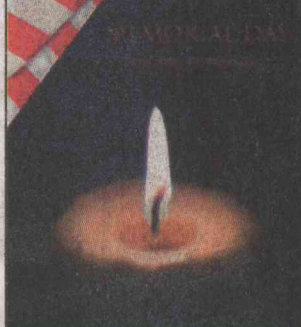
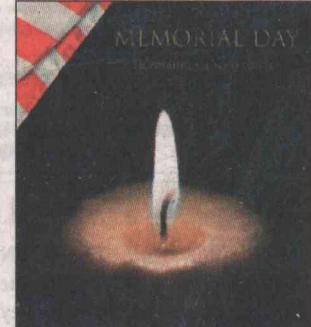
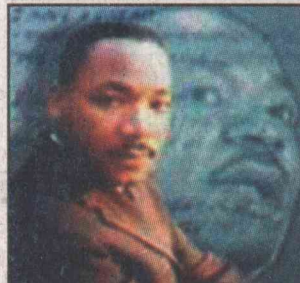




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* Lubbock Area Client Council meets on the 2nd Saturday, 1:00 pm at the Patterson Branch Library, 1836 Parkway Drive.

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

* Dunbar Alumni Association meets 2nd Saturdays, 10:00 a. m. at Mae Simmons Community Center.

* 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.

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

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Mims named Coronado High School basketball coach

Ernest Mims has been selected as the new head basketball coach at Coronado High School, announced today by the Lubbock ISD Athletics Department.

Coach Mims currently serves as head basketball coach at Winona High School in Winona ISD and has extensive experience as a head coach and assistant coach at the high school level.

He was recently nominated for District 16-AAA coach of the year after leading the Winona Wildcats to an 18-12 season record and playoff appearance. Prior to Winona, he was head basketball coach at Springtown High school in Springtown ISD. He has also served as a varsity assistant basketball coach at Palo Duro High School in Amarillo ISD and Wichita Falls High School in Wichita Falls ISD.

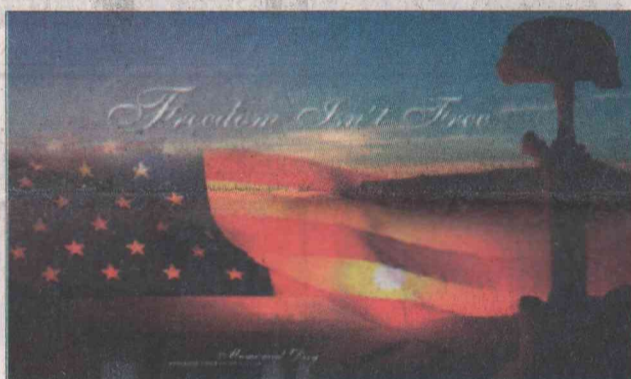
Mims earned a Bachelor's Degree in Physical Education from Eastern New Mexico University in 2009 and a Master's Degree in Education with concentration in sports administration from Concordia University in 2017. He has certifications in social studies composite 8-12 and pedagogy and professional responsibilities EC-12.

He and his wife, Tasha, have three sons: Javien (17), Evan (5), and Greyson (10 months). Coach Mims predecessor, Layne Sheets, recently became superintendent of Dawson ISD.



Mims Family

Coach Ernest Mims & Family



Delta Dear Celebrates 50th Deltaversary



Vernita Woods-Holmes celebrates her 50th Deltaversary. Woods-Holmes was initiated into the Lubbock Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority in May, 1969. She served as president in the year 1972 and again in 1987. Initiated with Vernita was: Bobbie Gene Patterson, Vernona Woods-Gardner, Vicky Kyle-Berry, Willie Sparks, Mrs. L. Griffin.
HAPPY DELTAVERSARY VERNITA!



Left to Right: Vernita Woods-Holmes, Mrs. L. Griffin, Willie Sparks, Vicky Kyle-Berry, Vernona Woods-Gardner, Bobbie Gene Patterson



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Cicely Alexander

Cicely Alexander Named Executive Director of Lubbock Partnership Network

The executive committee of the Lubbock Partnership Network (LPN) has named Cicely Alexander the executive principal of the four Lubbock Independent School District schools administered by the network. Alexander is currently principal of Alderson Elementary School in Lubbock ISD and has extensive experience as an administrator, counselor, and classroom teacher. She will oversee the day-to-day operations of the network.

Alexander has been a principal in Lubbock ISD since 2014 and with the district since 1996.

The Lubbock Partnership Network is an innovative partnership with Lubbock ISD designed to continue improving learning outcomes at a group of schools in the Estacado feeder pattern by increasing their access to resources and providing the means to work together and learn from each other. Dunbar College Preparatory Academy

and Alderson, Ervin, and Hodges elementary schools are under the LPN umbrella.

The community-driven LPN governs the schools through a partnership management committee. Members are Ty Duncan, Region 17 Education Service Center; Rick Rodriguez, Lubbock ISD; Robin Lock, Texas Tech University; Kevin McConic, Covenant Health System; and Reggie Dial, Texas Tech University. The management committee is accountable to the Lubbock ISD Board of Trustees for each school's performance. The Lubbock Partnership Network leadership works with school administrators and teachers to set campus-specific performance goals and develop targeted strategies to achieve those goals. All efforts are aligned with the efforts of Lubbock ISD and the state accountability system.

Lubbock Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. "Youth of the Year Program"

On April 27, 2019, the Lubbock Alumnae celebrated its biannual Youth of the Year Recognition Program. They recognized 32 outstanding African American and Latino youth of LISD for their scholarship and service.

There were 4 outstanding winners!! If you weren't there, you missed a treat. Thanks to the parents, principal, counselors, and teachers for nominating your students.

Scholarships were awarded to two individuals. Each will re-

ceive up to \$1,500 towards their education. The scholarship that was given out is named the "Mildred Deo Scholarship."

Pictured below (L to R) are: Dr. Raegen Higgins Siwatu, President, Lubbock Alumnae Dhani Servance Sevyn Ross-Stewart Keely Gutierrez Ms. Candice Laster, Chair of Youth of the Year and Chair of Educational Development
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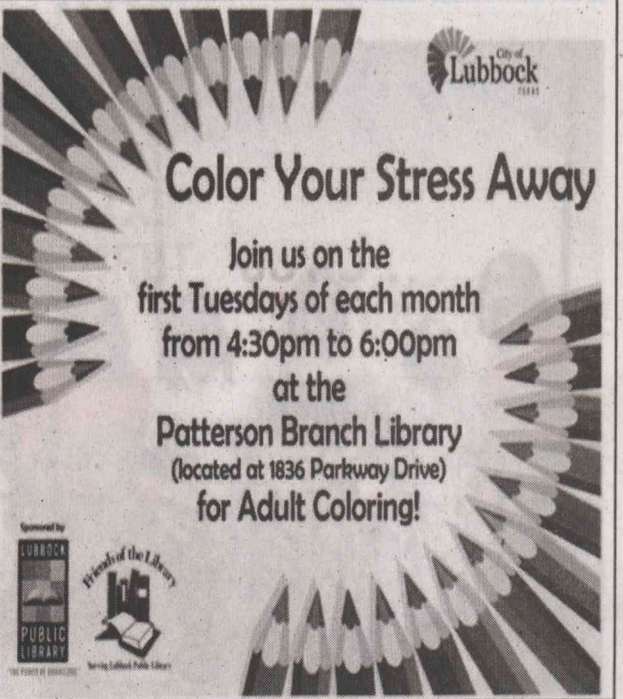
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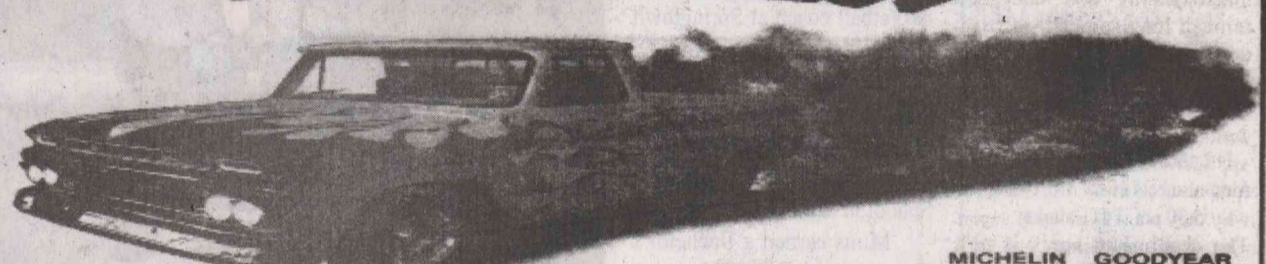
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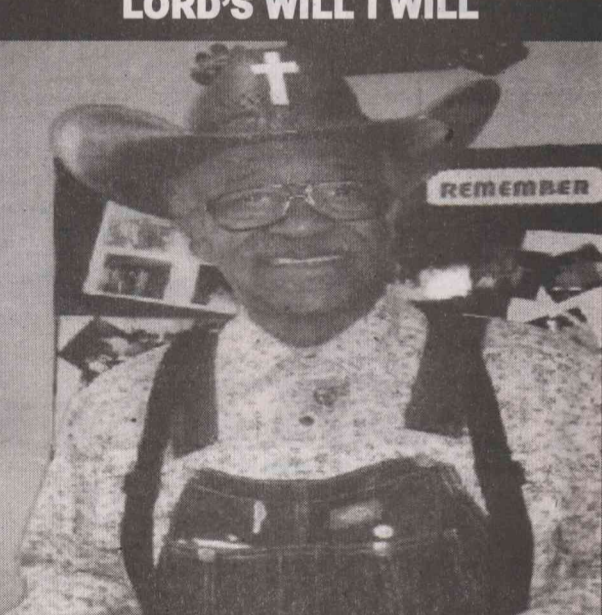
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By Renetta Howard

MENTAL ILLNESS

For the last few days, the most tragic news available in the media has been of the unnecessary deaths in this country. It is my opinion that mental illness is sweeping this country and statisticians have no idea how bad and to what extent it exists in this country. There are too many people attacking people whom they do not like or know for many reasons: religion, race, sex, economic status, appearances, and opinions, political or otherwise. It seems that the country is under attack and no war has been declared.

All of these acts of violence bring me to the conclusion that there are a lot crazier, insane people in this country than we imagine and more attention needs to be put on the discovery of these mentally ill people in every walk of life. No one in his right mind that is, a mind which is not filled with hate to the point wherein it drives a person to kill people whom they really do not know, but hate them because of their own insecurities. In their sick minds, they feel obligated in most instances to attempt to annihilate an entire group which they do not like and often fell so fulfilled that they commit suicide afterwards. Of course, some of the assailants live to rejoice over their deed and if not caught, will try it again.

Our schools are busy each year testing students to decide if they have learned enough to pass mandated test for academic achievements in order to be promoted to the next level or to graduate. It is time now for schools to look into testing for mental alertness. Medical facilities have instituted a test for the elderly to determine if they are approaching dementia or Alzheimer's disease. This I am speaking of from experience. I have had such a test. Therefore,

schools should test students for normal mental capacities and have special tests for students who actually exhibit 'off the wall' behavior. Such a test would give an early indication of a student's adult life actions with regards to leaning to a need for some mental therapy. Such test would give school psychiatric social workers some positive interactions.

An early diagnosis of mental illness and positive therapy would eliminate the need for so many mental institutions in this country as it appears now that there are not enough because too many mentally ill people are walking around causing violent havoc and taking the lives of innocent people. We need to get 'in cinque' and develop positive means of early detection of people who are mentally ill and especially those driven by HATE!

NAACP Opposes Michael Park's Nomination to Second Circuit, Says Failure to Support Brown V. Board is Disqualifying

Today, the NAACP announced its opposition to the nomination of Michael Park to the U.S. Circuit Court for the Second Circuit. The Senate will vote on Mr. Park's nomination later this week. Derrick Johnson, president and CEO, made the following statement:

"Next week, we celebrate the 65th anniversary of the Supreme Court's seminal decision in Brown v. Board of Education. This ruling transformed our nation by affirming the principle of equal justice for all. But, during his hearing before the Senate Judiciary Committee, Mr. Park could not even say that Brown v.

Beyond the Rhetoric

By Harry C. Alford & Kay DeBow

Homestead Act of 1862 – Closest Thing to Reparations, Part III (FINAL)

As we stated in the previous two parts, American descendants of the vicious American Holocaust known better as Slavery gathered immense portions of land. The great Booker T. Washington would encourage freed slaves to work the land that they owned and invest profits from it and build an economic infrastructure to help empower ourselves after slavery. It appears that too few listened to his advice or admonition. Most freed slaves and their descendants who received these precious acres of land by way of the Homestead Act of 1862 and through means of inheritance were destined to lose the land.

Today, several members of Congress are trying to pass a resolution or law that would grant reparations to descendants of slaves. This is no big thing as it was first introduced in Congress back in 1989. They discuss it, kick it around and let the thought fade away eventually. Maybe it is too late for us. We had the opportunity to take advantage of the Homestead Act of 1862 and virtually blew the opportunity. We would get free land and then squander it or lose it through trickery or a soft form of land theft. Sometimes it may have been through worse tactics.

Take the case of another one of Harry's great grandfathers. Harry Watkins of Bellevue, Louisiana owned 225 acres of farmland. How he got it we do not know but in 1873 he used it as collateral for a loan of \$250. The loan agreement is in the records held at the local courthouse. The terms of the loan were this: He would agree to pay back the loan within two years or the land would revert to the lenders. The lenders were

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two whites. For some reason, Great Grandfather Harry Watkins defaulted on the payment. When the due date arrived, he was nowhere to be found. In fact, Harry disappeared and so did our 225 acres. Not many of my family members talk about it. The story goes he got frustrated and left the family and the land.

We don't think so. Our fear is that Harry Watkins was murdered, and his bones are lying somewhere in Bossier Parrish, Louisiana. Why would he abandon his family and the 225 acres? One thing that is very interesting is the fact that Harry Watkins was totally illiterate. On the agreement the two white lenders signed as witnesses. Harry put his "X" in his signature block and the two whites claimed they were witnesses to his "X".

The saddest thing about this is that our great grandfather wasn't the only one who would just

LUBBOCK!!

If we really believe we can overcome the negative obstacles in our path, then we can. There's no doubt about it things have happened in other parts of Lubbock, but we don't need to quit doing what WE really know is right for us to do. Sure there are POSITIVE THINGS we really need but we don't have to quit believing there are many POSITIVE OPPORTUNITIES waiting for us if we would only believe..... No matter how difficult it may appear to be but by working together collectively we can still reach our goal..... no matter what it is. You see each of us MUST BELIEVE

in the POSITIVE THINGS IN LIFE and quit being so negative about things we can overcome. You see we are amazing people All we need to do is just come together and decide what we want to do.

As adults it is up to us to leave something for our CHILDREN quit saying what we can't do. We are amazing people and all we need to do is just come together and develop our EASTERN LUBBOCK the way you would like to see it develop..... So let's continue to be POSITIVE ABOUT EASTERN LUBBOCK because we're headed in the right direction!!!

disappear. So, we total the amount of property that was once owned by two of Harry's great grandfathers and one of his grandfathers and we come up with 545 acres. What is left of that is 40 acres.

Fortunately, Harry and his cousins got together and decided to formally cut up the last 40 acres. Grandfather Thomas had eight children, so we turned the 40 acres into 8 lots of 5 acres each. We contracted an attorney and performed a "Voluntary Seccession". That way we would be less vulnerable to adverse actions or trickery. 5 acres is less inviting to land thieves than 40 acres.

Down South, you must be vigilant to keep your property from being taken away. For example, there is a process known as "Adverse Possession". According to Wikipedia the definition of Adverse Possession is: "Adverse possession is a method of acquiring title to real property

by possession for a statutory period under certain conditions, viz: proof of non-permissive use, which is actual, open and notorious, exclusive, adverse, and continuous for the statutory period. It is governed by statute concerning the title to real property (land and the fixed structures built upon it)."

Harry's grandmother, Fannie Watkins Alford, had acquired property in Stephens, Arkansas. One year she mailed payment for property taxes on the land. The tax collector (sheriff) sent the payment back as someone had already paid for it. This is a danger sign. If someone pays property taxes on your land for three consecutive years (in most states) they will have rights to ownership. I found a copy of the letter my grandmother sent to the Sheriff demanding he take her payment and send the other person's money back. She won that fight. Years later my father

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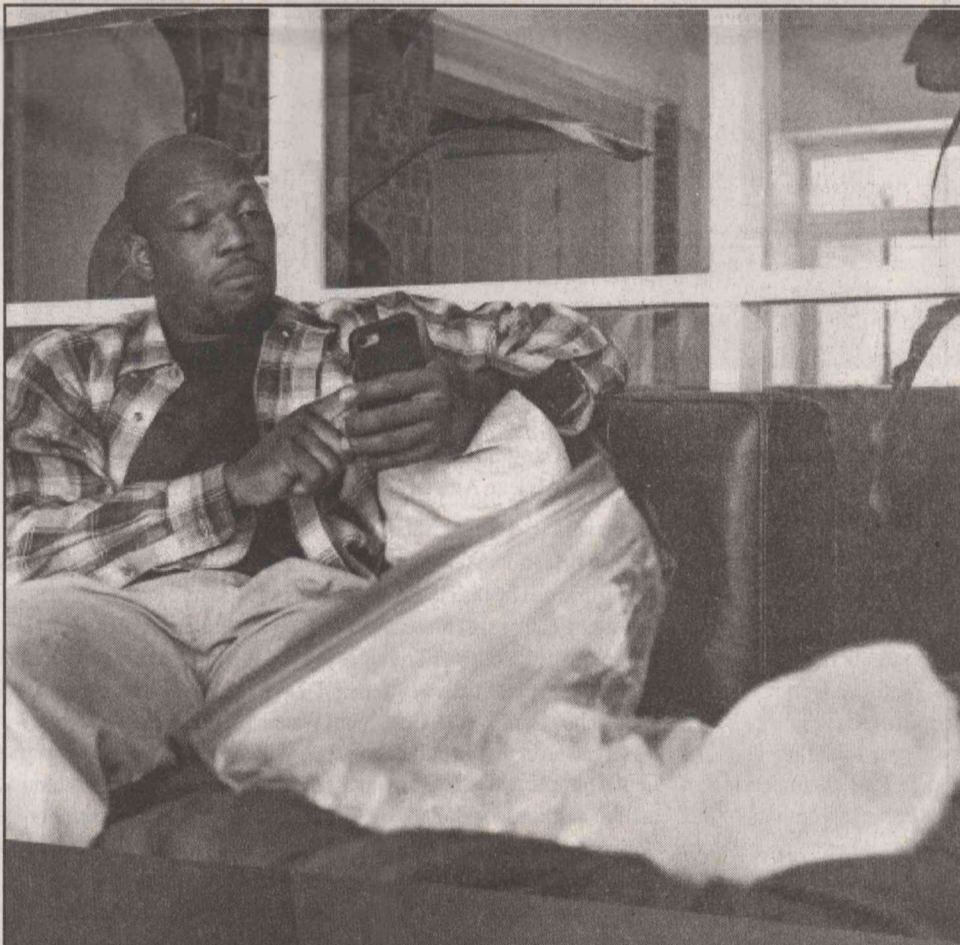
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GOD KNEW we needed HIS WORD; TO WARN US OF THE LAST DAYS. And the CHURCH; SHOULD SEE THE NEED FOR PRAYING; SO SOULS CAN BE SAVED!!!!

Isaiah 58:1 -- CRY aloud, spare not, lift up your voice like a trumpet, and show my people their Transgressions.

*** CHURCH HAVE YOU SEEN THE TROUBLES; OF MY RIGHT'S????**

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

THE CHURCHES FOLLOVED A MAN'S FLESH; AND HIS DREAMS; THEY DIDN'T STAY WITH THE BIBLE; AND NOW AMERICA IS IN A NIGHTMARE; AS SO IT ALL SEEMS!!!

*** ITS REAL!!!!**

Jeremiah 23:25-28 -- The Lord Said, I have heard what the prophets said, that prophesy lies in my name, saying I have dreamed, I have dreamed. How long shall this be in the heart of the prophets that prophesy lies? Yes, they are prophets of the deceit of their own heart. Which think to cause my people to forget my name by their dreams which tell everyman to his neighbor, as their father have forgotten my name for Ba'al. The prophet that has a dream, let him tell a dream: and he that has my word, let him speak my word faithfully. What is the chaff to the wheat said the Lord.

THE CHURCH SEE THE HARVERT IS READY; AND ITS PRAYING TIME. BUT THE CHURCHES ARE BUSY; WITH CAR WASHES \$, BAKE SALES \$, CHURCH YARD SALES \$; THAT'S WHAT IS OWN THEIR MINDS!!!!

*** ARE THE CHURCHES ROBBING GOD????**

Isaiah 56:10-11 -- The Lord Said, His watchmen are blind: they are all ignorant, they are all dumb dogs, they cannot bark; sleeping lying down, loving to slumber. Yes, they are greedy dogs which can never have enough, and they are shepherds that cannot understand: they all to their own way, each one for his gain, from his quarter (AN-

NIVERSARY). HOMOSEXUALS ARE GIVEN THE RIGHT; TO LIVE MAN TO MAN; AS WIFE. GOD SAID, MAN SHALL NOT LIE WITH MANKIND;--- AND BRING FOURTH LIFE!!!!

Romans 3:4a -- God forbid: yes, let God be true, but every man a liar; as it is written.

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Matthew 23:37,38 -- Jesus said, O Jerusalem (CHURCH), Jerusalem (CHURCH) you that kill the prophets, and stone them which are sent unto you, how often would I have gather my children together, even a hen gathers her chicken under her wings, and you would not! Behold, your house is left unto you desolate.

A MAN HAS THE RIGHT TO PLAY HIS MUSIC; BUT IT'S TOO LOUD. SOME ONE GETS UPSET;---AND A GUN COME OUT!!!!

II Chronicles 7:14 -- The Lord Said, If my people which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sins, and will heal their land.

Maxine Waters a model for many outspoken freshman Democrats



FILE - In this March 7, 2019, file photo, House Financial Services Committee Chair Maxine Waters, D-Calif., leads a hearing to review the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau's mission to focus priority on consumers on Capitol Hill in Washington. After nearly three decades in Waters has become the highest-ranking African American woman in the country. (AP Photo/J. Scott Applewhite, File)

WASHINGTON (AP) — She's been called "Kerosene Maxine" and gaveled off the House floor for accusing Republican men of badgering women. She dismissed President Donald Trump and his allies as thugs and predicted his impeachment before he was sworn into office.

No one, Maxine Waters once observed, should be surprised by her. But after nearly three decades in Congress, the 80-year-old California lawmaker is in an eye-opening role as the highest-ranking African American woman in the country. She's wielding the gavel of the bank-regulating Financial Services Committee with the power to investigate Trump where some say it counts most; his business dealings.

The role makes Waters a model for many, but notably for the outspoken freshmen Democrats who have drawn as much scrutiny — and as many threats — for what they've said as for the barriers they are breaking. Waters, known by some of them as "Auntie Maxine," has been there. And her unique ascent offers lessons in how to balance activism with work and prudence.

"@RepMaxineWaters always tells it like it is like our favorite auntie," tweeted Michigan Rep. Rashida Tlaib, one of the first Muslim women in Congress. She, like Waters, called for Trump's impeachment, though in more profane terms. Waters has minced no words

on her drive to see Trump formally charged by the House. She is leading one of six House committee investigations of Trump's world, specifically into Deutsche Bank, the German asset management firm that has lent Trump's real estate organization millions of dollars over the years. She said earlier this year that the bank is cooperating with requests for documents. But Trump last week launched a legal fight to block the banks from doing so, opening a new front in his battle against Congress.

Waters, the only woman and the only African American to hold that chairmanship, has offered instruction by example of how to survive as a "first" in the most diverse House in U.S. history.

"Her preparedness and her concentration on getting something done, and her ability to get along with us, allows her to get the policy done, too," said House Oversight and Reform Committee Elijah Cummings, D-Md., whose panel is also investigating Trump. "She can fire folks up, but she also does her homework. She also has a game plan in the end."

Tlaib and a dozen other Democratic freshmen on the panel had front row seats for what became a class in what House Speaker Nancy Pelosi calls "knowing your power." When Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin complained about how long Waters was questioning

him, she glared down from the dais.

"This is a new way and it's a new day and it's a new chair and I have the gavel at this point," Waters said levelly.

Mnuchin suggested she drop the "gavel" and dismiss him. She did not. "Please do not instruct me as to how I'm to conduct this committee," she said. Mnuchin departed when Waters was ready. He promised to come back if called.

"She doesn't care who she might offend," said House Foreign Relations Committee Chairman Eliot Engel, D-N.Y., one of the other chairmen on the call who's served alongside Waters in the House since she arrived. "She cares more about the policy and getting from A to B."

Community Garden Needs Volunteers!

It's that time of the year when it's time to prepare the garden. The same is true for the Community Garden, located in the 2200 block of Cedar Avenue, across from the Booker T. Washington Park.

In order for this to happen as it has in the past, it will take volunteers from the community.

If you want to become a Volunteer, call B. J. Morrison at 785-0895, and inform him you want to become a volunteer for the Community Garden.

Remember your involvement will make things happen.

Should We Panic over the Measles Outbreaks?

by Jane M. Orient, M.D.

In general, it is not a good idea to panic about anything. The panic itself often causes more harm than the original threat.

Crisis situations, real or contrived, lead to new intrusive laws that the public would never accept otherwise. We supposedly cherish freedom, but if we believe that the world will end if we don't act NOW, then we may clamor for the government to save us. Cynical politicians bent on increasing their power never let a crisis go to waste.

Something like the Green New Deal—the end of our comfortable, prosperous lifestyle—takes a truly apocalyptic threat. But to eliminate our freedom to decline a medical treatment, the threat that “millions will die” of measles is evidently enough. Or if not millions (most older people had measles and recovered fully), a few especially vulnerable children, who can't be vaccinated themselves, might catch measles and die.

There are several hundred cases of measles nationwide, more than in 2014, and bills are being pushed through state legislatures to eliminate all but very narrow exemptions to the 60 shots now mandated for school attendance.

In New York City, people are receiving summonses based on Mayor Bill de Blasio's emergency order. Everybody, adult or child, who lives in four ZIP code areas must get an MMR shot or prove immunity, or face the prospect of a \$1,000 fine (\$2,000 if you don't appear as ordered). Your religious exemption is overridden. The threat of 6 months in prison and the prospect of forcible vaccination

were removed before a hearing on a lawsuit brought by five mothers. The judge dismissed the case.

Health Commissioner Oxiris Barbot said that the purpose of the fines is not to punish but to encourage more people to proclaim the message that vaccines are safe and effective. Get it? If you say something to avoid a fine, that makes it true.

It's about the need for herd immunity, they say. We need a 95 percent vaccination rate for herd immunity to measles. With only 91 percent or so we are having outbreaks! If we could just vaccinate another 4 or 5 percent!

Mayor De Blasio has a point about vaccinating everyone. Adults are getting measles because their shots have worn off. It is likely that we have survived for decades with a large part of the adult population vaccinated—but not immune. So where do the mandates stop?

Outbreaks have occurred in populations with a near-100 percent vaccination rate. Was it vaccine failure? Or was the vaccine not refrigerated properly? Or was a claimed outbreak real? One in Ann Arbor, Michigan, was called off when a special test, a reverse transcriptase polymerase chain reaction (RT-PCR) showed a vaccine-strain measles virus rather than a wild-strain measles virus. Some 5 percent of vaccinees may get an illness that looks like measles, but it is just a “vaccine reaction.” Can they shed live virus? Yes. Should you keep your immunocompromised child away from recently vaccinated people? Just asking.

Like all medical treatments, vaccines are neither 100 percent

effective, nor 100 percent safe. Read the FDA-required, FDA-approved package inserts. Arizona defeated a law that would have required making these available to parents in obtaining informed consent. (You can get them on the internet.) Vaccine Court has paid out about \$4 billion in damages—recently for two children with severe brain damage from encephalopathy (that's brain inflammation) after a fight lasting about 15 years. Just incidentally, they had an autism diagnosis also. Parents bring their severely injured children to hearings. You won't see these children on tv, only pictures of babies with measles. No “fear-mongering” allowed about “rare,” possibly coincidental problems from vaccines.

There are trade-offs with vaccines: risks and benefits. But in the panic about measles, the right to give or withhold informed consent—fundamental in medical ethics as well as U.S. and international law—is being sacrificed. And so is free speech. The AMA wants to censor “anti-vaccine” information on social media. I happened on a factual article by investigative reporter Sharyl Attkisson, but was not able to retweet it because it had been removed.

The threat of infectious diseases is real and increasing. We need more robust public health measures, better vaccines, and improved public knowledge and awareness. Deploying vaccine police and shutting down debate will erode trust in health authorities and physicians, although more people may get their shots. But such heavy-handed measures will not defeat the enemy—measles and worse diseases.

R. Kelly Judgment Withdrawn After Lawyers Say He Can't Read

CHICAGO (AP) — R. Kelly spent much of Wednesday in court, with his lawyer explaining to one judge that the singer didn't respond to a lawsuit brought by one of his sexual abuse accusers because he is illiterate and with Kelly paying \$62,000 in back child support during a second hearing.

At the first hearing, Judge Moira Johnson vacated a default judgment she made against Kelly after the singer failed to respond to a lawsuit brought by one of the four women he's

charged with sexually abusing. Johnson reinstated the lawsuit after one of Kelly's attorneys explained that the singer was in jail when he was served with the lawsuit documents and that Kelly didn't respond because he can't read.

The second hearing, which pertained to child support, came weeks after the judge in that case ordered Kelly to jail after finding him in contempt of court for failing to pay \$161,000 in back child support to his ex-wife, who is the mother of his three chil-

dren. Kelly remained locked up for three days until he raised the back child support.

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Beyond the Rhetoric

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bought the land from my grandmother. We drove up to look at one day and found someone building a home on the property. My father went to court and the judge made the trespasser pay my father fair market value for the property. You just must be vigilant if you are Black and own property in America.

Too many Blacks have squandered their rights to land. We call it “Disrespectful Inheritance”. There are more than a few cases of people living out West or up North and have little regard for family land. When a relative dies and the land is willed to them, they will quickly cash it in and ignore the possibility of investment or turning it over to their heirs. There are more than a few cases of a family member dying and leaving good property for their heirs. The heirs without evaluating the value will call a local realtor to sell the property immediately. In northwestern Louisiana it was not unpopular for an heir to fly in from Los Angeles; meet the realtor at the airport; sign the papers; receive the check and fly right back out to LA. Then he would go to the nearest Mercedes Benz dealership and instantly spend all of the money. What a sum!

In sum, we believe that we had our chance at reparations through the Homestead Act of 1962. No one in this nation is going to agree to reparations for descendants of slaves. Let's move on.

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NAACP Opposes Michael Park's Nomination to Second Circuit, Says Failure to Support Brown V. Board is Disqualifying

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Board was correctly decided. Any nominee who cannot fully endorse Brown is completely disqualified from the federal bench.

Mr. Park has a horrendous record in denying equal educational opportunities to students of color. He has led the battle against race-conscious measures for promoting diversity in higher education. For example, Park challenged the University of North Carolina's equal opportunity admissions program as a “massive racial preference.”

Michael Park has played a key role in the Trump administration's attack on our democracy. He vigorously defended its attempt to add a citizenship question to the 2020 Census, which would drastically undercut communities of color. He relied precisely on the defense—that the data is needed to enforce the Voting Right Act—that has been discredited by three separate courts. The truth is that a citizenship question would undermine enforcement of the Voting Rights Act.

Park has aligned himself with the very individuals and groups behind the most destructive

campaign to unravel civil rights over the last three decades. His law firm website celebrates the “mastermind behind successful Supreme Court challenges to affirmative action and the federal Voting Rights Act.” Park joined the firm to work on “headline-making cases,” such as the one seeking to exclude non-citizens from the one-person, one vote requirement.

The NAACP has sent a letter opposing the Park nomination to each Senate office. As we celebrate the Brown decision next week, the Senate must honor its promise, not desecrate it by appointing Michael Park to a lifetime seat on the Second Circuit. Read the letter here.

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Founded in 1909, the NAACP is the nation's oldest and largest nonpartisan civil rights organization. Its members throughout the United States and the world are the premier advocates for civil rights in their communities. You can read more about the NAACP's work and our six “Game Changer” issue areas here.

Romans 14:8

For whether we live, we live unto the Lord; and whether we die, we die unto the Lord: whether we live therefore, or die, we are the Lord's."

Obsequies

Robert Lee Taylor

Funeral services were held for Robert Lee Taylor on Monday afternoon, May 29, 2019, at the New Hope Baptist Church with Rev. Larry Polk, pastor, officiating.

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

Robert, age 89 of Lubbock, Texas, passed away Sunday, April 21, 2019.

Robert was born on January 7, 1930 to Willie and Eleanor Taylor.

He retired from Grinnell Fire Protection and the Lubbock Avalanche Journal after 20 years.

He leaves to cherish his memory; four daughters, Eleanor Caro (Curtis), Cecelia Robinson (Ronnie), Rosa-Nell Williams (Danny), and Teresa Williams; five sons, Robert Tay-



lor, David Taylor, Melvin Williams (Blenda), Bobby Williams, and Julius Williams; one sister, Annie Blair; one brother, Alvin Taylor (Denise); 32 grandchildren, 55 great grandchildren, 1 great-great grandchildren; a host of other relatives and friends.

Mamie Louise Hughes Dewberry

Funeral services were held at the Shiloh Baptist Church, located at 6602 FM 442 Road, Boling Texas, on Thursday afternoon, April 25, 2019.

Interment followed under the direction of Gooden-Hatton Funeral Home located at 110 N East Avenue, Wharton, Texas 77488.

Mamie Dewberry's parents' deep commitment to education inspired in her a love of learning. She graduated as valedictorian of Boling Vocational High School in Wharton County, then graduated from Prairie View A&M University and started her teaching career in Houston.

She later moved to Lubbock, Texas where she taught freshman English for 37 years at Mackenzie Junior High School, serving as chair of the school's English department, attending conferences across the country to help write curriculum, and later serving as Lubbock president of Alpha Delta Kappa, an international honorary organization for women educators.

She also served children for almost 30 years at St. Luke Baptist Church of Lubbock, acting as chair of Christian education and director of Vacation Bible School. Her husband of 40 years, Henry Dewberry, served as chair of the deacon board and Mamie was a deaconess, visiting the sick and caring for the underserved.

The two also sang in the choir, delivered for Meals on Wheels, and volunteered at the South Plains Food Bank.

Mamie later continued her service at Westmont Christian Church as well as Rising Star Baptist Church in Lubbock.



Two years ago, she and her husband moved to Rochester, New York with Mamie's only child.

Mamie went home to be with the Lord at 4:18 pm on Saturday, April 20, 2019 after a short battle with pancreatic cancer. Her daughter and nieces were by her side. She spoke her final words to her daughter the Tuesday before her death. She was struggling to speak after several strokes, but suddenly said clearly, "God's got me! God's got me! God is good!"

Cherishing her memory are: her daughter, Deanna Dewberry Mitchell (Gary) and her sister, Alberta Hughes of Iago, Texas. Her brothers, Jesse Hughes (Julia) and Clarence Hughes (Lucille) both of Houston are deceased as are her parents, Jesse and Elizabeth Hughes of Boling Texas. Also cherishing her memory are six nieces, two nephews, three stepdaughters, two stepsons, her three grandchildren, Ethan, Maxwell, and Mackenzie, as well as a host of step grandchildren, great grandchildren, great nieces and nephews who she loved dearly.

Lucille Atkins Rose

Funeral services were held for Lucille Atkins-Rose on Saturday morning, May 4, 2019, at the Community Baptist Church with Rev. Larry Brooks, pastor, officiating.

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

Lucille, age 76 of Lubbock, Texas, passed away on Sunday, April 28, 2019.

She was born to Frank and Arlena Atkins on January 24, 1943 in Marlin, Texas.

She attended Lubbock Public Schools where she graduated from Dunbar High School.

Lucille was employed at Texas Instruments until she retired. She leaves to cherish her memory; her husband, James Rose, Sr.; two daughters, Cassandra Coleman (Bennie) and



Pacasha Rose; three sons, James Rose, Jr., Tony Rose, and Michael Rose (Sheila); three brothers, Ellis Atkins (Eddie Lee), Charles Atkins, and Donald Atkins; ten grandchildren, seven great grandchildren; a host of other relatives and friends.

Darrell Gabriel McDaniel

Slaton, Texas -- Funeral services were held for Darrell Gabriel McDaniel on Saturday afternoon, April 27, 2019, at the Rehoboth Community Church Of God In Christ, Slaton.

Darrell, age 54 of Slaton, Texas, passed away Thursday, April 18, 2019.

**And whosoever liveth
and believeth in me
shall never die.
Believeth thou this.
John 11:26**



Rickey Anderson-Busby

Funeral services were held for Rickey Anderson-Busby on Wednesday afternoon, April 24,



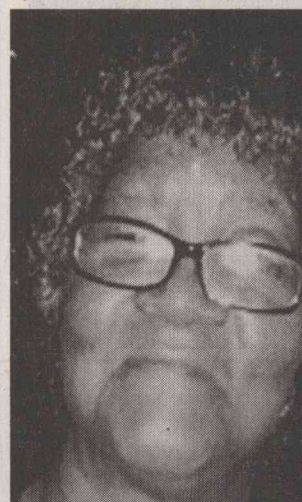
2019, at Griffin Mortuary Chapel.

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

Rickey, age 61 of Lubbock, Texas, passed away Monday, April 1, 2019.

He was born April 13, 1957 to Bernice Busby and Goliath Sampson.

Doris Nell Phillips



Funeral services were held on Thursday afternoon, May 9, 2019, at the Lyons Chapel Baptist Church with Rev. Wendell Davis, pastor, officiating.

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

Doris, age 63 of Lubbock, Texas, passed on Monday, April 29, 2019.

Doris was born to Willie Pierson and Bessie McGuire on April 5, 1956. She worked for Walmart and was a foster parent for the Bear Foundation. She graduated from Dunbar High School.

Doris leaves to cherish her memory; her husband, Travis Phillips; five sons, Reggie Pierson, Keevin Pierson, Damion Mills, Marvin Blackwell, and Cory Blackwell; two sisters, Georgia Howard and Emma Ed-
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Lureane Allen

Funeral services were held for Lureane Allen on Saturday afternoon, April 27, 2019, at the New Millennium Baptist Church.

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Lureane age 84, passed away on Sunday, April 14, 2019. She was born in Bryan, TX.

She leaves to cherish her

memory: two daughters, Geraldene Coleman and Janie Mae Douglas; one son, Dave Allen, Jr.; four grandchildren, fifteen great grandchildren; a host of other relatives and friends.

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Finding "Good" In Our World Is Challenging

by
Dr. James L. Snyder

In our world today, it is difficult to find anything good, let alone anything good to say about anything or anyone.

One area of life I have a very difficult time finding anything good is politics. I stay completely away from politics as much as possible. Oh yes, there have been those times that I greedily rubbed my hands and wanted to jump into that cesspool. Thankfully, I do have a little bit of common sense still lurking around in my head and refrain.

The question I ponder quite often is, if you put all the politicians together in one room could you find one little gray cell active? Perhaps the cost of being a politician is to give up all those tiny little gray cells that make the rest of us operate in a world of sanity.

So, as much as is humanly possible, I stay away from politics.

One evening this past week my wife and I were watching the news and the whole thing was about politics. As for me, when they say Washington is broken, I know they really mean that the politicians are broken. In fact, they are broken beyond repair.

However, as we were watching the news I was getting a little ticked. I was grumbling about everything I was hearing, knowing a politician will say one thing today and the complete opposite tomorrow. That is because there is nothing in their brain cavity to create stability.

For some reason, I started grousing out loud. It is one thing to grouse and not express it out loud. It's a whole other ball

game when I grouse out loud because my wife can hear me. As I was groaning and gritting my teeth my wife said, "You know, you ought to be very grateful about those politicians."

Oh boy, here we go. I crossed a line somewhere and was not sure how to get back home.

I was okay until this politician said something and all of a sudden, I exploded, "What's wrong with that idiot? Doesn't he have any common sense?"

When I finished my rant, I realized I said it out loud. When I say "out loud," I mean in such a way that the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage could hear what I was saying.

"You ought to be," my wife said, "very grateful about that politician."

I did not know what she was talking about and so in violation of my own rules, I said, "What in the world do you mean by that?"

She looked at me and said, "If it weren't for those crazy politicians I would never know how smart you really are."

I just stared at her not know-

ing what in the world to say. She was finding something good in a politician because it made me look good! I must say, I never would have thought of that in a million years.

At that moment, the thought dancing in my very crowded cranium was, my wife was the smartest person I have ever met.

It made me think of what the apostle Paul said. "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are called according to his purpose" (Romans 8:28).

Since that episode, I have been looking at politicians a little bit differently. And if ever I have agreed with my wife, it is this time.

Dr. James L. Snyder is pastor of the Family of God Fellowship, and lives with the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage in Ocala, FL. Call him at 352-687-4240 or e-mail jamesnyder2@att.net. The church web site is www.whatafellowship.com.

Vernell McKinney

Abilene, Texas -- Funeral services for Vernell McKinney were held on Wednesday afternoon, May 8, 2019, at the McCoy Chapel of Memories with Rev. Quincy Randall officiating.

Interment followed in the Sweetwater Cemetery under the direction of McCoy Funeral Home.

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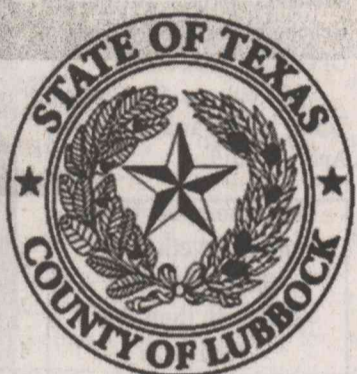
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The purpose of the hearing is to obtain input from the city residents in reference to the Five-Year Agency Plan Submission and the Capital Fund Program Five-Year Action Plan being submitted to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for fiscal year beginning October 1, 2019. Total funds being allocated for the five-year period are estimated to be up to \$5,948,450 for Operating Funds and \$4,825,000 for Capital Funds. The Five-Year Plan includes proposed changes to the Admissions and Continued Occupancy Policy (ACOP) and the Section 8 Administrative Plan. Those changes are outlined in the Plan and will be a part of the Public Hearing. All residents and other interested parties are encouraged to attend this hearing. The Plan will be available for review beginning April 15, 2019 during regular business hours prior to the public hearing at the addresses below. Persons can also submit written comments prior to the public hearing to:

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Doris Nell Phillips

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wards; one brother, L.J. McGuire; fifteen grandchildren; a host of other relatives and friends.

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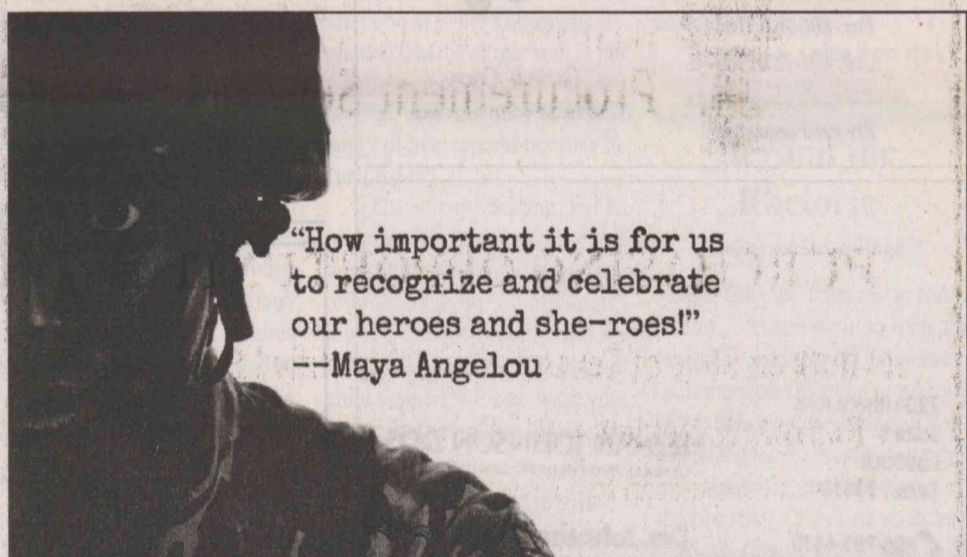


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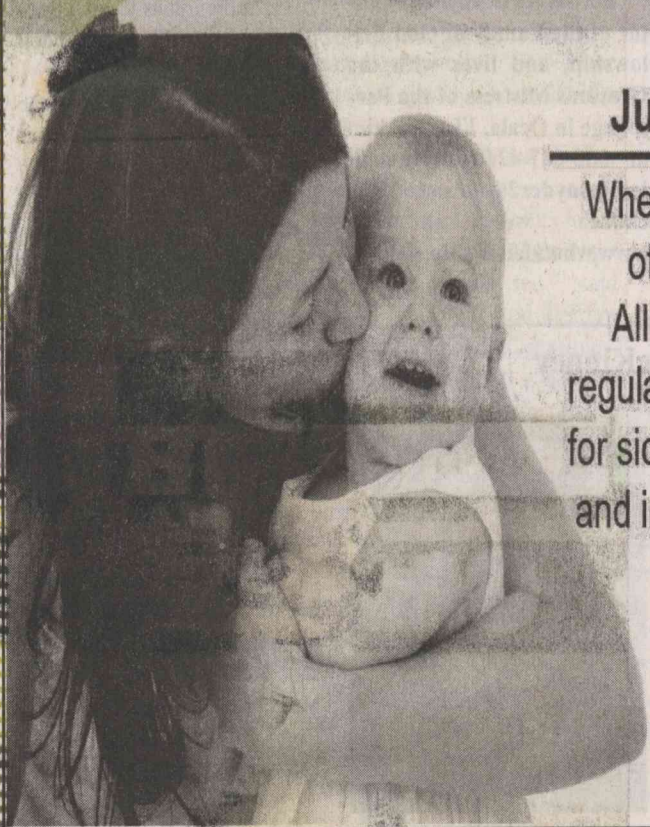
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Vernell McKinney
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Vernell, age 58, of Abilene, Texas, passed away Thursday, May 2, 2019, in Sweetwater.

Vernell was born May 5, 1960, in Lubbock, Texas, to the late Max and Roxie (Rivers) McKinney.

Vernell loved to minister the word of God. He pastored Shiloh House of Praise in Big Spring, Texas, and also was a member of Shiloh Baptist in Abilene. He loved spending time with his family and enjoyed life to the fullest.

Surviving Vernell are wife, Willie Mae McKinney of Dallas, Texas; daughters, Roshanda Bethany and Patron Bates of Lubbock, Texas; two step-daughters, Whitney Lewis of Big Spring, Texas, Carmen Davis of San Antonio, Texas; three brothers: Lonnie McKinney of Sweetwater, Texas, Vernon McKinney of Lubbock,

Texas, David McKinney of Sweetwater, Texas; three sisters: Kay Reed of Abilene, Texas, Janice McKinney of Big Spring, Texas, and Linda McKinney of Sweetwater, Texas; grandchildren Tyerrah Hargers and Jaterian Hargers of Lubbock, Texas; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his granddaughter, Natarrah Hargers; and his parents.

Pallbearers were Cedrick Reed, Corell McKinney, Travis Black, Willie Robinson, Kayla McKinney and Vernon McKinney.

Honorary Pallbearers were Robert Reed, Jr. and Keena Hubbard.



R. Kelly Judgement
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Kelly's attorney Lisa Damico told reporters after Wednesday's hearing, the Chicago Sun-Times reported. "All he wants to do is do right by his kids."

Kelly's bookings for performances began drying up following the airing of a television documentary "Surviving R. Kelly." That was weeks before his February arrest on charges accusing him of sexually abusing a woman and three girls over roughly a 10-year period starting in the late 1990s. But on Tuesday, one his attorneys told reporters that he was lining up performances for the Grammy award-winning R&B singer in Illinois and outside the state, and that he anticipated the judge approving requests to travel to make those appearances.

Kelly has pleaded not guilty to the sexual abuse charges and denied any wrongdoing.

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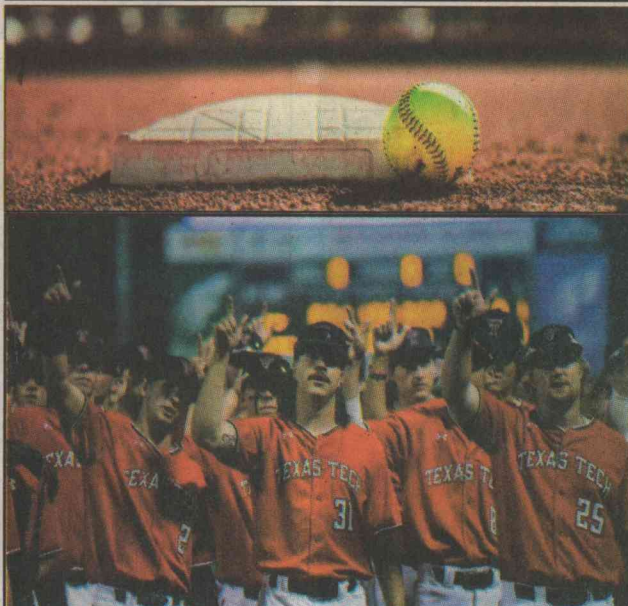
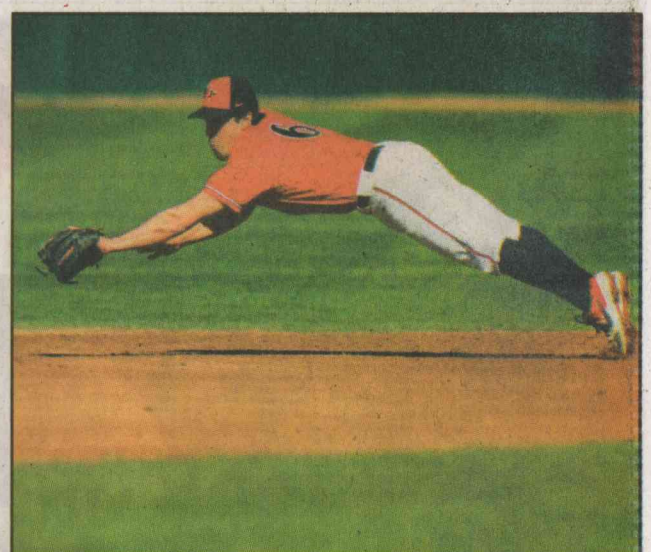
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TWIB MISSION STATEMENT

TWIB Lubbock is a membership-driven 501(c)(3) non-profit that is focused on empowering women to achieve their personal and business goals through education, development, mentoring, networking, service and leadership. We give you opportunities to connect with people and other local organizations so that you can reach your goals.

“EACH ONE REACH ONE”

30th Anniversary Gospelfest 2019 Presents:

II Chronicles 7:14 – “If my people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land.”

This scripture was prayed on every corner over 20 years ago over in East Lubbock from Chatman Hill to Parkway Drive by T. J. Patterson, Sr., Faye Brown, the late Eddie Richardson, Reginald Andrews, and the late Ms. Dorothy Hood and ten children, ages ranging from age 6-12.

From that prayer, God is allowing us to see a new birth in East Lubbock. Thanks to Lubbock City Councilwoman Shelia Patterson-Harris, the daughter of the former Lubbock City Councilman, T. J. Patterson, Sr., for the revitalization of the new East Lubbock.

The gospel concerts were birth from that movement. Music is the universal language that touches the heart of all mankind.

God has blessed Each One Reach One to pick up the mantle and bring in national artists that some of the people would only be able to see on national television. This year is a very special year for the organization. Each One Reach One has spent 30 years of giving back in our community. To God be the glory. We welcome national gospel artists:

Doc McKenzie & The Hi-Lites of South Carolina, Buddy & The Straightway Travelers of Terrell, Texas, Lubbock's very own Pastor R. D. Pegues & The Golden Voices, and Mrs. Deborah Barnes-Moss & Company who has worked tirelessly in our city, off stage and on stage with our youth. The Holy Bible teaches us in Proverbs 22:6 --

“Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it.”

Each One Reach One would like to thank the entire City of Lubbock or all their prayers and support which has been given on our behalf.

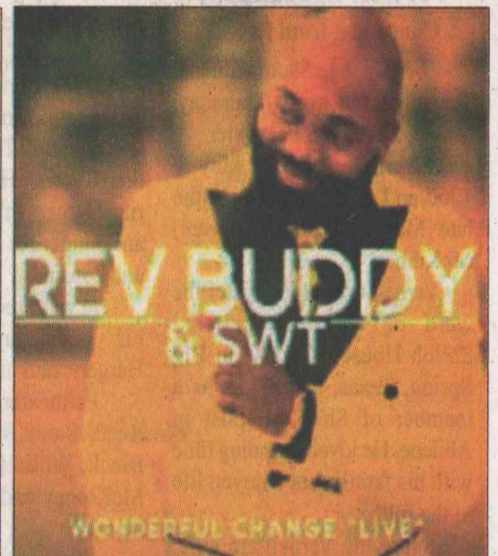
Our prayer for Sunday afternoon, May 26, 2019, at 3:00 p.m. at the Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church, 2202 Southeast Drive, that we come together, one love, one faith, and watch God move as we are all “Walking By Faith” which is the theme for this 30th Anniversary of this **GOSPELFEST 2019.**

Lubbock, Texas, USA: Matthew 5:14 reads: You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden.”

If there is any information needed, call Ms. Faye Brown at (806) 831-9986.



Mrs. Deborah Barnes-Moss



Buddy & Straightway Travelers



Pastor R. D. Pegues & The Golden Voices



Doc McKenzie & The Hi-Lites

Lubbock Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. “Youth of the Year Program”

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Two Mildred Deo Scholarship Recipients:

Lilly Callison, a senior at Lubbock High School
La'Ryon Witherspoon, a graduate student in the College of Education at Texas Tech University

Four “Youth of the Year” Winners (From Page 1):

- 5th to 6th Grade: Sevyn Ross - Stewart
- 5th to 6th Grade: Dhani Servance
- 7th to 9th Grade: Keely Gutierrez
- 10th to 12th Grade: Alejandra Fernandez-Reyes

Pictured left to right, Dr. Raegan Higgins Siwatu (President of Lubbock Alumnae), Lilly Callison, “Scholarship Recipient”, Lilly Callison, and Mrs. Ruby White, Chair of the Scholarship Committee.

