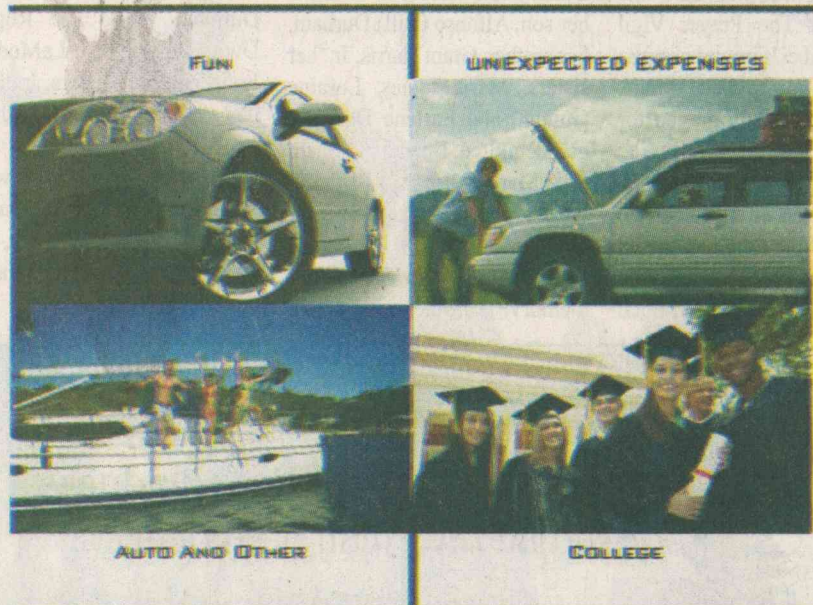
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Mae Simmons Senior Citizens Held Their Annual Christmas Luncheon on 12/14/18

Pictured below are members of the Mae Simmons Senior Citizens Center and some of those they had invited to attend their Annual Christmas Luncheon. From food, fun, pool games, family members and friends, all that were in attendance enjoyed it all!



MIRACLES OF CHRISTMAS



Community Development Minor Rehabilitation Program

Fall 2018 Open Enrollment

The Minor Rehabilitation Program will provide qualified homeowners with home repairs. The program focuses on substandard conditions and/ or securing any existing health or safety issues as determined by an authorized Construction Inspection specialist

Contact our office today for more information or to see if you qualify:

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Email: cdinfo@mylubbock.us
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Minimum Program Requirements

- Home must be owner-occupied for at least 1 year. Owner must provide a Warranty Deed
- Property taxes must be current
- Home cannot be located in a Flood Zone
- Participants must income-qualify

Open Enrollment will run through Friday, December 21, 2018.

Funding for this program is limited. Prequalified persons will be added to a call-in list. A random electronic selection will be performed and persons will be notified by mail of the results. Selection does not guarantee assistance.



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