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- * Hub City Kiwanis meets 1st & 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7 p. m., Lyons Chapel Baptist Chuch, East 24th Street & MLK Blvd.
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- * 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
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Black History Month Celebrated at The Patterson Branch Library on February 15, 2020

The Patterson Branch Library hosted its' annual African American History Month Celebration to honor the achievements of African Americans in the community. This year the library honored athletes. Welcoming remarks were presented by Lubbock City Council-members. The ceremony began at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, February 15, at the Patterson Branch Library located at 1836 Parkway Drive.

One of the most highlighted moments was when 4 year old ZaKarl Sedan Wadley, Jr. led the pledge of Allegiance, both to the American flag and the Texas flag in English and in Spanish. The flags were carried in by the EHS Junior ROTC cadets. Children in attendence enjoyed activities such as coloring and facial painting. Other commemorative moments reconized, along with telephone remarks made by T.J. Patterson, Sr., who was also honored marked the occasion. Celebratory songs was provided by the Community Baptist Church Choir.

The parents of former TTU Basketball player, Jarret Culver, were present as a part of the programs recognition to Athletes. Also honored was Thomas Howard, Sr. former DHS and NFL football player. After the ceremony, food was provided by Hank's Bar-B-Que Catering. Below are some photos taken at this year's celebration. More photos of the event are continued on Page 9.



Pastor Chris Moore opens with prayer



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ZaKarl S. Wadley, Jr. - Pledges of Allegiance



Facial Painting Activity for the kids



Pastor & Mrs. Hiawatha Culver

Former Texas Tech star Jarrett Culver's Jersey is retired at Coronado High School

Jarrett Culver has worn three jerseys throughout his basketball career: No. 3, 1 and 23. All have a special meaning to the Lubbock native, who is now playing for the Minnesota Timberwolves of the NBA.

During his one season of junior varsity, Culver — who's has always put God first - chose the No. 3 to recognize the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost before he was called up as a sophomore to the varsity squad and realized he needed a daily reminder to reach his ultimate

goal of playing the NBA. "It's just something that stuck with me. Just wanted to be No. 1 and just be the best that I could be," Culver said of choosing No. 1 before donning No. 23 when he signed to play with his

hometown Texas Tech Univer- ever," Culver said of his jersey sity. "Having that number on my back every night, just trying to be the best. Go out every night trying to be No. 1. "It's kind of my mindset. This number means

a lot to me." After having his red and white Mustangs jerseys retired, each time he returns to his old stomping grounds, it will remind him of his standing within Coronado High School athletics and the Lubbock community.

by LISD since Monterey's Craig Ehlo back in 1995. Ehlo, a Lubbock Independent School District Hall of Honor pick, led Monterey to district titles as a junior and senior during his playing career from 1977-79. "It's something that lasts for-

retirement. "I wouldn't have gotten here without God, my family, friends and my coaches that helped me along the way.

"Just being here, having this, it's a surreal feeling honestly. To have that just shows you can do anything you put your mind to and keep God first."

Jarrett Culver developed into a star player for the Coronado boys basketball program

When he signed to play on It's the first jersey retirement with hometown Texas Tech, Culver said it was a "dream come true." He went on to help guide the Red Raiders to a historic two-year run that included back-to-back appearances in the NCAA Elite Eight and the national championship game in



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Local Legend Mechanic Well Known & Well Loved, By Many Leaves Behind **Cherishable Memories**



M. Glynn Morgan 10/27/1934 - 02/03/2020

A man well known and loved by many, a man that wore a smile 24-7, a man that had a heart of gold, a man that would give you the shirt off his back, a man that made sure that his customers were 100% satisfied with the services rendered at M&M Service Tire Co. The man we are speaking of is none other than Mr. Glynn Morgan. Mr. Morgan is now smiling big in Heaven.

The love and generosity shown by Mr. Morgan will forever be cherished by many. Mr. Glynn you will be truly missed!!!

families.

Comments by Avis Patterson

Glynn married Louise Rather

in 1961. She died of cancer in

1977, leaving him with four

young children. In 1981 he mar-

ried a young widow, Jan Lewis

Stout, and they blended two

Glynn co-owned M&M Serv-

ice Center from 1975 until 2018.

He owned and operated several

other automotive related busi-

nesses in prior years. He was

president of the Downtown Ki-

wanis Club and was a former

District Lt. Governor for Kiwa-

nis International. He was a long-

time member of Broadway

Church of Christ, where he pre-

As a young father he was ac-

viously served as an Elder.

Glynn Morgan passed from this life and entered into light on February 3, 2020. The family hosted a time of fellowship and remembrance from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm Thursday, February 6, 2020, at Lake Ridge Chapel and Memorial Designers.

His life of 85 years was celebrated at 2:00 pm on Friday, February 7, 2020, at Broadway Church of Christ. Friends were invited to share memories and expressions of sympathy for the family to cherish his memory.

Glynn Morgan was born on October 27, 1934 in Mitchell County, Texas to Blaine and Birdie Morgan, a long hoped for son following three older sisters. He graduated from Colorado City High School in 1952 and earned a business degree from his sons' sports teams, and he Texas Tech University in 1960.

Kappa Sigma fraternity and was an active alumnus. He served in the U.S. Army from 1957-1959 and was stationed in Germany. He liked to say it was a perfect time to be in the Army because no one was mad at anyone right then. He was very proud of his service and avidly supported the military.

tive in Indian Guides, the Maedgen Elementary PTO, coached taught Sunday School. In later He was a member of the years he enjoyed world travel, golf, hospital and shut-in visitation, grandchildren, and a host of

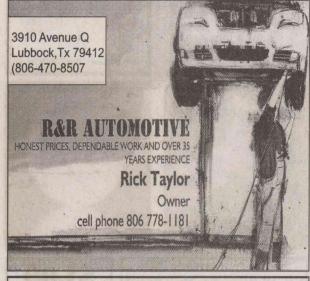
> Mr. Morgan's legacy is being carried on by one of his sons, Mitch Morgan. Please stop by M&M and you can see that his legacy of love for poeple is being lived out through his son.

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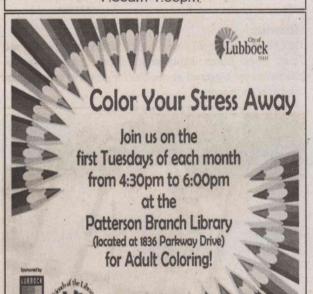




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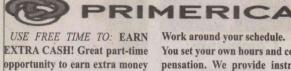
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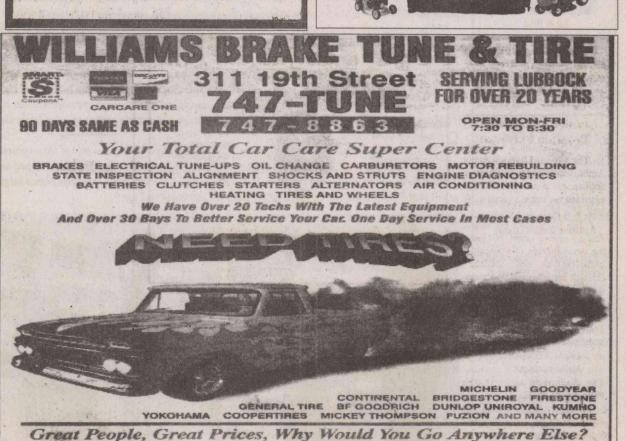
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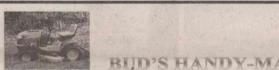


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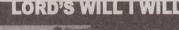
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by T. J. Patterson, Sr.

POLITICS IN NEVADA

sified population with 30% His-

panic, 10% African American,

Sanders is looking forward to

more success as the other candi-

dates state that they are still in

the running. Biden, once thought

to be the front runner, came in

third in Nevada and Elizabeth

Warren fourth. Pete Buttigieg

impressive showing in the Ne-

vada Caucus, but he did post the

largest digital sign on the 'Strip'

making criticisms of Donald

Trump while he is in city. This is

supposed to be the largest sign

of its kind in the world. I am be-

ginning to think that there is a

personal vendetta between Mr.

America to make certain to get

out and VOTE in ALL elections:

primary, caucus and general.

VOTE: If it were not important,

no one would care if you did not

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A Good Friend is

like a Four-Leaf

Clover.....

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and

Lucky To Have!

Irish Proverb

VOTE

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It is time for the citizens of

Trump and Mr. Bloomberg.

Bloomberg did not make an

came in second.

8% Asian American.

This is election year 2020 and I just happened to be in Las Vegas during the week of the Nevada Caucus. I had hoped to meet up with my friend Opal Lee who is still on her walk to Washington, D. C. to encourage national legislators to pass a bill to make Juneteenth a national holiday, but before I could report that I had accompanied a local citizen to the union hall to cast an early caucus vote, I discovered that my friend had breakfast with and met several of the presidential candidates and was on her way to a local elementary school to read her recently written book for children about Juneteenth. She told me that she had hopes of attending the debates that night.

I had planned to watch the debates it on television. My friend advised that President Trump had the Las Vegas Strip tied up and she was not able to get into the hotel to hear the debate. In the meantime, the local news reported that Mr. Trump had a mobile signboard on the 'Strip' during the time of the Democratic Debates in the Paris Hotel. Anytime Mr. Trump is in Las Vegas, the area around him is inaccessible and the billboard added to it.

Though Opal Lee did not attend the Democratic Debate she did make it to the CNN TOWN HALL meeting on Friday and walked from 4th and Neonopolis Streets to bring attention to the fact that slaves did not know that they were free for two and one half years after the **Emancipation Proclamation was** signed in January, 1863. Opal Lee is still walking and Bernie Sanders is rising as the Democratic Presidential Candidate as he just won the Nevada Caucus.

There is reason to believe that the country will go the way of Nevada as it has such a diver**Beyond the Rhetoric** By Harry C. Alford & Kay DeBow

Chinese Trade Hustles in Africa and Beyond

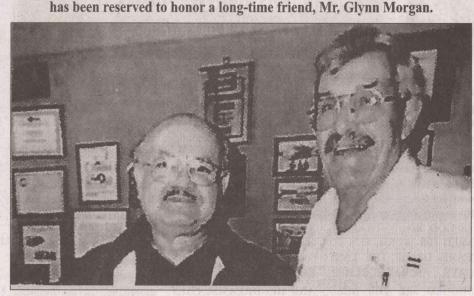
Little did we know that when the Africa Growth and Opportunity Act - AGOA - went into law to support increased free trade between the African Continent and the United States that many other nations would profit from it. The fact is that the biggest beneficiary of AGOA is China. AGOA is a virtual tool for trade enhancement of China and the economic exploitation of our Mother Africa. Chinese entrepreneurs are pimping America and Africa with their blatant hustles that happen right before our eyes. Let's look at some of the horrors we have witnessed in our travels to the Motherland.

One elaborate scheme took place in Botswana. A hustler from China came to the nation convinced a Botswanan businessperson to go into the textile business. He helped organize a relationship between the local businessperson and a bank in China. The bank providing lending capital for the Botswanan to purchase machinery to make sports apparel that would be shipped to the United States under the AGOA program. The brand would be the popular Badger Sportswear. That caught our interest as Harry is a graduate of the University of Wisconsin whose fight name is the Badg-

They set up the factory and began making the apparel at a rapid rate. Before you knew it, they had over \$500,000 worth of apparel to ship to the United States. The destination would be Charlotte, North Carolina. The poor Botswana victim did not realize that nothing in North Carolina is called Badger. North Carolina is Tarheel country!

They packed up the shipment and flew it to Charlotte for

Due to This N That's unavailability to sumbit this month's article, this space



The Original M&Ms: They may not have been the M&M candies, but if you were to take a survey, you would find that Glynn Morgan & Rufus Martinez were just as sweet, if not sweeter than the candies. Glynn and Rufus are the original owners of M&M Service Co. located downtown at 1414 Ave L,

pick-up and delivery. Then they would receive their lump sum payment which approached nearly a million dollars by the time it was ready for market. The shipment arrived but there was no one to receive it. This was the hustle! It would sit in the Charlotte airport until it was declared unclaimed freight. Thus, it went up for auction to the highest bidder (pennies on the dollar). The mysterious bidder took off with the product and who knows where he went to sell his new shipload of product. The rookie manufacturer in Botswana would receive no funds for the product he produced. He would go into bankruptcy and the Chinese bank would come and repossess the machinery and ship it back to

The victim was heartbroken after realizing he was used as a "sucker". He asked us to intervene but there was nothing we could do. We approached the Botswanan ambassador's office in the United States, and they had no interest in helping their citizen. These types of hustle happen in Africa all the time.

Something that is more popular than textiles when it comes to fraud and abuse of the AGOA program is coal production. The environmental movement is quite active in its attempts to stop the mining and production of coal within the United States. The more successful it becomes: the more China mines new coal in Africa to offset the reduction of coal production in the United States. China is currently on its way to establishing over 700 new coal mines in Africa. One hundred percent of that new coal is destined for the United States duty free under AGOA. Brazenly, China refuses to use the newest technology in its

mining techniques. Its low-tech methods are extremely harmful

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to our environment, but no one seems to care about the environment in Africa even though the whole world is affected.

China and coal aren't the only examples of AGOA abuse. Let's look at the nation of Germany and its production of the expensive automobile - the BMW brand. Germany built a BMW assembly plant in South Africa for the sole purpose of shipping the finished product to the United States duty free under the AGOA program. Where is our outrage!!

Here's a "Doozie" for you. The island nation of Mauritius sits in the Indian Ocean about a thousand miles from the coast of East Africa. Lobbyists for the nation convinced members of our Congressional Black Caucus to allow Mauritius membership into the AGOA program. Thus, interests from India are shipping finished products to the United

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We Thank God for Jesus

"CHURCHES WEAK LIKE SAMSON" We Thank God For Jesus

1Timothy 3:1-2,5, THIS know also that in the last days, perilous times shall come. For men shall Be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy. Having a form of godliness, but denying the powder thereof: from such turn Away.

GOD KNEW THAT WE NEED HIS WORD; IT'S TO WARN US OF THE LAST DAYS. And the CHURCHES; SHOULD SEE THE NEED FOR PRAYING; SO SOULS CAN BE SAVED!!!

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

*** BY GIVING EVERYONE RIGHTS; TO DO THAT WHICH IS WRONG!!!***

THE CHURCHES; ARE NOW TEACHING BLACK HISTORY: IN GOD'S HOUSE. WHERE THAT'S ONLY GOD'S BUSINESS IS TO TAKE PLACE: AND THE DEVIL IS KEPT OUT!!!

Amos 5:21;23, The Lord Said, I hate, I despise your feast days, and I will not smell in your solemn assemblies. Take you away from me the noise of your songs; for I will not hear the melody of your viols.

***GIVE TO THE SCHOOLS: THINGS OF SCHOOL---AND CHURCHES: THINGS BE OF GOD. AND IF IT'S OF GOD; WHY DON'T

Beyond the

Rhetoric

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THE WHITES, THE SPANISH, OTHER CHURCH GROUPS TEACH IT IN THEIR CHURCHES???***

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

THE CHURCHES FOL-LOWED A MAN'S FLESH; AND HIS DREAMS; THEY DIDN'T STAY WITH THE **BIBLE**; AND NOW AMER-ICA IS IN A NIGHTMARE; AS SO IT ALL SEEMS!!!

Jeremiah 23:25-28, The Lord Said, I have heard what the prophets said, that prophesy lies in my name, saying I have dreamed, I have dreamed. How long shall this be in the heart of the prophets that prophesy lies? Yes, they are prophets of the deceit of their own heart.

Which think to cause my people to forget my name by their dreams which tell everyman to his neighbor, as their fathers 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

THE CHURCH SEES THE HARVEST IS READY; AND IT'S PRAYING TIME. **BUT THE CHURCHES ARE** BUSY; WITH CAR WASHS \$, BAKE SALES \$, CHURCH YARD SALES \$; THAT'S ON THEIR WHAT IS MINDS!!!

*** THE CHURCHES ROB-BING GOD???***

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

*** CHURCHES ARE WEAK LIKE SAMSON: PLAYING AROUND; JUST HAVING FUN!!!***

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

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

China just loves it.

Mr. Alford is the Co-Founder, President/CEO of the National Ms. DeBow is the Co-Founder. **Executive Vice President of the** Chamber.

Mahomes Named Super Bowl MVP After KC Chiefs 31-20 Win Over SF 49ers



Patrick Mahomes threw for 286 yards and accounted for three touchdowns in a 31-20 victory Sunday, February 22, 2020 in Super Bowl LIV.

MIAMI - Patrick Mahomes II has developed a well-earned reputation this postseason for engineering late come-from-behind drives in the biggest moments.

On Sunday, February 22, 2020, on the biggest stage, he did it one more time.

The former Texas Tech gunslinger brought his Kansas City Chiefs back from a 10-point deficit in the fourth quarter Sunday en route to winning Super Bowl MVP honors after a 31-20 victory over the San Francisco 49ers at Hard Rock Stadium in

Kansas City secured only its second Super Bowl title in franchise history and its first since 1970 thanks in part to Mahomes, who helped the Chiefs outscore the 49ers, 21-0, over the final quarter. Mahomes threw two touchdowns during that span, including the go-ahead strike to Damien Williams from five-yard out to pull ahead 24-20 with 2:44 remaining.

Williams caught a short pass from Mahomes in the flat and then reached out just inside the

naries Tim Duncan, Kareem

Abdul-Jabbar, Magic Johnson,

Shaquille O'Neal, Diana Taurasi,

Lisa Leslie, Phil Jackson, Le-

Bron James, Stephen Curry and

Boston Celtics icon Bill Russell,

who Kimmel pointed out had

worn a Bryant jersey to the Lak-

ers-Celtics matchup the night

booed on the court, Kobe is

missed," Kimmel said before in-

'He was my everything'

Bryant's widow first offered a

remembrance of her daughter,

Gianna, 13, who was one of the

eight people on the helicopter

with her 41-year-old father when

it crashed in Calabasas last

month. Vanessa Bryant recalled

how Gianna and her dad gravi-

tated toward each other and

shared a "secret talent" of learn-

ing the lyrics to songs after hear-

lete. She was great at gymnas-

tics, soccer, softball, dance and

"She was an incredible ath-

ing them only a few times.

troducing Vanessa Bryant.

before.

near pylon to give the Chiefs a 24-20 lead with 2:44 remaining in the game. The Chiefs' defense responded by preventing a fourth-down attempt by the 49ers near midfield on the ensuing drive, setting up a 38-yard touchdown scamper from Williams to seal it. Mahomes previously found Travis Kelce on a one-yard rollout to make it a one-score game with 6:13 remaining in the game. The Chiefs entered the fourth quarter facing a 20-10 deficit after the 49ers. rolled off 17-unanswered points following an early 10-3 deficit.

Mahomes finished with 286 yards through the air and accounted for three touchdowns on his way to becoming the youngest player in history to be named the NFL MVP and also win a Super Bowl. Mahomes, who at only 24 years of age, also rushed for a one-yard touchdown for Kansas City's first touchdown with 31 seconds remaining in the opening quarter.

The Chiefs had not previously won; let alone appeared, in a Super Bowl since 1970 when the

late E.J. Holub was in his final year of his exceptional professional career. Holub, a member of both the Texas Tech Ring of Honor and the Chiefs' Hall of Fame, started at center in that game after previously starring at linebacker in Super Bowl I versus fellow Donny Anderson's Green Bay Packers.

Mahomes' rise to the biggest stage marks the fifth time in the past six seasons a Red Raider has won a Super Bowl title, the bulk of which were the result of Danny Amendola (2015, 2017) and LaAdrian Waddle's (2017, 2019) tenures with the Patriots. Louis Vasquez earned his lone Super Bowl ring when his Denver Broncos won Super Bowl 50 to close the 2016 campaign.

This was the 11th-consecutive season a Red Raider had been represented in the Super Bowl. Two other letterwinners were on the losing side for the 49ers as Texas Tech great Wes Welker is the organization's wide receivers coach, while Kris Kocurek serves as San Francisco's defensive line coach.

States via the Port of Mauritius

duty free! Why do we let them get away with this abuse? We could take you to Ghana and show you

tomatoes coming in by shiploads

from China. From there a com-

pany using Chinese equipment transforms the tomatoes into cans of tomato paste to be sold to U.S. grocery stores under the AGOA program. Green beans and other items are hustled in the same manner. Why don't they farm these products in Africa instead of being exploited by

The AGOA program is useless to the continent of Africa.

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The World Said Goodbye To: Kobe and Gianna Bryant in an emotional and star-studded **Celebration of their Lives**



Vanessa Bryant is helped off the stage by former NBA player Michael Jordan.

(CNN) Many people have a little brother or sister who messes with their stuff, asks too many questions and makes a nuisance of themselves. For many years, Kobe Bryant was Michael Jordan's, the Chicago Bulls legend told a packed Staples Center on Monday.

Jordan, considered by many to be basketball's GOAT, recalled an up-and-coming Bryant calling him late at night, bothering him about post-up moves, footwork or other intricacies of the game they would go on to master.

"That nuisance turned into love over a period of time," Jordan said, weeping. "At first, it was an aggravation, but then it turned into a certain passion. This kid had passion like you would never know. ... He wanted to be the best basketball player that he could be, and as I got to know him, I wanted to be the best big brother that I could be."

ments and quotes accompanied

by cellist Ben Hong.

Additionally, Bryant's two uniform numbers with the Lakers, No. 8 and No. 24, are both on the Staples Center court as well. Both numbers have already been retired by the Lakers.

A number of players leaguewide changed their jersey numbers to honor Bryant after his death. Most of those players wore No. 8 or No. 24 because of him and were unofficially retiring the numbers out of respect.

After Jordan's 2009 induction to the Hall of Fame, a clip of his tearful induction speech became an internet meme, and the 57year-old joked he might have to endure another "crying Jordan" meme after his Monday tribute. "When Kobe Bryant died, a piece of me died, and as I look at this arena and across the globe, a piece of you died," he said. "I promise you, from this day forward, I will live with the

memories of knowing that I had a little brother that I tried to help in every way I could. Please rest in peace, little brother."

Beyonce opens with 'XO'-Fans packing the sold-out Staples Center to honor Bryant's legacy were welcomed to the arena by no less than one of the biggest pop stars on Earth.

Performing with a band and choir clad in all white, Beyonce invited the audience to sing along with her as she belted out her song, "XO," featuring the lyrics, "In the darkest night hour, I'll search through the crowd/Your face is all that I see; I'll give you everything."

"I'm here because I love Kobe," Beyonce told the crowd, "and that was one of his favorite

Late-night host and ceremony emcee Jimmy Kimmel took the stage before the crowd of about 20,000 people. Among the mourners were basketball lumi-

basketball," the girl's mother said. "Gigi was confident but not in an arrogant way. She loved helping and teaching other peo-At school, she offered the

boys' basketball coaches to help give the boys' basketball team some pointers -- like the triangle offense."

O'Neal, with whom Bryant won three rings in Los Angeles, called Bryant a loyal friend and a Renaissance man. A joker himself, the big man built on Auriemma's lightheartedness in describing Bryant as the ultimate student of the game.

"I remember him saying, 'These guys are playing checkers, and I'm out here playing chess, and I would say, 'I guess so, Kobe. I don't know how to play chess."

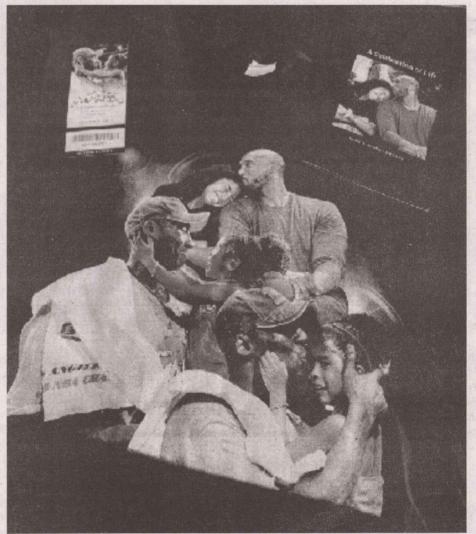
O'Neal, who was such a horrific free-throw shooter that teams developed a defensive technique known as "hack-a-Shaq" to send him to the line,

closed by promising to help carry on Bryant's legacy with Kobe's three daughters. "I'll be sure to teach Natalia,

Bianka and baby Capri all your moves, and I promise I will not teach them my free-throw techniques," he said.

'It's unreal right now'

On Monday morning, South dium looked much as it had during the Celtics game the night before, with almost every fan wearing a Bryant jersey or some purple-and-gold memorabilia, along with plenty of vendors hawking items for those who did not. Some fans even decked out their exotic cars -- specifically, a Lamborghini and a BMW I-series -- in Bryant and Lakers imagery. Shortly after 8 a.m. (11 a.m. ET), fans with tickets to the memorial began filing into the Staples Center where about 35,000 roses adorned the main stage from which Bryant and daughter Gianna were memorialized.



Attendees received a T-shirt featuring the father and daughter on the front, a KB pin and a "celebration of life" program, the back of which featured a Bryant quote dedicated "to our daughters."

Obsequies

Joe T. Thomas, Jr.

San Antonio, Tx: Funeral services were held for Joe Thomas, Jr., on Saturday morning, February 15, 2020, at the New Life Church in San Antonio, Tx., with Rev. Kenneth Davison, Officiating.

On Wednesday, February 5, 2020 at 6:50 P.M., surrounded by loved ones, God called Joe home; and he peaceful gladly accepted.

Joe T. Thomas was born January 25, 1934. He was the fourth child of twelve children in the union of the late Joe T. Thomas, Sr. and Earther Hardaway-Thomas in Gonzales, Tx.

Joe accepted Christ at a very early age where he was baptized in the Guadalupe River under the leadership of Rev. Harrison Smith at St. James Baptist church in Seguiun, Tx. He was known by family as "Brotha".

Left to cherish her memory, 3 Sons: Kenneth Hughes of Newark, NJ, James Westmoreland of Amarillo, Tx. Ken Benford of Bastrop, Tx., 6 daughters: Wilamina Westmoreland, Luthena Westmoreland of Amarillo, Tx. Rae Shawn Boozer, Mernika D. Thomas of



Ft. Worth, Tx, Joyce . Thomas of San Antonio, Tx; Siblings: Joanna Jackson of Austin, Tx, Matilda Sexton, Bennie Thomas of Seguin, Tx, Betty Thomas, Sarah Henderson (Fred) of San Antonio, Tx, Mary Taylor of Lincoln, Tx, Ananice Carter if Denton, Tx, Rosa Johns (Earnest), Ethel Walker, Earther Anderson of Lubbock, Tx. God-Sister: Lillie Bell James of San Antonio, Tx., 27 grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren and a host of nieces, nephews and cousins. Leaves his long time companion, Emma Jean Smith and Family.

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Kenneth Edward McCoy

Funeral services for Kenneth

Edward McCoy were held on

Saturday, February 22, 2020 at

11 a.m. at Community Baptist

Church. Kenneth passed away

Interment followed at Peace-

Kenneth was born to Ray

ful Gardens Cemetery under the

and Ethel McCov November 11.

1964 in Lubbock, TX. He grad-

uated from Estacado High

School and worked for Z102 FM

his memory; his father, Ray

(Barbara) McCoy; mother, Ethel

McCoy; two daughters, Ikaisha

(Lavan) Thomas and LaSabreia McCoy; one son, Quinton

Boldon; three sisters, Anita

McCoy, Debbie McCoy, and

Tammie Upshaw; one brother

Zephaniah McCoy; step-brother,

Reginald (Cornina) Walker; four

grandchildren; a host of other

relatives and friends.

Kenneth leaves to cherish

Station.

direction of Griffin Mortuary.

Monday, February 17, 2020.

Funeral services were held for Patricia AnnVines-Scales on Saturday, February 22, 2020, at New Hope Baptist Church, with Pastor Larry Polk officiating.

Interment followed in City of Lubbock Cemetery Under the direction of Citizens Funeral Home, 500 E. Church St, Clarksville, TX. And Curry Funeral Home, Lubbock, TX.

Mrs. Patricia Ann Vines-Scales was born in Littlefield Texas to Jimmy Robinson and Johnella Vines. She graduated high school and later moved to Clarksville, TX and met and married Willie James Scales.

They were married for over 40 years. Patricia united with the St. James Baptist Church where she formerly worked with the youth department and youth usher ministry. She truly enjoyed writing, babysitting, and spending time with family and friends.

Patricia answered the Master's call and entered into eternal rest on Monday February 10, 2020 at the Clarksville Nursing

She was preceded in death by

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fice the other day looking for

something, and then I saw it for

the first time in many years. It

idea what the typewriter is. I re-

member, however, my very first

typewriter. I was so excited to

get it and begin writing with it. I

wrote a bunch of poems on that

typewriter, and I sure wish I had

Up until I got my typewriter,

I was writing everything by

hand, which can get very tiring

after a while. There were type-

typewriter. However, I had no

That Christmas, my parents

surprised me with my very own

typewriter. I was so excited

about it, and I spent a lot of time

typing nonsense. I used that

typewriter for many years, and it

was quite a companion with me.

an electric typewriter. That was

a significant upgrade for me. An

afterthought: I wished I

would've kept that first type-

writer. When I got the electric

typewriter, I could type faster

than I was ever able to type be-

fore. I could not keep enough

paper in the typewriter while

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put in one sheet at a time, but

since I knew nothing better, it

was a wonderful thing. I went

Then I decided to upgrade to

copies of those poems.

typewriter at home.

Most people today have no

was my old typewriter.



Danny D. McKenzie

was held on Saturday, February

15, 2020 for Danny McKenzieat

11 a.m. at Victory In Praise

Church. Private Disposition

under the direction of Griffin

1964 to Joyce Johnson and

Danny was born April 25,

Celebration of Life Service

her parents and three brothers.

Those left to cherish the memories of Patricia are: Her husband, Willie James Scales of Clarksville, TX Step daughters; Cornelia Hayter of Clarksville, TX and Lyneeka Caesar of Clarksville, TX Brother, Charles Craddock of Austin, TX, Sister, Joneta Vine of Lubbock, TX and a host of other relatives and friends



I Sure Miss My Old Typewriter

by Dr. James L. Snyder

Mattie Mae (Brown) Russell

Funeral services for Mattie Russell were held Friday, February 21, 2020 at 11 a.m. at Word of Truth Christian Fellowship.

Interment followed at the City of Lubbock Cemetery under the direction of Griffin Mortuary

Mattie was born March 22, 1928 to Lee and Fannie Brown in Orlando, FL.

Mattie leaves to cherish her memory; daughter, Rhu Rivers; seven grandchildren, Laverne (John) Dutkowsky, Malik (Trish) Butler, Orlando Moore, Cheryl (Roger) Grant, Darnell Harris, Nicole Harris, and Stephan Harris; and nine great



grandchildren and a host of other relatives and friends.

Danny graduated from Estacado High School.

He was employed at the Breakfast House. He leaves to cherish his memory; his mother, Joyce Johnson; his grandmother, Ida Knox; three daughters, Reshanti Hawthorne, Corazana Lewis, and Te'Keyha Lewis; two sisters, Carla Johnson and Syreeta Taylor; ten brothers, Micheal McKenzie, Kevin McKenzie, (Keno) Jeffery (Mae) Whitfield, Johnny (Pappy) Taylor, Cleave (JoJo) Caraway, Winston Caraway, and Richard McKenzie; three grand

children; a host of other relatives and friends.



Johnny Ray Johnson, Sr.

Celebration of Life Service was held for Johnny Ray Johnson on Wednesday, February 26, 2020 at 1 p.m. at Lakeridge United Methodist Church. Private Disposition was under the direction of Griffin Mortuary.

Johnny was born to Herbert and Wavie Johnson on January 28, 1961. Johnny was employed at Lakeridge United Methodist Church.

Johnny leaves to his memory; his wife, Minnie Johnson; three daughters, Tamara Holman, Teknika Johnson, and Diamond Childress; son, Johnny Johnson, Jr.; four sisters, Gloria Lee, Colleen Johnson, Barbara Johnson, and Angela Mosley; two brothers, Herbert Johnson, Jr. and Donald Johnson, Sr.; twelve grandchildren; one great grandchild; a host of other relatives and friends



Margie Davis



Funeral services for Margie Davis were held on Friday, February 21, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. at St. John Baptist Church. Margie passed away Sunday, February 16, 2020.

Interment followed at the City of Lubbock Cemetery under the direction of Griffin Mortuary.

She leaves to cherish her memory; daughter, Earnestine Stevens; daughter-in-law, Doris Kindred; sister, Farine Wobbington; three grandchildren, Marvin (Michelle) Overstreet, Christopher (Rhonda) Overstreet, and Robin Kindred; seven great grandchildren; a host of other relatives and friends.

Death and life are in the power of the tongue; and they that love it shall eat the fruit therof. Proverbs 18:21

the message is always the same. Techniques change, but words never will.

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through a lot of paper. In those old typewriters, what you typed was exactly

typing.

what you got. If you mistyped a word, it was mistyped. I cannot remember how many times I yanked the paper out of the typewriter, put in a new piece and started typing all over again.

if I wanted several copies of what I was typing, I could use carbon paper between each page. What I typed on the first page was typed on the second and third pages. That sure was exciting because now I had copies of what I was typing.

The problem was, when I made a typo on the first page, it went all the way through to the last page. You could not fool those carbon copies. What was on one was precisely on the

I was thinking about that the other day and was wondering writers in my school, and I went how I used up a forest of trees to a class to learn how to use a just learning to type.

That typewriter was a friend of mine, and we worked like a well-oiled machine. The thing about that typewriter, it never tried to correct me. It always went along with what I said and wrote — and never talked back to me. I was actually in charge.

I could always tell where my typewriter was because it was where I put it, and it never moved. To move that typewriter would have been a big job, and so it always remained on my desk in my room exactly where I put it. I could not take it traveling with me; I had to use it where it was.

At the time, I thought I had no better friend than that old typewriter of mine. To look at it now, I kinda smile as I remember how things have changed.

I was writing my first book, typing each page, when I learned about this new thingamajig called a computer. Well, I was not going to get anything modern. I was going to do things the old way. After all, Ernest Hemingway did all his typing on a typewriter.

The more I learned about The thing so exciting was these computers, the more inter-

ested I became. According to the people I was talking to, I could increase my output 100 times faster. I initially did not believe Finally, halfway through that

first book, I decided to switch over to a computer. Those first computers had no hard drive, so you had to put a floppy disk in to run any program that you might be using. You also had to save what you were writing to a floppy disk.

I set that new computer up in my office and started fiddling around with it to try to understand how it worked. Much to my surprise, the more I fiddled, the more I liked the music I was hearing.

I did not have to use paper until the manuscript was completed and I could print it out on a printer. If I made a typo, I could correct it right there on the screen, no problem.

Getting adjusted to it was difficult for me. I remember the first chapter I did and worked very hard to complete, but I forgot to save it on a disk and lost that whole chapter. I was a little provoked because my old typewriter would never have done

Through the years, I have regularly upgraded my computers to the point where I do not have to do much typing anymore. I can dictate into my computer and see words appear on the screen.

Looking at that old typewriter, I thought of what Solomon once said. "The thing that hath been, it is that which shall be; and that which is done is that which shall be done: and there is no new thing under the sun" (Ecclesiastes 1:9).

Maybe the way I do certain things today has changed, but

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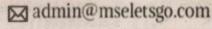
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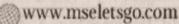


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The Census Bureau has ac-

it is important that we all particcommunities that have historically been under counted and this year there is an even greater challenge in getting those who live in the shadows, regardless of the reason, to respond to the 2020 census. Billions of dollars are at stake. Our federal grant funds allocation hinges on the population data acquired from the Census.

The Framers of the Constitution included provisions for the Census in Article 1, Section 2 of the U.S. Constitution, and a Census has been taken every 10 vears since 1790.

sus data to allocate the number all of our interests to have of seats of the U.S. House of EVERYONE in Lubbock Representative. Census data also serves as a basis for allocatand local governments. The information gathered from the Census is safe, strictly confidential and only used for statistical

Title 13 of the U.S. Code guarantees the confidentiality of ALL information gathered by the Census Bureau.

The law prohibits the sharing of information with Immigration Enforcement, the government or any law enforcement agency and any employee who breaks the law faces stiff fines and jail time. adoptions, Pell Grants, mental

knowledged their inability to ipate. I understand there are reach certain communities, called Hard to Count (HTC). This term refers to "communities for whom real or perceived barriers exist to full and representative inclusion in the data collection process." In addition to immigrants, households with single parents, young children, and low income households are overrepresented in the HTC communities. In response to this issue, the Commissioners and Council of Lubbock created the Lubbock Complete Count Committee, and I serve as the Chairman. Our charge is to increase the response in HTC areas of Congress relies on the Cen- Lubbock County. It is critical to

The Census Bureau estiing billions of dollars to state mates that for each citizen that is counted, the County will receive \$1500 per year for 10 years in additional Federal funding.

> Several programs essential to Lubbock County residents whose funding is determined by population includes funding for state highway construction and maintenance, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Head Start, School lunch programs, State Children's Health Insurance Program (S-CHIP), foster care and

health services, Medicare and Medicaid, to name a few.

With each person in Lubbock County being worth \$1500 per year for 10 years in Federal monies, it is imperative that we count everyone. The reality is that whether someone is a citizen or not, many are consuming federally-funded services by driving on roadways in Lubbock County, accessing medical care for themselves and their children, and attending Lubbock County schools.

Those things will occur whether we count everyone or not. Doesn't it makes sense to have everyone counted and get a greater return financially to Lubbock County without having to raise your taxes to provide the same level of services? There is no make-up or do over if our community is undercounted for the next 10 years. Taking part in the Census is your civic duty. You can fill out the 10 questions on the 2020 Census online, by phone, or in paper form. We all have a role in ensuring that everyone is counted as accurately as possible in order to be assured we receive our fair share of the federal funds that will be distributed based on the 2020 Census. Accordingly, I encourage you to answer the census questions, and encourage your family, friends and associates to do likewise.

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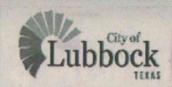
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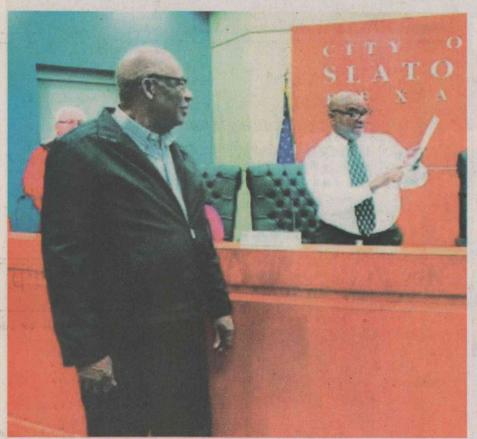
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Rev. C.C. Peoples Honored for 50 years of service as Pastor



Commissioner, Ward IV, Charlie Haynes Jr., reads a proclamation to Pastor Clifton C. Peoples honoring him for his 50 years as Pastor of Mt. Olive Baptist Church, on Monday evening (February 10th) during the City Council's monthly meeting in Slaton, Tx.

(Slatonite Photo & Storyline/Melissa McCaghren)

Pastor Clifton C. Peoples was honored Monday evening (Feb. 7) with a proclamation from the City Council for 50 years of service as pastor.

Peoples is the pastor of Mount Olive Baptist Church, located 887 Flint St. He was called in Haynes reading from the procla-April 1970.

Commissioner Ward IV Charlie C. Haynes Jr. read the proclamation for the pastor.

Haynes was baptized by Peoples when he was younger.

"Peoples has helped and nurtured and licensed managers and ministers who are now pastors in numerous churches in the State of Texas and beyond," said

The state, and City Council and Mayor do recognize the important contributions and leader

ship by example."

Peoples was humbled by the honor and thanked everyone for how he has reached the milestone. "We have been blessed in the City of Slaton," he said, adding he's met many pastors in the past 50 years.

"God has been good to us, brought us thanks and praise, and we're so thankful for you."

Black History Month Celebrated at The Patterson Branch Library

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Larry Isaac presents flowers to Coach David Moody for support during his journey in life.

Democratic Presidential Candidates Propose New Voting Rights Act, Legalizing Marijuana, National Referendums On Major Issues, Executive Orders and Other Measures To Improve Quality of Life For African Americans

Article Submitted by: Michael K. Frisby, President/Frisby & Associates, Inc. The Campaigns Made Their Pitches to Black Voters at the SCLC Public Policy

Conference and Presidential Candidate Forum

COLUMBIA, S.C. - At the SCLC Public Policy Conference and Presidential Candidate Forum, representatives for Democratic presidential candidates recited an array of public policy proposals ranging from a new voting rights act to legalizing pot, holding national referendums and issuing executive orders to help bring racial equity and improve opportunities in communities of color.

Surrogates for candidates

spoke on Wednesday, February 26 to an enthusiastic crowd of several hundred people at the event, which was sponsored by the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, and held at the Tin Roof Event Center in Columbia. The event included participants representing businessman Tom Steyer, Hawaii Rep. Tulsi Gabbard, former South Bend Mayor Pete Buttigieg, former Vice President Joe Biden and Massachusetts Sen. Elizabeth Warren. Only former New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg and Minnesota Sen. Amy Klobuchar did-

n't participate. "This was a tremendously important event. Presidential campaigns spoke directly to African Americans about how they would improve our quality of life, create racial equity and provide opportunities for our communities to succeed," said Dr. Charles Steele, Jr. SCLC's President and CEO. "The candidates did not disappoint. We heard a variety of plans, promises and proposals that will help black voters in South Carolina, Super Tuesday States and across the country determine which candidates to support."

Dr. Steele noted that while

black voters represent the critical base of the Democratic party, black communities endure significant health disparities, a wealth gap, economic distress and ineffective education for our children. "It's time for candidates to give comprehensive proposals on how they will address these issues. The SCLC forum presented that platform and we applaud those who participated. It demonstrates their seriousness in addressing the impact that racial bias has had on

our communities." Trey Baker, Director of African American Engagement for Vice President Biden, said that, as president, Biden would aggressively use executive orders to counter policies and practices enacted by President Trump.

Noting that Biden would "protect the absolute right to vote," Baker said Biden would "turn back some of the damage that Donald Trump has done to our government, to our bureaucracy and to the Constitution. He will do this through executive

Moreover, Baker said that Biden's history demonstrates that he gets things done. "People are confused," he said. "Being progressive isn't so much about being liberal; being progressive is getting things done."

Baker took direct aim at the 2010 Citizens United Supreme Court decision determining that during elections, government cannot restrict independent expenditures by corporations, associations, nonprofits and labor unions. "What Citizens United did was bring all this flow of money into campaigns," said Baker, adding that Biden would seek a Constitutional Amend-

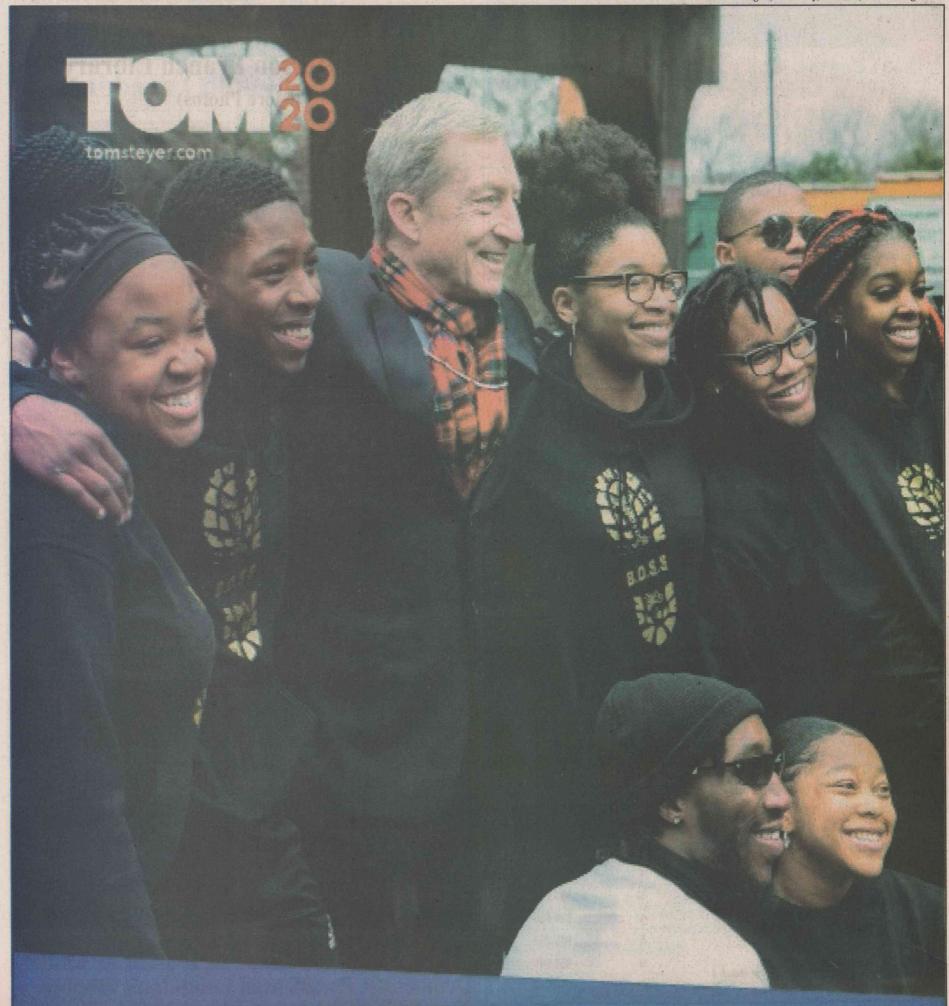
ment to overturn the ruling.

Speaking for businessman Tom Steyer, who has been making inroads with black voters, his wife, Kat Taylor, expressed strong support for the Voting Rights Act and proclaimed that her husband is a strong supporter of a "national referendum" on is-

"A national referendum would give Americans a chance to tell Congress what they want," Taylor said. "It would give Americans countrywide a chance to vote directly on issues of concern to them when Congress fails to act. It is a form of Direct Democracy that 26 states already recognize and would give Americans a chance to tell Congress what they want... Congress is too beholden to corporate interest on (issues like) sensible gun control legislation, comprehensive immigration reform ...things all Americans want but haven't been able to get for decades."

The campaign of Sen. Elizabeth Warren, which was represented by Philadelphia District Attorney Larry Krasner, emphasized the need to fix criminal justice as a route towards improving economic justice for people of color.

"When you mess up criminal justice, you mess up economic justice...the two cannot be separated," Krasner said, citing research by the Brookings Institute demonstrating that people from low-income backgrounds are 30 times more likely to be in jail than high income people. "We know they didn't commit 30 percent more crimes," he said, noting the unfairness of the justice system (Article will be continued in the SWD April Issue)



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