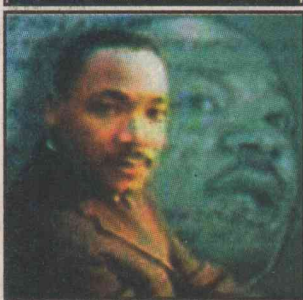




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* Hub City Kiwanis meets 1st & 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7 p. m., Lyons Chapel Baptist Church, East 24th Street & MLK Blvd.

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

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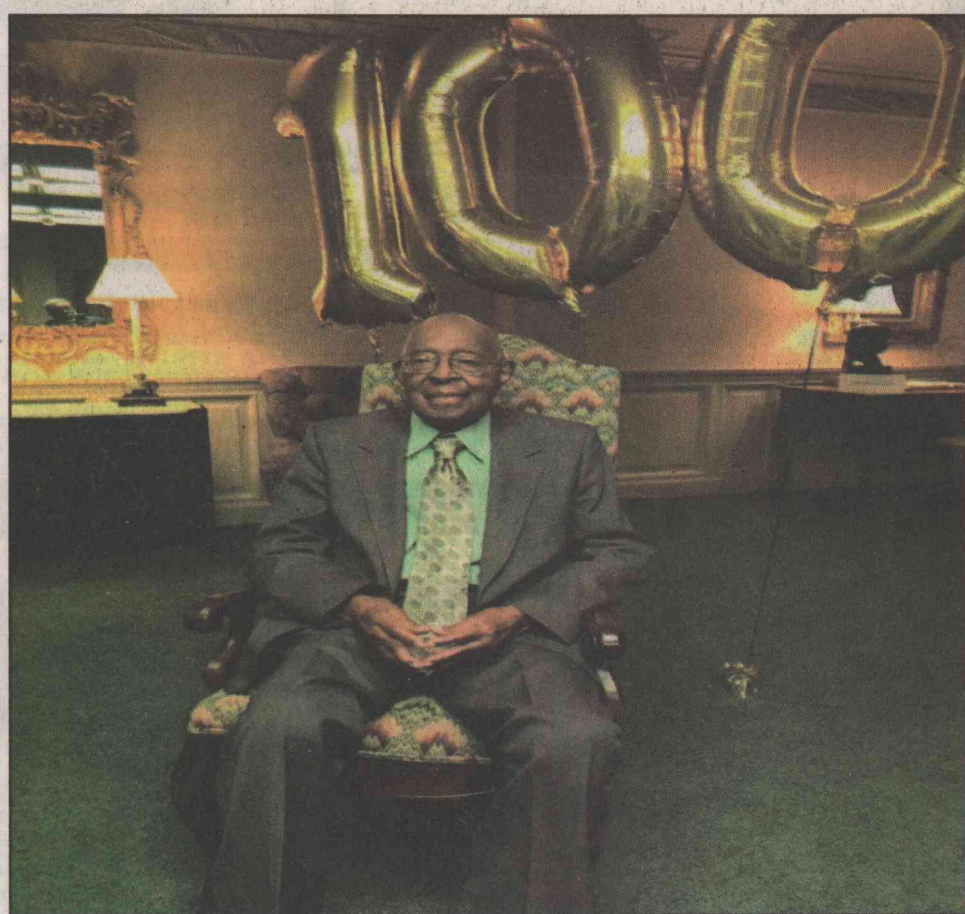


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Mr. James T. Braxton, Sr. Celebrates His 100th Birthday with Family & Friends



Mr. James T. Braxton

Jazz musician Thomas Braxton said he has played "Happy Birthday" plenty of times, but never for a centenarian.

The performance was even more special because of who it was for — his father who taught him how to play, James T. Braxton.

The elder Braxton's 100th birthday was Sept. 18, but he celebrated with dozens of friends and family Saturday afternoon at the First United Methodist Church.

Braxton moved to Lubbock

in 1960 and worked for more than 30 years as a band and orchestra director in the Lubbock Independent School District. Even after retirement, he volunteered as a band instructor at Dunbar Middle School.

He taught not just school children, but offered private lessons. Musician Greg Sidberry recalled at the birthday party the years he spent learning in Braxton's home. Braxton never charged him. Sidberry's son is now a musi-

cian, too, and Braxton's lessons live on.

Braxton has performed as a jazz saxophonist in countless venues, and still plays his violin at Mt. Vernon United Methodist Church, where he is a faithful member.

Braxton and his son Tom were inducted into the West Texas Walk of Fame in 2017. At the induction ceremony, the elder Braxton played saxophone with a jazz combo on stage, noted as a highlight of the evening.

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Thank You! Specialist Chaundra Rhodes For Your Military Service!



Specialist Chaundra Rhodes

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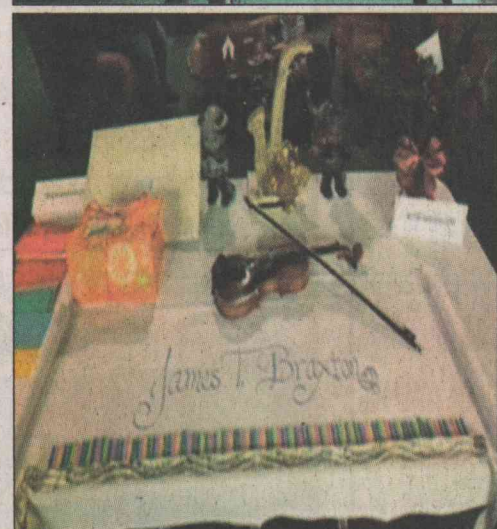
Specialist Rhodes grew up in Levelland, Texas where she graduated from Levelland High School in 1994 where she was twentieth in her class.

She enlisted into the military in 1995, where she studied the Russian language and culture. She served in the United States Army Military Intelligence Unit as a Russian Linguist, 98G. She returned home and attended Texas Tech University in 2000.


Chaundra joined the reserves shortly after 9/11, and completed her service in the reserves in 2003.

She is a member of OneWay Church of God in Christ. She is a cancer survivor and currently resides in Lubbock Texas as a Real Estate Agent.

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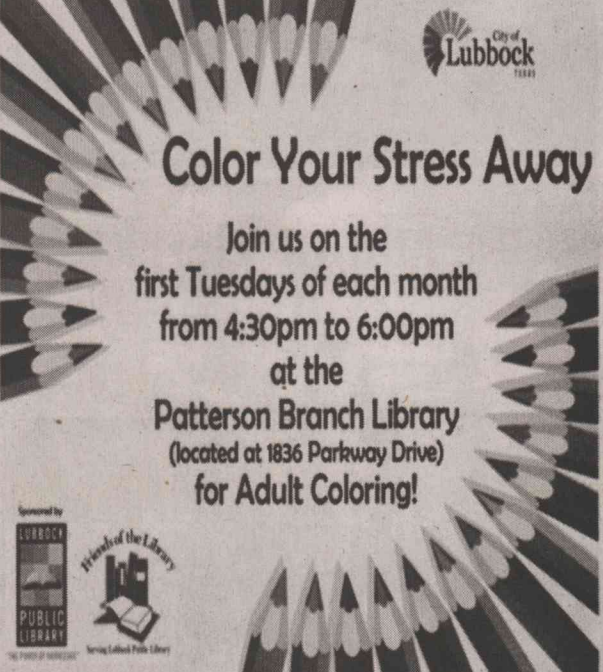
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In Cinque

By Renetta Howard

DRUG DILEMMA

As we age, we find that we need more medicines or drugs to keep us going in a healthy way on a daily basis. For the most part, drugs definitely cost too much and many organizations are working to have prices lowered, especially the AARP (American Association of Retired People.)

Aside from drugs costing too much, we need to be cautious about the side effects of those consumed as well as some of the ingredients which they contain. The latest drug to come under the watchful eye of the Drug Administration is a brand name heartburn medicine, Zantac. The generic name is Ranitidine which is purchased at a lower price than the brand name. It is being said that the Zantac has a small amount of a carcinogen in it. Other words, it contains a cancer causing agent.

I have been prescribed this drug in the generic form and have been taking it for about four years along with other GERD (Gastroesophageal Reflux Disease) medicines. The news about this problem suggested that patients stop taking the drug and I quickly omitted it and the very next day, I have been experiencing chest pains. I am not sure if this is a real problem or one which my subconscious has suggested because I failed to take the pill. I have not contacted my physician because it is a weekend, but will do so on the next business day. Because of the pain, I decided to take the pill, but relief is not as promising as I hoped. It appeared that all was well until I got the news about the pill. Am I better off taking it than not taking it? I will find out tomorrow from my doctor.

Aside from the Ranitidine dilemma, there is one on the horizon about Marijuana and

your health since Cannabis has been legalized in about 33 states. Some people swear that it is a cure-all for whatever ails you, from anxiety to cancer. Clinical trials for the use of the Cannabis oil are being held in Texas for treatment of children, discussed in an earlier article, and from that note, some doctors are embracing their patients' experiences and some are not prepared to deal with it because it has not been taught in medical schools or pharmacies. At best, right now, the word of an experienced user of some form of marijuana is the best report available. So, we are cautioned to use it at your own risk. Current information about the use of marijuana and your health can be found in the September, 2019, Vol. 60, No 7 issue of the AARP BULLETIN. Let us get 'in cinque' and secure all the information we can about the drugs we are prescribed to take.

Texas man wanted for allegedly divorcing his wife without her knowledge



Paul Nixon
Date of Birth: 12/19/67

A Texas man is wanted by police after he allegedly filed for and completed divorce proceedings against his wife without her knowledge.

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Beyond the Rhetoric

By Harry C. Alford & Kay DeBow

Modernize the FAA and Keep Business Moving

Safe and reliable transportation is an essential lifeline of any modern economy. From the trains that whisk business travelers throughout the Northeast corridor and move freight throughout our country to our network of highways that allow people and goods to move freely from coast to coast, America would not be what it is today without these important arteries of commerce.

Equally important is the role that airlines and air cargo plays in fueling the American economy. A recent study found the airline industry helps drive \$1.5 trillion in U.S economic activity and more than 10 million American jobs. When one considers its impact on the broader economy through increased connectivity, trade and enhanced mobility of people, cultures, goods and ideas, commercial air travel has an outsized impact on American industry.

Shipping goods by air has transformed business by effectively shortening the distances between goods and consumers. Airlines now carry on average 58,000 tons of cargo per day and have helped facilitate the rise same-day and next-day delivery services. These services, such a big part of e-commerce today, have in turn fueled the rise of a new generation of small business entrepreneurs who rely on the internet and the ability to quickly get goods to their customers to make their living.

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THIS N' THAT

by T. J. Patterson, Sr.

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THIS N THAT gets pretty tired of some of **US WHO LIVE IN EAST LUBBOCK, SAYING WHAT WE DON'T HAVE!!**But if we would take an inventory of what we have in East Lubbock, it would be amazing with what kinds of inventory we have in **EAST LUBBOCK** or better still **DISTRICT TWO!!**

Let's quit saying that **THEY OWE US SOMETHING!!** Now who owes us something these days in this growing and thriving

LUBBOCK, TEXAS USA?

Just think about this for a few minutes about what you would like to see change and some very positive **THINGS WOULD BECOME A REALITY IN LUBBOCK!**

THIS N THAT is trying to remind each of us who would like to see some things happen then take note..... Remember when many of you graduated from high school where your development came from some very **DEDICATED SCHOOL TEACHERS FROM EAST LUBBOCK** who had you fired up with what you wanted to do with your life so some of you left Lubbock, Texas and traveled to other parts of **TEXAS AND OTHER**

PARTS OF THESE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA! So some of you left your home and moved else where and **EACH OF YOU DID AN EXCEPTIONAL JOB!** What would have happened to **EAST LUBBOCK** if you had remained in Lubbock, Texas..... You see **EAST LUBBOCK, TEXAS HAS DEVELOPED SOME OUTSTANDING STUDENTS** but they left their home base!!

THIS N THAT also has noted when we graduate from an **EAST LUBBOCK HIGH SCHOOL** we move from **EAST LUBBOCK** and enhance other parts of Lubbock! **THIS N THAT** wants us to take note. Don't leave East Lubbock!

entrepreneurship and capitalistic activity both within the United States and via interaction with the Black Diaspora. Connecting with our affiliates in places as far flung as Botswana and Ghana or even closer to home in the Bahamas and Brazil simply would not be possible without a reliable airline industry.

But all these benefits may be at risk if we do not soon modernize our antiquated air traffic control systems. Air traffic controllers currently rely on outdated and inefficient control and monitoring systems to keep America flying and the effects are starting to show.

Increasingly crowded skies are putting additional strain on a system that already lacks resiliency and redundancy. The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) is now responsible for over 44,000 flights every day and for the first time ever in 2018 domestic airlines flew over

one trillion revenue passenger miles. Given the tight operational environment, even minor problems can cause cascading, system-wide issues.

This is causing unnecessary delays and costing billions of dollars annually. In 2018 alone travel delays cost an estimated \$28 billion in direct costs to passengers, airlines, and airports. This figure, while quite large, fails to consider the billions more in indirect and opportunity costs to businesses for everything from lost productivity to missed meetings. The good news is that there is a solution, and it comes at a fraction of the cost of these delays.

The Next Generation Air Transportation System or NextGen is the Federal Aviation Administration's (FAA) plan for modernizing our aging air traffic control systems. NextGen is not one fix but a series of system wide upgrades that would imple-

ment cutting edge technologies such as machine learning and artificial intelligence and apply it to current flight and weather data to eliminate delays, runway circling and delays on the tarmac. This would save time and create a much more energy-efficient system less susceptible to political influence.

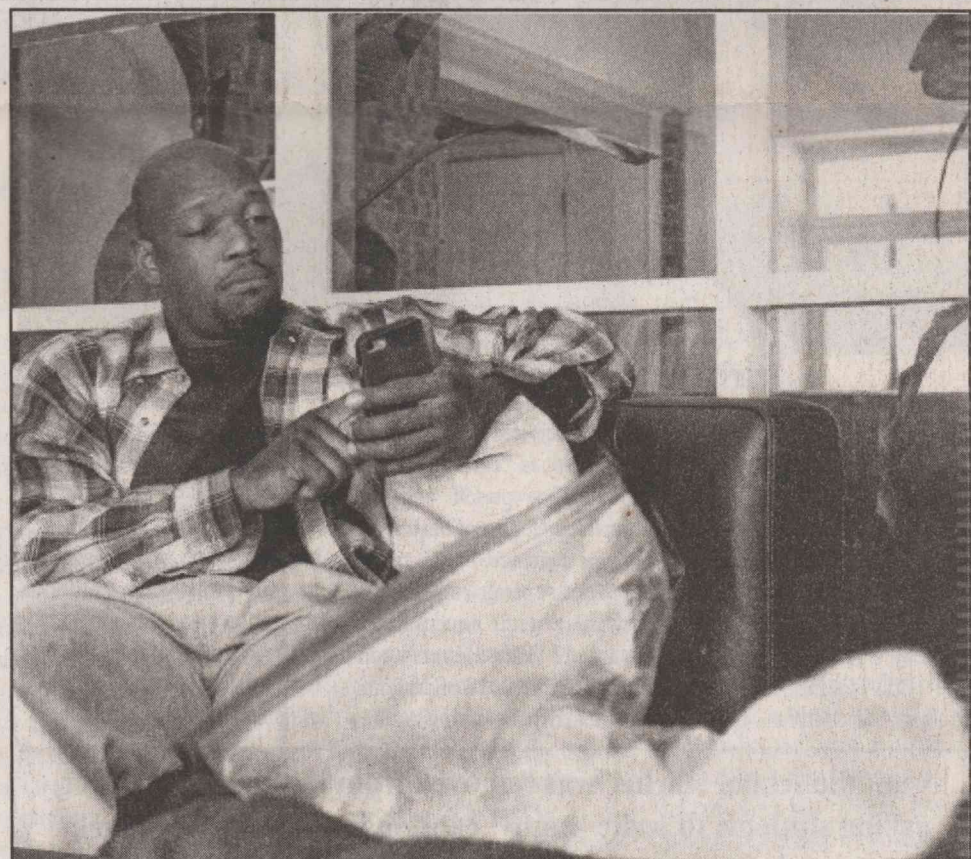
Unfortunately progress on these upgrades is woefully behind. While Congress has been focusing on crafting a \$2 trillion infrastructure bill - that would focus primarily on roads and bridges, water projects and the power grid - they have allowed FAA funding to languish.

Despite the urgency of these upgrades, Congress cut the FAA's budget by \$549 million in the most recent funding bill. What little money the FAA can count on has been put into grants to improve safety and capability at key airports across the count

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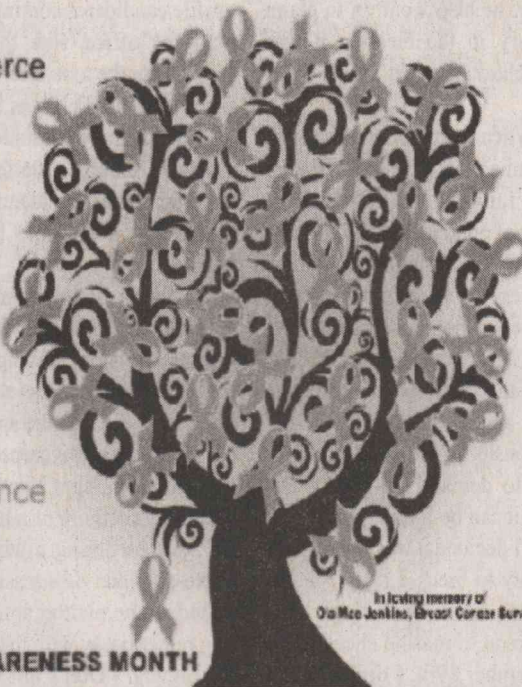
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"Here Is Why The Heathens Rage"

Evangelist Billy "BJ" Morrison, III

Psalm 2:1-2 -- WHY do the heathen rage, and the people imagine a vain (FOOLISH) THING?

The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the Lord, and against his anointed.

AMERICA LEFT GOD; BECAUSE THEY DIDN'T WANT JESUS IN THEIR LIVES.

They wanted **THEIR RIGHTS; TO DO THEIR OWN THING; THEY THOUGHT TO BE WISE!!!**

Psalm 2:3 -- Saying, Let us break our bands asunder, and cast away their cards from us.

(WHEN WE TEACH YOUR CHILDREN; DO NOT STEAL; THEN HE WON'T GO GET KILLED.

WHEN TEACHINGS YOUR CHILDREN; OBEY THE LAW; BECAUSE YOU CAN'T OUT RUN A 9MM. TEACH YOUR CHILDREN; WHEN UNDER ARREST; DON'T PULL HIS HANDS BACK!!!)

Proverb 22:6 -- Train up a child in the way he should go; and when he is old, he will not depart from it.

*****TAKE THEM TO CHURCH; NOT TO FANTICLAND!!!****

AMERICA kicked GOD out of their COURT HOUSES, SOME CHURCHES, AND SCHOOLS.

NOW LOOK AT THE HEATHENS; KILLING THEIR OWN PARENTS; SOMEONE'S A FOOL!!!

Matthew 10:34-36 -- Jesus said, Think not that I am come to send peace on the earth: I came not to send peace but a sword. And a man's foes shall be they of his own household.

AMERICA followed the IMAGINATION; OF A MAN; AND HIS SO CALLED DREAM.

NOW ITS A NIGHTMARE; AND THE WORKS OF IT; CAN REALLY BE SEEN!!!--"BA'AL"

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

(WHAT IS A HEATHEN?--THEY ARE UN-CIVILIZED; THEY LIKE AN ANAMIAL. THEY WANT....

WHAT THEY WANT; AT ANY COST. THEY'RE BARBARIANS; THEY ARE THE AMERICA'S THAT DON'T GIVE A DAMN!!!--NOT ONLY BLACKS KILLING ONE ANOTHER!!!)

Proverb 27:20 -- Hell and destruction are never full; so the eyes of man are never satisfied.

AMERICA let everyone: do that which is RIGHT IN

THEIR OWN EYES.

By following that **DREAMER OF DREAMS; IT ALL TURNED OUT TO BE LIES!!!**

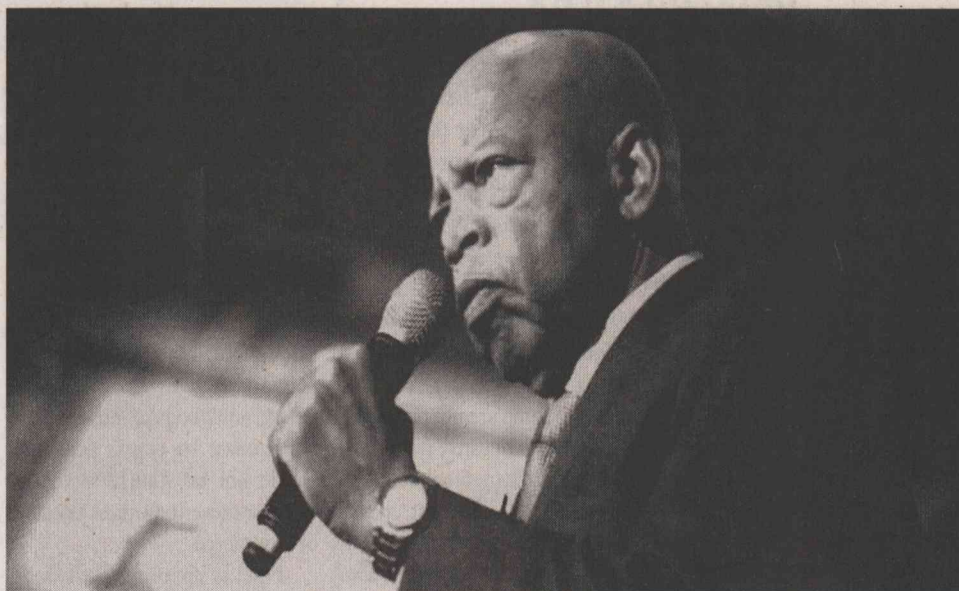
Jeremiah 23:25-28 -- The Lord said, I have heard what the prophets said, that prophesy lies in my name, saying, I have dreamed, I have dreamed. How long shall this be in the heart of the prophets that prophesy lies? Yes they are prophets of deceit of their own heart; which think to cause my people to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

AMERICA HAS LOST HER WAY; AND THERE IS NO JOY, PEACE OR HAPPINESS.

SHE NEEDS TO TURN BACK TO GOD; SO SHE CAN BE TRULY BLESSED!!!

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 I will forgive their sins, and will heal their land.

John Lewis Says He Has Been Moved By the Spirit of History. There Is a Powerful Momentum Building Here.



Congressman John Lewis

Mr. Lewis of Georgia had something to say.

"Today, I come with a heavy heart, deeply concerned about the future of our democracy. And I'm not alone. People approach me everywhere I go, whether I'm traveling back and forth from Atlanta or around our country. They believe that our country is descending into darkness. They never dreamed that the United States, once seen as a beacon of hope, and as an inspiration for people striving for equality and justice will be failing into such disgrace. I share their concerns for the future of our country. It keeps me up at night. We took an oath to protect this nation against all domestic enemies and foreign enemies. Sometimes, I am afraid to go to sleep and I will wake up and our democracy will be gone and never be returned."

"Every turn this administration demonstrates—demonstrates disdain and disregard for the law and for the constitution.

They have lied under oath. They refuse to account for their action and appear before the legislative body who have the constitutional right to inquire about their activities. The people have a right to know. The people have a right to know whether they can put their faith and trust in the outcome of our election. They have a right to know whether the cornerstone of our democracy was undermined by people sitting in the White House today. They have a right to know whether a foreign power were asked to intervene in the 2020 election. They have a right to know whether the president is using his office to line his pockets.

"Mr. Speaker, the people of this nation realize that if they had committed even half of the possible violations, the federal government would be swift to seek justice. We cannot delay. We must not wait. Now is the

time to act. I have been patient while we have used every other path and tool. We will never find the truth unless the user power given to the House of Representatives, and the House alone, to begin an official investigation as dictated by the Constitution. The future of our democracy is at stake. There comes a time when you have to be moved by the spirit of history to take action to protect and preserve the integrity of our nation. I believe, I truly believe, the time to begin impeachment proceedings against this president has come. To delay or to do otherwise would betray the foundation of our democracy.

Listening to John Lewis talk about being moved by the spirit of history is like listening to Magellan talk about being moved by the power of the wind and the sea.

"There is a fearful momentum building here.

Bill Cosby hit with \$2.75 million legal bill as he marks end of 1st year in prison



Bill Cosby has been hit with a \$2.75 million legal bill.

A Philadelphia judge ruled that Bill Cosby will be responsible for a \$2.75 million legal bill according to The NY Post.

A judge stated that Cosby's attempt to free himself from the legal obligation was "egregious" on Friday. The ruling in favor of legal firm Quinn, Emanuel, Urquhart, & Sullivan, of Los

Angeles, rejected Cosby's claim.

Cosby is currently in a Philadelphia prison and has completed the first of his three to ten year sentence.

After several women came forward with accusations, Cosby, 82-years-old, was convicted in April 2018 of drugging and sexually assaulting Andrea

Constand at his house near Philadelphia in 2004.

Cosby star of 80's & 90's hit TV show, "The Cosby Show," has a net worth of \$400 million, but still challenged a California arbitration award that upheld almost \$7 million in legal fees from his first sexual assault trial in Pennsylvania in 2017.

Stacey Abrams on Fighting Through Impossible Odds

From the stage at Bustle's #Rulebreakers2019 in Brooklyn on Saturday, she reflected on her historic bid to be America's first Black governor in Georgia in 2018.

It was the kind of election that seemed the stuff of political fiction. Abrams, a life-long advocate for marginalized communities was facing off against Trump-backed conservative Brian Kemp whose ads feature him bragging about his shotguns and threatening to use his big truck to "round up criminal illegals." As Georgia's then-Secretary of State, the responsibility to oversee the election fell to Kemp, and under his tenure the state was sued for freezing the registrations of thousands of Black Georgians, and he was slapped with a voter suppression investigation. Perhaps unsurprisingly, he also went on to claim victory in the election it was somehow his own job to oversee.

When it seemed unlikely that Abrams would have a winning path forward, she re-wrote the rules of conduct for bowing out. Rather than making a typical concession speech, she instead offered a "non concession."

"As a woman of conscience and faith, I cannot concede," she said, adding she felt it was her responsibility — and everyone's — "to demand fairness wherever it can be found."

"I decided it was my responsibility to break a rule," she recalled from the stage last weekend to roaring cheers. "On November 19th, I offered them my non-concession speech because you can't concede your power away. You can't concede that wrongs should be right. We cannot let them take our power from us. Don't just break the rules to break them. Break them because they need to be broken."

Abrams didn't spend too much time sweating her loss in Georgia; it only inspired her look toward her next move. "Loss is just an opportunity to figure out what to do next. It's never permanent and it's never fatal. Loss is an important part of progress," she told InStyle.



Stacey Adams

But while she looked ahead at what she wanted to do, Abrams, now a bonafide political star, felt everyone's eyes on her. Expectations suggest high profile candidates continue running for office, like the path Beto O'Rourke took after his unsuccessful bid for Texas Senate.

Her name was floated as a potential running mate for various Democratic presidential candidates, or a possible bid for Senate.

"It was a disconcerting thing for someone who is very private on her decision making," she told InStyle. Private as she may be, Abrams shared the spotlight on Bustle's pink carpet with powerhouse singer Lizzo, who became something of a bouncer for Abrams during a whirlwind photo-and-interview session that included one photographer getting rather bossy with the political bigwig. "Don't tell Stacey what to do," Lizzo warned as the two women shared an embrace that went viral the next day.

But Abrams doesn't need protecting in the political sphere — where she's been busy writing her own rulebook of late. Instead of pursuing elected office (despite the public practically begging her to), she announced the launch of the election watchdog group Fair Fight, a massive grassroots campaign to ensure what happened during the Georgia election wouldn't happen again. "Georgia's 2018 elections shined a bright light on misman-

agement, malfeasance, irregularities, and more, and we work to expose both recent and also decades-long actions and inactions by the state to thwart the right to vote," the website explains.

Beyond the Rhetoric

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ty, but the fact of the matter is with steady funding, the FAA would be able to do much more.

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A middle school teacher was removed from the classroom after asking students to write 'funny' captions for pictures of black sharecroppers in the post-Civil War South

Last week, the grandmother of a student at J.W. Dodd Middle School in Freeport, New York took to Facebook to complain about a teacher's "racist" assignment.

The 8th grade teacher's assignment asked students to write "something funny" about photos of black sharecroppers in the post-Civil War South.

A district spokesman told the Long Island Herald that the teacher has been taken out of the classroom while an investigation is conducted.

Darlene McCarty, whose granddaughter attends J.W. Dodd Middle School in Freeport, was the first to draw attention to the assignment. Last week, she took to Facebook and explained that her granddaughter learned about the assignment from a friend who is in the teacher's class.

She wrote that the 8th grade teacher, who is white, handed out an assignment to her students which included a series of photos depicting black sharecroppers in the post-Civil War South. She then instructed her students to "write something



funny" about the photos.

"My granddaughter was and still is very upset and she asked me how can this racist teacher [not] be reprimanded. I told her that I would handle it," McCarty wrote.

On Sunday, the superintendent of the school, Dr. Kishore Kuncham, released a statement saying that the incident was under investigation.

"The emotional and social wellness of our students is always our highest priority and we take any insensitive comments made by staff very seriously," Kuncham said.

A district spokesman later clarified the Long Island Her-

ald that the teacher had been taken out of the classroom for the time being. Kuncham said in the same article that he had heard about the assignment from a number of parents at the school.

At a Tuesday Board of Education meeting, an apology from the teacher, who has worked with the district for more than 20 years, was read, according to the Herald.

As of Wednesday, Kuncham told the Herald that the board is finalizing an agreement with the teacher, but would not release details about what that agreement would entail.

The outcome of this meeting should be very interesting.

Obsequies

George "Wolf" Smith, Sr.

Funeral services were held for George "Wolf" Smith, Sr. on Monday morning, September 23, 2019, at the New Hope Baptist Church with Rev. Larry Polk, pastor, officiating.

Interment was held at Peaceful Gardens Cemetery under the direction of Griffin Mortuary & Funeral Home of Lubbock.

George, who was a resident of Fort Worth, Texas and formally of Lubbock, age 86, passed away on Tuesday, September 17, 2019.

George was born February 04, 1933 to the parentage of Dave and Lonnie Smith in Barry, Texas.

In 1953, Wolf was drafted into the Army during the Korean War and was discharged honorably after serving two years.

Upon leaving the war, George returned to Lubbock to make history as the first African American cashier in the city at Brooks Supermarket after starting in their meat department.



He worked for White Swan as a truck driver.

George leaves to cherish his memory; three daughters: Mary (Anthony Henderson) Roberson, Felicia (Jerry) Gulke and Reuita (Andrew) Wassom; three sons: Wesley Smith, Duncan (Pamela) Smith, and George Smith, Jr.; nine grandchildren, six great grandchildren; a host of other relatives and friends.

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Lubbock Man's Brother, James E. Benson, Sr., Passes In Pearland, Texas

Pearland, Texas -- Funeral services were held for James Edward Benson, Sr., the brother of Joe Benson of Lubbock, Texas, on Saturday afternoon, September 14, 2019, at the Hope Church Pearland with Reverend Norris Jackson, pastor, presiding.

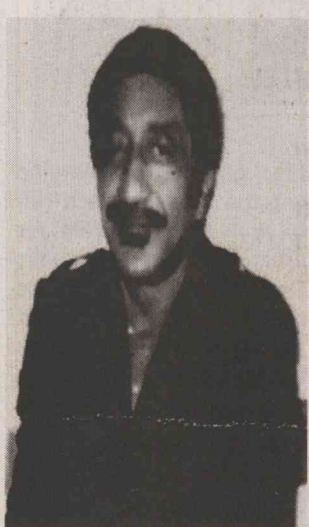
Interment followed in the Houston National Cemetery under the direction of McCoy and Harrison Funeral Home of Houston, Texas.

James Edward was born November 17, 1935 in Chilton, Texas to Joe Antone Benson and Iona Crump, and he completed this life's journey on Friday, September 6, 2019. A native of Chilton, Texas, James completed his secondary education at Fred Douglas High School.

After previously being blessed with two children, Patricia and Charles, James Edward was married to Georgia Mae Shaw for 40 years who preceded him in death. Together, they were blessed with four children: Jamesetta, Jane, Kevin, and James, Jr.

James Edward was a supervisor at Maxwell Coffee, and also worked at a mortuary, but his passion was trucking. He was a dedicated truck driver for the majority of his long life, over 25 years.

James Edward was preceded in death by his parents, his wife,



Georgia Mae; his brothers: C. B., Leroy, Lonnie, and Chester; his sisters: Dorothy, Opal Mae, and Martha; and his step-son, Levine.

Forever to be remembered by his children: Patricia Lewis, Charles Lewis (Kathy), Jamesetta Benson, Jane Benson, Kevin Benson (Stephanie), and James Benson, Jr.; brothers: Joe Benson, Freddie Benson (Darlene), and Jerry Benson; sisters, Ruby Humphrey (Edward) and Princeola Jackson. James' legacy will undoubtedly be manifested through his 13 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren; alongside a host of other family and friends.

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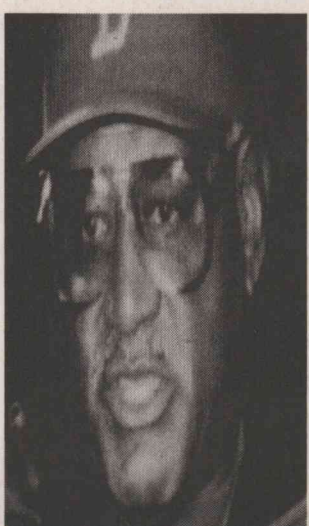
Coaching Great, Louis Kelley, died Friday, September 27, 2019 at the age of 81

Longtime Estacado High School football coach Louis Kelley died, the Lubbock ISD confirmed on Friday morning, September 27, 2019.

Kelley was a head coach for 26 years and earned more than 230 victories - most of them at Estacado.

Kelley was in 1961 the first African American athlete to graduate from New Mexico State.

The following is a statement from Lubbock ISD Executive Director of Athletics Mike Meeks regarding the loss of Coach Louis Kelley:



The entire Lubbock ISD family is deeply saddened by the loss of Coach Louis Kelley this

I Wasn't Born Old, It Just Happened That Way!

by
Dr. James L. Snyder

It seems to me that nobody is happy with the way they are. When you are young, you want to be old and then when you get old you want to be young.

It dawned on me this past week when I was sitting in my chair in the middle of the afternoon with no inspiration to get out of the chair and go do something.

I was just chilling in my chair when the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage walked by, stopped in front of me, put both hands on her hips, stared at me for a moment giving me that look. Then she said, "I guess you're getting old, aren't you?"

With that, she whirled around and walked away, leaving me to my own thoughts. Nothing is scarier in the whole world than to be left with your own thoughts.

Then I chuckled to myself. As I thought about me being old and my wife recognizing that I am old, it dawned on me that she is older than me. Now please, do not let her know I let this slip out of the bag. But, if I'm old, what does that make her?

Being the gentleman that I am, and a great lover of life, I will never bring this to her attention. If she finds out that she is old, she will never learn this information from me. I may be old, but my goal is to get older.

Right after this little incident, I walked into a McDonald's restaurant to get some coffee. I prefer to keep certain things to myself and my age is one of them. I cannot hide my good looks; it is all out there in the open for everybody to see.

"Are you a senior citizen?" The waitress behind the counter asked chipperly.

At first, this really irritated

me. What business is it of her with regards to my age? I was just about ready to ask her what her age was when she changed the whole conversation.

"If you are a senior citizen your coffee is only \$.80." With that, she smiled quite gingerly.

That puts age in a very different perspective for me. Normally, coffee is \$1.39, but for senior citizens, it is only \$.80. A lot of things I am not very proficient at, but arithmetic is not one of them. If I would admit to this young lady that I was a senior citizen, I could save \$.59. I do not know about anybody else, but \$.59 is \$.59!

"Why, yes," I muttered, "I am a senior citizen."

"Oh dear," she giggled, "you sure do not look like a senior citizen to me."

Now, I do not know if she really meant that or not but allow me to repeat myself, \$.59 is \$.59!

My great objective from this

Temple, Texas -- Funeral services for Pamela Sue Collins Newman, daughter of Clifford C. Collins of Lubbock, Texas, were held on Saturday morning, September 14, 2019, at the Brandford Dawson Funeral Chapel with Elder, Rev. Joyce Anita Drake in charge. Her subject was "Life Well Lived."

Pamela was born on November 13, 1962 to Glen and Clifford Collins in San Angelo, Texas.

At an early age, she accepted Christ as her personal Savior and united with Wayman Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church where she served.

Pamela was united in matrimony to Frank Newman, Jr. on February 26, 1999. To this union, two children, a daughter, Frances Newman, and a son, Michael Newman, both of San Antonio, Texas, were born.

Pamela attended Temple High School, and graduated in 1981. She was employed at American Desk, Santa Fe Hospital, and Heartland Nursing Home for extended periods throughout her adult life.

She was a loving and caring soul, who was always willing to help others in their time of need. She devoted her time to the Lord, her friends, and family.

Pamela Sue Collins Newman's walk of life ended on



Wednesday, September 4, 2019 in San Antonio, Texas.

She was preceded in death by her mother, two sisters, Frances R. Carroll and Veronica K. Collins; as well as several aunts, uncles, and cousins.

She leaves to cherish her beautiful memories: her husband, Frank V. Newman; two daughters, Crystal N. Conner and Frances, both of Killeen, Texas; a son, Michael; two sisters, Virginia and Jackie; her father, Clifford Collins of Lubbock, Texas; three brothers: Clifford Collins, Jr., Michael Collins, and Beretta Collins.

Active Pallbearers were: Clifton Collins, Diminico Collins, Quinn Williams, Tricon Williams, Jamie Duncan, Ronald Gates, Kevin Conner, and Marcus Calton.

LaVera Williams

Brownfield, Texas -- Funeral services were held for LaVera Williams on Friday morning, September 20, 2019, at the Griffin Mortuary Chapel.

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

LaVera, age 55 of Brownfield, Texas, passed away on Tuesday, September 3, 2019.

LaVera was born April 26, 1964 to Lawrence Williams and Deola Bell in Brownfield, Texas.



ily is deeply saddened by the loss of Coach Louis Kelley this

morning. Coach Kelley was a vital part of Lubbock ISD athletics for many years. He mentored and loved thousands of athletes across our district and his influence will be felt for generations to come. Coach Kelley meant so much to so many of the lives he touched in his 40-year career in Lubbock ISD.

Coach Kelley spent his entire career in Lubbock, coaching the Dunbar Panthers from 1970-1975 and the Estacado High School Matadors from 1975-2000. While at Estacado, his teams won 17 district championships, played in four state semi-final games, and battled for the state championship in 1983.

Kelley was named Lubbock Avalanche-Journal Coach of the Year eight times. He was inducted into the Texas High School Coaches Association Hall of Honor in 1997, inducted into the Abilene ISD Hall of Honor in 1988, and inducted into the New Mexico State University Hall of Fame in 2004. In 2001, Kelley was named the Texas Tech Legendary Coach of the Year.

We extend our deepest condolences to the Kelley family. Today, a victory has been claimed. We will miss you, Coach. #justwin

Linda Gail Wallace

Funeral services were held for Linda Gail Wallace on Saturday morning, September 28, 2019, at the Hope Deliverence Temple.

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

Linda, age 64 of Lubbock, Texas, passed away on Tuesday, September 24, 2019.

Linda was born to Arthur Manahan and Charlene Jackson on June 14, 1955.

She graduated from Dunbar- Struggs High School. She worked as Security at Pinkerton and managed the LaQuinta Inn and Suites.



Linda leaves to cherish her memory; her mother, Charlene Jackson; daughter, DaRonda Adams; son, Cedric Adams, Sr.;

five sisters: Mary (Michael) Session, Lena (Cedric) Girdy, Tonnie (Timothy, Sr.) Sheppard, Loretta Adams, and Shawna Bobo; five brothers: Slyvester (LaToya) Jackson, Todd (Isabel) Jackson, Lester Jackson, Michael (Missy) Jackson, and Robert Wynn; five grandchildren; a host of other relatives and friends.

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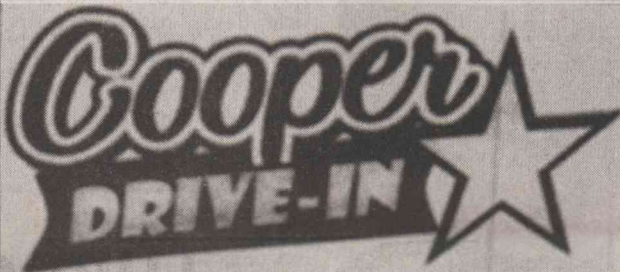
**Houston Husband
Accused Of
Filing Divorce
Against Wife
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Paul Nixon, 51, was accused of aggravated forgery — a felony charge — after authorities discovered his fraudulent divorce paperwork, the Houston Chronicle reports.

Nixon apparently filed the paperwork on Feb. 15, the day after Valentine's Day. A judge then signed the divorce order in April, legally dissolving his marriage.

In May, Nixon's wife found out about the secret divorce and called the police. Authorities investigated the situation, finding that the 51-year-old had managed to forge his wife's signature and even faked a notary's approval on the paperwork.

Police filed a motion to vacate the order a few weeks later, essentially reinstating Nixon's marriage to his wife. They announced earlier this week that he was wanted in connection to the crime.



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The Texas Association of Black City Council Members, TABCCM, will be hosting their Annual Conference in San Antonio, Texas from October 8-11, 2019 during the Texas Municipal League, TML.

On Tuesday morning, October 8, 2019, the 16th Annual T. J. Patterson, Sr. Golf Classic will be held at the Hyatt Hill Country Golf Club, 9800 Hyatt Resort Drive in San Antonio.

Registration will begin at 11:00 a. m. which will include Sign-up and Check in. At 11:30 a. m. - 1:00 p. m., Past President's Putting Contest. At 1:00 p. m. -- SHOTGUN START.

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On Wednesday afternoon, October 9, 2019, the TABCCM Annual President's Luncheon at the St. Phillips College Sutton Learning Center-Bowden Alumni Room, 1801 Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive.

Keynote Lunch Speaker will be Dr. Adena Williams Loston, President of St. Phillips College.

The TABCCM Reception will be held on Wednesday evening, October 9th, beginning at 6:30 p. m. at the Bohanan's Prime Steaks and Seafood, 219 East Houston Street, from 6:30 p. m. until 8:00 p. m.

Thursday, October 10, 2019, Concurrent Session at the Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center, Room 221 D, from 2:00 p. m. until 5:00 p. m.

Meetings will include An-



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nual Report & Report by the President; Nomination Committee Report (Membership MUST be current to VOTE).

Workshop Presentations will be made available.

If there are any questions, call Kelly Allen Gray, TABCCM President, at (817) 360-8446.

Hope to see you at the Annual meeting.

**Braxton Celebrates
100th Birthday
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A native of Tulsa, Oklahoma and a World War II veteran, Braxton was married to Bernice Braxton for 69 years until her death in 2014. Together, they had two children and two grandchildren.

Daughter Ruby Braxton described her father as a kind, loving man.

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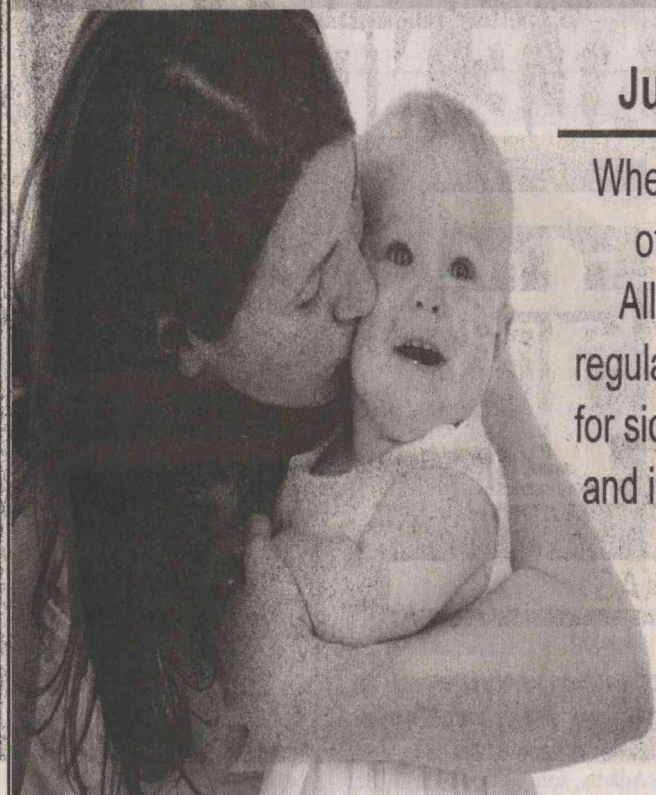
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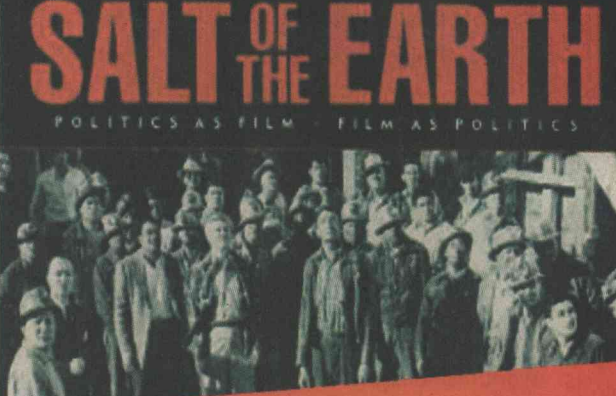
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