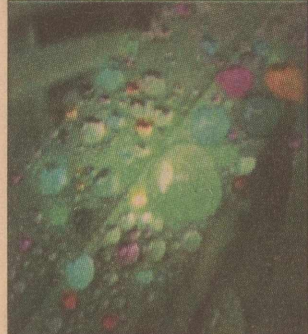
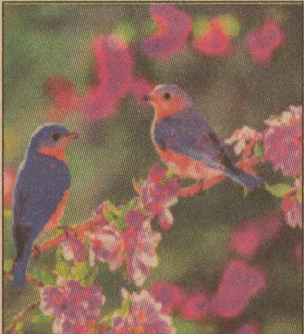
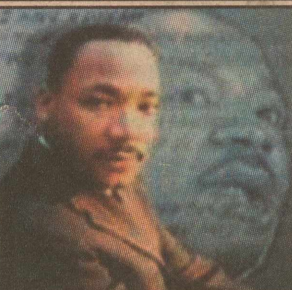




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Community Meetings

* Lubbock Area Client Council meets on the 2nd Saturday, 1:00 pm at the Patterson Branch Library, 1836 Parkway Drive.

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

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

* The Lubbock Branch of The NAACP meets the 3rd Saturday of each month at Life Run, Inc, 8240 Boston Ave.. at 11:a.m.

* Forgotten West Riders meets on the 1st & 3rd Mondays, 7:00 pm, Patterson Branch Library.

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

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

* Dunbar Manhattan Heights Neighborhood Association meets every 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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Each One Reach One Presents: Gospel Celebration 2018



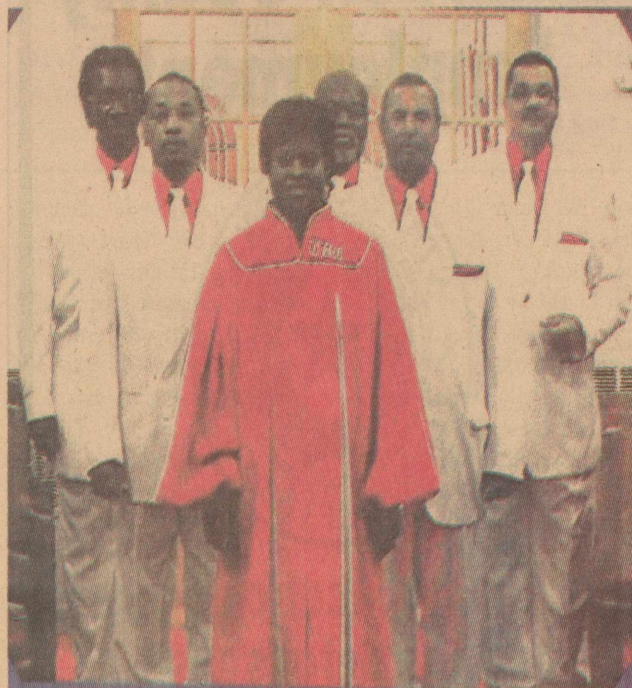
Deborah Barnes



Wess Morgan



Paul Porter



Golden Voices

Each One Reach One will present its' Gospel Celebration 2018. This year's celebration will be held on Saturday afternoon, May 19th and Sunday afternoon, May 20th, with both performances beginning at 3:00 p. m.

The Saturday afternoon celebration will be held at the Greater Love Temple, 811 South Tennessee, Amarillo, Texas. The host Pastor is Bishop Jackie Jackie Riles. Tickets for this celebration are \$20.00 each. For ticket information, contact Faye Brown, President, (806-831-9986. The program will begin at 3:00 p. m.

The second gospel Celebration will be held at the Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church, 2202 Southeast Drive, in Lubbock, Texas. This presentation will begin at 3:00 p. m. on Sunday afternoon, May 20th.

Host Pastor is Pastor Edna Bean. Those performing are Deborah Barnes-Moss, Wess Morgan, Paul Porter and The Christianaires, and the Golden Voices.

Deborah Barnes is a member of an award winning family of Gospel giants. Deborah Barnes' solo music debut is no surprise. She is known and admired in the gospel music industry for singing the new legendary song, "I'm Still Holding On," which was written by Stellar Award Winner Luther Barnes, which is how Deborah Barnes began her recording career.

Luther Barnes, her cousin and music mentor, recognized her potential and initiated her recording career by incorporating her writing and vocal talents with the Red Budd Gospel Choir.

Another outstanding talent is Joel Wesley Morgan who goes

by the stage name Wess Morgan, is an American gospel musician, and pastor. He started his music career, in 2006, with the release of "Look at Me Now," by Oak Tree Records.

His second album, "Under an Open Heaven," Vol. I, was released in 2010 by Bowtie World Music alongside Flipside Music, and this album was his Billboard magazine breakthrough release on the Gospel Album chart. The song, "I Choose to Worship," was put on the WOW Gospel 2012 album.

The subsequent album, "Under an Open Heaven," Vol. 2, was released by Bowtie World Music in 2012, and it charted on the aforementioned chart. He released, "Livin' in 2014 by Bowtie Music, and it charted on the aforementioned chart.

Another outstanding artist is Paul Porter who started his solo

The Golden Voices were formed under the leadership of Pastor Ron Pegues in January, 2001. Under their currently leadership, God has faithfully provided all the group has needed to do His will, His way. As of 2017, there are currently six members, with three being original members.

music career in 2008, with the release of "A New Day" which was released by Light Records. His second album, F.R.E.E., was released in 2014, with the backing of Motown Gospel releasing the project. These albums both charted the Billboard Gospel Albums chart.

He was a part of "The Christianaires", who were founded in the late 1980's by him and his brother along with his cousins. He departed the group to start his solo career in 2008, with the

release of "A New Day" on September 30, 2008, by Light Records. (3).

This album charted on the Billboard Gospel Albums chart at No. 21.(4) Cross Rhythms' rated the album an eight out of ten.(5) His subsequent album, F.R.E.E. , was released by Motown Gospel on September 2, 2014.(6). The album charted on the Gospel Albums chart at No. 33.(4).

Lubbock's Hispanic and African American neighborhoods are heavily impacted by industrial zoning, interim future land use plan makes no change

Adam Pirtle - Northwest Texas Co-Director - Texas Housers

Lubbock's historically Hispanic and African American neighborhoods in North and East Lubbock are heavily impacted by industrial zoning compared to primarily Caucasian neighborhoods in Southwest Lubbock. In its last comprehensive land use plan adopted in 1986, the city of Lubbock expanded industrial zoning in North and East Lubbock. This allowed for existing industries to continue operation and for the addition of new industrial sites that neighbor residential areas.

Living next to industry can have serious consequences for residents. For example, in May of 2013, 200 families living in the Guadalupe neighborhood were forced to evacuate from their homes because of a chemical spill at the Bayer Crop Science facility on Erskine. In addition, residents living next to industrial zones often border businesses that release toxic chemicals into the air. Depending on the type and quantity of chemicals released, residents can potentially suffer health problems because

of exposure. (See the map of Toxic Release Inventory Sites below).

In March of 2017, Lubbock started updating its 1986 land use plan by creating a new comprehensive plan. On February 1, 2018, the Lubbock City Council ratified an interim land plan that made almost no meaningful changes to industrial zoning areas. Under the Interim Plan, North and East Lubbock neighborhoods are still surrounded by industrial zones while Southwest Lubbock is protected from



This map shows which racial populations live next industrial land uses in the Interim Land Use Plan adopted by the Lubbock City Council on February 1, 2018. Industrial uses are represented by green dots, Hispanics or Latinos are represented orange dots, and Caucasians are represented by blue dots. The areas surrounding Lubbock's historically African American and Hispanic neighborhoods are zoned industrial, while Lubbock's white neighborhoods, especially in southwest Lubbock, are far away from industrial uses.

Texas Housers Arrives in Lubbock

Imagine a state that makes it possible for every Texan to live in a healthy, safe neighborhood near work, family and school. Envision communities that care for each resident and where zip code does not determine success or barriers to a good life. This Texas might be the experience of some, but it is not the experience for all. It could be, if we put our work, money, and planning where our values are.

Texas Housers is a fair housing and neighborhood empowerment group that works to end disparities in housing and community development in Texas. In our 20-year history, we've worked with communities of color to end inequities in their neighborhoods resulting from public and private neglect and segregation. We partnered with La Union del Pueblo Entero to pass county rules addressing drainage issues in colonias in the Rio Grande Valley. We helped working class neighborhoods of color in Austin organize into

these potentially damaging and harmful uses.

The layout of the permanent comprehensive land use plan is still being discussed at meetings of the Comprehensive Plan Advisory Committee or CPAC. The CPAC is a body of 30 Lubbock citizens appointed by the City Council to advise in the created on the comprehensive land use plan. They are tasked with approving and recommending the final plan to Lubbock's Planning and Zoning Commission. The final plan must also be adopted by the City Council before it become law.

The next CPAC meeting will be held April 18, 2018 at the Garden Arts Center at 4215 University Avenue from 2 PM to 4 PM. The general public is invited to attend and time will be set aside for public comment.

Community Development Corporations so they could stand up to outside developers and gentrification. And we've joined with community activists in the Sunnyside neighborhood of Houston to develop a neighborhood plan to identify issues of inequity and force the City to address them.

In February of this year, we arrived in Lubbock. Our Northwest Texas Co-Director, Adam Pirtle, gave a presentation about the state of the city at a forum organized by Legal Aid of Northwest Texas and sponsored by Lubbock community advocates including El Editor. In his presentation, Adam found that Lubbock has seen rapid growth in the southwest part of the city leading to new housing, new jobs, and great prosperity. However, those riches and benefits are not shared equally throughout the city. North and East Lubbock residents continue to see their part of the city cut out of Lubbock's promise. Schools are underfunded or even shut down. Banks do not loan money for mortgages or home improvement loans like they do in Southwest Lubbock. Neighboring industrial sites release toxic chemicals leading to foul smelling air and possible health problems.

The first step to solve these problems is to put them in front of the public eye. To do this, Texas Housers is creating an interactive story map of the city. Our full staff of 14 is visiting Lubbock on March 28th and 29th to interview residents in North and East Lubbock about the problems they see and the solutions they want to help implement. We invite you to join in our movement. If you want to help bring attentions to these issues and finds solutions, please call our Communications

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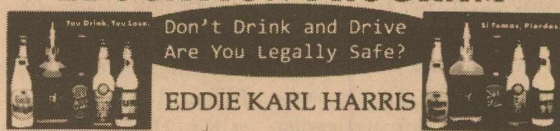


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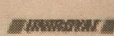
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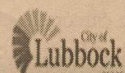
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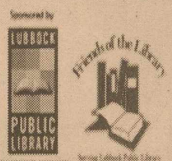
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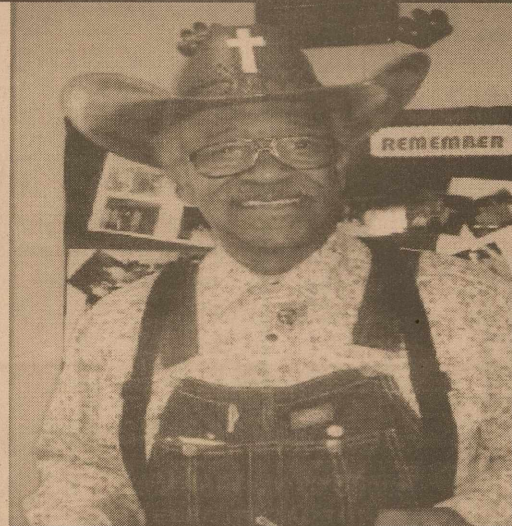


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In Cinque

By Renetta Howard

OUR DAILY LIVES

There is so much confusion in our daily lives at this juncture of the year, 2018, until an individual does not know whether to 'wind his hand or twist his watch.' Every week, it appears that there has been kind of protest in the United States aimed at getting the President and Congress to pass some legislation to fix something that is wrong with our country. There are so many things wrong now until it is difficult sometimes to focus on where our priorities lie.

Foremost now are the protests to gain gun control and lessen the power of the National Rifle Association which spends millions in lobby money in Congress. We know for a fact that a large number of our Congressmen and Women love money which their humongous salaries attest. And some of them are happy with even more money from their pet organizations and therefore do not hear anything we the people say because money speaks louder than any words. **It is time though, to listen to our children.**

Children from coast to coast have marched to protest to the fact that they want to live. Some children, as young as 12 years of age have already written their wills because they fear for their lives as a result of many of the school mass shootings because under aged students have been able to secure firearms and commit murder at school.

The March for Our Lives is really important to minority students, especially Afro-Americans, Black, Colored, or Negro because if teachers are permitted to have arms, Black Lives Will Not Matter, especially in situations where teachers who support 'white supremacy' are employed and have the slightest reason to feel in any way threat-

ened. Many Black lives have been spared in the past because teachers **WERE NOT ARMED.** Black students have been pushed, hit, disparaged in the past and present. What would prevent one being shot by an armed teacher?

The children are our future. Thank God that they have now decided to speak for themselves. At this rate, I now feel that the future of this country will be in much better hands than it is today. We must give them credit for being rational and pray that they will continue to know right from wrong and be prepared to act positively for justice. Let us get 'in cinque' and support our youth in every way that we can to give them a brighter outlook upon the future than that which they envision now.

Important Meeting Set Tonight At Mae Simmons Center

An important meeting will be held tonight, Thursday, April 19, 2018, from 5:30 p. m. until 7:30 p. m. at the Mae Simmons Community Center, 2004 Oak Avenue.

The purpose of this meeting is to provide information why it's important to have a personal power of attorney, a will, and to clear up some common misconceptions about what happens to your property once you leave this earth.

Some Attorneys will be on hand to take down information from those interested in getting WILLS and POWER OF ATTORNEYS prepared Pro Bono. The plan is to assign interested persons to an attorney to take down the basic information and follow up at a later date.

Beyond the Rhetoric

By Harry C. Alford

Is China Good or Bad for Our Mother Africa?

This question has been the subject for concerned American Blacks at least a million times. Whenever one of us travels to the African Continent the subject of questionable activity by the nation of China comes into play. After a dozen or so trips to any part of the continent (Ghana to Botswana to Kenya to Equatorial Guinea and so on and on) the shock of seeing Chinese workers and construction sites with Chinese writing on the billboards can turn a Black person's face into a mean scowl. Much of this blame is the fault of American policy versus that of China. The United States provides much more aid to Africa than China. China regards aid differently than the United States. China's aid to Africa is usually part of a total package of commercial investments and construction projects while the US package is purely philanthropic.

Frankly, I prefer the Chinese Model. Why can't the United States mix commercial interaction with their philanthropic endeavors? As we help fund the International Monetary Fund and/or the World Bank we should also bring to the table some of our major design/construction firms for capitalistic participation (business and employment). China does it and we should too.

Something very significant may change the way international business is done. Let's look at the nation of Djibouti, which faces the Suez Canal, a major waterway for international shipping. We have had a military base there for decades along with France, Japan, and a few other nations. Recently, it was announced that the Navy of China will establish a navy base just a few miles away from our military installation. It was fine for Japan, France, etc. but now

THIS N' THAT

by T. J. Patterson

LET'S COME TOGETHER AND DISCUSS WHAT WE MUST DO TO DEVELOP A FIVE STAR BANK IN EAST LUBBOCK!! THIS N THAT really believes if residents of EAST LUBBOCK just comeTOGETHER and develop a PLAN TO DEVELOP A BANK IN EAST LUBBOCKTHIS N THAT really believes a FIVE STAR VANK could become a reality..... Just think if there were at least SEVEN DEDICATED LUBBOCK RESIDENTS who are willing to come TOGETHER and develop a PLAN for a financial institution forEAST LUBBOCK

which needs this kind of an opportunity....., THIS N THAT really it can become a REALITY there are those who really believes it can become a reality..... In Lubbock, Texas USAwe have SINGLE MEMBER DISTRICT which means there are at least 40,000 RESIDENTS IN EACH DISTRICT..... Now with these numbers it should be a positive posture for something to really happen..... Now with SEVEN DEDICATED MEN AND WOMEN sitting down togethersurely something will happen..... As we call this meeting THIS N THAT there is nothing we can't accomplish..... But THIS N THAT be-

lieves we must CALL UPON OUR GOD TO BE WITH US AND WHAT DIRECTION WE MUST TAKE!!!! You see we should be thinking about the future for CHILDREN as we owe them something for them to have which will help them like someone did for many of us..... THIS N THAT is praying there are SEVEN MEN AND WOMEN WHO RESIDE IN EAST LUBBOCK!! If we come together and really believe this could happenthen it will happen..... A long journey begins with a SINGLE STEP!! If you really believe it can happen then let us hear from you!! THIS N THAT knows there are some who believes it can happen!!

that the "Asian Tiger" known as China is coming in, the usual paranoia has instantly taken form. There must be something bad about this because it is China.

Keep in mind that the nation of Djibouti has very limited resources. Most of its land cannot be farmed and is volcanic. Using the limited waterways for seaports produces serious revenue from fees and taxes and increases the number of jobs. So, if France, Germany, the U.S. etc. can lease military bases why can't China or any other nation be allowed.

It was recently announced that our U.S. House Intelligence Committee will be holding hearings to probe the "Rising China Military Footprint in Africa". As US Marine General Thomas Waldhauser, chief of US Africa Command states: "You would have to characterize it as a military base. It's a first

for them. They've never had an overseas base." We are all over the world with military bases. When China begins to build one, we better "investigate". China has escorted more than 6,000 of their commercial freighters through the Suez Canal due to piracy activity in recent years. Having a naval base in the area makes a lot of sense from a safety aspect.

Perhaps we, the United States, need to look at this commercial/enterprising activity with a little more of a capitalistic point of view. That is what China is doing in Africa and it appears to be just fine with our African nations. Let us take our larger corporations and partner them with our promising and growing minority owned companies and finance (not give away) major projects in Africa and elsewhere. Let's begin to empower our own Export/Import Bank with more funding (investment resulting in

returns) and promote our great tax paying, job creating American businesses. It would not take long before we would start seeing American Brands occupying commercial sites throughout Africa with a blaze of U.S. glory. The millions of new jobs for African citizens would be pretty cool also.

Recently, there has been a break through. US based Bechtel Corporation has just signed a deal to build a \$4 billion railway project in Kenya. Thus, it can be done with more focus towards capitalistic alternatives. Let's try to emulate this "game changer". *****

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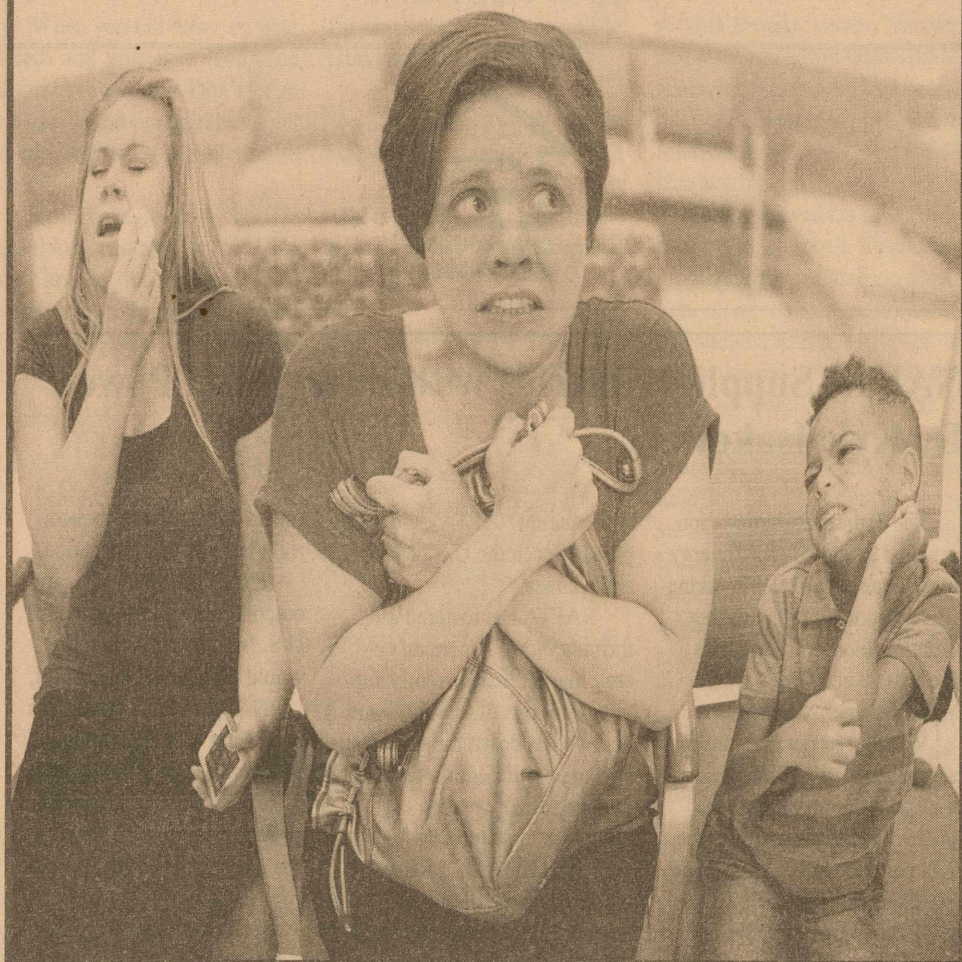


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Jude 7a -- As Sodom and Gomorrah, and the cities about them in like manner, giving themselves over to fornication, and going after strange flesh.

(AMERICA OPEN THE DOORS OF THE DEVIL; ON EVERYONE HAS RIGHTS; TO DO WHAT THEY WANT; EVEN IF IT'S WRONG!!!-- WHERE ARE THE CHURCHES???-- PLAYING CHURCH!!!-- WITH PASTORS AND WIFE'S CHURCH'S ANNIVERSARY!!!)

There are many people: **WITH WHAT'S CALLED BIG PROBLEMS OF TODAY.**

They're now **COMMITTING SUICIDE; EVEN BLACKS; SAY, THAT IS THE ONLY WAY!!!**

***** BLACKS AND THEIR RIGHTS; TO SUICIDE; LIKE THE WHITES!!!*****

John 14:6 -- Jesus said, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man come unto the Father but by Me.

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(THE KILLINGS AT THE SCHOOLS; THE DRIVE-BY KILLINGS; THE FATHERS KILLING THEIR FAMILY; THE WOMAN DRIVES HIS FAMILY OFF THE CLIFF; THE VEGAS KILLINGS; THE MAIL BOMBING KILLINGS. THE HATEFUL HEARTS; EVERYBODY NEEDS JESUS IN THEIR LIVES; NOT MY RIGHTS!!! EVERYONE HAS A RIGHT TO COME TO JESUS!!!)

Matthew 11:28-30 -- Jesus said, come unto me, all you that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke **(THE BIBLE)** upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and you shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke **(THE BIBLE)** is easy, and my burden is light.

All mankind needs to do: **HUMBLE THEMSELVES; GET ON THEIR KNEES AND PRAY.---GOD KNOWS IT ALL; ---AND KNOWS WHAT YOU'RE GOING TO SAY.**

Jeremiah 23:23-24 -- The Lord said, Am I a God at hand, and not a God afar off?

Can any hide himself in secret place that I shall not see him? Said the Lord. Do I not fill heaven and earth?

So **HE OR SHE CAN SAY: YA'KEYM;OK UDH'SNDJ OJSI-- WHAT SOME CALLS SPEAKING IN UNKNOWN TONGUES;-- KNOW MATTER HOW ONE SPEAKS; GOD KNOWS YOUR HEART; AND KNOW WHERE YOU'RE COMING FROM!!!**

1 Samuel 16:7b, -- For the Lord sees not as man see; for man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart.

Many don't **KNOW JESUS; HE'S THE ONLY DOCTOR; KNOWN THROUGH OUT THE WORLD.--HE'LL SOLVE ALL YOUR PROBLEMS; FOR MEN, WOMAN, BOYS AND GIRLS!!!**

John 3:16 -- Jesus said, For God so love the world, that he gave his only begotten Son **(JESUS)**, that whosoever **(THAT'S YOU)** believe in him **(JESUS)** should not perish, But have everlasting life.

IN THIS WORLD'S HOG PEN, PEOPLE SAY THEIR LIFE IS HARD. BUT THE WAY TO JESUS IS EASY;-- JUST HAVE A TALK WITH GOD!!!

Isaiah 1:18 -- Come now, and let us reason together, said the Lord: thou your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool.

PRaise GOD FOR ALL HE DOES FOR EACH OF US!

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 where the proud, Rev. Canady, teaches what the Word really is!'

Sunday morning services begun with our Superintendent, Sister Barbara Johnson, presiding. Sunday School prepares us for this journey each day.

The subject of our lesson for April 8, 2018, was "Taking Directions." The scripture text was John 21:1-14.

John 21:1 -- "After these things Jesus showed himself again to the disciples at the sea of Tiberias; and on this wise showed he himself.

Verse 2 -- There were together Simon Peter, and Thomas called Didymus, and Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, and the sons of Zebedee, and two other of his disciples.

The Sunday morning devotion was conducted by Sister

Barbara Johnson and Rev. Michael Menton. What a time we had!!

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

The morning sermon was delivered by Rev. Michael Menton. His subject was "Sending A Message To God." His scripture text was Proverb 3:5-6. What an informative message it was.

The morning announcements were read and explained by Sister Shirley Canady, our hard working First Lady, who always does an outstanding job. Praise God for her!!

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

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

As we always say, when God's people come together, it's just amazing on what is accomplished. We give all the Praise to what God has allowed us to

do collectively. It's just amazing. Bible Study is also held on Wednesday evening at 6:00 p. m.

It's just a wonderful opportunity when we sit down together and study God's Word together. If you haven't attended a Bible Study, then you are missing a valuable opportunity. Not only are you missing something, but the knowledge and your many experiences in life will help someone in attendance.

If you are looking for a Church Home, then come and visit St. Matthew Baptist Church, 2020 East 14th Street. Our pastor is Rev. Edward Canady. Pastor Canady and members would love to meet you.

Let us remember our sick and shut in. Among them are Sister Ethel Williams and Brother Herman Wilson.

Our Thought For The Week"
Lord, open my eyes and my heart to be honest about my attitude toward those who are unkind and unfair to me. Fill my heart with your love, Lord, and help me pray for them."

HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF LUBBOCK ANNOUNCES A PUBLIC HEARING

DATE: June 18, 2018
 TIME: 5:00 p. m.
 PLACE: 1708 Crickets Ave. Lubbock, TX 79401

The purpose of the hearing is to obtain input from the city residents in reference to the Annual Plan Submission and the Capital Fund Program Five-Year Action Plan being submitted to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for fiscal year beginning October 1 2018. Total funds being allocated for the year are estimated at \$1,087,254 for Operating Funds and \$658,789 for Capital Funds. The Annual Plan includes proposed changes to the Admissions and Continued Occupancy Policy (ACOP) and the Section 8 Administrative Plan. Those changes are outlined in the Annual Plan and will be a part of the Public Hearing. All residents are encouraged to attend this hearing. The Plan will be available for review beginning April 30, 2018 during regular business hours prior to the public hearing at the addresses below. Persons can also submit written comments prior to the public hearing to:

Housing Authority of the City of Lubbock Central Office 1708 Crickets Avenue Lubbock, TX 79401	Cherry Point Office 1329 E. 19 th Lubbock, TX 79403	36 South Office 1318 52 nd C Lubbock, TX 79412
Behner Place Office 4215 36 th Lubbock, TX 79413	Mary Myers Office 5421 Utica Lubbock, TX 79413	96 West Office 2410 Frankford Lubbock, TX 79407
Lubbock Housing Authority website : lubbockha.org		

For further information please call Mike Chapman, Executive Director at (806)762-1191



Opening Section 8 Waitlist

Lubbock Housing Authority is opening the Section 8 Voucher Waitlist and will begin distributing and receiving applications on April 19, 2018 at 7:00 A.M. Applications may be obtained in person at 1708 Crickets Avenue, Lubbock, TX 79401 or from the Housing Authority website at lubbockha.org. The Waitlist will remain open until further notice. Applications must be submitted in person at:

1708 Crickets Avenue, Lubbock, TX 79401.

This is not a lottery and applicants with completed applications will be placed on the Waitlist on a first-come, first-served basis. If you are a person with disabilities that limit your ability to participate in this process, please contact the Lubbock Housing Authority to request a reasonable accommodation.



NAFTA Supplies America with Energy and Power By Kyle Isakower

The Trump Administration unveiled an agenda for "energy dominance" shortly after taking office, promising to curb the global influence of countries like Russia and China with American energy exports. Whether or not the administration succeeds will depend a great deal on ongoing trade talks with Canada and Mexico. U.S. negotiators continue to negotiate terms to modernize the North American Free Trade

Agreement (NAFTA), the trade pact between the U.S., Mexico, and Canada. NAFTA has fostered a thriving North American energy market that currently supports millions of U.S. jobs and keeps costs down for American consumers. If negotiators agree to eliminate or weaken NAFTA's Investor-State Dispute Settlement (ISDS), we would open the door for Chinese and Russian energy inter-

ests to exert their influence right here in North America. That's a national security outcome that no proponent of U.S. "energy dominance" would understand or support. NAFTA eliminated tariffs on several oil and natural gas products between the United States, Canada, and Mexico. In so doing, it has enabled each of our nations to benefit from one

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2018 Black History Month Art Exhibition Caviel Museum of African American History

1719 Avenue A Lubbock, Texas

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Exhibition: West Meets West: Illuminated Figures
Artists: Alex Bostic and Patrick Quarm

Exhibition Dates: February 2 - April 30, 2018

Contact Info: If you want to view the ART:
Shirley Green Cosby Mortin
Linda Strong

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Words can't really express how we feel about your valuable support. We are most appreciative. May God continue to bless each of you!~

Your Attendance has been outstanding this and much more!!

Obsequies

Mary Ann Hall

Funeral services were held for Mary Ann Hall on Thursday afternoon, March 22, 2018, at the Victory In Praise Church.

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

Mary, age 56 of Lubbock, Texas, passed away Wednesday, March 14, 2018.

Mary was born on April 25, 1961 to L. C. Mondine and Magaree Bloom Mondine in Bryant Texas.

She worked for the schools and as a healthcare provider.

Mary leaves to cherish her memory; mother, Magaree Mondine; two daughters, Quantasha McKnight (Gary) and Courtney Clayton (Terrence); five broth-



ers, Lonnie Mondine, Dean Mondine Barry Mondine, Brandon Mondine, and Lonnie Turner; six grandchildren; five great grandchildren; a host of other relatives and friends.

Lillian Johnson, Jr.

Slaton, Texas -- Funeral services were held for Lillian Johnson, Jr. on Friday afternoon, April 6, 2018, at the Griffin Mortuary Chapel.

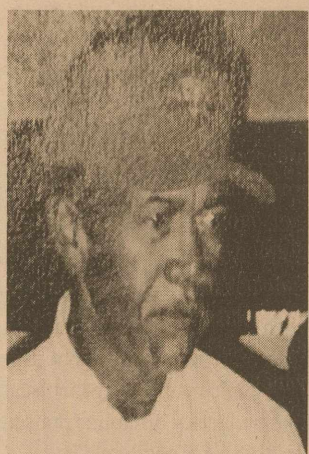
Interment followed in the City of Lubbock Cemetery under the direction of Griffin Mortuary & Funeral Home of Lubbock.

Lillian, age 81 of Slaton, Texas, passed away Sunday, April 1, 2018.

Lillian was born to the parentage of Lillian and Naomi Johnson in Paris, Texas on May 20, 1936.

He worked as a laborer with the City of Slaton until his retirement.

Lillian leaves to cherish his memory; two daughters, Rose Marie Johnson and Denise Adkins (Johnnie); four sisters,



Katherine Terry, Laura Johnson, Thelma Cook, and Fannie Johnson; two brothers, Willie Johnson and Wayne Johnson; three grandchildren, Keava Adkins, Johnnie Adkins, III, and Janna Adkins; a host of other relatives and friends.

Steven Rene Cortez

Funeral services for Steven Rene Cortez were held on Saturday afternoon, March 31, 2018, at EL SOL LATINO.

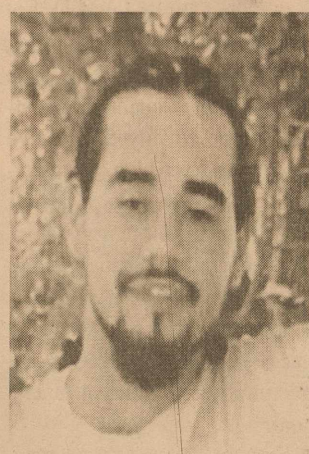
Interment followed in the City of Lubbock Cemetery under the direction of Griffin Mortuary & Funeral Home of Lubbock.

Steven, age 20 of Lubbock, Texas, passed away Friday, March 23, 2018.

Steven was born April 29, 1997 to Pete Ramos, V and Sandra Cortez.

Steven loved his son more than life itself. Steven will be missed and loved by all who knew him.

Steven leaves to cherish his memory; his parents, Pete Ramos, V and Sandra Cortez; one son, Sigfredo Cortez; five sisters, Molly Pardo, Brianna



Gonzales, Dezarey Ramos, Bre-sis Castillo, and Cherish Maze; seven brothers, Jamie Cortez, Matthew Pardo, Orlando Olivarez, Pete Ramos, VI, Brandon Morin, Ismeal Benitez, and Akahi Maze; a host of other relatives and friends.

Sharon Ford

McKinney, Texas -- Sharon Denise Ford, transitioned to her Heavenly Reward on March 28, 2018. Sharon lived in McKinney, Texas and was employed by the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas for 25 years. The celebration of life services were held in the Greater St. Luke Baptist Church. Sharon will rest till the General Resurrection in the City of Lubbock Cemetery.

The family entusted the dignified and graceful care of the final rites to Ossie Curry's Funeral Home.

Corry LaFrance Mims

Funeral services for Corry LaFrance Mims were held on Monday morning, April 9, 2018, at the New Hope Baptist Church with Rev. Larry Polk, pastor, as Eulogist.

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

Corry, 75 of Lubbock, Texas, passed away on Wednesday, April 4, 2018.

Corry was born on September 26, 1942 to the parentage of Sam Coats and Bessie Mae Washington.

Corry worked for over 30 years at Dillards Department Store.

Her family moved to Lamesa, Texas where she graduated from high school in October, 1960. Corry and Thomas were married for 56 years.

Corry leaves to cherish her



memories: a daughter, Pamela Nimer (Willie); five sons; Don Mims (Elaine), Thomas Mims, Jr., Ronald Mims, Richard Mims (LaVonna), and Kirby Mims (Phyllis); sister, Phyllis Leonard; brother, Eric Jackson (Darlene); seventeen grandchildren, fourteen great-grandchildren, a host of other relatives and friends.

Mickie Sifuentes

Funeral services were held for Mickie Sifuentes on Wednesday morning, April 11, 2018, at the San Jose Catholic Church in Crosbyton, Texas.

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

Mickie, age 57 of Lubbock, Texas, passed away Wednesday, March 28, 2018.

Mickie was born January 7, 1961 to Prudencio Sifuentes Sneed and Dolores Sifuentes.

She enjoyed playing pool, bingo, and watching the Dallas Cowboys.

Mickie leaves to cherish her memory; her parents, Prudencio Sifuentes Sneed and Dolores Sifuentes; longtime friend, James; one son, Juan Jose Zuniga (JJ); stepson, Pete Chavez, Jr.; three

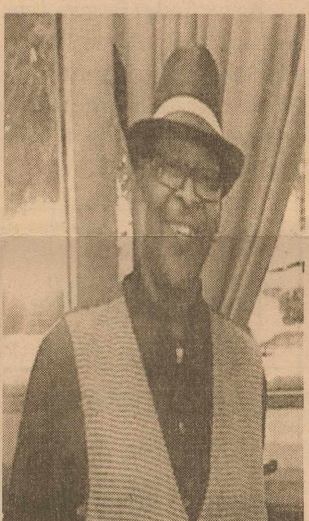


sisters, Mary Clevenger, Christy Garcia, and Delores Sifuentes; four brothers, Jr. Sifuentes, Jimmy Sifuentes, Tommy Sifuentes, and Roy Gorostiza; two grandchildren, four great grandchildren; a host of other relatives and friends.

Jerry Wayne Turner

Plano, Texas -- Funeral services for Jeerry Wayne Turner were held on Monday morning, April 9, 2018, at the Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church with the Dr. Isaiah Joshua as the Eulogist.

Interment followed in the Plano Mutual Cemetery under the direction of Heavenly Gate



Funeral Service of Plano. Jerry, age 59 of Plano, Texas, passed away Tuesday, April 3, 2018.

Jerry was born on June 28, 1958 in Lubbock, Texas. He was the eldest son of Jim Austin Turner, Jr. and Clara Mae Turner.

Jerry is preceded in death by his mother, Clara Mae Turner, and brother, Dewey Ray Turner.

He leaves to cherish his memories: his wife, Irma Jean Clayton-Turner; two children, Jerry Turner, Jr. and Ashley Jarvis; his father, Jim Austin Turner, Jr. of Lubbock, Texas; four sisters: Connie Louis Westbrook, Cynthia Ann Washington (WM), Deloris Jean Turner and Phyllis Denise Turner Warren; one brother, Darrell Glen Turner (Pamela); 8 grandchildren, and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives, and friends who loved him dearly.

Jerry received his formal education in Lubbock, Texas and graduated from Estacado High School where was an outstanding student athlete. Estacado is where he fell in love with the trade of welding. Jerry was a welder by trade for over 40 years, but was truly the glue that held his family together. Jerry stood on the strength of his beliefs and faith. He was a praying man that carried the torch of a husband, father, uncle, brother, and friend. He had a heart of gold and a gift of giving. If he had a dollar, he would give you fifty cents. He was an influential youth football coach and mentor to many. Jerry loved his wife, Irma, more than any word, whispered, or spoken.

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New Light Baptist Church

3013 Idalou Road Rev. Kenneth O. Jackson, Pastor
Lubbock, Texas 79403

On Sunday morning, March 25, 2018, church services got under way at the New Light Baptist Church, 3013 Idalou Road, with a lot of spirit. The proud pastor is the Rev. Kenneth O. Jackson. What a morning, it was!

Church School begun at 10:10 a. m. with Superintendent Sister Alvera Johnson teaching the morning lesson.

The morning worship started at 11:00 a. m. with the Praise Team leading the way. There was the testimonial period where several members testified. All gave praises to the Lord for what He has done or is doing things in their lives. The responsive reading came from Psalm 121:1-8. The altar call was led by Sister Johnson with the congregation singing, "O' How I Love Jesus." What a time, it was!

The morning announcements were read by Sister Linda Green. She also told of all the upcoming which will be taking place in Lubbock.

The morning offering was taken up by appointees.

The Choir sung several selections which were: "O' How I Love Jesus," "Sign Me Up", and "Thank You Lord." The theme song, "Amazing Grace," was sung.

With Pastor Jackson being absent, Sister Angela Mosley spoke to the congregation on the subject, "Let Go And Let God!" Her printed scripture text came from Ephesians 4:31-32 and Proverbs 3:5-6.

We need to let things go and let God have his way. We all have things that are holding on too. Why? Just let them go.

Think about when they were doing Jesus wrong, all He did

was say, Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.

When you ask God to forgive you, He will make your enemy your foot stool. What are you mad for? Stop holding on to things which doesn't concern you. Get to know Christ for yourself. You can't move forward, because you are holding on to things that doesn't matter.

Start taking that mess you don't need away and talk with the Lord. When you live like you live, you belong to God, He'll take care of you. Especially when you know that you know. Be not deceived, God is not mocked. What so ever a man sow that shall he also reap. Why hold on to things you can't control.

When you fall down on your knees and give it to God. You don't have to worry. Don't let go of things and reach back to get them. Surrender completely to God!!

Smile because of the fact, He rose! Let it go and let God. No one knows but you and God, what you go through on a daily basis. If it hadn't been for the Lord on our side where would

we be?

Let go and God steps in things will fall in place. Whatever goes on in your life, let go and let God handle it. Look in your rear view mirror. All we have to do is let go and let God!!

You can't focus on God, because you are too worried about everything. Trust in the Lord and do good. Let the Lord fill you up from top to bottom.

The God we serve is bigger and stronger than anything. We serve a good God that can and will do all things. If you let go and let God, He will take care of everything. We don't have to be shackled by chains. God is in control in whatever you go through. Let go and let God!

God has a purpose and plan for us if we just let go and let Him handle it!

The selection sung after the sermon was "Jesus Keep Me."

Thought For The Week:
(Be encouraged no matter what is going on in or around your life.)

HAVE A BLESS AND PROSPEROUS WEEK!!

DEAR LORD,

Having a loved one pass on is difficult. It makes us confront the reality that our life here is fragile. I pray for everyone who hurts from losing a loved one and the emotional pain they feel. May You comfort them with Your peace and cover them with Your love. I pray You would send them encouragement daily and ease the feeling of loss or loneliness by sending people into their lives to be near. I pray for Your will to be done in our lives in Jesus' name AMEN!

He will render to each one according to His works: to those who by patience in well-doing, seek for glory and honor and immortality, He will give eternal life. Romans 2:6-7

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The City of Lubbock Maintains AA+ Bond Rating

The City of Lubbock has maintained its AA+ bond rating with a stable outlook. This is the second highest quality bond rating a municipality can receive and represents a high credit worthiness with low risk of default.

The rating reflects the opinions of both S&P Global Ratings and Fitch Ratings agencies. Each agency uses independent methodology to evaluate a municipality's credit worthiness, and both praised the City of Lubbock for very strong management and fiscal policies, strong budgetary performance and flexibility, and very strong liquidity.

"Our financial house is in good order," Mayor Dan Pope said. "This rating combined with our most recent audit show that City leaders are dedicated to fiscal responsibility. With continued determination, I believe we will reach the best bond rating of AAA."

S&P Global Ratings noted that the City of Lubbock maintains "very strong management, with 'strong' financial policies

and practices under our Financial Management Assessment (FMA) methodology." Fitch Ratings commended the City's expenditure framework, noting that the City's "solid expenditure flexibility is derived from management's prudent budgeting practices," and "Fitch expects growth-related spending demands to be matched by revenue gains, keeping their trajectories generally aligned over time."

"The City Council has provided clear direction on the budgetary goals," City Manager Jarrett Atkinson said. "Staff continues to focus on lowering debt, while maintaining quality services to keep the City's financial outlook strong."

Both S&P and Fitch mentioned that overall debt is the primary factor keeping the City from the "AAA" rating. However, as S&P states, "approximately 71.6% of the direct debt is scheduled to be repaid within 10 years, which is in our view a positive credit factor," indicating that management's current push towards reasonably cash funding

projects, vehicles, and equipment puts the City on the path towards an improved credit rating.

"The AA+ ratings from both agencies affirms that the City continues to progress in the right direction," Chief Financial Officer Blu Kostelich said. "We will maintain our approach in using cash on hand whenever practical to further reduce our debt profile, while maintaining the fiscal and budgetary discipline praised by both S&P and Fitch."

Links to the full reports from S&P Global Ratings and Fitch Ratings are below:

Texas Housers Arrives in Lubbock

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Director, Christina Rosales, at (956)285-8350 or our Northwest Texas Co-Director, Adam Pirtle, at (817)944-0132. You can also email us at christina@texas-housing.org or adam@texas-housing.org. We look forward to hearing from you.

Community Development Minor Rehabilitation Program Spring 2018 Open Enrollment

April 2 - April 27, 2018

The Minor Rehabilitation programs assists qualified homeowners who are on limited or fixed incomes with repairs to their homes. The program focuses on bringing the structure up to standard building code and securing any existing health or safety issues as determined by an authorized Construction Inspection specialist.

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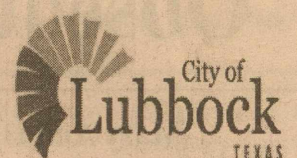
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Minimum Program Requirements

- Home must be owner-occupied for at least 1 year. Owner must provide a Warranty Deed
- Property taxes must be current
- At least one person in household must be elderly (age 62 or older), disabled or handicapped.
- Household must meet income eligibility guidelines (see below)
- Home cannot be located in a Flood Zone

# in Household	Maximum Total Household Income
1	\$ 32,800
2	\$ 37,450
3	\$42,150
4	\$ 46,800
5	\$ 50,550
6	\$ 54,300
7	\$ 58,050
8	\$ 61,800

Jerry Wayne Turner

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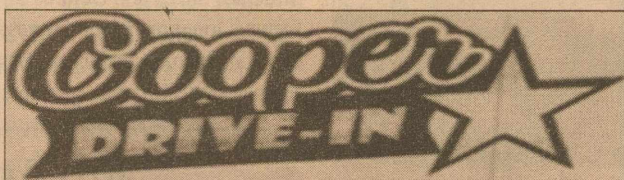
Jerry was known for his lively personality, contagious smile, and legendary stories. His ability to slam a domino, smack talk about the Cowboys, grill a rib, smother chicken with 30 weight gravy, and flip a pancake with a crispy edge made him that one person everyone wanted to be around. He feared nothing and no one other than God. He would always say, "I am bar-none, I'll fight old folks, little kids, handicaps, paraplegics." If you knew Jerry, you would know this would never happen, because he never met a stranger and would give anyone the shirt off his back.

Active Casket Bearers were: Andre Turner, Darrio Turner, Jonathan Warren, Tomarick Westbrook, Derrick Floyd, Melvin Johnson, Darnell Jarvis, and Sidney Clayton.

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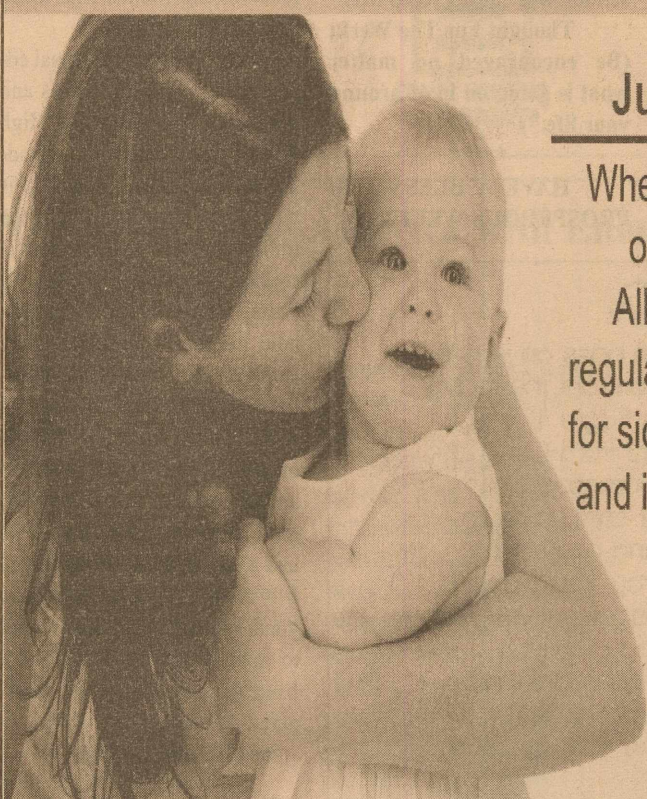
May all children
In the world
Share love
Share friendship and live
In the peace
Of God's love
Now and forever. Amen



Bless this day
all that I might see,
all that I might hear,
all that I might smell,
all that I might say.
Bless this day
all that I might comfort,
all that I might help,
all that I might guide.
Bless this day.

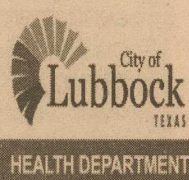
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NAFTA Supplies America

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another's considerable energy resources and technical capacities.

Consider America's relationship with Mexico. The United States is a net importer of crude oil from Mexico. Yet much of that product is refined in American facilities and exported back to Mexico. In fact, Mexico receives roughly a fifth of all refined petroleum product exports from the United States.

Our southern neighbor is also a significant and growing importer of American natural gas, accounting for a whopping 60.2 percent of America's natural gas exports. Meanwhile, Canada accounts for 61 percent of America's crude oil exports and approximately a third of natural gas exports.

This economic relationship has been enormously beneficial for Americans. The U.S. Chamber of Commerce recently estimated that trade with Canada

and Mexico supports nearly 14 million American jobs.

NAFTA has also helped to create a built-in advantage for the U.S. to access Mexico's newly opened energy market. US companies won 15% of the 47 blocks awarded to foreign investors since 2015, while companies from Russia and China combined won 13% of these blocks.

This could change quickly if NAFTA falls apart. By 2030, America's diminished role in Mexico's energy economy could force that nation to rely more on investment from Russia and China.

That's precisely what happened after America ceased to be the biggest investor in Venezuela's oil sector. Within a few years, China and Russia had swooped in, loaning the nation \$60 billion to strengthen its energy industry.

In a post-NAFTA world, Mexico could easily shift to using funds from Russia and China to dramatically increase

its own production and refining capacity, and making it less reliant on the United States as a result.

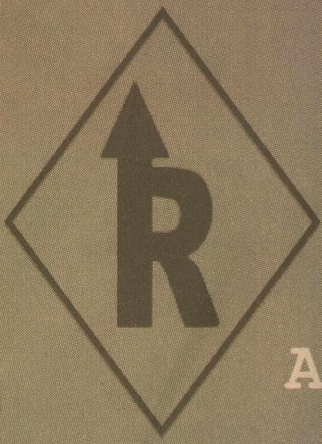
Fortunately, U.S. trade representatives can avoid that scenario by ensuring that NAFTA is not only preserved, but strengthened. Ideally, a renegotiated trade pact would maintain an open energy market between the United States, Mexico, and Canada by making NAFTA permanent and strengthening ISDS.

Today's vibrant, integrated North American energy market has served Americans well for years, while also keeping our nation's global energy rivals at bay. Failing to preserve NAFTA would leave America less prosperous, less secure, and less influential around the world.

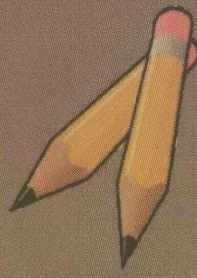
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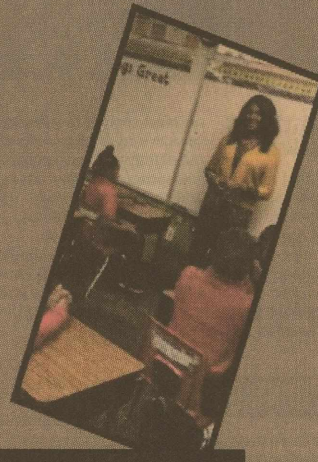
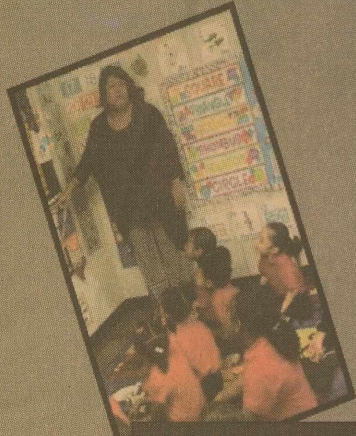
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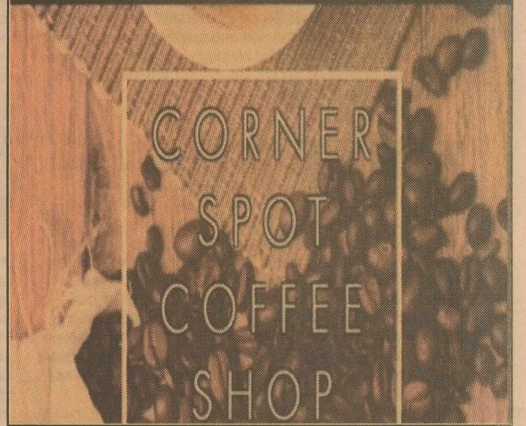
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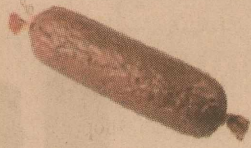


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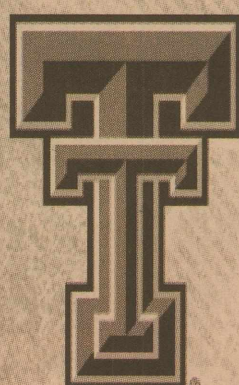
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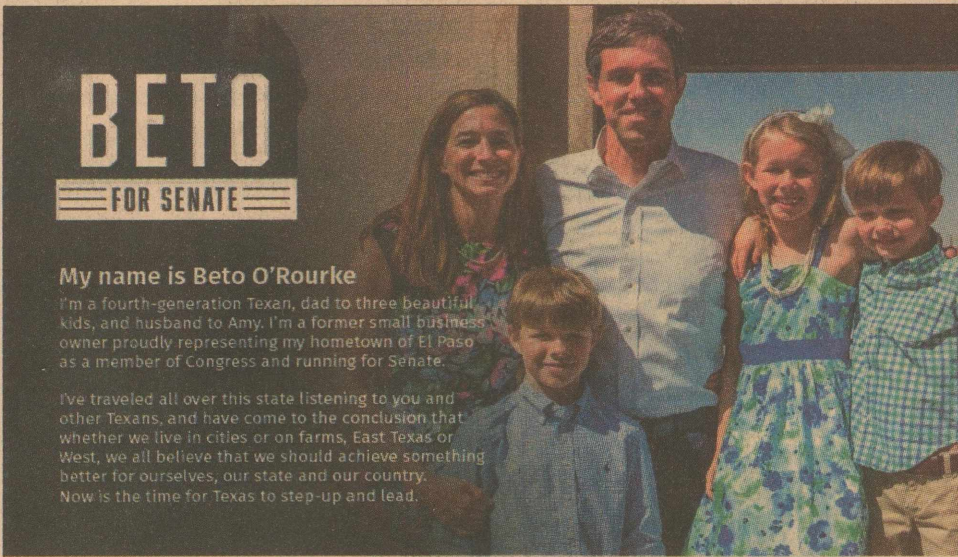


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I'm a fourth-generation Texan, dad to three beautiful kids, and husband to Amy. I'm a former small business owner proudly representing my hometown of El Paso as a member of Congress and running for Senate.

I've traveled all over this state listening to you and other Texans, and have come to the conclusion that whether we live in cities or on farms, East Texas or West, we all believe that we should achieve something better for ourselves, our state and our country. Now is the time for Texas to step-up and lead.

JOBS Every Texan deserves the opportunity to do more than just "get by". We must connect those out of work with the high value jobs being created right here in Texas by investing in training, certification, and apprenticeship programs. Let's reduce the wage gap between the rich and working poor and ensure access to meaningful employment for every Texan. Being born to modest means should not preclude anyone from the American dream.

HEALTHCARE Healthcare is a right, not a privilege. To ensure all Texans have access to healthcare they can count on, we must remove politics and special interests from healthcare to improve the Affordable Care Act, stabilize our insurance markets, and lower premiums and prescription drug costs. Across the state I'm listening to patients, doctors, and the uninsured to hear how we can make the system better for everyone. We want our parents and our children to be healthy, productive and successful. This is much more likely when they have access to the healthcare they need. A universal health care system for all Americans is the only way to ensure that everyone who needs to see a doctor is able to see a doctor -- preventatively, consistently and with real continuity of care.

IMMIGRATION Immigrants should have a lawful, earned path to citizenship. We are a country founded by immigrants, refugees and asylum seekers who all helped define and sustain the American dream. Immigrants help our state and country grow strong, safe and prosperous.

EDUCATION Students should have access to great schools with strong local leadership and great teachers. We should focus our resources on talent development and retention so that every student has access to quality teachers who are focused on their students and not a standardized test. Taxpayer dollars should be spent on improving our public schools and empowering our public school teachers, and we should stop any attempt to move public tax dollars to private schools in the form of vouchers. Students should be given opportunities to excel beyond secondary education. This includes making higher education affordable and accessible to all Texans by reauthorizing vital Pell Grants and Perkins Loans.

VETERANS We must commit to give every veteran and servicemember the dignity and support they've earned. That begins with ensuring that every veteran can receive access to quality healthcare, timely resolutions to their disability claims and appeals, and sustainable housing. Most importantly, our commitment to veterans should begin with ending the veteran suicide epidemic. Twenty veterans a day take their own lives - it should be our first priority to ensure these veterans get the help they need, including those with other-than-honorable discharges.

ACCOUNTABILITY We must restore accountability to Washington and place term limits on every member of Congress. We must get big money out of our democracy and end political gerrymandering. I want to represent constituents, not corporations, which is why I won't take any PAC money, and introduced legislation that would require other politicians to do the same. I believe in complete accountability and transparency of our elected officials. That is why I will hold a public town hall meeting every single month in Texas.

NATIONAL SECURITY For too long, Congress has avoided its responsibility to provide oversight for the wars the U.S. is fighting around the world. Our service members, whose lives are on the line for this country, should be supported with a coherent strategy -- and a definition of victory -- for the seemingly endless wars that we have been fighting in the greater Middle East for the last 26 years. If we are to continue to put our military in harm's way, Congress owes the American people a debate and vote to give guidance to our military on who we should be fighting and where. Congress must improve transparency to ensure the American people know the true costs of war, including American lives lost.

This campaign isn't about big headlines (although they're nice!); it's about people. And that's why we've centered our organizing program on meaningful, in-person conversations - neighbors talking to neighbors about Beto's grassroots campaign.

When the going gets tough (and against Ted Cruz, you know it will), all the good press in the world isn't going to help us. We need a resilient grassroots team that's built strong relationships with voters all over Texas and ready to deliver

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