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- * Hub City Kiwanis meets 1st & 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7 p. m., Lyons Chapel Baptist Chuch, East 24th Street &
- * Dunbar Alumni Association neets 2nd Saturdays, 4:00 p. m. at the Dunbar Alumni Building
- * 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 2nd Saturday at 10:00 am at the Mae Simmons Community Center located at 2004 Oak Avenue.
- * 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
- * The Parkway & Cherry-Point Neighborhood Association meets the 3rd Tuesday evenings, 7:30 pm at 517 Zenith Avenue, Star Care Center
- * Chatman Hill Neighborhood Association meets 2nd Thursday of every month at 6:00 pm at

2301 Avenue A.

- * ROOTS meets every 2nd Saturday at 2:00 p. m. at 2301 Avenue A.
- * ColorYour Stress Away **Adult Coloring** meets the 1st Tuesday of each month at the Patterson Library 4:30 pm to 6:00 pm
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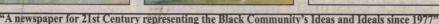
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Nadia Lewis - Upcoming Ms. America **Pageant August 2019**

Nadia Lewis of Lubbock. Texas, has been awarded the Ms. West Texas 2019 title by the Ms. America® Pageant.

The Mission of the pageant is to celebrate the accomplishments of women, encourage them to be involved in community service, as well as use the "Crown for a Purpose" to make

The pageant is open to women 26 years of age and up who are single, divorced or married. The selection process for receiving a title was done by submitting an application, photo and followed up by an interview over the phone. Finalists from across the United States will compete in Interview, Sportswear, Evening Gown and On-Stage Interview and 4 national titles will be awarded at this year's pageant including Ms. America®, Ms. America® International. Nadia really left a positive impression on our judges and we are thrilled to have her representing West Texas at the 2019 Ms. America Pageant finals this August," said Susan Jeske, Pageant CEO.

Nadia began her community service duties in high school after being elected as Student Body President of Estacado High School in 2004 where she served both the student body and her community with veriest activities to create a positive and fun environment for staff and



Nadia Lewis

cheerleader and head captain of her dance team at EHS. After receiving a cheerleading scholarship with Clarendon College.

Nadia later served her community by providing free cheerleading and dance lesson at her local community center to the youth, she has hosted annual community basketball games to raise awareness to valiance in

students. Nadia also served as a her community and has been an active member in the My Brothers and Sisters Keepers and Eastside Unity organizations

Nadia won her first pageant at age 9 and held the title of Little Miss East Lubbock Queen, 3rd runner up in the Miss Juneteenth pageant, and was the first African American female to hole the title of Miss Teen USAs Continue on Page 4

Caprock Jazz Festival Makes Its Way Back to Lubbock

Article Written by/Photos Taken by SWD Intern, Mikayla Holmes

The Roots Historical Arts Council brought its annual Jazz Festival back just in time for 4th of July weekend. The jazz festival is held in honor of the late East Lubbock trailblazer, Eric Strong.

The event took place at the Helen Devitt Auditorium on the Texas Tech University Campus. Attendees were able to enjoy a cash bar, food trucks, and a photo booth prior to the festivi-

This year's Caprock Jazz Festival was an amazing showcase of jazz music. The head-

liner for the festival included the internationally known saxophonist, Tom Braxton, California-based musician Blake Aaron, and Texas native Joe McBride. Other performers included Lubbock native Jazz Alley and the Joy Harris quartet. The event was hosted by George

Tom Braxton is a critically acclaimed Jazz saxophonist who has been in the game for more than 20 years and traveled all over the world leaving crowds photos that were captured at the on their feet applauding. He is also a Lubbock native who gra-

uated from Dunbar High School in 1979 and later attended Texas Tech University. Mr. Braxton has recorded 9 albums which can be heard on radios all over the country. He has numerous hits on Billboard, Radio Wave, Smooth Jazz.com, Amazon, and numerous other music platforms. In 2017, Mr. Braxton along with his father Mr. James Braxton, was inducted into the West Texas Hall of Fame.

Below and to the right are Jazz Concert. More Story/Photos are continued on page 7.







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Guadalupe Parkway Sommerville Centers, Inc. - Etiquette Program



The students shown above are: Jadyn McDaniel-age 14, Jamyron Thomas-age 10, Braysia Osby-age 15, Preston Peeplesage 10, Lashay Edmonds-age 8, Zane Garcia-age 12, and Steven

Each student appreciates the opportunity to participate in

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After completion of the etiquette program students should be able to start good conversations and maintain them, recognize formal and informal table settings, demonstrate knowledge of diverse table manners, articulate a speech when making a toast at a dinner party, have the skills necessary to be a good host at a dinner party, demonstrate proper handshake and eye contact, know how to tie a neck-

tie (Boys and Girls), know how to to compliment wait staff and restaurant manager, proper dating etiquette and display personal responsibility.

Every student enrolled in the Guadalupe-Parkway merville Centers take the Etiquette course. However only about half are hand selected based on their mastering of their Etiquette skills to go on weekly lunch outings.

This provides a opportunity for the students to demonstrate what they've learned in the course. Both the Etiquette Instructor and the Program Coordinator attend the lunches. The Guadalupe-Parkway merville Centers supports local Business. This summer the Etiquette students have enjoyed dinning at Abuelo's, Skyview's, Funky Door, One Guy, Triple J's, Orlando's, and the TTU Club. It never fails, the group is always

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By Renetta Howard

NATIONAL INSANITY

In these days of social media, news, Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and other know areas, it appears that anything one does now is either tweeted, captured on a cell phone or body cam and quickly uploaded to some form of social media. We easily and quickly receive information about just about anything we are interested in or want to know about. Some of the things which we hear about, we would rather not hear about, and that is too often the case.

There are two things which bring to me heartbreak, and the first is the daily reporting of children who wandered off from home and end up dead someplace because the parents were not aware that the child was not at home playing or in bed asleep. Ninety-nine and nine tenths of this is hogwash; a made-up alibi lie. Chances are, the child was dropped off in an unfamiliar place in the same way that some people take a dog that they no longer want and drop it off in an unfamiliar neighborhood to fend for itself or die trying. Dogs have instinct and many survive, but babies and small children do not have that kind of instinct. They need adult supervision at all times! This goes for daycares as well. There are too many causalities there as well.

Aside from the wandering off scenario, there are those parents who blatantly kill their children for one insane reason or another. The most recent was when a five year old child ran out to greet her father whom she was happy to see and he shot her in the head and killed himself right there on the street after exiting his vehicle. INSANITY is the only description for this type of action. If he was angry with her mother, why did he shoot the child? She was innocent. Why kill a child anyway? I believe I have said in the past, if children are born to parents who do not want them, please give them to someone who DOES want them. Children should not have to pay for the mistakes of their parents. I am of the opinion now, that perhaps parents should be required to have a test for sanity before their children are born into this world as well as a vibrant means for taking care of the child. Children are our future and when we kill them we ruin our future.

The other thing that gripes me and makes me wonder about many people lately have bee caught opening perishab foods, taking a bite or a lick # putting the same item bach the shelf to be sold. The Tytol scare a couple of decadeago prompted the sealing of or the counter medicines and er the sealing of bottled and kaged items, but some itemake ice cream and a few of frozen foods have not beer ealed and thus violated. In action, some food workers havoeen found guilty of contamating foods during the proceing. It makes you wonder, wat is on their minds. We mube cautious because this is a ingerous time of our lives in its country. We have no ide of what is fueling this nation insanity. Get 'in cinque' ar be cautious on a daily basiand PRAY!

Chir Day Set At Mt. Olive

Saton, Texas -- Choir Day will be held at the First Mi Olive Missionary Baptit Clurch in Slaton where tle poud pastor is Rev. C. C. Poiles, on Sunday afternoon, August 18, 2019, at 3:00 p. m.

Come and be blessed! Bing someone with you.

Beyond the Rhiric Harry C. Ard & Kay DeW

The Evolua of the National Bl- Chamber of Comme - Part 5

Oh, where is new it is so darn good. he key is to keep that euphocontinuing forever. It becampparent to me that Kay an had made up our minds make our newfound love sething that will test the age time. She could do no wro and made it evident that she ought the same of me. My frds saw that something was aing over me. They would be disbelief when I told them of iy Kay Kay.

the food we eat is the fact that so meet her father. She obviously idolized him, and it was important to her that he would approve of me. Charles H. DeBow Jr. was one of the original four Tuskegee Airmen. A war hero by any standard. I was a little anxious when she set up the visit to our new apartment for her parents. Within a few hours of their arrival she set up a visit to the roof of our apartment building - The Parkstone. It had a beautiful view of the Detroit skyline and Belle Isle (a park in the middle of the Detroit River).

> Kay took us up to the roof, pour a couple of shots of Jack Daniels for each of us, and then left us alone for a couple of hours. It became a very precious moment for me. I shared my background and he poured out his. It became very impressive when he talked of his times during World War II. He told me that he was flattered of my offer to put him and mom up at the Sheraton Cadillac hotel during their visit with us. He then explained why he declined. Upon returning from the War he went to the hotel to check in wearing his uniform with captain bars and aviation wings. The front desk turned him away say Blacks were not allowed. The hurt was immense, and he was

PUBLIC SCHOOLS, YOUR HELP IS NEEDED BY SUP-**PORTING** SCHOOLS! YOUR PER-INVOLVEMENT WILL MEAN SO MUCH!!!

THIS N THAT wants to PERSONALLY IN-VITE ALL PARENTS WITH CHILDREN ATTENDING PUBLIC SCHOOLS to really GET INVOLVED WITH PUBLIC SCHOOLS and visit these schools as this make a tremendous difference with the growth of these schools..... It will make a VERY POSITIVE DIFFER-ENCE when you as a PARENT

GUARDIAN SHOWS UP still bitter about it. That was just one example of a Black veteran returning home to a Jim Crow nation. Still he remained proud

Pop and I hit it off superbly. Mom was all smiles too! Kay's too sisters were cool, but her brothers Chuck and Bill were very cautious and inquisitive. In the end "trust" was in the air and the introductory period was successful. Now it was time for me to take my Kay to California to meet the large posse known as the Alfords and Browns - my relatives. Before that I took her down to Louisiana where my parents had retired. That trip was quite a success also. My California crew was quite particular about the possibility of new relatives and I was a little worried about how that might turn

of the service he gave to his

My worrying was over-rated. My male cousins were excited

PARENTS OF STUDENTS to see what your child is doing. ATTENDING THE VARIOUS It will mean so much for the stucharge of the class will appreciate what is being done to help their young one.

THIS N THAT is hop-

ing there will be more involvement of PARENTS PARTICIPATING IN HELP-SCHOOL.THIS N THAT is hoping many parents in the area will get involved and help our PUBLIC SCHOOLS with the many POSITIVE CONTRIBUTIONS which will enhance the public school. Hopefully this will enhance the growth of the PARENT TEACHERS ASSO-CIATION as this is a very positive program which is al-

that I had chosen such a beauti-

ful and fine woman. My female

relatives slowly favored the one

whole had stolen my heart.

While out on the West Coast I

decided to give Kay a big sur-

prise. We rented a car from Avis

Vegas to spend a few days at the

brand-new MGM Grand Hotel

and Casino. It was a move that

would have a profound effect on

until one morning we were

awakened by fire engines con-

tinuously driving by. Suddenly

we heard a lady screaming in

hysteria: "Get out now!! We are

all going to die!!!" I didn't

know what was going on. I got

out of bed and went to the win-

dow. Firemen were running up

and down the street. I went to

the restroom and noticed that the

air conditioning vent was push-

All things were going well

our future.

LAX and then drove to Las

ready in place and if you are a PARENT and dent and the teacher in haven't been involved over the past years you can do so this upcoming school year. You see you can become a member of the PARENT **TEACHERS ASSOCIATION** and with your involvement our PUBLIC SCHOOLS WILL GROW MORE THAN THEY WERE LAST SCHOOL YEAR!!

by T. J. Patterson, Sr.

THIS N THAT is hoping that as a PARENT OF A LUBBOCK STUDENT you will get involved Remember all that you do will make many positive things happen in Lubbock, Texas and our PUBLIC SCHOOLS will grow!!! WILL YOU HELP??

MGM Fire.

Kay and I quickly got dressed and prepared to exit the building. There was just one big problem. The elevators were dead, and we were on the 5th floor. I went to the stairway and to my shock black smoke was billowing. The hallway was starting to fill up with smoke and my military training started to kick in. There was only one way to escape this situation. We had to go and jump out the window onto the garden area below. I told Kay we had no choice. We would get broken up but should probably live through it. I inform the people standing out in the hallway that they should do the same. They elected to wait

As the smoke started to become unbearable, I broke the locks off the windows and asked Kay to jump out first (I didn't want her to freeze after I jump.

ing out black smoke. This was the beginning of the infamous Estacado Booster Club Membership Drive Please join Estacado Booster Club: Membership fee: \$10.00

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Jesus told his DISCIPLES: IF YOU LOVE ME; LOVE NOT THE WORLD. THIS A COMMAND FOR ALL OF GOD'S DISCIPLES; MEN, WOMAN. BOYS AND GIRLS!!!

Luke 14:26 - Jesus said, If any man come to me, and hate not his father, and mother, and wife, and children, and brother, and sisters, yes, and his own life also, he cannot be my disciple.

BUT CHRISTIANS WANTED TO LOVE THE WORLD: AND THE WORLD TO LOVE THEM.

JESUS HAS SAID, YOU CANNOT; LOVE THE WORLD; AND YET HAVE LOVE FOR HIM!!!

John 15:18,19 - Jesus said, If the world hate you, you know that it hated me before it hated you. If you were of the world, the world would love his own: but because you are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hate you.

CHRISTIANS THINK THEIR JOB; IS THE CHANGE AND CLEAN UP THE WORLD. THAT'S NOT THE GREAT COMMIS-SION; IT'S TEACH JESUS' SALVATION; TO EVERY MAN, WOMAN, BOY AND

(JESUS SAID, I WILL MAKE YOU FISHERS OF MEN; WE'RE NOT TO THE OCEAN; CLEAN WE'RE ONLY TO FISH OUT OF IT. AND WHEN THE CHRISTIANS DIDN'T: GO AND PREACH THE GOOD NEWS: THEY TAUGHT RIGHTS: AND HUMAN RIGHTS. NOW LOOK AT THE SAVAGES; **EVERYONE HAS A RIGHT**; TO DO THAT WHICH IS HIS' RIGHTS; IN HIS OWN EYES. VIDEO GAMES OF KILLINGS; IS OF THE DEVIL; AND THE CHIL-DREN BRING THEM TO LIFE; THEY WILL KILL YOU; CHURCH FOLKS; **GRANDMOTHERS; SMALL** CHILDREN; THEY DON'T THEIR CARE; **GAMES!) AND WHEN THE CHRISTIANS:** DIDN'T JESUS: **PREACH** THE DEVIL PREACHED: KILLING RIGHTS.

NOW THERE'S SO MUCH KILLING; WHERE **EVER YOU LOOK; DAY OR NIGHT: IS THAT RIGHT???**

Matthew 23:37,38 - Jesus said, O' Jerusalem, (CHURCH) Jerusalem (CHURCH), you that kill the prophets, and stones them which are sent unto you, how often would I have gathered your children together, as a hen gathers her chickens under her wings, and you would not! Be-

hold, your house is left unto you desolate. (EVEN A DUMB CHICKEN; KNOWS THE **RIGHT THING TO DO: TO** PROTECT HER LOVE ONES; AND THE CHURCH; DIDN'T GO AND TEACH LOVE; THEY WENT OUT; AND TAUGHT RIGHT'S; WHICH IS HATE: WE'RE SUPPOSE TO LOVE OTH-ERS MORE. WHEN YOU LOVE GOD; YOU LOVE OTHERS ALSO. AND NOT WANT TAKE THAT'S GOD'S!!!)

Luke 2:49 - Jesus told his mother; How is that you sought me? Did you not know, that I must be about my Father's busi-

THE FATHER'S BUSI-**NESS; FOR CHRISTIANS;** IS NOT TO BAD MOUTH THE PRESIDENT.

WE'RE TO GO ABOUT THE BUSINNESS OF GOD; PREACHING; **EVERY-**WHERE WE'RE SENT!!!

Matthew 22:21 - Jesus said, Render therefore unto Caesar the things which are Caesar's; and unto God the things that are God's.

Romans 13:1 -- LET every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God.

Acts 5:39 - If it be of God, you cannot overthrow it; lest haply you be found even to fight against God

Ga. Teen Strangled Sister to Death Over WiFi Password, Gets Life in Prison

A Georgia teen was sentenced to life in prison for murder after strangling his sister in a fight when he changed the wifi password to knock others at home off the internet.

Kevon Watkins, then 16, wanted to block anyone else from logging on at his family's Macon home so that it wouldn't slow down the service while he played video games.

When his mother protested and it appeared he might hit her, Kevon's 20-year-old sister, Alexus, stepped in — and Kevon grabbed Alexus by the throat and put her in a chokehold that lasted an estimated 15 minutes, according to the prosecutor.

Only after his panicked mom called 911 and arriving officers ordered him to let go did Kevon do so, causing Alexus to drop to the floor.

"Get up off the floor," Latoya Watkins told her daughter.

She didn't.

"I started screaming," Latoya testified last week in Bibb County Superior Court, reports the Macon Telegraph.

The responding officers launched into CPR but couldn't save Alexus. She died of strangulation at the hospital hours later, on February 3, 2018.

Found guilty of murder, Kevon, now 18, was sentenced Friday by Bibb County Superior Court Judge Verda Colvin, reports Atlanta TV station WSB.

"I'm sorry," Kevon said through tears as he was led from the courtroom, according to the

"He couldn't really explain

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 Vounteer, 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.



Kevon Watkins

to me why he didn't release her," Bibb County sheriff's investigator Marcus Baker testified during Kevon's two-day trial, reports the Telegraph.

When Baker told Kevon his sister was dead and arrested him for murder, "He cried. I cried too," Baker testified, according to the newspaper. "It's a sad sit-

Latoya Watkins said that, on the day of the incident, her 13year-old son had complained to her that Kevon had changed the password so no one else could use it. She testified that she responded by unplugging the router and taking it to her room.

Kevon "came in my room and started grabbing something, it might have been a cord off the

Internet box," she testified, according to the Telegraph. "My daughter ran in there, she grabbed him ... He acted like he was going to hit me."

Alexus hit Kevon and a struggle between the two began on the bed and then moved to the

"I thought it was a normal brother-sister fight because they always fuss and fight like this,' said Latoya.

But when she couldn't stop it — and after the 13-year-old boy also tried and failed to push his older brother off his sister the mom called for help.

The judge — who was asked by Kevon's defense attorney to decide the case, rather than a jury — cited the 13-year-old's efforts in ruling that Kevon was guilty of murder and not a lesser charge of manslaughter, reports

"I never intended to kill her at all," Kevon testified in tears during his trial, according to the Telegraph. "She taught me most everything I know."

District Attorney David Cooke said in a statement: "This act of violence resulted in an unspeakable tragedy for this family. I hope this verdict and sentence closes the door on this chapter of their lives and that they will be able to begin to heal."

Upcoming Ms. America Pageant 2019 Continued from Page 1

swimsuit in 2004.

The Ms. America Pageant will be held on August 24, 2019 on the historic ship, the Queen Mary that is permanently docked in Long Beach, Califor-



Nadia Lewis

nia. Red Carpet starts at 6:30 pm and the pageant starts at 7:30 pm.

Tickets were on sale in June of 2019 and you can go to the pageant website to purchase: www.MsAmericaPageant.com.

There will also be free LiveStreaming to watch the pageant TBA.

For more information about the Ms. America® Pageant visit the website at: www.MsAmericaPageant.com or Contact the CEO - Susan Jeske at 949 679-8888. The Ms. America ® Pageant is a registered federal trademark with the USPTO in Washington DC since February 2000 and ranks as one of the top pageant trademarks in the United States.

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Letha Franklin's Son Fires Off Subpoenas, Dands Answers Over Late Singer's Assets



Aretha Franklin's son Ke sues for her. calf is firing off subpoenas demanding answers on his late mothers' money and assets.

According to court documents obtained by The Blast, Kecalf Franklin has fired off a subpoena to lawyers who represent the personal representative, Sabrina Owens, and his mother's es-

Owens was put in place by the court following Aretha's death and has been attempting to manage business deals and inventory. Kecalf believes Owens should be removed from the position and has been making moves to try and take over con-

In newly filed documents, Owens lawyers, at the firm Thav Gross PV, have head to court demanding a judge shut down Kecalf's subpoenas to them. The firm also represented Aretha for decades and handled various is-

KRAKOW, Poland (AP)

— The Rev. Jesse Jackson has condemned recent outbursts by

President Donald Trump target-

ing lawmakers of color and inner

cities as "dangerous, divisive

and diversionary" and says he

believes they are fueling white

civil rights leader called Trump's

vilification of African Ameri-

cans an attempt to divert the na-

tion's attention from its real

problems, including Russian

election interference, border de-

tentions and a tax cut benefiting

the richest Americans at the ex-

eign power is expected to be in-

volved in our election next

year," Jackson said, referring to

former special counsel Robert

Mueller's warning of a repeat of

Russian interference in the 2020

Jackson, a protégé of the Rev.

Martin Luther King and two-

time presidential candidate,

spoke to The Associated Press in

Poland ahead of a visit Friday to

Auschwitz-Birkenau to honor

Roma victims of the Nazi Ger-

man genocide. As a leading

symbol of a civil rights move-

ment that brought vast progress

to African Americans, Jackson

was enthusiastically welcomed

by young Roma activists and

survivors - members of a com-

munity who face entrenched

gling with Parkinson's disease,

Jackson no longer has the phys-

ical strength of before. But he

maintains a keen interest in pol-

itics and on Friday was deeply

engaged in his reflections on the

Holocaust. After many hours of

meetings with survivors, he re-

turned for a private tour of the

camp, pressing his guide for

more details. He said he had

spent two weeks before his trip

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The subpoena sent by Kecalf seeking information about etha's finances, and wants all statements, financial rends, wire transfer statements an ust information from 2012

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A judge haset to rule. Earlier this yr, Kecalf went to court to file as seeking to take complete control of

Aretha's estate and wants Owens removed ASP. He accused her of ismanag-

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is not subtle," Jackson, he

founder of the Rainbow/PUSI

coalition, said.

Trump's "strategy is overt It

Despite the new challenges

Jackson said he remains true to

the principals of peaceful resist-

that maintaining the moral high

ground is key to progress. Tak-

ing an eye for an eye leaves both

sides blind, the Baptist pastor

"You can't fight fire with fire

And he still likes to spin the

and expect to put it out," he said.

kind of rhyming slogans that he

is famous for. Once it was "hope

not dope." Now he likes to say

that "it wasn't just WikiLeaks,

it's also Trickileaks," referring to

gerrymandering and other ways

the black vote is being sup-

pressed in the United States.

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the world.

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AP Interview: Jesse Jackson sams

'dangerous' Trump rhetoric

form her duties. Kecalf requested the judge appoint him as the successor and allow him to completely manage all aspects of Franklin's business.

Kecalf claimed Owens has failed to provide the heirs any accounting or inventory of his mother's property and assets. He wants to a full list of her jewelry, masters, Grammys, gold records and other awards.

He called Owens out for not communicating about the new business deals being negotiated. Kecalf claimed to know nothing about the announced television show Genius and the scheduled MGM biopic about Aretha's life.

The heir even claimed they have been given no information about the investigation of her music catalog worth or the investigation of forgery of her checks. He also wants information about the audits being done on her IRS tax returns from 2012 - 2018.

Owens fired back denying Kecalf's allegations she has left the heirs in the dark. She claims to be handling all responsibilities of the estate on time and

She said inventory hasn't been done yet but blamed the heirs for delays. Owens was adamant Kecalf and the other siblings have been updated constantly about the business af-

Owens also revealed since police did not press charges over alleged stolen property of Franklins, the estate is preparing a civil lawsuit. She asked the court to deny all requests by Kecalf and keep her on.

Recently, Kecalf went to court accusing the personal representative of the estate of failing to tell him or his siblings about a variety of issues.

As The Blast previously reported, the estate rep recently claimed to have found three handwritten wills that Franklin left in secret spots around her-

Aretha's son Edward Franklin also filed docs backing his brother Kecalf in the move to remove the current personal representative of the estate and put himself in charge.

Beyond the Rhetoric

Continued from Page 3

out). Courageously she jumped out. I followed right behind her. My prediction that we would live through it was correct. However, Kay fractured her L1 and L2 vertebrae along with her ankle. I broke by ankle along with all five toes on my left foot. We survived but the future was dubious. The people out in our hallway who refused to follow us. It came out in the depositions that all six of them died ance and doesn't want to get right there. 84 other persons dragged into trading insults with died that day in the MGM Grand Trump or anyone else, believing Hotel.

> Kay and I were mangled. However, we had each other and that was going to get us through this major tragedy. Will love get usthrough this?

Mr. Alford is the Co-Founder, President/CEO of the National Black Chamber of Commerce®. Ms. DeBow is the Co-Founder, Executive Vice Iresident of the Chamber. Website: www.national-Emails: bcc.org halford@nationalbcc.org kdebow@nationalbcc.org.

Lubbock's Resident Nephew,

Dr. Donald Richard Conner,

Obsequies

Wilmer Gene "Bookie" McCarty

Funeral services for Wilmer Gene "Bookie" McCarty were held on Saturday afternoon, August 3, 2019at the Lyons Chapel Baptist Church with Rev. Wendell Davis, pastor, officiating.

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

Wilmer, age 74 of Lubbock, Texas, passed away on Sunday, July 28, 2019.

Wilmer was born on August 27, 1944 in Novice, Texas to Etta Mae Sanders and Charlie McCarty.

Gene graduated from Powderly High School.

He worked at Borden Milk Company, Adam Farm Equipment, and Bozeman Machinery and after working at Pach, he retired due to health issues.

Wilmer leaves to cherish his memory: his loving wife, Wanda McCarty; one son, Keith



(Charlotte)McCarty; daughter, Jackie McCarty; three grandchildren, three great grandchildren; three brothers, Charles (Martha) McCarty, Roy (Ella) McCarty, and Don (Wini) McCarty; five sisters, John) Cooper, Evelyn (Lieutenant) Mins, Anna Mc-Carty, Faye (Paul) Latimore, and Bernice Bronner; a host of other relatives and friends.

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Ronald Gerome James

Detroit, Michigan & Former Lubbock, Texas Resident Graveside Services for Ronald Gerome James were held on Thursday afternoon, August 1, 2019, at the City of Lubbock Cemetery under the direction of Griffin Mortuary & Funeral Home of Lubbock.

Ronald was 48 years of age, and was born to Willie, Jr. and Betty James on June 22, 1971 in Lubbock, Texas.

He worked as a warehouse labor and as a security guard at James Cole until his health started to fail him.

Ronald leaves to cherish his memory: his mother, Betty James; one son, Jaron Hoard; one daughter, Rohnesha James; three brothers, Willie (Tania) James, III, Shandom James, and Johnathan James; two sisters, Traquin McKnight and Shandreial James; special friend, Brenyal Hatter and Iesha Hoard; five uncles: Johnny (Vanessa)



Pastor, officiating.

Pearland, Texas.

1938 to Hugh Lee Conner and

Viola Johnson. After graduating

from Phyllis Wheatley High

School in 1956, he attended San

Francisco State College, The

University of California at

Berkeley, and the City College

of the City University of New

York. Helater returned to Hous-

ton to complete his studies, earn-

ing both his Bachelor of Science

and Master's degree in Psychol-

ogy. Donald received his PhD in

Psychology from the University

a very young age at Trinity East

Methodist Church in Third

Ward. In 1984, he joined Wind-

sor Village United Methodist

Church where he served as the

President of the United

Methodist Men, The Gospel

Company, and The Cultural

Awareness Ministries. Addition-

ally, Doc was the founder of the

Jazz Extravaganza Concert

which he hosted annually from

In 1970, Don was joined in

2014 through 2018.

holy matrimony with

He gave his life to Christ at

of Houston.

James, Billy McKnight, Bruce (Pamela) McKnight, Gary McKnight, and Steven McKnight; eight aunts, Jo Marie Gilbert, Ernestine (Dallas) Banks, Bobbye Phenix, Judith (Gregory) Cooks, Shirley (Wendell) Davis, Mary White, Kathy (Charles) Jennings, and Gwendolyn Evans; four nieces, four nephews, a host of other relatives, and friends.

Spencer Briggs, Jr.

Funeral services were held for Spencer Briggs, Jr. on Friday morning, August 2, 2019, at the Griffin Mortuary Chapel.

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

Spencer, age 80 of Lubbock, Texas, passed away on Wednesday June 5, 2019.

He was born on February 1, 1939 to Mr. and Mrs. Spencer Briggs, Sr. in Telephone, Texas.

He leaves to cherish his memory; daughter, Jacqualine Briggs; son, Cornelius Briggs; a host of other relatives and



friends.

Thelma Lee "Shorty" Eden

Funeral services for Thelma Lee "Shorty" Eden were held on Monday morning, August 5, 2019, at the Griffin Mortuary & Funeral Home.

Private Disposition under the direction of Griffin Mortuary.

Thelma, age 79 of Lubbock, Texas, passed away on Wednesday, July 24, 2019.

She was born on February 23, 1940 to Joseph White and Estella Menefee in Lubbock, Texas.

Thelma is survived by her son, Jerry (Odessa) White; step daughter, Paula Chew; two brothers, Bobby Menefee and Zollie White, Sr.; two grandchildren, ten great grandchildren,; a host of other relatives and friends.





Did I Tell You The Story ...?

by Dr. James L. Snyder

I was having a rather down day recently. You know how it is; you are going along 100 miles an hour and finally you crash. I was experiencing one of those reality crashes.

Reclining in my chair, drinking coffee, I thought of one of my old friends. Oh my, he has been gone for almost 5 years now. How time flies by so quickly!

Thinking about him, I began chuckling. The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage came in about that time and said, "What are you laughing at?"

"I was just thinking," I said while still chuckling, "of my good friend Brother Lloyd."

As soon as I said that, she started chuckling herself and sat on the couch. We knew Brother Lloyd for 30 years. In those 30 years, we have had some great times with him and his wife. The last five years of his life, he was a widower.

It seemed like nothing got him down for long. Oh yes, he had his issues and would give you a commentary on his issues. He never was afraid to speak his mind. He had an opinion on every subject under the sun and some over the sun. He must have had a great mind because he always gave people a piece of it.

Of all the friends I have known down the years, nobody had more stories to tell than good old Brother Lloyd. He had a story for every subject you could think of at the time.

I would be talking about something in my life and he would interrupt, "Did I ever tell you the story about ... ?" Not waiting for my reply, he would go on with the story.

I have heard all his stories, and could tell them almost as good as he did. They must have been true because every time he told them they were almost word for word as before.

I must confess I did something once rather naughty. We were talking about some subject, I can't remember what now, and I said, "Brother Lloyd, did I ever tell you the story about...?"

Without giving him an opportunity to respond, I went on with the story. The story I was telling him was one of his stories he told me probably 100 times. I tried to tell it from my perspective, but kept it almost word for

I was sure he would catch on but he never did. When I finished with "his" story he said, "That's quite remarkable because something like that happened to me." Then he went on and retold that story as though he was telling it for the very first time. As far as I knew, he never caught on. I simply listened as

though I was hearing it for the very first time.

Sometimes when my wife and I are talking I will say, "Did I ever tell you the story...?" To which my wife will always respond, "Yes, you did Brother

I chuckled and then thought of what David said. "Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my strength, and my redeemer" (Psalm 19:14).

Everybody has a story, but God's story is the only one that really matters.

Dr. James L. Snyder, pastor of the Family of God Fellowship, lives with the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage in Ocala, FL. Call him at 352-687-4240 or e-mail jamessnyder2@att.net. The church web

www.whatafellowship.com.

Joseph "Joe" Mitchell

Funeral services were held for Joseph "Joe" Mitchell on Thursday morning, August 8, 2019, at Griffin Mortuary Chapel.

Interment followed in Peaceful Gardens Cemetery under the direction of Griffin Mortuary & Funeral Home of Lubbock. Joseph, age 84 of Lubbock,

Texas, passed away on Thursday, August 1, 2019.

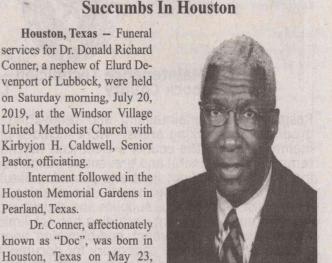
He was born on April 22, 1935 to the late Rufus and Jessie Ann Mitchell in Harrison County.

Joe worked at Pete's Seed and Grain which was later renamed Northrup King Seed where he retired after 47 years. He came out of retirement to

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olyn Ann Lee and unto this union, in November of 1872, his greatest gift, Donita Richell Conner was born.

Over the course of his career, Dr. Conner celebrated many firsts including becoming the first African American to be hired as a counselor by the State of Texas' Vocational Guidance Servies where he served as a Vocational Consultant for the Office of Hearings and Appeals for the Social Security Administration in Houston where he was recognized as one of the best clinicians in the nation. One of his many professional achievements was creating the City of Houston's Employee Assistance Program which afforded municipal employees an opportunity to work through employment challenges to mitigate employment losses. His greatest and most celebrated achievement was the 2008 founding of The Crossroads Community Education Center Charter School which provided opportunities to underserved students.

Throughout his career and subsequent retirement, Doc continued to counsel and mentor throughout the Houston commu-

A brilliant leader admired by all who knew him, Doc always dedicated his life to service. Through his guidance and encouragement, he inspired many others to further their education, start businesses, foundations, ministries, and relationships.

On Monday, July 15, 2019, our beloved Doc transitioned home to be with The Lord where he is now reunited with his mother, father, and stepmother.

Surviving to cherish his beautiful legacy and life are: his beloved daughters, Donita Conner Bessard (Russell) and Samyra Smith (Maurice); four sisters: Nelda Lewis, Bobbie Lane Jones, Sandra Tucker, and Carol Holman; his only brother, Harold Hempstead; grandchildren, Zion Bessard, Maurice Smith, II, and Anais Smith; several godchildren, and a host of other family and friends.

San Juana Nava



Funeral services for San Juana Valdez-were held on Tuesday morning, August 6, 2019, at Griffin Mortuary Chapel.

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

San, age 77, passed away on Wednesday July 24, 2019. She was born on January 27, 1942 to Manuel and Jovita Valdez. After birth she was raised by Manuel and Juliana Valdez. She enjoyed playing bingo with family and friends.

She is survived by two daughters, Cindy (Jeffrey) Meyers and Christine (Jose, Jr.) Mata; one son, Manuel (Diana) Valdez; sister, Lala (Roberto) Sosa; brother, Martin (Aurora) Valdez; eight grandchildren, twelve great grandchildren; a host of other relatives and



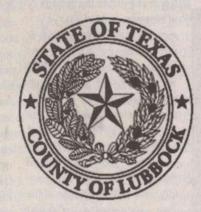
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Joe leaves to cherish his memory; special friend, Christine Howard and her family; daughter, Sherry Flakes; two sons, Willie Mitchell and Joey Mitchell; brother, Estra (Jean) Mitchell; sister, Nora Lee Brown; five grandchildren, five great grandchildren, one greatgreat grandchild, a host of other relatives, and friends.

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A Proposed Change to the Housing Choice Voucher
Administrative Plan to implement a Project Based Voucher Program

DATE: August 15, 2019 TIME: 12:00 p. m.

PLACE: 1708 Crickets Ave. Lubbock, TX 79401

The purpose of the proposed policy is to implement a Project Based Voucher Program for the Lubbock Housing Authority. All residents and other interested parties are encouraged to attend this meeting. The Policy will be available for review beginning July 15, 2019 during regular business hours prior to the Board Meeting at the addresses below. Persons can also submit written comments prior to the meeting to:

Lubbock Housing Authority Central Office

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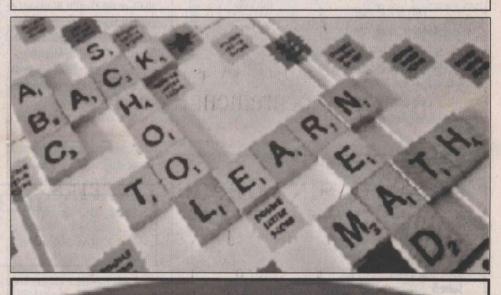
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2019 Caprock Jazz Festival

Article Written/Photos Taken by Mikayla Holmes (Continued from Page 1)

Blake Aaron is multi-talented guitarist, composer, and producer. He is also the host of the live radio show "Blake Aaron Live with Tina Anderson." He is reer as a teenager performing at currently working on his fourth studio album "Color and Passion." His music is a mixture of jazz, R&B, soul, rock and roll, blues, and Latin influences.

Lastly, Joe McBride was born and raised in Fulton, MO and began playing the piano at the young age of 4. His earliest in-

fluences were gospel, bebop, straight-head jazz, Motown, 70's funk and R&B.

Mr. McBride began his calocal jazz clubs. Around this time, he was diagnosed with degenerative eye condition that claimed his eye sight but not his passion for music. His touring program "Brother Ray" pays tribute to music icon Ray Charles. Roots Historical Art Council Director, Mrs. Shirley

Green, says that all the proceeds from the jazz festival will go towards the Caviel African American Museum.

The festival came to be when

the Mrs. Green and the late Eric

Strong decided that the city of

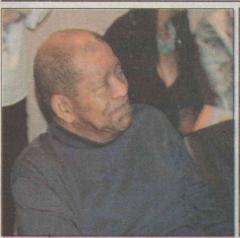
Lubbock needed to have something in the way of jazz to have an influence in the community. Pictured below are a few more photos of attendees at the Jazz Concert held on June 29, 2019.















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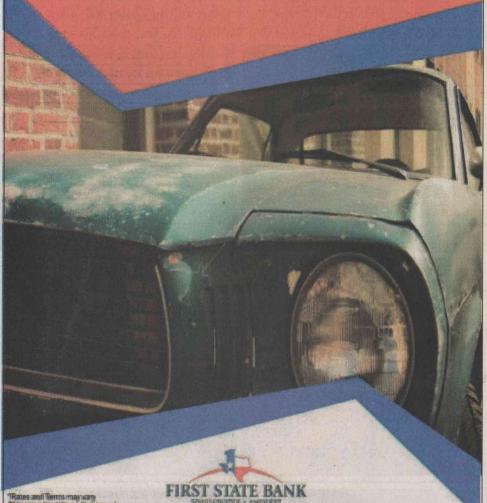
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Doc McKenzie & The Hi-Lites To Appear At Bethel AME Church On Saturday, August 24, 2019

sponsor another GOSPEL-FEST 2019 as a part of the 30th Anniversary which will be held on Saturday afternoon, August 24, 2019, at the Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church, 2202 Southeast Drive, beginning at 3:00 p. m.

Appearing on program will be the Doc McKenzie & The Hi-Lites, Deborah Barnes Moss &

Each One Reach One will Company, and The Golden Voices. "Doc McKenzie & The Hi-Lites were unable to appear on May 26th, but they will be here on August 24," said Faye Brown, director of the program.

> " Deborah Barnes Moss has participated in past Gospel Concerts, and we are looking forward to hearing her and company," said Ms. Brown.

Doc McKenzie & The Hi-Lites are looking forward to performing in Lubbock on Saturday af-

ternoon, August 24th. Rev. Ada Bean, pastor of the Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church, is looking forward to all who will be in attendance. "Come and help us praise the Lord!" says Pastor Bean.

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Our reunion was in Lubbock, Texas this year. This was our 29th year and we had a blast!

Like always, we stayed at one of the hotels. This year it was the Microtel Inn & Suites (Hotel) on I-27. We dressed in the same colors as usual. We went to 24/7 Lounge to paint on the canvas and the owner was very friendly to us; an awesome young man.

On Sunday, we went to Living With Purpose Church. After service we had the best BBQ ever, Lewis style. Our brother Curtis and his crew did a fantastic job. It was elegant and up scale. Our daddy is 93 years old and we truly thank God for him.

We went to the McPherson Winery on Monday and had a picnic. On Tuesday evening, our nephew cooked the best Menudo and his wife cooked egg rolls; it was great! While we were together, we got so many blessings. Thank God for His favor.

We want to encourage all families to love each other, show love, embrace, hug and kiss each other; live life to the fullest. Next year is our 30th year and we plan to go to Vegas. "Vegas here we come"!!! We are already excited.

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