



Southwest Digest



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 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 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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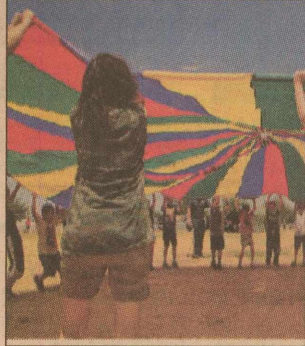
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(806) 762-3612 to publicly release a workforce demographics report earlier this year. They were commended for doing so, and so far, experts say they are the most aggressive at addressing the issue.

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Ground Blessing Services Held At The First Progressive Baptist Church

More than 100 members and friends of First Progressive Baptist Church were in attendance of the Ground Blessing for the new church building, 4202 East 62nd Street, on Saturday evening, June 24, 2017.

First Progressive Baptist Church and their Pastor, Rev. Deshun Avery honored 7 families of past and present leaders. The color was royal purple. Members fasted 7 hours before the Ground Blessing. They read 7 scriptures, and displayed 7



Pastor Deshun Avery Speaking To Members & Friends

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Junnie Jones Celebrates 90th Birthday

Amarillo, Texas -- The Draper/Jones Family Reunion and 90th birthday for Junnie Jones were held Friday, June 16, 2017, in Amarillo. She was born June 19, 1927.

In the photo, she is shown with grandchildren, great-grandchildren; far left, oldest son, Alvin Draper of California; oldest daughter, Fannie Rogers; not shown in photo is youngest son, Raymond Cloudy, both of Amarillo, Texas. Also her pastor, A. L. Gipson, and three daughter-in-laws: Edith Draper of California, Ola Draper of Lubbock, Texas, and Tonya Cloudy of



Amarillo, a daughter-in-law, not who were in attendance at Junnie Jones' 90th birthday!!

Slivia Wilson & Bernice Nickerson Win Domino Tournament At Mae Simmons Senior Citizens Ctr.



DOMINO QUEENS: These ladies, Slivia Wilson, left, and Bernice Nickerson, right, were the winners in a Co-Educational Domino Tournament at the Mae Simmons Senior Citizens Center on Friday afternoon, May 26, 2017.

These ladies won the tournament in a double elimination. They were the only ladies in this tournament. Both ladies will tell you it's always exciting when you work as a team.

2017 Juneteenth Pool Tournament Held At Mae Simmons Senior Citizens Center



WINNERS & PARTICIPANTS IN JUNETEENTH POOL TOURNAMENT; Pictured above are those who participated in the Mae Simmons Senior Citizens 2017 Juneteenth Pool Tournament on Friday afternoon, June 16, 2017.

They are, left to right, Gus Marges, Ernest Peebles, Richard Rollison, Santos Martinez, Third Place; Gary Howard, Sr., Second Place; and Joe Martinez, First Place. Not pictured were Merissa Avila and Donnell Smith.



Brother Billy "B. J." & Sister Jeffothel Morrison, III

Morrison Celebrate Their 34th Wedding Anniversary

During the monthly meeting of the Federation of Choirs on Sunday afternoon, June 25, 2017, at the Lyons Chapel Baptist Church before a packed house of attendees, Brother Billy "B. J." Morrison, III raised his hand to make an announcement. He was acknowledged by host pastor, Rev. Wendell Davis. He came forward and announced today was he and his wife, Sister Jeffothel Morrison, had been married for 34 years. Those present gave loud applause.

On this road forever together, they were married at the 1st Christian Church in Lubbock in

1983.

Sister Morrison said, "The Lord has blessed them to have-out of their marriage five children between them and seventeen grandchildren, and twenty-seven great-grandchildren."

Both agree the blood line is blessed and continues moving along!

Brother Morrison has been the author of article, "Thank God For Jesus" for more than 30 years!

Congratulations to the Morrison for their 34th Wedding Anniversary!!

My Brother's Keeper Served As Mentor Program For Students



Participants In Mentoring Program

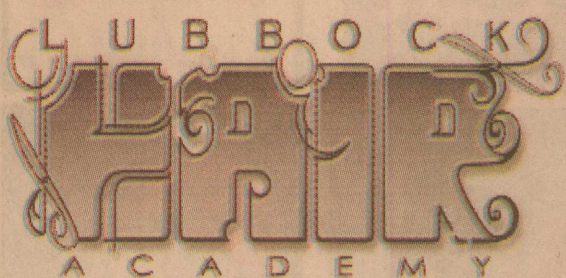
The Keepers of my Brothers and Sisters life skills training center finished the school year with a bang. They were able to add O. L. Slaton Middle School to their mentoring rotation. The Keepers teach young boys about respect, responsibility, role-modeling, reaching out (volunteering), and relationships.

Pictured above are some of the participants: Quincy Davis, Xavier Martinez, Zeke Diez's,

Xavier Borunda, Xavier Campos, and Chris Sanders. Also above are Larry Alexander, a member of My Brother's Keeper, Mrs. Carol Wadley, Asst. Principal of O. L. Slaton Middle School, and one of O.L. Slaton's teachers.

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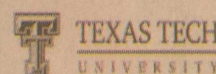
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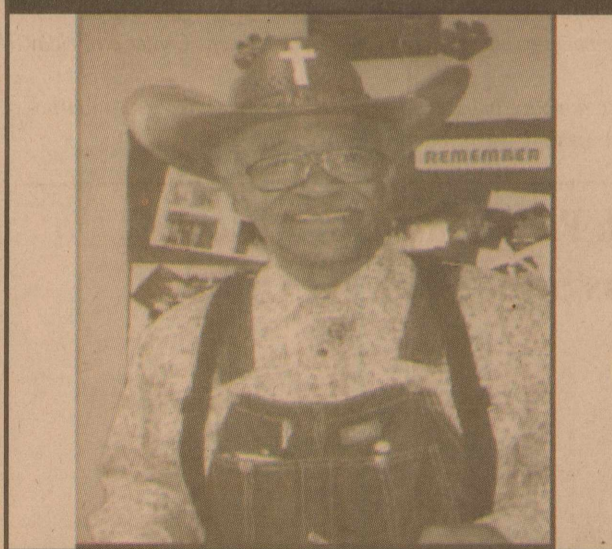
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In Cinque

By Renetta Howard



Where Is The Truth?

In times like these, it would seem that we do not need rocket scientists in Congress to realize through every day activities at the White House that there are a bunch of lies hidden in the Russian smoke screen that need to be uncovered and put an end to the madness which has engulfed our government's function, affected the common sense of many Americans and made this country the laughing stock of the world.

The Comey interrogations were watched by many Americans and some of us had read his written testimony prior to the hearings. He may be telling the truth about most things, but I feel that he was blindsided when he made the decision to accuse Hillary Clinton of criminal e-mails at the door of the 2016 Presidential Election. Being fired by Trump may very well be karma. God still works in mysterious ways.

Whether Comey is telling the truth or not, it appears that his testimony has caused Mr. Donald Trump to openly call him a LIAR. He has already exposed Mr. Trump's accusations of Mr. Obama as being without merit and at the same time letting the country know how Mr. Trump deals with the individuals he supervises; unscrupulous. We have no idea right now what the Intelligence Committee is discerning or planning but it should be clear that with many of the illegal activities in which our President has been involved in that there is a very fine line indicating that the election, the presidency and all of the activities of 45 are illegal. Historians in the next 50 years, if we have that long, are going to have a lot to say about these next four years; the gory details, the debacles, the bold lies, the secrets, the

partnerships, the conspiracies and the lives on the line. It will be similar to the French Revolution: plots, counterplots, espionage and camouflage, but hopefully no guillotine. The way things are moving now, we may not be surprised at an attempt to establish one.

Another dangerous situation is our President making Tweets which he considers law. He is using Tweets as his own personal vehicle and blocking individuals who do not agree with him or say something he does not like or make a joke about him. Consequently, a number of blocked persons have retained lawyers to sue him for this reason. A suit may make it to the Supreme Court; any court, really, it will be a milestone decision regarding social media. What would have happened if all the people making nasty jokes and pictures about Mr. Obama had been treated like Mr. Trump's accusers? Can we imagine?

Let us take time to get 'in cinque' and pray that our Con-

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Beyond the Rhetoric

by Harry C. Alford

A Love Supreme, Father to Son

This is indeed a very rough world to raise a child no matter who or where you are. For a Black man to raise a Black son the odds may be stacked against you. For a Black woman to raise a Black son the odds may be impossible. We proudly take this challenge. For those of us who choose a marriage and then children the odds are on your side if the marriage remains intact. As Marvin Gaye and Mary Wells sang about "It takes two to make a dream come true." This year for Father's Day my 32-year-old son, Harry III, gave me the greatest card I have ever received. Here it is:

"Two years ago, my dad was fighting for his life. Harry Jr, a veteran and successful entrepreneur idealized for courage, was laid up in bed at Suburban Hospital in Bethesda, MD with a subdural hematoma. Turned out that a small spill he had at home a month prior turned into a serious situation.

He hit his head after tripping and it slowly turned into a subtle leak of blood between his brain and his skull. Luckily, my mom noticed him off-balanced the morning before a 12-hour flight to the Seychelles for business. She immediately drove him to the doctor. The doctor suggested a routine CT scan and it wasn't even an hour later that he recommended emergency surgery. Had my dad flown, the pressure in his head would have killed him. After weeks of cognitive and physical therapy, my dad eventually recovered and is back to his usual self. I'll never forget the strength my mother exhibited during those four long days we spent in the hospital post-surgery.

A few years later, it's still so fresh. I think about how close

THIS N' THAT

by T. J. Patterson

TIME IS RIGHT FOR A FIVE STAR BANK ON THE EASTSIDE OF LUBBOCK!! For many years **THIS N THAT** has asked for the development of a **FIVE STAR BANK ON THE EASTSIDE OF LUBBOCK, TEXAS!!** But the time is right in the opinion of **THIS N THAT** There is no doubt about it this needed development would enhance **DISTRICT 2**with a very strong **BUSINESS DISTRICT** which would include **RESTAURANTS, RETAIL OUTLETS, RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT WHICH WOULD DEVELOP**

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BELIEVE WHAT'S ONand **THIS N THAT** **REALLY BELIEVES THE RIPPLE EFFECT** would create a position on the **EASTSIDE OF LUBBOCK** we have never seen before! **THIS N THAT** believes **WE HAVE NOT BECAUSE WE ASK NOT!!!** When we as a people come **TOGETHER COLLECTIVE**and **ASK GOD TO BE WITH US** **THIS N THAT** believes something will surely happen! **THIS N THAT** really believes this **FIVE STAR BANK**is only the beginning of things to come!!!

our family was from losing our hero. It was this scary experience that's led me to appreciate every moment I have with him and take advantage of every opportunity to make him proud. There is an old Yiddish proverb that says: "When a father gives to his son, both laugh. When a son gives to his father, both cry."

There are various interpretations of the proverb's meaning, but to me it holds significant importance and is now ingrained into my daily life. Gifts from my parents were met with joy and gratitude as a child. Now older, appreciation of the sacrifices made by my parents brings us both to tears. I measure success every time I bring my dad to tears. Looking back over the past year, I can recount a few times he's wept in joy in relation to something I've completed successfully:

Proposing to my girlfriend (now wife)

Graduating from B-School (MBA Babson College)

Getting married

Launching a new business
 My brother (Thomas) graduating from B-School (MBA John Hopkins University)

Each of these moments represented another step in my development as a man, entrepreneur, and husband. My dad's been with me every step of the way. I can only imagine the satisfaction derived from his own sons' achievements. And that is why I'm eagerly waiting for the next chance to make my dad cry.

Happy Father's Day to Harry Jr. and all the other dads out there!!!!

As I read the above, once again, he had me crying with pride and joy. God has blessed us with twin sons who have developed into strong and wise men. It wasn't easy but the love that Kay and I give to each other and together the love we give to our sons has made the journey quite successful. The most important decision one can make is

to be certain your love partner will be with you together throughout the growing period for your children. From the maternity room to the wedding aisle a child should have the presence of both mother and father.

People must be very careful in choosing a spouse. The marriage should be unconditional, for better or worse. That can be very challenging and it is a one strike "ball game". You are going for a lifetime of bliss which is a very hard thing to attain. Be certain when you choose that partner. Make sure he or she is going to add to your "being" not take anything away. Likewise, you make sure to add to his or her being. A lifetime with the same person is success. Otherwise it becomes a failure. A failure you must live with your entire life.

Here's to all those "love birds". The future is yours and never forget who took you to the "dance". Love them forever and

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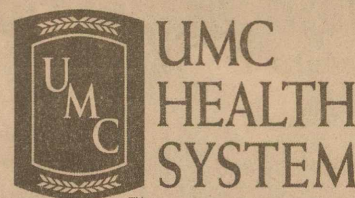
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John 8:31-32 -- Jesus said, If you continue in my word, then are you my disciples indeed; and you shall know the truth (JESUS), and the truth (JESUS) shall make you free. JESUS SENT THE CHURCH into the world to preach forgiveness of SIN. But the CHURCH didn't do that LIKE ADAM IN THE GARDEN, AMERICA HAS SINNED!!!

James 4:16-17 -- But now you rejoice in your boasting; all such rejoicing is evil, therefore; to him that know to do good, and do it not to him it is sin.

GOD TOLD ADAM of what TREE he was not TO EAT. Like GOD TOLD THE CHURCH: GO TELL THE WORLD JESUS' SALVATION IS FREE!!!

***** ADAM WANTED TO BE FREE TO SIN!!! *****

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

NOW THE CHURCH TURNED OUT TO BE LIKE ADAM; the RIGHT TO DO THEIR OWN THING. NOW LOOK AT AMERICA AND HER RIGHTS; 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.

(THE DEVIL'S RIGHTS

-- SPEAKING OF CUTTING OFF THE PRESIDENT'S HEAD RIGHTS; GAY RIGHTS, SHOOTING IN SCHOOLS RIGHTS, DRIVE BY SHOOTING RIGHTS, DRUGS IN YOUR CHILD RIGHTS, BLACK KILLING BLACKS RIGHTS, SON KILLS HIS FATHER'S RIGHTS, MOTHER KILLS HER 2 YEAR BABY RIGHTS, BOY KILLS MOTHER AND FATHER'S RIGHTS, DRUGS SELLING RIGHTS, KILLING POLICE RIGHTS, ROAD RAGE RIGHTS, AND MANY MORE OF THE DEVIL'S RIGHTS!!!) -- ONLY RIGHTS WE HAVE ARE TO THE CROSS!!!

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

***** TRUE BLACK HISTORY: OF THE MORRISON'S BLOODLINE; HARD WORKERS!!! *****

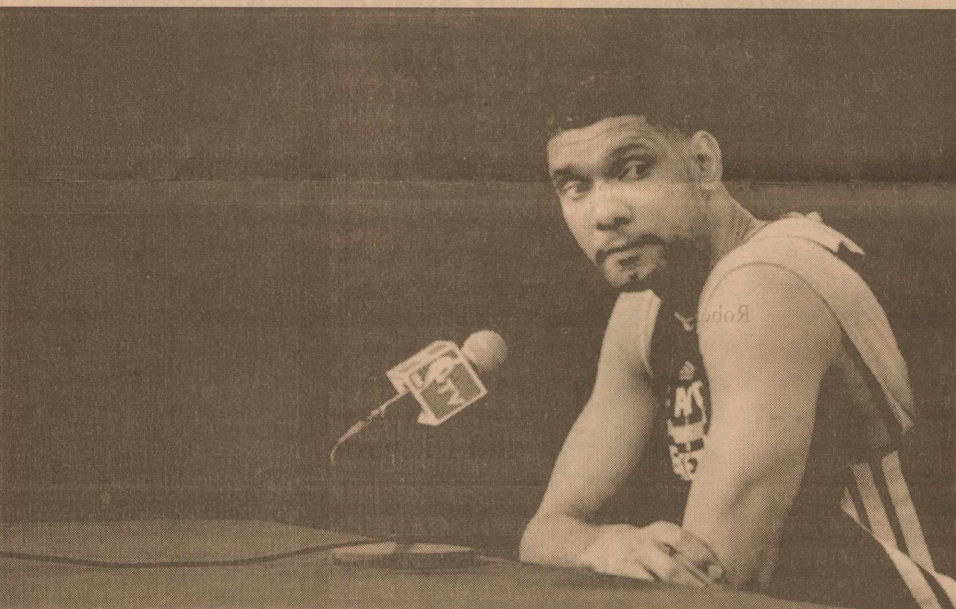
THANK GOD FOR REVEREND EVANGELIST BILL MORRISON, I AND MAMA SUSIE OF BLENCHEY, TEXAS. They took 350 acres of the worst timber land, and their SEVEN CHILDREN. IN 1924, THEY ASKED THE LORD TO BLESS THEM, AND THEY WENT TO WORK. THE ONLY RIGHTS THEY WANTED WAS THE SWEAT OFF THEIR BODIES!!! THE

LORD BLESSED THEM WITH COTTON, CORN, SWEET POTATOES, CATTLE, HORSES, AND THE ONLY BLACK MAN IN AMERICA TO OWN AND OPERATE A DAIRY WITH 40 COWS, AND WHITE PEOPLE CAME TO BUY THEIR MILK. EVEN A STORE AND A FILLING STATION WHICH PROVES WITH THE HELP OF THE LORD, ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE!!! TODAY, THERE ARE 2 OIL WELLS WORKING ON THE PROPERTY, AND 4 GOOD FISHING TANKS, AND IT WAS NOT BY GOING AND ASKING MR. WHITE MAN, TO GIVE US THIS AND THAT! IF YOU WANT ANYTHING, ASK THE LORD FOR IT! THAT'S WHERE OUR BLESSINGS ARE COMING FROM!!!

"PRAISE THE LORD!!!" -- I, BILLY "B. J" MORRISON, III!!!

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 loving kindness, judgement, and righteousness, in the earth; and in these things I delight, said the Lord.

Financial adviser sentenced to four years for bilking NBA's Tim Duncan



Tim Duncan

By Jim Forysth

SAN ANTONIO (Reuters)

- A wine industry businessman and financial manager was sentenced to four years in prison on Wednesday for defrauding millions of dollars from former National Basketball Association star Tim Duncan.

Charles Banks, 49, had faced up to 20 years in prison after he pleaded guilty in April to one count of wire fraud regarding an investment he urged Duncan to make in a firm called Gameday Entertainment, which Banks headed.

U.S. District Judge Fred Biery also ordered Banks pay \$7.5 million to Duncan in restitution.

San Antonio Spurs great Duncan, who is now retired, said in a statement he was afraid that without a strong sentence, financial advisers would feel they were free to prey on young, impressionable and suddenly wealthy athletes.

"Judge Biery, you may not understand how difficult it is for me to be in the public light in this horrible way, as the poster child for a dumb athlete whose financial advisor took his money," Duncan said in a statement read into the court record by prosecutors.

"I hate it and am embarrassed by it more than you can imagine." Several NBA players were in the courtroom to support Duncan, including former teammates Tony Parker and Manu Ginobili.

After the hearing, Duncan told reporters he was satisfied with the sentence.

In a brief statement before sentencing, Banks apologized to Duncan for "breaking his trust," by tricking him into agreeing to make loans to a failing sports merchandise company headed by Banks.

According to court documents, Duncan's losses totaled \$13.5 million in investments and loan guarantees made to Gameday, which went out of business this year.

Prosecutors said much of that money went into Banks' pockets. Defense lawyers said in court in April that some of that money has been forgiven by the banks

that provided the original loans.

Banks is also the founder of Terroir Capital, a financial management fund that works in the wine and hospitality industry.

Duncan retired at the end of last season after 19 seasons with the Spurs.

The scam was discovered when Duncan's divorce lawyer consulted a financial planner to put together a property settlement for the basketball star's divorce, court documents said.

(Reporting by Jim Forysth; Writing by Jon Herskovitz; Editing by David Gregorio)

Community buy Texas man car after finding him walking 3 miles to and from work in 32 degree heat



Justin Korva

A man who was forced to walk miles to work in sweltering heat, has been bought a car by members of his local community.

Justin Korva regularly braved

temperatures of 90 degrees Fahrenheit (32 Celsius) to get to his job at Taco Casa in Rockwell, Texas.

The 20-year-old was picked up on his three-mile trek one

St. Matthew Baptist Church
2020 East 14th Street Rev. Edward Canady, Pastor Lubbock, Texas 79403
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Again, a wonderful time, the members had on Sunday morning, June 25, 2017, at the St. Matthew Baptist Church, 2020 East 14th Street, where the proud pastor is the Rev. Edward Canady.

Sunday morning services begun at 10:10 a. m. with Superintendent Sister Barbara Johnson presiding. Again, we praised God for all the knowledge we received during Sunday School.

The subject of our Sunday School lesson was entitled 'Destined For Greatness.' The scripture text was Judges 13:1-7; 14-25.

It was another morning of learning information we all can use in their daily lives.

What a wonderful discussion we had during Sunday School

with our pastor teaching. Again, we give all to our God for being so good to each of us who attend Sunday School.

Pastor Canady entered the Church with the Choir and Congregation singing 'Love Lifted Me.'

The morning sermon was delivered by Pastor Canady. His subject was 'The Resurrection Minister Of Our Savior.' His scripture text was Acts 1:8.

There's no doubt about it, it was an informative message for all who were in attendance.

The morning announcements were read by Sister Shirley Canady, our First Lady, who always an outstanding job.

The weekly meetings are as follows;

The Missionary Society meets on Wednesday evenings at 5:00 p. m.

Those interested in attending are invited to come and take part.

Choir practice is held on Friday afternoon, beginning at 2:00 p. m.

During these weekly services all are in a very positive posture to learn.

Thought For The Week; 'Only Jesus, the living water, can satisfy our thirst for God.'

Come and visit St. Matthew Baptist Church, 2020 East 14th Street! You are invited!!

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shovels that each family held. The Bible was placed in the ground so the building which will be built over the Word and it was purple also.

Those families involved with the First Progressive Baptist Church were; Deacon Chairman Lee Jackson, Deacon Travis Wright, Deacon Grady Mitchell, Deacon Odell Taylor, who is deceased, but the family was represented by his wife, Deaconess Frances Taylor and family

Deacon James Harris, who is deceased, but the family was represented by Daughters, Peggy Brown and Cecil Harris.

Deacon Milton Robinson, who is deceased, but the family was represented by his wife, Deaconess Maxine Robinson and family

Pastor Homer Avery & Deacon Robert Avery, who are deceased and the family was represented by Deacon Eddie Avery and family.

First Progressive Baptist Church was lead to give honor to of our pillars of our church whose legacy still lives through their children and grandchildren.

Mother Blanche Robinson who is deceased the family was represented by granddaughters Sharonda Robinson Gilmore & Latonya Robinson

The Founders Family of the Church were Willie Mae Thomas, Billie Mae Thomas, and Ludale Thomas, These great women of faith were represented by their daughters and granddaughters; Effie Polk, Crystal Polk, Sierra Polk and Bridget Polk.

The theme of the Ground Blessing was; 'Consecration of ourselves and the ground that we stand on.'

Joshua 3:5
'And Joshua said unto the people, Sanctify yourselves: for tomorrow the Lord will do wonders among you.'

We are standing on the shoulders of those who came before us and we are honored to continue the work trying to reach the masses with the message about the master.

May God continue to bless Pastor Deshun Avery and First Progressive Baptist Church!

morning by Andy Mitchell, who posted a picture of pair on Facebook next to a message explaining his journey.

"To all the people what say they want to work but can't find a job or don't have a vehicle, all I can say is you don't want it bad enough," Mr Mitchell wrote.

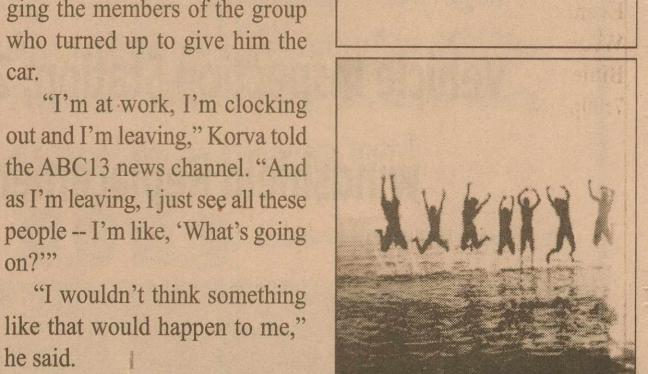
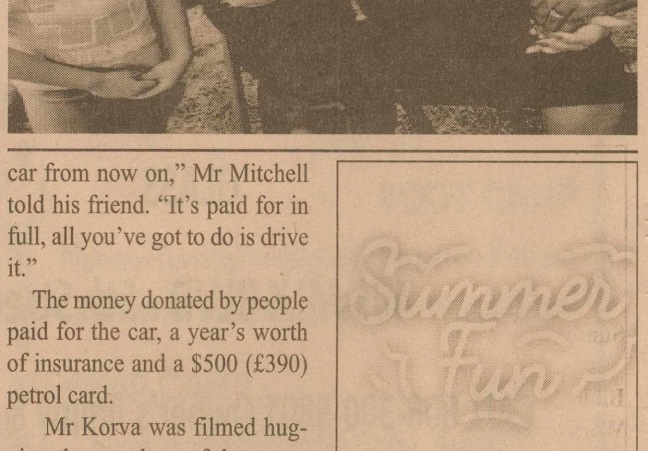
The story was shared within the local community and Samee Dowlatshahi, the owner of a local pizza restaurant, started a secret donation box for Mr Korva at his business, CBS News reported.

In less than 48 hours members of the local community had donated \$5,500 (£4,290).

A local car dealership then worked out a deal for a 2004 Toyota Camry, which was bought for Mr Korva with the money.

The car was then presented to him one day after work.

"Instead of you walking to work buddy, you're driving this



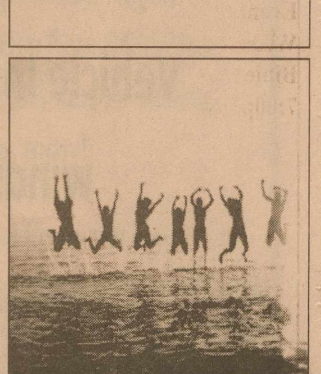
car from now on," Mr Mitchell told his friend. "It's paid for in full, all you've got to do is drive it."

The money donated by people paid for the car, a year's worth of insurance and a \$500 (£390) petrol card.

Mr Korva was filmed hugging the members of the group who turned up to give him the car.

"I'm at work, I'm clocking out and I'm leaving," Korva told the ABC13 news channel. "And as I'm leaving, I just see all these people -- I'm like, 'What's going on?'"

"I wouldn't think something like that would happen to me," he said.



Inmates surprise everyone when deputy passes out



These inmates really earned their stripes — for saving a deputy's life.

Six Polk County jailbirds in Georgia sprang into action when they saw the officer collapse while supervising them on a field detail outside, 11alive.com reported.

"They could have taken the gun, got the work van and gone," Sheriff Johnny Moats told Time magazine.

"They could have done anything they wanted. They were out there by themselves with this one officer," he said. "If they would have left him there, it could have been hours before anyone came across him."

The men — who were all jailed for minor criminal offenses — were cutting grass at a cemetery when the deputy collapsed in 100 percent humidity.

"When he started breathing, it was just real heavy and real fast," said Greg Williams, who along with his fellow inmates opened the man's shirt and removed his bulletproof vest to perform CPR.

Meanwhile, one of them called 911 with the officer's phone.

The Sheriff's Office applauded the inmates' quick actions before EMS arrived.

"They really stepped up in a time of crisis and show that they care about my officers," Moats told 11alive.com. "That really speaks a lot about my officers too, how they treat these inmates. They treat them like people. Like family."

The officer has recovered and returned to duty. His relatives provided the inmates with lunch and desserts as a show of appreciation.

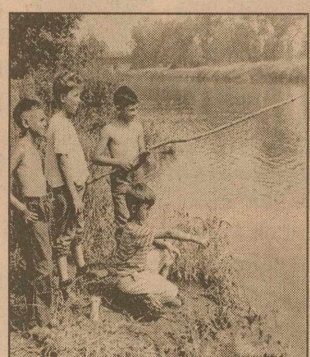
The Sheriff's Office mentioned the men's heroics on its Facebook page just days after the end of a three-day manhunt

for two Georgia prisoners who had killed two guards before escaping.

"As we watched the horrific manhunt this week of the two inmates that killed two Correctional Officers and were captured last night we all know that Monday could have ended differently for our Officer," the department said. "We are very proud of the actions of all 6 inmates involved."

But Williams downplayed all the hoopla.

"When that happened, in my opinion, it wasn't about who is in jail and who wasn't," he said. "It was about a man going down and we had to help him."



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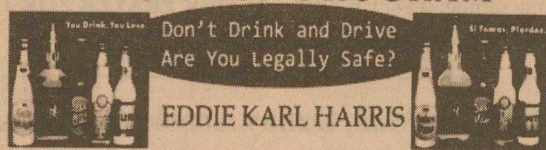
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gressional leaders use common sense, good judgment and counsel with the Lord in deciding on the issues of our President and his actions. Let us hope that the decisions are just.

Beyond the Rhetoric

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stay with him or her forever. Never say good bye.

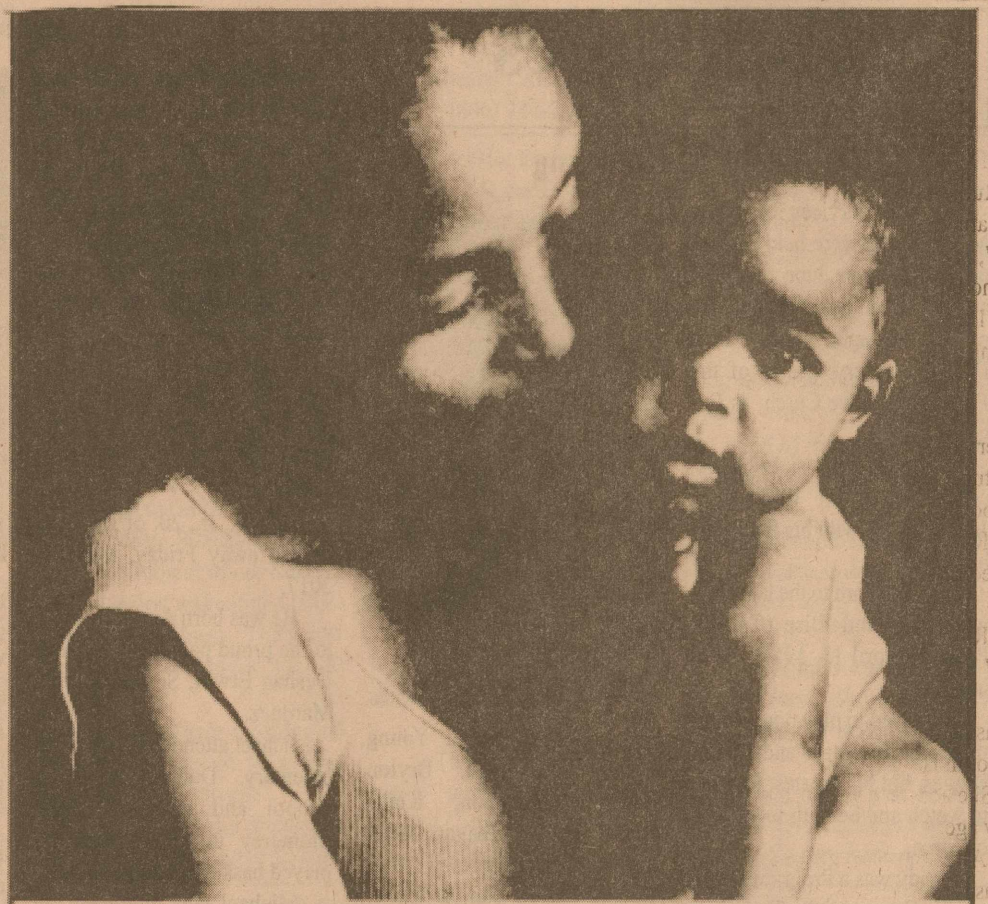
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Worth, Texas; and many nieces and nephews.

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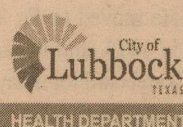
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Ruthie Mae Robinson, 50 Year Member of Bethel AME Church, Dies

Funeral services were held for Ruthie Mae Toler-Robinson on Saturday morning, June 10, 2017, at the Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church with Pastor Eddie Williams officiating.

Interment followed in the City of Lubbock Cemetery under the direction of Griffin Mortuary & Funeral Home of Lubbock.

Ruthie, age 90 of Lubbock, passed away on Monday, June 5, 2017.

Ruthie was born March 27, 1927 to the parentage of Frank and Pernetta Toler Flomot, Texas. Ruthie attended public school in Brownfield, Texas.

She accepted the Lord at an early age.

After moving to Lubbock, Texas, she united with the Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church, under the pastor-



ship of Rev. A. W. Wilson, and served for more than 50 years, and served in many departments until her health failed.

Ruthie is preceded in death by her parents, Frank and Pernetta Toler; one sister, Carrie M. Darty; and one brother, Frank Toler.

Ruthie leaves to cherish her

memory by: her three sisters: Betty Mitchell (Mitch), Georgia Durham, and Loretta White, all of Houston, Texas; one brother, Doris Toler of San Diego, California; a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Active Pallbearers were Tim Martindale, Royce N. Lindsay, Johnny Gormany, Ronnie Darty, and Brandon Parrish.

Honorary Pallbearers were Joe L. Browning, Bobby Darty, Elza Darty, Roy Darty, and Garry Darty.

A Repass was held at the St. James Baptist Church following the services.

"O'Lord, our Lord, how excellent is thy name in all the earth! who hast thy glory about the heavens." Psalm 8:1.

would also encourage them to work smart,' said Rose Wilson.

She has served as President of the Lubbock Area Citizen Council as President for more than ten years. She also has served on the State Board for many years.

The Lubbock Area Citizen Council meets the second Saturday of each month at the Bobbie Gean & T. J. Patterson Branch Library.

Wilson encourages local citizens to attend these meetings and learn what this council is all about.

The next meeting will be held on Saturday, July 8, 2017.

New Officers Elected For The Lubbock Area Citizen Council

An election was held on Wednesday, April 26, 2017, for the Lubbock Area Citizen Council. The new Officers are as follows;

Patricia Larry, President; Dorothy Johnson, Vice President; Jessica Holidai, Secretary; Lucinda Griffin, Assistant Secretary; Jean Anderson, Treasurer; Margaret Moss, Parliamentarian; Patricia Smith, Communications; and Rose Wil-

son, Human Relations.

The New Officers began their new roles on Saturday, May 13, 2017.

Rose Wilson, who has served as President, gave her departure speech.

Patricia Larry gave her induction speech which was well received by the members.

'I encouraged all new officers to do an outstanding job by working as hard as they can. I



Obituary of 15-year-old who killed self cites school bullies

The family of a 15-year-old Pennsylvania girl who hanged herself says in her obituary that she had a tough life made worse by school bullies.

Sadie Riggs' family posted her obituary on Facebook after she died Monday. They say she was in counseling and took medications for emotional issues complicated by bullying, much of it on social media.

Bedford Area Superintendent Allen Sell says that he can't

comment on the specific situation but that policing social media bullying is difficult because schools don't have jurisdiction if it happens outside school hours. The district is offering counseling to students affected by Sadie's death.

Sadie's family tells the bullies: "Please know you were effective in making her feel worthless." They're asking people to "be kind to one another" instead of sending flowers.

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Dunbar middle school, Estacado, Richard Milburn, and P.I.A.(Priority intervention academy). The Keepers taught boys how to tie necktie's, proper handshake, and table etiquette.

Mrs. Wadley said to the members of My Brothers and Sisters, "Thank you for the time you sent with them. You all coming in weekly did help them grow throughout the year!

"Love all the guys who made something happen for all" she concluded.

This was a very good program!!

4th Grader Makes Viral Tearjerking Video About Being Racially Bullied At School

Two Washington parents felt helpless after their 9-year-old child was repeatedly bullied by peers despite complaints to school faculty — so they used social media to draw attention to their daughter's story.

Last Thursday, June 22, 2017, Chanty Andrews, whose child is a fourth-grader at Ardmore Elementary School, posted a video in which her daughter Nasir used placards to share her experiences being bullied.

In the three-minute video, a despondent Nasir, who began attending Ardmore in September, is seen with signs reading, "I was a happy kid until I started school. Kids began to bully me."

Nasir recalls instances of being punched, choked, isolated and called "servant" and "Nutella" by peers, and having

food thrown at her by an office worker.

Nasir told Kiro 7 that when she told a teacher about the "Nutella" incident, she was told the comment was not "racist" and instructed to write the definition of the word. Nasir is a minority at the school, where black students make up only 8.5 percent of the population.

I don't feel like anyone is helping or cares." Kiro 7 posted Chantey's video to their Facebook page Wednesday and it has since been viewed over 5 million times. Nasir has received an outpouring of support.

One Facebook user who makes jewelry even offered to create a necklace for Nasir as a show of support.

On Thursday, Chantey shot

another video of her daughter, but this one had a much different tone.

A smiling Nasir gave thanks to everyone who supported her and gave a special shoutout to someone named Kamara and said she wants to be her friend.

The Andrews have pulled their daughter out of Ardmore and don't yet know what school she'll be attending.

In a statement sent to Kiro 7, the school said it was "saddened" by the video.

"We are saddened by the experience shared in the Facebook video you referenced ... the harassment, intimidation and bullying of any student is unacceptable," the statement said. "In the case you referenced, an investigation into the allegations has been in process."

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Serena Williams Stands Up Against Domestic Violence, Financial Abuse

By Sheryl Esrada

The role financial abuse plays in keeping women trapped in abusive relationships is often overlooked.

A recent report, "The Status of Black Women in the United States," found that although Black women have high labor participation and voting rates, at all educational levels, Black women are concentrated in lower paying jobs.

Relatedly, close to half (41.2 percent) of Black women experience physical violence by an intimate partner during their lifetime. The report also states that more than half of multiracial women and Native American women have experienced domestic violence as well.

These rates are higher than for white women (30.5 percent), Latinas (29.7 percent), and Asian/Pacific Islander women (15.3 percent).

"Domestic or intimate partner violence is a cycle of violence in which one individual seeks to dominate and control another through psychological, sexual, economic, and/or physical abuse," the report states.

Tennis superstar Serena Williams is on a mission to end not only domestic or intimate partner violence against women but also economic abuse.

"Standing up for women's rights has long been a passion of mine," Williams said. "I am honored to join Allstate Foundation Purple Purse to bring financial abuse and domestic violence out of the shadows and into the public conversation."

In her role as the new ambassador for Purple Purse, Williams, an entrepreneur and philanthropist, intends to raise awareness of the often invisible role economic abuse plays in keeping women in abusive rela-



Serena Williams

tionships. The 35-year-old is currently ranked No. 1 by the Women's Tennis Association and has used her high profile status to address sexism in sports, as well as speak out against racism she had endured both on and off the tennis court.

She is engaged to Alexis Ohanian, the 33-year-old co-founder of Reddit. The two are expecting their first child. In April, she publicly responded to former French and U.S. Open champion Ilie Nastase's racist remarks about the couple's unborn baby.

As the ambassador of Allstate Foundation Purple Purse (Allstate is No. 33 on the Diversity-Inc Top 50 Companies list), she is now an advocate for women who are being abused and are trapped because of their finances.

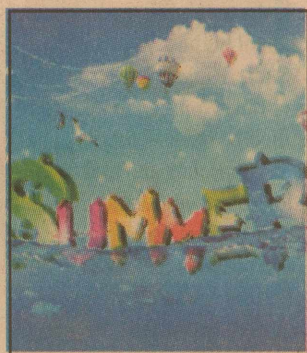
Purple Purse began in 2005 to provide financial empowerment to domestic abuse victims. The foundation states that it has helped more than 1 million

women leave abusive relationships through economic education and job training.

According to the survey "Silent Weapon: Domestic Violence and Financial Abuse," approximately 8 in 10 Americans (78 percent) said they have not heard much about financial abuse as it relates to domestic violence.

And, those surveyed think that financial abuse is the least likely (3 percent) form of abuse to be recognized by an outsider.

The short film "Lost Purse" provides a glimpse into the life of a domestic violence victim through her lost purse.



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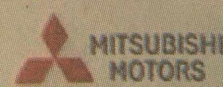
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