



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 meets at 7:00 pm, at the New Jerusalem Baptist Church, 3524 East Broadway Avenue on Tuesday evenings..

* 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.

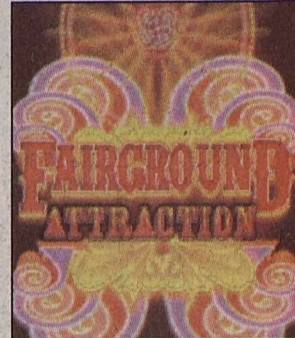
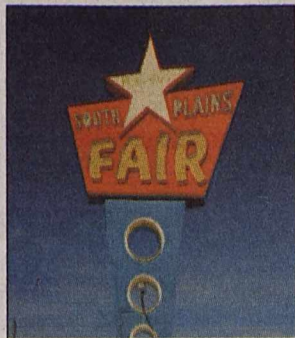
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workforce demographics report earlier this year. They were commended for doing so, and so far, experts say they are the most aggressive at addressing the issue.

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Estacado High School Homecoming Queen Nominees Chosen By Students

The crowning of the 2017 Estacado High School will take place on Friday evening, September 22, 2017, beginning at 8:00 p. m. during the football game between the Lubbock High School Westerners at Plains Capital Bank Lowrey Field.

These five young ladies are vying for the position of 2017 Homecoming Queen. These very positive young ladies were recommended by the faculty, and voted upon by the students of Estacado High School.

The nominees are Emilee Acevedo, Jazmine Diaz, Aimee Harris, Jasmine Mathews, and Kioppa Wilkerson.

Nominee Acevedo is the daughter of Stacy and Alfonso Acevedo.

Nominee Diaz is the daughter of Brandi Diaz.

Nominee Harris is the daughter of Mondesta Harris and Don Harris.

Nominee Mathews is the daughter of Sophia Henderson and Jerry Mathews.

Nominee Wilkerson is the daughter of Tenora Huey and John Wilkerson, III.

As part of homecoming week activities and their 50th anniversary celebration, Estacado High School will host a homecoming parade and community tailgate on Thursday afternoon. The parade route begins at the intersection of Martin Luther King Blvd. and Parkway Dr. and extends north to Estacado High School, 1504 E. Itasca. Immediately after the parade at approximately 4 p.m., attendees are invited for a community tailgate in the back parking lot, near the football field.



Emilee Acevedo



Jazmine Diaz



Aimee Harris



Jasmine Mathews



Kionna Wilkerson

Dunbar High School Class Of 1973 Celebrated Their 44th Class Reunion In Dallas, Texas



Dunbar High School Class of '73 Meets In Dallas

Dallas, Texas -- The Dunbar High Class of 1973 did it again! They celebrated their 44th Class Reunion with classmates in the home of Ken & Sylvia Burrow in Dallas, Texas. They had a wonderful time showing love to everyone.

They had classmates who they hadn't seen in 40 years. If you attended Dunbar High School in Lubbock, Texas, you should attend your class reunions and visit with your friends you haven't seen in years. You will be blessed!

In attendance to the reunion

were: pictured above, bottom row: Carolyn Ivory, Marilyn Chriesman McEachin, Genevieve Brown, Joyce Childers, Debra Hines, Pam Cunningham Jenkins, Chrye Jones Myers, Garner Jordan, Roberta Reed, Kenneth Burrow, Carey Childers, Sr., Sylvia Burrow, Kiera Burrow, Rufus Myers, Carolyn's daughter.

As President of the Dunbar High School Class of 1973, Kenneth Burrow, he says, "We would like to encourage all classmates and Dunbar High School graduates to attend all the Class

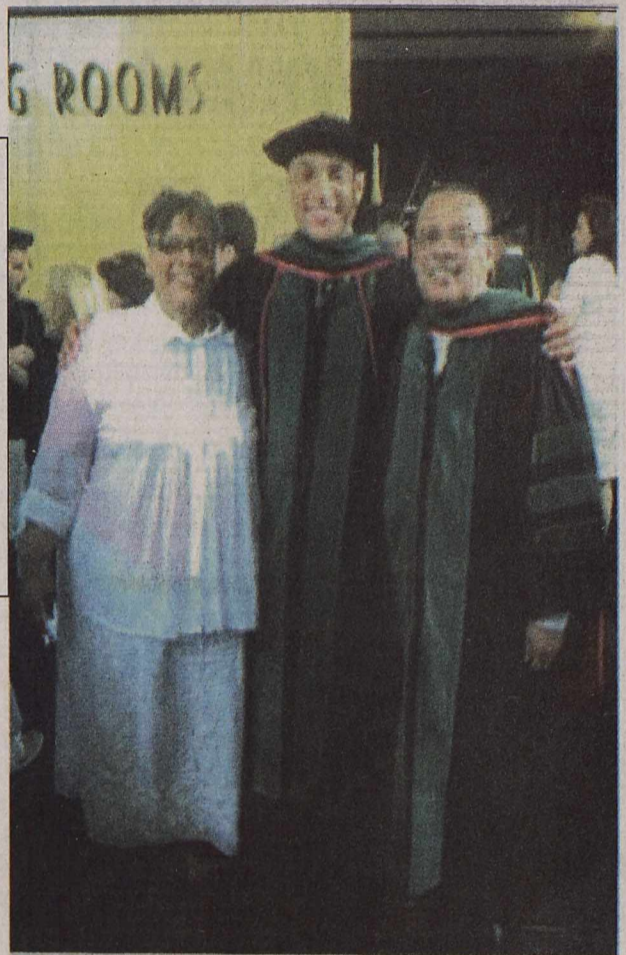
Reunions in 2018!"

He continued by saying, "If we start now, we have plenty of time to prepare."

All in attendance to the Class of 1973 in Dallas will advise that it was a very outstanding effort, and it reminded each in attendance of where they got started in life.

As President Burrow suggested that all can participate by encouraging as many as can be in the 2018 Class Reunion.

Each Class of 1973 brought something to the reunion, but left with more!



Stephanie, Joshua, & Damon Hill

Celebrating 35 Years, Dr. Damon H. Hill, Jr., Serving the Community

With many Lubbock, Texas residents in a surprise appreciation at the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center for Dr. Damon H. Hill, Jr., M.D., many of his patients and friends were present.

This was an opportunity for his son, Dr. Joshua G. Hill, M.D. to be introduced as he will begin a New Medical Journey in Lubbock.

This surprised appreciation was done quietly by Stephanie Hill, wife of Dr. Hill. She said, the appreciation dinner was long overdue. "I wanted to do something from me and the kids for quite sometime now, but the time never presented itself. When Joshua decided to return to Lubbock, I thought what a great opportunity to show you some appreciation," said Stephanie Hill.

Born and raised in Lubbock, Texas, Damon is the oldest child of two of Lubbock's first Black educators, Damon, Sr. and Mary G. Hill. He received his primary and secondary education in Lubbock Public Schools under the watchful eye of his parents and began his college education at the University of Texas in Austin. He holds both Bachelor and Master of Science degrees in Biology from Prairie View A&M University. Following in his parents footsteps, Damon became an educator and taught in LISD schools for five years before embarking on a journey that

would lead him to achieving his lifelong dream of establishing a medical practice that would serve people of his community. In 1977, he entered medical school at Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center. Upon graduation and completion of his residency in Family Practice Residency at TTUHSC, the dream became a reality with the opening of his private practice office in 1982.

Dr. Hill continued in his solo practice for 13 years until joining his first group practice, Medical Arts Clinic which later became a part of St. Mary's Medical Group and then eventually Covenant Medical Group where he remained until returning to private practice in 2004. Throughout his 35 years of practicing medicine, Dr. Hill has remained true to his vision of taking care of his community and becoming a role model for minority youth who live in the area.

Damon and Stephanie, his wife of 37 years, are parents of Dana, an elementary school educator; Mary K., a PR analyst with Sony Pictures; Brian, a radio/television personality with CBS sports, and Joshua, who recently began his practice in Family Medicine as a member of Covenant Medical Group. They are also very proud grandparents of Kenneth Damon Mac-hand and Joshua G. Hill, II.

Congratulations Jordynn Childers



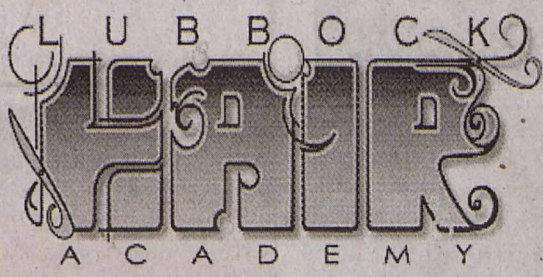
Jordynn Childers

Jordynn Childers, a senior at Monterey High School, was one of the luckiest ladies to be chosen to play soft ball on an American International Women's

Softball team.

She has had an opportunity to play in 10 cities. She has had an opportunity to meet several

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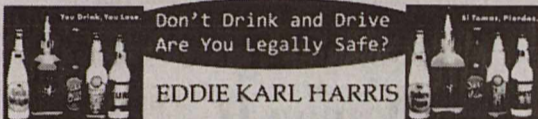


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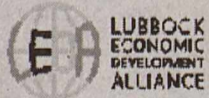


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In Cinque

By Renetta Howard



LIFE AND OUR TIMES

We often hear ourselves and our friends speak about the 'times of our lives,' and in most instances we are speaking about the good times, the times we will always remember because of the positive essence of those incidents. At this time of our lives, it appears that it is difficult to speak of anything that occurs in the media because there is very little positive to speak of. The mere fact that we are yet alive is one of the most positive things that I can think of today.

The horror of the hurricane Harvey devastating the city of Houston, Texas is still a disaster to be reckoned with as groups, churches and individuals work to collect and donate needed items for the victims of the flooded city. At the same time the residents of the coastal states of Florida, the Carolinas and Georgia are evacuating as the Hurricane Irma is headed for landfall after laying waste to the Caribbean Islands and part of Cuba and Puerto Rico. This truly is the hurricane season but the impact is so huge all at the same time.

This country is not now having a positive 'time of our lives.' Things were bad enough when we just view the negative political and racist scenes and all of its negative implications, not to mention the current cold war between the United States and North Korea and its European and Asian allies. It seems that something is trying to tell us something and we are not getting the message.

If the natural disasters along with the political and racist disasters have not been enough to cause us to think outside the box, the criminal assaults on our personal lives via the hacking of our credit agencies should wake

us up to the vulnerability of our lives in these times.

Equifax if one of the several major credit reporting companies. There are two others, Experian and Transunion. Equifax has reported a major credit hacking which has exposed the data on millions of people. Hackers are using your personal information to open credit accounts in your name which they do not plan to pay for what they get. We have a choice of freezing our accounts with a fee charge or monitoring them for unwanted purchases.

Our lives in our times are definitely not in our control. We can get 'in cinque' and do the best we can to help ourselves and others and 'put our hands in the hand of the man who stilled the waters.'

And every one who hears these words of Mine and does not do them will be like a foolish man who built his house upon the sand; and the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell; and great was the fall of it. **Matthew 7:26-27**

A fool in April is likely one year round. MountainWings

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge; fools despise wisdom and instruction. Proverbs 1:7

These scriptures were made possible by Rubye Melton who loves the word!

Beyond the Rhetoric

by Harry C. Alford

Is Peace escaping our World?

It doesn't seem believable but we may be on the verge of nuclear war. You look at all the continents on this earth and you will find unrest. There are many reasons causing this conflict and uneasiness. Perhaps the main reason is the failure of the United Nations. Before the UN there was the League of Nations which was formed after World War I for ending any future wars. It was impotent. Germany evolved into a racist war machine right in front of the League's face. Japan walked out on a formal hearing and prepared for international conquest. Those major transitions led us into World War II. The death toll was horrific. Many millions of soldiers were killed with many times that for civilians.

When World War II finally ended the United Nations was formed to provide peace to the world. Almost immediately violent conflict started popping up everywhere. The Korean War, Indo-China War, the Soviet Union land grab of various eastern European nations and other conflicts led the way for the making of an unpeaceful world. The Korean War ended in a stalemate. The Indo-China War turned into the Vietnam War which lasted over 20 years, 1955 - 1975 with North Vietnam (Communists) claiming the final victory.

The biggest opponent of peace today is Islamic Terrorism. It was first thought this uprising would be targeted for the Middle East. But the religion Islam is practiced all over the world. This means that we can have an outbreak wherever or whenever a terrorist faction is formed. Let's look at the religion of Islam. It's premise is that

THIS N' THAT

by T. J. Patterson

EAST LUBBOCK RESIDENTS, ALL WE NEED TO DO IS JUST MAKE UP OUR MINDS UP TO COME TOGETHER AND DON'T LET NEGATIVE THINGS GET IN OUR PATH!!! THIS N THAT who resides in East Lubbock and his wife **BOBBIE GEAN BAILEY PATTERSON** spent more than **50 YEARS IN EAST LUBBOCK!** Both believed that East Lubbock was a major contributor for the entire City of Lubbock..... They refused to leave from the East Lubbock area and was offered many opportunities to leave and go to other parts of the

..... **HUB CITY** but both believed in East Lubbock..... They believed that if you know how to **LISTEN ABOVE THE NOISE** and ask **ALL MIGHTY GOD TO DIRECT YOU AND YOUR GOALS** things will happen..... If we just make up our minds to come together collectively **THIS N THAT** believes things will begin to happen..... Let's quit talking about what we don't have in this area and start finding a way to get some of the **POSITIVES THINGS WE NEED!!!** Remember our **LITTLE CHILDREN** are watching everything

we do..... Let's not let them down! Let them see us coming together doing something for them..... **THIS N THAT** would suggest that we quit saying what won't work and change conversation to saying loudly **THAT THINGS WILL BEGIN TO HAPPEN!** Let's hold our heads up high and begin to change the negative attitudes which exist and make some **GOOD THINGS HAPPEN FOR THE BETTERMENT OF OUR LITTLE CHILDREN** Remember we can do anything for **EAST LUBBOCK** that is if you want to!!!

there is "No God but Allah and Muhammad is his prophet". Therefore, all other religions are falsehoods and shall not be tolerated. As Islam grew so did slavery, genocide, civil and regional wars. At the same time, so did Christianity but they both soon subsided after the great Crusades (starting with the Arab - Byzantine War in 634 AD to the Ottoman Wars ending in 1922).

Osama Bin Laden was one of the most successful leaders of Islamic Terrorism. He formed the group Al-Qaida which evolved mostly within the nation of Afghanistan which was being controlled by the Taliban. The Taliban does not respect any borders. They are mainly found in Afghanistan but that does not preclude them from seasonal travel to Pakistan where they find safe harbor. It was not surprising that when Bin Laden met his demise it was well within the borders of Pakistan. Al-Qaida is

still quite alive today with cells acting basically throughout the Middle East, Asia, Africa, and Europe. Like its terrorist rival, ISIS, it is a fluid operation which could have followers anywhere in the world. Al-Qaida and ISIS are the main war mongers throughout the world with sub-cells like Boko Haram and Al Shabab in Africa and others throughout the world such as Canada, Australia, Philippines, etc. They don't seem to be going away.

No nation has ever dominated Afghanistan. Alexander the Great, Genghis Khan, the British Empire, Soviet Union etc. have failed throughout the ages. We may also add the United States to that list of would failed events in Afghanistan. Our conflict in Afghanistan is our longest war in history. When will it end? It is indeed depressing that with all the above happening at a growing rate, we still have new chal-

lenges. North Korea, a nation that cannot feed all its own people, has become a nuclear power. How did they do this? Certainly, with the help and encouragement of major rivals such as Russia and China but also with that "silent" trouble maker - Pakistan. Pakistan has been all too willing to share its atomic technology with any nation who will pay them. It's biggest customer right now is Iran but North Korea has always been a great "student" of its technology. North Korea is moving at a rapid rate to become an owner of intercontinental ballistic missiles capable of reaching the United States. They have a "nut case" as a dictator who is boasting of sending nukes to us on any given day. It seems that we will have no choice but to act with ferocity.

South Africa has the technology while Israel has had it for

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South Plains Food Bank Organizing Efforts to Help Victims of Hurricane Harvey: From Lubbock with Love

The South Plains Food Bank to Coordinate Disaster Relief Efforts to Assist the Thousands Affected by Hurricane Harvey

LUBBOCK, TX- The South Plains Food Bank is calling on area businesses, schools and faith based organizations who are conducting food drives for victims of Hurricane Harvey to coordinate relief efforts with South Plains Food Bank (SPFB) in a campaign called From Lubbock with Love.

SPFB has been asked by Feeding Texas, a statewide network of food banks, to make food boxes for flood victims. Once the boxes are made, Feeding Texas will transport the food for distribution to areas of greatest need.

Groups and businesses in Lubbock are already conducting food drives for coastal relief efforts. However, the food must be sorted and packed before it can be sent to coastal relief agencies. At this time, food banks along the coast have themselves been damaged by wind and flooding. They lack both the staff and volunteers to work donated food for distribution.

Organizations wishing to conduct food drives are being asked to register their food drive with SPFB by going to www.spfb.org/hurricaneharveyrelief. The link provides a way to register food drives or make a donation to SPFB for Hurricane Relief efforts. Organizers are asked to provide containers for the food they collect and to provide transportation to the South Plains Food Bank at 5605 ML King Blvd.

According to David Weaver, CEO of the South Plains Food Bank, "Lubbock and the South Plains is filled with generous and caring individuals who want to help. At this point, we want to coordinate food relief efforts so that no food goes to waste. That may happen when people collect food and head to the coast without a destination in mind. By working through Feeding Texas, we are insuring that donations are put to the best use."

The most needed items are:

- Hand-held snack items such as granola bars
- Pop-top ready-to-eat items
- Shelf-stable pantry items such as peanut butter, tuna and soup
- Bottled water
- Cleaning supplies (bleach, non-bleach, paper towels, etc.)
- Personal hygiene items (toothbrushes, toothpaste, etc.)
- PLEASE NO GLASS OR CANNED ITEMS that could be damaged in transportation

Hurricane Harvey is an unfolding disaster that will require long-term recovery efforts. The best form of support right now is monetary donations that can be used to purchase the needed items and have them delivered in the most efficient manner. The SPFB can leverage donations through bulk and planned buying to avoid the cost associated with sorting and transporting.

For additional information call Meagan Bratton at 806-589-5917 or email her at mbratton@spfb.org.

SPFB always welcomes all forms of support. Contacting us first to see if your donations can be held until affected food banks are ready to receive it, is the best course of action. Once items are collected, we will put out a call for volunteer help.

There are people who have sought refuge in our communities that were affected by the storms. If they are in need of emergency assistance they are encouraged to contact the SPFB at (806) 763-3003. The SPFB will continue to do what we can as a humanitarian resource, and know the South Plains community will assist in every way possible to help our fellow Texans.

Feeding Texas leads a unified effort for a hunger-free Texas. Learn more and find your local food bank at www.feedingtexas.org.

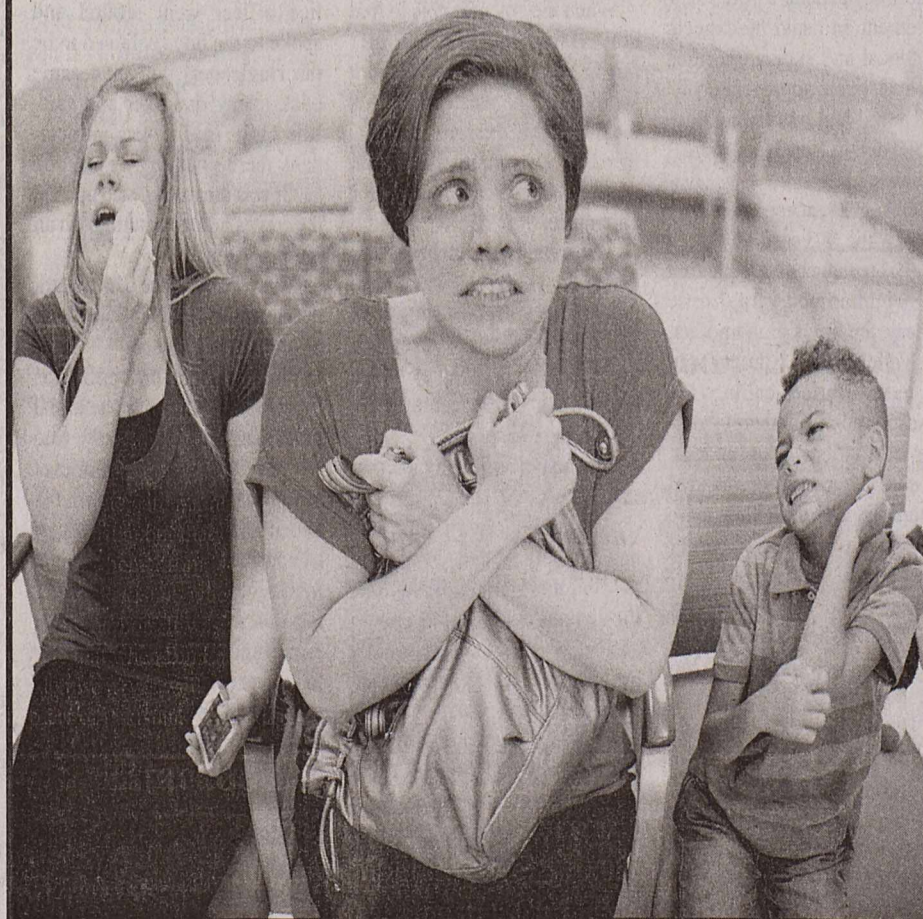


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I John 1:7 -- If we walk in the light as he IS in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ, his Son, cleans us from all sin.

Even from the beginning, **ADAM WALKED AND TALKED WITH GOD, ALL THE TIME. BUT ADAM DIDN'T KEEP GOD'S COMMANDMENTS, THE DEVIL CHANGED HIS MIND!!!**

Genesis 2: 16-17 -- The Lord God commanded the man, saying, of every tree of the garden you shall eat; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, you shall not eat of it; for in the day that you eat, thereof, you shall surely die.

Adam didn't obey **HIS MASTER, BUT HE WANTED TO OBEY THE DEVIL AND HIS WIFE, AND JUST AS IT IS TODAY; YOU MUST OBEY THE WORD OF GOD, TO HAVE ETERNAL LIFE!!!**

We can look back at the life of **KING DAVID, THE MAN AFTER GOD'S OWN HEART. WHEN HE SINNED, HE WAS NO LONGER WALKING IN THE WAYS OF THE LORD!!!**

II Samuel 12:14 -- Because of this deed, you have great occasion to the enemies of the Lord to blaspheme.

***** THIS IS WHEN YOU CAN SAY, WILL A MAN ROB GOD??? -- YES!!! *****

And there was Judas Iscariot: **WALKED WITH JESUS; DID SOME PREACHING FOR JESUS. HE LOVED MONEY; AND LISTENED**

TO THE VOICE OF THE DEVIL, AND HE TURNED TREASON!!!

Matthew 27:3-4a -- Then Judas, which had betrayed him (JESUS), when he saw that he was condemned, repented himself, and brought again the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and elders, saying I have sinned. **(HE ASKED THE WRONG PERSONS FOR FORGIVENESS!!!)**

(JESUS, WHO TOLD HIS DISCIPLES: GO INTO ALL THE WORLD AND PREACH; SALVATION TO A DYING WORLD; SOMETHING EVERYONE NEEDS, EVERY MAN, WOMAN, BOY AND GIRL).

Then we can look at **JIM JONES, WHO HAD A BIG CHURCH, AND MANY FOLLOWED AFTER HIS FLESH. THE DEVIL GAVE HIM THE BIG HEAD TO KILL HIS PEOPLE, TO LOSE THEM WAS TOO MUCH!!!**

Galatians 5:16-17a -- Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh. For the flesh lust against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh.

And there was **MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., PREACHING; RIGHTS TO THE REST ROOMS AND BUS RIDES. THESE WERE IDOLS OF THE WHITE MAN, NO SALVATION ARE IDOLS. YOU MUST DECIDE!!!**

THE DEVIL TOLD M.L.K., IF YOU WILL SERVE ME, I WILL MAKE YOUR NAME GREAT. HE

PUT IT ON PARKS, STREETS, AND DAY CARE CENTERS ALL FOR THE DEVIL'S WORD SAKE!!!

Matthew 4:9 -- Satan said unto him, all these things will I give thee, if you will fall down and worship me.

I John 4:1 -- **BELOVED,** believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God. Because many false prophets are gone out into the world.

(I JUST LOVE THE WAY; THE LORD WORKED THINGS OUT IN AMERICA. SO MUCH HATE WAS IN THE STREETS A FEW WEEKS AGO. THEN GOD SENT EVANGELIST HARVEY TO THE HOUSTON, TEXAS AREA IN THAT FLOOD AS EVERYONE CAME TOGETHER. THE BLACKS, THE KKK, AND ALL THE HATEFUL HEARTS BECAME SOFT. IN THE SHELTER, LIKE IN NOAH'S ARK, ALL THE WILD SAVAGE HEARTS CAME TOGETHER. O' BUT GOD CAN DO ALL THINGS, FOR THE GOOD OF THE PEOPLE AND THEN EVANGELIST IRMA CAME. IT'S THE SAME KIND OF LOVE, ALL OVER AGAIN. WHY DO WE HAVE TO ALLOW DISASTER TO COME TO SHOW US LOVE??? SAME WHEN -- 911!!!

Revelation 2:4-7a -- Jesus said, Nevertheless, I have somewhat against you, because you have left your first love. He that has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit said, unto the church.

8-Year Old Boy Was Hung from Noose After Being Called Racial Slurs Family Says



A photo of the young boy's injuries went viral, and New Hampshire state authorities are now investigating.

By Sheryl Estrada

New Hampshire state prosecutors are now involved in a Claremont police investigation of a biracial 8-year-old boy who was allegedly called racial slurs by teens, and pushed off of a picnic table with a noose tied around his neck.

Gov. Chris Sununu issued a statement Tuesday announcing the attorney general's office's involvement and said he expects that "local and state authorities will investigate appropriately."

"Hatred and bigotry will not be tolerated in New Hampshire," Sununu said.

On Aug. 28, at approximately 5 p.m., the 8-year-old and a group of teenagers were playing in a neighborhood yard, Lorrie Slattery, the boy's grandmother, told Valley News. Slattery said the teens started calling her grandson racial slurs while tossing rocks and sticks at his legs. She said the teens then decided to stand on top of a picnic table and take a rope that was part of a tire swing.

Slattery told Newsweek the teens, who she indicated are white, lured her grandson to put the rope around his neck.

"The 14-year-olds were saying 'Oh look at us,' and putting the rope around their necks, and then they said to my grandson, 'Here, you do it.'"

"And he's 8 years old and he

put that rope around his neck. And the boys said, 'A-ha!' and shoved him off the table. They did a scare and pushed him at the same time, and that's when my grandson was hung."

No adults were in the yard at the time. Slattery received information about the incident from her grandson and his 11-year-old sister, who was present at the time.

When the boy was able to free himself from the rope, his sister ran to their mother, Cassandra Merlin, and he was rushed to a local hospital. He was then airlifted to Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center and treated for his injuries.

Hospital personnel said that before the young boy was able to remove the rope, he swung back and forth by his neck three times, according to Valley News. None of the teens came to his aid, Slattery said.

He did not suffer any internal injuries.

"I think he had a guardian angel," Slattery said.

On the evening of Aug. 28, the victim's uncle posted a photo on Facebook of the 8-year-old's bruised neck from rope burns. He wrote in the post:

"When my sister calls me when something is wrong I feel it in my bones before ever picking up the phone. Tonight I was spot on. My nephew was hung from a tree by a 14 year old who

claims 'It was an accident.' I don't care what kind of excuse this teenager has but you DO NOT play with somebody's life."

The victim's family said the investigation by the local police department had been slow moving, until the photo went viral.

"Now they're investigating," said Slattery told Newsweek. "On the day it happened, the police officer went around and spoke to the boy [believed to be the ringleader] and then came back to my daughter and said, 'the child said it was an accident; there's nothing we can do.'"

"It was the media who opened their eyes and got them to do an investigation."

Claremont Police Chief Mark Chase said he disagrees with Slattery's statements.

"All I can really confirm is that we sent officers to the initial investigation," Chase told Newsweek. "We have line-level officers that respond initially. When it's a serious investigation, we assign it to our criminal investigation. I assigned a regular police officer, we got the facts, and then the detectives took over immediately. From the get-go, we've believed this was a serious incident. I know that as the police department, we've regarded it as serious."

According to the Valley News, Chase said on Sept. 7 that he was constrained in regard to pro-

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The members of the St. Matthew Baptist Church again had a wonderful time on Sunday morning, September 17, 2017, in Sunday School with the members in a large attendance. The dynamic and proud pastor is the Rev. Edward Canady.

Sunday morning services began at 10:10 a. m. with Rev. Canady in charge. Thank God for our pastor. We thank God for all the knowledge we receive during Sunday School.

The subject of the Sunday School lesson was entitled "A Sign of Agreement." The scripture text was Genesis 17:1-14.

The morning lesson was taught by Pastor Canady, and was reviewed by Rev. Tommy Parker.

The Sunday morning devotion was conducted by Sister Arlene Jackson and Sister Shirley Canady.

Pastor Canady entered the Church with the Congregation and Choir singing "We Have Come This Far By Faith."

The morning sermon was delivered by Rev. Canady. His

subject was "I Am That I Am." His scripture text was Exodus 3:13-14.

The message was very informative and was well received by all who were in attendance. Praise God for the message and the messenger.

The morning announcements were read by our First Lady, Sister Shirley Canady. She always does a splendid job. We thank God for her and what she always does.

The weekly meetings which are held at the St. Matthews Baptist Church are as follows:

The Missionary Society meets each Wednesday afternoon, beginning at 2:00 p. m.

If you are interested in attending the Missionary Society, you are invited to do so. It's just amazing what is learned when the Missionary Society come together.

The St. Matthew Baptist Church Choir meets on Wednesday afternoons, beginning at 4:00 p. m.

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remember you have an opportunity to utilize your God given talent. Shall we look for you at our next Wednesday afternoon Choir rehearsal? Hope so!!

These two meetings are very important, and with your participation, we will continue to grow.

Let us continue to pray for our sick and shut in. This includes those who live in Lubbock, Texas, and the United States of America. Today it is them, and tomorrow it could be you!

Among those who is sick this week is Sister Ethel Williams. Let's continue to pray for her.

Thought For The Week:
God is the Master of turning burdens into blessings.

If you are looking for a Church Home, then do come and visit the St. Matthew Baptist Church, 2020 East 14th Street.

Come and visit with our dynamic pastor, Rev. Edward Canady. You'll be glad you did so.

NAACP Dismayed by DOJ's Failure to Prosecute Police Officers in Freddie Gray Case

Baltimore, Maryland -- The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), the nation's oldest civil rights organization, is disappointed by the decision by President Trump's Department of Justice not to bring civil rights charges against the six Baltimore Police officers who were associated with the arrest and death of Freddie Gray. The NAACP, as well as its Maryland State Conference and Baltimore City Branch, issued the following statement:

"The Department of Justice let Freddie Gray's family, Baltimore residents, and the entire nation down by deciding not to charge the police officers in-

cluding information on the incident as it involved juveniles.

He also referred to the actions of those involved as "mistakes."

"Mistakes they make as a young child should not have to follow them for the rest of their life," Chase said.

Following Sununu's involvement in the case, and two weeks after the victim's family reported the alleged racial incident, on Tuesday afternoon Chase issued a press release, obtained by the Valley News. For the first time, a definitive age range for the youth involved was provided.

"Claremont police detectives assigned to this case are taking all steps possible to investigate the incident," Chase said. "The investigation principally revolves around the conduct of people who are 14 years of age or younger."

The attorney general's office also announced Tuesday that the New Hampshire Department of Justice would be reviewing the incident. And, "to the extent that there is any credible information that this incident constituted a hate crime or a civil rights violation under New Hampshire law, the office is prepared to take any and all appropriate action."

On Tuesday night, about 100 people gathered in downtown Claremont, N.H., for a vigil in response to the possible hate crime.

According to New Hampshire Public Radio, when the organizer, Rebecca MacKenzie, began to introduce the night's first speaker, "she was interrupted by a white man, driving by and yelling from his truck."

He screamed, "All lives matter," in response to "Black Lives Matter" signs at the vigil.

"Stop making it about race," the man yelled.

"Sir, come over to our vigil," MacKenzie said.

But the man drove away.

Faith leaders, city officials and the police chief spoke at the vigil.

championed," said Gerald Stansbury, President of the NAACP Maryland State Conference.

"The fact that we're living in a country where the death of a young man can go unanswered is heartbreaking. Our tax dollars in Baltimore are supposed to ensure our law enforcement 'protects and serves' not 'hunts and catches,'" said Tessa Hill-Aston, President of the Baltimore City Branch of the NAACP. "I have great respect for the Baltimore Police Department -- and I know many of them personally -- but I am disgusted by the actions taken by the individual police officers who were involved with Mr. Gray's death and further outraged by the DOJ's decision not to press charges against the accused officers. This case is part of a much bigger narrative about the value of Black lives and the willingness of our justice system to actually seek justice for Black families."

Founded in 1909, the NAACP is the nation's oldest and largest nonpartisan civil rights organization. Its members throughout the United States and the world are the premier advocates for civil rights in their communities. You can read more about the NAACP's work and our six "Game Changer" issue areas here.

Lubbock ISD home to nine National Merit Semifinalists

Lubbock ISD is home to nine National Merit Semifinalists in the 63rd annual National Merit Scholarship Program, released today by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation officials. Lubbock ISD is the only public school district in Lubbock County with National Merit Semifinalists and has more Semifinalists than Abilene, Amarillo, Midland, Odessa and San Angelo combined. Of the approximate 1.6 million students taking the qualifying exam nationwide, these students are among the nationwide pool of Semifinalists representing less than one percent of all U.S. high school seniors.

All nine of the National Merit Semifinalists are from Lubbock High School: Soohyun Chae, Georgeanna Gaines, Haoting Huo, Michael Lee, Amy Yang and Jin Yeo all received perfect scores in Math.

All individual scores ranged from 221 to 226 with 228 being a perfect score. Soohyun Chae, Amy Yang and Jin Yeo received perfect scores in two of the three subjects.

National Merit Semifinalists have the opportunity to continue in the competition for 7,500 National Merit Scholarships, worth approximately \$32 million, that will be offered next spring.

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Donald Ray Ridge

Funeral services were held for Donald Ray Ridge on Saturday afternoon, September 9, 2017, at the Manhattan Heights Church of Christ.

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

Donald Ray, age 54 of Lubbock, Texas, passed away Monday, September 4, 2017.

He was born May 31, 1963 to Earnest J. Ridge and Jessie L. Daniels in Colorado City, Texas.

Donald Ray worked years for the City of Colorado City before moving to Lubbock.

Donald Ray leaves to cherish his memories; his wife, Jessie



Lou Ridge; mother Jessie Lee Daniels (Paul); two sisters, Wanda Ridge and Janice Stephens; three brothers, Patrick Ridge, Cody Ridge, and Tyrone Ridge.

Arnetta Teresa Berrillo

Funeral services were held for Arnetta Teresa Berrillo on Wednesday morning, September 6, 2017, at the Resthaven Memorial Park under the direction of Griffin Mortuary & Funeral Home of Lubbock.

Arnetta, age 51 of Lubbock, Texas, passed away Friday, September 1, 2017.

She was born February 7, 1966 Clevon Thompson, Jr. and Annie Trotter in Bowie County.

Arnetta graduated from Estacado High School, and continued her education at South Plains College, Wayland Baptist University, and SFCC Nutrition Certificate.

Arnetta was employed at SPCAA-WIC.

Arnetta leaves to cherish her memories; her children, Jose (Amanda), Brianne, Connie,



Lazan, and Jaden; grandson, Jaxsen; special aunt, Annie Joyce; siblings, Tamiki (Taffi), Clea, Josette (Melvin), Tammie (Greg), Edward Jr. (Shay), Anthony, Shonda, and Orin; a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Lubbock Father's Son, Michael Jerome Hodge, Succumbs In San Francisco, California

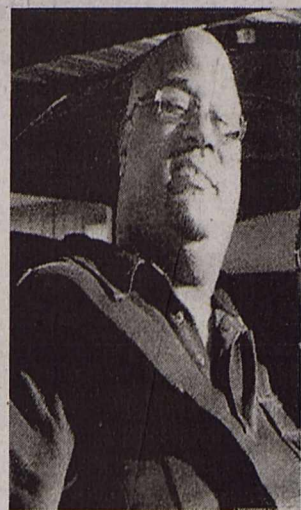
San Francisco, California -- Memorial Service was held for Michael Jerome Hodge on Friday morning, September 1, 2017, at the Duggans Funeral Service of San Francisco, California.

Hodge, age 46 of San Francisco, passed away on Monday, August 14, 2017.

Hodge was born on September 23, 1968 to Ralph and Elsie Franklin Hodge in San Francisco. He was the second child born to this union, joining his brother, Ralph, and then followed by his sister, Christi.

Michael attended elementary school and middle school in San Francisco. He graduated from George Washington High School in 1986, where he was a member of the football team. After graduation, he furthered his education at Sacramento City College where he played on the football team.

The important subjects of conversation for Michael were sports, food, music, and family. He could talk to anyone on variations of these subjects. He enjoyed his family the most, especially in later years traveling with his sister, Christi, to visit their father when he moved back



to Lubbock, Texas.

Michael, with his smooth charming voice, was employed at AT&T as a customer service representative since 1999.

Michael was preceded in death by his mother, Elsie Franklin Hodge; and brother, Ralph Hodge, Jr.

Michael leaves to cherish his memories: daughter, Da'Mya Hodge; his grandson, Legend Miller; his son, Michael Hodge, Jr.; his father, Ralph Hodge; sister, Christi Hodge; brothers: Kenneth Maxwell, Darrin Hall, and Anice Pittman; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and many friends.

Anthony Lynn Domingo

Funeral services were held for Anthony Lynn Domingo on Saturday morning, September 9, 2017, at the Mt. Gilead Baptist Church.

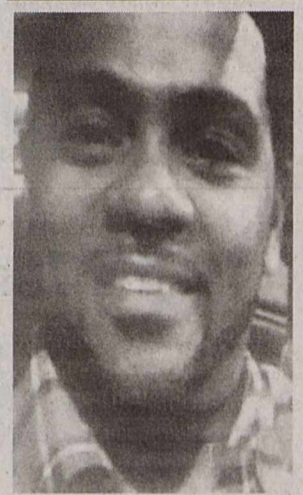
Interment followed in the City of Lubbock Cemetery under the direction of Griffin

Mortuary & Funeral Home of Lubbock.

Anthony, age 49 of Lubbock, Texas, passed away Saturday, September 2, 2017.

Anthony was born to Robert Domingo and Betty Jean Domingo August 1, 1968 in

Funeral services were held for La-Vonda Chyneil McNeal on



Lubbock, Texas.

He attended Estacado High School. He was an athlete that loved all sports.

Anthony leaves to cherish his memories; his father, Robert Domingo (Betty Sue); mother, Betty Jean Domingo; two daughters, Camushea Domingo (Shannon Daois) and Stephanie Bibbs (Javonte Bibbs); seven sisters, Tena Johnson (Kenny King), Sandra Domingo, Bobbie Wiggins (Eddie), Betty Jo Domingo, Ann Wanda Domingo, Sha'Damon Lewis, and Hope Gladney; four brothers, Robert "Milton Domingo" Mathis (ReSjahn), Anthony Thomas, Marcus Huey, and Ricky B. Domingo; four grandchildren; a host of other relatives and friends.



Saturday morning, August 26, 2017, at the New Hope Baptist Church, with Rev. Larry Polk, pastor, officiating.

La-Vonda departed this earth on Tuesday morning, August 15, 2017, at 10:45 a. m. in Lubbock.

She was born December 25, 1969 in Lubbock, Texas to Wilma and Leon Nix.

She was a lifelong member of The Church of the Living God, Motto C.W.F.F.

La-Vonda graduated from Dunbar High School in 1988 and later became a certified nurse.

The Ossie Curry Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

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New Light Baptist Church News

3013 Idalou Road Rev. Kenneth O. Jackson, Pastor

On Sunday morning, September 3, 2017, church services begun with spirits at the New Light Baptist Church, 3013 Idalou Road, where the proud pastor is Rev. Kenneth O. Jackson.

Church School started at 10:00 a. m. with Pastor Jackson teaching the morning lesson entitled "The Rainbow", and its scripture text came from Genesis 8:20-22 and 9:8-17.

The Morning Worship started at 11:00 a. m. with our devoted Praise Team leading the way. There was the testimony of God's goodness which was held. The Response Reading came from I Corinthians 11:23-20. The Altar Call was led by Pastor Jackson with the congregation singing "I Need Thee."

Sister Linda Green read all the morning announcements and told of all the upcoming events which were to take place in the community. The Pastoral Period was held also.

The morning offering was taken up by appointees with the Litany of Giving was read.

The melodious voices of the New Light Choir sang a melody of songs such as "O Lord Help Me," "Let Your Light Shine," "Two Wings," "Shine On Me," "Old Ship of Zion, and "Amazing Grace."

Pastor Jackson preached the sermon entitled: "Facing Crisis With Christ" with his printed scripture came from Mark 4:35-40.

God is still in control. The great after mass or Harvey created a great calm. A dangerous situation happened, but can you

envison the day before things happened, everything was calm, but the next day everything was gone.

Mothers go through crisis everyday. Children, our family members, and others bring about a crisis. Things and situations can put you in a crisis.

Facing a crisis with Christ. If you're on Jesus' team, you can handle all things, no matter what.

There are all kinds of storms: bills, financial difficulties, gas for vehicles, and others. Thanks to God, we can face crisis with Christ.

Jesus is the channel by which all of our blessings come. Have you tried Jesus? Give Jesus the benefit of the doubt.

Think of how blessed we are today, when we face a crisis with Christ no matter what kind of

crisis you face. God will provide if you put your trust in Him.

God has brought us a mighty long ways. If Jesus is on your side, you don't have to worry about nothing or nobody.

There is a blessing in the storm. No matter what others say or do. God is still in control!

When problems come, give them to Jesus. Don't try to handle it yourself. If you do, you'll get in trouble. In all thy ways acknowledge him and He will direct thy path.

It doesn't matter what's going on around or in your life, God will take care of you

Today, get on Jesus' team; He'll take care of you!

The song, "God Will Take Care Of You," was sung after the sermon!

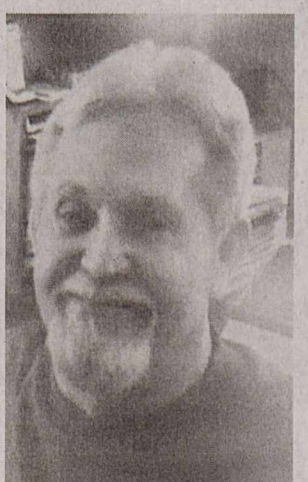
Boyd Dale Knight

Abernathy, Texas -- Funeral services were held for Boyd Dale Knight on Wednesday morning, September 6, 2017, at the Northside Baptist Church in Abernathy.

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

Knight, age 64 of Abernathy, passed away Sunday, August 27, 2017.

He was born in Lubbock to Jesse and Murl Knight on April 20, 1953. He was a member of Northside Baptist Church, and was an Advocate for Handicap Accessibility Rights and he served in the United States Ma-



rine Corps.

Boyd leaves to cherish his memories his mother, Murl May Knight; two brothers, Johnny

Michael Dwayne Wood

Funeral services were held for Michael Dwayne Wood on Wednesday afternoon, September 6, 2017, at Griffin Mortuary Chapel.

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

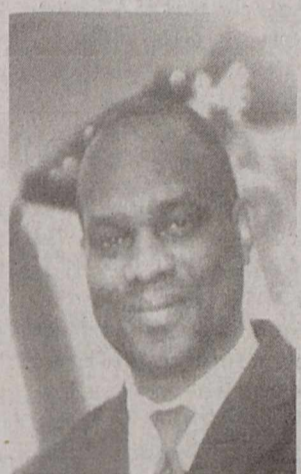
Wood, age 47 of Lubbock, Texas, passed away Tuesday, August 29, 2017.

He was born June 21, 1970 to Renza and Reese Caldwell in Hale Center, Texas.

He attended LISD Public School and graduating from Estacado High School. He continued his education at American Commercial College where he studied electronics.

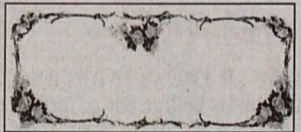
Michael held jobs at Texas Instruments, Cox Cable and Cartridge Plus.

Michael leaves to cherish his memories; his parents, Renza and Reese Caldwell; two sons,



Nathan Wood and Camrin Wood; two brothers, Barry Caldwell and Reggie Caldwell; three aunts, Carolyn Darty, Pat Johnson, and Barbara Caldwell; one uncle, Malcolm Wood; nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Richard Luther "Big Six" Taylor, Jr.



Richard Luther "Big Six" Taylor

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Funeral services were held for Richard Luther "Big Six" Taylor, Jr. on Wednesday afternoon, September 13, 2017, at the First Progressive Baptist Church with Rev. Deshun Avery, pastor, officiating.

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

Taylor, age 60 of Lubbock, Texas, passed away Monday, September 4, 2017.

He was born October 9, 1956 to the late Richard, Sr. and Leola Taylor in Hearne, Texas.

He loved playing dominoes and shooting pool.

Richard leaves to cherish his memories; four sisters, Gloria Taylor (Lawrence Rosemond), Linda Taylor, Elizabeth Moore, and Dorothy McCoy; special person, Ja'Nyah, best friends, Rashidah Butler and Teresa Butler; a host of other relatives and friends.

Knight (Redgie) and Michael Knight (Sheryl); one daughter, Christy Knight; three grandsons; a host of other relatives and friend.

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Texas A&M coach Kevin Sumlin receives racist hate mail after devastating loss to UCLA



Texas A&M coach Kevin Sumlin received a racist letter Thursday, September 14, 2017. (STACY REVERE/GETTY IMAGES)

Texas A&M football coach Kevin Sumlin received a racist and threatening letter referring to him as the N-word and calling for him to be fired, Sumlin's wife revealed on Twitter Thursday evening.

"People of 2017: please tell me how any part of this is ok," Charlene Sumlin wrote. "And to the sender: did it occur to you that a child may open it? #orelseWHAT?"

An unnamed sender wrote the letter following Texas A&M's disastrous 45-44 season-opening loss to UCLA. The Aggies led by as many as 34 points

before being outscored 28-0 in the fourth quarter.

"You suck as a coach! You're a n----- and can't win! Please get lost! Or else," the letter reads.

Texas A&M president Michael Young and athletics director Scott Woodward announced in a statement the university condemns such "hatred" and they will do everything in their power to ensure the Sumlin family's safety.

Earlier this evening, we became aware of a letter of unknown origin that was sent to the Sumlin family home," the statement reads. "We unequivocally

condemn this disgusting and threatening letter. There is no excuse for hatred and, as a community, we will not allow the ignorance of some to intimidate any member of our community.

"On behalf of all Aggies, our thoughts are with Coach Sumlin and his family, and we will do all that we can to ensure their safety. We are working with law enforcement authorities to bring the sender of this letter to justice. We stand with the Sumlins and will not accept this inexcusable act of hate."

Kevin Sumlin yet to release a statement addressing the issue.

West Nile Virus

The City of Lubbock Health Department has confirmed West Nile Virus (WNV) in Lubbock for 2017. Public health surveillance activities have identified the first locally acquired human case and laboratory tests have confirmed WNV in mosquitoes. WNV is a disease of birds. Humans are exposed to the virus when they are bitten by mosquitoes that have fed on infected birds. The infected mosquitoes become the link (vector) that spreads the disease from birds to humans through a mosquito bite. WNV cannot be spread person-to-person.

Symptoms of West Nile virus include headache, fever, muscle

and joint aches, nausea and fatigue. People with West Nile fever typically recover on their own. There is a more serious form of the illness, West Nile Neuroinvasive disease, which may have additional symptoms of neck stiffness, stupor, disorientation, coma, tremors, convulsions, muscle weakness and paralysis. Up to 80 percent of people infected with the virus will have no symptoms.

There are no medications to treat or vaccines to prevent West Nile virus infection. People over 50 years old and those with other health issues are at a higher risk of becoming seriously ill. If people have symptoms and suspect West Nile virus infection, they should contact their healthcare provider.

While we are near the end of mosquito season it is important for individuals to continue to take steps to avoid mosquito bites. These include:

- * Wearing an EPA registered insect repellent
- * Covering up with long-sleeved shirts and long pants
- * Keeping mosquitoes out of living areas by using air conditioning or intact window screens
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Beyond the Rhetoric

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decades. It won't be long before Iran with its belligerent government will have nukes ready to "shoot at will". India is well equipped with nukes in consideration of its neighbor Pakistan. When you think of Islamic Terrorism India rarely crosses your mind. This nation has nearly a population of 1 billion people. 40% of that population is loyal to Islam. Peace could fall apart at any time.

All the while, the United Nations is sitting around having emergency meetings that end in no recourse. I am frightened. Aren't you?

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Numbers Don't Lie! Ayesha's Fortune Worth More Than Steph's



She's famously known as Steph Curry's wife but Ayesha Curry has proven she's a savvy businesswoman in her own right.

She may only be 28 but it turns out that Ayesha Curry is running one of the highest-earning companies in the country.

The beautiful woman secretly launched a skincare company last year and has kept quiet about her successful stint as CEO.

Ayesha admits she purposely avoided publicly announcing her business because she wanted to make sure the company could stand on its own two feet.

"I was worried people would just associate it with my famous family and I felt as though that was be a huge disservice to the company. The products we produce really are life-changing and they deserve to be recognized on their own merit," Ayesha explained.

The product she's talking about is Purasia Collagen Serum which has taken the world by storm.

The product is repeatedly selling out within minutes and Ayesha says her number one struggle as CEO is sourcing enough products to be able to adequately service the demand.

"We're forever selling out. Whether its in stores or online,

whenever we re-stock our customers buy out all the products within minutes."

The scintillating success hasn't come easy and Ayesha admits she spent years of hard work behind the scenes perfecting the products.

"I wanted to be able to offer the public a healthy and safe alternative to plastic surgery. Not only is plastic surgery a very risky option, but it's also not financially achievable for many Americans."

Ayesha says she was determined to create topical treatments that people could apply in

the comfort of their own homes, that would boost their self-esteem and help them feel good about themselves.

It appears as though her products have done just that, with numerous celebrities jumping on board and singing Purasia Collagen Serum's praises.

"I use Purasia Collagen Serum myself and a few of my friends started asking me what was responsible for the huge change in my skin. Word started spreading that way and before I knew it, we had amassed a huge celebrity clientele."

Congratulations Jordynn Childers

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ladies from other countries.

After graduating in May, 2018, she plans to continue playing softball on the college level, and continue her education in Law or Sports Communication.

Jordynn is the daughter of Carey Childers, Jr. and Pauline & Damon Rangel.

She is the granddaughter of Carey & Joyce Childers, Sr., and

Frank & Josie Castaneda.

She admits this has been a very educational opportunity which will help her tremendously in life.

"I saw a lot, and by seeing it before me, I am just proud to have been given this opportunity to travel to other parts of the world," she said.

Congratulations, Jordynn Childers! We love you!" said her parents and grandparents.

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