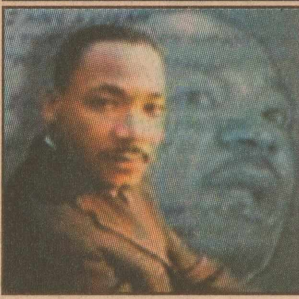




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\* Hub City Kiwanis meets 1st & 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7 p. m., Lyons Chapel Baptist Church, East 24th Street & MLK Blvd.

\* Dunbar Alumni Association meets 2nd Saturdays, 4:00 pm.

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\* East Lubbock Chapter AARP meets every 1st Thursday at 1:00 pm, Great Saint Luke Missionary Baptist Church.

\* Lubbock Chapter of Black Alumni meets every 3rd Tuesday, 5:30 pm, TTU Market Alumni Center.

\* Dunbar Manhattan Heights Neighborhood Association meets every 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

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(806) 76first 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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## Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church Will Celebrate 97th Year

The 97th Church Anniversary of the Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church, 2202 Southeast Drive, will be held Sunday afternoon, April 15, 2018, beginning at 3:30 p. m. Rev. Adna Bean, pastor, has announced the speaker of the hour will be Rev. T. J. Patterson, Jr., pastor of the Elm Grove Missionary Bapeist Church ("The Grove") in Ft. Worth, Texas.

Rev. Patterson, who grew up in Bethel as a youth, recently celebrated his 7th Anniversary as pastor of Elm Grove.

The Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church was organized in April 1921, in a room of a dwelling house located in the seventeen hundred blocks of Avenue A, with Rev. Davis as leader and pastor, who served for a few weeks. A bench and four chairs were the only furniture. The original roll and records have been misplaced; however, some of the known members of the church were Mr. Waymon Henry, Mrs. Mildred Lambert and son, Pitsio Lambert, Mrs. Elnora Tunstall, and Mr. Haley. Several months after the organization of the church, worship services were held in the homes of various members.

In 1952, Rev. A. Wilson followed Rev. Johnson and continued the task which Rev. Johnson had begun. Though quiet and



Rev. T. J. Patterson, Jr.

unassuming, Rev. Wilson worked arduously with the congregation for the completion of "greater" Bethel, this building in which we worship today. His diligent efforts, prayerful counsel, and spiritual guidance were the stimulants that encouraged the members of Bethel to give freely of their earning and possessions so that the "greater" Bethel could become a reality. It was in 1954, when Bethel, as we know it today, was completed.

Other ministers assigned to pastor Bethel were Rev. Stephen Pierson, who served for five years, Rev. W.O. Johnson, who served for one year, Rev. D. A. Smith who served for three years, Rev. A.L. Dunn, who served for three years, Rev. N. H. Franklin who served for seven years. Rev. Elliot C. Lambert who served three years,

Rev. Danny Poe who served three years, Rev. Eddie Everline who served two years, Rev. Sonia Scott who server 5 years. Rev. Eddie Williams served 2 1/2 years. Rev. Darrell Willie served 1 1/2 years. Our present pastor is Adna Bean, who was assigned to Bethel in November 2015.

Rev. Patterson is the second child of T. J. Patterson, Sr., and the late Bobbie Gean Patterson of Lubbock, Texas. He is happily married to the love of his life, Ursula Patterson, and the father of two wonderful children, Thomas III and Lauren Elise. Reverend Patterson has a passion for serving God and caring for God's people. This passion has been developing over his life.

For more information, contact Sister Denice Jordan.

## Applications Available For The Joan Y. Ervin Scholarship

The Martin Luther King Commemorative Council Scholarship Committee are accepting applications for a Joan Y. Ervin Scholarship. Applications can be picked up at Patterson Library and mailed to P.O. Box 502 Lubbock, TX 79401 or can be downloaded from the following link: [www.facebook.com/mlkoflubbock/](http://www.facebook.com/mlkoflubbock/). Each scholarship will be \$500.00, and applications are due by May 1st.



Joan Y. Ervin

## Three Lubbock Christian University Women's Scholarship Recipients

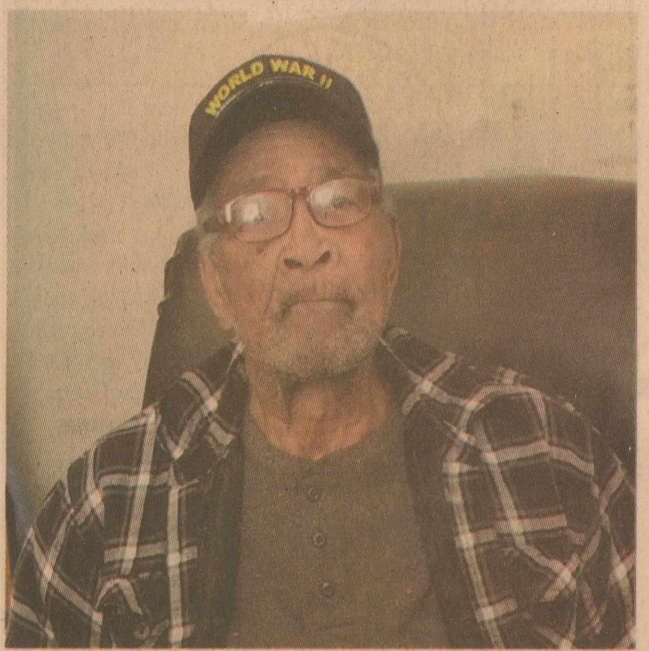


Frenship High School Girls Soccer players received scholarships to play soccer at Lubbock Christian University. They are from left to right: Bianca Cervantez, Shaddianna Haney, and Victoria Ramirez. Good Luck, Young Ladies!!

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## Willie Blocker Will Tell You, "He's Doing Well In Waco These Days"



Willie Blocker

If you would ask Willie Blocker how is he doing these days? Without any doubt, he'd probably tell you, "I'm doing fine these days, and enjoying my posture in life."

There's no doubt about it, for many years as a resident of Lubbock, Texas, he was known for his profession as a roofer. He was responsible over the years for repairing and constructing roofs all over Lubbock.

For those who would like to know where he is located at this time, he is a resident at the Lakeshore Village Healthcare Center, 2320 Lake Shore Dr., Waco, Texas 76708. If you get an opportunity drop him a line or two, he'll be most appreciative.

Blocker, 93 years of age, has been a resident since last year. While a Lubbock resident for more than 50 years, was a faithful member of Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church, where he served as a Trustee.

He was married to the late Sara Blocker, and brother-in-law of the late Bobbie Gean Patterson. T.J. Patterson, Sr. and his daughter, Shelia Renee Patterson-Harris, traveled to Waco and spent several hours with him on Friday afternoon, March 16, 2018.

Willie Blocker says, "I'm doing fine!!"



## Victoria Ramirez Receives LCU Women's Soccer Scholarship



Victoria Ramirez recently accepted her Scholarship to Lubbock Christian University's Womens Soccer Team.

She is shown above with her grandfather, Robert Ramirez, who is the owner of King's Cash.

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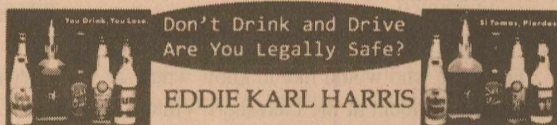
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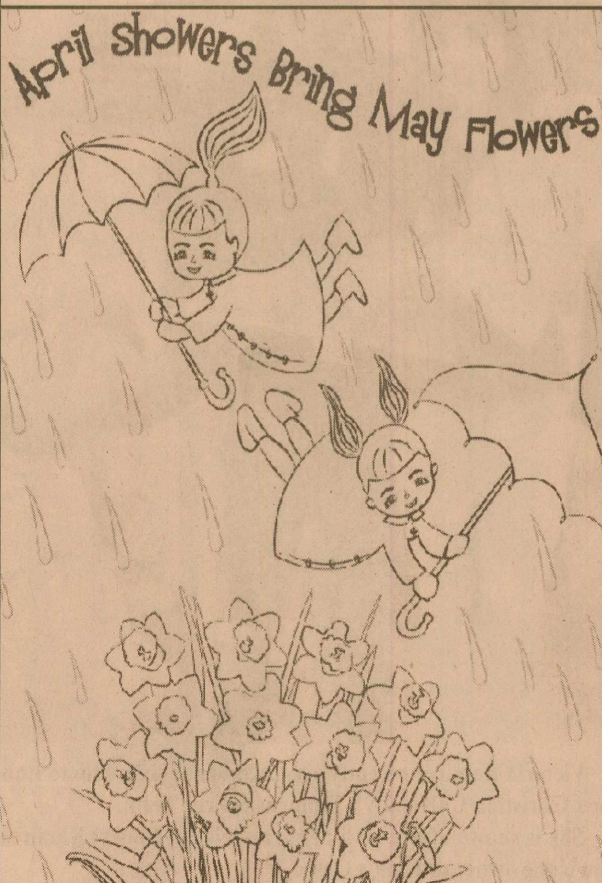
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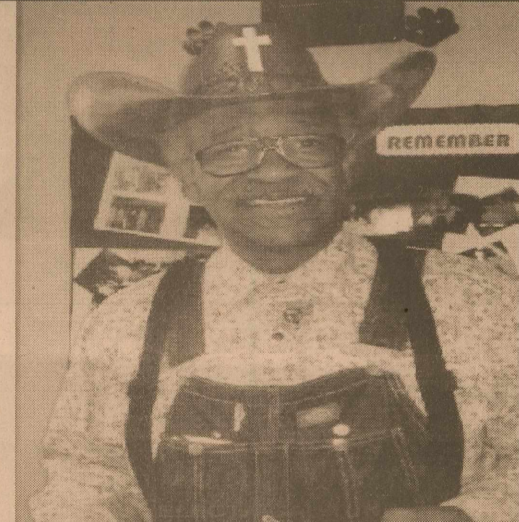
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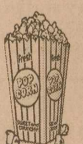
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# In Cinque

By Renetta Howard

## HAZARDS OF CHILDHOOD

Quite often when I am working on my computer and read the Facebook Feed, I see many posts regarding all of the hazards of growing up which older Americans faced such as playing in places which would now be considered dangerous. One such place is playing in the streets of most towns and cities because in some cases, yards were not large enough and playgrounds were few and far apart. During this particular time, in the early forties, fifties and sixties, the volume of traffic was nothing compared to what it is today in the amount of traffic and the speed of traffic. It would be unwise for children to play in the streets in any town or city today. However, most of us survived and became productive American citizens.

As a result of the hazards of playing in the streets, most town and cities have increased the area of places for children to play. Of course, some of the earlier playgrounds had hazards as well, such as getting bumped on the rear when a seesaw mate hopped off the seesaw or having a hard landing at the bottom of a slide or falling from a moving swing or being hit by one. Children were aware of the hazards of standing up carelessly on a merry-go-round to avoid falling off. These real life hazards helped children to think and prepare to be safe and most of us grew into healthy adults with a few scrapes, cuts and bumps here and there.

Today's playgrounds have been constructed to avoid as many hazards as possible. The equipment is made from materials which often cushion a fall or prevent a scrape or bump. Children who have this kind of opportunity to play often rarely get hurt and consequently, about the

only thing they suffer is NEGLECT. Caregivers are so certain about the safety of play until sometimes bad things like abduction take place which is far worse than a fall, scrape, bump or cut. Children grow up with the idea that life is a 'bed or roses' without thrones. Part of Great Britain is bringing back the hazards to playing but the United States is opposed to it so far, but I am wondering how such a train of action might help to make students more aware of the hazards of life, school attendance realities and perhaps the end to mass murder in the educational arena. We need to get 'in cinque' and calculate what place risks has in growing up which could help to make healthier teenagers and adults in our country.

### Dr. Amanda Banks

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Outreach and Engagement (East Lubbock Promise Neighborhood), College Advisor for LISD, Disproportionality Specialist (Health and Human Services Commission), Academic Advisor for Texas Tech University Athletics, and Adjunct Professor for Texas Tech University/College of Education. Some of her accomplishments include Woman of the Year/Outstanding Mentor (Awarded by Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc., Lubbock Alumnae Chapter), All-American Triple Jump Honors (Texas Tech University), Texas Tech Hall of Fame (2004), and Southwest Conference Hall of Fame (2014). In 2012, Banks was also presented with a key to the city of Corpus Christi for her work with youth in the field of education.

## Beyond the Rhetoric

By Harry C. Alford

### 25 Years and Going Strong, Part 2

Let me make an exception to the closing of my last article which was Part 1. I stated that "We have no time to fight". Well, sometimes you must stop and fight the "Bastards". We reached that conclusion back in 1996. At the encouragement of our Denver, Colorado chapter, we chose Denver as the venue of our next convention. Herman Malone, president of that chapter, sold us on the endeavor. It seemed to be a good fit. We were honoring Dr. Arthur A. Fletcher, an NBCC board member, who spent a good portion of his adult life in Denver. His reputation was "God like".

Thus, the National Black Chamber of Commerce was coming to Denver to honor the "Godfather of Affirmative Action - Dr. Arthur A. Fletcher" and to detail his lifetime achievements. The PR started ramping up. There was just one thing Herman failed to mention during his campaign for the venue. US West, the local telecom giant, was having a deplorable record of accomplishment in minority business participation. In fact, there appeared to be numerous violations of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act. Almost from the beginning Herman wanted us to file a discriminatory lawsuit on his behalf. I told Herman that just didn't make sense. We would need other participants who claimed to be discriminated against by US West - a class action.

The word went out on what we were attempting to do. One by one companies doing business in the US West footprint started contacting us. When we had accumulated six trucking companies who had been abruptly fired by US West. Now get this. They were all

# THIS N' THAT

by T. J. Patterson

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doing business satisfactorily but were fired - all on the same day within a two - hour period. This stunk be damned! We got motivated.

For this case, I chose to engage Eric Vickers. Eric was known for the swagger of a "Johnny Cochran" with the venomous articulation of a "Minister Louis Farrakhan". His nickname was "Rambo". We went to Denver to introduce Eric to our local chapter and laid out our strategy. To our shock and dismay, the Colorado Black Chamber of Commerce started to instantly turn "chicken" despite the fact that some of our plaintiffs were dues paying members of theirs. I remember one of their officers saying, "We aren't going to fight US West. We have to live with them and they control this city." Eric responded in his patented fashion, "We have come to this city to put our 'foot' up US West's butt.

If any of you want to get in our way, then we will put our foot up your butt also."

So, on it went. We were a few weeks into the judicial process when I received a strange phone call from a legal staffer of US West. He informed me that Eric Vickers was screwing up and we were going to get the case thrown out if he didn't deliver certain documents quickly. I asked him why he was being so nice to warn me. He said they wanted to settle the case. "Let's reach settlement and not have to start over." Thus, I went into crisis mode and contacted my good friend and stellar attorney Robert Webster (now deceased). Bob was Harvard trained, a great litigator and a veteran of the Civil Rights Movement (marched with Rev. King). He was white but pure at heart when it came to racial matters.

We reassembled the team all

the while we were promoting our upcoming convention headed by the "Lifetime Achievement of Dr. Arthur Fletcher". US West began to go into "opposition research" on little 'old me. They hired a Black executive who was the husband of one of my wife's college friends. He became instantly famous and a millionaire. In the end, they bought a mansion in Silicon Valley. That did US West no good.

Then they really got sneaky. They hired my first cousin who grew up with me from the "cradle". They pumped him for information. I called him and asked how he could do this. He replied the money and title were good. I told them they couldn't break you so there was no harm. No harm? I spoke in San Francisco at the annual luncheon of our affiliate there. While walking back to my hotel I noticed an Black Chamber of Commerce

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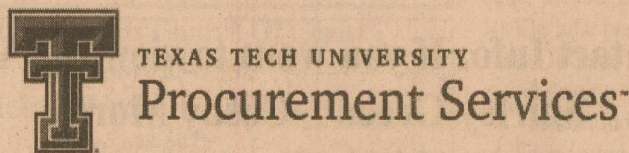
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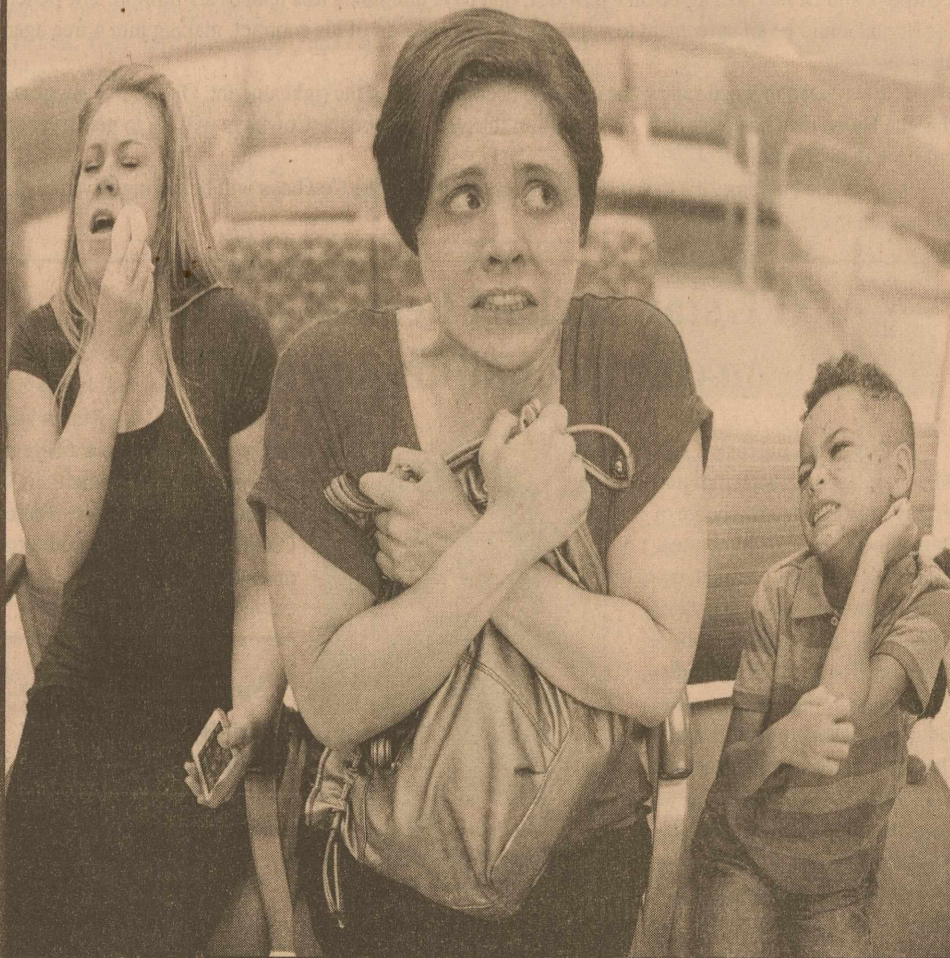


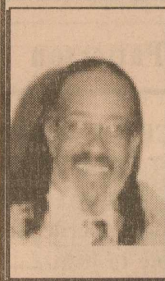
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**\*\*\* WHAT DOES GO MEAN???**

Jesus sent HIS PEOPLE; THE CHURCH; WAS TO GO OUT INTO THE DYING WORLD.

THEY WERE TO TELL OF THE GOOD NEWS; TO EVERY MAN, WOMAN, BOY AND GIRL!!!

**John 3:17** -- Jesus said, For God sent not his son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.

**\*\*\* THERE IS NO SALVATION; --IN MY RIGHTS!!!!**

BUT THE CHURCHES; WANTED TO FOLLOW; A MAN WHO THE DEVIL; TOLD A DREAM.

THE CHURCHS FOLLOWED; AND NOW; ITS LIKE A NIGHTMARE; THAT'S THE WAY IT SEEMS!!!

**Romans 1:22,25** -- Professing themselves to be wise (THE CHURCHES), they became fools, And changed the glory of the uncorruptible God into an image made like corruptible man.

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EVERYBODY HAVE RIGHTS; TO DO THAT WHICH IS WRONG; IN THEIR OWN EYES. THEY DIDN'T FOLLOW THE WAYS OF JESUS; NOW DESTRUCTION IS IN EVERYONES EYES!!!

**Proverb 14:12** -- There is a way which seems right unto man, but the end thereof are the ways of death.--Hosea 8:7, The Lord said, They have sown the wind, and they shall reap the whirlwind.

The mothers and fathers; they give their children: THEIR RIGHTS; TO DO THEIR OWN THING.

NOW THAT THEY'RE IN THE JAILS; AND PRISONS; AND GRAVE YARDS; SHAME, SHAME, SHAME!!!

**Matthew 19:14**, -- Jesus said, Suffer the little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me: for of such is the kingdom of heaven.

(ALL LIVES MATTER; TO THE LORD!!!)

(THE CHURCH RUNNING AROUND: TALKING ABOUT REGULATING GUNS;-- DO GUNS KILL???)-- THEN LETS REGULATE CIGARETTES;-- REGULATE OBESE;-- REGULATE TEXTING AT 70M.P.H.-- REGULATE ALCOHOL-- THEY'RE ALL KILLING GOD'S CHILDREN!!! WHAT KILLED CAIN? HATE THAT WAS IN ABLE'S HEART!!! --O'YOU FOOLS!!! --IT'S IN THE

MINDS; AND HEARTS; OF MANKIND THAT KILLS!!!) (LET'S GO TELL; GOD SO LOVE; HE GAVE; HIS ONLY SON; JESUS CHRIST!!!)

THE COWARD CHURCHES; DIDN'T SPEAK UP; LET ONE WOMAN; TAKE PRAYER OUR OF SCHOOLS

THEY DIDN'T STAND FOR THE WORDS GOD; NOW THE KILLINGS; ARE IN THOSE LITTLE FOOLS!!!

(THE CHURCH WAS COMISSIONED TO GO; AND DIDN'T GO; THAT'S CALLED OMISSION. JESUS SENT HIS DECIPLES OUT IN 2'S; AND THERE IS ONLY ONE CHURCH DOING THAT TODAY; WE ALL NEED TO GET ON ONE ACCORD; JESUS SAID; I'AM THE WAY; AND HE DID GO INTO THE STREETS TO THE PEOPLE. DON'T JUST SET EVERY SUNDAY IN THOSE CLEAN CHURCH BUILDINGS; GET OUT ON FUNKEY STREETS; WHERE THE COLD HEARTS SINNERS ARE!!!

THE CHURCHES; RUNNING AROUND; LIKE A NO HEADED CHICKEN.

TALKING ABOUT GUN CONTROL; IT'S THE HARDNESS OF THE HEART; THAT'S KILLING THE CHILDREN!!!

**Matthew 23:37,37** -- Jesus said, O Jerusalem (CHURCH), Jerusalem(CHURCH), you that kill the prophets, and stone them which are sent unto you, how often would I have gather your children together, even as a hen gathers her chickens under her wings, and you would not! Behold, your house is left unto you desolate (FORSAKEN).

**St. Matthew Baptist Church**

2020 East 14th Street Rev. Edward Canady, Pastor Lubbock, Texas 79403  
(806) 744-7154

The St. Matthew Baptist Church is located at 2020 East 14th Street where the dynamic pastor is the Rev. Edward Canady.

Again, we must say, what a wonderful time we had at the St. Matthew Baptist Church on Sunday morning, March 25, 2018, where the proud pastor is Rev. Edward Canady.

Sunday morning services begun at 10:15 a. m. with our Superintendent of the Sunday School, Sister Barbara Johnson, presiding.

The subject of our Sunday School lesson was "Get It Together." The scripture text was II Chronicles 7:12-22.

The Sunday School lesson was taught by Rev. Canady, and remarks were made by Rev. Michael Menton and Rev. Tommy Parker. They all did a wonderful job with their presentations.

The Sunday morning devotion was conducted by Sister Barbara Johnson and Rev. Michael Menton.

Pastor Canady entered the Church with the Choir and Con-

gregation singing "Walk With Me."

The morning sermon was delivered by Rev. Michael Menton. His subject was "The Proof Is Still In The Pudding." The scripture text was John 10:37-38.

**John 10:37 & 38:**  
"If I do not the works of my Father, believe me not."

"But if I do, through ye believe the works: that ye may know, and believe, that the Father is in me, and I in him."

Again, it was a very informative message.

The morning announcements were read by Sister Shirley Canady, Our First Lady who always does an outstanding job. We thank God for Sister Canady.

The weekly meetings set for the members of St. Matthew Baptist Church are as follows:

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

When we assemble together, it's amazing what can be learned together. It also gives us

the courage to make things happen with help of God.

Those who have been in attendance will advise how important it was to be in attendance. If you haven't had an opportunity to attend, then do join us at our next meeting.

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

It's a wonderful opportunity when we sit down together and study God's Word. So if you can, do come and study the Word with all who are in attendance.

If you are looking for a Church Home, then come and visit the St. Matthew Baptist Church, 2020 East 14th Street. Our pastor, Rev. Edward Canady and Members will be glad to visit with each of you. May God bless each of you!

Let us remember our sick and shut-in. Among them include Sister Ethel Williams.

**Our Thought For The Week**  
"We have been saved by grace, now we enjoy the many blessing that come by Grace."

**'Black Panther' just became North America's highest-grossing superhero movie**



After the remarkable string of weekends it's been having, it was really just an exciting opportunity for those who have seen it!

After the remarkable string of weekends it's been having, it was really just a matter of time before Black Panther wrestled the top spot from his fellow Avengers. As of today, the Ryan Coogler-directed film is North America's highest grossing superhero film of all-time (not adjusted for inflation, mind).

The news comes via The Hollywood Reporter, which notes that the film has pulled in \$624 million on the continent, roaring past 2012's The Avengers, which made \$623.4 million. The film, which cost around \$200 million, is now one of only seven movies to make more than \$600 million, domestically.

Black Panther has been pulling in money at a steady clip since opening, with a record-setting \$218 million opening weekend. Worldwide, it's pulled in \$1.2 billion and is on-track to become the third highest-grossing superhero film internationally, behind the first two Avengers films. The third Avengers film, Infinity War, is due out on April 27.

Even more so than those films, however, Black Panther has become a cultural touchstone for moviegoers, and, hopefully, a wake up call for Hollywood, which has traditionally shied away from diversity in film. Those who still haven't seen it, can check out Anthony's review here -- or just take my word that it's awesome.

**What will the Cowboys do with Dez Bryant?**



Dez Bryant

With Allen Hurns in, some believe Dez Bryant will soon be out.

Executives with other teams are now monitoring the situation in Dallas in order to see whether the Cowboys will cut the veteran receiver. Due to make \$12.5 million in 2018, Bryant no longer is regarded as someone who will earn that type of salary via his performance.

The team's decision to give Hurns, who was cut by the Jaguars this week, a two-year, \$12 million deal has sparked increased speculation that Bryant is indeed on the outs. It remains possible that the Cowboys and Bryant will agree on a new deal that pays him much less than \$12.5 million. The benefit for Bryant could be an agreement to wipe out the 2019 season of his contract, making him a free agent after this year.

If he stays at a reduced salary, the question becomes setting the right amount. One source suggested that the Hurns deal has cash flow of \$5 million this year; maybe the Cowboys will try to get Bryant to cut his pay to \$6 million.

Whatever the outcome, it's looking less and less likely that the Cowboys will be paying Bryant \$12.5 million this year.

**NFL star Michael Bennett indicted on charge of injury to elderly**

CNN)NFL defensive end Michael Bennett was indicted Friday in Houston on a charge of injury to the elderly in connection with an incident that occurred when he was a spectator at the 2017 Super Bowl, authorities said. The Harris County district attorney's office said Bennett rushed the field when the game ended to congratulate his brother Martellus Bennett, who played for the winning New England Patriots.

Bennett was told to use a different field entrance, but he



pushed through the security de-

tail, which included a 66-year-old paraplegic woman in a wheelchair, Houston Police Chief Art Acevedo said at a news conference. ...

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# Obsequies

## Ethel Renee Chambers

Funeral services for Ethel Renee Chambers were held on Thursday morning, March 8, 2018, at the Sunset Church of Christ.

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

Ethel, age 36 of Lubbock, Texas, passed away Friday, February 23, 2018.

Ethel was born September 14, 1981 to Abraham and Elva Chambers, II at Blytheville AFB, AR.

Renee grew up in Lubbock, Texas where she attended Roosevelt High School through her freshman year and then transferred to Estacado High School where she obtained her G.E.D.

Ethel leaves to cherish her parents, Abraham Chambers, II and Elva Hernandez-Chambers;



two daughters, JaNae' Cash and Jazmine Cash; two sons, Brian Scott and Byron Desmond Scott; one grandchild, Eian Mallard; four sisters, Kim Chambers, Celina Franco, Seydia Adkins, and Hope Franco; two brothers, David Rey Franco and Abraham Chambers, III; a host of other relatives and friends

## David Dale "Rocky" Fitts

Levelland, Texas -- Funeral services were held for David Dale "Rocky" Fitts on Tuesday afternoon, March 13, 2018, at the St. Michael's Catholic Church of Levelland, Texas.

Private disposition was held under the direction of Griffin Mortuary & Funeral Home of Lubbock.

David, age 47 of Lubbock, Texas, passed away Monday, February 19, 2018.

David was born July 21, 1970 to J. D. Fitts, Sr. and Rubbie Lee Clewis in Whiteface, Texas. He graduated from Levelland High School.

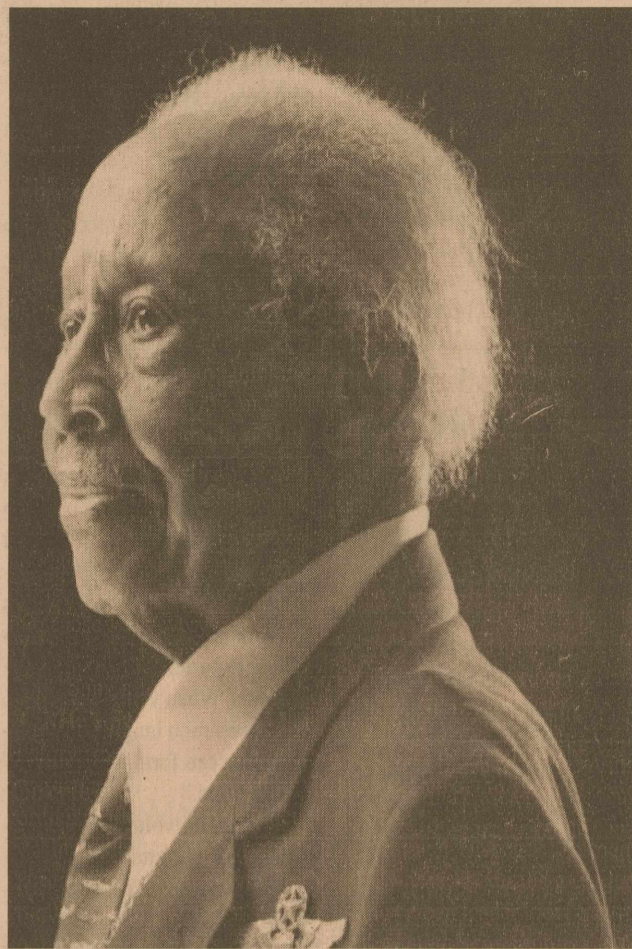
David was employed by E. D. Walton.

David leaves to cherish his memory; his wife, Claudine Fitts; one daughter, Mariah Montoya; three sons, Aaron Fitts, Shaun Fitts, and Micheal Fitts; two sisters, Mary Chambers and Pamela Sabino; one brother Terry Richardson; three



grandchildren, Jerimyah, Ariana, and Keagan; two step-sisters, Melissa Landrum and Stephanie White; three uncles, John Clewis (Billie), Henry Clewis (Sara), and Jimmy Clewis (Lois); three aunts, Joyce Clewis (Robert Huey), Dorothy Hurd (Clarence), and Ethel Hall (Earnest); a host of other relatives and friends.

## Tuskegee Airman Floyd Carter, Sr. Dies At Age 95



Floyd Carter, Sr.

New York City, N. Y. -- Let us know that when we study Black History, remember Floyd Carter, Sr., a Tuskegee Airman who was awarded a Congressional Gold Medal, has died at the age of 95, according to the New York Police Department.

In addition to his service with the fabled Tuskegee Airmen, Carter spent 27 years with the NYPD, where his duties included guarding visiting heads of state, including Cuban leader Fidel Castro and Soviet head Nikita Khrushchev, the Daily News reports.

The native of Yorktown, Virginia rose to the rank of Air Force lieutenant colonel years after joining the group of African-American pilots at Tuskegee, according to the Daily News.

In addition to serving during World War II, Carter flew during the Korean and Vietnam wars.

## Luis Gonzales Torres

Funeral services were held for Luis Gonzales Torres on Monday morning, March 12, 2018, at the Griffin Mortuary Chapel.

Private disposition was under the direction of Griffin Mortuary & Funeral Home of Lubbock.

Luis, age 78, of Lubbock, Texas, passed away Thursday, March 8, 2018.

Luis was born to Lorenza Torrez and Francisco Gonzalez on August 26, 1939.

He loved watching soccer, taking long walks, taking Polaroid pictures, baking and gardening.

Luis leaves to cherish his memory; his wife, Maria L. Alba; three daughters, Herlinda Galvan (Santiago, Sr.), Ayda Garza (Jerry), and Erica Sanders



(Martin); two sons, Mauro Alba, Jr. and Jesus Alba; nine grandchildren, sixteen great grandchildren; two sisters, Guadalupe and Gabriela; a host of other relatives and friends.

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Ephesians 4:23-24

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**New Light Baptist Church**  
3013 Idalou Road Rev. Kenneth O. Jackson, Pastor  
Lubbock, Texas 79403  
On Sunday morning, March 18, 2018, church services begun with a lot of energy at the New Light Baptist Church, 3013 Idalou Road, where the dynamic pastor is the Rev. Kenneth O. Jackson. What a time!!!  
Church School begun with the Superintendent, Sister Alvera Johnson teaching the morning lesson. The subject of the morning lesson was "The Lord Saves Us." The morning scripture was II Chronicles 7:6-14.  
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The morning worship services begun at 11:00 a. m. with our dynamic Praise Team leading the way as always. During the morning devotion, the testimonial period was held with several members praising the Lord for everything He has done for them. The members were excited about telling about the goodness from the Lord  
The responsive reading was done. It came from Psalm 51:1-10. The altar prayer was done by Pastor Jackson with the congregation singing "Sweet I Know."  
Sister Linda Green read all of the morning announcements and told of all up coming events which will be taking place in the very near future.  
The morning offering was taken up by an appointee.  
The Choir sang several selections. They were: "Now Behold The Lamb." "The Lord Is Blessing Me," "God Smiled On Me," "The Blood Jesus Shed," "I Am Redeemed and "O' Lord Move In This Place." "Amazing Grace", our theme song was sung before the sermon.  
Pastor Jackson preached the morning sermon. His subject was "You Can Run, But You Can't Hide." His scripture text was Hebrews 12:1-2.  
The eyes of the Lord are everywhere. You can, but you can't hide. We should shun the mean appearance of evil. Angels are everywhere.  
We need to run this race to the end not letting no one or nothing stop you.  
The eyes of the Lord are everywhere. People think they are hiding from God, but God sees them because He's everywhere.  
You don't have to worry. God doesn't bless mess. God is looking and booking.  
Lay aside everything that cause you to stumble away from God. People are gonna talk regardless of your situation. Let them talk. They have to see God for themselves.  
What are things that easily beset us? You know the things that makes you laugh as well as make you cry.  
God chasten those He loves. In order for God to get your attention, He has to lay us on our back so we can look up and know that God is in control.  
Lay aside things that beset us. The devil doesn't make you do nothing, but he puts things in front of you making them look good for you and it's your choose.  
God is knocking on your the door of your heart. You need to keep aside things you know that he lost. Things He doesn't appreciate and approve of.  
Keep running and thinking you are getting away from God. Sooner or later God will pull in.  
Stop putting off things and run this race that is before you!!  
Run and tell somebody the goodness of the Lord. What He's doing. He's looking and booking, cause He's everywhere!!  
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Sung after the Sermon:  
"He's Sweet I Know."

## Karen Kay Davis

Floydada, Texas -- Funeral services for Karen Kay Davis were held on Friday morning, March 23, 2018, at the Griffin Mortuary.

Interment followed in the Floydada Cemetery in Floydada, Texas under the direction of Griffin Mortuary & Funeral Home of Lubbock.

Karen, age 53 of Floydada, Texas, passed Monday, March 12, 2018.

Karen was born on April 21,



1964 to Joe and Carrie Davis in Floydada, Texas..

Karen's goal was to become a psychologist, she was two classes shy of graduating with her Masters.

Karen leaves to cherish her memory; her mother, Carrie Davis, two daughters, Kayla Dixon (Nathan) and Meshale Davis; one son, Chad Davis; three sisters, Kathy Calvin (Charles), Lequita Davis, and Jana Collins (Stephen); two brothers, Joey Davis and Kevin Davis; six grandchildren; a host of other relatives and friends.

## Henry Gene Jordan



Funeral services were held for Henry Gene Jordan on Sat-  
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Lockett, Cenisha Currie, Asha England, and Casea Currie; four sons, Marree Currie, Willie Currie, Jr., Marcus Currie, and Marquise Currie; four sisters, Brenda Johnson, Melody Williams, Ollie Bible and Billie Cooper; seven brothers, Charles Johnson, JD, James Earl, Curtis, Johnny, Rodney, and Tommy; twenty-six grandchildren, four great grandchildren; a host of other relatives and friends.

## Pearlene Currie

Funeral services were held for Pearlene Currie at the Difference Maker Fellowship on Saturday morning, March 24, 2018.

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

Pearlene, of Oklahoma and formerly of Lubbock, Texas, age 59, passed away Friday, March 16, 2018.

Pearlene was born March 29, 1958 to Frank and Earlene Johnson in Aspermont, Texas. She attended school in Abernathy, Texas and relocated to Lubbock after school.

Pearlene leaves to cherish



her memory; her husband, Willie C. Currie, Sr.; seven daughters, Williestine Williams, Kamora Currie, Cathleen Currie, Denish

**Hospice of Lubbock Seeks Volunteers**

*Make a difference in the life of a hospice patient*

Hospice of Lubbock needs direct patient volunteers. To be certified as a direct patient volunteer, one must complete 16 hours of training offered by Hospice of Lubbock staff to prepare for sharing this special end-of-life time with our Hospice of Lubbock patients and families.

Training will be 6 to 10 p.m.

**Beyond the Rhetoric**

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attractive lady walking at a fast pace behind me. I soon recognized her. It was Charlene my old flame. She smiled and tried to work her famous "mojo". I casually said, "good afternoon" and walked on by (as Isaac Hayes would say). She was noticeably upset. The nerve! They were trying to set me up in an extra-marital.

As they say, "God does not like ugly". On my next trip to Denver, I was contacted by a Denver businessman. He stated, "This is true so help me God. The CEO of US West is having an extra-marital affair with one of his subordinates." I replied, "So". He retorted, "She is Hispanic and is head of their Minority Business Department. Her husband is an US West employee also. She is the one who fired your plaintiffs!"

Wow, I said to Bob that we must get them to depose me and we can lead them into that trap. We weren't twenty minutes into the deposition when I "spilled the beans". The US West team asked for a recess. They came back 30 minutes later stating that they will settle the matter. We settled, and all our plaintiffs received handsome payments. The NBCC received \$1,000 memberships from each of our plaintiffs. I nor the NBCC received anything else. The victory was sweet enough!

From that point on, the NBCC became known as a "Giant Killer". Herman Malone and the Colorado Black Chamber of Commerce? We kicked them out. Art Fletcher became our new Chairman. Nearly 1,000 participants attended our convention. A total success!

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Mr. Alford is the Co-Founder, President/CEO of the National @. Website: [www.nationalbcc.org](http://www.nationalbcc.org) Email: [halford@nationalbcc.org](mailto:halford@nationalbcc.org)

April 6; 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. April 7; and 1 to 5 p.m. April 8. All classes will be held at the Hospice of Lubbock conference room, 3702 21st St. on the northwest corner of 21st Street and Louisville Avenue in the Louisville Place Building.

All 16 hours are required for the volunteer to be certified. Hospice of Lubbock Volunteers provide support and care for persons in the last phases of disease in order for them to live as fully and comfortably as possible.

Because one in four dying Americans is a Veteran, Hospice of Lubbock has also implemented a veteran-to-veteran volunteer program.

"People who have common life experiences usually begin to trust each other," sai Cheryl Presley, volunteer services coordinator. "We encourage veterans to volunteer with us so they can share experiences with veteran patients. When veterans interact, their common language and experience can form a strong relational bond."

Potential volunteers are encouraged to contact Hospice of Lubbock at (806) 795-2751. CONTACT: Cheryl Presley, volunteer coordinator; (806) 795-2751 or [presley@covhs.org](mailto:presley@covhs.org).

**Henry Gene Jordan**  
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urday afternoon, March 24, 2018, at the Bethel African Episcopal Church with Rev. Adna Bean, pastor, as Eulogist.

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

Henry of Temple, Texas, is formerly of Lubbock, Texas, age 64, passed away Friday, March 16, 2018. Henry was born to Bennie G. Jordan Sr. and Emma Mae Sanders in Lubbock Texas. He attended public schooling and was a well-known Athletic trainer at Dunbar High School from 1970-1972. Henry graduated from Dunbar High School in 1972 and attended South Plains College where he studied auto mechanics. Henry volunteered and enlisted in the United States Marine Corps. Henry was honorably discharged in 1975.

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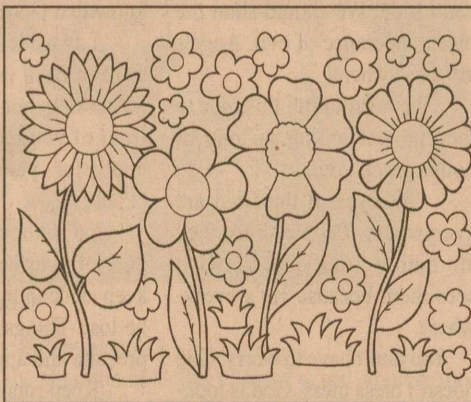
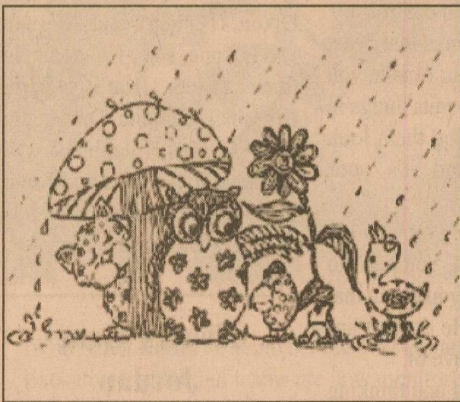
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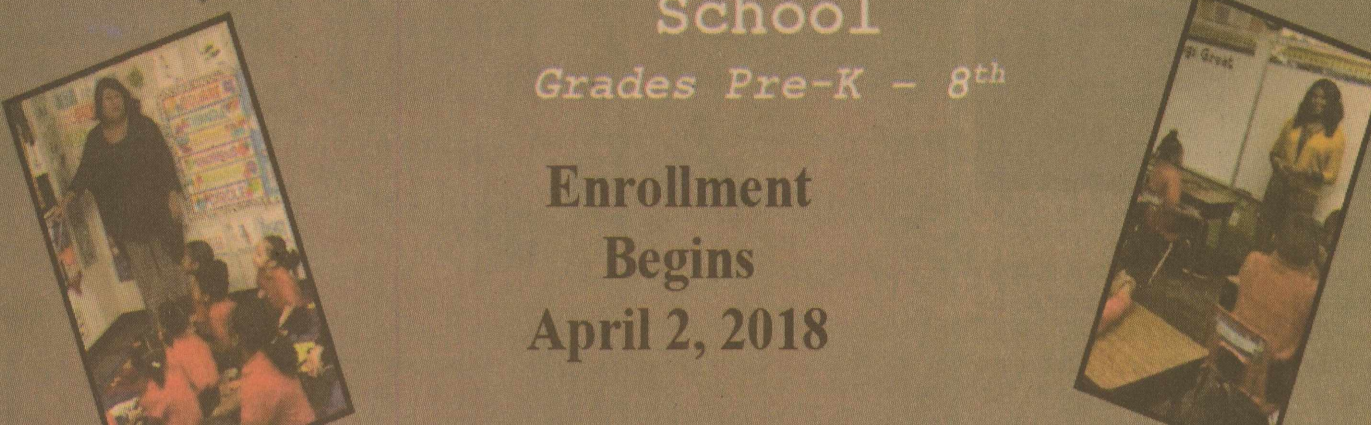
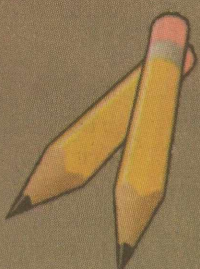
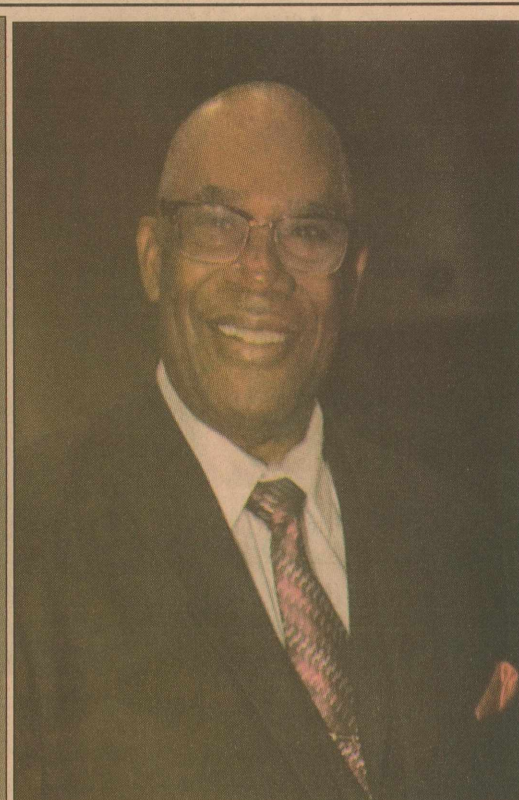
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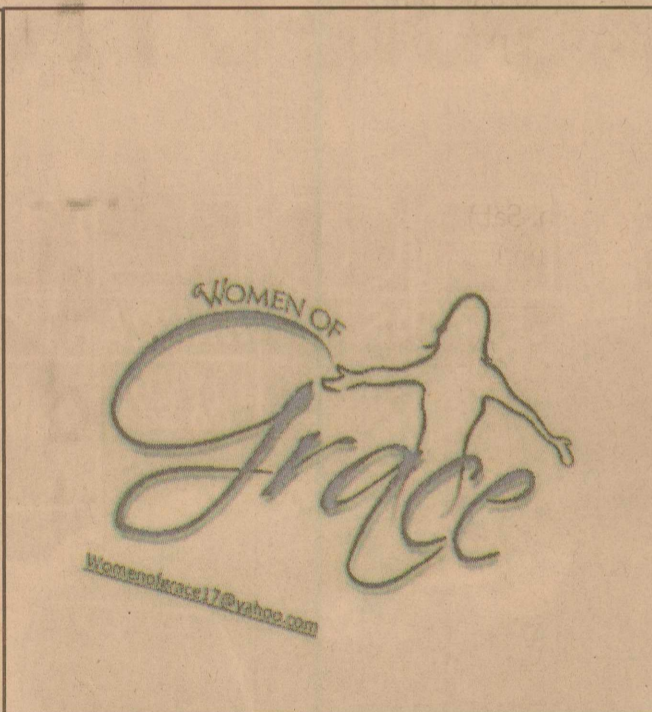
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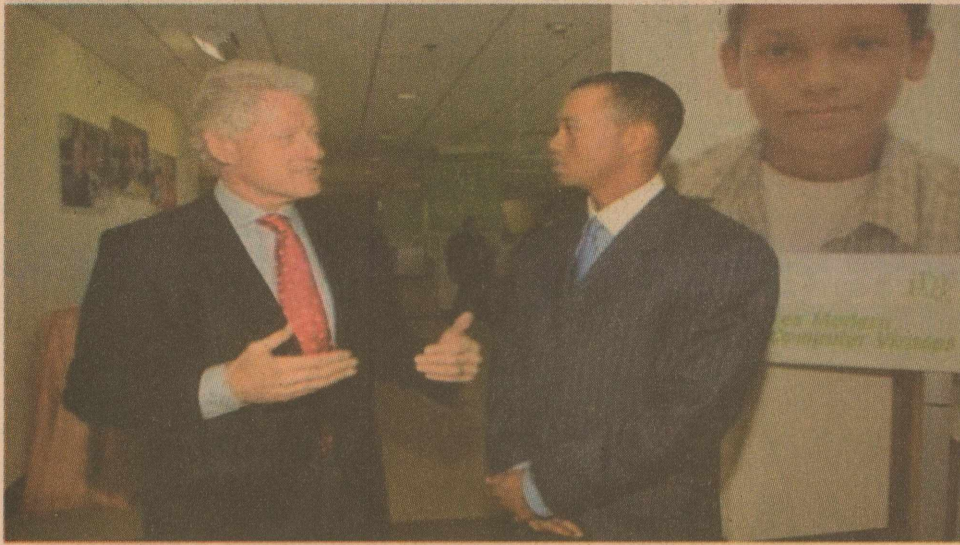
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## Tiger Woods with Bill Clinton: 'Major breach of golf etiquette'



President Clinton & Tiger Woods

There's a new Tiger Woods biography hitting the shelves the upcoming weeks, and excerpts are rolling out. Golf Digest has published a look at how Woods and a former president got along — or didn't — on the golf course.

Per the excerpt, the Tiger Woods Foundation was apparently quite the centerpiece of political intrigue. Woods began the foundation as a means of bringing golf to underprivileged kids; later, after 9/11, he tried to add a bit of gravity to the foundation's efforts. Woods and his team oversaw the construction of the 35,000-square-foot Tiger Woods Learning Center in Anaheim, Calif., a noble and worthwhile effort that deserved an appropriately grandiose opening.

Team Tiger reached out to first Barbara Bush and later Arnold Schwarzenegger, but neither was able to attend. Some searching of contacts led the team to consider former president Bill Clinton, and thereby hung a tale.

It seems Woods and Clinton had a bit of an ugly history. "Woods declin[ed] to attend a 1997 ceremony honoring the late Jackie Robinson, sparking a schism between Clinton and Woods that was later widened by

a subsequent Ryder Cup incident in which Clinton walked into the U.S. team's locker room only to see Tiger walk out," according to the book. "Later, Woods refused to have his picture taken with Clinton when the victorious American team visited the White House."

Woods assumed Clinton would be every bit as vindictive and grudge-holding as he himself was. But the team made the ask anyway, and Clinton came back with a big-timing set of demands worthy of a former president: Clinton wanted a private plane to fly to the West Coast. Clinton wanted a round of golf with Woods to smooth out any lingering hard feelings. And Clinton wanted Woods to make the call personally.

"After several moments of whining," the book reads, "Tiger got over his reluctance and made the call." Clinton accepted, and the golf game was on.

Oh, but the story doesn't end there. The morning of the promised round, Woods apparently told observers that he couldn't wait for Clinton to arrive, because "I can't wait to talk about [a vulgar term for the female anatomy that you can probably guess]."

The round went downhill

from there. "Tiger's behavior did nothing to bridge the gap between him and Clinton," according to the book. "At the outset, Clinton started carrying on, monopolizing the conversation, as he was known to do, before Woods interrupted and said, 'How do you remember all that [stuff]?' Once they got onto the course, Tiger acted completely indifferent to the entire group, mostly riding alone in his cart and spending an inordinate amount of time on his phone. After finishing a hole, he would routinely exit the green while others were still putting, a major breach of golf etiquette. When the president hit a wayward drive, Woods snickered. He also told a series of off-color jokes."

Oh, and Woods apparently took months to sign and return an autographed photo of himself and Clinton taken that day. The entire afternoon didn't sit well with the entire Clinton team. "Clinton hauled his [back end] out West," one colleague said years later, "and you can't sign a picture? The whole experience was a lot of 'I'm Tiger Woods, king of the world, go [expletive] yourself.'"

As always, the usual caveats about one-side-of-the-story apply.

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