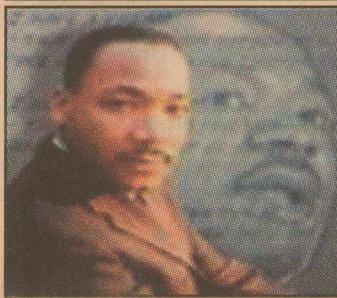


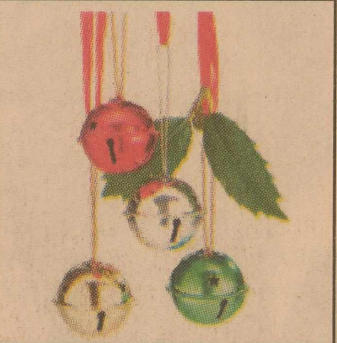


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## Community Meetings

- \* 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., Mt. Vernon UMC, East 23rd & Cedar Avenue
- \* Dunbar Alumni Association meets 2nd Saturdays, 4:00 pm.
- \* Booker T. W Washington American Legion, Post 808, meets every 2nd Tuesday at 7:30 pm, American Legion Building in Yellowhouse Canyon.
- \* 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 1st Thursday at 7:00 pm and every 4th Thursday at 7:00 pm at the Dunbar Manhattan Heights Neighborhood Outreach Center, 1301 E. 24th Street.
- \* West Texas Native American Association Pot Luck Supper meets on alternating months prior to meeting, meetings held on 2nd Saturdays of each month at 7:00 pm, Educational presentations and demonstrations.
- \* The Unified Juneteenth Commission of Lubbock meets every Tuesday evening at Bryon Martin Technology Center, 3401 Avenue Q, beginning at 5:30 p. m.
- \* West Texas Chapter of 100 Black Men of West Texas meets 3rd Monday evenings at 7:00 pm at Lanier Center, 2nd Floor, TTU Law Center.
- \* The Parkway & Cherry-Point Neighborhood Association meets the 3rd Tuesday evenings, 7:30 pm at Hunt Elementary School.
- \* 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.
- \* If you have an announcement about your organization, please advise by calling (806) 762-3612 or e-mail swdigest@sbcglobal.net.



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## Lubbock ISD and Texas Tech Sign Articulation Agreement



A Very Historical Signing By LIS D & Texas Tech University For Estacado High School

Officials from the Lubbock Independent School District (LISD) and the Texas Tech University College of Education signed an articulation agreement on Thursday, November 19, 2015, making Estacado High School (EHS) an Early College High School campus. The program is funded in part through the East Lubbock Promise Neighborhood grant and matching dollars from Texas Tech.

Becoming an Early College High School will allow EHS students to earn dual credit hours that count toward high school and college degrees. Students who start their first year of high school will graduate four years later with 60 hours of college credit, classifying them as juniors. Students will not have to pay tuition on these college courses.

Most of the dual-credit classes will be college basics, including English, science, public speaking, math and history. The schedule for students enrolled in

the program will get increasingly more rigorous, taking only two college courses in the first year, four in the second and eight in the final year. Most of the classes will be held on the Early College High School campus at Estacado, and Texas Tech professors will travel to the location. Students will have some mainstream high school classes and will still be able to participate in extracurricular activities and take electives.

LISD Superintendent Berhl Robertson, Jr., Ed.D. said, "This is a great partnership with Texas Tech University and an outstanding opportunity for our students in Lubbock ISD. Research has proven that students who participate in an Early College High School program are more likely to complete a bachelor's degree and outperform regular high school graduates. We believe that this program will serve our students well."

LISD Deputy Superintendent for Academic Services Theresa

Williams, Ed.D. added, "We are thrilled about the partnership with Texas Tech University and the implementation of the Early College model at Estacado High School. This has been a year-long collaborative process of researching and planning between Lubbock ISD and Texas Tech. We believe that having an Early College High School available to our students in LISD will be a "game changer" in their lives and will forever alter the trajectory of their future success."

Texas Tech College of Education Dean Scott Ridley said, "This fast-growing movement in our state and nation dramatically improves the probability that high school children living in poverty will complete their university degree."

Vernita Holmes, veteran District Two Trustee, said, "This is very historical, and our students will benefit tremendously." She continued by saying, "This is an effort the entire City of Lubbock

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## Chatman Hill Sign Will Be Repaired Very Soon

The Chatman Neighborhood Association voted to have the sign identifying the neighborhood at their meeting on Friday evening, November 6, 2015.

According to Dianne Thomas, President of the Chatman Neighborhood Association, "A contractor has been hired to do the construction. We're waiting

for the materials so the sign may be repaired."

The sign is located at the corner of Birch Avenue and East 19th Street.

## My Brother's Keeper Sponsored A Clean-Up In The Thunderbird Addition On Saturday, November 21, 2015



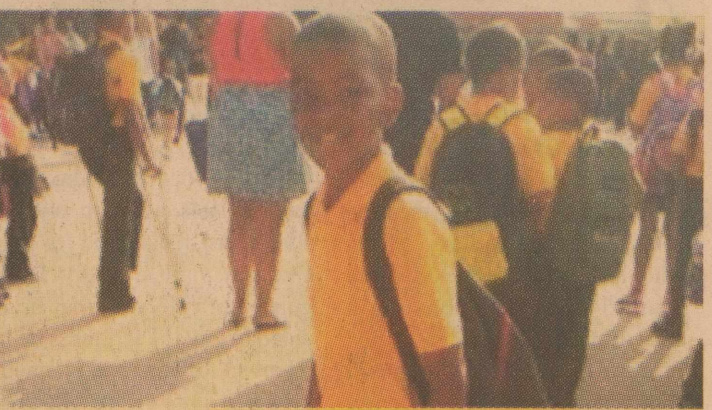
**MY BROTHER'S KEEPERS** -- Noticed several locations in the Thunderbird Addition which were used as dump areas. They decided as an organization to take pride in our neighborhood and have a clean up. Their

perspective for the project was to set a need and meet it. The Keepers rode throughout the neighborhood -- through alleys picking up mattresses, tables, chairs, trash, broken glass, tree branches, and other items.

The clean up was held on Saturday afternoon, November 21, 2015. The photos above gives an idea of what the Keepers did. Many people in the Thunderbird Addition expressed their gratitude for the Keepers cleaning up

the neighborhood. Pastor Robert Griggs allowed the Keepers to use the parking lot of True Worshipers Church. Pastor Griggs had a crew at separate locations.

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## Man charged with murder in 'assassination' of Tyshawn Lee, 9

(CNN)—Four weeks after alleged gang members lured 9-year-old Tyshawn Lee into an alley and killed him -- a slaying that some in violence-riddled Chicago called a new low -- the city's police superintendent announced the arrest of one man and vowed to "obliterate" the "criminal" group to which he belonged.

"That gang just signed its own death warrant," Superintendent Garry McCarthy said Friday. "We're going to go in and destroy that gang and, by the way, the rival gang, too."

McCarthy said Corey Morgan, a 27-year-old "documented gang member (and) convicted felon," is in custody on a first-degree murder charge. But police don't think Morgan was alone, saying he acted "in concert" with two others. McCarthy didn't name one, who is in custody on an unrelated charge; the other, Kevin Edwards, is at large.

Bond was denied Friday to Morgan, prosecutors said.

Court papers provided by the prosecutor's office said that "Tyshawn's death is the result of a gang war" between two particular gangs that "came to a boil" after Morgan's brother, Tracy, was shot and killed in a car with their mother on October 13.

The mother was shot and wounded, court papers said.

"Shortly after the shooting (Corey Morgan) stated that since his brother was killed and his mama was shot he was going to kill grandmas, mamas, kids and all," according to court papers filed in prosecutors' request that Morgan be held without bail.

An autopsy of Tyshawn's

body showed two perforating gunshot wounds, and part of his right thumb was lost as a defensive wound trying to block a gunshot, court papers said. The boy's body had a gunshot wound to the head, a bullet graze wound to his right upper back, and a superficial wound to the right forearm, documents said.

"There was evidence of close-range firing," court papers said.

The afternoon of November 2, officials say, men approached young Tyshawn as he played basketball with friends at a Chicago playground. They led him to an alley and, with a single gun, shot the boy.

The shooting was "targeted and calculated," McCarthy said. He connected it to Tyshawn's father, who the superintendent said hasn't helped police "at all" in the case, and at least two other fatal shootings over the previous months.

"This is a crime that shook our city," the superintendent said. "It was an act of barbarism, the assassination of a 9-year-old child as a gang retaliation to get back at his father."

"Tyshawn Lee was failed on many, many levels."

## Gun violence, racial tensions in Chicago

Shooting deaths on the streets of Chicago, sadly, are nothing new.

In 2012, the city gained the dubious distinction of murder capital of the United States after it registered 503 homicides, more than any other city. Those numbers have ticked down some, though the FBI's 2014 statistics show 411 killings, still outpacing cities (such as New York with 333 and Los Angeles with 260) with higher populations.

Some areas of the city are worse than others. They include Auburn-Gresham, a neighborhood on the South Side where gangs battle over turf and the right to sell drugs. That's where Tyshawn was shot dead, down the street from his grandmother's house, the Rev. Michael Pfleger said at the child's funeral.

## Opinion: How to end Chicago's cycle of violence

Investigators don't know whether any of the men involved in his death knew the 9-year-old personally. But they do believe that he was singled out, not for anything he did but because of his father.

"It's truly an act of barbarism," Chicago police Chief of Detectives Dean Andrews said Friday. "It's a 9-year-old boy that was targeted and executed."



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workforce demographics report earlier this year. They were commended for doing so, and so far, experts say they are the most aggressive at addressing the issue.

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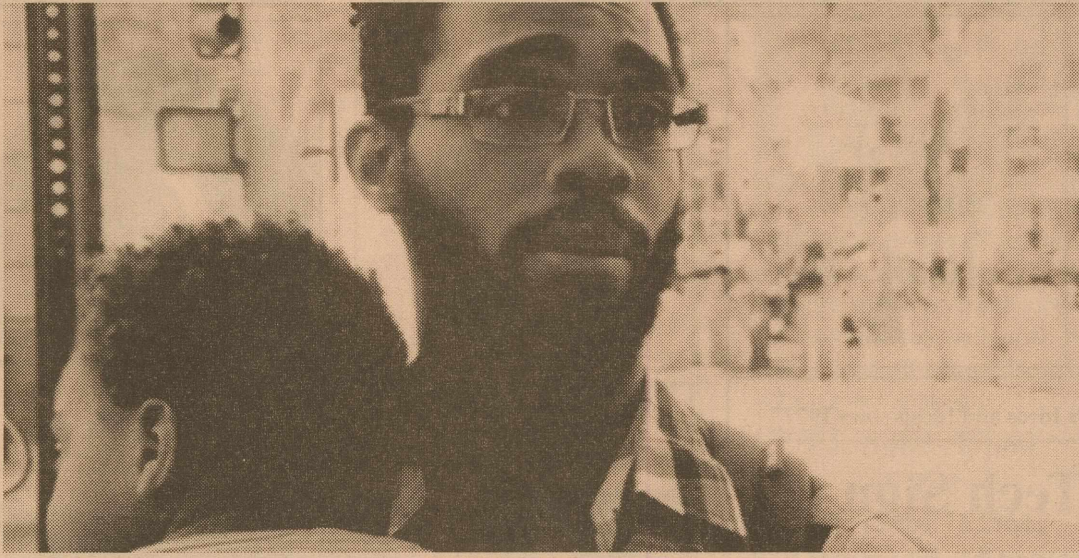
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## Young Homeless Father Shares the Love After Getting \$56K in Donations



James Moss and Son

Denver, CO — James Moss, a Denver man who was formerly homeless, is now taking the time to give back to others. Moss, who last week received more than \$54K in donations via a crowdfunding campaign in just 11 days from others who heard about his story, was recently seen handing out free food and sandwiches to homeless and hungry people in downtown

Denver.

Moss told local media: "I was once in this position with my son. It just feels good (to help). I've got a little tingly feeling going on." He said that he decided to pay the kindness he had received forward and planned to organize more events like this in the future.

Moss, who is originally from New York City, came to Denver

with his son, Zhi, in hopes of starting a new life. However, things went south after just two days when their original housing arrangements fell through. This left him looking for shelter and housing.

Regarding his son, Moss said, "Everything I do is for him. The reason I made this move is for him. To be in a peaceful place, the mountains, I want him to experience things that I missed growing up."

## Holiday Craft Fair

Lubbock Municipal Garden and Arts Center (GAC) welcomes patrons to the Holiday Craft Fair on Friday, December 4, 2015 from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. and December 5, 2015 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. inside the GAC. This free event is perfect for your one-stop holiday shopping! Artists, craftspeople and GAC instructors will have a variety of handmade items that make perfect gifts for your family and friends. Many gifts are priced below \$50.00.

The Lubbock Municipal Garden and Arts Center, located at 4215 University Avenue, strives to offer an array of fun classes and events for all ages. The variety of GAC classes offered cover general subjects such as painting, drawing and photography, yet also focus on more specific topics, which include jewelry-making, and faux finishing. For more information on classes, reservations or volunteer opportunities, please call the Lubbock Municipal Garden and Arts Center at (806) 767-3724, email pgriffith@mylubbock.us or visit our web site at www.lubbockgac.org.

## Mattie Montgomery-Earl Day Family Met In Lubbock

The Mattie Montgomery-Earl Day family met in Lubbock, Texas the week of July 18th - 20th 2015 for the first ever celebration-family reunion. Matriarch Mary E. Day Newton, Thelma Day Robinson, and Earl Day Jr. are the three surviving offspring of Earl Day Sr. and Mattie Montgomery.

We had family from all over the State of Texas and ten other states across the nation. We had relatives who had never met each other. As the old folks usta to say: "most of us are blood-kin, the same DNA".

For the folks who married into the family and friends of the clan, we were all one big happy

family. Both the Montgomery side and the Day side would be proud of how the lineage has carried on!

The theme was "RECONNECTING WITH LOVE"!

The three day events were based out of the Holiday Inn South Loop, now the Clarion and the Mae Simmons Community Center.

The Chairperson was Karen Newton MacaFee, co-chairs Evelyn Dawson Stroud and Samuel Thomas Jr. This was a true labor of love. We had a wonderful, unforgettable time. Everyone is looking forward to when we can do it again!

## LISD & Texas Tech Sign Agreement

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should be proud."

Students at schools who feed into Estacado will have first priority. Students who feed into other LISD schools may apply to attend Early College High School. There is not a set number of students who can be admitted. The program will begin in August, 2016.

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## Keepers Clean Up

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The Clean Up Crew were: LaCarl Richardson, president; Tyrone Moore, Jack Moore, Reggie Moore, Larry Alexander. Omar Moore, Geron Moore, Albert Oliver, and Jim Johnson.

The City of Lubbock had a driver to carry the trash and rubbish to the dump.

Nathan Cage and granddaughter provided a delicious meal for the clean up crew to eat. Nathan Cage and Tyrone Moore also provided the photos.

## The Third Annual Faith First House of Hope Celebration

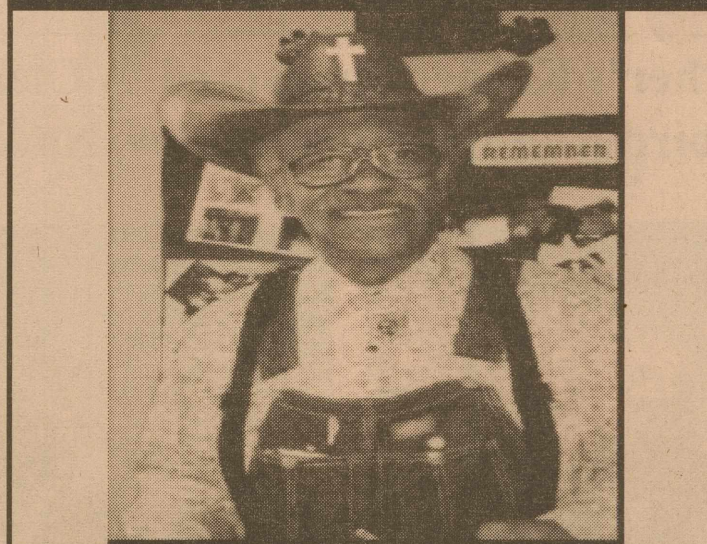
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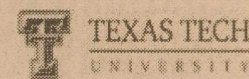
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# In Cinque

By Renetta Howard



In 1865, with the surrender of the Confederate army, that meant victory for the Union. With this surrender, ALL STATES were bound to recognize the superiority of the federal government. Somehow, it appears that many of those states which were a member of the Confederacy, has failed to inform its residents and their off springs of the fact that they are a part of the Union. The surrender also answered the question about the rights of states to secede from the Union. Though the relationship had some gray areas, there was no question that the Federal Government had superiority over the several states; that all states were a part of the Union.

The end of the Civil War named such because it was a conflict between the states of the United States, but by no means civil, as NO War is civil, ended the abolitionists' struggle and prompted President Abraham Lincoln to issue a Proclamation which set the stage for all slaves to be free. Eventually, the Thirteenth Amendment was passed which abolished slavery, to be followed by the Fourteenth Amendment which granted citizenship to the Free Black men and the Fifteenth Amendment gave all men the right to vote. It was not until the Nineteenth Amendment that women were given the right to vote.

With all of the legal means to insure that all Americans and citizens were to be treated equally, there still remains a few diehards who feel deep down in their souls after 150 years, that it is not so. This is the year 2015 and there is no way that anyone living in 1865 is influencing today's mode of thinking except by passing their racist ideas down through the generations.

Schools in the United States for the most part, teach United

States History as it was intended to be taught. Many textbooks present history in warped and prejudiced motifs, but learned teachers, point out the distortions and teach history as it really happened in order for students to know the truth. Most prejudices and the act of maintaining racial superiority instead of governmental superiority is generally leaned in homes and homogenous social circles. The idea that the Confederate flag should represent our present government at any time is racist in nature and those individuals who insist on hoisting it are the epitome of racism and denial that the Confederacy lost the war and that the Union is superior. These individuals are not trying to start a new civil war; they are trying to make sure that the one that the South lost remains in the minds and hearts of the American people and the minorities whom profited.

The Confederate flag is a symbol today of profound racism and anyone who hoists one cannot deny their feelings or intentions. It has been 150 years past, but we need to get 'in cinque' and do some serious praying for people who refuse to live in the present, especially when they have ulterior motives and hate groups are on the rise in the United States of America. Do we need a constitutional amendment to put the Confederate flag in the museum?

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# Beyond The Rhetoric

by Harry C. Alford

"The Reluctant President?"

Whether or not that title will stick to the legacy of Barack Hussein Obama will be determined in decades to come. Right now there is much doubt that the legacy will be anything that is praise worthy. The troubling aspect of his actions during the first seven years of his presidency is his inability to take responsibility and not be afraid of initiating courage and seeking the truth no matter what it may be. He never would be a subject character in President John F. Kennedy's book "Profiles in Courage". He doesn't step forward and take the path of resolve and brings it to a conclusion that American citizens will feel secure and safe.

Instead, he ignores our populace and moves to the position of stubbornness and hides behind a press that miraculously protects his odd positions and decisions. That support is seeming to wane as his term starts to end. The scandals of the IRS, State Department, Veterans Administration and a host of others is starting to take its affect. When this president makes a position it is usually for the betterment of an opposing Muslim led government, racial strife (not reconciliation) or sharply leaning

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# THIS N' THAT

by T. J. Patterson

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..... as he was aware of who we were ..... He shook our hands and showed a smile he always had..... It was just a positive posture to sit and visit with him about how he was doing..... As ..... **THIS N THAT** ..... sit and observed ..... **PASTOR BARNES** ..... who reminded ..... **THIS N THAT** ..... of the time he visited the late ..... **REV. A. W. WILSON** ..... who was pastor of Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church ..... who was lying in his bed in the living room of his residence on East 29th Street..... As ..... **THIS N THAT** ..... sit and thought of the works of ..... **PASTOR**

**BARNES** ..... **THIS N THAT** ..... asked him for a word he could take with him..... After pausing briefly ..... **PASTOR BARNES** ..... said ..... **"JESUS LOVES YOU** ..... **INSPIRE OF!!** ..... The way he said those words were very touching ..... and gave a tremendous lift throughout that day..... **PASTOR JOHNNY LEE BARNES** ..... passed away on ..... **SATURDAY** ..... **NOVEMBER 21, 2015** ..... and the word given to ..... **THIS N THAT** ..... will never be forgotten ..... **THIS N THAT** ..... will never forget that visit with ..... **PASTOR JOHNNY LEE BARNES!!!**

towards a "Cowardice Profile". Crimea, Ukraine, the new Iraq, Kurds, Libya, Syria, Nigeria, Cameroon, Mali, on and on. The United States is no longer a "leader in the world". Our allies cannot look to us for support and strength. We have become failures to our friends and weaklings to our foes" The egregious government of Iran has proven us to be "push overs" and the Assad regime of Syria is showing us that his friends are braver (not stronger) than us.

If you don't show up at the daily morning Intel briefings like all other presidents would religiously do, you are going to make big public mistakes. Mistakes like not knowing who was ISIS or their current intelligence assessment. He publicly proclaimed ISIS to be a "Jayvee team" and nothing for us to worry about. Meanwhile, they penetrated Iraq and parts of Syria like General Sherman ripping through the South during the Civil War. He didn't have a clue! In our absence Russia has stepped in as the "Avenger" and now France is acting responsibly in light of their recent terrorist assault. Where is the United

States, Mr. President?

So now for the big question we have for our first president of some African lineage. President Obama what have you done for the betterment of our Mother Africa? We, the National Black Chamber of Commerce, has a board seat on the Pan African Chamber of Commerce and Industry (34 national organizations). PACCI has been compelled to address the aforementioned question. Here is their response as stated in their recent newsletter, dated October 28, 2015.

"On both programs (Africa Growth and Opportunity Act - AGOA, and Power Africa) the continent has been disappointed by President Obama's scant focus to his father's ancestral home, especially in comparison of former president Bush whose effort to fight HIV/AIDS has made him a hero in Africa. Or even Former President Carter who pushed to tackle a horrible NTD - guinea worm bringing down the cases from one million in 1989 to about 25,000 in recent times." "The AGOA program which was conceived by President Bill Clinton fourteen years

ago, partly as a means to spur growth of domestic industries in Africa, particularly in the textile sector, has not happened to a significant degree. Only modest gains in textile production has been noted in the years following implementation of AGOA in a few African countries, including Kenya."

"As it is, textiles and clothing account for only two percent of African exports to the US."

"On Power Africa, of the \$7 billion that Obama set aside for the initiative, \$5 billion fell under the auspices of the now-defunct Export-Import Bank, which guarantees loans to foreign companies buying U.S. made products. Just \$132 million in transactions had been approved before the bank's charter expired last month, and now it cannot approve new ones. The Export-Import Bank was an important part of that effort. Yet on June 30, the bank lapsed for the first time in its 81-year history. So now, Power Africa depends on Congress reauthorizing the Ex-Im Bank. President Obama faces the challenge of matching the Africa legacy of his White

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Jesus Told His Disciples To Go Into The World; And Let Their **LIGHT SHINE.** But Now; The Ungodly Runs X-Mas; And Blind Is Leading The Blind!!!

**Romans 1:21-22** -- Because That, When They (**CHRISTIANS**) Knew God, They Glorified Him Not As God, Neither Were Thankful; But Became Vain In Their Imaginations (**DREAMERS**), And Their Foolish Heart Was Darkened. Profession Themselves To Be Wise, They Became Fools.

The Celebration Of Christ Jesus Birthday; Has Lost Its Intent.

There Is No **MORE SPEAKING OF JESUS; ONLY WHERE YOUR MONEY IS TOP BE SPENT!!!**

**Matthew 4:10** -- Jesus Said. Get The Hence, Satan: For It Is Written, You Shall Worship The Lord Your God, And Him Only Shall You Serve.

The World Celebrates X-Mas: With Santa, Trees, And Lights, Parties And Drinking.

They Mock The Birth Of God's Son; Without Even Thinking!!!

**Galatians 6:7-8** -- Be Not Deceived; God Is Not Mocked:

For Whatsoever A Man Sow, That Shall He Also Reap.

For He That Sow To His Flesh Shall Or The Flesh Reap Corruption; But He That Sow To The Spirit Shall Of The Spirit Reap Everlasting Life.

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**\*\*\* God Is Not Mocked!!!\*\*\***  
There Is No Joy To The World; Because The Devil Is Doing His Thing.

Christians: You Let The **DEVIL TAKE OVER; SHAME, SHAME, SHAME!!!**

**1 John 2:15** -- Love Not The World, Nether The Things That Are In The World. If Any Men Love The World, The Love Of The Father Is Not In Him.

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Again, the St. Matthew Baptist Church members had a wonderful time on Sunday morning, November 22, 2015, where the proud pastor is Rev. Edward Canady.

Sunday morning services begun at 10:10 a. m. with our Superintendent, Sister Shirley Davis, presiding. We praise God for all the knowledge we receive during Sunday School.

The subject of the Sunday School lesson was entitled "Turning The World Upside Down." The scripture text was Acts 17:1-4; 10-12; 22-25 & 28.

The Sunday School lesson was taught by Sister Shirley Canady. It was a wonderful lesson.

Our Sunday morning devotion was conducted by Deacon E. M. Williams and Deaconess Sister Ethel Williams.

Pastor Canady entered the

Church with the Choir and Congregation singing "Because of Who You Are."

The morning sermon was delivered by Pastor Canady. His subject was "What Is The Name of Your God?" His scripture text was I Kings 18:21-24.

This was a very informative message and was well received by all in attendance.

The morning announcements were read by our First Lady, Sister Shirley Canady.

The Missionary Society presented their Fifth Sunday program on Sunday afternoon, November 29, 2015.

The guest speaker was District Missionary Hattie Scott. She is a member of Scott's Temple, and her pastor is Rev. Bobby Lawson.

It was a wonderful program.

The weekly meetings at the St. Matthew Baptist Church are as follows:

The Missionary Society meets on Wednesday evenings at 5:00 p. m. Why not come and join us! It's amazing on what can be learned when we come together.

Bible Study is held on Wednesday evenings, beginning at 6:00 p. m.

Choir Rehearsal is held on Friday afternoons beginning at 2:00 p. m. If you love singing God's praises, then come and join our Choir.

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## New Book Has the Formula for "Eradicating Racism" and "Debunking White Supremacy"

**Nationwide** — In their new book, *A Formula for Eradicating Racism: Debunking White Supremacy*, Professors Tim McGettigan and Earl Smith spell out a practical plan to end racism. The authors argue that racism is a remediable form of suggestion-induced sadism. This means that racism is a type of undemocratic social architecture that people purposely construct. The good news is that people can also dismantle undesirable social constructions.

McGettigan and Smith argue that, early in its history, the US intentionally dehumanized people of color so that white invaders could plunder the western hemisphere without moral qualms. Technically speaking, a crime is not a crime when it's committed against people who are defined as sub-humans.

The most glaring example of democratic dehumanization is the 3/5 Compromise which, even to this day, fractionates the perceived merit of African

Americans in the USA. In addition, the US "denaturalized" Indigenous Peoples, Hispanics, Asians and every other person of color via the Naturalization Act of 1790 — which established that only free whites could be US citizens. Subsequently, the US has treated people of color like wartime enemies. The US still enthusiastically celebrates continent-wide genocide of Native Americans under the sacred banner of Manifest Destiny.

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### In My New Diet All I Lost Was Interest

I lost quite a few things in life, but weight has not been one of them.

I see these commercials on TV where people lost tons of weight and invite me to join their program. Investigating some of the programs I discovered all you really lose is money every month. If there is one thing I do not want to lose it is money.

I never took losing weight very serious. I figure one man's pound is another man's jiggle and we sure do not have enough jiggle in this world.

I have bigger problems than losing weight, which I would readily acknowledge is a big problem, but I have been focused on a bunch of other mat-

ters. If I kick the can down the road far enough, I never have to deal with it. Right?

What if when we get to heaven, I like to think of this often, everybody is fat? One of my favorite verses in the Bible is, "...all the fat is the Lord's" (Leviticus 3:16). I realize this may be a little bit out of context, but some of us have to get our consolation wherever we can find it.

Then it happened. You know how something happens that you did not plan to happen, but it just happens?

It was after a wonderful supper and I had overindulged as usual, and happen to say out loud, "I sure am stuffed."

I did not make this remark to

start a conversation or to mean anything other than I was stuffed at that time. However, the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage saw it just a little bit differently.

I think this is why men are so reluctant to talk to their wives because everything they say can be taken out of context and usually is. I was just referring to the fact that at that moment I was feeling stuffed. Actually, I meant it as a compliment to her fine cuisine. After all, a compliment is a compliment and should be received as such.

"I think," she said, staring at me with one of her stares, "that you really are stuffed. Furthermore, I think we ought to do something about it."

I hate it when my wife says "furthermore" because I do not know exactly what she's talking

about. All I know is what is coming next is going to get me into trouble. Trouble is not my middle name but it certainly is my identification number. Then, this is how women think, when she said, "we ought to do something about it" the emphasis was on the "we." Whenever a wife says "we," she is really referring to her husband.

That started quite a conversation about dieting. I say conversation, but actually, it was a very animated monologue of which I was the only audience at the time.

Don't you love it when people know how to fix your problem? A recent study shows that wives outlive husbands. And of course, the reason is simply that many husbands cannot change the monologue into a dialogue.

"Mono," means one and "dia" means two. But I digress.

My good wife went on talking about a wonderful diet she has had in mind for a long time. In thinking about that, I concluded she thought I was overweight for a long time. The one good thing is that she has not mentioned it before. But now she is mentioning it.

All of the pent-up observations and suggestions about my weight were now coming out in one dynamic monologue. I just could not keep up. It is hard to keep up when you only have two ears.

I could tell she had been thinking about this for a very long time because she had great detail as to what my new diet should be, even calculating how much weight I would be losing if I kept on this new diet.

So far, it was not too bad. I would go on this new diet, lose tons of weight, be healthier, and live longer and the both of us would be happy. What can go wrong with a plan like that? I love it when a plan comes together.

Then she began outlining the details of this new diet. I was going to eat nothing but fruit and vegetables until I had achieved my weight loss goal.

I had a few questions. "Would you consider an Apple fritter to be a fruit?"

"Is a carrot cake a vegetable?" These two questions alone brought such a stare from the

other person in the room that I melted in complete defeat. Already I was losing. It seems, and I'm learning something new here, one person's definition of a fruit and vegetable is not another person's definition.

She began outlining all of the rules and regulations of this new diet and she did it with such glee, in fact, I have never seen her smile more, and it was going to be hard not to do it.

After her plan was firmly set on the table the only thing that I lost was interest in the whole new diet plan.

The Bible has some good things to say about fruit. "Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit" (Matthew 7:17).

It is not so much the fruit on the table as it is the fruit in my life that delights God.

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**For it is You who lights my candle; the Lord, My God, lights my darkness.**

**We must learn to live together as brothers or we will perish together as fools.**  
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# Obsequies

## Davidson "Little Baby" Flowers

Dallas, Texas -- The Home-going Celebration for Davidson "Little Baby" Flowers as held Monday morning, November 16, 2015, at the Greater New Bethel Missionary Baptist Church with Rev. Nyal Bell as Eulogist.

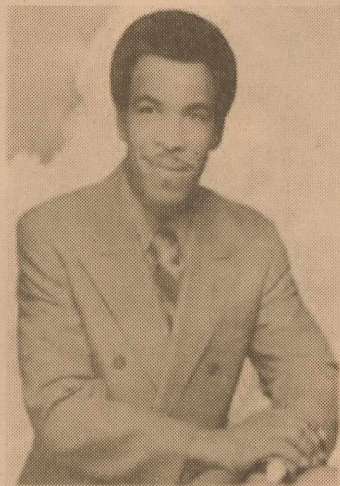
Interment was under the direction of Laurel Land Funeral Home of Dallas, Texas.

Flowers passed away on Monday, November 9, 2015.

He was the fifth child born to David Flowers and Crestor Dunn. He was also the twin brother of David. Being the younger and smaller twin, he was nicknamed "Little Baby," and he was called "Cousin Little Baby" and Uncle Little Baby", throughout the family.

He was born October 29, 1941 in Hearne, Texas. He attended Blackshear High School. "Little Baby" accepted Christ at an early age and loved quartet-style gospel music.

"Little Baby" loved to grill, fish, play cards, and work on cars. He could fix anything and was known for his mastery of barbecued brisket and banana pudding. All of these attributes



earned him another nickname, "Super Dave."

He was preceded in death by his parents, David and Crestor; brothers, James and David; and sisters: Alice, Ann, and Minerva.

He leaves to cherish his memory: Jerry Sterling; his spouse, Tina; their children: Keisha, Shauntayna, and Ashford; Gwendolyn Flowers and her children: Tubarick, Deleon and Marvis; Vincent Flowers and his children: Liateka, Niateka, Kiyawna, Vincent, Jr. and Bryon; Demetra Flowers-Jones, her spouse, Brian, and their children, Tenaya and Christopher;

## Odell Williams

Funeral services were held for a longtime resident, Odell Williams, age 98 of Lubbock, on Monday afternoon, November 23, 2015, at the New Hope Baptist Church.

Interment followed in the City of Lubbock Cemetery under the direction of Ossie Curry Funeral Home of Lubbock.

She passed away Wednesday, November 18, 2018 in her residence.

She was born December 1, 1916 in Mt. Vernon, Texas to Silas and Carrie Roberson

She married Mannie Williams, Sr. on January 13, 1938 in Lubbock; he preceded her in death along with her parents; brothers: Alvin, Alfred, Gaddis, Bishop, and J. D.; sisters: Willie, Geraldine, Lillie, and Ida; children: Elaine Simon, Jerry Williams, Billie Phillips, and L. B. Carter.

She leaves to cherish her precious memories and continue her legacy, her children: Hattie

Janice Flowers and her children, FraDon and Tyjja; Kendra Flowers and her children, Akeia and Milan; and Kimberly Flowers, and her child, Sirra; and his brothers: Willis Flowers, Johnny Ray Flowers, Chaney Flowers, and Freddie Flowers.

"Little Baby" has 23 great-grandchildren; and an extra special relationship with his nephews, Tony and Johnny; plus a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and other relatives.

Caring an Eternal Love is Mrs. Joyce F. Flowers, his love and helpmate of 40 years.

Active Pallbearers were Darwyn Moore, Kelly Carpenter, Tony Flowers, Brian Jones, Vincent Flowers, and Jerry Sterling.

Honorary Pallbearers were: Johnny Flowers, Lloyd Moore, Darsel Moore, Darrin Petteway, Freddie Flowers, David Flowers, James Flowers, and Payton Petteway.



(Curtis), Mannie, Jr., (Gladys) and Letitia, all of Lubbock, Texas; Ray (Shirley) of Dallas, Texas, and Geary Lynn (Connie) and Dewayne (Tifani) of Austin, Texas; numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren, great-great-grandchildren, family members and friends.

Active Pallbearers were her Grandsons.

Honorary Pallbearers were her Sons.

## Rosie Lee Rollison Mullins

Abernathy, Texas -- Funeral services for Rosie Lee Rollison-Mullins were held on Tuesday afternoon, November 17, 2015, at the First Baptist Church of Abernathy with Rev. Clifton C. Peoples, pastor of Mt. Olive Baptist Church of Slaton, Texas, as Eulogist.

Interment followed under the direction of Abell Funeral Home & Flower Shop of Abernathy.

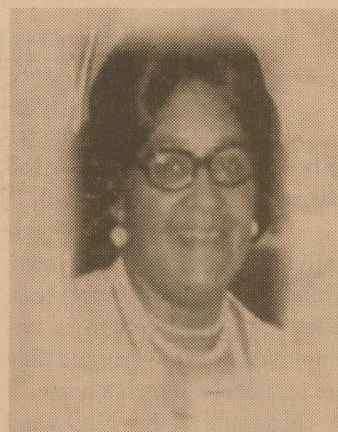
Mrs. Mullins passed away Friday, November 13, 2015, in Abernathy, Texas.

Rosie Lee Rollison was the eldest of six children born to the union of Minnie and Richard Rollison on January 5, 1929. Rosie attended her earlier education years at both Lesion Field and Cross Road County Schools.

She became a Christian at an early age and remained faithful throughout her life.

On August 16, 1949, she married Claude Mullins, and to this union 12 children were born.

Claude and Rosie were faith-



ful members of Bethel Baptist Church in Abernathy until Rev. Mullins took on the pastorship of Lone Star Baptist Church. She was a devoted wife and joyfully served along beside him for over 45 years. Rosie lived out her life by doing the words of her favorite song, "Give Me My Flowers."

She was preceded in death by her son, Oliver Mullins.

Those left to mourn her passing are: her beloved husband of 66 years, Rev. Claude Mullins, Jr. of Abernathy, Texas; 11 children: Rosetta Bradley of Abernathy, Texas, Gracie Stevenson of Carthes, Texas, Winford Mullins and wife, Willie, Claude Edward Mullins, and Joyce Bradley, Michael Mullins, and Martha Williams, all of Lubbock, Texas, Annelle Coleman and husband, Howard, of San Antonio, Texas, Catherine Beaver and husband, Joe, of Hale Center, Texas, Peggy-Palmer and husband, Joe, of Abernathy, Texas, and Vicki Mullins of OK, grandchildren, and 6 great-great-grandchildren.

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## Odell Hunter, Sr.

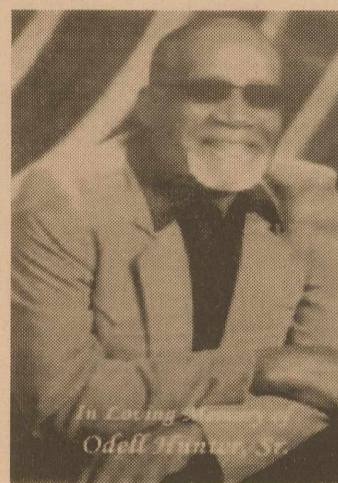
O'Donnell, Texas -- Funeral services for Odell Hunter, Jr. were held on Saturday, November 14, 2015, at the First Baptist Church of O'Donnell with Pastor DeShune Avery of Progressive Baptist Church of Lubbock, Texas as Eulogist.

Interment was held in the City of O'Donnell Cemetery under the direction of Ossie Curry Funeral Home of Lubbock.

Odell passed away on Sunday, November 1, 2015.

He was born on January 4, 1955. Odell attended O'Donnell High School, and then traveled to Roswell, New Mexico where he attended New Mexico Military College for two years.

Odell was employed at Gould's Pump for ten years. He also worked for the Texas Highway Department for 25 years before retiring.



He was married to Dessie, the love of his life, for 19 years. In his spare time, he enjoyed fishing, playing dominos and cards, and watching football. He also enjoyed music videos and listening to music. Odell could always be seen supporting his grandchildren at all of their sporting events! He was a devoted fan and was known everywhere he went by his kind smile and contagious laughter.

Odell was preceded in death by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Hunter; three brothers: Ollie Hunter, Jr., Billy Ray Hunter, and Willie Joe Hunter; and four sisters: Lydia Bryant, Joretha Moore, Velda McGaha, and Celestine Rogers.

He leaves to cherish his memory: his wife, Dessie Lee Hunter

## Willis Joe Smith

Snyder, Texas -- Funeral services were held for Willis Joe Smith on Saturday afternoon, November 14, 2015, at the Bell-Cypert-Seale Chapel with Rev. Shannon Harrison as Eulogist.

Interment was held in Hillside Memorial Gardens under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home of Snyder.

Smith, age 50 of Big Spring, Texas, died on Monday, November 9, 2015, in Big Spring.

He was born on July 27, 1956 in Snyder, Texas to Howard and Emma Lowe-Smith. He was a graduate of Snyder High School.

He attended Texas State Technological College in Sweetwater, Texas. He was a certified welder. Smith worked for Fiberglass Systems for over 35 years, and was currently working as a correctional officer for the Texas Department of Criminal Justice at the Smith Unit in Lamesa, Texas.

He was preceded in death by



his parents; step-mother, Louise Smith; one sister, Gwen Spires; and two brothers, George Moragne and Pat Williams.

He is survived by: a son, Willis L. Smith of Big Spring, Texas; two daughters, Antrea Ferguson of Phoenix, Arizona and Kiana Ferguson of Los Angeles, California; a grandson, Zamarian Anthony Smith of Big Spring, Texas; six brothers:

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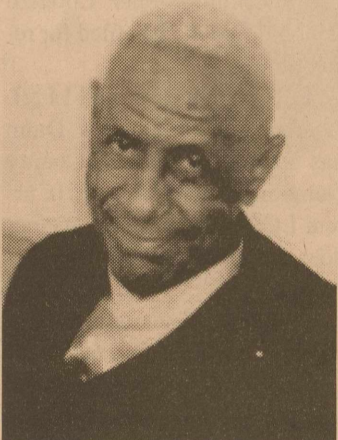
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## Elder Johnny Lee Barnes

Funeral services for Elder Johnny Lee Barnes were held Saturday morning, November

Howard Smith, Jr. and wife, Joyce, Herman Smith, and Melvin Edwards, all of Snyder, Texas, Raymond Johnson of Denver, Colorado, Mitchell Smith and wife, Jennie, of Midlothian, Texas, and Lewis Williams, III of Little Rock, Arkansas; six sisters: Vera New-some of Lubbock, Texas, Ada Sami of Fort Worth, Texas, Janith Sanders, Lola Moragne, Catina Williams, and Corrie Thomas and husband, Wayman, all of Little Rock, Arkansas; one uncle, J. T. Tolbert, Jr. and wife, Phyllis, of Little Rock, Arkansas; three aunts: Lovie Dunbar of Little Rock, Arkansas, Cora Johnson, and husband, Guy, of DeSoto, Texas, and Ruby Dale Taylor of Fort Worth, Texas; and a host of nieces and nephews.



28, 2015 at Greater St. James Baptist Church with Pastor J. J. Johnson officiating.

Burial followed in the City of Lubbock Cemetery under the direction of Calvillo Funeral Home.

"I love you and there is nothing you can do about it." Elder Johnny Barnes.

Elder Barnes was born April  
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## Why blacks believe in the American Dream more than whites

The financial deck appears to be stacked against blacks and Hispanics in America.

Their family wealth is typically one-tenth that of whites. They earn considerably less. They are more likely to be unemployed or in poverty and they are less likely to own a home.

Yet despite all this, blacks and Hispanics are far more optimistic about being able to live the American Dream these days than whites.

Some 55% of blacks and 52% of Hispanics say it's easier for them to achieve the American Dream than it was for their parents, compared to 35% of whites, according to a new CNN/Kaiser Family Foundation poll on race.

This is true even though many blacks and Hispanics CNN-Money interviewed said they are not in a financial position to fulfill their own dreams anytime soon -- if ever. For them, however, it's about opportunity. And they feel they have a lot more of it than their parents did.

Take Breionne Carter, a 22-year-old black woman who lives in Pflugerville, Texas, a suburb of Austin.

After working at Popeye's for three years, she just landed a full-time job with benefits at Dairy Queen and hopes to be promoted to manager in coming months. She plans to enter Austin Community College once she is more financially settled and can buy a car.

Carter doesn't know exactly what she wants to do in life, but her dream is to create companies that focus on things she likes -- including clothes and music -- that will also provide those in her community with jobs and other opportunities. She wants to encourage people to have more confidence and pride in themselves. "You have to keep going forward, no matter what's holding you back," she said.

Though she is strapped for cash now, Carter has no doubt she'll be able to achieve any goal she sets. A high school graduate

with no children, she's thankful to be in a far different situation than her mother, whom she said faced more struggles as a darker skinned black woman who had her first of nine children at the age of 17 and dropped out of high school. (She eventually got her GED and now works in medical billing.)

Her mother told her stories of being spit on at work and being called the "N-word." Carter said she doesn't feel judged on the color of her skin.

"The world is changing," said Carter. "I face less discrimination. I have the opportunity to do things she couldn't do."

It's not surprising that blacks and Hispanics say they have a better chance of getting ahead today than their parents, experts said.

Previous generations of blacks had to contend with segregation and closed doors in many parts of the country. "[They] were bound by a set of legal and institutional restrictions," said Margaret Simms, director of the Low-Income Working Families project at the Urban Institute. There are "more possibilities for mobility than a generation or two ago."

Many Hispanics, meanwhile, migrated to this country or are

the children or grandchildren of immigrants. They often see their fortunes rise with every generation, said Carol Graham, a Brookings Institution senior fellow whose research has also found blacks and Hispanics to be more optimistic about the future than whites.

But faith in the American Dream has withered in recent years. The Great Recession and weak economic recovery has left many families struggling. A 2009 Pew Charitable Trusts poll found that 63% of blacks and 62% of Hispanics said it was easier for them to achieve the dream than their parents, compared to 46% of whites.

Ray Sanchez, however, remains a firm believer in the dream, even though his personal finances have suffered in the last few years.

Sanchez, who is Hispanic, made good money touring the country as a Buddy Holly impersonator until 2011, when he aged out of the role. Now 51, he's unemployed and finding it hard to land a job because of his severe diabetes, which has left him with neuropathy. His family -- which includes a son in 5th grade and a daughter in 11th grade, both on the honor roll -- depends on his wife's income as a health care

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### Simmons Community Center Hosts Christmas Carnival

Mae Simmons Community Center will host their 7th Annual Christmas Carnival on Saturday, December 5, 2015, from 2:00-4:00 p.m. All ages are welcome with plenty of activities for the entire family. Children will enjoy carnival games and a Christmas art project in Santa's Workshop. Walk through the winter wonderland and listen to Christmas carols, then have your photo taken with Santa Claus. Bring your own camera or let us take a photo for \$1/photo. Concessions will be available from the Candy Cane Snack Shop. Admission is free!

Mae Simmons Community Center is located at 2004 Oak Avenue. Hours for the center are Monday-Friday from 3:00 to 8:00 p.m. and Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

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House predecessors. As of today his administration has nothing to show to Africa."

"AGOA Summary

A study by the Washington-based Centre for Global Development showed that sales of oil, minerals and South African manufactured goods dominate the US-Africa trade picture.

The study also found that more than 90 percent of AGOA-covered exports to the US come from half-a-dozen countries, most of which are oil-producers."

Isn't that so disappointing? All we wanted was change.

Mr. Alford is the co-founder, President/CEO of the National Black Chamber of Commerce. Website: www.nationalbcc.org Email: halford@nationalbcc.org

### Primary Filings Lubbock Democrat Party

The following candidates have filed in the Lubbock County Democratic Party Primary:

Incumbent Lubbock County Pct 3 Commissioner Lorenzo "Bubba" Sedeño has filed for re-election

Lubbock attorney and LP&L Board Member Charles Dunn has filed for Lubbock County Democratic Party Chair. (Current LCDP Chair Kenny Ketter does not plan to file for re-election.)

15 Precinct Chair applications have been received so far.

The filing period continues through 6:00pm December 14.

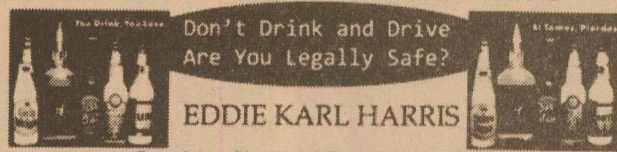
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Covenant Medical Office Building, 4102 24th St.

Grace Medical Center, 4515 Marsha Sharp Freeway



**More Obituaries**

**Inez Rainwater**



Funeral services were held on Saturday morning, November 22, 2015, for Inez Rainwater at the Parkway Drive Church of Christ with Brother C.L. Thomas as Euloist.

Interment was held in Englewood Cemetery in Slaton, Texas under the direction of Griffin Mortuary & Funeral Home of Lubbock.

She passed away on Sunday, November 22, 2015.

Rainwater was born in Burleson County, Texas on October 12, 1931, and was one of eight children born to the parentage of Ed and Opie Clemons, all preceded her in death.

Inez accepted Christ at an early age and was a faithful member of the Ivory Street Church of Christ in Slaton, Texas for over 60 years.

Inez was a devoted wife to Hollie Rainwater who preceded her in death.

She leaves to cherish her memory: her children: Altha "Cookie" Lewis (Blondell) of Lubbock, Texas; Ollie Rainwater (Deborah) and Betty Mitchell (Arlanders, both of Garland, Texas, and Deborah Wells (Jerry) of Frisco, Texas; six grandchildren: Louie "Huey" Scott, Jr. of Plano, Texas, Rafael Lamont Harris (Shauna) of

Seattle, Washington, Deneitra Ham (Darvin) of Atlanta, Georgia, Latoya Rainwater of Garland, Texas, Amber Wells of Marks, Mississippi, and William Rainwater of Dallas, Texas; ten great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; and a host of other relatives and friends.

*"And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes, and there shall not be death, neither sorrow, or crying, neither shall there be any more pain; for the former things are passed away."*

Active Pallbearers were: Rickey Pegues, Corey Childers, Fred Harris, Wheeler Smith, Kirby Childers, and Donald Harris.

**Elder Johnny Lee Barnes**

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23, 1938 to the late Johnny Barnes and Maggie Johnson in Los Angeles, CA. Later he was raised in Lubbock, Texas by E.L. Tatum. He attended LISD graduating at the mere age of 15. Shortly after graduating from high school, he went on to attend Dental College.

During his younger years; he accepted Christ into his life.

Elder Barnes began his ministry walk in 1989 under the leadership of Rev. J.H. Ford of Lubbock, Texas. Elder Barnes quickly fell in love with the Gospel of Jesus Christ in which he wanted to shape this love with everyone he came in contact with.

Elder Barnes would share the good news of Jesus Christ in any setting whether at church, United Supermarket, Cast Iron Grill "while shining shoes", the golf course, and, of course, to his family both in and out of church.

Elder Johnny Barnes spent a lot of days feeding the hungry in "Tent City." While feeding he would offer up Christ. Johnny being unselfish was a cheerful giver to many; naturally, physically, emotionally and most of all, spiritually - even in his last days. In 2010 Elder Johnny answered the call to become the spiritual father of Greater Saint James Baptist Church in the role of Pastor where he served faithfully until God called him home.

He was preceded in death by Johnny Barnes (Father); Maggie Johnson (Mother); two sisters; Tony Francis; (Son); E.L. Tatum

He leaves to cherish his memories, his wife Celestine Barnes; Sons, Rev. Johnny Barnes Jr. of Dallas; Kim (Sarah) Carter, Marquis Brown, Johnny Barnes III, Michael Robinson, Joe Mays Jr.; Daughters Toshia Kindred, Sandra Young, Vicki Harrel of Dallas, Nicole Whitfield, Dedra Cooper, Kadeshia Kindred, Crashina Carrington, Brenda Willis; two sisters Debbie (Randy) Mackey, Judy Anderson; thirty-one grandchildren; nine great grandchildren; a host of nieces and nephews, relatives and friends, as well as The



**Dorothy Jean Hunter Passes Here**

Dorothy Jean Hunter, 81 went to be with our Lord on Sunday, November 22, 2015.

Funeral Services for Mrs. Hunter were held on Friday afternoon, November 28, 2015 at Unity Baptist Church with Rev. Raymond Foster officiating.

Burial followed at Peaceful Gardens Memorial Park under the direction of Calvillo Funeral Home.

Dorothy was born March 6, 1934 in Clarksville to Victoria Nunley & Alta Mae Humphrey. She married her first husband, the late Lee Dale Gilbert in 1946 and to this union 12 children were born. She married her second husband, the late Delbert Hunter in 1979.

She loved sewing, fishing, hunting, cooking and enjoyed spending time with her family & grandchildren. Above all, Dorothy loved serving the Lord; her faith transcended through her personality making her the Godly woman the bible speaks of in Proverbs 31, "charm is deceptive, and beauty is fleeting; but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised." She will be missed, but her memory will forever live on in the hearts of all who knew her well.

Those left to cherish her memory are two sons; Joe & Linda Gilbert, Keith & Maria Gilbert all of Lubbock; one daughter, Carlotta & Benjamin Tanui of Lubbock; one brother, Willie C. & Lovie Nunley of Lubbock; three sisters, Nancy Rogers, Shirley & Larry Bonds, Diane & John Brooks all of Lubbock; thirty six grandchildren and host of great & great great grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by three sons, James Ray Gilbert, Delbert Lee Gilbert, Robert Earl Gilbert, six daughters, Ruby Lee Lee, Eula Jean Newton, Dorothy Louise Fulton, Alice Faye Ferguson, Louella Byrd, Coyann Lilly; two brothers, Vic Nunley, Charles Nunley; two sisters, Mary Joe Richards, Norma Mitchell.

Greater Saint James Baptist Church Family.

A special thanks to his loving mother Bessie White, Linda Brown, and Deacon Hollins.



**Why Blacks Believe In The American Dream**

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aide. He also has a 28-year-old daughter who lives several hours away from his Monmouth, Oregon, home.

For Sanchez, the American Dream is about having a happy and loving family and a president he trusts. Right now, he says he's content on both fronts...though the 2016 election may alter that.

His life stands in sharp contrast to his parents' experience. His father, who was of Mexican descent, was forced to live on the streets in Texas at the age of 7, after his mother (Sanchez's grandmother) abandoned the family and his father died. Sanchez's father had to teach himself to read and write. Eventually, he found work at a lumber mill. Sanchez's mother dropped out of high school and became an "average housewife," raising three children, he said.

So while times are tough at the moment, Sanchez is hopeful he can change his fortunes.

"I have an education, so I have a lot of options," Sanchez said,

while watching his son play soccer. "I could go back to school. If one thing doesn't work, I can do something else."

Whites, however, aren't as optimistic about their chances of living the American Dream. That's likely because many of their parents were able to buy homes and send their kids to college, possibly even on one income.

They are starting from a place where they were much more comfortable," Simms said.

Jon Burke's parents were able to achieve their American Dream and were more confident they could hold onto it. But Burke, a 34 year old white man, can't say the same about his own situation.

While he's financially stable, he is less certain about the future. A legal aid lawyer in Harvard, Massachusetts, he is raising three children with his wife, a lawyer in a private practice. Child care is expensive. Health care is expensive. College, even at a state school, is

expensive, he says. The family's finances could go downhill quickly if someone gets sick or loses their job.

Americans have far less certainty and face more challenges these days -- partly because of the decline of unions and changes in government policies -- than many did in his parents' generation, Burke said.

His father was a college professor and his mom was a high school teacher. They had job security, guaranteed pensions and free healthcare. Now, people must shoulder too much of the risk and the burdens, rather than being spread across society, he says. The American Dream is too focused on individual achievement, he said.

"You could be doing fine today, but down the road, not so much," said Burke. "There are a lot of unnecessary obstacles people have to overcome. I don't think my parents had them in the past."

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**Eradicating Racism**

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Though it will never be possible to right such monumental wrongs, McGettigan and Smith maintain that the US can still dismantle America's architecture of racism. Eradicating American-style racism will require the US to cease hostilities against people of color in much the same way that the US terminated hostilities against the Germans and Japanese at the conclusion of WWII. The US could re-humanize people of color by erasing the 3/5 Compromise and rescinding every other law, policy, superstition and practice that characterizes people of color as anything but 100% bona fide human beings.

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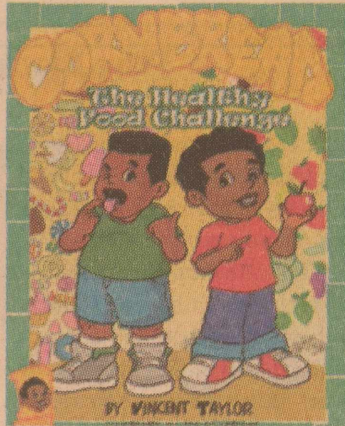
Nationwide — The country is becoming health conscience and so is the children's book character Cornbread! Author Vincent Taylor, who's also an elementary school teacher of 19 years, will release his fifth book in the Cornbread series entitled Cornbread and the Healthy Food Challenge on January 16, 2016.

Taylor is excited about this new book, not because it's humorous like the other four chapter books in the series and not because it has the character education trait "determination" embedded in the storyline. It's because this time he's bringing awareness to diabetes, a disease that continues to affect over 29 million Americans and another 79 million that have prediabetes.

More than likely, all of us know at least one person who has diabetes. Mr. Taylor say, "I have family members and close friends who live with this disease every day, and I've seen how their lives have changed. This was simply my attempt to bring awareness to diabetes and hopefully prevent young boys and girls from experiencing what they have had to experience."

If the contents of his book will help even one child or that child's parents, it will certainly be worth the time and effort he has poured into this literary piece of work.

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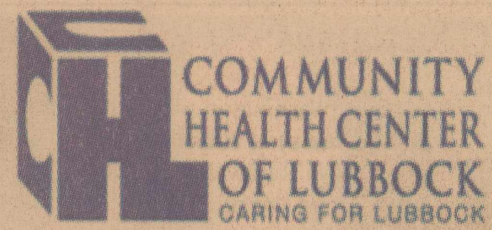
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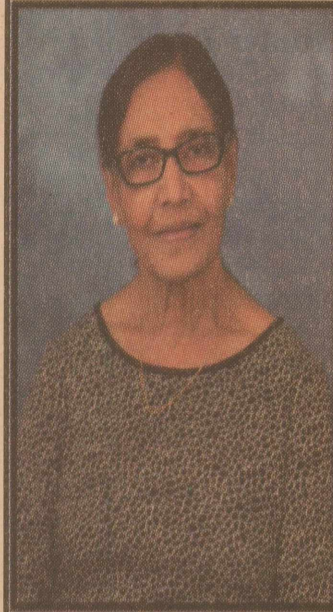
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