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- \* 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...
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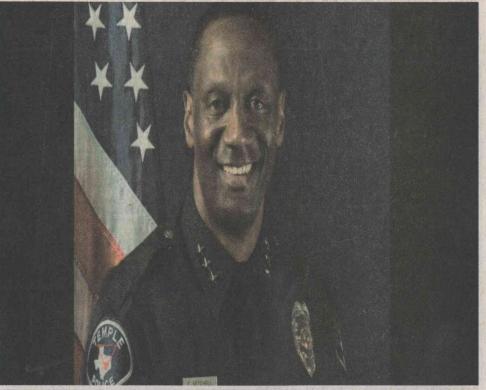
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# **New Police Chief Hired By** The City Of Lubbock, Texas!!

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**Chief Floyd Mitchell** 

pleased to announce the selection of Floyd Mitchell to serve as the next Chief of the Lubbock Police Department. Chief Mitchell has more than 29 years of law enforcement experience and is currently the Chief of Police for Temple, Texas, a Recognized department by the Texas Police Chief's Association. Mitchell served previously in Kansas City, Missouri, where he began his police career. He is a veteran of the United States Air experience, his sincere desire to Force and holds both a Masters be in Lubbock and the opportuand Bachelors of Business Administration from Baker Univer- nity policing skills into our city sity. Chief Mitchell is a Master Certified Peace Officer in Texas

The City of Lubbock is and is a graduate of the FBI National Academy.

Chief Mitchell completed a rigorous recruitment process that saw 43 applicants vie for the position. The process included video and in-person interviews as well as a public reception attended by more than 100 community representatives.

"We are greatly honored to bring Chief Mitchell to Lubbock," said Lubbock City Manager Jarrett Atkinson. "His nity to incorporate his commi played strongly into his selection."

"First and foremost, I'd like

to begin by expressing how truly honored I am to be selected as Lubbock's Chief of Police," said Chief Floyd Mitchell. "I look forward to working with each member of the department, and the citizens of Lubbock in continuing its great tradition of public safety and community engagement."

Chief Mitchell's appointment will be presented to the Lubbock City Council at its regularly scheduled meeting on October 22, 2019 for confirmation. Chief Mitchell expects to join the Lubbock Police Department on November 11, 2019.

Congratulations, Chief Floyd Mitchell!

Coach Louis Kelley, A Legend From Lubbock, Texas Funeral services were held for a man who wanted to help young people along the way in

Thursday, October 17, 2019

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A Legendary Coach,

Coach Louis Kelley,

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something good in life! This gentleman was Coach Louis E. Kelley who left some positive footprints in the sands

their lives and never giving up

on what they were doing to do

Funeral services were held on Friday morning, October 4, 2019, at the Estacado High School Auditorium with Rev. Dr. J. H. Ford, pastor of the Greater St. Luke Baptist Church,

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

Coach Kelley, age 81 of Lubbock, Texas, passed away on Friday, September 27, 2019.

Kelley was born on July 10, 1938 in Fort Worth, Texas to Emmitt and Lilian Kelley.

Coach Kelley, graduated from Woodson High School in 1956 in Abilene, Texas, and participated in football and basketball all four years of his high school career. After graduating from Woodson High School in 1956, he received a football scholarship to Cisco Junior College and was the first black player to integrate.

He transferred on to New Mexico State University where he was co-captain of his football and baseball teams and was named Most Valuable Player in

football in 1959.

Coach Kelley was drafted in 1960 by the Dallas Texans, which are now the Kansas City Chiefs. In 1960.

Coach Kelley started as a Junior Varsity Coach at Dunbar High School in Lubbock, and later became Varsity Assistant

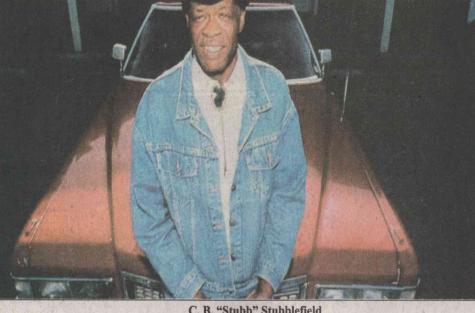
Coach and later Head Coach. He was named Head Coach of Estacada High School in 1975 and retired in 2000. As a head coach, his career includes 15 district champion teams, 8 state, state playoff appearances that included a Class 4a state runner up in 1983 with only three losing

seasons. In his 30 years, Kelley compiled a record 240-91-10 with 17 total district championships. Coach Kellev was named A-J's coach of the year eight times, and Texas Tech Legendary Coach of the Year, and was inducted into the Lubbock ISO Hall of Honor, the Texas High School Coaches Association Hall of Honor, the Abilene ISO Hall of Honor, the New Mexico State University Hall of Fame and Prairie view Interscholastic League Coaches Association Hall of Honor.

After retirement, he worked for City Bank of Lubbock.

He leaves to cherish his memory and legacy: wife, Claudier Armstead Kelley; son, Louis Earl Kelley (wife, Zabrina); sister, Hattie Wyett; three grandchildren; a host of other relatives and friends.

# C.B. Stubblefield, of "Stubb's Bar-B-Q," inducted into BBQ Hall of Fame



C. B. "Stubb" Stubblefield

On Saturday, September 14, 2019, at the World Series of Barbecue in Kansas City, Lubbock-native C.B. Stubblefield was inducted into the Barbecue Hall of Fame.

Christopher B. Stubblefield, or "Stubb" as he became known, is famous around the country for his barbecue sauce, originating from the restaurant he used to operate in Lubbock, Texas in the 1960's.

Stubb was born in Navasota, Texas in 1931, and he started his cooking career as a veteran during the Korean war, serving as a mess sergeant in the last allblack regiment. Friends of Stubb say his mess hall was the first true incarnation of Stubb's Bar-B-Q. He left military service with two purple hearts, and moved to Lubbock where he opened a restaurant.

In 1968, Stubb's Bar-B-Q opened as a building that could reliably fit 75 patrons, but their website says they would squeeze in when the live music started to

Stubb's restaurant was a welcome sight for fans of food and blues music. Featuring appearances from legendary musicians like Johnny Cash, B.B. King, Stevie Ray Vaughan, and Muddy

After 17 years, Stubb was forced to close his doors in

1985. One of Stubb's musician friends, Willie Nelson, tried to convince him to move his business to Austin. In March of that year, Stubb told Texas Monthly: "I got run out of Lubbock, 'cause I was broke, busted, and disgusted. I can't fight the IRS with barbecue and sauce."

Stubb reopened Stubb's Legendary Bar-B-Q off I-35 in Austin, Texas in 1986.

### 4th Annual Pastor Appreciation Day Set For Pastor Adna Bean

The 4th Annual Pastor Appreciation Day has been set for Pastor Adna Bean on Sunday afternoon, October 20, 2019, at the Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church, 2202 Southeast Drive, beginning at 3:00 p. m.

The theme for the service is "God's Promises."

Pastor Bean was reassigned pastor of the Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church during the Annual Conference at the Anderson Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church during the conference by the Rev. Vashti Murphy McKenzie, Presiding Bishop of the 10th Eiscopal District, in the 10th



Pastor Adna Bean

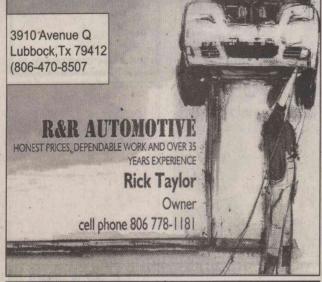
Episcopal Annual Conference. Her reassignment happened on Saturday morning, September 7, 2019, in Kileen, Texas

Special speaker for the appreciation service will be Rev. Hiawatha Culver, lead pastor of the Rising Star Baptist Church, 2420 East Cornell Avenue, in



Rev. Hiawatha Culver Lubbock. Rev. Culver has been serving the Lord and the com-Continue on Page 4





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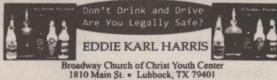
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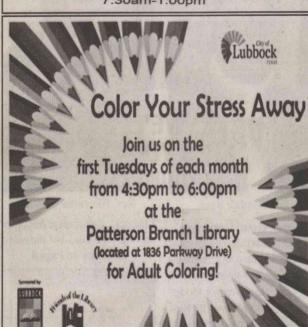




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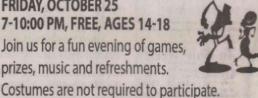
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# In Cinque

By Renetta Howard

## POLITICAL REALITY TIME

This year, 2019 has been wrought with political Tweets, Facebook adage, Instagram photos, comedic shows, newspaper articles and comic strips which all seem to have a central thread: impeach President Trump. At this time, it appears that Congresswoman Nancy Pelosi, the Democratic leader in the House of Representatives is not in accord with the idea of impeaching the President. No one knows why except her, it seems.

I am without a doubt that if President Obama had done a fifth of the things that President Trump appears to be guilty of, there would not have been any waste of time, money or effort, to impeach him. As a matter of fact, President Bill Clinton, who when elected, proclaimed that he was the 'first Black' President, was guilty of about a tenth of Mr. Trump's accusations and he was impeached. The odd things about the charges against Mr. Clinton were strictly of a personal nature. The only persons whom he had hurt were those directly involved with him and his family. The national welfare did not suffer from his wrongdoings, just his personal family and maybe some friends. He did not lose his position due to impeachment. As far as most Americans were concerned, he left the office an honorable man and had the U S. Constitution made it possible, he would have been elected again.

Aside from sending troops overseas to fight recently, President Trump has people in place to attempt to change The U.S. Constitution to make it possible for him to be the President of this country as long as he lives and have the right passed down to his off springs, just as is done in England and other monarchies. This was posted on Facebook. True or not, it bears

looking into. It also bears the need for all Americans who enjoy a modicum of freedom of any kind, to get in touch with your senators and representatives and let them know how you feel about the current political reality and urge them to take a stance and vote to insure justice, domestic tranquility, the common defense, the general welfare, and secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity; the purpose of the law of the land, The United States Constitution.

We must get ' in cinque' as citizens for the love of this country and our fellowman, to do what is necessary to insure that our government does what it is intended to do for its people. I would love some feedback. Contact me at my e-mail address or my website, below.

#### West Nile Virus

The City of Lubbock Health Department has confirmed the first case of West Nile Virus (WNV) in a resident of Lubbock for 2019

WNV is a disease of birds. Humans are exposed to the virus when they are bitten by mosquitoes that have fed on infected birds. The infected mosquitoes become the link (vector) that spreads the disease from birds to humans through a mosquito bite. WNV cannot be spread person-

Symptoms of West Nile fever include headache, fever, muscle and joint aches, nausea and fatigue. People with West Nile fever typically recover on their own. There is a more serious form of the illness, West Nile encephalitis, which may have additional symptoms of neck stiffness, stupor, disorientation, tremors, convulsions, **Beyond the Rhetoric** By Harry C. Alford & Kay DeBow

We have picked a Great Ally in India

On the morning of September 20, 2019, we witnessed a very amazing occurrence on television. There was a rally being broadcast live from Houston Stadium. It was entitled a "Howdy, Modi" rally. There it was on live television over 50,000 people, mostly of Asian Indian descent, crammed into the stadium to hear an address from their "hero", Prime Minister Narenda Modi of India. He had come to the United States to boost the morale of the Indian Diaspora throughout the world and increase relations with the United States and the United Na-

As the audience assembled

you could detect the high emo-

tions and pumped up pride. The Prime Minister of their "Motherland" had come to address them along with the rest of the world as it was being televised worldwide. As Prime Minister approached the microphone his aura took control. His first assignment was really a mind blower. He began speaking and it became apparent that his first assignment was to introduce his guest speaker. That guest speaker was none other than our President, Donald Trump! Narenda had the participants on their feet as he told why he was selecting President Trump to address his Diaspora members. He referred to President Trump as his "true friend" which is rare and very bold in our current political climate. He was taking a strong position and was telling it to the world. The broadcast was airing live in India and many other places around the world. Keep in mind, India alone has over 2.4 billion citizens.

Just how did President Trump perform? He almost "blew the roof" off the stadium from the

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THIS N THAT ..... without any doubt ...... knows about some of the ...... GOOD THINGS ...... which are on the way for ...... DISTRICT TWO ..... and we can't give up ...... because there are some ...... GOOD THINGS ...... coming to ...... DISTRICT TWO!!!! ...... No matter what some may say ...... let us con-

about what you may see.

tinue to have **ABOUT** THE THINGS COMING TO DIS-**TRICT 2!!!** 

by T. J. Patterson, Sr.

THIS N THAT ..... will never give up ...... because we've come too far. With the help of ...... EACH OF YOU IN DISTRICT 2 ..... remember there is nothing we can't do. All of this will really happen ..... that is ...... IF WE ASK ALMIGHTY GOD TO BE WITH US, AND WE RE-FUSE TO GIVE UP WITH WHAT WE BELIEVE!!!

THIS N THAT ..... realizes there is so much we can do ..... if we will only believe in things really ...... HAPPEN-ING IN DISTRICT TWO!! DO YOU BELIEVE WE WILL MAKE IT HAPPEN!!

loud applause and cheering that the very motivated crowd awarded to him again, again and over and over. The loudest response which lasted nearly ten minutes long was when he vowed to destroy Islamic Terrorism wherever it may be and will do this together with India and other allies. It was one of the strongest events to be televised in recent history. The implications are enormous.

The history of India is most interesting. It was part of the British Empire and was "compressed" together with what now has become Pakistan. A classic case of European powers dominating the world with the rewriting of maps and reorganizations of tribal nations. Pakistan is a nation of 230 million who are 96% Muslim. In 1857, Pakistan became part of British India. When India gained its independence in 1947, much of the Muspopulation desired to

become separate and independent from India. So, it was done and the relationship between the two nations have been "touchy" ever since. There have been a few military skirmishes from time to time with India having the upper hand every time.

As opposed to the Islamic state of Pakistan, India is predominantly Hindu. However, it proudly proclaims itself to be the largest documented Democracy in the world. This is what makes it attractive. Also, India is developing at "lightning speed" in terms of technology and economic sufficiency. It is so important for America to have good quality allies. In India, it appears that we have one.

In terms of Trade, what better trading partner could we have with one possessing 2.4 billion consumers. It appears that Prime Minister Narenda and President Trump are going to make the best of their partnership and Trade will be one on the biggest beneficiaries.

Don't take this wrong! We are not neglecting Pakistan. The very next day, President Trump spent quality time with Pakistan Prime Minister Imran Khan. Prime Minister Khan is a charismatic leader who was one of the greatest Cricket athletes of all time. He is equally popular in Pakistan as Narenda is in India. President Trump has made it clear that we value partnerships with both nations.

However, it appears that India shows the love a little better than Pakistan. Pakistan is tolerant with the rebel Taliban tribe which fights us constantly in Afghanistan and occupies some of Pakistan (outback country) without any challenges. India has no tolerance for the Taliban. It only makes sense that we should rely on India more than Pakistan when it comes to rebel

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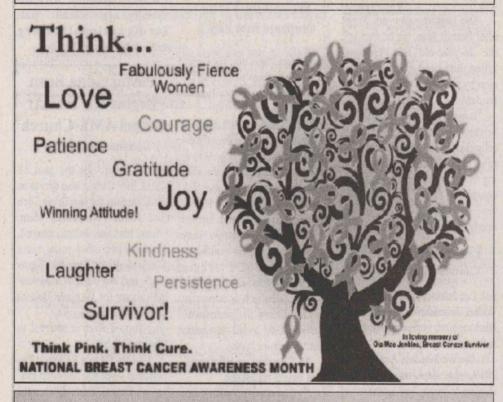
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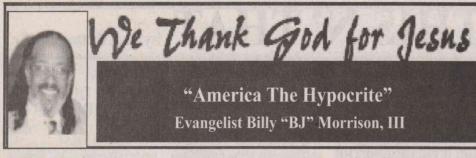




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**BUT AMERICA.... LIKE** ISRAEL; LEFT GOD FOR IDLES; THINGS, LIKE MONEY AND GOLD!!!

Isaiah 1: A sinful nation, a people laden with iniquity, a seed of evildoers, children that are corrupters: they have forsaken the Lord.

America started out serving GOD; then she wanted HER FREEDOM.

She wanted to do her own thing; NO MATTER WHERE IT CAME FROM!!!

Isaiah 1:21-13a -- How is this faithful city become an harlot! It is full of judgment; righteousness lodged in it; but now murderers. Your silver is become doss, your wine is mixed with water. Your princes are rebellious, and companions of thieves: every- one loves gifts, and follows after rewards.

\*\*\*AMERICA I SAY IT'S PRAYING TIME!!!\*\*\*

James 4:9 - Be afflicted, and mourn, and weep: let your laughter be turned into mourning, and your joy into heaviness. \*\*\* WHERE IS AMER-

ICA'S LOVE???\*\*\*

The 14year old boy KILLS HIS CLASSMATES; ONE WHO WAS HIS BEST FRIEND.

BUT THE DEVIL GIVE HIM HIS RIGHTS; AND HIS SUICIDE LIFE; CAME TO AN END!!!

Proverb 14:12 - There is a way which seems right unto man, but the end thereof are the ways of death.

\*\*\* AMERICA I SAY IT'S PRAYING TIME!!!\*\*\*

AMERICA YOU PLAY GAMES WITH OUR CHIL-DREN; CALLED HELL-O-

YOU TEACH BLOOD, BLOOD; AND ONE WHO KILLS THE OTHER; IS A KING OR A QUEEN!!!

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WITH THE TROUBLES IN AMERICA; AND SHE WANTS TO HELP THE FOREIGN MAN.

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AMERICA TALK ABOUT DRUGS; DRIVING HER LITTLE CHILDREN INSANE.

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I Timothy 6:10 -- For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.

\*\*\* LETS TEACH OUR CHILDREN LOVE; AND NOT HATE!!!\*\*\*

AMERICA turned on GOD; and played the DEVIL'S

SHE SAYS, MAN TO MAN; AND WOMAN TO WOMAN; THE MARRIAGE IS THE SAME!!!

II Chronicles 7:14 -- If my people, which are called by my name (CHRISTIANS), 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 their

Luke 12:54-56 -- Jesus said, When you see a cloud rise out of the west, straightway you say, There cometh a shower; and so it is. And when you see the south wind blow, you say, there will be heat; and it cometh to pass. You hypocrites, you can discern the face of the sky and of the earth; but how is it that you do not discern the time?

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## Without basketball, Magic Johnson shifts focus to community



Magic Johnson Speaking To Press On April 9, 2019 Prior To NBA Game.

Magic Johnson might actually miss the Los Angeles Lakers if he wasn't always checking

Johnson quit as the team's president of basketball operations at the end of the last season, leaving him out of a gym, but not out of the loop, as Los Angeles opened training camp.

"I'm working like I'm still there, anyway," Johnson said, laughing. "I talk to them all the them without being there physi-

Without the daily grind of management to restrain him, volved with my church and Johnson has spent the months without basketball traveling with his family, tending to his thriving business interests, and giving time to his church. He's still advising - Johnson recently consulted with his bishop at West Angeles Church of God in Christ on the sale of some its properties. The deal will help the church build its Family Life Center for its nearly 20,000 weekly attendees. The West Angeles Church also paid the mortgage on its cathedral with the sale and was able to establish a financial reserve.

Johnson and his family have been members of the church led by Bishop Charles E. Blake for

years. "It's a tremendous accomplishment itself that an African-American pastor, a bishop can say to us as a community and congregation that, 'we own our church.' I think what you'll see is that others will follow," Johnson said. "From that sale, we're able to build our family life center. So many community services will be established because of the family life center. When he asked me to help out, I was very willing to do that and to advise him and the other members that

he chose to make sure they were making the right decisions and moves."

Johnson's wife, Cookie, joined the church about 20 years ago and the basketball Hall of Famer soon followed her and found a deeper connection with his faith. Blake and Johnson have teamed on various projects to help improve inner cities, launched programs designed to strengthen black families and time. It's crazy how I'm still with spearheaded relief efforts in cities hit by hurricanes or other.

natural disasters. "I wanted to get more inworking with Bishop Blake," Johnson told The Associated Press. "When you think about his spiritual vision and plan, as well as what he had in mind in terms of his business plan for the Crenshaw corridor, it's in line with what I've been doing in my business. I share his vision and want to just work with him and for him to see how we can improve the community."

Johnson recently toured a hospital in Newark, New Jersey, that boasts a greenhouse designed to boost wellness initia-

"It's really amazing what the hospital is doing for the community," Johnson said. "That's what I'm all about. I've been around the country doing the same thing and that's what God has called me to do. I just want to go out

and bless other people." He stunned the Lakers when he abruptly quit in April, not even telling owner Jeanie Buss or general manager Rob Pelinka before he announced his decision to reporters at the regularseason finale. Johnson, who had been investigated four times by the NBA for tampering, fought off tears as he explained his decision was made in part because

he wanted "to go back to having fun.'

"I'm going to be there every game," Johnson said. "I'm not a guy who goes backward in terms of saying, 'yeah, I miss it.' I love the Lakers. I miss the interaction with Jeanie every day. I miss being at the practices."

But without his break from the NBA, Johnson said he wouldn't be able to spend weeks in Europe with his wife to celebrate both of their 60th birthdays. He also has ownership stakes in the Los Angeles Dodgers and Los Angeles FC and attended a baseball playoff game on Thursday.

"I'm still a Laker," he said. "I'll always be a Laker. I'll always help the Lakers. I'm pulling for us to win the championship this year. But when I, stepped down, it allowed me to do so much more that I wanted to do. The Lakers are in great

The Lakers had missed the postseason in each of their three springs since Johnson and Pelinka took over, and not even the addition of LeBron James last year could end the playoff drought. But the addition of Anthony Davis has made the Lakers a contender to win the

Western Conference. He'll keep an eye on the Lakers - all while making the commitment to church and community. Included in the sale was the caveat that bars, cannabis businesses, strip clubs and other nuisance business were banned from being built on the property.

"I brought Starbucks there on Crenshaw so there was a place where people could meet other people," Johnson said. "But what the church was able to do was 100 times even bigger than bringing Starbucks there."

Atheist group says Texas judge 'crossed the line'

when she handed a Bible to Amber Guyger

A national atheist group has filed a formal complaint with the state of Texas after a judge in a Dallas court gave a Bible to former police officer Amber Guyger who was convicted of murdering her neighbor.

The gesture by Texas District Judge Tammy Kemp, who also suggested the Bible could change Guyger's life, came at the end of an emotional sentencing hearing this week. Guyger received a 10-year prison sentence for fatally shooting Botham Jean, an unarmed man in a Dallas apartment she had mistaken for her own.

Kemp left the bench to approach and hug the tearful Guyger, handing her what she said was one of the personal Bibles she used every day.

"This is your job for the next month," Kemp told Guyger. "It says right here. John 3:16. And this is where you start. 'For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eter-

The Freedom from Religion Foundation, which includes presidential son Ron Reagan Jr., on its honorary board, filed its complaint Thursday with the Texas State commission on Judicial Conduct, saying Kemp's "proselytizing actions overstepped judicial authority."

The Wisconsin-based group asked the commission to investigate the incident as a violation under the Texas Code of Judicial

During the four-minute encounter between the judge and Guyger, according to the complaint, Kemp told the 31-yearold former Dallas cop, "It's not because I'm good. It's because I believe in Christ. I'm not so good. You haven't done as much as you think you have, and you can be forgiven. You did something bad in one moment in time. What you do now mat-

The gesture came not long after Brandt Jean, the brother of the 26-year-old man Guyger killed, had been given permission by the judge to hug the defendant.

"It is perfectly acceptable for private citizens to express their religious beliefs in court, but the rules are different for those acting in a governmental role," the complaint said. "We, too, believe our criminal justice system needs more compassion from

#### Erma Jean Johnson Continued from Page 5

mie Lee Johnson, Lionel Laddie, Walter Johnson, and Maudane Hinton; and one sister-in-law, JoAnna Bradford.

On Wednesday, August 28, 2019, she departed this life, leaving to honor her memory: a devoted granddaughter, Tara Renee Scott; her dearly loved great-grandson, Chaz Aleezander Scott-Dickerson; two sisters, Terentia Laddie and Earline Bradford of Houston; brothersin-law, Claude E. Johnson (Charity) and Robert Johnson (Lavora) of Ft. Worth; sisters-inlaw, Jimmie White of Arlington and Hazel Johnson of McKinney, Texas.

She will also be greatly missed by a host of family members and friends who loved her dearly!

judges and prosecutors. But here, compassion crossed the line into coercion."

The judge quickly found defenders, including the Texasbased First Liberty Institute, which supports religious free-

"We should all be thankful the law allows Judge Kemp's actions," said Hiram Sasser, legal counsel for the First Liberty Institute. "We stand with her and will gladly lead the charge in defending her noble and legal ac-

Asked if Kemp's gesture was a violation of court procedure, policy or protocol, Dallas County District Attorney John Cruezot tells CBS11 that if anyone complained, "I would do everything I could to support the appropriateness of it."

"I can't tell you I've done the same exact thing, but I have spoken to defendants, have I given them a hug, perhaps," he says. "Not given a bible, that's not me, but I don't think there's anything inappropriate about what she did, and I would support that, if anyone tried to file a complaint, I would do my best to intercede and protect her."

Kemp, through her office, has declined to comment to local media about the incident.

In the 2018 killing, Guyger said she had parked on the wrong level of her apartment building's parking garage by mistake and walked down a corridor to the apartment directly above hers, thinking it was her own. She became worried when she noticed the door was unlocked, she said.

Two members of the jury that convicted Guyger said the diverse panel tried to consider what the victim would have wanted when the group settled on a 10-year prison sentence instead of the 28 years sought by

"We all agree that (the shoot-

#### West Nile Virus Continued from Page 3

muscle weakness and paralysis. Up to 80 percent of people infected with the virus will have no symptoms.

There are no medications to treat or vaccines to prevent West Nile virus infection. People over 50 years old and those with other health issues are at a higher risk of becoming seriously ill. If people have symptoms and suspect West Nile virus infection, they should contact their healthcare provider.

While we are near the end of mosquito season it is important for individuals to continue to take steps to avoid mosquito bites. These include:

\*\* Wearing an EPA registered insect repellant

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\*\* Limiting outdoor activities during peak mosquito

\*\* Dumping standing water around your home.

For more information on West Nile Virus visit the Centers for Disease Control and Preven-(CDC) website at: http://www.cdc.gov/westnile/ind ing) was a mistake, and I don't think Bo would want to take harsh vengeance," a panelist identified only as Juror 21, told ABC's Good Morning America on Friday, referring to the victim by his nickname. "I think he would want to forgive her."

### Beyond the Rhetoric

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threats. Remember, Osama Bin Laden was "chilling" in Pakistan when we caught up with his vile self. Pakistan offered no justification for the tolerance they gave him.

Both nations are nuclear powers. It is scary that so many Islamic Terrorists travel through Pakistan with impunity. India cracks down on them without fail. In fact, there is debate that India may be a little too rough. We disagree with that.

Pakistan has the 11th largest military force in the world. India comes in at 5th (we are number 1). It is good insurance for our nation to have friends who can protect themselves in the hotbed of the Asian Continent. It appears without argument that India is the better of the two. President Trump and Prime Minister Narenda are grooming a very strong and productive partnership. We must not mess this up in any way.

Finally, the Indian Diaspora is powerful! In our travels we have seen it before our very own eves. Trinidad, Jamaica, Ghana, Kenya, England, South Africa and just about every where else in this world there is a connection with "Mother India". We need friends like this!

Mr. Alford is the Co-

Founder, President/CEO of the National Black Chamber of Commerce ®. Ms. DeBow is the Co-Founder and Executive Vice President of the Chamber. Website: www.nationalbcc.org Email: halford@nationalbcc.org kdebow@nationalbcc.org.

#### Pastor Adna Bean Begins 4th Year At **Bethel AME Church** Continued from Page 1

munity there for the past 18 years. Rev. Culver also serves as the Chaplain for the Texas Tech Red Raider Basketball team, where his son, Jarrett, played. Rev. has two other sons, one a Track & Field Star for Texas Tech, and the other is a basketball player for Wayland Baptist University.

Rev. Culver is married to Regina Culver.

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God Bless Pastor Bean!

## Dr. Helen Young Jones

# **Obsequies** Amelia "Molly" Duarte

Funeral services were heldfor Amelia "Molly" Duarte on Thursday morning, October 3, 2019, at the Griffin Mortuary Chapel.

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

Amelia, 48 of Lubbock, Texas, passed away on Thursday, September 26, 2019.

She was born to Sofia Dunson and Ralph Duarte.

Amelia leaves to cherish her memory: husband, Robert Robledo; three daughters: Jasmin Holguin, Cheyenne Facundo, and Christian Holguin; one son,



Jose Holguin; one brother, Warren Dunson; nine grandchildren; a host of other relatives and friends.

#### Exodus 10:17-19

"Now therefore forgive. I pray thee, my sin only this once, and entreat the Lord your God, that he may take away from me this death only.

And he went out from Pharaoh, and entreated the Lord.

And the Lord turned a mighty strong west wind, which took away the locusts, and cast them into the Red sea; there remained not one locust in all the coasts of Egypt."

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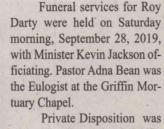
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**Roy Darty** 

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Amelia, age 69 of Lubbock, Texas, passed away on Monday, September 17, 2019.

Roy was born to R. V. and Carrie Darty on October 16, 1949 in Lubbock, Texas. He was the sixth child of 11 children.

He accepted Christ at an early age and was baptized at the New Hope Baptist Church in Shallowater, Texas.

He attended the New Deal Public Schools, and graduated from Dunbar High School in Lubbock, Texas. After high school. Roy enlisted in the U.S. Air Force. After serving his country, he worked at the Plains Cotton Compress for many vears.

His favorite past time was watching all sports. Roy had a love for his family and friends. He will be missed by many.



Roy is preceded in death by his parents, R. V. and Carrie M. Darty; two brothers, M. T. Darty and R. J. Darty; and his wife, Katy J. Darty.

Roy leaves to cherish his memory: two sisters, Wanell Davis and Laydail Burelson, both of Houston, Texas; seven brothers: David Darty of Dallas, Texas, Horace Darty of Tulsa, Oklahoma, Joe L. Browning of Houston, Texas, Sammy (Linda) Elza, Garry (Glenda) Darty and Bobby (Lillian) Darty, all of Lubbock, Texas; a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives, and friends.

#### Dallas, Texas -- The Homegoing Celebration for the Life of Dr. Helen Young Jones was held at Saint Luke Community United Methodist Church on Friday morning, August 23, 2019, with Doctor Michael Bowie, Jr., Senior Pastor & Officiant.

Interment followed in the Pleasant Springs Cemetery in Centerville, Texas under the direction of Golden Gate Funeral Home of Dallas, Texas.

Dr. Jones was born July 24, 1944 in Centerville, Texas to Caroline and Simon Young. She was the youngest of 10 siblings. She graduated from high school at the Paul Lawrence Dunbar High School in Lubbock, Texas. She earned her Bachelor's Degree from Paul Quinn College in Waco, Texas; a Master's Degree from the University of Texas at San Antonio, Texas, and a PH.D. from Texas Women's University in Denton, Texas.

Dr. Jones taught school for 17 years in the cities of Dallas and San Antonio. She challenged students and determined to get the best from them. Her dedication to children was noted as she was named Teacher of the Year and Principal of the Year in the Dallas Independent School District. Dr. Jones also taught school at Paul Quinn College where she served as Chair of the Early Childhood Program. She also taught courses in testing for the Texas State Exam for Teachers. She petitioned the Dallas



School Board of Trustees and was successful in getting DISD to name its buildings in the names of two well-deserved administrators: Dr. Rosie Sorrells and Dr. H. B. Bell.

Dr. Jones leaves in her memory: her daughter, Courtney Jones, and Courtney's father, Carey Jones; her brother, Simon Young, Jr., and his wife, Grace Young; her sister, Mary Liza Cofield, and her sister, Ethel Young; and a host of beloved nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, 2 sisters, Katie Rollison and Emma Rayford; and 4 brothers: Billy Richard Young, W. A. Young, James Ray Young, and Samuel Young.

Dr. Jones was a faithful member of the St. Luke Community United Methodist Church.

Active Pallbearers were friends and relatives of the fam-



came a member of Pine Hill

began at Central High Elementary and continued through George Bradford High School in Rusk, Texas where she graduated with the Class of 1944. After graduation, she entered Jarvis Christian College where she obtained a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1948, and a Master of Education degree in 1964 from Texas Southern University. She became a very active and proud member of the Eta Delta Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.

During her time at Jarvis Christian College, she met Charles Wysong Johnson, whom she married on September 1, 1949. To this union, one child was born, Cheryl Denise John-

Her teaching career began at Jarvis Christian College and Frederick Douglas High School, both in 1948. In 1951, she and her husband moved to Lubbock, Texas, and they both taught at Ralph Bunche Elementary School in Lorenzo, Texas. After six years, she and Charles began teaching careers in the Lubbock Independent School District (LISD). After greater than three decades in the Texas Education System, she and her husband both retired in 1986.

While in Lubbock, Erma Jean and her family were very active in church and the community. She dedicated many years of service to Mount Gilead Baptist Church where served as a deaconess, Sunday school teacher, superintendent, usher, and other roles of service. The Johnson family transferred their membership to Rising Star Baptist Church in Lubbock where she served until she moved to the Houston area to be near her fam-

Her service to the Lubbock community was profound as she worked as an administrator with the City of Lubbock Housing Authority. Later, as the Director of the Lubbock Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers Program, she recruited volunteers to provide services including respite care, visiting and assisting elderly and disabled Lubbock residents. Additionally, she wrote grants which provided necessary funds to less fortunate members in the community.

Erma Jean Johnson is preceded in death by her parents; her devoted husband, Charles W. Johnson; one daughter, Cheryl Denise Scott-Thompson; a sonin-law, George Scott, III; sisters, Elloyce Johnson and Alice Hinton; brothers: Booker T. Bradford, Jr., George Bradford, and Arverian Bradford; brothers-inlaw: Clarence White, Sr., Jim-

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## **Earnell Shed**

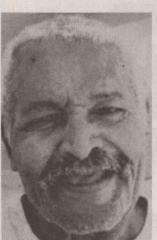
Funeral services were held for Earnell Shed on Friday morning, September 27, 2019, at the Griffin Mortuary Chapel.

Private Disposition was under the direction of Griffin Mortuary.

Earnell, age 78 of Lubbock, Texas, passed away on Wednesday, September 18, 2019.

He was born on October 18, 1940 to Thomas and Maggie Shed in Fairfield, Texas.

May God continue to bless the Earnell Shed Family.



#### Erma Mae Bradford Johnson

services were held for Erma Mae Bradford Johnson on Friday, September 6, 2019, at the University Christian Church with the Rev. Vern Faulk, pastor, officiating.

Interment followed in the Houston Memorial Garden

I remember my father once

told me, "Son, when life delivers

you a dilemma, make lemonade

out of it." To which I looked at

him with a big grin and said, "Is

there any dilemma I can make a

grinned all day long and nobody

ever had to ask me the question,

"What are you grinning about?"

After my wedding, however,

everything changed. I have no

regrets or anything of that na-

ture. While I am saying this, you

can imagine I am grinning.

Nothing has made me happier in

life than marrying the Gracious

the living room having a cup of

coffee and talking. As we were

talking unbeknownst to me, I

was grinning. It is something

that happens automatically to

in a very somber tone, "grinning

thinking about the first time we

met." Then I laughed heartily.

about?"

that?"

"What are you," my wife said

"Oh," I said, "I was just

"What was so funny about

That was the beginning of

trying to explain why I grinned

all the time. I explained to her

how that day was the real begin-

ning of my life. Then, she

grinned. That began a wonderful

conversation of those beginning

days of our life.

Mistress of the Parsonage.

On my wedding day, I

root beer out of it?"

Everybody knew.

other.

Houston, Texas - Funeral under the direction of the Bill Clair Family Mortuary, Inc. of Houston.

She was born in Alto, Texas, Cherokee County on June 15, 1927 to Booker T. Bradford, Sr. and Jessie Cleaver Bradford.

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> I well remember the time my wife was walking around the house everywhere. I stopped her and said, "What are you doing?" "I'm looking for my glasses."

> > I thought I was being set up

"What are you grinning about? Have you," she snapped, "seen

so I grinned very cheerfully.

my glasses?" I did not know what to say

because I could see her glasses on the top of her head where she often puts them. Then she discovered where

her glasses were and just looked at me. I was still grinning. Recently, she had some prob-

lems with her back and I called the ambulance to take her to the local ER and the doctors begin to work on her.

One of the medications they used was some form of morphine. I let my daughters oversee that because that was completely above my pay scale.

On the wall was a very nice picture of a landscape with trees and bushes and so forth. I no-My wife and I were sitting in ticed my wife looking at that picture and then she said, "Isn't a very nice picture of a pickle?"

She then looked at me and said, "What are you grinning about?'

One of my daughters said, "I guess the medication is starting to kick in."

I have been enjoying my grinning ever since. Occasionally my wife will look at me and say, "You're not still grinning about the pickle are you?"

"Why no," I say, trying to hide a grin, "have you found your glasses yet?"

Trust me when I say, she did not grin back at me.

Thinking about this I was reminded of one of David's Psalms. "Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue with singing: then said they among the heathen, The Lord hath done great things for them" (Psalm 126:2).

My philosophy has been, find something every day to grin about and you will have a happy life along with fresh lemonade. \*\*\*\*\*\*

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.

### Odell "Ben" Johnson, Jr.

Funeral services were held for Odell "Ben" Johnson, Jr. on Saturday morning, October 5, 2019, at Griffin Mortuary Chapel.

Private Disposition was under the directon of Griffin Mortuary & Funeral Home of Lubbock. Odell, age 79 of Lubbock,

Texas, passed away on Thursday, September 26, 2019. He was born in Longview,

Texas to Odell, Sr. and Mae Ollie Johnson on August 27, 1940. Odell attended Lamesa Public School and graduated

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## Odell Johnson, Jr.

**Continued from Page 5** graduated from Blackshear High School.

He worked at the Oil Mill. Lamesa Elevator Grainery and Phillip 66 Truck Stop in Lamesa, Texas.

He leaves to cherish his memory; three daughters: Gwen Lewis, Mary (Jack) King, and Mae Ollie (Mitchell) Lamb; four sons: Otis (Sherry) Butts, Tony (Jean) Johnson, Christopher Johnson, and Michael Johnson; siblings: Carrie Richard, Doris Skief, John Barrett, and George Rollins; 30 grandchildren, 60 great grandchildren, 5 great, great grandchildren; a host of other relatives and friends.

## **City Names New Police Chief**

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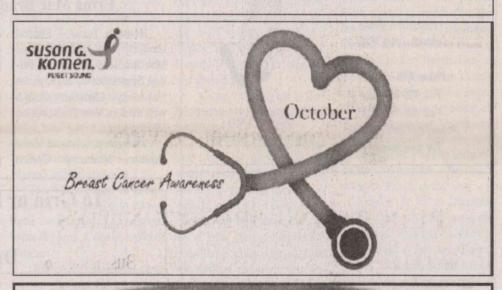
The CAVIEL MUSEUM has been in operation for about seven years. It has been a part of the FIRST FRIDAY ART TRAIL for almost two years. We have had many local and distant artists to exhibit mixed mediums and to participate and appreciate the enjoyment of sharing the variety of arts with the community and educational institutions Our mission is to educate the community about the contributions the African Americans have given to West Texas and Lubbock, TX.

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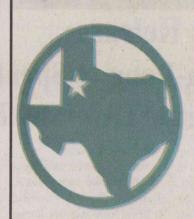
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Spicy Ranck (61)

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Rashad is winging it up at his new catering wing business at Demaine's Wingz & Flaza. This newly established catering business has the bases loaded. It is where everything is loaded with flavor and flava.

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Please place all orders at least one day in advance along with the time needed by. This will allow for the food preparation time. Demaine's currently offers FREE delivery service within the city limits of Lubbock.

#### **HOURS OF OPERATION**

Monday - Thursday: 10am-8pm Friday - Sanday: 10am-10pm

#### METHOD OF PAYMENT

#### Gask Payments Only

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#### **GOMBO ORDERS**

Wing count of 25-45 comes w/1 side Wing count of 50+ comes w/2 sides





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# Cyntoia Brown-Long to Speak at Texas Tech's Celebrate Diversity Banquet

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Cyntoia Brown-Long to Speak at Texas Tech's Celebrate Diversity Banquet

The author, speaker and advocate for criminal justice reform will deliver the keynote remarks at the annual event, which recognizes those who exemplify inclusive excellence.

The Office of Institutional Diversity (OID) will once again recognize those within the Texas Tech University and Lubbock communities who exemplify inclusive excellence at the ninth annual Celebrate Diversity Ban-

Cyntoia Brown-Long, author, speaker and advocate for criminal justice reform, will

for the annual scholarship fundraiser, held at 7 p.m. Nov. 6 in the Frazier Alumni Pavilion.

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Brown-Long will share her story in the hopes that it will not only inspire others, but also shine a light on the injustice people still face on a daily basis, especially the injustice to women and children in American pris-

Her memoir, "Free Cyntoia: My Search for Redemption in the American Prison System," was written while she was in prison and released in 2019. It will be available for purchase at the event, and a book-signing will immediately follow the ban-

The memoir documents her life before prison and the 15 years she spent incarcerated. It is set against the backdrop of a life behind bars, the injustice of sentencing sex-trafficked juveniles as adults and Long-Brown's struggle to overcome a family legacy of addiction and a lifetime of being ostracized and

abandoned by society.

Past speakers for the banquet include Edward James Olmos, Terrence Howard, Soledad O'Brien, John Quiñones, former U.S. Poet Laureate Juan Felipe Herrera, Grace Gealey-Byers, Michael Benitez and Ana Navarro.

"The Celebrate Diversity Banquet provides a unique opportunity to bring in noted individuals whose lives and work have had a significant impact on private and public conversations, thinking, policy and practice, and ways in which our communities can be more inclusive to those who might often get overlooked or are simply ignored," said Carol A. Sumner, chief diversity officer and vice president of the Texas Tech Division of Diversity, Equity & In-

"Having Cyntoia Brown-Long as our keynote speaker will bring awareness to an issue that has history and significance in our Lubbock community while

simultaneously providing hope and possibility in real terms. We are honored to have her and know her address will affirm that one person with hope can change lives, policy and our national discourse.'

The recipients of the Robert L. Duncan Community Champion Award and the Inclusive Excellence Awards, who will be announced prior to the banquet, also will receive recognition at the banquet. Proceeds from the banquet benefit student scholarships. General tickets are \$75 and VIP tickets are \$100. Tables of eight are available for \$1,000, \$1,500, \$3,000, \$5,000 and \$7,500 sponsorships.

"Our annual banquet gives us the opportunity to celebrate the rich diversity that makes Texas Tech and Lubbock the great places they are while also generating funds for student scholarships," said Cory Powell, a director in OID.

"Since its inception, this event has allowed us to award



more than \$39,000 to deserving Red Raiders, and we look forward to continuing this tradition for years to come."

**About Cyntoia Brown-Long** Born to an alcoholic, teenage mother who also was a victim of sex trafficking, Brown-Long experienced a sense of isolation, low self-esteem and alienation. She became a victim of sex trafficking and was arrested at age 16 for killing a man who had solicited her for sex. After being tried as an adult, she was sentenced to life in prison, without the chance for parole for 51

Long-Brown's life took a dramatic turn when the prison education principal took her under her wing, introduced her to a spiritual path and encouraged her to build a positive life in prison while resisting negativity. Her journey included a documentary about her life, a profound encounter with God, an unlikely romance and, after 15 years, a commuted sentence

by Tennessee Gov. Bill Haslam. After receiving an unprecedented national and international outpouring of support from social media advocates, pastors and celebrities, she was released from the Tennessee Prison for Women on Aug. 7, 2019.

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