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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.
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- \* 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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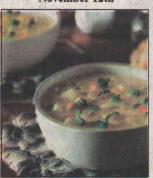
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### Local Students participated as student Poll Workers During the 2020 Election.



J.T. Talkington students participated in the Democratic 2020 Election Process

Covid-19 has undoubtedly changed all of our lives in numerous ways in 2020. It has also provided many new ways for people to serve others. In this national election year, a pioneering opportunity has come into being for 16-17 year old high school students across America.

Locally in our Lubbock community, a group of 9 youth from Talkington School for Young Women Leaders united together to answer the prospect of reaching out to Lubbock in a time of need through this project. Lubbock Youth Leadership Academy (LYLA) of the Community Youth Development program has spearheaded this innovative initiative under the leadership of Nettie Edwards, LYLA Youth Program Director. Mrs. Edwards is a retired Lubbock ISD principal and educator.

She surfaced this opportunity, made the school connection with Talkington, partnered with the Lubbock County Elections Office, linked the school with the principal and Social Studies teacher, Mr. Cory Butler and worked the logistics of making this prospect a reality.

The requirements for applicants by Texas Secretary of State Office were the display of strong work ethic, desire to learn about the electoral process, enrollment in a high school government or social studies class, citizen of the U.S., parental permission, academic recommendation, and age sixteen or older. The 9 seniors, all age 17, will be assisting at the election polling sites across our city on Election Day, November 3rd as student election poll

The students have successfully participated in the Lubbock County Elections voter poll training in the Student Poll Worker Program. Their training included etiquettes of workplace such as arrival on time, remaining at the poll place during the assigned shift, proper communication, dress code, and cell phone policies as well as hands on introduction to the democratic process, impartiality while serving, not discussing politics or candidates or issues, election day procedures, voting machines, ballots and all the necessary guidelines for voters.

Their duties included setting

up poll stations and booths, ensuring voters are registered, checking in and processing voters, distributing ballots to regisvoters, providing instructions and assistance to voters, answering questions, explaining use of voting equipment, maintaining order in the polling place, obtaining results after poll closure, and closing the polling place.

Student poll workers will serve as paid workers on Tuesday, November 3rd from 5:00 AM until the polls close at a rate of \$11 00 per hour The students have gone through the steps of employment, including application online, recommendation by high school principal and teacher, set requirements of school academic and attendance eligibility, registration of ID and employment documents, and specific training on poll tasks and Covid-19 guidelines. Serving as a student election clerk is now included in the Texas Education Code's definition of "excused absence."

The students involved in this project are Julianne Bullock, Continued on Page 3

#### **Black Friday** November 27th





French Toast Day



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### **Margaret Robinson Celebrating** 100 Years of Life, Love and God's Blessing!!!!!!!



**Margaret Robinson** 

Mrs. Margaret Robinson, along with a host of family and friends, celebrated her 100th birthday on October 24, 2020. The celebration took place at the Days Inn by the Wyndham at 6025 Avenue A. A total of four generations were presnet to help celebrate the occasion. What an awesome priviledge to have that many generations in attendance to pay tribute to Mother Robin-

The program included a welcome from Shamone Mackey,

prayer by Bettie Tinnell and a praise dance ministered from Shanae Rivers.

Vivian Carson shared details of what happened in the year 1920. Special memories were shared by family members and guests. Betty Tinnell blessed the meal for the afternoon. Angela Rivers recognized the special guests that were in attendance.

To commemorate the celebration, a tribute to Mother

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### **Two Cousins Celebrate** Their October Birthdays

#### "Princess Zaya & Princess Layla"



Zaya Grace Patterson celebrates her 5th Birthday!!!

Sugar and spice and everything nice.....that's what little girls are made of. So is the case for these two cousins who celebrated their birthdays in October. These two Princesses are the pride and joy (great-granddaughters) of our own THIS-N-THAT, T.J. Patterson, Sr. Every time THIS-N-THAT talks to the girls, it just lights up his world. If you asked him, otherwise known to them as "PawPaw" he

would tell you these two beautiful girls bring out the best in him and on any bad day, they make all his worries and pains go away. They bring a big huge smile on his face, as well as all of his grand children and great grand children.

THIS-N-THAT has a total of five grandchildren and five great grand-children, and each one of them are his pride and joy.

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Layla Rose Williams celebrates her 7th Birthday!!!

### Jarrett Culver partners with Covenant Health for the Culver Foundation



Lubbock's own Jarrett Culver has chosen Covenant Health as the community health partner for the Culver Foundation.

The former Texas Tech basketball player and current player for the Minnesota Timberwolves is a Lubbock-native.

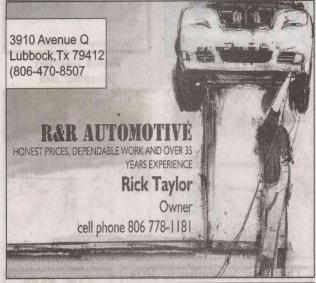
The Culver Foundation was started earlier this year as a way to give back to the Lubbock community. The Culver family says they chose Covenant because it will help in identifying the needs in the Lubbock community and provide a path for more partnerships.

"Good health has always been important to me and my family," Culver said. "I have heard a lot of good things about Covenant and have enjoyed learning more about them and how they're keeping our community safe and healthy. Covenant and the Culver Foundation share a lot of the same values based on faith and it was important for me to partner with an organization with the same ideals."

Recently, the Culver Foundation has worked to support Covenant on health initiatives related to COVID-19 precautions and helped to eliminate the stigma surrounding mental

"We are thrilled to partner with Jarrett, his family, and his foundation," Covenant Health Lubbock region CEO, Walt Cathey, said. "Jarrett is a home

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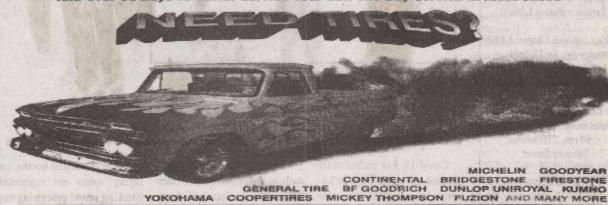
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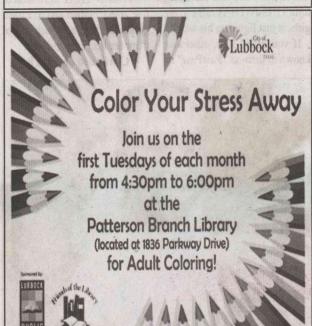


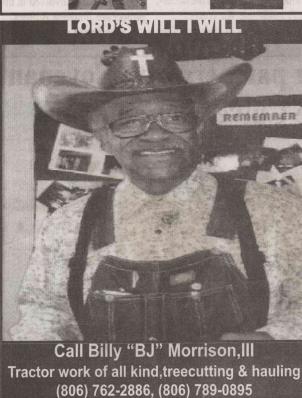
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### In Cinque

By Renetta Howard

"COMMOM SENSE"

There appears to be a spike in the number of COVID-19 cases in America and some other parts of the world, but there is also a spike in the number of people who seem to have dementia in America. Some of the dementia is due to aging and some is due to hate, envy and just plain old 'low-down-ness.' It makes it seem that CHRISTIANITY has failed, and other religions as well, if the main goal or mission was to help people to get along together, better.

There is one flaw in all religions. They fail in their doctrines to respect other religions and attempt to have everyone become a member of their group. This may have started with Christianity when the Hebrews whom we called Jews, felt that they were God's Chosen People. They were in their time and place. But the world grew larger. Christianity grew and so did other groups of people and other groups of religion.

The ONE thing that they all have in common is a Super Being, unseen by normal eyes whom they worship and attempt to follow in the chosen path for

everlasting life.

If someday, all people of all religions would come to the conclusion that there is but ONE GOD, for all of us and that we are ALL CREATED IN THE SAME WAY and we all have the same PHYSICAL FEATURES, just different colors, making us all a rainbow on earth, that we can have PEACE ON EARTH. Until that time, we will have to use our COMMON SENSE to navigate our way through this world. COMMON SENSE is not to be looked upon lightly. Many people place education and a long list of degrees behind one's name to feel that one is worthy of making a contribution to society. Do not be fooled. Many well educated people do not have all of the common sense that they need. Yet there are those who are willing to follow them to the end of the world or maybe a 'drink of tea.'

The person with a modicum of common sense and the ability to reason and think a thing through can make a meaningful contribution to society in a most positive way.

#### Jarrett Culver and the Culver Foundation **Continued from Page 1**

and continually proves his dedication to the Lubbock community and its citizens. We appreciate his efforts to make positive changes in our community and we can't wait for Covenant Health and the Culver Foundation to make changes together."

While preparing for his second season in the NBA, Timberwolves guard Jarrett Culver launched a new initiative to give back in his hometown of Lubbock, Tex. on Friday.

Alongside his family, the Lubbock native created the Culver Foundation to help those in

need living within the community he was raised in. Speaking to Everything Lubbock, Culver says the Foundation's mission is to "give back to help others in need, and just make an impact in the world."

The Culver Foundation's first event included a court dedicated in honor of former Texas Tech player Andre Emmett, who was murdered at the age of 37 last year. The court dedication was supported in-person by Texas Tech Head Coach Chris Beard and Naismith Basketball Hall of Famer Nancy Lieberman.

Beyond the Rhetoric By Harry C. Alford & Kay DeBow

Let's Recommit to the **Higher Education Act – Not Undermine It** 

The pandemic and economic crisis that ensued has closed thousands of businesses and deepened the economic distress of people who were already struggling. Despite Black entrepreneurs having lost over 61% of their businesses, we are focused on rising like a "phoenix". out of the ashes of this destruction through training, partnerships, and a resolve to overcome the crisis. We see the strivers and overcomers continue to make a better life through education and we believe education is indeed the key!

Title IV of Higher Education Act (HEA) was created to open the doors of education to new types of universities with refined models uniquely suited to people embarking on education even though the odds seem stacked against them. Unfortunately, skeptics are influenced by outmoded thinking to marginalize these schools, no matter how they benefit students and the businesses that will hire

We have experienced fierce opposition to these new schools and programs from those advocating for traditional, on-campus-only higher education institutions. They wish to kill the new techniques before they even start to reach their poten-

Title IV authorizes programs that provide financial assistance to students to pursue higher education, whether at public, private nonprofit, or proprietary institutions that meet basic criteria for earning a degree and preparing a student for gainful employment in a recognized occupation.

Stated simply, the 50-yearold HEA says the poor as well as

### c/o T. J. Patterson, Sr.

THIS-N-THAT would like to take this opportunity to thank many of you for all of your prayers and concerns for me during my illness. Since January of this year until now, November the 1st, God has been good to

The things I have traveled through have been difficult. But I had no idea what I was really going through until I sat down and started to thinking about what my daughters and son have told me. From the baby girl, Shelia Renee to the oldest girl, Avis Elise, to my son, Thomas James Patterson, Jr. I appreciate their concern of even thinking about me and for reaching out and touching me and encouraging me to continue.

I'd like to also give a special

the rich deserve a shot at education and anticipates that a fouryear sojourn on an ivy-covered campus of an exclusive and expensive college is not for every-

Title IV is not simply a government funding stream to help people of limited means to afford a more expensive or exclusive institution. In fact, the HEA was created for those who have formidable obstacles before them. They might have performed poorly in high school or suffered from a lack of mentoring and family support. Many have served in the military. Others have decided to make a new start and pursue a degree while struggling simultaneously to work and tend to family responsibilities. Many are the first person in their family to pursue education and immigrants facing language and cultural obstacles.

The higher education institutions designed to meet their needs must, like the students they serve, be practical and results oriented while not sacrificing the content of an education. We have seen first-hand how non-traditional schools are giving people from all walks of life what they need and we are conthank you to Joan Vann and Faye Brown who have taken good care of me throughout the day.

I've lost a little weight but I'll gain that back. After eating breakfast this morning, I'm sure that will help take care of that. But I began to think from whence I've come, where I've been, how I've traveled, but it's only by His grace and His mercy is why I'm still here.

I had to do some more learning of what I knew about years ago...LOL..., but you know things happen when you lose control of your health. You don't' know where you are, what you're doing, what you're eating; when you get to the end of the tracks, the end of the field, or the end of the road, you look back and see from whence you

vinced we need them as we re-

build our economy. These schools offer flexibility that reflects the changing profile have come; and all you can do is say, THANK YOU GOD ..... for being with me, for helping me along this way.

Because I had no idea of where I was or who I was; but only by Your grace and Your mercy did I make it through, so THANK YOU FATHER FOR **EVEYTHING YOU'VE DONE** FOR ME!!!

Let's talk about something in Lubbock, Tx USA, we used to call it. We'd often complain about what we didn't have, but we knew if we thought and looked at the land that God had given us, there was so much that we could do as citizens of Eastern Lubbock.

We were complaining of what we didn't have?

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of people pursuing a degree. Higher Ed Connects noted 40 percent of those students are over 35, around 4.3 million

### Local Students Participated as Poll Workers in the 2020 Election

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Lee Campbell, Grace Feist, Moriah Gutierrez, Taagi Kowino, Siara Mitchell, Sabrina Revilla, Maya Sanders, and Alexis Weathers. This outstanding venture for these 9 amazing high school students provides them the training and experience of being a part of the national election process on a local level, even though they are not eligible to vote because of their age. The student initiative was created by

election officials because of the Covid-19 concern for older citizens who tradionally work at the polling stations but must exercise caution of possible exposure to the virus by their work at the polling stations. Each student will receive a formal certificate of completion by the County Elections Office and a certificate of leadership from

Lubbock Youth Leadership Academy (LYLA) at the end of the Election Day. In addition, the Student Election Poll Worker Program is a great accomplishment on college/technical training/scholarship applications, resumes, and employment appli-

LYLA Student Coordinator Marty Groves has also enlisted 2 Estacado High School youth, Zachary Andrews and Ra'Nya Jones, and 1 Lubbock High School youth, Isaaic Reyes with assistance from Communities in Schools Site Coordinators EHS Andrea Montemayor and LHS Krystal Christiansen to participate in this endeavor.

Lubbock proudly recognizes the efforts of each of the 12 total students and their role in our November 3rd political democratic process of election!

### **Estacado Booster Club Membership Drive**

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### THANKSGIVING DAY PRAYER "A Prayer For Thanks In A Hard Year"

God, this year has been hard for many of us at this table. While this is a sweet moment, it's also hard. The challenges we have faced this year have been overwhelming, and as we gather today, we cannot ignore the fact that these feelings still linger as does the pain. But for these next few hours, we remember that you are a God who loves us, cares for us, heals us, and forgives us. Help us to enjoy this time. In the lingering bitterness give us peace. We thank you for this meal and pray a blessing for our strength.



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### "I KNOW WHAT I M LIVING FOR"

have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that you should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever you shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you.

November 23, 1979, I BILLY B.J. was leaving Hearn Texas, on my way back to Dallas Texas.

I was driving 80 mph; getting ready to OPEN A BEER; BLUES GOING: NOW TO RELAX!!!

Hebrew 12:7,8, If you endure chastening, God deals with you as with sons; for what son is he who the father chastenes not? But if you be without chastisement, whereof all are partakers, then are you bastords, and not

\*\*\*ONLY BY GOD'S GRACE AND MERCY!!!\*\*\*

A voice spoke to me, SAY-ING, DON'T OPEN THAT BEER!---THE VOICE SAID, PREACHERS HORN, OR GABREAL'S HORN; THEN **CAME MY FEAR!!!** 

Proverb 1:7, The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge: but fools despise wisdom and instruction.

I then looked to the passage seat: FROM WHERE THE VOICE CAME.---I THEN LOOKED BACK TO THE HIGHWAY; AND SAW MY-SELF: LAYING IN A FIELD;

John 15:16, Jesus said, you AND I COULD SEE MY

Matthew 11:28-30, Jesus Said, Come unto me, all you that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke (THE BIBLE) upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and you shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is

I SAW MYSELF I HAD ROLLED MY PICKUP; **BLOOD WAS COMING OUT** MY MOUTH.

I PRAYED; LORD PLEASE: DON'T LET ME DIE TODAY;--- IS WHAT I CRYED OUT!!!

Psalm 94:12, Blessed is the man who you chastenest, O Lord, and teaches him out of

My feet was on the foot pedal; IT BEGAN TO SHAKE HOR-RIBLY .--- I KNEW DEATH WAS UPON ME; AND I PRAYED WITH ALL SIN-CERITY!!!

\*\*\*GOD DO HEAR THE SINNER'S PRAYERS!!!\*\*\*

Psalm 51:1,10,12, HAVE mercy upon me, O God, according to your lovingkindness: according unto the multitude of your tender mercies blot out my transgressions. Create in me a clean heart, O God;

And renew a right spirit within

\*\*\*THIS IS HOW YOU BE-**COME A WITNESS!!!\*\*\*** 

I had just left MY DAD'S **HOUSE ABOUT 30 MINUES** AGO .--- I TOLD PREACHER'S HORN OR **GRABEREAL'S HORN; BUT** I MUST GET ON THE ROAD!!!

Matthew 12:18, Behold my servant, who I have chosen; my beloved, in who my soul is well pleased: I will put my spirit upon him, and he shall show judgment to the Gentiles.

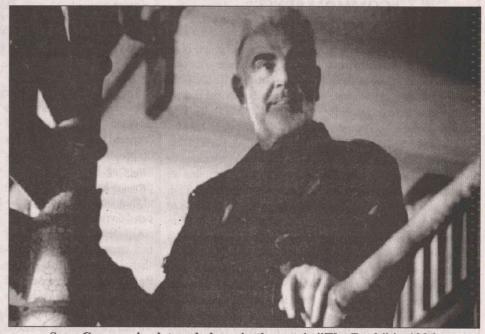
I heard a VOICE REAPEAT-ING MY WORDS; WHO WAS SPEAKING; I DON'T

MY 80 MPH. BECAME 50 MPH. I PRAYED: LORD; I DON'T WANT DO DIE; I' AM NOT READY TO GO!!!

1Timothy 1:15, This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptation, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save Sinners; of whom I am chief. \*\*\*FREE AT LAST-FREE AT LAST; THANK GOD!!!\*\*\*

Psalm 18: I,2, 3a,I WILL love thee, O LORD, my strength. The Lord is my rock, and my God, my fortress, and my deliverer; my God, my strength, in who I will trust; my buckler, and the horn of my salvation, and my high tower. I will call upon the Lord, who is worthy to be

### Sean Connery, actor famed for playing James Bond, dies age 90



Sean Connery is pictured above in the movie "The Rock" in 1996.

Sean Connery, the Scottish actor whose five-decade-long movie career was dominated by the role of James Bond, has died at the age of 90, according to his

his sleep," publicist Nancy Seltzer said in a statement Satur-

"His wife Micheline and his two sons, Jason and Stephane have confirmed that he died peacefully in his sleep surrounded by family. There will be a private ceremony followed by a memorial yet to be planned once the virus has ended," the statement

Connery, who was awarded a knighthood in 2000 for his contribution to the arts, played the British spy in seven movies, beginning with "Dr. No" in 1962, the first of the Bond

He wasn't just Bond, of course. Connery starred in an Alfred Hitchcock film, 1964's "Marnie," opposite Tippi Hedren; was part of the all-star cast in 1974's "Murder on the Orient Express"; played Indiana Jones' father, in 1989's "Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade"; and won an Academy Award for best supporting actor for his performance as Chicago cop Jim Malone in the 1987 film "The Untouch-

But like so many characters in the Bond films, he could nethe role twice before finally ending his involvement with 1983's puckishly titled "Never Say Never Again."

James Bond producers The actor "died peacefully in Michael G. Wilson and Barbara Broccoli said they were "devastated" by the news of Connery's death in a statement posted to the official 007 Twitter account. "He was and shall always be remembered as the original James Bond whose indelible entrance into cinema history began when he announced those unforgettable words "The name's Bond... James Bond" -- he revolutionized the world with his gritty and witty portrayal of the sexy and charismatic secret agent," the producers said.

> "He is undoubtedly largely responsible for the success of the film series and we shall be forever grateful to him."

Scottish First Minister Nicola Sturgeon said she was "heartbroken" to hear of Connery's death. "Our nation today mourns one of her best loved sons," she said in a statement. "Sean was born into a working class Edinburgh family and through talent and sheer hard work, became a film icon and one of the world's most accomplished actors."

Sturgeon also paid tribute to Connery as "a patriotic and proud Scot," saying it was a privilege to have known him.

ver quite escape 007. He gave up an independent Scotland and those of us who share that belief owe him a great debt of gratitude," she said.

Actor Daniel Craig, the most recent Bond, said Connery had "defined an era and a style" and was one of cinema's true greats.

"The wit and charm he portrayed on screen could be measured in mega watts; he helped create the modern blockbuster. He will continue to influence actors and film-makers alike for years to come," said Craig in a statement shared by the official 007 Twitter account.

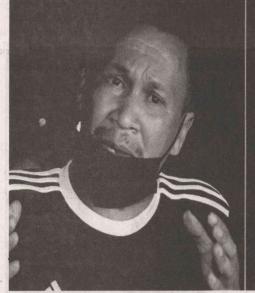
Actor Hugh Jackman tweeted: "I grew up idolizing #SeanConnery. A legend on screen, and off. Rest In Peace."

Britain's Pinewood Studios, where the Bond films are filmed, tweeted: "Memories of this outstanding actor and his unforgettable embodiment of superspy James Bond will forever be cherished at Pinewood."

Connery's fame as the dashing spy Bond sometimes proved a double-edged sword. As early as 1965, just prior to the premiere of "Thunderball" -- the fourth Bond film -- Connery testily corrected a Playboy interviewer about concerns over

Connery is consistently ranked as fans' favorite Bond, a sentiment often shared by film crit-

### Family of Black Man Killed in Philly Say They Called 911 For an Ambulance, Not the Police





Nationwide — Walter Wallace, a 27-year old Black man from Philadelphia, was killed by police this week as he held a knife. His family, however, says they called 911 to get help with his mental health crisis and were expecting an ambulance - not two police officers who came instead and shot their son repeatedly.

According to reports, police arrived at the scene and found Wallace holding a knife. Officers ordered him to drop it, but he reportedly "advanced towards" them. Two officers then fired at least 7 shots each, unclear how many times Wallace was struck.

Wallace's father, Walter Wallace

Sr., claimed his son was on medication and that he struggled with mental health issues.

"Why didn't they use a taser?" he told The Philadelphia In quirer. "Why you have to gun

Police Commissioner Danielle Outlaw said the officers, who have yet been disclosed due to safety reasons, didn't have a Taser or similar device, noting that the department had been asking for fund before to equip more officers with those devices. They were taken of street duty pending the investi-

Moreover, a video recorded by a bystander and posted on so

Ludacris Partners With His Daughter to

**Produce Animated Netflix Series That** 

cial media showed the whole incident. A woman, identified as Wallace's mother, was also seen trying to get him to listen to the police until the police repeatedly shot at him. It was unclear in the video whether he was holding a knife but witnesses said he was. Wallace was shot in the shoulder and the chest. He was taken to the hospital where he was later on pronounced dead.

Meanwhile, the incident sparked outrage and violent protests ensued in the neighborhood, with people saying the police used excessive force during the incident. At least 30 officers were injured and 91 people were

### 15-Year Old Black Female Chess Champion Wins \$40K Scholarship



Brooklyn, NY — At the age of 15, Jessica Hyatt has already been awarded a \$40,000 college scholarship. On top of that, she is just a few ranks away from making history as the first Black woman chess master in the

Jessica, who is one of the top 10 Black female chess players in the US, recently received the prestigious Daniel Feinberg Succes in Chess Award which comes with a \$40,000 college

"I play whenever I get the chance, like in my free time, like during my classes, like sometimes during classes," Jessica told CBS News, noting that she plays at least 5 to 7 hours a day. Jessica is currently a sopho-

more at Success Academy, a

chess program. Five years ago, she met her coaches Tyrell Harriott and David Mbonu, who are both National Masters, the highest level in the US.

school known for its exceptional

To become a chess master, a 2,200 ranking must be achieved. Jessica is already at 1,950."I learned the game when I was 15, so for Jessica to be at 1,950, that's a huge edge," said Harriot.

With that, she is hoping to become the first Black female

"There has never been a female Black player to break the master ranking and that's what Jessica is going for," said Mbonu.

Even with the pandemic, Jessica continues honing her skills by playing chess online. Her mother, Loy Allen, has been very supportive of her daughter and hopes other young children of color get inspired by her story."If your kid's passionate enough about it, have them go for it because the sky's the limit, right?" said Allen.

Moreover, after achieving her goal of being a chess master, Jessica dreams of attending college at MIT and plans to teach chess to other children as well. "If your kid's passionate enough about it, have them go for it because the sky's the limit, right?"

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#### **Empowers Young Black Girls** Nationwide—Rapper/actor Chris Bridges, more popularly known as Ludacris, is set to produce a new animated series

called Karma's World inspired by his eldest daughter Karma Bridges. The series will be released on Netflix soon. Ludacris' production company Karma's World Entertainment is one of the producers of the coming-of-age story that will

be able to change the world. The 40-episode series with 11-minutes screentime each will

follow the life of 10-year old girl

Karma Grant, an aspiring musi-

cal artist, rapper, and songwriter,

who wanted to use her music to

feature original music scoring created and supervised by Ludacris himself in collaboration with James Bennett Jr. and produced by Gerald Keys. The compositions tackle the issues young children are facing from friendship, creativity, emotions to self-esteem, and discrimina-

Karma's World Entertainment is partnering with 9 Story Media Group, Oscar-nominated Brown Bag Films, and Emmy Awardwinning Creative Affairs Group to produce the new series. Ludacris is hoping the series will get to inspire young children and empower young girls.

"I've had a lot of accomplishments in my life, but everything that I've experienced seems to have led up to this point to where I can leave a legacy for all my daughters," Bridges told Deadline. "Karma's World is one of those legacies. I hope this series will show kids that there are many ways to overcome difficult situations. This show is going to move hip hop culture forward and show young girls that they have the power to change the world. This project has been a long time in the making, and I can't wait to bring Karma's World to the entire world." See Photo on Page 8







Funeral services for William

Bryant Jackson, Sr. were held

Dorthene Jackson.

William Jackson, Sr.

## **Obsequies**

#### **Margaret Lee Davis**

Funeral services for Margaret Lee Davis were held on Friday morning, July 17, 2020, at the Greater St. Luke Missionary Baptist Church with Pastor J. H. Ford as Officiant/Eulogist.

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

Margaret, age 79, passed away on Monday, July 13, 2020. She was born to the birth of Tommie Lee and Viola Grant Davis of O'Donnel, Texas.

She attended public schools in Lubbock, Texas, and graduated from Dunbar High School. After high school, she worked several jobs to support her daughters and later retired from Texas Instruments after working 20 plus years. She was a member of the Greater St. Luke Baptist Church.

Margaret is preceed in death by her parents, Tommy Lee and Viola Gant Davis; one sister, Annie Mae Onasanya; four brothers, Tommie Earl Davis, Lester Ray Davis, Charles Davis, and Bobby Roy Davis.

Margaret leaves to cherish her memory: four daughters: Deborah (Duran) Drones, Dianna Davis Toliver, Elisa



(Jackie) McFadden, and Paula Davis; one brother, Johnny Davis; six grandchildren: Tataidrian Toliver, TaSha Davis, Appollonia McFadden, Keith Drones, Octavia Davis, and Juwan Drones; eight grandchildren, a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Margaret's favorite words to her daughters were: "You let the Good Lord take care of it" and Do what is right and take care of your kids."

She will be greatly missed by her daughters, family, and friends.

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#### Elijah Jackson Donaldson

Funeral services for Elijah Jackson Donaldson were held Tuesday afternoon, October 6, 2020 at the Griffin Chapel with Pastor Ron Pegues of the Trimuph Baptist Church of Slaton, Texas officiating. The message of comfort was delivered by Pastor Adna Bean of the Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church. Prayer was offered by Rev. Tommie Ervin.

Interment was held in the Arlington Cemetery in Arlington, Texasat the Texas Veterans Cemetery in the Dallas-Fort Worth, Texas, 2000 Moutain Creek Parkway, at a date to be determined.

Elijah was born October 10, 1937 in Wichita Falls, Texas to Felly and Cordia Donaldson. He was one of eight children.

After serving in the United States Army from 1959-1961, he met and married the love of his life, Rubye Lee Donaldson, and they built a legacy in the community of Lubbock.

Mr. Donaldson, along with his wife, Rubye, raised their son, Darrell, while attending and actively serving in the Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church as a Steward and a member of the Bethel Men's Choir.

E. J. enjoyed fishing, cook-



ing veterans. His bold smile and boisterous laugh brought joy to all whom he contacted.

He was a loving son, brother, husband, father, uncle, and grandfather.

He devoted much of his time and energy as a caregiver to family members, including his

Mr. Donaldson is survived by his son, Darrell Donaldson; six grandchildren, six great grandchildren, a host of cousins, nieces, nephews, and friends.

He was preceded in death by the age of 76.

#### on Saturday morning, September 19, 2020, at Ossie Curry Funeral Home of Lubbock. William trasitioned peacefully on Friday, September 11, 2020, in Lubbock.



ing, playing Bingo, and watch-

his wife, Rubye Donaldson, at

#### **Kyera Annie Tianna Jones**

Celebration of Life Services for Kyera Anna Tianna Jones were held on Friday, October 2, 2020, at 2 p.m. at Peaceful Gardens Cemetery under the direction of Griffin Mortuary.

Kyera was born to Arnold Jones and Tonya Walker on November 11, 1993. She attended Estacado High School where she played varsity basketball. she earned special recognition through LISD girls' AAA regional basketball and Mayor Tom Martin and earned special recognition for talents in volleyball as well.

Kyera leaves to cherish her memory; her mother, Tonya Walker, father, Arnold Jones; grandmother, Rose Jones; grandfather, Edgar Jones; three broth-



ers, Zackary Jones, Devante Jones, and Deverick Jenkins; two sisters, Monique Jackson and Arnaizia Jones; a host of other relative and friends.

#### He was born January 21, 1949, in Clarksville, Texas to the late George E. Jackson, Sr. and Mr. Jackson graduated from Dunbar High School and pursued a career in auto mechanics. William enjoyed life to the fullest, and time well spent with his siblings, Dorothy, George, Jr. (Earl) and Sentha. He is pre-Ansley Judie, and Nylah Vaden; ceded in death by his brother, nieces: Latoya Irwin, Tanya and leaves his loving and sup-Jackson, Ansley Judie, and Shaportive sisters, Dorothy Irwin ree Irwin; nephews, Anthony (Henry) of Austin, Texas and

Irwin and Michael Jackson, and a host of great-nieces, and nephews, cousins, other relatives, and friends.

Special acknowledgment of appreciation, love, unwavering support, and kindness to Olga Allen, Cheryl Randle, Erma Mc-Cuen, Edward and Juanita Johnson, Joey Carter, Rochon Martin, Willie McGee, and Ms. Glenda from Hospice of Lub-

#### Dennis Eugene Thomas, Jr.

Celebration of Life Service was held on Saturday, October 10, 2020, at 11 a.m. at Victory In Praise. Interment was followed at the Abernathy Cemetery under the direction of Griffin Mortuary.

Sentha Judie of Austin, Texas.

ish his memory: three children,

Tammy Allen and William B.

Jackson, Jr., both of Dallas,

Texas, and Sharlene Andrews

(Kevin) of Austin, Texas; grand-

children: Billy F. Matthews, III,

Kiana Brown, Jazmin Edwards,

and William B. Jackson, III;

great-grandchildren, Allyson

Vaden and Nylah Vaden; nieces:

Latoya Irwin, Tanya Jackson,

Mr. Jackson leaves to cher-

Dennis was born on January 7, 1966, to Billy Thomas and Oleta Sanders Thomas in Lubbock, TX. Dennis attended Lubbock ISD and graduated from Estacado High School, then he joined the Army. He worked for the V.A. Dennis leaves to cherish his memory; his wife Ruschelle Thomas; three sons, Dennis Thomas, Jr., Tyshawndrick Thomas, and Dennis Thomas, III; three daughters, Shantasia Thomas, Tyshawndra Thomas, and Diamond Thomas; one sister, Lillie (Donnie) Williams; seven brothers, James



Sanders, Willie (Margaret) Humphrey, Jr., Robert (Pearl) Humphrey, Charles (Patricia) Thomas, O.T. (Audrey) Thomas, Dale Thomas, and Calvin Thomas; great aunt, Carrie Humphrey; a host of other relatives and friends.

# "The Alleged Warrant For My Arrest"

by Dr. James L. Snyder

"Dr. James L. Snyder"

This past week was one of the best weeks I've had in a long time. I got everything completed, as well as some overdue projects.

There's no feeling quite like the feeling of having accomplished your goals for the week. As far as I was concerned, this called for an Apple fritter celebration. Just keep this between us and don't let you-know-who

When I walked into the house, was met by the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage, and I noticed a rather serious look on her face. I thought maybe she had a bad day, and I was not going to let her bad day influence my good day.

So I said, "Hello, my dear. How has your day been?

"What have you been up to?" She said as serious as I've ever heard her.

"Listen to this phone message." She picked up the phone, pressed the button and I heard the message.

"This is a Social Security Officer letting you know that a warrant for your arrest has been established.

They will be at yourhome tomorrow around 4 o'clock to facilitate the warrant unless you call this number."

I was speechless, which is not unusual for me. Then my wife said, "Do you want to tell me what this is all about?"

It's not enough that I'm in trouble with a Social Security Officer, but I'm also in trouble with the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage. To be truthful about this, I'd rather be in trouble with a Social Security Officer. But I have to take my trouble one step at a time.

I did not know what to say to my wife. I never heard of a Social Security Officer or what they do. Why would the Social Security come after me? I'm certainly not going to call that num-

"Are you keeping something from me?" My wife queried.

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I did not know what to say to my wife. I never heard of a Social Security Officer or what they do. Why would the Social Security come after me? I'm certainly not going to call that num-

I did not know how to answer because I have never found how to keep anything from her as long as I have been married. She knows what I'm doing three weeks before I'm actually doing it. How could I keep anything from her?

We sat in the living room and tried to figure out what kind of trouble would necessitate an arrest warrant. We couldn't come up with anything. And believe me, if my wife can't come up with the definition of trouble, it just doesn't exist.

Believe me, the next afternoon, we were very nervous, not knowing what to do. But the afternoon led into the evening, and then we went to bed.

That was four weeks ago. I have not received any more phone calls. No Social Security Officer has shown up at my door with a warrant for my arrest.

As it turns out, those four weeks of nervous anticipation were a complete waste. As far as we can understand, it must've been a scam to rattle our cage. We were careful for nothing at

The other night as I was thinking of this, a verse of Scripture came to mind. "There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear: because fear





hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love" (I John

I have a choice that I can surrender my fear for love. That love that only God can give.

Dr. James L. Snyder is pastor of the Family of God Fellowship, Ocala, FL 34472. He lives with the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage in Silver Springs Shores. Call him at 352-216-3025 or e-mail jamessnyder2@att.net. The church web site www.whatafellowship.com.



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But at the same time, things were still happening in our posture. When you look around and see from whence you've come, then you become most appreciative of where you're going.

You think about the people who came here years ago, they didn't have nothing, but they set the infrastructure up for us to be able to develop our homes; our businesses, or what have you; our schools. Begin to think about from whence we've come.

Years ago, we would had the opportunity, me and a good friend of mine, Eddie P. Richardson who has now passed, we'd drive around and look at what we could do with this land; what should happen to the land we have. We couldn't see around the corner but we could talk about it loud and clear, but we had no idea what was around the corner. As we started paying attention to what people had told us, we realized that things didn't happen overnight; it takes time, T.I.M.E. for many things to be-

come a reality, and we thank God we had that knowledge to take note of that.

Now as I look around before my illness and I see what is happening to the Eastern part of this city, I AM PROUD.....because no matter how slow we were with our thinking, our lack of knowledge, we were able to see from this perspective of where we've come from.

I thank God for the number of new homes I see that are being constructed in this part of the city; which are going to lead

to more businesses, more establishments, more opportunities for the young people that are coming along. Now if you are my age or older parents, you need to tell these young children from whence they have come. Only by His grace and His mercy are we here and are able to do some things.

I just cried recently as I was riding around seeing what I was seeing and I began to thank God for where He has brought us. We should take advantage of

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what we have; like this person said years ago, "it doesn't flood on the Eastern part of Lubbock, everything is down to earth. We're just blessed with what we have. We need to take advantage of it. Keep taking advantage of what we have. Quit complaining about what we don't have

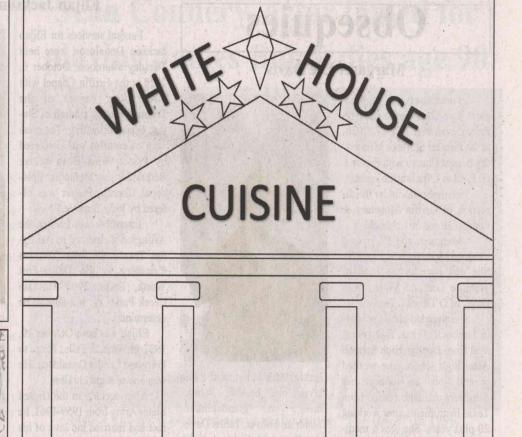
and start using what we have. If I don't say anything else today young people, DON'T complain about what you don't have. Go out and make something; do something. Come together individually and collectively and do some things, and you'll be surprised of what will happen around the corner.

They had a saying years ago,

"It doesn't flood on the Eastern part of Lubbock", we've got the little hills and etc., but we've got so much to be proud of, so let's take advantage of it. I'm not completely back my dear folk, but I'm so happy to be here in this moment, this day in time; because days ago I didn't know where I really was. BUT I can

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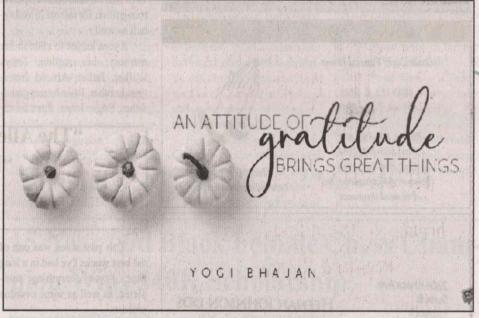
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sometimes in life you have to go through some things. And once you've gone through some things, you begin to see from whence you have come; and you see how blessed you've been. So, I'm glad to be back and I thank God for my children...the oldest, Avis, the baby Shelia and the middle T.J. Jr., thank you for what you've done.

Keep on doing what you're doing what you're doing, don't quit. There are so many opportunities for you and your friends, those who know you, so much available. All we have to do is

go ask and then we go and do it. Remember, it will not happen overnight. Eastern Lubbock, USA is growing tremendously. We should be blessed and proud of where we are today.

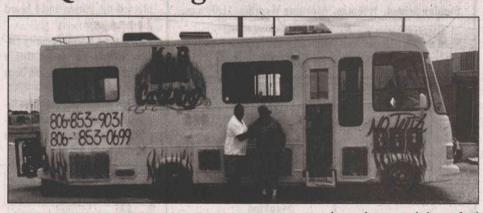
THIS-N-THAT is not completely back, but I'm back enough to recall from whence I've come and what has taken place. Stay with us you all, don't quit. We don't know what's around the corner but we do know one thing; when we come together and be sincere about what we are trying to do, so much happens for us.

So, God Bless each of you and when you see me, I've lost a little weight, but I'm back. God bless each of you and thank you for all that you have done and all the things that you will do in the future.

THANK GOD! and AMEN!!!!



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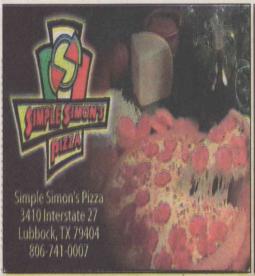
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### **Margaret Robinson celebrates 100th** Year Birthday with Family/Friends

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Robinson. Also present at this occasion was Councilwoman Shelia Patterson-Harris who

Robinson was made by Joyce read a Proclamation in honor of the Guest of Honor. To close out the celebration, remarks were made by the Honoree, Mrs.

Margaret Robinson. Everyone in attendance had a glorious time celebrating the life of Mrs. Margaret Robinson.



Margaret Robinson pictured with her children

Margaret Robinson pictured with City Council-Woman Shelia Patterson-Harris

#### **PROCLAMATION**

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WHEREAS: Margaret Robinson was born on October 24th, 1920, the seventh child of twelve, to Nara West and Jimmy Washington in Leon, Texas; and,

WHEREAS: Margaret met and married Alvester Robinson, a loving union, which blessed the couple with three beautiful children; and,

WHEREAS: Margaret is a hardworking and giving individual. Margaret has committed herself in service to Underwood's Barbeque Cafeteria for over 20 years, has served the State School system for several more years, and remains a committed member of Charter Chapel CME Church, where Margaret is the President of the Stewardess Board, a member of the Missions team, and a mother of the church. Life is good, and Margaret continues to enjoy life by gardening and sewing; and,

WHEREAS: Reaching the century mark is an important milestone, an occasion that deserves special recognition, celebration, and adoration by family, friends, and neighbors who want to express their fondest wishes for the happiest of birthdays and continued health and enjoyment of life; and,

WHEREAS: It is fitting to recognize Margaret Robinson as she celebrates being 100 years young, to congratulate her on achieving this wonderful milestone, and to thank her family for allowing us to join them in this important celebration,

NOW, THEREFORE, we the Mayor and City Council of the great City of Lubbock do hereby declare October 24th, 2020 as

Margaret Robinson 100th Birthday Celebration Day

in Lubbock, and encourage all citizens to join us in celebrating this tremendous milestone and in wishing Margaret the happiest of birthdays.

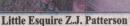
Dated this 24th Day of October, 2020.

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Meet the Proud Brothers of the Birthday Princesses







**Baby Esquire Zamir Patterson** 



Junior Esquire Nathan Williams Thanksgiving 2020

### Princess Zaya & Princess Layla Birthday Celebrations Continued from Page 1

Princess Zaya (Zaya Grace Patterson), celebrated her 5th birthday this year on 10/03/20. She is the proud daughter of Zairreus & Chimere Patterson who reside in McKinney, TX. Princess Zaya is older sister to her sibling brothers, Z.J. &

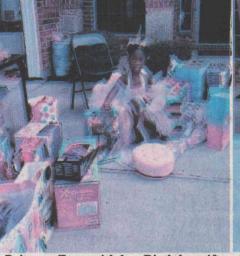
Zaya's celebration began with a Birthday Parade held on Saturday, October 3rd, which is her actual birth date, as family members and friends drove down her street and dropped off gifts to her and they picked up party treats from her.

The celebration ended with family members enjoying a time of eating pizza, ice cream and cake and opening up gifts. Zaya really enjoyed this different but very unique way of celebrating her birthday due to the pandemic. Zaya's birthday theme was one of the favorites for all girls right now, the unicorn.

Princess Layla (Layla Rose Williams), celebrated her 7th birthday this year on Saturday, October 17th. Her actual birth date is on October 21st. She is the proud daughter of Marcus &

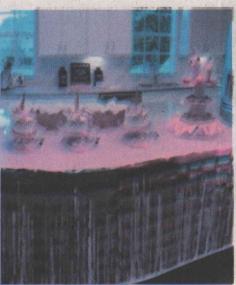
Emmanuella Williams who reside in Katy, TX. Princess Layla is the younger sister to her brother Nathan Williams.

Layla celebrated her birthday with 3 other friends. They each had their own Princess tent. The girls enjoyed a time of dancing, eating and playing games. The birthday theme was the unicorn. The girls had a blast. They not only made the birthday girl feel like a Princess, but all the girls were treated like Princesses, with a Princess crown for each of them. A birthday celebration to be remembered.

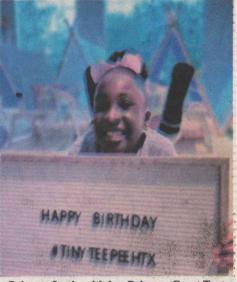




Princess Zaya with her Birthday gifts Zaya, her friend Lexi & her Unicorn BD Cake



Layla's Unicorn Birthday Cakes/Cookies



Princess Layla with her Princess Guest Tents

### Black Woman-Owned Company Creates the First Pajamas Line **Featuring Children of Color**



Atlanta, GA — Building selfesteem through positive representation is an important part of raising healthy children. Simone Edmonson established Dreams and Jammies LLC, an Atlantabased company, to play a key role in transforming how children of color see themselves uniquely portrayed in their sleepwear as they drift off into their heavenly dreams.

Company founder Simone Edmonson states, "I wanted children of color to know that they're valued and their faces matter. On average, children are in their PJ's nine-plus hours per day. So, I thought it would be inspirational for them to show their individuality by selecting designs, which aligns with the child's inner spirit. Parents could use Dreams and Jammies as a platform to launch their child's daily affirmation of self-worth."

The greatest impact the launch has made in the Black community was beautifully stated by buyer Denise Johnson of Baltimore Maryland, "When I saw those beautiful black girls wearing Dreams and Jammies on my Instagram feed, I burst into tears. I initially did not know why I had this visceral reaction. Then it dawned on me that in the fifty-five years of my life, I have never seen anything like this so I purchased a pair for my grandchildren and greatnieces."

Dreams and Jammies pajamas are 100% cotton, designed to be comfortable, and tagless. The initial product line, which is called the Comfy Collection with four distinct styles of pajamas, has received exciting responses from parents and children. "We're constantly creating new designs and plan to

our boys' line of pajamas in 2021," Simone explains. Also, the company plans to grow its brand to include kids' underwear, slippers, as well as adjustable satin hair bonnets. Interested consumers can sign up for advance notices on the availability of the latest prod-

All DreamsandJammies.com products are available for direct shipping worldwide with prices starting at \$14.99. Tuck in your little princesses at night with these awesome jammies!

To learn more about the line of products visit our website or connect with them on Facebook and Instagram.

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