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Community Meetings

- * Lubbock Area Client Council meets on the 2nd Saturday, 1:00 pm at the Patterson Branch Library, 1836 Parkway Drive.
- * Hub City Kiwanis meets 1st & 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7 p. m., Lyons Chapel Baptist Church, East 24th Street & MLK Blvd.
- * Dunbar Alumni Association meets 2nd Saturdays, 4:00 p. m. at the Dunbar Alumni Building
- * The Lubbock Branch of The NAACP meets the 3rd Saturday of each month at Life Run, Inc, 8240 Boston Ave. at 11: a.m.
- * Forgotten West Riders meets on the 1st & 3rd Mondays, 7:00 pm, Patterson Branch Library.
- * East Lubbock Chapter AARP meets every 1st Thursday at 1:00 pm, Great Saint Luke Missionary Baptist Church.
- * Lubbock Chapter of Black Alumni meets every 3rd Tuesday, 5:30 pm, TTU Market Alumni Center.
- * Dunbar Manhattan Heights Neighborhood Association meets every 2nd Saturday at 10:00 am at the Mae Simmons Community Center located at 2004 Oak Avenue.
- * West Texas Native American Association meets at 7:00 pm, at the New Jerusalem Baptist Church, 3524 East Broadway Avenue on Tuesday evenings..
- * West Texas Chapter of 100 Black Men of West Texas meets 3rd Monday evenings at 7:00 pm at The Bridge 1401 Redbud Avenue
- * The Parkway & Cherry-Point Neighborhood Association meets the 3rd Tuesday evenings, 7:30 pm at 517 Zenith Avenue, Star Care Center
- * Chatman Hill Neighborhood Association meets 2nd Thursday of every month at 6:00 pm at 2301 Avenue A.
- * ROOTS meets every 2nd Saturday at 2:00 p. m. at 2301 Avenue A.
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One Of Fort Worth's Very Own Opal Lee Joins President Biden As He Makes Juneteenth A National Holiday



Most federal government employees across the country had Friday, June 18, 2021 off after President Joe Biden signed legislation establishing Juneteenth as a US federal holiday.

Juneteenth commemorates when enslaved people in Texas learned of their freedom, more than two years after the Emancipation Proclamation was issued by President Abraham Lincoln. The news finally reached the port city of Galveston when Union soldiers arrived on June 19, 1865. The news was met with celebration and began the annual holiday.

The bill passed the Senate on Tuesday under a unanimous consent agreement, with the House following on Wednesday with a 415-14 vote. Nearly every state already recognizes Juneteenth as a holiday, but it now becomes the first federal holiday created since Martin Luther King Jr. Day was established in 1983.

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"Our federal holidays are purposely few in number and recognize the most important milestones," said Rep. Carolyn Maloney, D-N.Y. "I cannot think of a more important milestone to commemorate than the end of slavery in the United States."

Rep. Sheila Jackson Lee, D-Texas, speaking next to a large poster of a Black man whose back bore massive scarring from being whipped, said she would be in Galveston this Saturday to celebrate along with Republican Sen. John Cornyn of Texas.

"Can you imagine?" said the rather short Jackson Lee. "I will be standing maybe taller than Sen. Cornyn, forgive me for that, because it will be such an elevation of joy."

The Senate passed the bill a day earlier under a unanimous consent agreement that expedites the process for consideration. It takes just one senator's objection to block such agreements.

"Please, let us do as the Senate. Vote unanimously for passage," Rep. David Scott, D-Ga., pleaded with his colleagues.

Several members of the Congressional Black Caucus took to the floor to speak in favor of the bill. Rep. Bonnie Watson Coleman, D-N.J., said she viewed Juneteenth as a commemoration rather than a celebration because it represented something that was delayed in happening.

"It also reminds me of what we don't have today," she said. "And that is full access to justice, freedom and equality. All these are often in short supply as it relates to the Black community."

The vast majority of states recognize Juneteenth as a holiday or have an official observance of the day, and most states hold celebrations. Juneteenth is a paid holiday for state employees in Texas, New York, Virginia and Washington.

Rep. Brenda Lawrence, D-Mich., replied, "I want to say to my white colleagues on the other side: Getting your independence from being enslaved in a country is different from a country getting independence to rule themselves."

She added, "We have a responsibility to teach every generation of Black and white Americans the pride of a people who have survived, endured and succeeded in these United States of America despite slavery."

Some of the largest colleges and universities, like Ohio State and Texas A&M, were closed and canceled classes for that day.

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Double Congratulaions to Brother and Sister, Dr. Thomas J. Patterson, III & Lauren E. Patterson



From left to right: Mrs. Ursula Patterson (Mother), Doctor Thomas J. Patterson, III (son), Ms. Lauren E. Patterson (daughter) and Rev. Thomas J. Patterson, Jr. (Father) are pictured attending the pinning ceremony for Dr. Thomas, III.

The members of the Patterson Family would like to extend a heartfelt Congratulations to Dr. Thomas J. Patterson, III and his sister, Lauren E. Patterson for their recent achievements.

This brother and sister duo are the children of Rev. Thomas James Jr., and Ursula Patterson. These dynamic siblings are also the grandchildren of T.J. Patterson, Sr.

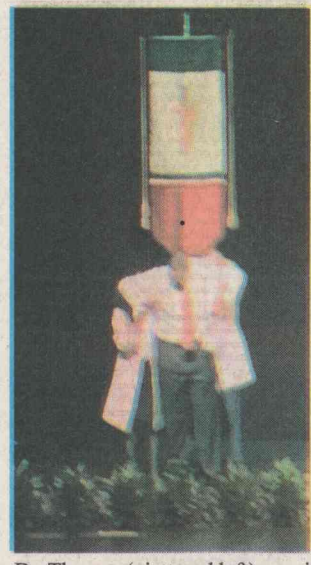
Dr. Thomas J. Patterson, III attended Texas A&M where he achieved great honors.

The Texas A&M University College of Medicine held their class of '2024 White Coat Ceremony on June 5, 2021. The event took place at the Rudder Auditorium in College Station, Texas.

Lauren in her freshman year while attending the University of Texas, has achieved all A's in her studies as a Biology Major. She was also recognized as a University Scholar achiever.

Dr. Thomas and Ms. Lauren, we are so proud of the both of you. We pray God's continued blessings and favor over your lives. May the journey the Lord has you on be paved with gold as you become "Change Agents" for the Kingdom of God!!!

Dr. Thomas (pictured left), receiving his Doctor's coat and (pictured right), Thomas is crossing the stage after receiving his coat and being pinned. Dr. Thomas graduated Cum Laude in Biochemistry, was voted Class President of His Medical School class and more importantly, Medicine is his Ministry for the Kingdom of God!



Activist Opal Lee was at the center of Juneteenth becoming a national holiday. Known as the "Grandmother of Juneteenth," her mission pushed the day to become federally recognized.

(CNN): Before Juneteenth became an official federal holiday, 94-year-old Opal Lee was on a mission.

"I'm not just going to sit and rock, you know?" the determined "Grandmother of Juneteenth" told CNN. "The Lord is going to have to catch me."

Days later, the spirited nonagenarian shouted with delight as she watched Congress pass a bill to make Juneteenth -- June 19 -- a nationwide holiday commemorating the end of slavery.

"I've got so many different

feelings all gurgling up here -- I don't know what to call them all," she told CNN affiliate KTVT in Fort Worth, Texas, where she lives.

Right now she plans to savor the moment. But the woman who spent years fighting for Juneteenth stresses the work that's left to do to push back against racism.

"We've got all of these disparities that we've got to address and I mean all of them. While we've got some momentum I hope we can get some of it done.

We can have one America if we try," she told KTVT.

As a little girl, Lee was the victim of a traumatic event, her first undeniable experience with racism.

One week after nine-year-old Lee moved with her family to an all-White neighborhood, a mob surrounded their home and threatened their lives.

"My dad came with a gun and the police told him if he busted a cap, they would let the mob have us," she recalls.

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Lauren, pictured left sporting her school's mascot, the Texas Longhorns and celebrating her birthday. Lauren accomplished great things her Freshman year; a 4.0 GPA, University Scholar, Pre-Med and her Major is Biology. We are so proud of the both of you! P-Family



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Thursday Game Night
Thursdays in July at 5:00 p.m., Ages 12-17
Mae Simmons Community Center
Join us for an evening of Fun and Board Games at Mae Simmons Community Center. Free.

Due to COVID-19, all events are subject to change.



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In Cinque

By Renetta Howard

“INFLATION”

We have known for sure that inflation was with us ever since we learned that we were enduring a pandemic of the COVID-19, especially since toilet paper was difficult to come by and when we found it, the price was much more than we expected to pay for it. We found ourselves in not just a pandemic but in panic. It did not take suppliers and manufacturers long to figure out that they had a great thing going and to rapidly inflate prices while making items smaller. We pay more for less. That worked fine, but with toilet paper, they put more paper on the roll and almost doubled prices. It is difficult now to buy any kind of toilet paper under \$10.00. I thought prices for food was getting out of hand and felt that everyone selling anything wants my stimulus check. I do not hesitate to feel that I am wrong.

Advertisements everyday speaks of the increased prices of homes and cars. The prices of used cars are especially high and it seems that dealers do not have enough supply. New car prices are out of reach for some of us. New homes are increased in prices and driving up the taxes of existent homes. Fifty and forty year old homes have to compete with new ones at the tax office. I protested my taxes with proof and did not get a penny reduction. Then I went to

a lumber company to purchase a piece of plywood to repair a chair and I almost fainted. The first piece that I saw had a price tag of \$89.00 each, when I looked closer. One below it was \$69.00 each, but reduced to \$67.00 if 8 pieces were purchased. I finally discovered a fiber board called Pro-wood which listed at \$21.00, but the cutter was not working so that purchase was put off. I then concluded that the price of building materials are out of control and therefore causing the price of homes to soar and making it possible for builders with the anytime cancellation clause in their contracts to sell a house, cancel the deal and repost it for thousands of dollars more than the original price.

There is talk of a fourth stimulus check, but at the increase in prices of everything, a fourth stimulus check is not going to help some people climb out of destitution. It appears that our government needs to go back to a World War II Band-Aid of ceiling prices. Hackers have caused some prices such as gasoline to inflate, but how certain are we that hackers are the real cause of some of our financial misery? We need to get ‘in cinque’ and carefully weigh our financial moves so as not to fall into the abyss of despair. Watch and pray.

Beyond the Rhetoric

By Harry C. Alford & Kay DeBow *****

“Moving to Renewables Too Fast, Will Raise Electric Bills”

In many states, including the Carolinas, energy companies are planning to transition their power generation away from coal to cleaner burning natural gas. In many ways, this is a critical improvement that will result in better air quality, and ensure that customers have access to both clean and affordable power.

To be transparent, this move to clean burning natural gas is not without some detractors. There are concerns that energy companies are not going far enough in their commitment to renewable sources of power, like windmills and solar.

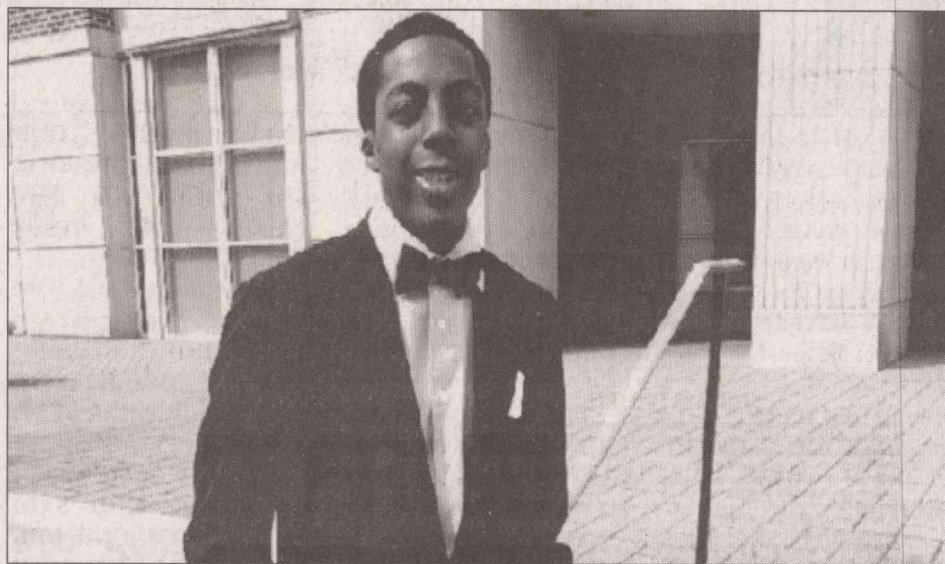
But, as someone who has dedicated his career to urging businesses to invest in policies that protect African-Americans and other underserved communities, I believe it would be a mistake to only build power generation from renewable sources of energy. With so many low-income families struggling during this pandemic, we cannot add another financial burden onto people fighting to make ends meet.

Understand, I am all for taking aggressive steps to reduce our usage of fossil fuels and transition to clean energy production. But, we must remember that the Obama administration urged power companies to decommission their coal plants and invest in cleaner natural gas production until renewables were up to the job. And, the simple fact is that renewables are not yet up to the job - at least on their own - because battery technology is not sufficient to meet demands.

If there is a cold snap or a heat wave, and the wind is not blowing and the sun is not shining, there could be a shortage of power simply because the batter-

THIS N’ THAT c/o T. J. Patterson, Sr.

THIS MONTHS’ FEATURED STORY: “Black Teen Named a Hero For His Community Service Work”



Nationwide — Scholar athlete, Jeremiah Bledsoe, has received the Hershey Heartwarming Hero Award for his community service initiative to support the elderly. He is a Junior at Nolan Catholic High School in Ft. Worth, Texas, and for the past 10 years, has been visiting local nursing homes donating items to elderly residents.

The collaboration between Hershey and Youth Service America supports youth who are changing America. Jeremiah was selected as a hero and also received funding to support his community service initiative.

When asked why he decided to target the elderly, he said, “The United Nations Sustainable Development Goals help us to identify global issues. I selected SDG 3: Health because we are living during a global pandemic and we cannot leave our elders behind.”

Youth Service America be-

lieves that youth, communities, and democracy thrive when we all work together for the common good. Youth Service America (YSA) selected Heartwarming Young Heroes with creative ideas to foster meaningful connections, promote inclusion and teach empathy. With support from Hershey’s Heartwarming Project, YSA awarded up to \$50,000 in grants for youth-led service projects and community-building activities.

This is just the beginning for Jeremiah as he demonstrates

it means to be a leader. He looks forward to serving others by using social enterprises as a framework to develop solutions for problems in our society. His social enterprise, J8 Creative, provides creative multi-media solutions. A percentage of the proceeds of J8 Creative supports elderly residents in senior living facilities. In addition to being a youth entrepreneur, Jeremiah also enjoys playing football at Nolan Catholic High School, photography, and digital media.

ies cannot replenish the renewable power when it’s not available. This is not a hypothetical problem, this is a scientific reality.

Also, making large scale investments in renewables now, would in many ways be short-sighted, because these technologies are both rapidly becoming more efficient and affordable. Hence, spending massive sums of money on these renewable technologies today, would prevent energy companies from

having resources to spend in the future – when these renewable products will more efficient and cost effective. Again, waiting until these technologies are better investments, means that the utility can keep their prices down now, and in the future, benefiting low-income customers for decades.

Clearly, what makes the most sense, is to continue to follow the glide path laid out by the Obama administration, which urges energy companies to tran-

sition to natural gas, until renewables are affordable and up to the task of ensuring that power can be affordable and reliable. Diverting from this plan too early, will only result in power being costly and unreliable.

We should not entertain these options, and doing so would likely mean that the poorest families suffer the most from cost increases and power outages. I am proud to support

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Happy Parents Day!

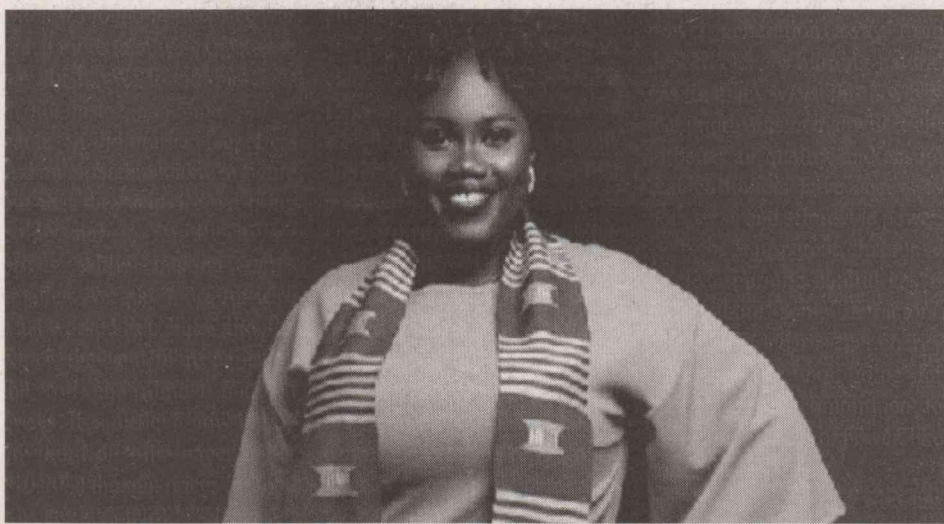
There is no friendship, no love, like that of the parent for the child.



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Jasmine Arbery, Sister of Ahmaud Arbery Graduates, Dedicates Master’s Degree to Her Late Brother, Ahmaud Arbery



Albany, GA — More than a year after Ahmaud Arbery was gunned down while jogging in Glynn County, Georgia, his big sister Jasmine Arbery has earned her Master’s degree and has dedicated her accomplishment to her late brother in a heartwarming tribute.

Most recently, Jasmine received her master’s degree in clinical mental health counseling from Albany State University. She took to Instagram to cele-

brate the moment.

“Whew! A journey is not great unless you find what you seek. My journey was filled with many challenges that included working two jobs, a natural disaster, the tragic loss of my brother, a pandemic, giving birth, anxiety, grief, and issues with my financial aid.

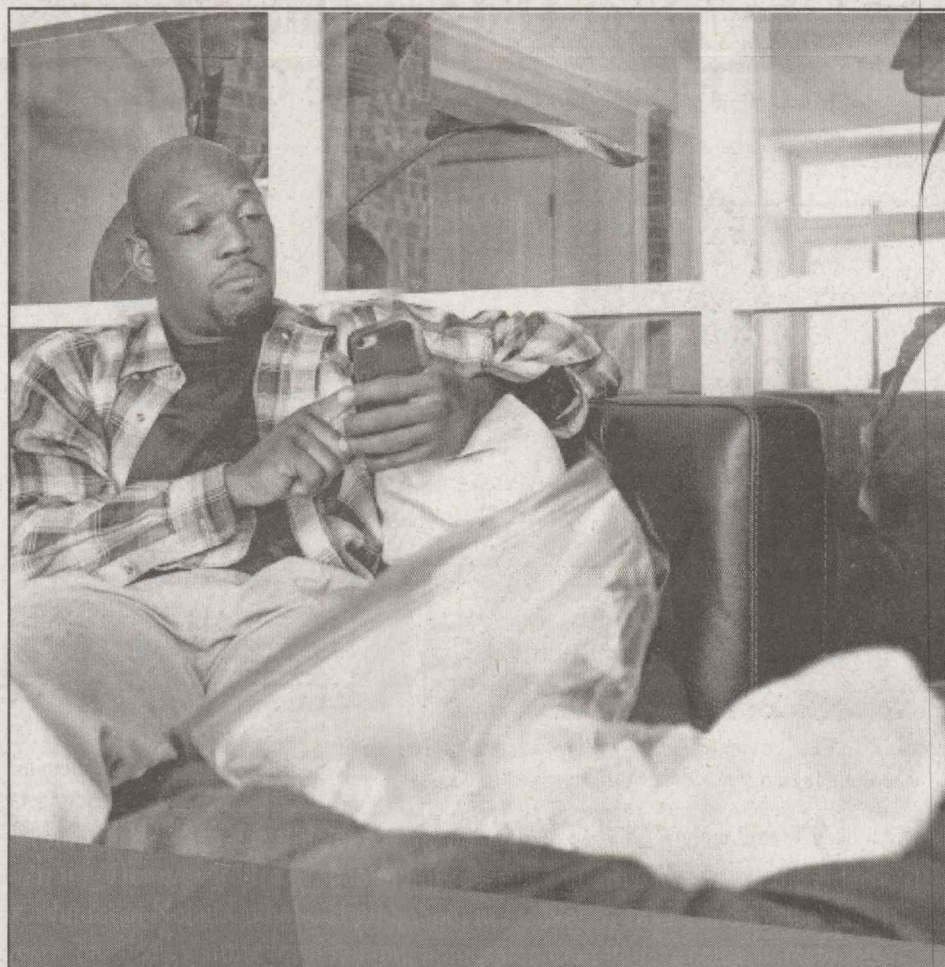
But I am proud to say those challenges equal the factors that will make me an excellent therapist. I have the opportunity to

offer support based on real-life experiences,” she said.

“I ooze #BlackGirlMagic,” she continued.

Jasmine concluded her post by honoring the memory of her younger brother, dedicating her achievement to him.

“I dedicate this degree to my brother #AhmaudArbery. The ceremony is held on your birthday [May 8th] and you always believed in me! #BlackLives-Matter”



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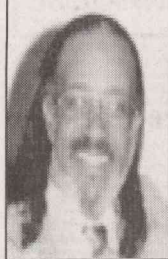
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"Thank God I'm Free At Last"

By
Evangelist Billy "B.J." Morrison, III

John 8:31-32, Jesus said, If you continue in my word, then are you my disciples indeed;

And you shall know the truth (JESUS), and the truth (JESUS) shall make you free.

JESUS SENT THE DISCIPLES into the world; to preach forgiveness of SIN.

But the DISCIPLES didn't do that: LIKE ADAM IN THE GARDEN; THEY HAVE SINNED!!!

Romans 10:17, So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

GOD TOLD ADAM: of what TREE he was not TO EAT. Like GOD TOLD THE DISCIPLES; GO!

TELL THE WORLD JESUS' SALVATION IS FREE!!!

Matthew 28:19, Jesus Said, Go you therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.

NOW SOME DECIPLES; TURNED OUT TO BE LIKE ADAM; the RIGHT TO DO THEIR OWN THING.

NOW LOOK AT THE WORLD AND HER RIGHT; SHAME, SHAME, SHAME!!!

Isaiah 1:4a, A sinful nation, a people laden with iniquity, a seed of evildoers, children that are corrupted: they have forsaken the Lord.

(A 14 YEAR OLD BOY IN LUBBOCK TEXAS; DIED BECAUSE HE HAD A RIGHT; TO BE A DRUG DEALER; HIS RIGHTS GOT HIM KILLED. THE MOTHERS ARE CRYING; AND THE CHILDREN ARE DYING; AND THE CHURCHES ARE BACK TO PLAYING CHURCH!!! MANY TIMES IN THE

BIBLE; WHEN GOD'S PEOPLE HAVE FORSAKEN HIM, BUT GOD IS A LOVING GOD; AND GOD WILL ALWAYS LOVE THEM!!!

JUDAS DECEIVED JESUS; HE TRADED HIM IN; FOR THIRTY PEACES OF SILVER.

THE CHURCHES DID THE SAME; BY NOT PREACHING; SALVATION TO MANKIND!!!

Matthew 26:48, now he (JUDAS) that betrayed him (JESUS) gave them a sign, saying, whosoever I shall kiss, that is he: hold him fast.

We KNOW OF OTHER TRADERS; name JIM JONES. HE STARTED OUT WITH JESUS; AND THEN OF HIS FLESH; WENT OUT ON HIS OWN!!! *** KILLING 900 PEOPLE!!!***

Acts 5:36, Before these days rose up Theu'das, boasting himself to be somebody; to whom a number of men, about four hundred, joined themselves: who was slain; and all. As many as obeyed him. Were scattered, and brought to nothing.

AND THERE WAS MARTIN LUTHER KING; HE STARTED OUT WITH JESUS; THE BLACK'S PEOPLE; THEY REQUETED HIM; TO LEAD THEM; AGAINST THEE WITH MAN!!!

FROM FLESH; CIVIL RIGHTS; HAVE BEEN THE BIGGEST; TROUBLE IN THIS LAND!!!

(RIGHT TO THE FRONT OF THE BUS, RIGHT TO THE RESTROOMS, RIGHTS TO THE WATER FOUNTAINS, AND MANY OTHERS; THAT HAS NO SALVATION IN THEM. THE

ONLY RIGHTS GOD WANTS FOR MANKIND; IS THE RIGHT TO THE CROSS; OF JESUS CHRIST!!!)

John 8:36 Jesus said, If the Son therefore shall make you free, you shall be free indeed.

DIDN'T NOBODY; HAVE TO GIVE UP THEIR SEAT; ON THE CITY BUS; MY SALVATION CAME FROM UP ABOVE; GOD SAID THAT WAS ENOUGH. DIDN'T NOBODY; HAVE TO GET HIT WITH THE POLICEMAN'S BILLY CLUB; MY SALVATION CAME; IN THE FORM OF GOD'S OWN LOVE.

DIDN'T NOBODY; HAVE TO GET BIT; BY THE POLICEMAN'S DOGS; MY SALVATION CAME ON CALVARY'S CROSS.

DIDN'T NOBODY; HAVE TO GET SPRAYED WITH THE FIREMAN'S WATER HOSE; MY SALVATION CAME; ON SUNDAY MORNING WHEN JESUS CHRIST ROSE.

THANK GOD FOR JESUS! ----- I BILLY B.J. MORRISON, III, I'M FREE AT LAST!!!

Jeremiah 9:23 24, The Lord said, Let not the wise man glory in his wisdom, neither let the mighty man glory in his might, let not the rich man glory in his riches: But let him that glory in this, that he understand and knows me, that I am the Lord which exercise lovingkindness, judgment, and righteousness, in the earth: and in these things I delight, said The Lord.



'Grandmother of Juneteenth' celebrates federal holiday..but there is more work to do. Here's how you can help!

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At 89-years-old, Lee pledged to walk from her home in Texas to Washington, DC, to make Juneteenth a federal holiday.

Lee's parents sent her to friends several blocks away "under the cover of darkness," she tells CNN.

"They burned furniture. They set the house on fire. It was terrible. It really was."

Lee says outside newspapers in Texas reported the crime -- but local papers from the community where the violence took place ignored it.

The date of the attack was Juneteenth.

Lee says her parents never spoke of the incident again.

"They buckled down, they worked hard. They bought another home, but we never discussed it," she explains.

"I just know if we had had an opportunity to stay a while they would have found out ... we were just like them."

"We wanted the same thing they wanted. A place to live," she recalls.

"We wanted food, jobs that would pay a wage."

Lee was 89-years-old when she decided "something can be done" to make Juneteenth a formal and nationally recognized holiday. She grew up celebrating the holiday in Marshall, Texas, and says the special day felt like Christmas.

"We would go to a place called 'the fairgrounds' and there would be baseball games and food," she recalls.

"There would be music -- and food. There would be games of all kind -- and food."

But, it wasn't until adulthood that Lee learned the true significance of the day with the help of a mentor. As an educator for more than twenty-five years, she helped organize citywide Juneteenth festivals that she says boasted thousands in attendance.

"It was pure festival. I mean we even took exhibits from the historical society to the park," she shared.

"We had festivals that garnered 30,000 people in a 3-day period, the papers said 10,000 people a day."

On one occasion, Lee says the park hosting the event closed at 10 p.m. But instead of shutting down the festivities, she found a way to keep the lights on and the celebration going.

"I got on a flatbed truck, stuck the light thing back in -- We had festival until dawn," Lee laughs. In 2016, the activist turned her focus nationally. The great-grandmother mobilized a team, launched an online petition and pledged to walk 1,400 miles from her Texas home to Washington, DC. Lee was dead-serious about lacing up her shoes and making the trek.

"I really had planned to walk that 1,400 miles," Lee shares.

"But my team said no." Undeterred, she logged almost 300 miles on foot for the cause and continued to push her movement to appear across the country.

For Lee, Juneteenth is a celebration of freedom. In honor of

the day, the Texas native hosted annual 2.5-mile walks to commemorate the seldom told history of some 250,000 enslaved people in Galveston, Texas, who did not learn of their freedom until two and half years after the Emancipation Proclamation.

"I am adamant that the schools teach the truth," she exclaims.

"We have to heal. You've got to know what happened and you've got to heal from that."

As a former educator whose job involved social work, Lee now strives to ensure future generations know about Juneteenth. She authored a children's book entitled, "Juneteenth: A Children's Story" which is available for purchase on Amazon.

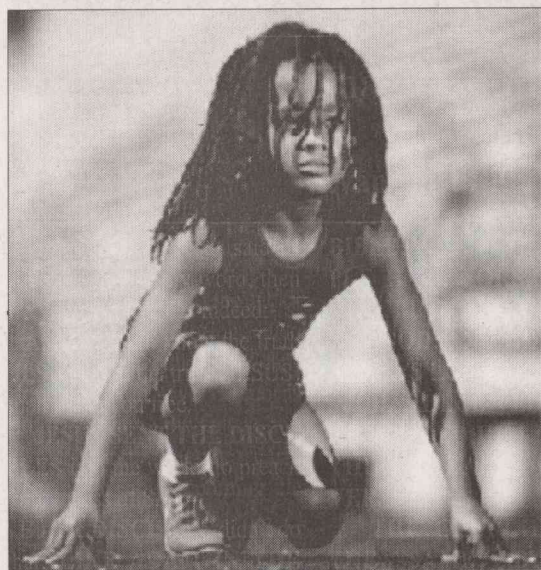
Before President Biden signed the bill making Juneteenth a federal holiday, 49 states had already recognized the day. But for Opal Lee, federal recognition is a crucial milestone on a mission that she insists is far from over.

"I've got children, grandchildren, great-grands and even some great-great-grands and I'm wanting them to have a much better world than the world I came up in," she shares.

"... I want so much for my family and so I think I can do something about it before I go."

In honor of Juneteenth, there are a number of organizations you can work with to advance justice and continue the fight toward racial equity.

Meet the 7-Year Old Smashing Records as the Fastest Boy in the Country



Tampa Bay, FL — At the age of 7, Rudolph Ingram Jr. also known as "Blaze the Great" has already broken several records and has become the fastest boy in the country, showing early signs of possibly becoming the next Usain Bolt.

Blaze's father Rudolph Ingram Sr. shared that the little boy started training when he was only 4-years old right after watching the Olympics. Since then, he has shown great athleticism.

"I can give him all the tools to be great, but his drive and work ethic and competitive mentality, it sets the bar so much higher," Rudolph Sr. told ABC Action News.

His most recent 100-meter dash clocked at 13.48 seconds smashed the USA Track and Field records for his age group. It was even just 13.48 seconds behind the record for sprinters 17-18 years old.

"It feel great, anyways I trained for it," said Blaze, who dreams "to get into the NFL" someday.

His father has always been hands-on in his training to prepare for his future, but still lets him be a kid.

"He watched the Usain Bolt documentary, he has seen a lot of those people's documentaries and he realizes that they were doing the same thing that [he] was doing at that age. So [he] could see where this would lead

to," he said.

Blaze has caught the attention of many people, including football players O.J. Howard and Mike Evans from Tampa Bay Bucs and basketball star LeBron James. His verified Instagram account @blaze_813 has more than 500,000 followers.

Moreover, his father is very proud of what he has accomplished and will accomplish in the future.

"This is my baby, I'm overly proud of him. He makes me so proud" said Rudolph Sr. "I don't like saying it, but I feel like he's a one in a million child. I don't like saying it because he's my child but I definitely feel like he does great things."

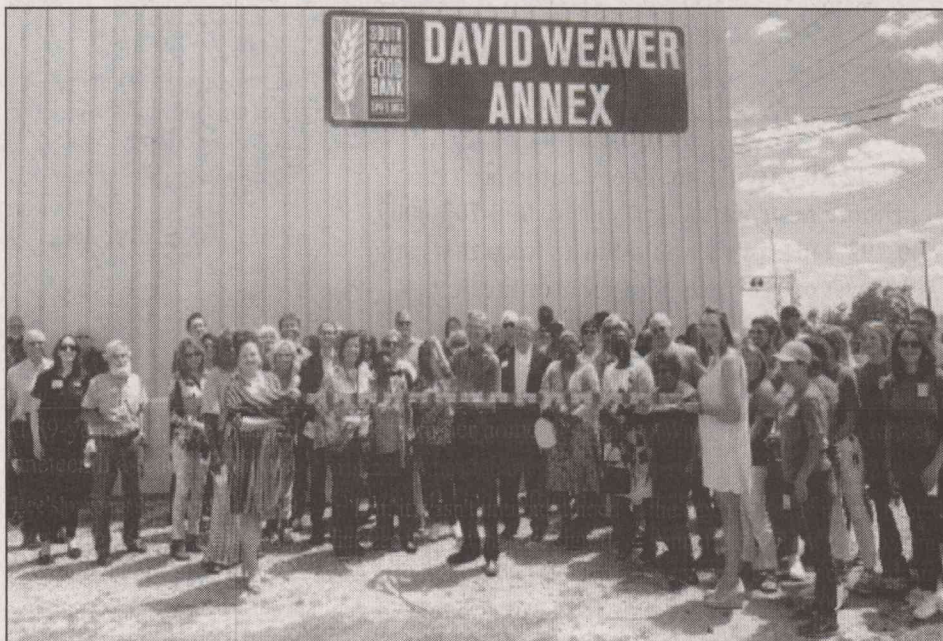
Clarence Williams III, 'The Mod Squad's' Linc, dies at 81



Clarence Williams III, who played the cool undercover cop Linc Hayes on the counterculture series "The Mod Squad" and Prince's father in "Purple Rain," has died. He was 81. A native of New York, Williams career spanned over five decades in theater, television and film. He was born into a creative family in 1939 and raised by his musical grandparents.

He got his acting start on Broadway after a stint as a paratrooper and received a Tony

South Plains Food Bank Unveils New Building in Honor of David Weaver



A ribbon-cutting was held at the South Plains Food Bank to officially reveal the new David Weaver Annex, and to honor Weaver's years of commitment to the South Plains.

To commemorate his nearly 30 years of service to the community, the South Plains Food Bank will be dedicating their newly acquired building to former CEO David Weaver; aptly naming it the David Weaver Annex. Weaver retired from his position in September - handing the reigns to Dina Jeffries, formerly of the Ronald McDonald House Charities.

The new annex will provide storage space to the exponentially growing mission of the Food Bank. South Plains Food Bank was able to acquire the

building after the sale of their original headquarters and Kitchen of Hope. This new building will allow them to consolidate all of their community outreach resources onto a single property.

"The years that David served this community were really important ones," said Jeffries. "We're incredibly fortunate to have a future where we still get to provide for this community; David gave us that gift."

Weaver announced his retirement in February 2020, but postponed his departure due to the

pandemic. "This community deserves to have an organization that advocates for their success in all instances," Weaver said.

"That's what Carolyn (Lanier) tried to provide, and that's what I tried to do too. It's what Dina Jeffries and her successor will provide as well."

A ribbon-cutting was held at 3:00 pm at the South Plains Food Bank to officially reveal the new David Weaver Annex, and to honor Weaver's years of commitment to the South Plains.

seen Williams perform and told Aaron Spelling he should consider him for the role of Linc. The show ran from on ABC from 1968 through 1973.

A trailblazing show for attempting to portray the hippie

generation of the time, "The Mod Squad" was a star-maker for all three. But roles were not quick to follow for Williams.

Williams never fretted over his longtime association with "The Mod Squad," though.

Obsequies

Jewel N. Dailey

Celebration of Life Service was held Friday, June 18, 2021, at 1 p.m. at New Hope Baptist Church. Interment followed at Resthaven Cemetery under the direction of Griffin Mortuary.

Jewel was born on November 2, 1943, to Leroy, Sr. and Velma Perkins. She attended Prairie View A&A University in Prairie, TX, and Drone Business College where she received an Associate's Degree in Business.

Jewel is survived by her husband, Johnny Dailey; 3 sons, Darrell Dailey, Keevin (Se-neada) Dailey, and Kevin (Cheree) Dailey; 2 sisters, Beverly (Willie) Wilburn and Mable Perkins; 2 brothers, Elbert Perkins and Charles Perkins; 5 grandchildren, 1 great-grandchild; a host of other relatives and friends.

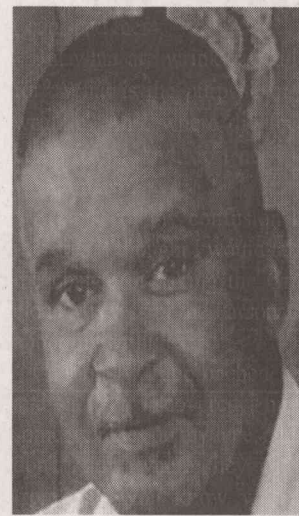


Michael E. Anderson, Sr.

Celebration of Life was held on Thursday, June 17, 2021, at 11 a.m. at the City of Lubbock Cemetery under the direction of Griffin Mortuary.

Michael was born on June 18, 1952, in Granger, TX to Clarence, Sr. and Madie. He graduated from Sealy High School. He served in the United States Air Force.

He leaves to cherish his memory; his wife, JoAnn Anderson; 1 son, Michael (Veronica) Anderson, Jr.; 3 daughters, Nekisha Anderson, Tonoshia (Delton) Anderson, and Myesia Anderson; 7 siblings, Billie Caldwell, Barbara (Henry) Rice, Clara Loving, Lynette (Gilbert) Bassett, Kathy Glenn, Clarence



(Diane) Anderson, Jr., Douglas (Mardenia) Anderson; Patsy Bracey; 17 grandchildren, 8 great-grandchildren; a host of other relatives and friends.

Carolyn Renee Floyd

Celebration of Life Service was held Friday, June 25, 2021, at 1 p.m. at Peaceful Gardens Cemetery under the direction of Griffin Mortuary.

Carolyn was born to Willie Jean Floyd on November 24, 1959. She was employed by Heritage Oaks Nursing & Rehab Center.

She leaves to cherish her memory, one daughter, Latrice Floyd; four sons, Chris Floyd, Jeremy Floyd, Jerrell Floyd, and Terrance Floyd; one brother, Terry Floyd; thirteen grandchildren, one great-grandchild; and a host of other relatives and friends.



Virginia Lynn Basaldua



Visitation was held Friday, June 11, 2021 from 4 to 7 p.m. at Griffin Mortuary. A Private Disposition was held under the

direction of Griffin Mortuary. Virginia was born to John Ramirez and Maria Garcia on August 13, 1979. She leaves to cherish her memories; her mother, Maria Garcia; two daughters, Seanna Mares and Rikkilynn Mojca; one son, Christopher Rodriguez; one sister, Denise Garcia; three brothers, Adrian Garcia, Angelo Garcia, and Samuel Garcia; a host of other relatives and friends.



LaMotte Pierre Way



Celebration of Life Service was held Friday, June 11, 2021, at 11 a.m. at Griffin Mortuary.

LaMotte, age 51, passed away Sunday, May 23, 2021. Private Disposition was held under the direction of Griffin Mortuary.



Myra Sue Robinson



Celebration of Life Service was held Tuesday, June 15, 2021, at 11 a.m. at Peaceful Gardens Cemetery under the direction of Griffin Mortuary.

Myra was born on June 23, 1958, to Sidney and Dora Robinson. She received her Master's Degree in Education from Texas Tech University. She was employed for Lubbock ISD for 30 years.

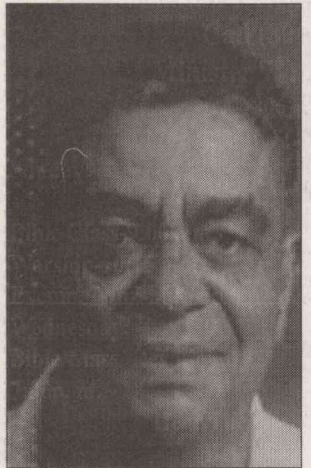
She leaves to cherish her memory; her mother, Dora Robinson; two sisters, Betty Robinson and Nancy Travenia; a host of other relatives and friends.



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Edward "Daddy Ed" Davis



rection of Griffin Mortuary. He was born on June 8, 1926, to Sidney and Fannie Davis in Bogata, TX. He worked at PYCO and retired after 29 1/2 years of service.

He leaves to cherish his memory, one daughter, Ester Luellen, four sons, Edward Davis, Gregory Davis, Sidney Davis, and Keith (Robbin) Davis; a host of other relatives and family.



Anne Bell White



Celebration of Life Service was held Friday, June 4, 2021 at 1 p.m. at Parkway Church of Christ. Interment followed at the Peaceful Gardens Cemetery under the direction of Griffin

Mortuary. Annie was born on July 27th, 1939 in Idabel, OK to Thelma and Robert Craig. She graduated from OTC. She graduated from Vogue College of Cosmetology with her beautician license. She reopened the local chapter of the NAACP where she served as President for 2 years.

She is survived by seven children, Annie Faye Williams, Willie Williams, Ella Williams, Reba Williams, Robert Watson, Cassandra Nash, and Renita Nash; 36 grandchildren, 42 great-grandchildren, 3 great-great-grandchildren; 3 brothers, James Craig, Sr., Roy Craig, and Charles Pringler; 3 sisters, Lola Craig, Joyce Bruse, and Pearl Burse; a host of other relatives

"Where Do Wrinkles Come From?"

by
Dr. James L. Snyder

Several months ago, I had two cataracts removed from my eyes. How they got there, I don't know. As far as I can remember, they never asked my permission, and furthermore, they never paid rent for being there.

According to the eye doctor, and doctors are never wrong, I now have 20/20 vision. I've never had such vision since I was ten years old.

All I really need now are reading glasses, and my vision is quite good.

That sounds like a good thing on the surface, but every good thing has a little dark corner somewhere hidden.

The good part is that I can see excellently.

The bad part is that I can see excellently. I didn't quite understand this until just recently it came to full view.

What shocked me so much was that as I looked at my face to prepare to shave, I noticed some things I never noticed before. Those things were "wrinkles."

Not only did I have one wrinkle, but for some reason, that wrinkle brought all his family with him. And, to make matters worse, the first wrinkle never asked permission to take up residence on my face.

But there they were, and I was staring at them for the very first time.

I do not know the real purpose of wrinkles or where in the world they come from or where I can send them.

But what are wrinkles really for? What is the purpose of a wrinkle? And, where did they come from? And, do I need to wear a mask?

Because of my confusion in this area, I thought I would take the chance of asking the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage about my wrinkles.

Cautiously I approached her and said, "I discovered I have some wrinkles on my face, and I don't know where they came from? Do you know what I could do?"

Obviously, she thought I was joking because I couldn't get her to stop laughing.

When she finally calmed down, she said, "You've had wrinkles for as long as I can remember." Then she began laughing again.

When she quieted down again, she said, "The purpose of wrinkles is to keep track of your age. Every wrinkle represents a certain age in your life." Then she broke down in laughter again. Obviously, this is funny to her.

The next time I was in front of the mirror, I carefully looked at my wrinkles and tried to count them. If what she says is true, I must be 397 years old.

I'm not sure what to do with my wrinkles, but I'm not going to have plastic surgery.

I need to accept things as they are and not allow something as silly as a wrinkle define who I am. If I do that, I will never come to any kind of reality about myself. I surely am not my wrinkle.

Thinking about this, I was reminded of a verse in the Bible. "Lead me, O Lord, in thy righteousness because of mine enemies; make thy way straight before my face" (Psalm 5:8). My face has more important things to do than fuss over wrinkles. I need to trust the Lord each day to set before my face the way that he wants me to go for his glory.

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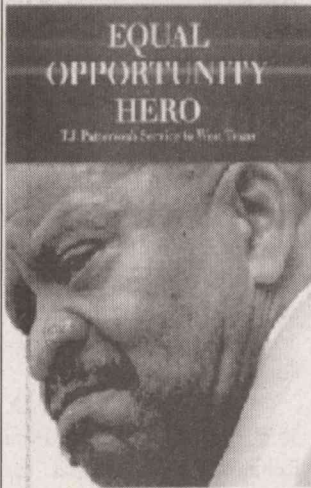
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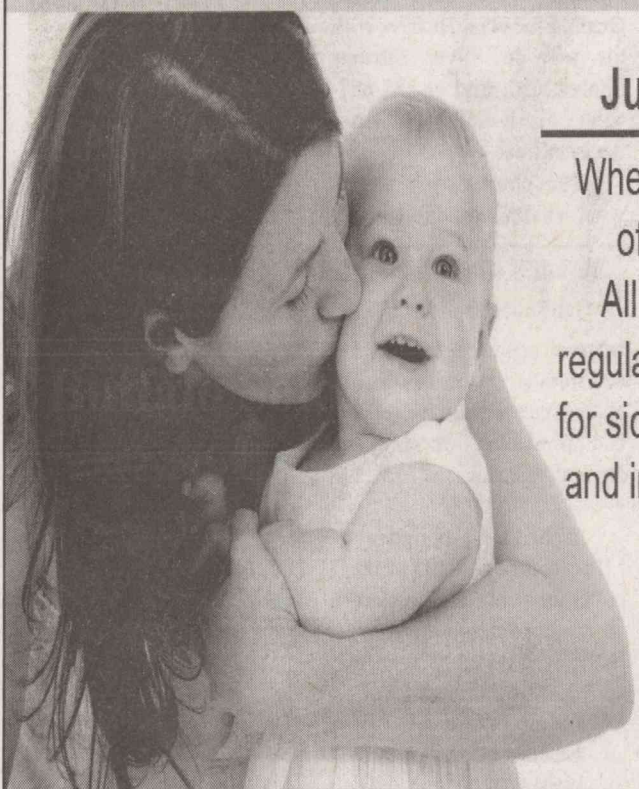


This book was released back in December of 2017. The author of this book, Phil Price has since passed. Mr. Price, was a very dear friend of T.J. Patterson, Sr. His wife, Victoria Price still holds a very special place with Mr. Patterson. Book Sells for: \$25.00

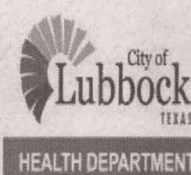
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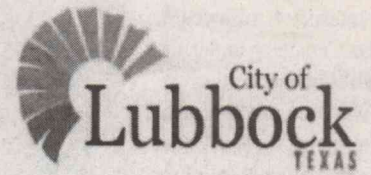
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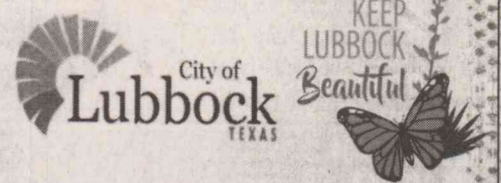
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About Buffalo Soldiers Day July 28, 2021

Buffalo Soldiers Day was first proclaimed by President George Bush in 1992 to celebrate the all-black Army regiments' "outstanding legacy of service."

The first peacetime all-Black army regiment, which we honor on Buffalo Soldiers Day, July 28th each year, was formed mainly to keep order in the Wild West after the Civil War. In such a rough-and-tumble place, where unknown natural dangers and thieves abounded, the buffalo soldiers had extremely low desertion rates. These brave men of the 9th and 10th Cavalry Regiments were inextricably named the 'buffalo soldiers' not by their own leadership, but by the Native American tribes they came into contact with — and no one quite knows why!

These troops helped catch cattle thieves, protect national parks, ensure the safe travel of settlers from the East, and much more. Today, we honor their service in helping our country stay safe, and being a groundbreaking step towards greater racial equality in the military.

History of Buffalo Soldiers Day
The buffalo soldiers, named


by Native American Indians for reasons no one has ever quite determined, were some of the most valiant frontier military men in the wild, Wild West. The group of all-Black servicemen consisted of the 9th and 10th Cavalry-, as well as some infantry regiments, after the end of the Civil War. The military had begun to allow Black people to serve in a segregated military that was far from equal — when the 9th and 10th Cavalry mustered in 1866 and 1867, respectively, they were given low-quality and insufficient amounts of supplies.

Despite the lack of supplies, their assignment to the dangerous and distant American frontier, and the racism that reared its ugly head from their commanders as well as the citizens they were sworn to protect, the buffalo soldiers boasted the lowest desertion rates of any of the frontier groups at that time. In the beginning, the 9th Cavalry was sent to Texas and the 10th to Kansas. However, their tasks remained largely the same — to protect roads and settlers from Native American Indians.

The buffalo soldiers are perhaps best known for their engagement in the Indian Wars, a series of battles and skirmishes that unfolded as White settlers encroached upon the land of Native American Indians. Over the course of more than a decade, the buffalo soldiers were able to largely subdue the Native American Indians, with the 10th Cavalry even joining the 9th in Texas in their campaigns. Of the US Cavalry soldiers that fought in these battles, the tiny but mighty buffalo soldiers made up no less than 20%!


Racial segregation in the military was abolished in the late 1940s and, by the 1950s, the buffalo soldiers were all but a memory, having been redistributed to other units. The legacy they left, however, was unmistakable. When the dust cleared, 14 members of the buffalo soldiers were awarded the Medal of Honor, and they had done undeniably important work in securing the safety of roads and settlers.

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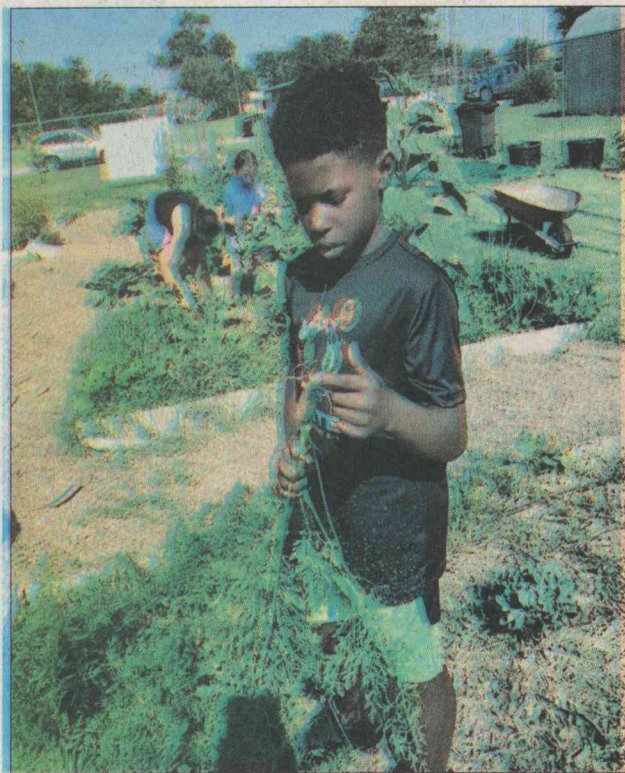
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First Time Adventure for James Butler: A Day In The Garden at The Booker T. Washington Community Garden

Article by Councilwoman Shelia Patterson-Harris:
Swung by the Roots/Booker T. Washington Community Garden this morning....had a young fella with me who desired something to do with his time....Meet James Butler..... who will be spending some of his time this summer at the Community Garden.....located in the 2200 Block of Cedar Averight across from the Booker T. Washington Park.

If you've got a youngster needing something to do....and you want him/her to build some work ethic.....some team building skills.....some character and learn something about horticulture.... drop by and speak with the good folks like Kenneth Castillo.....you can catch him there.....MondaysTuesdays and Thursdays from 9:00 am to 11:00 am....James learned about peanuts today.....Did you know that peanuts don't require watering.....and that a turnip can be HUGE!!!! Who knew that onions took so long to grow.



James is observing a carrot that he pulled from the Booker T. Washington Community garden. Below are photos of other vegetables from the garden. James was really fascinated by the growth process of vegetables. He is looking forward to the next time he will get to visit the garden. James is 9 years old and said he is looking forward to going to the 4th grade.



James watches in the background as another child holds a turnip grown from the Community Garden.



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We envision communities where everyone has access to good quality, nutritious food, understands the consequences of hunger and poor nutrition and is committed to creating stronger, healthier communities.

Our Mission Statement
I.C.U Feeding is working to eliminate hunger and improve our community's health and well-being through access to healthy and nutritious foods, community education, and advocacy.

Our Guiding Principals
We believe in engaging the community and involving those we serve in finding solutions to eliminate hunger and food insecurity.

We believe the root causes of hunger must be addressed to realize our long-term goal of eliminating hunger.

We believe collaboration and partnerships - internally and externally - are essential to fulfilling our mission.

We recognize the dignity of all people and believe food is an essential right.

We believe that hunger can be eliminated.

Our Values

Integrity
We will demonstrate the highest ethical standards in all interactions.

Stewardship
We will be accountable to all through the efficient and environmentally responsible use of resources.

Teamwork
We will foster cooperation and a sense of empowerment amongst our diverse staff, volunteers, and community partners.

Respect
We will treat all of our relationships with respect.

Innovation
We will continually seek to provide excellent service by developing new and improved methods to reduce hunger.

Empathy, Passion, Empowerment
We encourage and support the best in ourselves and those we

serve and provide opportunities for everyone to participate in fulfilling our mission.

*****No Transportation***
DON'T WORRY!!!
We know that some families don't have the proper transportation to get to our FREE Meal Locations. Don't Stress!!
We Deliver!! Sign up.
Now it's FREE!!!**

Looking forward to feeding all your needs!

Lubbock Locations

Rise Academy Charter School
207 N Martin Luther King Blvd
Lubbock, Tx 79403
*Sponsored Meal Pick Up Location
4:15 pm until 6:00 pm

Betty Condra School of Innovative Learning
1500 14th st
Lubbock, Tx 79403
*Sponsored Meal Pick Up Location
3:45 pm until 5:30 pm

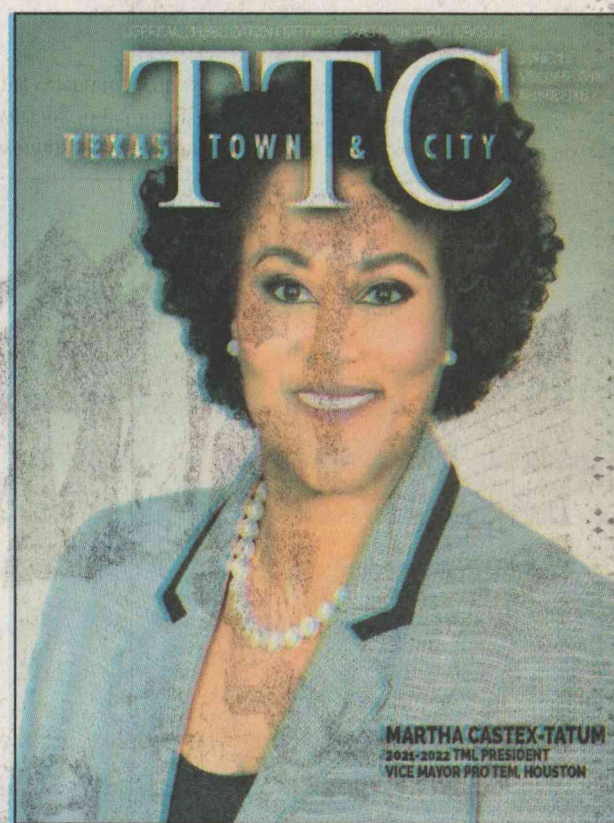


New Texas Municipal League (TML) President Appointment

On May 11, 2021, the Texas Municipal League (TML) and its 1,164 member cities announced that City of Houston Vice Mayor Pro Tem Martha Castex-Tatum is the new TML president.

Castex-Tatum has served on the TML Board of Directors since winning the special election for City of Houston District K councilmember in May of 2018. She is the first TML president who has served on the city council of two Texas cities. Castex-Tatum served on the San Marcos City Council in 2000-2003, where she also served as the deputy mayor pro-tem. "I wholeheartedly believe in serving where I live, and I'm honored to join the leadership team of TML. I look forward to using my experience in a small city and large city this next legislative session as we work alongside state lawmakers to ensure the best public policy for all Texans," said Castex-Tatum.

Castex-Tatum was elected the League's president-elect on October 15, 2020, and began her term as president early by filling a vacancy left by Karen Hunt, who decided not to run for reelection as Coppell mayor this month. Castex-Tatum will serve an extended term as president and hold the position through the 2022 TML Annual Conference



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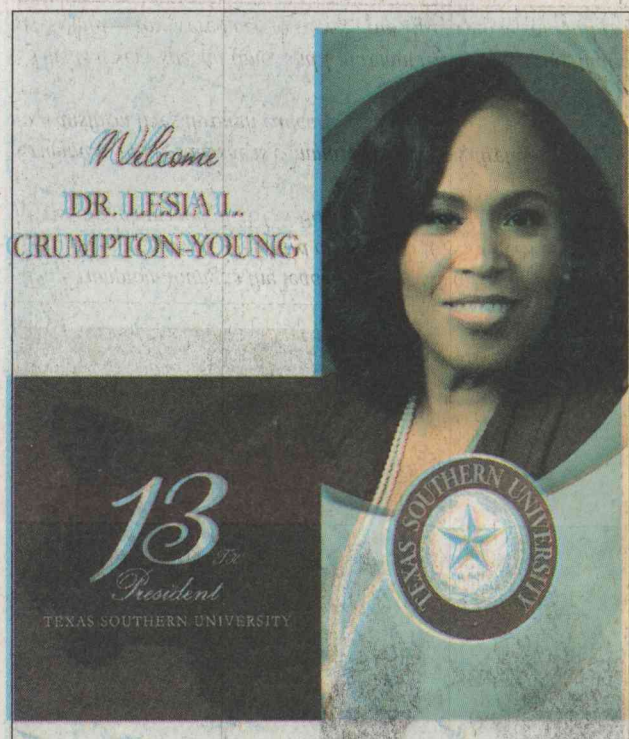
in San Antonio on October 5-7.

Castex-Tatum is the eighth official from the City of Houston to be elected TML president. Most recently, Senator Carol Alvarado led the organization when she was on the Houston City Council in 2006-2007.

TML is a voluntary association established in 1913. Today, more than 16,000 mayors, council

members, city managers, city attorneys, and department heads are member officials of TML through their cities' participation. Guided by its purpose statement—Empowering Texas cities to serve their citizens—the League provides legislative, legal, and training services to city governments.

Texas Southern University selects Lesia Crumpton-Young as next President



HOUSTON – After a nationwide search, Texas Southern University is ready to welcome a new leader.

The university's board of regents unanimously voted Thursday to name Lesia L. Crumpton-Young as the next president, according to a press release. She will resume her role on July 1.

Crumpton-Young is described as "an established senior administrator, executive and tireless advocate for students," per the release. She most recently served as provost and senior vice president for academic affairs and chief academic officer at Morgan State University in Baltimore, Maryland.

She was also the sole finalist for the position, officials said.

"Dr. Crumpton-Young is the leader TSU needs to usher in a new era of greatness. Her vision for TSU will shift our graduates forward on the path toward even greater academic excellence," said Albert H. Myres, Sr., chairman of TSU's Board of Regents.

Crumpton-Young said she is committed to working tirelessly with the entire TSU community and partners to transform lives through education.

"This is a very special time, and I'm reminded of something that my late mother said to me frequently as a child—"You were born to serve," the Texas native said following the vote.



Article submitted by Councilwoman Shelia Patterson-Harris: "Was out in the District and pulled up on Quantae and Tamarsha working to get things ready at their establishment...50th and I-27....to work to feed the people....Help me celebrate them... check out the web page"...www.icufeeding.org