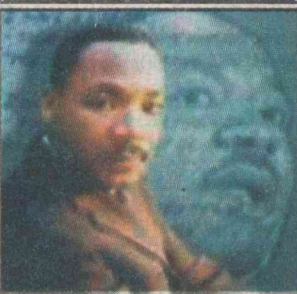




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## Community Meetings

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\* 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  
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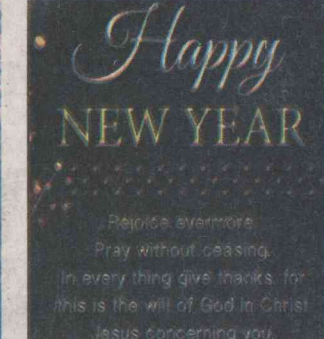
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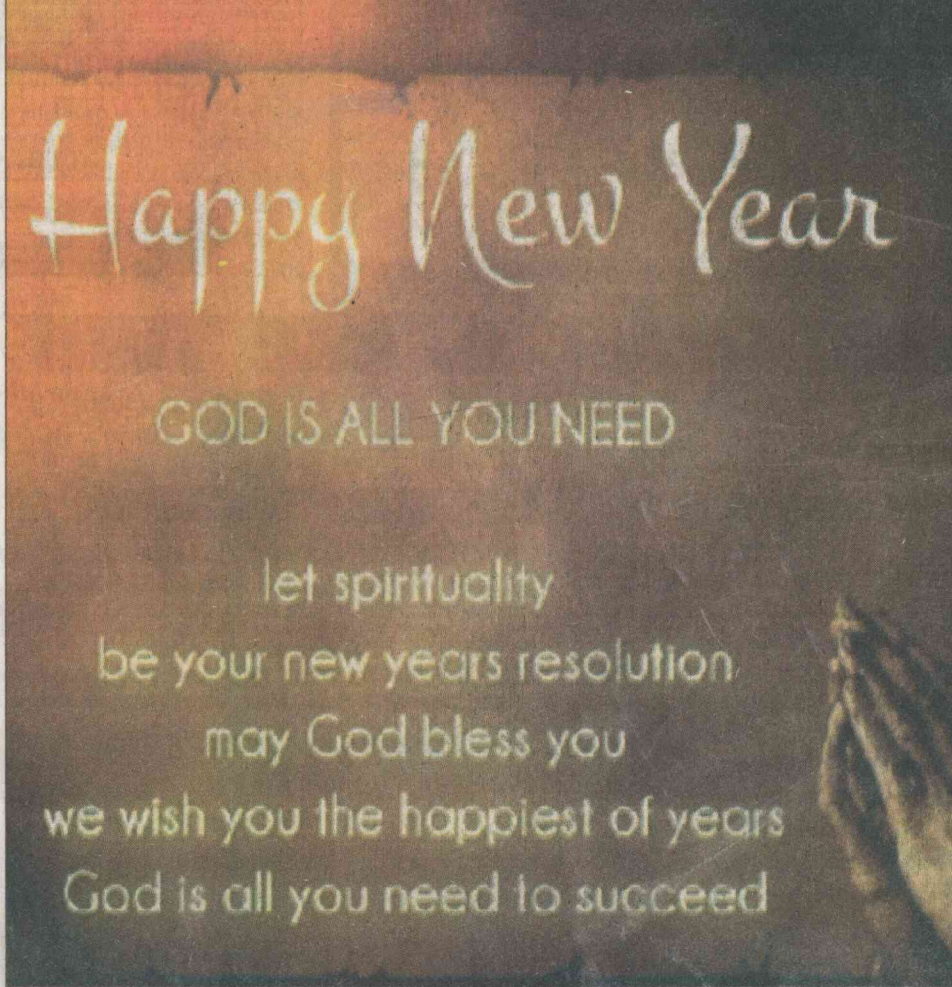
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## Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration Will Be Held January 18-21, 2019

The Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Council will sponsor the birthday of the late Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. on January 18-21, 2019. The community is very excited about the speakers for the events.

The speaker for the Individuals of Distinction Award Banquet will be Dr. Carol A. Sumner which will be held on Friday evening, January 18, 2019, at the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center, beginning at 6:30 p. m. For more information about the banquet, contact Yolanda Jeffrey at (806) 773-1625.

Dr. Sumner is the Vice President (VP) and Chief Diversity Officer (CDO) at Texas Tech University (TTU). As VP she leads the Division of Diversity, Equity & Inclusion (DDEI) which include a number of units that impact the educational continuum from K-8th grade educational programs and initiatives and IDEAL; high-impact programs such as the Military and Veterans Programs, University Interscholastic League, the Office of Academic Enrichment, the Office of LGBTQIA, and the TTU Chess Program; traditional programs and Centers that include TRIO SSS and McNair, Mentor Tech, First Generation Transition and Mentoring Programs; and newly established efforts like the Dream Resource Center and the Council of Councils. As CDO, Dr. Sumner works across the university with stakeholders that include but are not limited to students, faculty, staff, alumni, community members and others to support, engage,



Dr. Carol A. Sumner

and facilitate the university-wide efforts goals to increase diversity, and engage in practices that foster inclusion and equity.

Previously, Dr. Sumner served as the Sr. Associate Dean of Students at Arizona State University on the Tempe campus. The scope of portfolio provides oversight for the engagement of students in the university experience. Her portfolio currently includes: Student and Cultural Engagement (SCE) which supported and engaged with the 7 socio-cultural and identity-based Coalitions (also known as the Council of Coalitions). The team also coordinated the following: four of the University Special Interest Convocations, Heritage Month Programming, Culture@ASU, MEN@ASU, Student Interfaith Efforts, and Sun Devil Civility. Additionally, her portfolio included oversight of university-wide international student support efforts and supervision of the International



Rev. William Timothy Glenn

Student Engagement unit; university Liaison to the Council of Religious Advisors (CORA); Sun Devil Affinity efforts; serves as the incubator for new initiatives within the Dean of Students Office. Previous programs and units have included: TRIO Student Support Services (Disability) Tempe; TRIO Upward Bound; TRIO Veterans Upward Bound; Disability Resource Center (Tempe) New Student Orientation and Student Involvement (Programming and Activities Board). While at ASU, Dr. Sumner served as the University Chair for the Committee for Campus Inclusion; was a member of the ASU Commission on the Status of Women (CSW), the ASU Martin Luther King Committee, and was the former campus advisor for the undergraduate chapter of her sorority, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., Iota Kappa Chapter. Her prior experience in higher education includes work-

## Parents of Black Wrestler Forced to Cut Dreadlocks Blame Referee Previously Accused of Using Slur

After last week's video of a coach cutting off a black high school student's dreadlocks went viral, the family of the boy, Andrew Johnson, is criticizing the referee who made the call.

A lawyer for Charles and Rosa Johnson, whose 16-year-old son attends Buena Regional High School in New Jersey, contended in a statement on Monday that the referee was late to the match on Dec. 19 and missed weigh-ins, which the Johnsons said is normally when the determination of any rule violations takes place.

What's more, "when he did evaluate Andrew, he [the referee] failed to raise any issues with the length of his hair," the Johnson family's lawyer Dominic A. Speziali said in the statement, which he released on their behalf.

Andrew had wrestled the weekend before with the same hair style "without issue," according to his family's statement, and he had asked to "be



allowed to push his hair back as he did the weekend prior, but the referee again refused because 'it wasn't in its natural state.' "

The referee has reportedly been identified as Alan Maloney. Neither he nor Buena Regional High School officials immediately responded to PEOPLE's request for comment on Wednesday, December 26th.

Andrew's hair covering was rejected just before his match last week. At that point, the referee gave the athlete 90 seconds to either cut his hair or forfeit his match. Video of the incident shows the choice that the "vis-

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ing at Washington University in St. Louis, (St. Louis, MO), at Illinois State University (Normal, IL); and at Wilberforce University (Wilberforce, OH). Dr. Sumner's employment has also included several positions outside of higher education

She is a member of Phi Kappa Phi, Kappa Delta Pi, the Order of Omega, and is a Diamond Life member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. Dr. Sumner earned her bachelor's degree in Public Relations (with a minor in Spanish) and her master's degree in Higher and Postsecondary Education from Illinois State University. She earned her Doctorate in Education in the Higher and Postsecondary Education from ASU.

The speaker for the Citywide Services on Sunday evening, January 20, 2019, beginning at 5:00 p. m. will be Rev. William Timothy Glenn, Pastor of Mount Olive Missionary Baptist Church, Fort Worth, Texas, from Elizabeth, Louisiana.

Rev. Glenn is married to Ms. Stephanie Johnson in 1977 and from the union have three daughters, one son and four

grandchildren.

At the age of seventeen (17), Reverend Glynn was called to the ministry by God and began preaching. He was licensed in 1975 and ordained in 1977 by the Mount Horeb Missionary Baptist Church in Houston, Texas. During 1975 and 1976, he attended Bishop College in Dallas, Texas. He attended Mount Hope Bible College in Houston, Texas and in 1979 received a Bachelor of Theology Degree. In 1982, he received his Master of Theology Degree. In 1980, Reverend Glynn was called to Pastor the Saint Mark Missionary Baptist Church in Houston, Texas. He remained there for ten (10) years.

In 1991, he was called to Pastor the Mount Olive Missionary Baptist Church in Fort Worth, Texas where he currently serves (25 years). Reverend Glynn has held numerous memberships and affiliations with organizations throughout the country. He served as Moderator of the North Texas District Association for sixteen years (1999-2015). In 2002 he began serving as 2nd Vice President of the Missionary

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## Federation Of Choirs Annual Hosting 2019 Each Service Begins at 2:30 p.m.

Christ Temple C.O.G.I.C.	January 27, 2019
Community Baptist Church	February 24, 2019
Annual Federation Of Choirs	March 24, 2019
First Progressive Baptist Church	April 28, 2019
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Mt. Gilead Baptist Church	June 23, 2019
New Hope Missionary Baptist Church	July 28, 2019
Rising Star Baptist Church	August 25, 2019
St. John Baptist Church	September 22, 2019
Gr. St. Luke Missionary Baptist Church	October 22, 2019
St. Matthew Baptist Church	November 24, 2019
Bethel A. M. E. Church	December 22, 2019

Ms. Janet Williams, President  
Ms. Frances Bell, Assistant Secretary

## Michelle Obama displaces Hillary Clinton as 'most admired' woman

In voting for most-admired woman, 15 percent named Michelle Obama and 5 percent named media executive Oprah Winfrey. Clinton and current first lady Melania Trump tied for third at 4 percent.

Barack Obama topped the men's list with 19 percent, and President Trump came in second for the fourth consecutive year with 13 percent. Former President George W. Bush and Pope Francis tied for third with 2 percent.

Obama could tie former President Dwight D. Eisenhower, supreme Allied commander in World War II, for being declared most-admired man the most times: 12. Clinton holds the



Michelle Obama, Hillary Clinton (Photos: Yui Moku/PA Images via Getty Images, Mario Anzuoni/Reuters)


record as most admired woman — 22 times — thanks to decades in public life as first lady, senator and two-time presidential candidate.

Michelle Obama was runner-

up to Clinton on the list for the past three years, but she has been in the public eye lately with the publication of her bestselling memoir, "Becoming."



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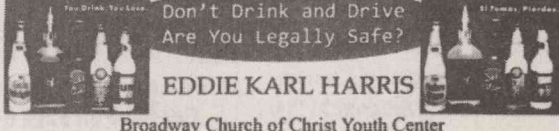
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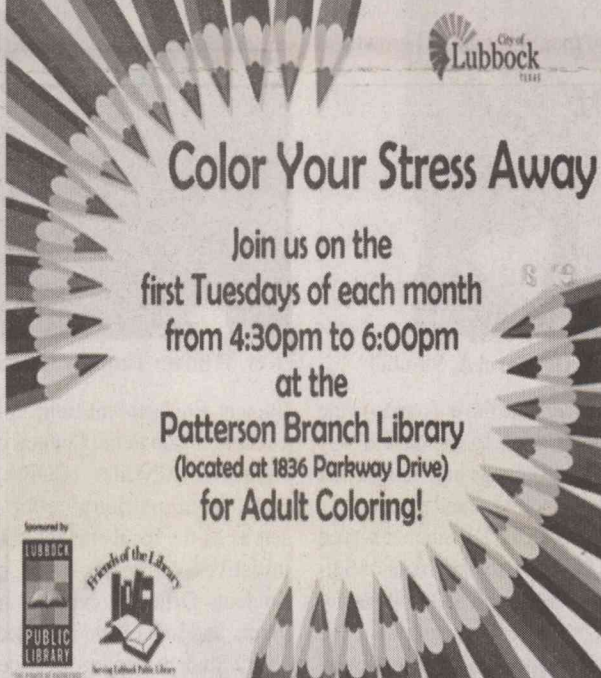
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# In Cinque

By Renetta Howard

## THAT SIXTH SENSE

I was born into a Christian family, though our denominations within the household differed. My grandfather was Methodist; my grandmother was Christian Disciple of Christ and my Great grandmother was Baptist. As a child, I attended all three of the churches and attended the Disciple of Christ schools where I was baptized, but my membership resides with the Methodist church. The doctrines of all of these denominations had an effect on me and often make me aware of that Sixth Sense, as it is a divine occurrence, maybe because of my religious beliefs and maybe not. I probably will never know, but my family has always told me to 'follow your first mind.'

I have worked relentlessly to always try to think matters over before I formulate a decisive answer. Sometimes it is not easy because I have to wonder, 'What was my first mind?' Then the problem occurs. Today, my plan was to go to church and deliver the Christmas presents which I intended to give to my favorite church members and donate staples to the food baskets for the needy. I was able to load up my items into my truck and I kept getting this feeling of foreboding. I thought to myself that it has been a long time since I have had a traffic ticket or an accident and have accumulated hundreds of thousands of miles on my vehicles, so what is going to happen on my way to church?

I prayed and put my faith in God that the premonitions which I had were just a notion in my head and to just keep on going as I had planned. I arrived at the church and was able to dispense of most of my items after the service. With that accomplished, I felt good and that premonition disappeared. When I went back to my truck to return

home, not a sound or light was eminent. My truck would not start. Fortunately, I had enough power in my cellular telephone to call for roadside service from my insurance carrier. While contacting the service, two very nice gentlemen attempted to 'jump' the engine without success, but were finally able to get it started. I was very grateful and hurried to an auto shop which had previously serviced my vehicle. They could help me but there would be a two hour wait time. I accepted and decided to walk to the mall and get a snack while I waited. I had advised my children of my whereabouts, with the understanding that someone may have to come for me.

My Sixth Sense told me to be patient, so I was. After two hours of waiting, I was informed that the mechanics had not been able to start my vehicle. When I got out of it, I told them that the remote lock did not work. I had to manually enter the vehicle. They advised me that a 'Tech Expert' would be there tomorrow to check out my vehicle.

### MLK Celebration

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Dr. William T. Glynn  
Gospel Night  
Monday, January 21st

## Beyond the Rhetoric

By Harry C. Alford & Kay DeBow

### Trump's Power Africa Initiative - Part I

Finally, we have a White House that has decided to call out China for the sleazy things it does while doing business in Africa. To the Chinese government the African Continent is a big, whore to be abused and pimped at every opportunity. You can travel to any nation within Africa and there will be one thing that is constant. China trading interests and influence is there at every airport, many construction projects, railways, dams and various other infrastructure projects. There practices are plain and simple: "Rape, hustle, steal, swindle, corrupt at every opportunity that is presented." Theirs is to take from Africa - not improve or advance it. If challenged - sling cash, be arrogant and keep on trucking. No one is going to stop them.

It is a living nightmare. The more we complain and scream; the more we are ignored. What we heard during a conference call from the White House last

My daughter was on her way to pick me up. They advised that they would call me on tomorrow with a report. I hate that Sixth Sense sometimes especially when it is foreboding, but I have learned to pay attention to it and pray more. I believe we all need to get 'in cinque' and heed that Sixth Sense, as I believe it keeps us closer to God.

Texas' seasonally adjusted unemployment was 3.7 percent in November, remaining at the same historic 42-year low it was in October. The Texas economy added 14,000 seasonally adjusted nonfarm jobs in November. Annual employment growth for Texas was 3.0 percent in November, marking 103 consecutive months of annual growth.

# THIS N' THAT

by T. J. Patterson, Sr.

IT'S THE BEGINNING OF A NEW YEAR, AND ALL OF US CAN DO OUR JOB! IN OTHER WORDS, GET INVOLVED!!!

As we enter a new year, 2019 ..... THIS N THAT ..... would like to advise .....ALL OF US .....that we have a .....GREAT RESPONSIBILITY ..... to make the ..... EASTERN PART OF LUBBOCK ..... the kind of an area you would like for it to become..... Now we can't accomplish this by continuing criticizing each other..... You see ..... there is so much we can accomplish ..... just by coming together..... There is so much in ..... EASTERN LUBBOCK ..... that we are not utilizing

what we have..... Just think what will happen when we just come to the table together..... Our ..... YOUNG PEOPLE ..... who lives in Eastern Lubbock .....that we can do as much as would like..... It is very important ..... that we ..... QUIT SAYING WHAT THEY OWE US ..... and begin putting programs together which many of us can make happen.

THIS N THAT ..... who came to .....LUBBOCK, TEXAS ..... after graduating from Bishop College in Marshall, Texas in 1958 ..... recalls of the large number of .....BLACK OWNED BUSINESSES ..... in the East Lubbock Area..... It was during the ..... SEGREGATION ERA

..... and BLACKS ..... couldn't borrow money from a ..... FINANCIAL INSTITUTION ..... to establish ..... BLACK BUSINESSES ..... but it happened because ..... BLACK BUSINESS MINDED PEOPLE ..... came together..... These men and women ..... knew that it was possible if we knew that ..... GOD ..... was with them..... This is what they really believed and the rest was history.....

In the New Year ..... 2019 ..... the same can happen in ..... EASTERN LUBBOCK!!! THIS N THAT ..... advises us to ..... QUIT SAYING WHAT WON'T HAPPEN AND DO IT!!! THIS N THAT ..... believes .... GOD IS WITH US!!

week was simply sweet "music" to our ears. A new, fresh policy towards the African continent is being implemented. America is going to set the example of how to do business via good, honest policy and strict standards. We are going to call out China and show the African governments how good and productive honest business is. Africa, three times the population of North America and the richest natural resources land on earth is overdue to take its natural place in the world. Believe it or not, President Trump has the vision, courage and confidence to make this happen. Brothers and sisters the time has finally come.

We need to show you a few examples of what we are talking about. First, let's go to Ghana and reflect on a major China disaster. President George W. Bush set up a program to reward African nations that displayed

good governance. The reward was known as the Millennium Challenge Account. One of the first winners was Ghana under the leadership of President John Kufuor. Ghana was award \$800 million for an infrastructure project. They proposed to build a new national highway system for the nation. It was approved, and the George W. Bush Highway was funded. Guess who got the contract to build it? It was China! Our program, our idea, our funding and it went to Chinese interests.

That was the beginning. Chinese firms entered the nation to build the highway. They hired strictly Chinese engineering firms replete with their own subcontractors. The laborers were basically Chinese and, apparently, were prison inmates working off their sentences. As these foreign convicts would finish their sentences they would be let

go - right there in the outback of Ghana. Not being able to return to their homeland they would blend into the "bush" and live near rural villages - pillaging the local population.

The Chinese construction companies would choose some of the roughest land to build the highway. When the path would go in front of a mountain, rather than go around the mountain they would dig right through it. Why? The scheme was simple. Ghana's land is full of rich precious minerals. Colonial traders nicknamed the country "The Gold Coast". It was a big scheme to plunder the soil for its minerals; process them along the highways; load them on 747 tankers and fly them to China for processing. China has a monopoly on the world's richest minerals - this is how that happens - the pillaging of Africa.

The highway was finally

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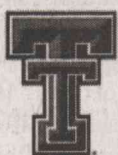
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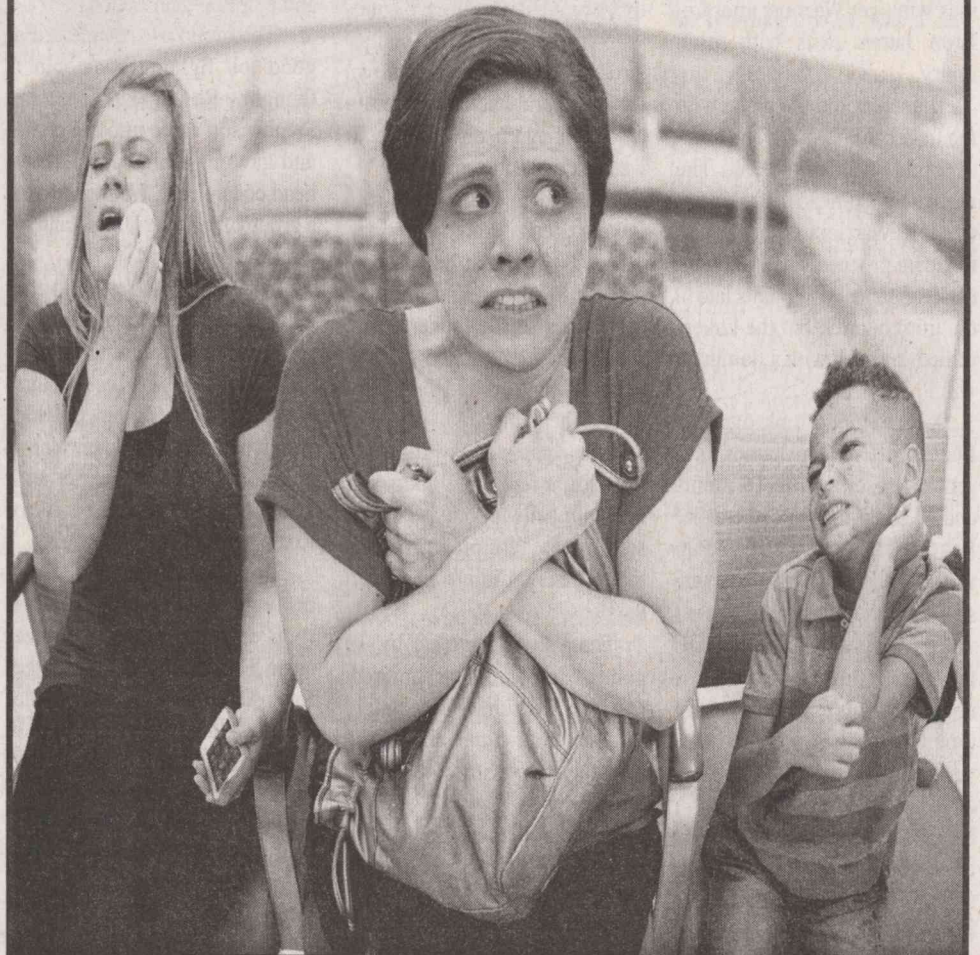
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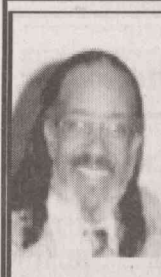
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# We Thank God for Jesus

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**Matthew 5:16** -- Jesus said, Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, And glorify your father which is heaven.

Let us all **PRAY FOR THE PREACHERS; THAT THEY WILL NOT; BE IN LOVE FOR THE GOLD.**

**BUT BE ABOUT GOD'S BUSINESS; BE ABOUT HARVESTING LOST SOULS!!!**

**Malachi 1:6** -- A son honors his father, and a servant his master: if then I be a father, where is mine honor? And if I be a master where is my fear? Said the Lord of hosts unto you, O priests, that despise my name. And you say, Wherein have we despised your name

Let us all **PRAY; FOR THE DEACONS; OF THE CHURCHES; THAT'S BEEN SITTING TOO LONG.**

**AND NOT SPEAKING UP; WHEN THEY SEE THE CHURCHES GOING WRONG!!!**

**Luke 20:46, 47** -- Jesus said, Beware of the scribes, which desire to walk in long robes, and love greetings in the markets, and the high seats in the synagogues, and the chief rooms at feasts; Which devour widows' houses, and for a show make long prayers: the same

shall receive greater damnation.

**\*\*\* YES THE PREACHERS AND DEACONS; THEY WILL ROB GOD!!!\*\*\***

Let us all **PRAY; FOR THE MISSIONARYS; THAT ALWAYS; THINKING OF THE FOREIGN LANDS.**

**AND NOT; TAKING CARE OF HOME BASE; THAT'S WHERE THEIR LOVE SHOULD BEGAN!!!**

**Matthew 23:15, 37** -- Jesus said, Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for you compass sea and land to make one proselyte, and when he is made, you make his twofold more the child of hell than yourselves. O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you that kill the prophets, and stone them which are sent unto you, how often would I have gathered your children together even as a hen gathers her chickens under her wings, and you would not!

**\*\*\* VERY SMART CHICKEN \*\*\***

Let us all **PRAY; FOR THE CHURCH MEMBERS; WHO'S TRYING TO PAY HIS WAY; WITH HIS GOLD.**

**AND YET LIVING IN THEIR SINS; AND NOT CONCERNED; ABOUT THEIR LOST SOULS!!!**

**Micah 6:7,8** -- Will the Lord be pleased with thousands

of ram, or with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give the my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul? The Lord said, He has showed you, O man, what is good; and what the Lord require of you, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God?

Let us **PRAY; FOR THE CHOIR MEMBERS; SATURDAY NIGHTS; THEY SING MUSIC CALLED SOUL.**

**SUNDAY MORNING; THEY'RE IN THE CHOIR; IN THOSE CLEAN WHITE ROBES!!!**

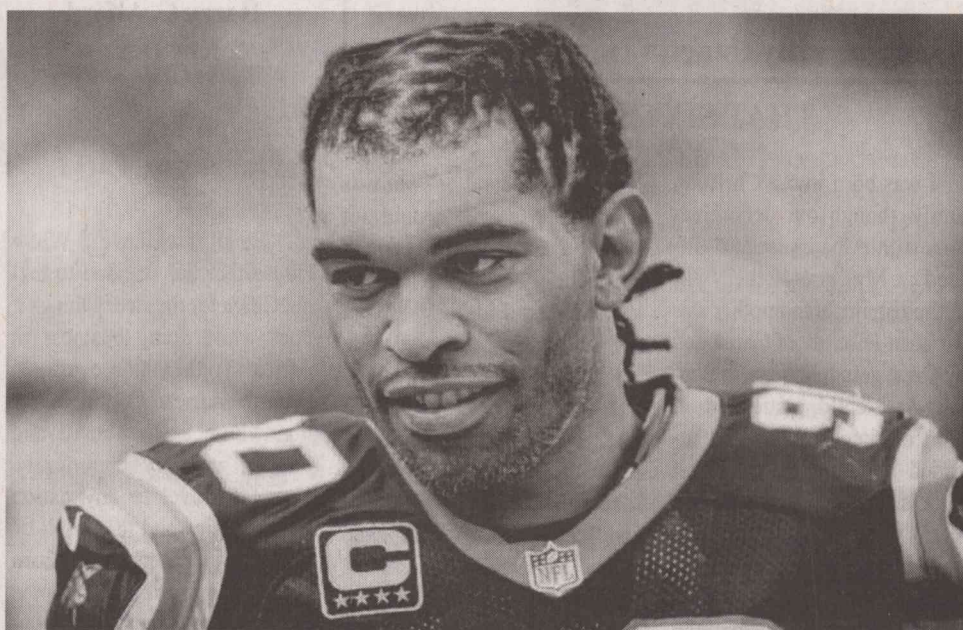
**Matthew 23:13** -- Jesus said, Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you shut up the kingdom of heaven against men: for you neither for in yourselves, neither suffer you them that are entering to go in.

**\*\*\* CHURCH MEMBERS AND CHOIR MEMBER --- THEY WILL ROB GOD\*\*\***

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

**2 Samuel 12:14a** -- By this you have given great occasion to the enemies of the Lord; to blaspheme his name.

## Julius Peppers gives amazing Christmas memory to 12-year-old displaced by hurricane



Carolina Panthers' Julius Peppers gave a surprise to a young boy and his family displaced by Hurricane Florence. (AP)

If you wanted an NFL-related feel-good Christmas story, Julius Peppers is here for you.

Peppers, the Carolina Panthers' nominee for Walter Payton Man of the Year, turned around the holidays for a boy whose life was turned over by Hurricane Florence.

The Panthers got a letter from 12-year-old Derrick Buchanan's middle-school teacher, explaining that he and his family had been displaced after the hurricane hit their home in Swansboro, North Carolina. He was staying with another family, away from his mother, and traveling an hour each way to go to school. The letter said Buchanan didn't want to ask for Christmas presents due to the extensive damage to the family home, but

he was a big Panthers fan. Perhaps there was something the team could do.

Peppers heard about the story, and surprised Buchanan with a video he watched with his classmates in school, telling him he'd be Peppers' guest at Sunday's game against the Atlanta Falcons. Just watch Buchanan's reaction to that news:

Buchanan, who plays football, had never seen a professional football game live, and had never met a football player. In his new Peppers jersey that was sent by the team, he got to do both on Sunday.

And if that wasn't enough, Peppers gifted Buchanan tickets to Super Bowl LIII.

"Real excited. Happy," Der-

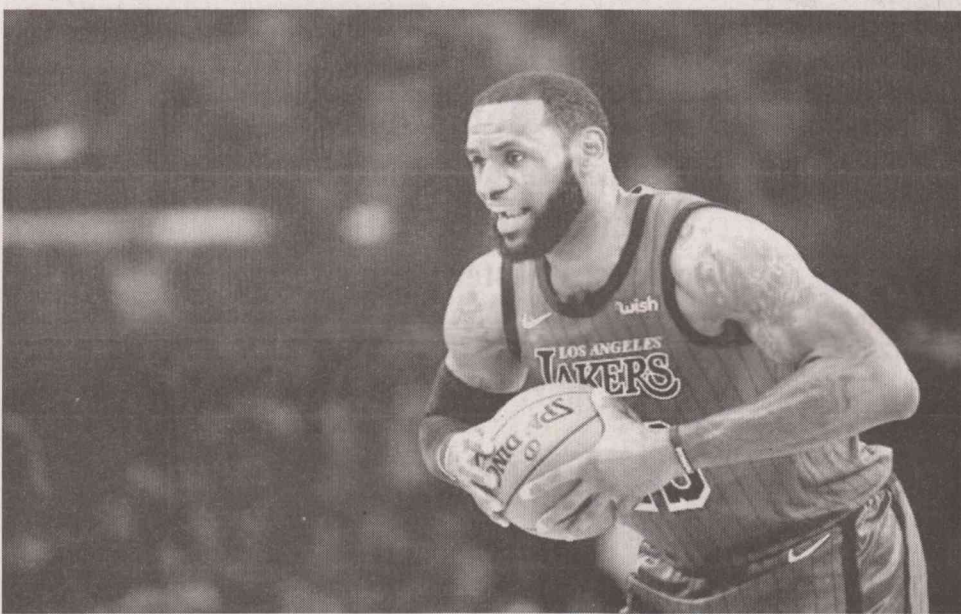
rick said in the video produced by the Panthers.

"Best Christmas ever," his mother Crystal said.

Peppers' work in helping families affected by Hurricane Florence is the main reason he was nominated by the team for the Walter Payton Man of the Year award. Peppers worked with Foundation for the Carolinas and also started the Julius Peppers Hurricane Florence relief fund. He donated \$100,000 to the fund and encouraged other NFL players to help out.

Peppers, who has spent most of his fantastic career with the Panthers, has helped a lot of people through that work. But his personal impact for one boy around the holidays is what will warm your heart.

## Lakers pull away for Christmas win over Warriors after LeBron James exits with groin injury



LeBron James

A big lead over the Golden State Warriors nearly turned sour for the Los Angeles Lakers, as LeBron James exited the game in the third quarter with a groin injury.

Despite missing their leading scorer, rebounder and passer for much of the second half, the Lakers still held off the Warriors for a 127-101 Christmas victory.

James' injury occurred when James lunged for a loose ball, followed by the 33-year-old gingerly walking around until he called timeout on the Lakers' next possession. Most concerning for the Lakers was that James appeared to say the words "I felt a pop" before he headed to the locker room.

Lakers pull away for Christmas win over Warriors after LeBron James exits with groin injury.

James exited the game with the Lakers up 71-57 over a cold-shooting Warriors team. The night seemed headed for an inevitable Warriors comeback as the team proceeded cut the Lakers' lead to just two points late in the third quarter, but the Lakers rallied to finish with a dominant win.

Rajon Rondo took over the Lakers offense in James' absence, finishing with 15 points and 10 assists. All told, the entire Lakers team seemed to step up with seven different players scoring in double digits.

Now victorious, the story for the Lakers turns to whether or not James will have to miss any time with his injury.

Losing James would obviously be a massive, massive blow for the 20-14 Lakers as they try to stay competitive in the Western Conference. James has been nearly injury-proof for

his entire career, so missing a significant amount of time would be a very worrying development.

Through 1,176 career games LeBron James has been all but indestructible. The most times he has missed due to injury came in 2014-15, when he missed eight games due to back and knee strains.

The last time Lakers' LeBron James missed a game was 4/12/2017 (last game of 2016-17 season).

He's played in 156 consecutive games (reg. season & playoffs).

"I was dribbling down the court and Draymond got his hand on the ball, and I went to get the loose ball and just overextended my groin," James told reporters of the play that injured him. "I felt it coming down the court, and I actually overextended it again on defense. It was just an unfortunate play."

After a timeout, James told Lakers head athletic trainer, Marco Nunez, that he "heard a pop" in his groin, and immediately went to the locker room. James was diagnosed with a strained left groin and did not return to the game.

"I felt a pop, and saw if I could stretch it a few times and see if it would relieve, but it didn't," said James. "It's pretty rare for me to have an injury period. It happens."

The Lakers were up by 14 points when James was injured, and the Warriors immediately went on an 11-0 run, cutting the lead to 78-76 with 2:48 left in the quarter.

"I've played the Warriors long enough to know that they're going to make a run," said James. "They're going to make a

run and you have to be able to punch back and we did that."

Without their superstar on the floor, the Lakers rallied, taking the Warriors best punch and fighting back, extending the lead to nine by the end of the fourth quarter.

"They took that punch really well," Warriors' forward Kevin Durant said following the loss. "Kuz [Kuzma] got them to the free throw line and they salvaged it a little bit, and they kept us at bay. They took that punch and just kept it moving."

Rajon Rondo took over as the team's floor general in the fourth quarter, and the Lakers kept their foot on the gas, leading by as many as 31 points, before the Warriors waved the white flag and emptied their bench.

"The group as a whole did a good job fighting back, but I thought Rondo and Lance Stephenson came into the game and gave us a big lift," Lakers head coach Luke Walton said to a group of reporters immediately after the game.

James did not return to the court, and instead watched the remainder of the game from a trainer's table in the Lakers locker room. He was pleased with what he saw from his teammates in the fourth quarter and also attributed a lot of it to Rondo.

"Rondo was gigantic in controlling the pace, getting to his spots or finding guys, and once again 'Big Zu' [Zubac] was huge for us on both sides of the court," said James.

Andre Iguodala had a team-high 23 points off the bench to lead Golden State. Durant, playing on an injured left ankle, had 21 points, seven rebounds, and seven assists. Stephen Curry had

## After 200 Years, why "Silent Night" Still Quiets the Soul

DALLAS (SMU) -- Simplicity is key to the 200-year longevity of the Christmas carol, "Silent Night," says SMU professor emeritus of church music, Michael Hawn.

"Silent Night" doesn't try to do too much; it focuses on a moment," says Hawn, an expert on the history of hymns at SMU's Perkins School of Theology. "I like to think of it as a painting that is gradually being sketched out."

The hymn was first performed in 1818 on Christmas Eve at St. Nicholas Church in Oberndorf, Austria. Legend has it that the hymn was composed as the church's priest, Rev. Joseph Mohr, scrambled to find music to replace the church's broken organ, silenced because

mice had chewed through its bellows. He wrote the lyrics and composer Franz Xaver Gruber set them to music for a guitar.

As a historian, Hawn is not so sure about the role of the mice, but confirms that the carol was written in short order for guitar, "a providential choice."

### Lubbock Public Library

#### Computer Class at Patterson Branch Library

The Patterson Branch Library, 1836 Parkway Drive, will have computer class for adult beginners at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, January 3. For more information, call 767-3300.

#### Drop-In Computer Help at Groves Branch Library

Do you have a computer question? Come to the Groves Branch Library, 5520 19th Street, from 5 to 5:45 p.m. on Thursday, January 3 and we will do our best to help. We have laptops available, or you can bring your own laptop or device. For more information, call 767-3733.

### Christmas Tree Recycling

Beginning Wednesday, December 26, the City of Lubbock Solid Waste Services Department will offer fresh-cut Christmas tree Drop-off Recycling at the four permanent drop-off locations. The fresh-cut trees will be ground into mulch.

Residents are asked to remove all decorations, stands and any plastic before placing the tree in the roll-off location outside the gates at the following drop-off locations:  
- 208 Municipal Drive  
- 1631 84th St.  
- 7308 Milwaukee  
- 4307 Adrian St.

Starting January 7, 2019, and throughout the month of January, the roll-offs will be located inside the gates. Residents can drop off fresh-cut Christmas trees from 8 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. Monday - Saturday.



"The guitar is a much more intimate instrument," he says. "It helps create the gentle feel of the song, a contrast to other carols, like 'Hark the Herald Angels Sing' or 'Joy to the World.'"

"Silent Night" continues to appeal for another reason, Hawn says.

"We are weary. 'Silent Night' sounds like a lullaby, and speaks of heavenly peace."

Michael Hawn is available for phone interviews only, for more of his 'Silent Night' history: <https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/resources/history-of-hymns-silent-night-holy-night>.

### Beyond the Rhetoric

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completed but it came at great expense via the loss of precious metals and the social costs of having Chinese convicts settle in rural areas building "bootleg" gold mines via squatting on various properties and prey on the rural populations of the nation (rape was a common occurrence). This isn't some novel we read in a book - it really happened, and we have pictures and news articles to prove it.

If this happened in Ghana please imagine what goes on in the Congo, Uganda and other less civilized nations around the continent. China is pimping Africa in ways that resemble Armageddon. We, America, must begin to check such activity if we want to be a true world leader.

Therefore, we have high hopes for this new Power Africa Initiative. We can set the example of good governance and stand up to the international "bully" and "exploiter" known as the Republic of China. Africa is our Motherland and if we don't get in there and call out these atrocities -who is? God is on our side so let's get busy.

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# Obsequies

## Lavern Moore Pinkston

Slaton, Texas -- Funeral services for Lavern Moore Pinkston were held on Saturday afternoon, December 15, 2018, at the Mt. Olive Baptist Church with Rev. C. C. Peoples, pastor, officiating.

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

Lavern was born on June 1, 1954 to L. B. and Rosie Lee Moore.

She was reared in Slaton with her five brothers: L. B. Moore, Robert Moore, Lonnie Moore, Jessie Ray Moore, and Melvin Moore.

In 1973, she married W. T. Pinkston in Ft. Worth, Texas. Her daughter, Trina More, was born from this union. She has two grandchildren, T'idric and T'kyra Moore, and two great-grandchildren.

Lavern worked at the Slaton Nursing Home for more than ten years.

Lavern is preceded in death by her mother, Rosie Lee Moore; her father, L. B. Moore;



her brother, L. B. Moore.

She is survived by two brothers: Robert and Melvin Moore, one daughter, Trina Moore, two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were: Calvin Long, Jessie Smith, T'idric Moore, Corey Smith, Elbert Perry, and Fredrick Robinson.

Honorary Pallbearers were: Joel Mask and Kenneth Mask.

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## Reverend David A. Smith, Writer In The Southwest Digest: "From The Desk of Parson D. A. Smith" Passes Here on December 14, 2018

Homegoing Celebration for the Life and Legacy of Reverend David Albert Smith was held at Smith Temple Community Church, 6508 Avenue P, on Friday afternoon, December 21, 2018, with Rev. Charles Planks presiding. The eulogist was Rev. Eddie Williams.

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

Reverend Smith was born on December 30, 1941 to the late David V. Smith and Vicky L. Smith.

Reverend Smith was born and raised in a Christian home where God was the head of the household. He was called to the ministry as a teenager and begun his journey in Tyler, Texas. His first sermon was preached at his home church, New Hope Baptist Church.

Reverend Smith earned his high school diploma from Stanton High School where he graduated as the Salutatorian. He continued his education at Tyler Barber College, Butler College, and Texas College in Tyler, Texas. During his college days, he began dating Ella Faye Buckner of Tyler, Texas. David and Ella Faye were married in December of 1962. They were happily married until Ella Faye preceded him in death in March of 2015. To this union, no children were born.

Because of his great ministering abilities, he was called to become Senior Pastor of several different churches throughout the state of Texas. These churches were in the following cities: LaRue, Palestine, Oakwood, Wilmer, San Antonio, Beaumont, and Lubbock. He was Senior Pastor at Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church of Lubbock. He was the Founder and Senior Pastor of Smith Temple Community Church of Lubbock, Texas.

Reverend Smith's leadership and consensus building skills extended beyond the pulpit. He has



served on various organizational boards and was subsequently recognized for his efforts. David was an advocate for the poor and for the social, political and economic advancement of the community. He was an active member in various social and political organizations. Some of these affiliations included: Lubbock Branch NAACP, Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance, Northwest Texas Legal Aide Service, President of the Legal Housing Resource Board in Lubbock, Texas, Writer for the "Southwest Digest" -- From the desk of Parson D. A. Smith, and Founding member of Lubbock Victims Assistance, Inc.

Reverend D. A. Smith is survived by his sister, Dr. Lucretia Smith Sturns (Wiley), a niece, LaQueta Sturns-Brew (Anthony), and twin great nieces, Laniyah and Aaliyah Brew; Brother-in-law, George Francis, III; nieces: Vievee Francis Olzman (Matthew), Veedra Francis-Smith (Darryl); nephew, George Francis, IV (Carmen); great-nephews, George Francis V and Grayson Francis; and great-niece, Glanna Francis; Nephew, Montecia Green and his children; Great-Niece/Goddaughter Montequisha Green (AKA: The love of his life and straight A-Student); Aunts: Erma Hanna of California and Juanita Cann of Ohio; Sister-in-Law, Willie Harvey and her children; Cousin William McKnight (Davina) and their children; Devoted friends:

## David Reed, Sr.

Funeral services for David Reed, Sr. were held on Saturday morning, December 22, 2018, at the Community Baptist Church with Rev. Larry Brooks, pastor, officiating.

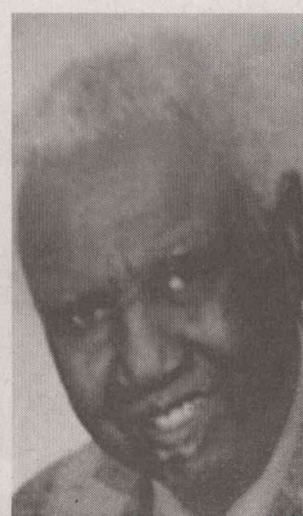
Private Disposition was under the direction of Griffin Mortuary & Funeral Home of Lubbock.

David, age 87 of Lubbock, Texas, passed away on Wednesday, December 12, 2018.

David was born to Charlie and Pearl Reed on April 22, 1931.

David joined the U.S. Army with an honorable discharge. He worked for Alderson Cadillac until he retired.

David leaves to cherish his memory; his wife, Paula Reed; 5 daughters, Irene Cook (Mark), Mary Blakes, Lillie Anderson, Annette Mason (Bruce), and



Tiffany McConic (PR); 3 sons, David Reed, Jr., Clarence Reed (Miranda), and Christopher McConic (Antwinett); 19 grandchildren, 31 great grandchildren, a host of other relatives and friends.

## Esmeralda Melissa Dominguez

Celebration of Life Service for Esmeralda Melissa Dominguez was held on Friday, December 21, 2018, at Noon, at Griffin Mortuary Chapel.

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

Esmeralda, age 48 of Lubbock, Texas, passed away on Saturday, December 15, 2018.

She was born to Jose Gomez Dominguez and Gloria Dominguez on November 21, 1970. She was a paralegal.

She leaves to cherish her memory; her parents, Jose and Gloria Dominguez; seven brothers, Bobby Dominguez, Ricky Dominguez, David Dominguez, Tony Dominguez, Raymond



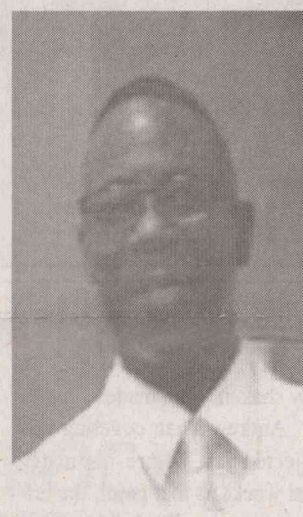
Dominguez, Joel Dominguez, and Daniel Dominguez; eight nieces, four nephews, a host of other relatives and friends.

## Derrell Darnell Lawson

Lorenzo, Texas -- Funeral services were held for Derrell Darnell Lawson on Saturday afternoon, December 15, 2018, at the First Baptist Church.

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

Charlotte Jamison and Terri Martin; and a host of relatives, church members, and friends.



Derrell, age 58 of Lubbock, Texas, departed this life on Saturday, December 8, 2018.

Derrell was born on May 3, 1960 in Crosbyton, Texas to Billy and Frankie Lawson.

He attended and finished school at Lorenzo Public School System. Derrell joined the Army and worked at H. D. Weaver.

He leaves to cherish his memory; his wife, Jimmie Ann; 3 sons: LaCarl (Dedria), Darnell (Anna), and Rodney (Zyneria); Betty Anderson (Charles), Billy Lawson (Annie), Bobby Lawson (Rosie), Susie Lawson (Dale), Tommy Lawson, Evelyn McBride, and Richard Lawson; 7 grandchildren; and a host of other relatives and friends.

2018. Terry was born on July 25, 1942 to Emmitt Dixon and Daisy Smith.

He attended Dunbar High School. He was self employed for Fleming and he was a carpenter.

He is survived by his wife, Joyce Dixon; three daughters, Joyce Williams (Edward), Lisa Adkins, and Rita Doss (Jimmy); one son, Charles Dixon (Peggy); three sisters, Emma Jordan, Lorna Jackson, and Maudie Collins; five brothers, Lester Dixon, Johnson Dixon, Acie Dixon, Dave Dixon, and Bobby Dixon; a host of grandchildren, great grandchildren, other relatives and friends.



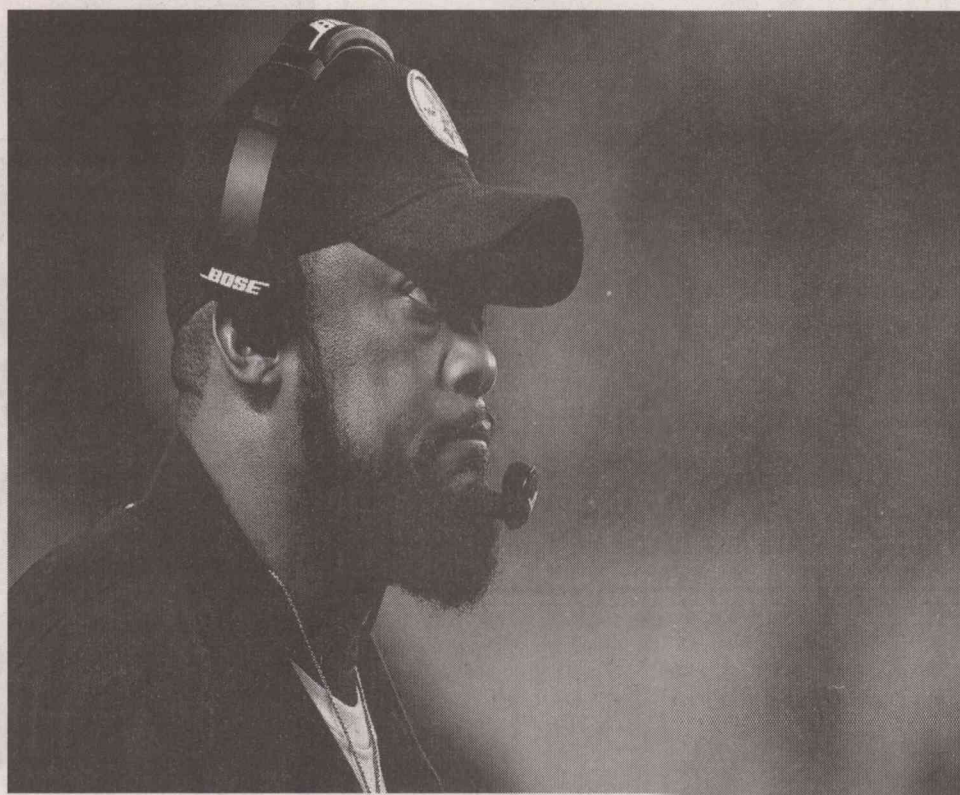
## Terry Ervin Dixon, Sr.

Funeral services for Terry Ervin Dixon, Sr. were held Friday afternoon, December 28, 2018, at the Community Baptist

Church with Rev. Larry Brooks, pastor, officiating.

Terry, age 76, passed away on Thursday, December 20,

## Steelers coach Tomlin explains controversial fake punt decision



"I just wanted to be aggressive," Mike Tomlin said when he explaining his decision to go for a fake punt against the Saints.

Mike Tomlin said he "wanted to be aggressive" against the New Orleans Saints, as he explained why the Pittsburgh Steelers opted to go for a fake punt late in the game.

The Steelers had a chance to extend a four-point lead over the Saints when they received the ball at their own 37 with a little more than six minutes to play in a game with major playoff implications on Sunday.

But Pittsburgh failed to move the chains and appeared set to punt the ball back to New Orleans with 4:11 remaining.

The Steelers, however, decided to run a fake and the play came up just short of the first down marker, leading to a turnover on downs. The Saints went on to score a touchdown on the ensuing drive and win the

game 31-28, leaving the playoff hopes of Tomlin's side looking bleak.

Tomlin, Pittsburgh's 13th-year coach, explained his decision to reporters after the game, saying: "Obviously I told us to go for a fake punt."

"I just wanted to be aggressive. I wanted to ensure that we had an opportunity to win the game. First of all, I liked the play, the concept, I thought we had a chance to get it."

"But I thought where the game was and the time which was left

in the game, I thought that if we did not stop them, that we would have an opportunity to have the ball last, and we did. But obviously, unsuccessful nonetheless. I take responsibility for that."

The loss dropped the Steelers to 8-6-1 this season. They must beat the Cincinnati Bengals in their regular-season finale next week and receive help from other teams in order to reach the postseason, with the Baltimore Ravens - who face the Cleveland Browns - now leading the AFC North.

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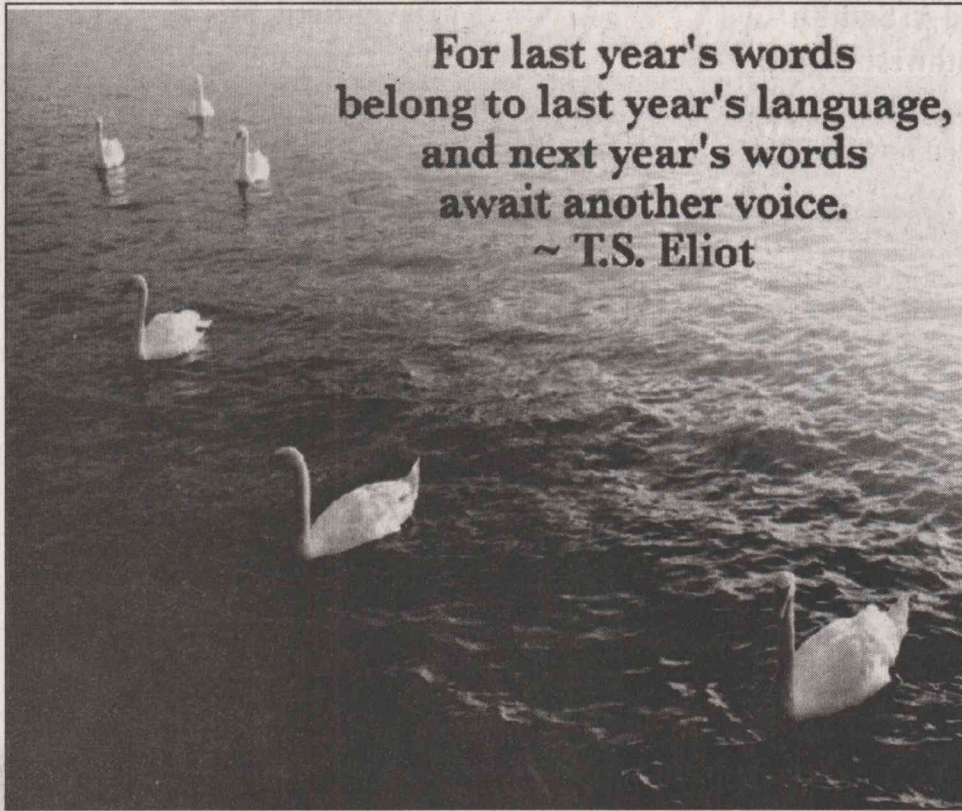
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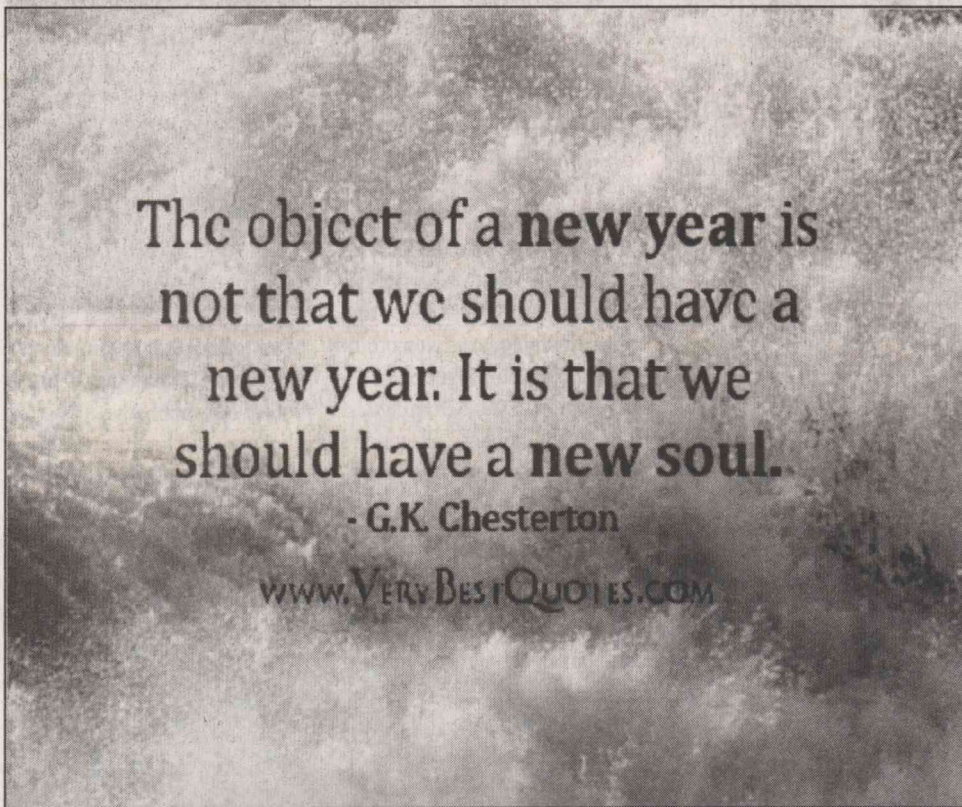


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~ T.S. Eliot



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THIS IS THE DAY WHICH THE LORD HATH MADE,  
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- G.K. Chesterton

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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](http://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.

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**Student Cuts Braids**  
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bly shaken" teen made.

Andrew's hair covering was rejected just before his match last week. At that point, the referee gave the athlete 90 seconds to either cut his hair or forfeit his match. Video of the incident shows the choice that the "visibly shaken" teen made.

"As the trainer is cutting Andrew's hair in the middle of the gym, the referee is behind them directing her to keep cutting until he was satisfied with the length," Speziali explained in the statement.

In a statement, the school superintendent said "no school/district staff member influenced the student into making this decision," the Courier Post reports.

"The staff and administration within the Buena Regional School District will continue to support and stand by all of our students and student-athletes," the superintendent said.



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This program of all-inclusive care for the elderly provides comprehensive medical services including physician services, prescription medications, hospitalizations, skilled nursing care and social services. Silver Star also provides home health care and covers the member's transportation to medical appointments and visits to our Day Health and Wellness Center, a fully-staffed medical clinic.

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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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Baptist General Convention of Texas where he currently continues to serve. He previously served from 2003 until 2010 as the First Vice President of the National Baptist Convention of America International, Incorporated. Since 2014 until the present he again serves as First Vice President of the National Baptist Convention of America International, Incorporated.

He has received several awards and recognitions for his preaching and evangelism, including recognition on April 1, 2010 by the Morehouse College Martin Luther King, Jr. International Board of Preachers for his excel-

lency in ministry.

On Saturday evening, January 19th, will be Youth Night at 6:00 p.m. at the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center

Please call Tracey Snell-Jackson for more information (806) 777-6017. Your support and encouragement of our Youth will be appreciated.

The last evening of the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. will be on Monday evening, January 21st, 6:00 p.m.

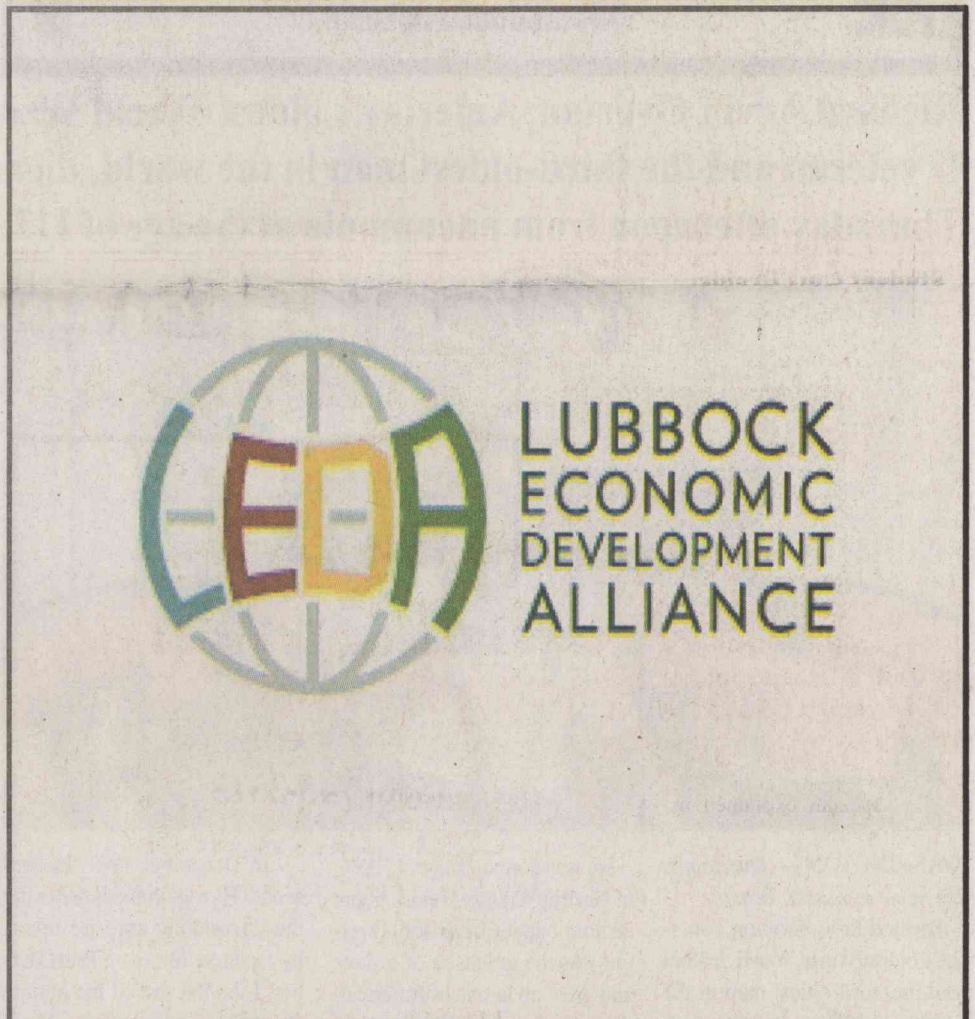
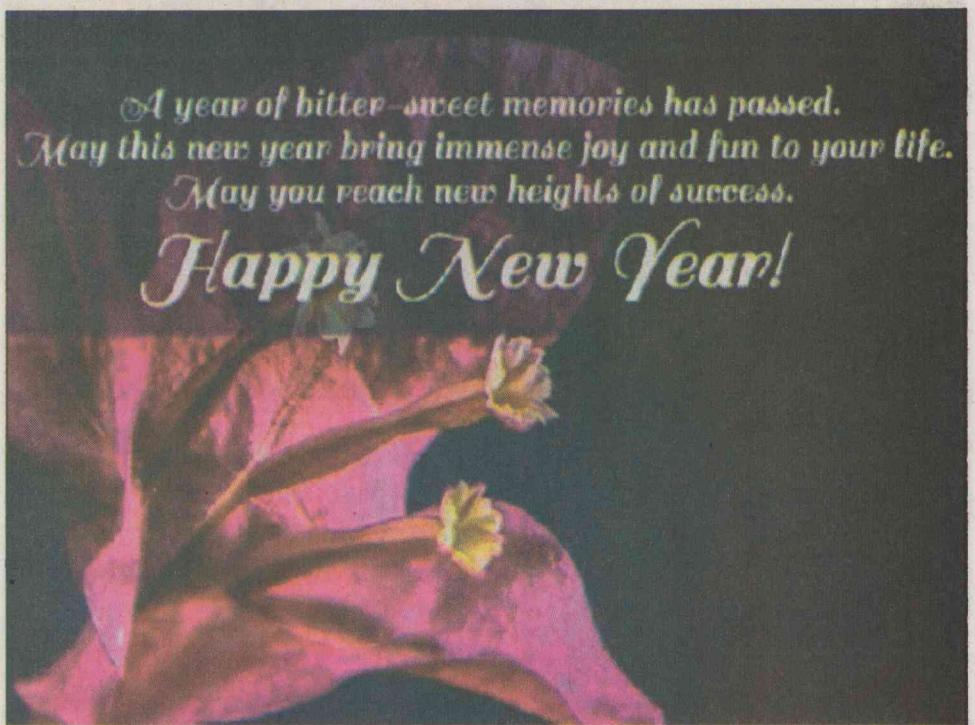
This will be Gospel Night at the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center. Please call Deborah Deary for more information at (806) 786-6317.

This will be another opportunity to let young people know what the late Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. to make the United States of America a much better place for all of us to live.

With the help of God, many things became a reality through the efforts of Dr. King.

We appreciate the hard work by the local committee to make this a very positive program. So, we hope all of you will support this annual effort.

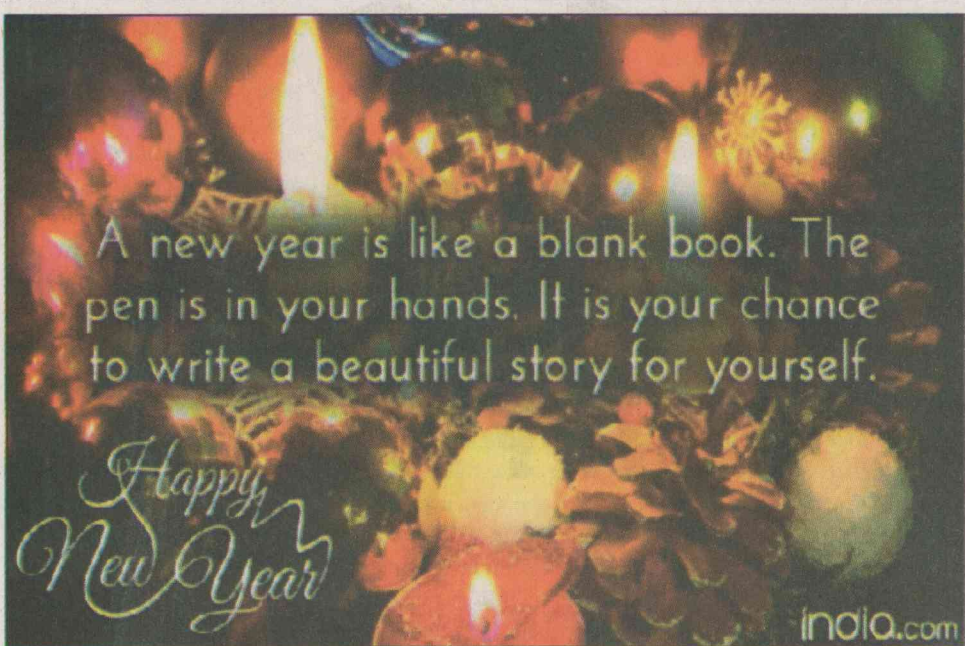
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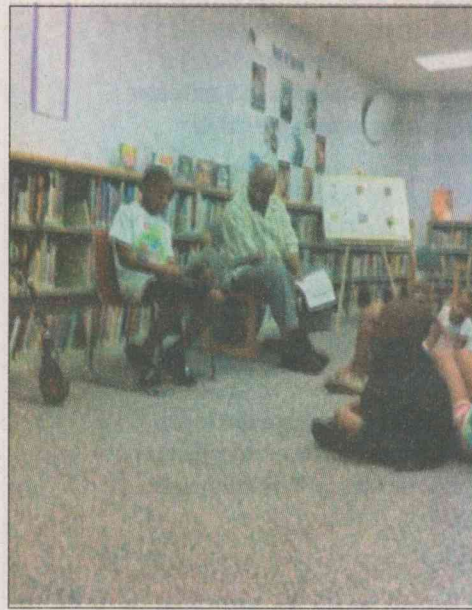
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## Rodney D. Moore, a Senior at Estacado High School writes an article on the Dunbar Preparatory School closing for his dual college credit class at TexasTech.



The first photo is when Rodney D. Moore met Mr. T.J. Patterson, Sr. He was in the sixth grade and won the ELPN Design Award. (The design on his shirt in the photo). The second photo was taken this year. Rodney is now a senior percussionist at Estacado High School. He plans to attend Texas Tech University where he will major in music composition and production when he graduates from EHS in May 2019.

### A Community and Its Schools

The East Lubbock community has had a long experience with the changing of its school system. From the closing down of many elementary schools, losing one of the major high schools in the area, to underperformance in test scores causing further action to have to take place.

This year will be the last year of Dunbar College Preparatory Academy, the only middle school in the entire East Lubbock school feeder program. This will bring, yet again, many consequences that will be unavoidable with another revamping of Estacado High School's feeder pattern.

This led me to think, how drastic are the effects of this? How does this affect the students and/or parents? Teachers? The community? What makes a school academically successful? The stability of the East Side school system is extremely fragile and under constant changes compared to the other school systems and feeder patterns across town.

Enrollment has fluctuated, but it will most certainly drop with the current plans to reestablish the school system. Knowing all of this, I wanted to go out in the community and also do some research of my own on how exactly does this affect everyone who lives in East Lubbock.

I care so much about this topic because it specifically affects me and my family. It affects my community and the people within our community and it has caused a large amount of tension between the people of the East Side community and Central Office, even the state. I have also experienced every aspect of changing schools.

I have been to an East Side school where every single year we were exemplary, been to a school under IR (improvement required), and I have been to a school that has recovered from being on IR and is now continuing to improve.

I, along with many other people in our community, are extremely frustrated with how unstable our schools have been.

We all just want stability and longevity within our community schools because these changes to our schools do impact everyone within the community which is why I chose this topic.

I want to know how this affects the people who live and reside here as well as those who work and educate our children and have seen these changes continue over the past few decades. These educators have seen the impact firsthand and have the knowledge to explain what exactly it does to them and others.

### The Identity That is Now Lost

Before I went within the East Side community, I began by turning to the first educator I've ever known, my grandmother, Evelyn Washington. She was an educator for decades in Brownfield and she has quite a lot of knowledge regarding the minds of young children, especially. Regarding these certain circumstances, she gave quite a surprising and unexpected response. Instead of talking about how young children's minds work, she talked about the psychological impact that exists well into adulthood.

She talked about "losing the identity you have associated with your school" and how this affects the community. She stated, "When you drive through your old community and you see the school you once love no longer there, you lose your sense of identity you had associated with your school."

Your memories, your mascot, your school song, everything about the school is no longer there. It's quite honestly heartbreaking to see this." What she said was short, but it was exceptionally powerful.

There is this underlying psychological effect that the majority of people don't even realize. I could see it in her eyes, hear it in her voice, and sense it in her demeanor. She had a huge connection to something that no longer existed. I later found out that she graduated from North Chapel High School in Kilgore, Texas -- a school that no longer exists.

Through the loss of our schools, we also lose our identity. A prime example is Dunbar High School, which was switched to a middle school in 1993. It is pretty ironic that now the middle school will also be lost to the community. The history of Dunbar High School is now nearly unheard of because the identity of the school has been lost for 25 years. This completely redirected the way I approached this issue and made me want to dig down even deeper, beyond the black and white statistics and the strict score requirements, and really focus on the people truly being affected by this.

I wanted more information on what the identity is, or was, for the school and our community. I found one intriguing article in the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal regarding just what the identity was for Dunbar High School. Named, "Chronicles: Former Dunbar High has remarkable run in athletic competition," the author, Paul Carson, who is an emeritus professor of history at Texas Tech, explored the historic runs of Lubbock Dunbar High School from the 1950s to the 1970s.

Dunbar High School had a wide array of achievements and state championships, in the athletic division especially, which goes relatively unheard and is almost never brought up.

With the school having the largest amount of athletic state championships out of all of the Lubbock schools and nearly all of the surrounding areas, one would think that you would not have to go on an excursion to hear about it. One excerpt from the newspaper article is the only thing needed to truly show how dominant Dunbar high school was,

*Clearly, Lubbock's Dunbar High School compiled a remarkable athletic record. Over a period of 15 years, from 1953 to 1968, its students and coaches recorded 11 state athletic championships in the all-black Prairie View Interscholastic League*

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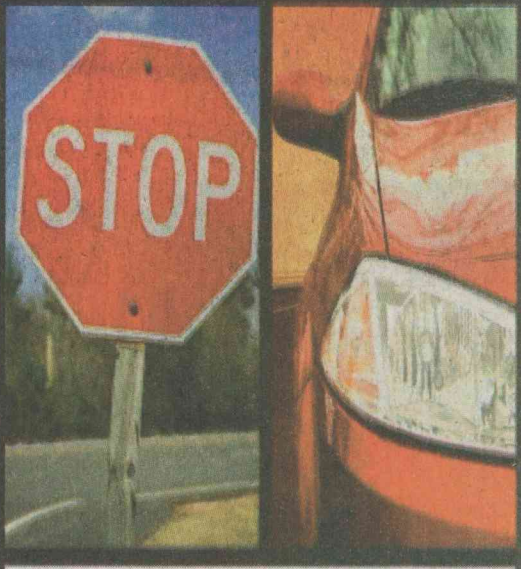
This school was beyond prestigious, all-Black Prairie View Interscholastic League or not, to simply just go unnoticed. So why is it so unheard of and barely talked about? The identity of the once prestigious, outstanding, dominant Dunbar High School, was simply lost. It was lost with the conversion of a high school into a middle school. Sadly, the same fate is inevitable for the middle school now.

This article will be continued in the next SWD Issue date, 01/17/19

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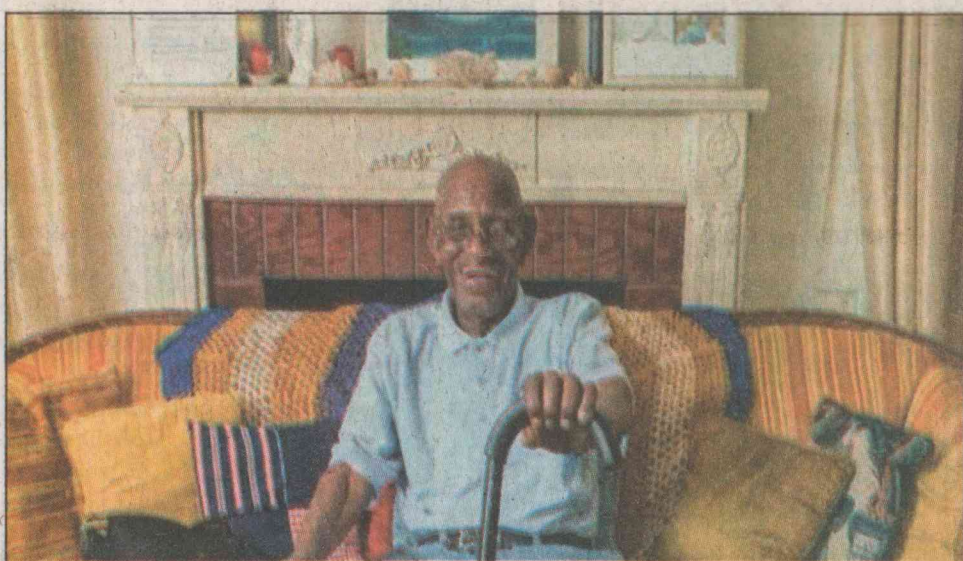
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## Richard Arvin Overton, America's oldest World War II veteran and the third-oldest man in the world, died Thursday afternoon from pneumonia at the age of 112.



WASHINGTON — Overton in his home in Austin, Texas.

Richard Arvin Overton, America's oldest World War II veteran and the third-oldest man in the world, died Thursday afternoon from pneumonia. He was 112 years old.

Overton was born before Henry Ford introduced the Model T, before the Titanic embarked on her doomed maiden voyage and before New Yorkers watched the first ball drop in Times Square.

He was born on May 11, 1906, in Bastrop County, Texas, about an hour outside of Austin. Overton was the grandson of a slave and grew up in one of America's darkest periods. He witnessed the repeal of Jim Crow laws, the passage of the Civil Rights Act and the election of the first black president of the United States.

He began his military career with the Army on Sept. 3, 1940, at Fort Sam Houston in San Antonio.

In December 1941, he was sent to Hawaii immediately after the devastating surprise attack by Japanese forces on Pearl Harbor. Like the rest of the nation, Overton was thrust into World War II.

He served in the Pacific Theater with the Army's segregated 1887th Engineer Aviation Battalion from 1942 to 1945. He held a series of jobs in the military, including burial detail, base security and driver for an officer.

### FROM ALL OF US AT THE SOUTHWEST DIGEST FAMILY & STAFF

May God's love light your way and lead you into a new year that shines with His special joy.

Happy New Year!