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- \* Dunbar Alumni Association neets 2nd Saturdays, 4:00 p. m. at the Dunbar Alumni Building
- The Lubbock Branch of The NAACP meets the 3rd Saturday of each month at Life Run, Inc, 8240 Boston Ave. at 11:a.m.
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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
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**National Armed Forces Day** May 15th



**National Taffy Day** May 23rd



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# The Rise & Rise of Amanda Gorman

Amanda Gorman is on the rise and continues to shine. PHOTOGRAPHY BY ANNIE LEIBOVITZ

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Amanda Gorman gained international attention for her inaugural poem. Now she is being featured on the cover for the may issue of Vogue magazine! Famous photographer Annie Leibovitz captured the cover photo of the 23-year-old. Gorman was interviewed about how her life has changed since President Biden's inauguration. She shared what it's like to be a literary star and how she hopes to be "a stepping-stone for change."

The issue of Vogue will be available on April 20.

Vogue revealed its May cover starring poet Amanda Gorman. Actually, it's two covers, both shot by noted photographer Annie Leibovitz and styled by Gabriella Karefa-Johnson. The National Youth Poet Laureate appears wearing Dior Haute Couture and a Louis Vuitton Kente gown designed by Virgil Abloh, who is of Ghanian descent. This is Gorman's second big cover since she read her poem, "The Hill We Climb," at the presidential inauguration; she also covered Time magazine's February issue.

"Oh, how widely my Sierra Leonean grandfather, my grandmother, and all of my ancestors must be smiling," Karefa-John-

son wrote in an Instagram post. "How chuffed they would be

celebrated in this way. How astounded they would be by a young Black woman so graciously and confidently commanding the world stage as Amanda has — so beautiful and so powerful and so emblematic of a better future. Thank you to Virgil Abloh for creating in his collection for Louis Vuitton a moment that speaks to how important cultural heritage is in the work that we do."

Noting the significance of the moment, Karefa-Johnson goes on to say that this cover ing the constant policing of how we Black womxn show up in the world." Gorman's Kente gown, she adds, repre-

African diaspora.

Still, American Vogue is playing catch-up to include Black women both on the covers and behind the scenes. Even in the magazine's efforts toward inclusivity, it's historically turned to Black men first. In January, Gabriella Karefa-Johnson, who started out as an intern in the Vogue fashion closet, was the first Black woman to style a Vogue cover. And in April, Nadine Ijewere became the first Black woman to photograph a cover of American Vogue.

Of course, Gorman's cover is is about "embracing all that is a monumental occasion to celeso beautiful about is, of reject- brate, but there's still a lot of work to be done before we can stop announcing "firsts" way too

"This moment is a blessing.

### National Asparagus Day May 24th





**Memorial Day** May 31st



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## A Tribute to All Mothers Through the Eyes of 1st Grader

### Layla Rose Williams Honoring Women In History

As we, the Southwest Digest takes this opportunity to pay tribute to all of the wonderful women in our lives, as we celebrate Mother's Day and honor Women in History, this little Princess, Layla Williams continues to join us as she showcases her recognition of women that have inspired her.

In the last Monday in March, Layla certainly didn't forget about her final Monday Moment in Women's History. All the way from the west coast, Layla celebrated America's Vice President, Kamala Harris.

Kamala Harris

Kamala Harris is the 49th Vice President of the United States of America and the first female vice president in US history. She is the highest-ranking female official in the current United States Administration. She is also the first African-American, and the first Asian-American vice president of the US. As Kamala said, she is the first but certainly not the last. Layla the leader is definitely on

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Vice President Kamala Harris, is the Step-Mother to her husband's,

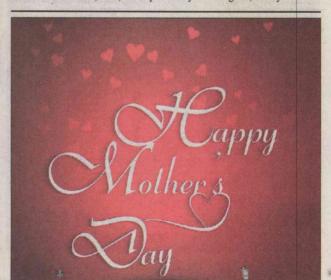


Michelle Obama - Former First Lady (2008-2016), wife to the 44th President of the U.S., Barack Obama, and is the mother of daughters Malia Obama and Sasha Obama.

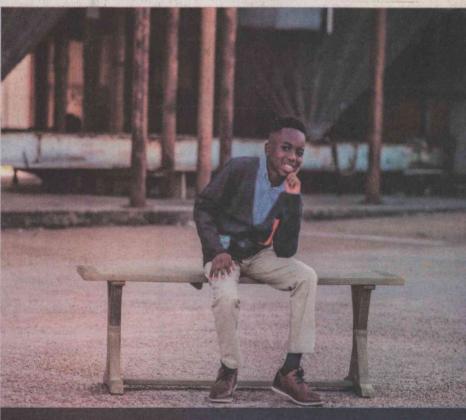




At Super Bowl LV in February, Sarah Thomas was the NFL's first-ever female referee to officiate a Super Bowl. Sarah with her husband, Brian Thomas have 3 kids, sons, Bridley & Brady and daughter, Bailey.



### sents cultural unity across the to see a symbol of our heritage My heart is full" says Gorman What Is Worth Fighting For?" An Essay Written By 5th Grader, **Nathan Edward Williams**



As a parent you never know if you're doing a good job, but there are moments that you get a hint that you may be doing "ok". Nathan recently wrote an essay on "What is worth fighting for?"

. His closing paragraph (shared above) was confirmation that this 11 year journey is headed in the right direction and that there are greater things to come from AKA "Nate the Great".

Nathan is the son of Marcus and Emmanuella Williams, great-grandson of T.J. Patterson, Sr. and the grandson of Avis Patterson.

Nathan just celebrated his 11th birthday on April 10th and he also just made one of the biggest decisions he had to make in his life; he was just baptized at his church fellowship. His father, Marcus W.,

had the honor of baptizing him.

Nathan, from all your family and friends, Happy 11th Birthday Nathan and Congratulations on your Baptism into the Kingdom of God. We love you!!

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Nathan's Essay can be found on Pages 3 & 5



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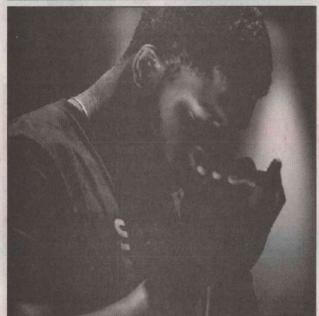




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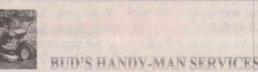
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Joshua 4:5

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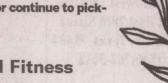


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# In Cinque

By Renetta Howard

### "THE WORST OF TIMES"

We have been gripped in a COVID-19 pandemic for over a year now and the only thing that it seems to be producing other than over 3,000,000 deaths worldwide are the occurrences of mass shootings throughout the United States which is indicative or widespread mental illness.

It appears that many of us have loss some of our sanity as living in a constant lockdown is not much different than being in a prison. There are limitations on what you can do and then there is the watchful eye of the government officials and security guards in all the places you are permitted to enter.

One mishap and there is someone to remind you that you are incurring an infraction. You correct it or suffer the consequences of not following the rules. This is not a short-lived situation, but an ongoing one wherein the end is nowhere in sight. If you were in a brick and mortar prison, more than likely you would have some idea when your prison time will end, but not with this pandemic.

As a matter of fact, after the whole world attempting to get all citizens vaccinated against COVID-19, the World Health Organization has recently stated that the surge of new cases is

more deadly than the original virus, is now more prevalent in some places and some individuals, though a small population, are getting the virus in spite of complete vaccination.

In the United States, prominent Americans with names that carry a punch, are making public announcements to encourage Americans to get the vaccination. Yet, there are approximately 30% of Americans whom have vowed NOT to get the vaccination and public figures determined to see to it that they do NOT get the vaccination. At this time, only about 30% of Americans have been fully vaccinated and that leaves 40% still waiting to get a vaccination with children under 16 years of age in

No approval has been given yet to vaccinate he under 16 year olds, so we are still in limbo as to when that will happen, meaning those of us with complete vaccination will need that booster before the 40% is vaccinated and with the 30% who do not plan to get a vaccination, these are the worst of times!

There is no way we can achieve herd immunity like this. That 40% has to be vaccinated SOON! Let us pray for a medical breakthrough to get the children vaccinated and get 'in



### **Beyond the Rhetoric**

By Harry C. Alford & Kay DeBow

"Jim Crow Racism" 'Always There Remind Us'

The racism that exists in our everyday lives seems to be inseparable from our everyday lives. No matter where a situation may exist the ugly head of racism seems to rise above us and scream "I'm still here Americans"! Yes, it is still here and it appears to be with us for, perhaps, forever. This nation was founded with Racism being a part of our flesh and blood. A single decade cannot pass us by with a major event proving that our dirty legacy remains with us. Will it ever go away and leave our culture alone? Makes you

I remember the time my mother thought it would be beneficial to my upbringing and my understanding of our complex nation if I would spend a good summer in Louisiana with my relatives who planted in the "Bayou State" in the 1860's. They originated from the Ports of Richmond, Louisiana and Savannah, Georgia. Fresh off the "Voyage" and into the cotton fields. It appears the most of them entered slavery through the Port of Onakery in Nigeria.

The ending of the Civil War closed the chapter on official slavery and began hard segregation from there on. The vast majority of my people were "Mulattos" according to the United States Census. We owe our physical prowess to our forefather, Bill Brown. His claim was that of a "Breeder" and the story goes that he fathered at least 70 Bastard children. From Georgia to Texas he spread his

Another colorful forefather was Harry Watkins. He seemed to do good as a freed slave with real estate. His last big deal in 1872 was a loan for 225 acres of

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

This N' That would like to feature in this months' TNT article, the Essay written by his great-grandson, Nathan Edward Williams: "What Is Worth Fighting For"?

What do you think is worth fighting for? Do you think about wars and battles, or do you think about classmates fighting about who gets to go first in line? Fighting is something that you do on a regular basis, but sometimes you have to think, "Is it worth it?"

There are many things that you should fight for, but there are also many things that you should just leave alone. For example, one thing that shouldn't be fought about is who gets the last cookie in the jar. It's not going to change your life if you don't eat a cookie. One thing that is worth fighting for is preventing someone with power from oppressing or attacking someone that is innocent. World War II started in 1939 when Germany and the Axis powers attacked Poland.

The U.S heard about what the axis powers were doing to Jews, gypsies, disabled people, and people of different religions, otherwise known as "the perfect arayn" (blond hair, blue eyes, white skin), but that was not enough to go to war. Then, the U.S found out that their allies, Britain, France, and the Soviet Union had declared war on the Axis powers, and that worried them. Finally, on December 7, 1941, Japan bombed Pearl harbor in Hawaii and that crossed the line. America lost so much that day, which caused Franklin D. Roosevelt to declare war on Germany, Japan, and Italy.

What the Axis powers did to Jews, gypsies, disabled people, and people of different religions is unimaginable. If these people were not careful, they would be taken to concentration camps to be worked to death or killed on the spot. However, some didn't think it was worth going to war for. They knew that if they went to war they would lose thousands of soldiers. Other people didn't want to go because they were scared that they might lose. If the U.S. and their allies lost

to the axis powers, their lives might have never been the same. The last reason that they didn't want to go to war is because the war was happening halfway around the world. The U.S. didn't want to bother something that wasn't affecting them.

When the U.S.'s allies, Britain, France, and the Soviet Union joined the war the U.S. started thinking more and more about going to war. If their allies were outnumbered, then the U.S. knew that the axis powers might come for them next. So they started sending over food and supplies for their allies. The U.S. knew that if they didn't help it would be a huge mistake. Their allies were fighting against multiple forces, and if their allies didn't have enough supplies for their soldiers, they would surely

The final reason that the U.S was thinking about going to war is because if they didn't help their allies, their allies might not help them when they are in trouble. But if the U.S helped their allies, they would most likely get help later on if needed.

The bombing of Pearl harbor was a tragic event for the United States. On December 7, 1941, Japan bombed the U.S.'s navy base at Pearl harbor in Oahu, Hawaii. The U.S. was not ready for the bombs, so they didn't have time to prepare.

The U.S. lost over 18 warships, 200 planes, and over 2,000 soldiers. This was the turning point for the U.S. in the war. Now, the U.S. knew that the axis powers were planning on attacking them next. If they didn't act soon, the U.S. knew that they would be in very big trouble. So, the very next day, the current president, Franklin D Roosevelt, declared war on Germany, Italy,

When the U.S. declared war on the Axis powers the war changed completely. The U.S. and their allies started winning battles and the axis powers were beginning to lose their territory. Then, on June 6, 1944 the allies attacked the beaches at Normandy, this event is called D-Day. The U.S. and their allies kept fighting and kept pushing Germany back.

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good timber land. On the payoff date of the 225 acres he disappeared and has not been seen since. Nor him or his sweet land would ever belong to my forefathers again. Some say he went off and settled in Virginia after the Civil War.

Our land holdings would exist with the above exception for

pretty much of the 20th Century. The few thousands of acres would bring in a very handsome payload if we could be given the opportunity to cash in. . But slick and vicious racist traps would deprive our elders of most of the land value. Loan sharks and crooked judges were a common villain in the scheme of

things. The value of lost land by freed slaves must ranked into the millions of dollars. Someone should do a documented study on what happened to our land. The facts can be found in local courthouses where real estate activity is recorded and documented.

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# **Estacado Booster Club Membership Drive**

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# This 91-Year Old Police Officer From **Arkansas Refuses to Retire**





LC "Buckshot" Smith, a 91-year old African American police officer who has been working in law enforcement for over 56 years, continues to serve his community in Camden, Arkansas. He is one of the oldest police officers in the U.S. and he says he doesn't want to retire just yet.

retire from being a sheriff deputy. But he immediately missed the work so he returned after a few months. Now, he says he will only retire "when the good lord says so," according to CNN.

Smith decided to join the police force in the 1960s with the

Ten years ago, Smith tried to passion and excitement of being a police officer. Since then, he had been well-loved in the small town where everyone knows him and greets him when they

> Over the years, Smith had served as a court bailiff, a responder, and assured the security of the neighborhood as well as

the annual festivals and events in Camden, among others.

Smith goes to work 4 days a week. When he isn't at work, he is either spending time with his lady friend or attending church services.

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Genesis 2:17, God said, of the tree of knowledge of good and evil, you shall not eat of it: for in the day that you eat thereof you shall surely die.

I was like Adam and Eve, and the prodigal son, I wanted to be FREE.

I HAVE MY RIGHTS AND MY LIFE; LIKE THEY SAID, IT BELONGS TO

I WAS RAISED IN A **CHRISTIAN** HOME; UNDER THE WORD OF PRAYER.

BUT I GOT GROWN; AND LEFT HOME; AND LEFT ALL **PRAYERS** THERE!!!

Matthew 6:24, Jesus said, No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will to the one despise the other. You cannot serve god and mam'mon (RICHES).

I was raised in QUEEN-CITY; 1954 IN LUBBOCK Texas, THERE WAS ALWAYS MUCH SIN THERE.

I WANTED THE WAY OF THE WORLD; NO GOD IN MY LIFE: NOT EVEN THE WORD OF PRAYER!!!

I WAS SERVING THE **DEVIL; AND I WAS DOING** IT EACH AND EVERYDAY. I WAS ONE HIS BEST SER-VENTS; AND I SHOWED IT IN EVERYWAY!!!

Romans 6:23, For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. --- (I KNOW I SHOULD HAVE BEEN DEAD; ON MARCH 30TH I TURNED 80YRS; PRAISE GOD!!!)

I REMEMBER IN 1961 PLAINS CO-OP OIL MILL BLEW UP; I WAS IN THAT **BUILDING, THAT CEMENT** AND STEEL CLOSED A THAT I RAN THROUGH. EVERYONE ASK, HOW DID YOU GET **OUT OF THAT BUILDING?** 

I SAID THRU THAT DOOR; THEY SAID, THAT DOOR IS

CLOSED!!! (MERCY) LORD; -- I DIDN'T TELL YOU; THANK YOU!!!---I REMEMBER JAMES LEE SHAPARD; PULLED A SHOTGUN ON ME; AND I DREW MOM'S 38 ON HIM. NOBODY SHOT;(MERCY) LORD; --I DIDN'T TELL YOU; THANK I REMEMBER WHEN I HAD A BLOW-OUT AT 105MPH; COMING OUT SLATON TEXAS.(MERCY) LORD;--I DIDN'T TELL YOU THANK YOU!!! I REMEMBER IN

DALLAS A MAN PULLED A SHOTGUN ON ME; ABOUT WIFE; (MERCY) LORD;-- I DIDN'T TELL YOU THANK YOU!!! I RE-MEMBER IN DALLAS; AT A DICE GAMBLING; I WAS WINNING; I HAD EVERY-BODY'S MONEY. A MAN PULLED A SHOTGUN AND SAID DROP THAT MONEY; **EVERYONE** BACKED AWAY FROM THE TABLE; BUT TWO MEN ON EACH SIDE OF THE TABLE STAYED. ONE SAID, WHY SHOOT HIM OVER HIS MONEY; THE OTHER ONE SAID, YES HE WON THAT MONEY. (MERCY) LORD; ---I DIDN'T TELL YOU THANK YOU!!! I REM-MEMBER GAMBLING ALL NIGHT IN WEST DALLAS; LOOK UP AND SAW THE SUNRISE; AND SAID I NEED TO GET HOME TO OAK CLIFF; I KNOW I GOT TO THE FREEWAY; AND WOKE UP IN MY YARD; TWO HOURS LATER; I

TURNING FROM BRYAN, **TEXAS, TO DALLAS; AT 80** MPH; I WAS GETTING READY TO OPEN A CAN OF BEER. THEN I HEARD THE VOICE OF GOD SAYING, DON'T OPEN THAT BEER. NO ONE WAS IN THE PICK-UP WITH ME; SO IT WAS GOD'S VOICE; I DID FEAR!!!

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

THE LORD SHOWED ME A VISION OF MY DEATH; I WAS LYING BLOODY BY THE HIGHWAY.

I WAS LYING BESIDE MY OVER-TURNED PICKUP; AND THAT'S WHEN I RE-MEMBER; HOW TO PRAY!!!

James 4:7,8, Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, you double-

(I'VE BEEN PREACHING GOD'S WORD; IN THE SOUTHWEST DIGEST FOR ALMOST HALF MY LIFE. MY FIRST MESSAGE WAS IN 1979, IT WAS: "LORD THEY WANT TO KNOW WHAT YOU'RE DOING TO MY SOUL". MY MES-SAGES ARE FROM GOD; THEY ARE NOTHING BUT THE TRUTH; I DON'T TRY TO PLEASE THE PEOPLE; IF I DID; I WOULDN'T BE PREACHING FOR GOD!!! I'M JUST A NOBODY; TRY-ING TO TELL EVERY-ABOUT JESUS' BODY; DYING FOR THE SIN'S OF EVERYBODY!!!)

John 15:16a, Jesus said, you have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that you should go and bring

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'This Means Everything':

Minneapolis joyfully chants George

Floyd's name after Derek Chauvin is

found Guilty of Murder

Selena McKnight, 46, hugs her daughter, Jalyn Hall, 18, on Tuesday outside the Hennepin County Government Center in Minneapolis following the conviction of former police officer Derek Chauvin in the death of George Floyd. Trevor Hughes - Tue, April 20, 2021

MINNEAPOLIS — Silence fell across the courthouse lawn for a few moments as the verdicts were read against former Minneapolis police officer Derek Chauvin. Then the crowd erupted in cheers.

"GUILTY!" they yelled. "All

Horns began blaring across the city as the crowd gleefully chanted George Floyd's name, no longer an angry cry, but one of happiness.

'Say his name! GEORGE FLOYD!"

Monday afternoon, Selena McKnight was in tears as she explained how racist policing has devastated Black communities like hers, as she helped lead a protest march around the court-

Less than 24 hours, outside the courthouse, tears were again in her eyes. She threw her arms around her 18-year-old daughter and joined the crowd in cheers.

"This means everything. This is verdict."

long, long overdue," said McKnight, 46. "This feels good. But this doesn't stop here. We have to keep going."

A throng of more than 100 reporters and a small number of neighborhood activists had assembled earlier to hear the verdict. For the first 20 minutes after the announcement that the verdict had been reached, a flood of office workers left downtown, their vehicles jammed up along the streets.

"This is so traumatic. We need a guilty verdict. We need to heal. We need to heal," said Amber Young, 50, a food services coordinator who worked at the same Salvation Army mission Floyd

Young waved a Black Lives Matter flag outside the Hennepin County Government Center while waiting for the verdict.

"We've been grieving. Seeing the video over and over again was traumatic," she said. "We need to heal. We need a guilty

Minutes before the verdict was read, a crowd of protesters who marched around the courthouse less than 24 hours earlier flooded into the area.

Several said they see the verdict as a referendum on the relationship with the government and police. They said true justice would have been living in a world in which Floyd had never been killed.

"If George don't get it? Shut it down!" the crowd yelled repeated. "Chauvin! Guilty! Chauvin! Guilty!"

Activist Brandyn Tulloch, 24, said justice would mean having a system that protects "my Black life" in the same way the government is protecting its own buildings.

"My life, when it is taken, is not coming back. George Floyd will never take a breath on this planet again," he yelled. "We are going to stay out on the streets, we are going to keep fighting until we feel the same justice that this building feels."

# 'Melanin is not a weapon': Downtown

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Recyling fans are pulled in to Glenwood Avenue as about 100 protesters marched through downtown Raleigh Friday, April 23, 20121 on the heels of Andrew BrownOs shooting death in Elizabeth City. Officers called from them to disperse after construction barriers were pulled into the street.

Travis Long TLONG@NEWSOBSERVER.COM

Less than an hour after around 100 protesters began marching Friday night through downtown Raleigh, calling for an end to police violence against unarmed Black people, police ruled the protest unlawful and threatened arrests.

Raleigh police officers said it became an unlawful assembly because protesters pulled barricades, and rolled trash cans up to block Glenwood South. The Raleigh Police Department tweeted photos of two overturned garbage bins.

A short time later, the protesters dispersed peacefully.

Many of the marchers, who initially paraded down McDowell Street, dressed entirely in black and carried signs such as "Melanin is not a weapon."

Police officers followed the group, directing the protesters to leave the street and march on the sidewalks.

"We have a right to protest!"

protesters shouted back, chanting "Andrew Brown!"

Andrew Brown Jr. is the Black man who was shot to death by Pasquotank County sheriff's deputies in Elizabeth City Wednesday morning.

Threatened with arrest for noncompliance, many protesters collected on the sidewalk as they approached the front of the State Capitol and turned onto Fayetteville Street.

On Glenwood South, protesters pulled orange barricades to block the road as police followed close behind. At 8 pm, police declared the

protest unlawful and ordered everyone to leave or be arrested. By 8:20 p.m., those remaining chanted "We are dispersing" and split up. With that, Raleigh police tweeted, "We appreciate protestors resuming peaceful demonstrations and ask that they continue to do so until the end of the protest."

"How many more?" the demonstrators chanted Friday night. "How many more?"

Bryant, a 16-year-old Black girl, was killed by a Columbus, Ohio, police officer on Tuesday.

The deaths of Bryant and Brown sparked protests in both Columbus and Elizabeth City. In Elizabeth City Friday

evening, around 200 protesters chanted Brown's name and marched down Ehringhaus Street, a main thoroughfare. The protesters stopped at a bridge over the Pasquotank River for more than an hour at 6 p.m., blocking traffic leading into Camden County, before walking back to Ehringhaus Street.

"White silence is compliance," they started chanting.

Some protesters went into the food hall and blocked the camera of a maskless woman trying to film them.

By Steve Wiseman, Josh Shaffer, Ashad Hajela, and Charles Innis

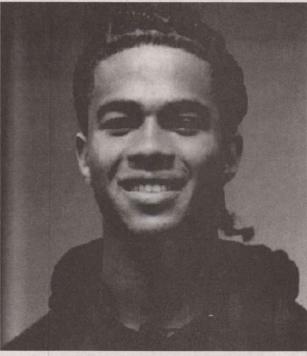
# 18-Year Old Becomes First Black Male Raleigh marchers protest police killings Valedictorian at High School in Oakland

Muhammad is honored with the highest academic rank in his class with a cumulative 4.73 GPA. He is also an outstanding athlete as a member of the Bulldog's varsity basketball team. Aside from that, Muhammad

also founded a science education company called Kits Cubed last year during the pandemic. The company creates fun and affordable science kits that elementary and middle school-age kids can enjoy doing experiments with.

"Founding Kits Cubed was the culmination of all of the valuable lessons I learned throughout high school from so many amazing people," Muhammad told KTVU. "I'm glad we were able to create something meaningful before graduating.'

However, Muhammad said it was just the start of endless possibilities for him. He was accepted to the 11 universities he applied to, including Harvard, Princeton, UC Berkeley, Columbia University, and his "dream school" Stanford. He plans to major in engineering and computer science but has yet to make a final decision.

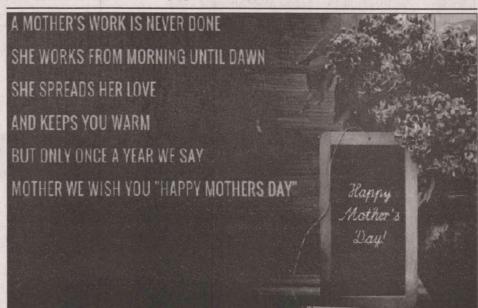


Ahmed Muhammad, an 18-year old student from Oakland, California, has made history as the first Black male to graduate as valedictorian in his school, Oakland Technical High School.

Muhammad, who is poised to be a first-generation college student in his family, is grateful for his parents who worked hard and served as role models to help him reach his goals. He hopes to inspire other young people to achieve success as

"Being named valedictorian is a dream come true," he said. "I hope that me being class valedictorian inspires others from similar backgrounds to do the same."

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miah Moore, and Rontray (Ale-

grandchildren, four great-grand-

children; a host of other relatives

Nunda was born to Kelvin and

Margie Patton on September 12,

1981. She graduated from Pep

High School, Morton, TX. She employed at the Lubbock State

She leaves to cherish her

mother, Margie Patton; grand-

mother, Lurline Wade; two

brothers, Kelvin Patton and

Stephon Moore; a host of other

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**Nunda Natane Patton** 

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Willie Lee Moore, Jr.

Celebration of Life Service

was held Thursday, April 15,

2021, at 11 a.m. at New Mt.

Olive Baptist Church, Little-

field, TX. Private Disposition

was held under the direction of

Willie was born on June 25,

1950, to Louis and Flirdia

Moore in Amherst, TX. He

worked for American Cotton

Growers until he started driving

He leaves to cherish his mem-

ory; his wife, Mable Moore; one

brother, Stanley (Minnie Lou)

Moore; two sisters, Ethel

Sanders and Mary Jones; three

daughters, Cynthis Moore,

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# **Obsequies**

Jack N. Bozeman

Celebration of Life Service was held Friday, April 23, 2021, at 11 a.m. at the City of Lubbock Cemetery under the direction of Griffin Mortuary.

Jack was born on August 21, 1947, to the late Jack Bozeman and Jessie Mae Dewhart. Jack worked for Plains Cotton Corporation Association (P.C.C.A.) for over 22 years.

He leaves to cherish his memories; his wife, Beverly Taylor-Bozeman; two daughters, Kim (Wildlando) Handy and Jenice (Hamid) Soheili; two sons, Alderick (Christi) Taylor and Boris (Micheala) Taylor; three sisters, Ruby Davis, Ruth Brooks, and Rosemary (James) Brown; three brothers, Jessie Joe Bozeman, Lester (Janice) Bozeman, and Steve (Cheryl) Bozeman; seven grandchildren; nine great-grand-



children; a host of other relatives and friends.



### Mellinee Olivia Gilliard



Celebration of Life Service will be held Thursday, April 22, 2021, at 1 p.m. at the City of Lubbock Cemetery under the direction of Griffin Mortuary.

Mellinee began her journey on October 31, 1938, to Will and Mariah Sanders in Montgomery, Alabama. She skipped the third grade and graduated from George Washington Carver High School at the age of 16. She worked for the City of Lubbock in the Accounting Department as a data entry clerk.

She leaves to cherish her memory; two sons, Larry Gilliard (girlfriend, April Trotty) and Leonard Gilliard (Chris); two grandchildren, Lorance Willis (Mary) and Paris Gilliard; two



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### Bennie Lois Russell

Celebration of Life Service was held Thursday, April 1, 2021, at 11 a.m. at the City of Lubbock Cemetery under the direction of Griffin Mortuary.

Nancy was born to Fred and Pauline Collins on November 16, 1949, in Hope, Arkansas. She graduated from Booker T. Washington High School in Taxarkana.

Nancy leaves to cherish her memory; her husband, Milton Hodge; three sisters, Mary Collins, Phyliss Brown, and Shelia Collins; special niece, Michelle Price; dear friend, Paulette Abraham; a host of other relatives and friends.





Timothy "Tee Jay" Bailey



Celebration of Life Service was held Saturday, April 17,

2021, at 11 a.m. at Peaceful Gardens Cemetery under the direction of Griffin Mortuary.

He leaves to cherish his memory, father, Tim Bailey, Sr.; mother, Lawanda (Eric) Dixon; two daughters, Mariah Bailey and Jazzlynn Bailey; two sons, Cameron Bailey and Zaydrain Bailey; grandparents, Margret and Gena Stevenson and Bobbie Walker: a host of other relatives and friends



# Jose (Joe) Reyes



Celebration of Life Service

Jose (Joe) Reyes departed this life to live eternally with the Lord on Sunday morning, Mar-

ch 28th, 2021. Joe worked at the West Texas Printing Center and was a proud veteran of the United States Marine Corps. Joe is survived by his two daughters:

Stephanie and Brienne, three grandchildren and five greatgrandchildren. Joe is also survived by his mother Victoria Salazar, brothers, and sisters: Pete Jr., Santos Salazar, Irma Gutierrez, Victoria Valles, and Grace Salinas.

He is also survived by Aunts and Uncles: Lupe Contreras, Patsy Villegas, Ester Gutierrez, Frank, Efrain and Ruben Rangel and many cousins, nieces, and nephews.

# "That's Why Doctors Call Us Patients"

by Dr. James L. Snyder

came in and sat two seats away.

Again I nodded my head,

smiled, and went back to read-

again. This was getting to be

rather ridiculous. I can under-

stand some old man smelling

that bad, but I was a little con-

fused as to why this woman

This thought cannot be true, I said to myself. But what if this

stench is not coming from the

outside but rather from the in-

That idea was preposterous,

and I wanted to throw it out as

quickly as possible. But you

know how it is; a thought will

haunt you until you pay attention

down, took a deep smell of my

breath and almost passed out.

mouth was in close proximity to

my eyes of which the doctor was

going to be working on. Some-

thing had to be done before the

As I was thinking of this, the

doctor called me in.

That stench was my breath.

Cautiously, I pulled my mask

The problem was that my

smelled like that.

side of my mask?

Then I smelled that smell

For the past month I have been engaging with my eye doctor. I've had two cataracts removed which isn't a serious thing in itself. But what goes into this surgery is what baffles me.

The first time I went to the eye doctor, he scheduled me for a 9:15 appointment. No problem. The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage got me there 15 minutes ahead of time to make sure I wouldn't be late.

An hour later, I finally got in to see the doctor. I think he is, on the side, trying to develop patience in my life.

On the first visit, I had to wear a mask, and it's no problem for me. If it makes other people feel happy, so be it. I'm just not real happy about wearing a mask.

As I was sitting waiting for my appointment, the lobby began filling up with new patients. An old guy sat next to me, and we nodded heads. I went back to what I was doing.

In a few minutes, I begin to smell something rather disgusting. I didn't want to look over to the guy next to me, but I did not smell that before he sat down, so I decided that I could not take that stench any longer.

I got up to get a drink of water prepared for us, washed my hands, and then sat at another

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Then, on June 6, 1944 the allies attacked the beaches at Normandy, this event is called D-Day. The U.S. and their allies kept fighting and kept pushing Germany back. This was the beginning of the end of World War II. Germany started losing battles, concentration camps were being overrun, and suddenly Germany realized that they weren't going to win. Therefore, Adolf Hitler killed himself on April 30th, 1945, which put an end to Germany's reign. But, the

called my name and took me into the surgical room. This time an older woman

I tried keeping my mouth closed as much as possible, hoping that a closed mouth and several masks would work.

The doctor finished his surgery, and just as he was going out the door, he turned and looked at me and said, "Are you sure you didn't have any breakfast? Smells like you ate garbage this morning."

My patience deflated right As I was thinking, a terrible thought rumbled in my head.

"Be patient therefore, brethren, unto the coming of the Lord. Behold, the husbandman waiteth for the precious fruit of the earth, and hath long patience for it, until he receive the early and latter rain" (James 5:7).

Patience doesn't come easy, but it does have a wonderful reward attached to it.

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The church web site is www.whatafellowship.com.

nurse walked into the room and war was not over yet. The U.S. was still fighting with Japan and trying to end the war. Then, the U.S. had finally won the race to build the atom bomb. The U.S. had built two bombs so that they could destroy two cities. On August 6, 1945, the U.S. dropped their first bomb in Hiroshima. Then, three days later they dropped the second bomb on Nagasaki. This put an end to World War II.

But, was it worth it to fight? If the U.S. had not fought in the war, it probably would have raged on for many more years. Germany and the Axis powers

would probably have defeated Britain, France, and the Soviet Union, then would probably come to ambush the United States. However, the U.S. did join the war and gave up most of their supplies and soldiers. The U.S. and their allies lost thousands of supplies, thousands of vehicles, thousands of men, but you have to make sacrifices in order to have peace and equal

Peace and equal rights are things worth fighting for. No matter what nationality, or religion, or what skin color. Don't fight over the small things,

### **Comas Neal** Godfrey, Sr.



Celebration of Life Service was held Saturday, April 17, 2021, at 11 a.m. at Trinity Church. Interment will follow at Resthaven Cemetery under the direction of Griffin Mortuary.

Comas was born June 17, 1932, in Carthage, TX to John, Sr. and Lavern Godfrey. Comas attended Longview School. He became a Deacon in 1964 at Mt. Zion in New Home, Antioch Baptist Church in Tahoka for 2 years, Macedonia Baptist Church in O'Donnell for 10 years, Antioch Baptist Church in Brownfield for 2 years, founder of Greater Mt. Zion in Lubbock for 23 years, and Assistant Pastor at Mt. Zion in New Home for 3 years. He leaves to cherish his mem-

ories, 5 sons, Comas, Jr. (Livia) Godfrey, Craig (Latrice) Godfrey, Stacy (Luann) Godfrey, Tracy (Lisa) Godfrey, and Sammy Godfrey; 1 daughter, Shelia Witherspoon 1 brother, John Godfrey, Jr.; 1 sister, Eloise (Joe) Randall; 23 grandchildren, 37 great-grandchildren, 8 greatgreat-grandchildren; a host of other relatives and friends.



fight for the big things like people that need help. People will always be worth fighting for.



## **Beyond the Rhetoric**

"Jim Crow Racism - Always There to Remind Us"

**Continued from Page 3** 

How much blood have we lost while becoming prey to the vicious evil Jim Crow partici- now mysteriously disappeared. pants? How many of our Check out the courthouses that forefathers have suffered the pains of the documented evilness and legacy destroying an-

It is amazing how I take out and show deeds, contracts, land sales, etc. that once belonged to my family elders and they become amazed and in shock hav-

entrepreneurial vitality that once existed in our family and has exist in your hometowns and be shock from what you find.

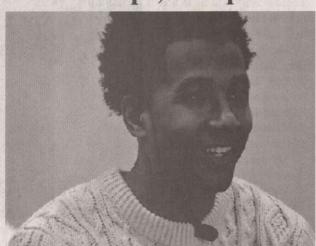
Kay's family has similar stories to share. Would you believe it if we say that the legendary musician John Philip Sousa is her forefather? Shssss! Don't tell the Sousa's and they certainly won't believe it. What ing never known about the happened to the riches he made

while he traveled around the world conducting some of the greatest music and performances known to mankind. Where's the loot? Could it be a Black thing?

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

halford@nationalbcc.org

# 17-Year Old Student Awarded \$1M in Scholarships, Accepted to 10 Colleges



Tae'Von Gibbs, a senior high school student from Louisville, Kentucky, has been accepted into 10 different colleges and has been offered more than \$1 million in scholarships.

Gibbs, who currently attends Fern Creek High School, received partial scholarships from several colleges such as Centre College, Murray State, Bellarmine, and more.

He has also been awarded full rides from Wofford College, Berea College, and Hanover College, where he was one of the only 10 recipients of the Benjamin Templeton Scholarships which honors students with outstanding academic records and commitment to diversity education and social justice. Gibbs is waiting to hear back from one more college before make his descision.



# Black Teen Earns More Than \$1M in **Scholarships From 18 Colleges**



Shanya Robinson-Owens, a 17-year old high school student from Philadelphia, is excited after getting accepted into 18 colleges and receiving more than \$1 million in scholarships.

"I was really shocked. I didn't Morning America. "I knew she know what to do," she said. "I didn't know if I should cry, laugh. I didn't know what to

Aside from getting accepted from schools including La Salle University, Temple University, Moravian College, Lincoln University, and Cabrini University, she also received \$1,074,260 in total scholarships.

"We are overjoyed," her aunt Christine Owens told Good

wouldn't have a problem getting into colleges, but we didn't know they would award her this much money in scholarship funds." Shanya, who currently studies at George Washington Carver High School of Engineering and Science, has a 3.2 GPA. She said her favorite subject is chemistry and she plans to study psychology in college.

She has so far been accepted to 18 out of the 20 colleges she applied to. She said she'd take some time to wait to hear back from the two other schools before checking out the campuses and finally deciding which college to attend.

Shanya shared that to achieve educational goals, it's important to be patient and stay focused. She added, "If you need to have some time away, it's OK. You can tell your teachers that because they know you're

# **HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF LUBBOCK ANNOUNCES**

Public Hearing available on-line Due to the Covid-19 and in accordance with HUD waivers

We are accepting comments on the 2021 Annual Plan and CFP plan until June 3, 2021 until after the public hearing.

### Public Hearing June 3, 2021 at 5:00 pm via zoom

Address: 1708 Crickets Ave. Lubbock, TX 79401

RE: Five-Year/Annual Agency Plan Submission and the Capital

Fund Program Five-Year Action Plan

The purpose of this posting is to obtain input from the city residents in reference to the Annual Agency Plan Submission and the Capital Fund Program Five-Year Action Plan being submitted to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for fiscal year beginning October 1, 2021. Total funds being allocated for the year period are estimated to be up to t \$8,516,805 for Operating Funds and \$912,374 annually for Capital Funds for a 5-year total of \$4,561,870 for Capital funds. The Annual Plan includes proposed changes to the Admissions and Continued Occupancy Policy (ACOP) and the Section 8 Administrative Plan (including a Rental Assistance Demonstration (RAD) conversion). Those changes are outlined in the Plan. Due to the Covid-19 for safety there will be a Public Hearing via Zoom on June 3rd at 5 pm to join go to: (See Below). All residents and other interested parties are encouraged to submit comments in writing by letter or email. The Plan will be available for review until June 3, 2021 during regular business hours prior to the public hearing at the addresses below, or online at www.lubbockha.org. Persons can also submit written comments prior to the public hearing to:

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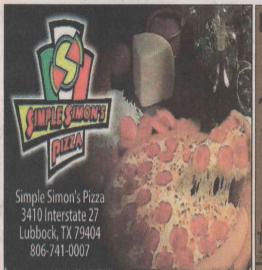




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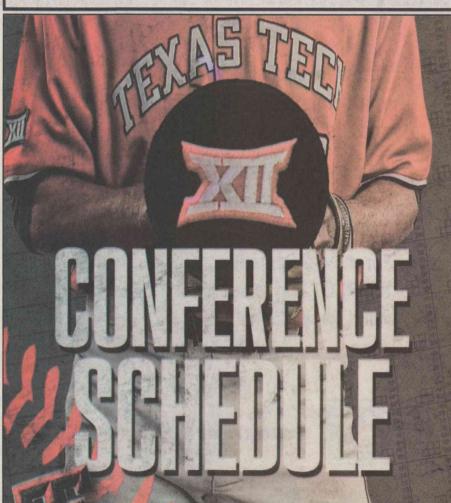
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# Chris Beard as men's basketball coach Lubbock High Boys Hoops Coach



Tears of joy: Adams shows a softer side during intro as Texas Tech head coach

The last sentence brought the crowd to its feet, many of those fans having felt alienated by the departure last week of Chris Beard, a coach they had embraced.

Adams provided a few personal stories that turned the cheers into silence as he spoke about his family and how they stayed together during adverse times.

The most touching came when Mark Adams told the crowd about the passing of his twin brother Matt in January. Matt farmed peanuts and also owned a vineyard, according to a previous Avalanche-Journal story.

"I wish he was here. I miss him dearly," Mark said of Matt, taking a few moments to compose himself as fans responded with an ovation.

From there, Mark Adams switched gears, alternately joking and firing up the crowd.

Under Beard, Tech won 112 games the past five years and

made two deep runs in the er." NCAA Tournament. His leaving for Texas might well have outsiders expecting the Red Raiders to slide back.

Not on his watch, Adams told

The son of a farmer, Adams said he knows hard work, because his father subjected him to it early. All these years later, Adams said he's ready to roll up his sleeves and make sure Texas Tech basketball continues its as-

"Guys, we're going to build something great here," Adams said, pausing for applause. "We ain't done yet. ... But we're just getting started. Guys, we're not gonna compromise. We're not settling. We're building. We're growing. We're moving forward.

It's going to take all of us, but I want you to understand that I'm not here to compromise. I'm here to make a difference. And we're going to do that with hard work. "We're going to do that togeth-

But after the committee interviewed Adams and Milwaukee Bucks assistant Darvin Ham, and solicited outside opinions on both, the two with Tech ties set themselves apart as compelling

"It's been fun over the last few days to sit across the table with coach Adams and just get to know him better and, really, hear what this program and what this community and what West Texas means to him," Hocutt said Tuesday after the press conference. "It's genuine, it's deep and it's who he is. We've got a good man and great coach.

"People can say you hired a head coach from West Texas. But we hired a nationally respected head coach that just happens to be from West Texas. This program is in great hands as we move forward."

Carlos Silva Jr.

Lubbock Avalanche-Journal

This book was released back in December of 2017. The author of this book, Phil Price has since passed. Mr. Price, was a very dear friend of T.J. Patterson, Sr. His wife, Victoria Price still holds a very special place with Mr. Patterson. Book Sells for: \$25.00

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# TTU promotes Mark Adams to replace EHS Matador Grad Gibbs announced as

Reggie Gibbs was driving to Lubbock on Friday to watch his daughter and former Slaton standout athlete Kamryn Gibbs play softball at Lubbock Christian University.

The Caprock five-year coach has made the trip up and down I-27 hundreds, if not thousands of times. The trips date back to when he donned a blue, black and silver Estacado jersey while playing for basketball J.J. Wood and football as a senior for the late Louis Kelley in the 1980s.

"I grew up watching a lot of former Matadors go through that school and emulated, put a lot of what they did on the court and on the football field into my game," Gibbs said. "Those were some good times."

It won't be long before Gibbs' next trip to Lubbock is a more permanent one. The Texas Tech graduate was announced as Lubbock High's new boys basketball coach via a press release on Friday afternoon, 04/16/21.

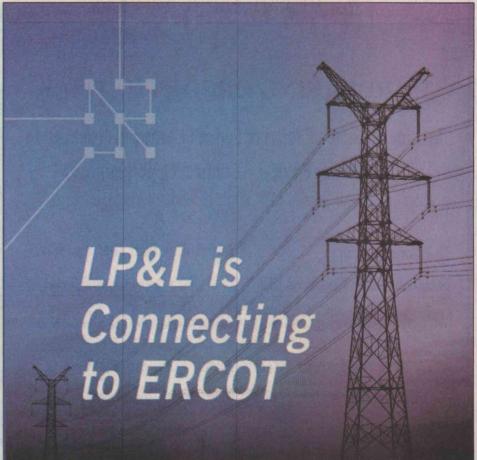
Gibbs leaves Caprock after five seasons with the program, which included a regional quarterfinal appearance and a program-best 28 wins during the 2018-19 season. For his 13-year head coaching career, the former Matador has made the playoffs 10 times and the regional tournament three times with a state semifinal appearance at Royal High School in 2013.



The move to Lubbock High will allow Gibbs to be closer to his family, which he said played a big part in the decision to take the helm of the Westerners' program.

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