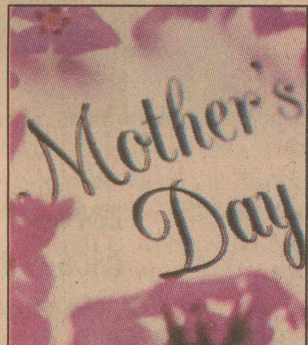
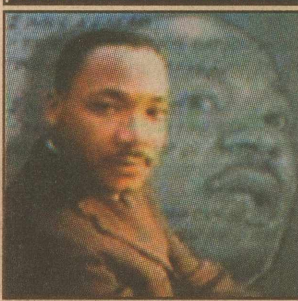


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Lubbock Voters Will Elect A Mayor On Saturday, May 5, 2018

The voters of Lubbock will go to the polls on Saturday, May 5, 2018, and elect a Mayor for the City of Lubbock. The polls will open at 7:00 a. m. and close at 7:00 p. m.

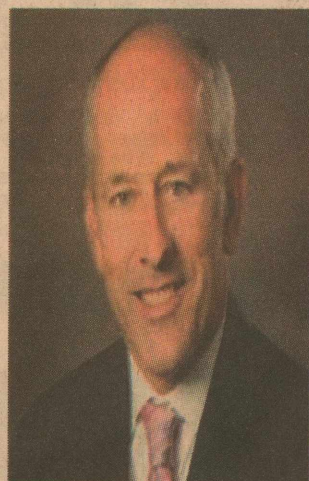
This is a Nonpartisan election. The Mayor's position is a two year term which will end in 2020. This election term will have three citizens competing for the two year term.

Those seeking the position of Mayor for the City of Lubbock, Texas are: Jonathan Cothran, Dan Pope, and Stephen Sanders.

Jonathan Cothran



Dan Pope



Stephen Sanders



"It was announced on Thursday, Feb. 15 that the Public Utility Commission of Texas recommended some minor detail changes for Lubbock to be approved to join the Electric Reliability Council of Texas, according to a city news release. This would mean introducing retail competition to the city, something both Cothran and Pope agree with."

"The Police Department needs new police buildings to conduct operations. Our current budget does not allow for the development of new police stations without a tax increase. In order to avoid that, I believe a federal grant from the Department of Justice would be highly appropriate for our police department and the invaluable work they do for the community."

"There needs to be more in Lubbock. I would like to see downtown turn into a nest of public services that compliment low income populations. I also want to see two old jailhouses turned into a music venue. At that point, Lubbock will have a worldwide landmark downtown."

"I will bring my record as a fiscal conservative and my common sense approach to city government. In simple words that means working and operating within our budget."

"Our efforts to bring water from Lake Alan Henry while at the same time acquiring ground water in Roberts and Bailey Counties have helped to created long-term water solutions. There is more work to be done in this area. We must explore ways to re-use treated water. This water source is cheaper and more sustainable."

"Markets thrive when government implements good policy (not too much of it), removes barriers and gets out of the way of our free enterprise system. The city of Lubbock has a role in partnering with Texas Tech, LCU, Wayland, SPC, K-12 education and the private sector to create the environment where businesses can grow. This will allow us to retain more of the talented young men and women who thrive in our schools."

"Downtown should be a great place to work, live and enjoy life."

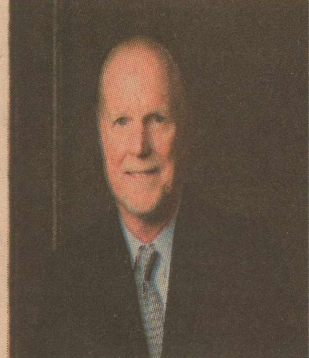
"Stephen Sanders was born in Lubbock, Texas and resided here his whole life except for when he left to serve in the United States Army. Stephen is a Christian man of faith and values. He believes that unconditional service and love outweighs anything negative.

His vision to become a community servant came from his first homeless vision. Stephen organized a Peace Rally, with over 2,000 participants, and fed the homeless with a fellowship service in the downtown area. Stephen Sanders also utilizes his music platform to engage in volunteer activities with the Lubbock Housing Authority, CASA of Lubbock, Young Life, and various churches around Lubbock.

Stephen Sanders parents always taught him the values of loving and serving people, and those traits definitely resonated in his heart. His mother, Ruby Travenia, was an ambassador for the Lubbock Housing Authority who recently retired. His father, P. J. Sanders, retired from the United States Navy as a backbone Chief.

Lubbock Independent School District's School Board Candidates

The election of the members of the Lubbock Independent School District Board of Trustees will be held on Saturday, May 5, 2018. Those candidates who are seeking to be elected are as follows:



Wesley Robinson
District 3



Benjamin Webb
District 3



Wesley Robinson
District 4 - Unopposed



Art Martin
At Large Seat



Amanda Banks
At Large Seat



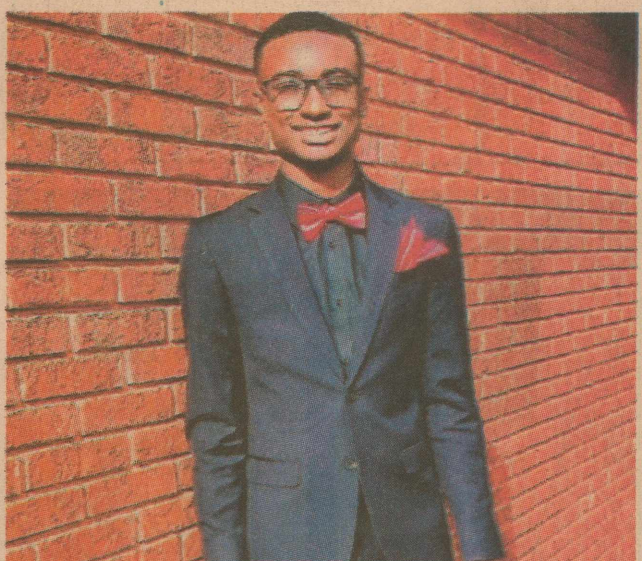
Beth Bridges
At Large Seat



Incumbent Zach Brady
At Large Special Election

On Saturday, May 5th, 2018 registered voters will be able to cast their election day ballots at any of the Vote Centers from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Domonick Terrell Sandifer Will Graduate May 26, 2018



Domonick Terrell Sandifer

Domonick Terrell Sandifer will be graduating from Alcovy High School in Covington, Georgia on Saturday afternoon, May 26, 2018, at 3:00 p. m.

The Commencement will take place at the Springfield Baptist Church where the pastor is Rev. Eric Wendel Lee, Sr. The location of the church is: 1877 Fox Drive in Conyers, Georgia.

Domonick was born in downtown Atlanta, Georgia, and is the only son of Tammy F. Sandifer. He is the grandson of Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth W. Stewart of Macon, Georgia; and great-grandson. All ladies are native of West Texas.

This young man will be attending Valdosta State University in Valdosta, Georgia. He will be pursuing a career as a political analyst with future goals of becoming a scheduler for major airlines.

A host of family and friends will be journeying to Atlanta, Georgia to share in this most joyous and heartfelt occasion. It would be an outstanding opportunity to send this young man off to an amazing start by mailing him congratulating notes to his home at 135 Oak Hill Drive, Covington, Georgia 30016.

Congratulations, Domonick Terrell Sandifer!!

Lubbock Man, Thomas McLin, Is Making Plans To Bring His Boot Business Back

A Lubbock man, Thomas McLin, begun designing boots in 2007. He has not reached the goal he has set, but understands that in life one cannot give up if he really believes in what he is attempting to accomplish.

It was on April 7, 2010 that the Lubbock Avlanche-Journal

did a feature in his boot designing business. The photo below was develop by the Avlanche-Journal.

The Southwest Digest is in business to help those who are in a posture to fall short of their goals. It would be a very positive posture if some of readers

would advise McLin you believe in what he knows he can overcome. Write him at: Southwest Digest, P. O. Box 2553, Lubbock, Texas 79408. He'll tell you the late Willie Lusk who was his childhood hero.

"We can bounce back and make it happen" said McLin.



Thomas McLin has the ability to utilize his knowledge to develop Cowboy Boots. He says he's determine to make it happen. He appreciates your support and prayers.

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.

* If you have an announcement about your organization, please advise by calling (806) 762-3612 or e-mail swdigest@sbcglobal.net.

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

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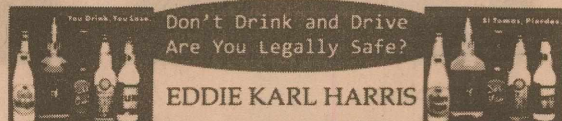


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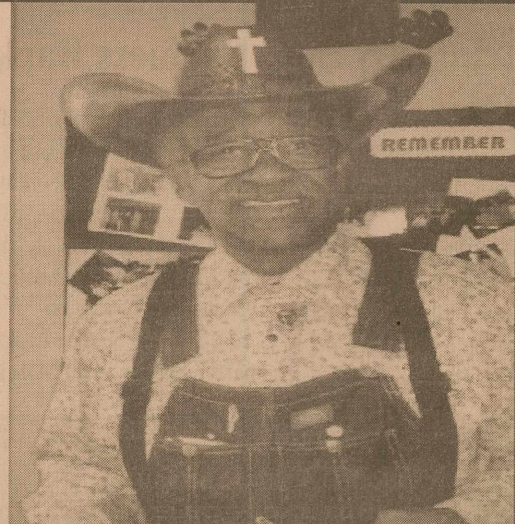
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Bring a lunch and enjoy TED Talk videos followed by a discussion. This month's videos are Bob Stein: "A Rite of Passage for Late Life" and Amishi Jha: "How to tame your wandering mind".

SHORT STORY BOOK CLUB - New!

Tuesday, May 15, 2:30 pm, Free, Ages 50+
Join us for great discussions on our short story of the month. Short stories will be checked out during the monthly reading period. May's short story will be The Nine Billion Names of God by Arthur C. Clarke.

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In Cinque

By Renetta Howard

SYRIA AND WAR

It only took a few minutes after the news of airstrikes by the United States at the command of President Donald Trump that the media, and especially Facebook, was I seeing comments about World War III. Hopefully, along with the rest of the sane world, we felt that it was not true and prayed that it was not so.

It does not take panic long to settle in and of course I had to find out more about what was happening as it had only been a few days ago that I had glimpsed at an article in the news pertaining to Putin wanting vengeance for Russian spies killed in Europe because of being exposed for their actions. That information coupled with a US airstrike did not sit well in my mind. I later read that the airstrike on Syria was a combined effort of Great Britain, France and the United States and that it was not a lone act of the President of the United States. That was some relief, but as a person opposed to war entirely, it is still a bad situation. (Wikipedia, 2018)

According to history, Syria has been involved in a civil war since 2011. The people protested peacefully in the provinces against the government and were brutally suppressed which was followed by some concessions which still left some unrest and a full-scale civil war. The fighting continued until there was a chemical attack on August 21, 2013 which led President Obama to the brink of military intervention, but he pulled back when Russia made a deal with Syria to give up its chemical stockpile of weapons. The conflict continued and terrorist group invaded Syria until the United States did launch some airstrikes in 2014 when Russia intervened on behalf of Syria.

The fighting continued and by February 19, 2018 the Syrian government backed by Russia launched major attacks against rebels and the United Nations' Security Council called for a 30 day ceasefire to allow civilians to flee and aid to be delivered. The order was not carried out and consequently, the President of Syria, Bashar Assad caused alarm with a chemical attack on civilians over a week ago (Star Telegram, 4-15-2018; Wikipedia, 2018.)

Russian President Putin claims that the airstrikes violate the UN Charter and the United States, Great Britain and France claim that Russia did not have Syria hand over its stockpile of chemical weapons as it had proposed when it intervened. Therefore, "Russian President Putin has warned that further airstrikes on Syria will lead to soured relations with the west and worse." (ATT.NET Newer-Josh Gardner)

Why do we feel that World War III is underway now when it did not seem that way in 2013 and 2014? Is this feeling connected with the Russian influence on the 2016 Presidential Election? Should we be afraid or should we pray that Congress takes action and do what is necessary to keep America strong make it great again? Let us get 'in cinque' and pray for peace.



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

THIS N' THAT by T. J. Patterson

MANY DISTRICT TWO RESIDENTS, BLACK, HISPANICS AND OTHERS, HAVED BEGUN TO ASK QUESTIONS ABOUT WHY NO BANK IN EAST LUBBOCK!!!THIS N THAT is most appreciative about those who have paid attention to recent columns in THIS N THAT about the need for a 5 STAR BANK in the East Lubbock area of the city of Lubbock..... THIS N THAThas been writing about the NEED FOR SUCH A FINANCIAL ESTABLISHMENT..... When our CHILDREN ride, walk or drive through the DISTRICT 2 AREA will see a FINAN-

cial Institution and it could very well serve as a catalyst for our young people to.....STAY IN SCHOOL and maybe one day one of these young people could very well become PRESIDENT of this future bank..... In a recent meeting when MAYOR DAN POPE spoke to District Two residents who were in attendance at the Mae Simmons Senior Citizens Center when the question was asked what could be done to secure a 5 STAR BANK?MAYOR POPE heard the question and admitted he would look into this matter..... Hopefully MAYOR POPE will get back with this group of SENIOR CITIZENS who contributed much to the

..... CITY OF LUBBOCK!!! During this time at City Hall MAYOR POPE AND THE LUBBOCK COUNCIL..... are in posture ofANNEXATION OF NEW LAND and this is a POSITIVE PROGRAM as it will enlarge the City of Lubbockbut it needs to be made knownthat there is a TREMENDOUS NEED TO ENLARGE AREAS WHICH N EEDS HELP!!! At the meeting withSENIOR CITIZENS on Friday morning APRIL 20EH!!! Hopefully MAYOR POPE will take a POSITIVE LOOK INTO VISITING WITH SOME IN THE BAN KING COMMUNIT LET'S PRAY HE WILL!!

for Japan, France, etc. but now 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 mili-

tary 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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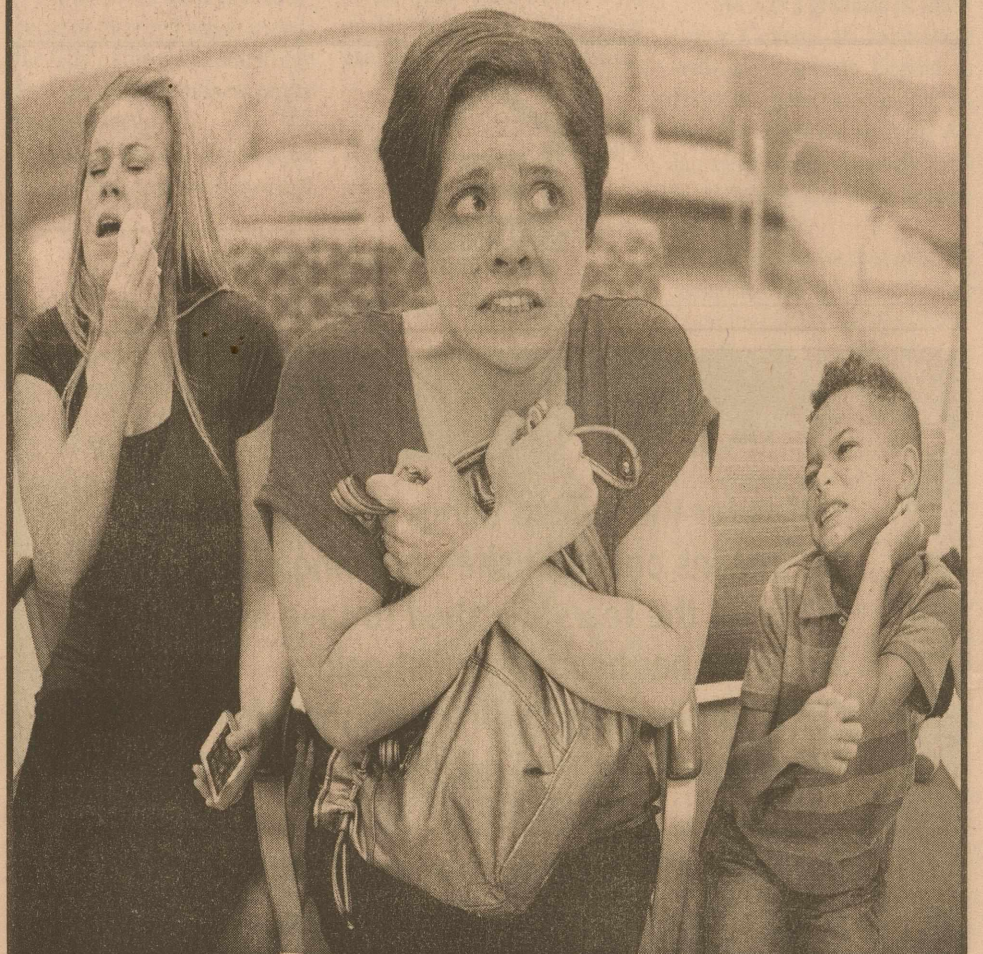


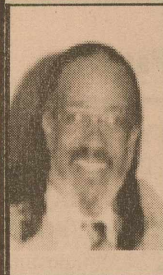
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Jesus told his **DICIPLES; GO AND PREACH THE GOOD NEWS; INTO ALL THE WORLD.**

THIS IS THE GOOD NEWS; THAT WILL SAVE SOULS; OF ALL; MEN, WOMEN, BOYS AND GIRLS!!!

Revelation 2:11, -- Jesus said, He that has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit said unto the churches.

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

As you and I look into many CHURCHES; WE CAN SEE THE GAMES THEY PLAY.

THE DISGUSTING THINGS THEY'RE DOING; WE KNOW THAT'S NOT GOD'S WAY!!!

Revelation 2:17 -- Jesus said, He that has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit said unto the churches.

Isaiah 55:8,9 -- The Lord said, For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts then your thoughts.

---(CAR WASH, BAKE & FISH SALES, ANNIVERSARY; WORLDLY THINGS)

INSTEAD OF PREACHING; ON THE SINS OF THE PEOPLE; AND WHY JESUS CHRIST WAS KILLED.

MANY CHURCHES ARE

JUST DEAD CHURCHES; AND TRYING TO GIVE THE PEOPLE A THRILL!!!

Revelation 2:17 -- Jesus said, He that has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit said unto the churches.

Mark 7:6,7 -- Jesus said, Well has E-sai' as prophesied of you hypocrites, as it is written, This people honour me with their lips, but their heart is far from me. Howbeit in vain do they worship me. Teaching for doctrines the commandments of men.

(AS I WATCHED A CHURCH HAVING THE LORD'S SUPPER: ONLY THE PREACHER AND HIS FAMILY, AND A FEW OF HIS FRIENDS TOOK IT. THERE WAS A 97 YEAR OLD MOTHER SITTING THERE; AND WAS NOT INVITED TO PARTAKE IN IT; NOR WAS OTHER CHRISTIANS SITTING THERE. SOMETHING'S WRONG WITH THAT CHURCH!!!-- THEN THERE WAS THE FAMILY; WHEN THE HUSBAND GOT SICK; NO VISIT FROM THE PREACHER IN TWO YEARS; BUT THEY KEPT PAYING THEIR TITHES AND WHEN THEIR SON GOT SICK; NO VISIT IN THE HOSPITAL; OR IN THE HOME!!!-- AND WHEN THE BROTHER GOT HIS LEG AMPUTATED; HE SAID; HIS PREACHER NEVER CAME.---GOD AIN'T LIKE THAT!!!)

Revelation 3:6, -- Jesus said, He that has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit said unto the churches.

John 21:15b,16c -- Jesus

said, Simon, son of Jonas, love you me more than these? Feed my lambs. Feed my sheep.---

(JESUS DID'T SAY; FLEECE MY SHEEP; OR DRIVE MY SHEEP;--- THE SAME GOES FOR THE PREACHERS; YOU MUST; LOVE JESUS MORE THAN YOUR WIFE, YOUR CHILDREN, HOME, CAR, BANK ACCOUNT; IF YOU DO!!!-- YOU'RE NOT DOING GOD'S WILL!!!-- BECAUSE GOD AIN'T LIKE THAT!!!)

*** AND THAT IS HOW YOU ROB GOD!!!-- WHERE IS HIS FEAR???

Revelation 3:13, -- Jesus said, He that has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit said unto the churches.

Malachi 1:6 -- A son honors his father, and a servant his master: if then I be a father, where is my honor? And if I be a master, where is my fear? Said the Lord of hosts unto you, O priests, that despise my name. And you say, wherein have we despised your name?

THE LORD IS CALLING THE ROLL OF THE CHURCHES THAT ARE DOING HIS WILL; WELL.

BUT THOSE THAT ARE NOT DOING HIS BUSINESS; THEY WILL GO INTO HELL!!!

Revelation 3:22, Jesus said, He that had an ear, let him hear what the Spirit said unto the churches.

1 Peter 4:17, For the time is come that judgment must begin at the house of God: and if it first begin at us, what shall the end be of them that obey not the gospel of God.

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

The subject for our lesson for April 22, 2018 was "Give Honor To Whom It Is Due." The scripture text was Revelation 4:1-6; 8-11.

Revelations 4:1-2: AFTER THIS I looked , and, behold a door was opened in heaven and the first voice which I heard was as it were of a trumpet talking with me; which said, Come up either, and I will show thee things which must be hereafter.

And immediately I was in the spirit; and, behold, a throne was set in heaven, and one sat on the throne.

The morning lesson was taught by Rev. Michael Menton. and was reviewed by Pastor Canady.

The Sunday morning devotion was conducted by Sister Barbara Johnson and Rev. Michael Menton. What a wonderful time we had!

Pastor Canady entered the Church with the Choir singing "Near The Cross."

The morning sermon was delivered by Rev. Edward Canady. His subject was "Restore Me." His scripture text was Psalm 51:11-13. It was a very informative sermon for all present to hear.

The morning announcements were read and explained by Sister Shirley Canady, our dedicated First Lady, who does an outstanding job.

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

The Missionary Society meets on Wednesday afternoons beginning at 2:00 p. m.

There much information discussed during these important meetings. This is how we learn by coming together with out-

standing teachers.

If you are a member of the St. Matthew Baptist Church and haven't been in attendance, it would be outstanding for you to be in attendance.

Another important session is Bible Study which is Wednesday evenings beginning at 6:00 p. m.

This is a very important session where all in attendance are able to continue to grow. As its' always been said, knowledge is very important for all of us.

If you haven't been in attendance recently, then we recommend you do so.

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 would love to meet you.

Let us continue to pray for those on the sick list which includes Sister Ethel Williams.

Our Thought For The Week: The wonder pf it all -- Just to think that Jesus loves Me!"

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

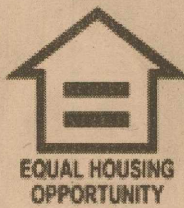


Opening Section 8 Waitlist

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.



"M" is for the million things she gave me,
"O" means only that she's growing old,
"T" is for the tears she shed to save me,
"H" is for her heart of purest gold,
"E" is for her eyes, with love-light shining,
"R" means right, and right she'll always be.

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Obsequies

LaNell Bates-Adams

Funeral services were held for LaNell Bates-Adams on Saturday morning, April 21, 2018, at the Lyons Chapel Baptist Church with Pastor Wendell Davis as Officiant/Eulogist.

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

LaNell, age 61 of Lubbock, Texas, passed away Thursday, April 21, 2018.

LaNell was born on May 20, 1956 to Eddie, Sr. and Vernell Bates in Lubbock, Texas.

She attended Lubbock Public Schools and graduated from Paul Lawrence Dunbar High School, class of 1974.

She pursued her studies at Texas Tech University and graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Restaurant, Hotel Institutional Management. She wrote two books, "Broken But Not Shattered" and "Waiting On God".

LaNell is preceded in death by her father, Eddie Lee Bates, Sr.

LaNell leaves to cherish her memory; her mother, Vernell,



three brothers, Eddie Lee Bates, Jr. (Dorsita), Kelvin Bates, and Randy Bates; one sister, Lisa Huey (Comeious); goddaughter, Chezla Stevens; eight aunts, Bertha Sheppard, Ella Roberts, Lula Griffin (Bishop Willie, Sr.), Princess Nutall, Bertha Bates, Geraldine Bates, Ethel Caldwell, and Ida Mae Nixon; two brothers, James (Clarissa) and Bobby; a host of other relatives and friends.

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Wednesday: To Enter Heaven!
Bible Class/ Devotional Matthew 7:21
7:00p. m. How Do We Obey Him?
Hear The Gospel - Romans 10:17
Believe - Hebrews 11:6
Repent of Our Sins - Acts 2:38
Confess that Jesus is the Son Of God - Act-8:37
Be Baptized- Mark 16:15-16
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Tre'Qweishium "Trey" Williams

Funeral services were held for Tre'Qweishium "Trey" Williams on Thursday afternoon, April 19, 2018, at Lakerridge United Methodist Church.

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

Tre'Qweishium, age 19 of Lubbock, Texas, passed away Monday, April 9, 2018.

Tre'Qweishium "Trey" was born January 26, 1999 in Lubbock, Texas to Rhonda and Kevin Baxter.

Trey attended Richard Milburn Academy. Trey was a hard worker and had a heart of gold.

Trey leaves to cherish his memory; his parents, Rhonda and Kevin Baxter; three sisters, Tish Williams, Jeffondria Horton, and Shyann Fillmore; seven brothers, Elijah Escobedo, Jesus Gayton, Nicholas Bowley,



Chance Gangloff, Michael Lara, Damontreal McNeal, and Meryne Shisuvill; two aunts, LaTonya Williams (Jeremy Adams) and D'Shayla Williams; one uncle, Robert Baxter; grandmother, Delores Williams; godson, Olan Baxter; nephew, Jayceon McNeal; a host of other relatives and friends.

Ja'Zaezion Marshon Jeffery

Funeral services were held for Ja'Zaezion Marshon Jeffery on Thursday morning, March 29, 2018, at the Agape Temple Church of God in Christ.

Ja'Zaezion, age 8 of Lubbock, Texas, passed away Monday, March 19, 2018.

Ja'Zaezion was born to Devron M. Jeffery and Bryttanee Murphy in Lubbock on January 7, 2010.

He attended Alderson Elementary. He loved riding horses, playing video games and riding four wheelers.

Ja'Zaezion leaves to cherish his memory; his father, Devron M. Jeffery; mother, Bryttanee Murphy; four brothers, Devron M. Jeffery, Jr., Da'Zaun Jones, De'Marius Jeffery, and Jamere Thomas; one sister, Da'Najha Jeffery; grandparents, Tiffany Brown, Arthur Brown, Jackie Stewart, Ray Stewart, Sr., Terrence Murphy, and Robbin Jeffery; great grandparents, Doris



Johnson, J. D. Johnson, Gloria Johnson, and Patricia Jeffery; four aunts, Kejonnia Freeman, Crystal Freeman, Charlotte Murphy, and Kammie Jeffery; six uncles, Jamar Jeffery, Ray Stewart, Jr., Anthony Johnson, Michael Jeffery, Michael Connor, and Eric Murphy; a host of other relatives and friends.

**It may be a tough time,
but you've got to believe
that God has a reason for it,
and He's going to make
everything good.
Joel Osteen**

New Light Baptist Church

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

On Sunday morning, April 8, 2018, church services at the New Light Baptist Church, 3013 Idalou Road, begun with an exciting morning of Praising God, where Rev. Kenneth O. Jackson is the proud and dynamic pastor.

Church School started at 10:10 a. m. with Superintendent Sister Alvera Johnson teaching the lesson titled, "The Risen Lord Appears" with the scripture text coming from John 21:1-14.

The morning worship started at 11:00 a. m. with the Praise Team leading the way with the devotion. There was the testimonial period which was held and several members shared with the congregation about things God has done or is doing in their lives. The responsive reading came from Psalm 150:1-6. The altar call was led by Pastor Jackson with the congregation singing "O' How I Love Jesus."

The morning announcements were read by Sister Linda Green. She told of all the upcoming events which will be taking place in the community and what each is about.

The Choir sung several selections which were: "O' Lord Help Me," "Trouble In My Way," "This Little Light of Mine," and "When I See Jesus." "Amazing Grace," our theme song, was sung before the sermon.

Pastor Jackson preached the morning sermon which was titled, "What Will You Do With Jesus?"

Some people will support wrong more than what's right. Right always come out on top. Right will always over rule

wrong. You might get by in doing wrong, but you won't get along. Sooner or later, it will come back on you.

Jesus came wrapped in human flesh to buy us out of sin. Everyone of us has a past, and don't forget that.

Jesus came to buy us out of the slave market of sin. He came to give us a chance at eternal life.

The world loves what's wrong better than what's right. What will you do with Jesus?

Lots of people will put down their Bible, Church School Books, and other types of learning materials down until the next Sunday.

Man loves the darkness because of their evil ways. Jesus is the light of the world and shines the light of righteousness on the unrighteousness.

People will sell Jesus out for things that will pass away. A

Becky Lynn Futrell USAF

Funeral services were held for Becky Lynn Futrell on Tuesday afternoon, April 17, 2018, at the Victory and Praise Church.

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

Becky, age 61 of Lubbock, Texas, passed away Saturday, March 31, 2018.

She was born September 7, 1956 to Becky Merle and Edwin James Futrell.

Becky was a giving woman and had a big heart. She was an Air Force Veteran.

Becky leaves to cherish her memory; daughter, Nita Cravin; son, Randell Lee Cravin; sister,



Willma Rollo; brother, Darrell Futrell; five grandchildren; a host of other relatives and friends of Lubbock, Texas.

Virginia N. "Jenny" Prichard

Funeral services for Virginia N. "Jenny" Prichard were held on Tuesday morning, April 17, 2018, at the Peaceful Garden Cemetery under the direction of Griffin Mortuary & Funeral Home of Lubbock.

Virginia, age 84 of Lubbock, Texas, passed away Tuesday, April 10, 2018.

Virginia was born December 3, 1933 in Floydada, Texas.

She graduated from Floydada High School and she attended Texas Tech where she was a member of the Going Band from Raiderland.

Virginia leaves to cherish her memory; her husband, Sterling Prichard; two sons, Scott



Prichard and Kip Prichard; two grandchildren; a host of other relatives and friends.

Nelda Ray Shackelford

Funeral services for Nelda Ray Shackelford were held on Friday afternoon, March 30, 2018, at Griffin Mortuary Chapel.

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

Nelda, 83 of Lubbock, Texas, passed away Monday, March 26, 2018.

Nelda was born July 19, 1934 in Littlefield, TX to James and Masel Hughes. She was a book-keeper and accountant until she retired. She loved spending time with family and friends.

She is preceded in death by



her husbands, Samuel Shackelford and Elmer Wilcox; daughter, Ronda Wilcox; parents, James and Masel Hughes; and brother, Sonny Hughes.

Nelda leaves to cherish her memory; one sister, Bobbie Clark; two brothers, Marvin Hughes and Jim Hughes; three grandchildren, Nicky Gentry (Kim), De'andra Gentry, and Cody Wilcox; five great grandchildren, Tyler Gentry, Colby Gentry, Heidi Gentry, Tre Patton, and Bryson Patton; a host of other relatives and friends. Home of Lubbock.

bringing home Estacado's first year State Championship during a time when the School system had begun integration. Mr. Pickett quoted "The 1968 Estacado Football team is the only team in Lubbock, Texas Independent School District history to win a University Interscholastic League state football championship since Lubbock became a Multi-University Interscholastic League School System in 1955.

He was a graduate of Inter-active College of Technology with an Associate Degree in HVACR. After graduation, he became employed with the Atlanta Housing Authority for many years, and later became self-employed.

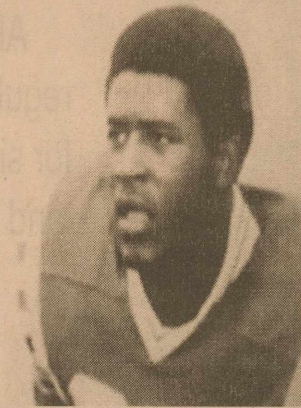
Michael leaves to cherish his memories: his son, Timothy Lee (Dorothy) of Dallas, Texas; two granddaughters, Lancey Cox of McKy, Texas and Taylor Lee of Charlotte, N. C.; two devoted sisters, Marjorie McLin-Green (Robert) of Lithoniam Georgia and Marilyn J. Jones (Joe Lee) of Lawrenceville, Georgia; and two brothers who preceded him in death, Lawrence Verner McLin, Jr. and Jerome Edward McLin; four nephews: Ronald Green (Phyllis) of Hephzibah, Georgia, Clenon "Dude" Jones, Jr. II (Vontrech) of Decatur, Georgia, Nickulis A. Jones of Lawrenceville, Georgia and Jerome Lawrence McLin (Jasmin) of Decatur, Georgia.....

Michael Lee McLin Succumbs In Palmetto, Georgia

Palmetto, Georgia -- Funeral services for Michael Lee McLin on Thursday morning, April 18, 2018, at the Lakeside Memorial Gardens.

Interment was under the direction of KNOX Funeral Home of Atlanta, Georgia.

Michael was born on December 7, 1950 to the late Lawrence Verner McLin, Sr. and Ruthie McLin-Rawls in Lubbock, Texas. He graduated from Estacado High School in 1968. He was honored by Author Al Pickett in the "Mighty, Mighty Mators Estacado High School Integration and a Championship



Season Review." Mr. McLin and his teammates as well as his Coach have been recognized for

More Obituaries

Jimmy Day Bluiitt

Funeral services were held for Jimmy Day Bluiitt on Saturday morning, April 7, 2018, at the Asbury United Methodist Church.

Interment followed in Peaceful Gardens Memorial Park under the direction of Ossie Curry Funeral Home of Lubbock.

Jimmy Day Bluiitt, known to many as Mr. Bluiitt, age 70, went home to be with the Lord on Monday, March 13, 2018.

Jimmy was born to the late Arthur W. and Justine Marie Bluiitt in Tyler, Texas on September 15, 1947. He grew up in Lubbock, Texas. He was immersed in the Christian Faith at an early age which provided him with an anchor of lifelong support and guidance.

He graduated from Dunbar High School in 1966. After graduating, he attended Mississippi Valley State University where he studied Business Management and Accounting. In 1970, he graduated from Texas Southern University with a B. A. degree in Accounting which afforded him the opportunity to secure a position with The Wall Street Journal in New York City. After much studying, he became a Certified Public Accountant. Later Mr. Bluiitt used his education, experience, and business acumen to start his own business. He became the owner and CEO of Inter-Costal Service Group, based in Orange, New Jersey. He served in this capacity for over 30 years.

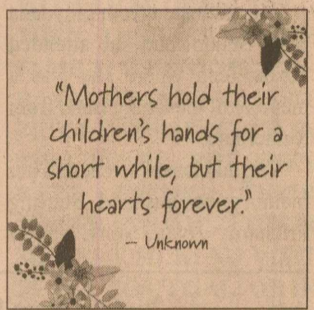
Jimmy was blessed with a large and loving family. He was the firstborn of eleven children. He married Hollistyne Paulette Creecy on August 8, 1981. They had three children and were married for 33 years. She preceded him in death on December 26, 2014. He was also preceded in death by his parents; two sisters, Christine Bluiitt (Infant) and Margaret Bluiitt-Childs, and Freddie Bluiitt.

Jimmy loved all types of sports, jazz music, old western movies, and crime shows.

He is survived by his daughters, Lorry Munirah Bonds of



Clinton, Maryland and Lori Griffin (Hudson) of Greensboro, N. C.; a son, Trent Middleton of San Diego, California; grandchildren, Jalen & Laila Bonds; six sisters: Artlurene McKinney of Dallas, Texas, Sharon Maynard (Connie) of Las Vegas, Nevada; Arline Henry (George), Sondra Thomas (Lewis), Nella Fay Ritchie (Anthony), and Vickie Bluiitt (Don); four brothers: Arthur W. Bluiitt, Jr., Alfred Wayne and Eddie D. Bluiitt, all of Texas. Jimmy Day Bluiitt will also be missed by a host of loving nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.



Tahoka, Texas -- Funeral services for Andre Jerome "Dre" Bluiitt were held on Friday, April 20, 2018, at the First United Methodist Church of Tahoka with the Rev. Roy Rogers officiating.

Interment followed in the Nevels Memorial Cemetery of Tahoka under the direction of Ossie Curry Funeral Home.

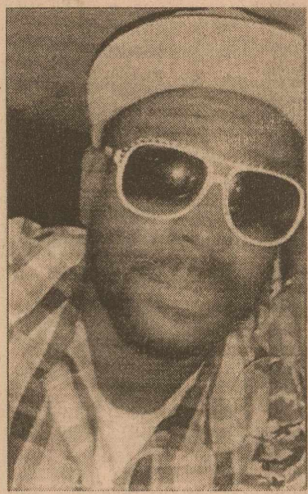
Andre Jerome Bluiitt, age 41, was born September 5, 1976 and went to be with his heavenly Father on Monday, April 9, 2018. He was born to Arthur Wayne Bluiitt and Cindy Lou Harris of Lubbock, Texas. He attended Lubbock Public Schools.

Andre was a kind, giving person who had a big heart. He was a friendly person who had many friends. He cared about all those he met. He loved watching sports and playing video games. Although he was raised a Dallas Cowboy fan, the Green Bay Packers would later become his team.

Andre was blessed with a loving family. He was the first born of three children. He loved being the "BIG" brother of two younger sisters. He will be missed and loved by all who knew him.

He is preceded in death by his mother, grand parents, and several uncles and aunts.

Andre leaves to cherish his memory: his father, one son, Zakorrian; aunt, Faye Kipkoech; uncles, Charles Harris and Raymond Harris, both of Tahoka, Texas; a very special friend,



Theresa Jackson; two sisters, Jennifer and Janice Bluiitt, both of Lubbock, Texas; four special nephews: Tyron, Elligh, Tyron, and Cameron Bluiitt; and a host of loving aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends.

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Lee Ethel "Sister" Brown

Funeral services were held on Saturday morning, April 28, 2018, for Lee Ethel "Sister" Brown at Alexander Chapel.

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

Lee Ethel, age 73 of Lubbock, Texas, passed away Wednesday, April 18, 2018.

Lee Ethel was born September 8, 1944 to the parentage of Leana and Ray Thomas in Palmer, Texas.

She spent many years of her life in childcare, her love for her children made her the devoted mother and grandmother that she was.

She leaves to cherish her memory; daughter, Tamara Brown; son, Christopher Brown; sister, Fannie Hicks (Melvin); brothers, Robert Thomas (Barbara); sister-in-law, Evona Thomas; brother-in-law, Vernon



Campbell; four grandchildren; seven great grandchildren; a host of other relatives and friends.

It is not hard for the Lord to turn night into day. He that sends the clouds can as easily clear the skies. Let us be of good cheer. Charles Spurgeon

Notice of Opportunity for a Public Hearing

Re: City of Lubbock/Citibus grant applications for the 2018 fiscal year (October 2017-September 2018):

- Section 5307 formula funding for operating, planning and capital projects;
- Section 5310 funding for operating and vehicle replacement
- Section 5339(a) funding for vehicle replacement
- Section 5339(b) funding for vehicle replacement
- Section 5339(c) funding for vehicle replacement
- TIGER Discretionary Grant for facility renovation/expansion
- TxDOT Coordinated Call for Projects (various projects)

Notice is hereby given that an opportunity for a public hearing will occur in conjunction with the Lubbock Public Transit Advisory Board Meeting on Tuesday, May 22, 2018, at 12:00 pm at the Citibus Conference Room, 801 Texas Avenue. The purpose of this hearing is to consider financial assistance under the Federal Transit Act of 1964, as amended, for the following programs:

Section 5307 Urbanized Area Formula Grant Funds – The 5307 program cost is estimated at 3,963,538, of which \$3,157,670 will be provided by FTA Section 5307 funds and \$792,708 as local match. TxDOT will contribute \$704,294 for operating assistance as well. This funding will be used for preventive maintenance, non-fixed route ADA services, operating, planning, Jobs Access Reverse Commute (JARC) funding and miscellaneous capital improvements including passenger amenities and security upgrades.

Section 5310 Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Funds – This program cost is estimated at \$269,368, of which \$206,967 will be provided by the FTA and \$62,401 as local match. These funds will be used to purchase ADA Paratransit vehicle(s), fund a Mobility Manager and to subsidize CitiAccess extended service area trips and the NiteRide service costs.

Section 5339(a) Bus & Bus Facilities Funds – This program cost is estimated at \$320,213 and a request has been submitted to the Texas Department of Transportation for the award of 64,043 Transportation Development Credits that will serve as the local match. The funds will be used to purchase ADA Paratransit vehicle(s) and Transit Supervisor vehicle(s) to replace other outdated ADA Paratransit vehicles and Transit Supervisor vehicles that have surpassed their useful life.

Section 5339(b) Bus & Bus Facilities Funds – Citibus will seek \$2,500,000 in federal discretionary funding, with local match provided with Transportation Development Credits awarded by the Texas Transportation Commission. The funds, if awarded, will be used to purchase six buses; three forty-foot buses and three thirty-five foot buses, which will replace outdated route buses.

Section 5339(c) Low or No Emission Vehicle Program – Citibus will seek \$1,750,000 in federal discretionary funding, with local match provided with Transportation Development Credits awarded by the Texas Transportation Commission. The funds, if awarded, will be used to purchase two 40' all electric buses, which will replace outdated buses, and build battery charging infrastructure

TIGER Discretionary Grant – Citibus will seek \$20,000,000 in federal discretionary funding with \$5,000,000 in local match. The funds, if awarded, will be used to renovate and eventually expand the existing Administrative/Maintenance facility.

TxDOT Coordinated Call for Project Funds – Citibus has applied for funding through the Coordinated Call for Projects. Requests included \$200,000 for a Fixed Route System Analysis. Local match was requested through the award of Transportation Development Credits; if awarded, no local match will be required.

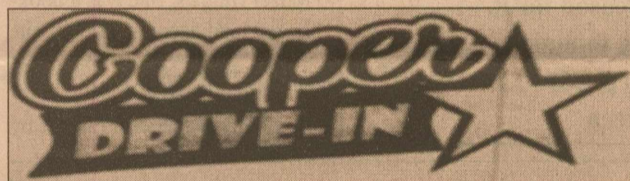
Interested individuals may submit recommendations or comments orally or in writing before 5:00 p.m. on Monday, May 21, 2018. Written comments may be addressed to Citibus Compliance Department, PO Box 2000, Lubbock, Texas, 79457; emailed to mmangum@citibus.com; or faxed to 806-712-2012. Oral comments may be made by calling 806-712-2005. Written documentation on the above projects is available at the Citibus offices, 801 Texas Avenue.

This meeting is available to all persons regardless of disability. If you require special assistance, please contact Citibus at 806-712-2009 or write to: Citibus Compliance Department, PO Box 2000, Lubbock, Texas, 79457, at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting.

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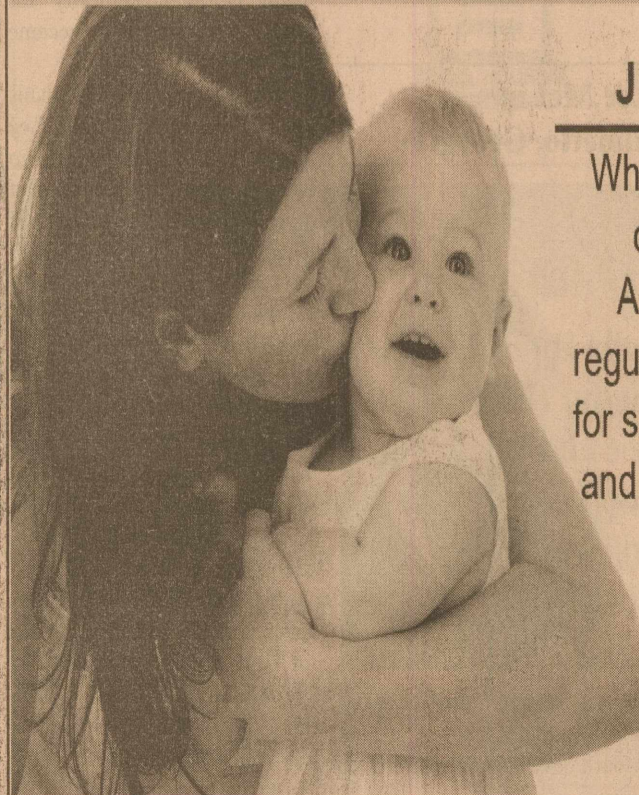
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three: nieces: Jacquelyn Latimore (Kenneth) of Columbus, Georgia, Jerona Shawn McLin of Denver, Colorado, and Tamara Michelle McLin of Jonesboro, Georgia; honorary brother, Norman Trent Cox (Carrie) of Lubbock, Texas; and a special friend, Marlene Hooks of Atlanta, Georgia; a host of great-grandchildren and great nieces and nephews and close friends.



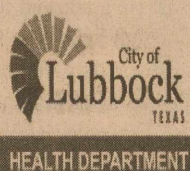
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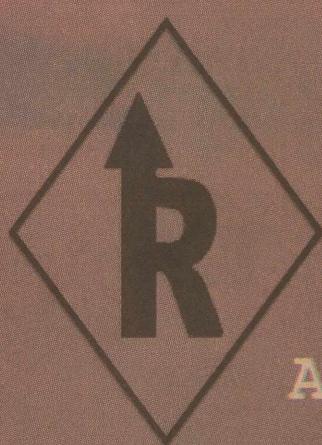


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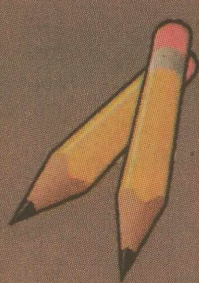
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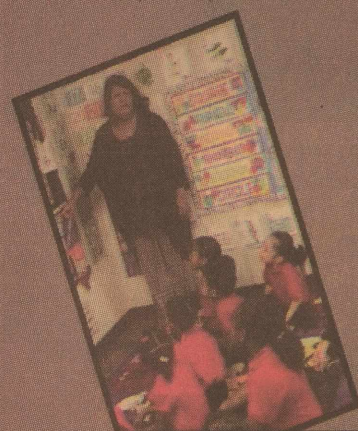
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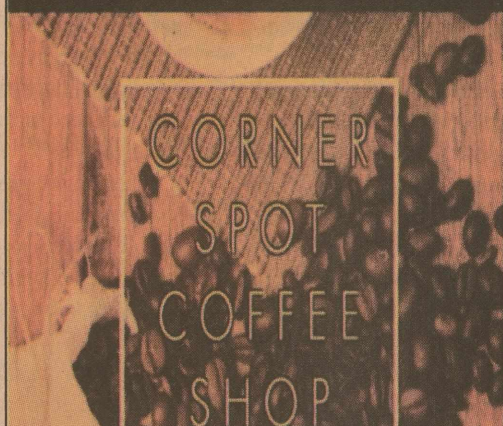
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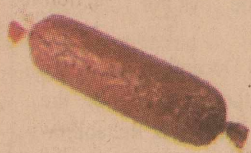


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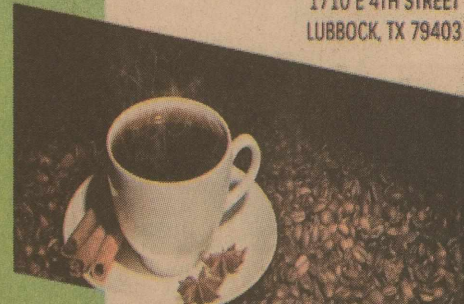
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A New NAFTA Could Cure Diseases

By Charles Boustany *Article Submitted by Keybridge Communications*

American, Canadian, and Mexican trade negotiators are in the midst of hashing out a new North American Free Trade Agreement.

Several contentious issues remain unresolved. One of the biggest sticking points is the strength of intellectual property protections, such as patents and copyrights.

The Canadians and Mexicans oppose strong intellectual property rights. They claim that such protections inflate the price of drugs, thereby restricting patients' access to medicines.

They're wrong. Strong IP protections do not raise drug prices. They do, however, encourage research and development, which leads to more lifesaving medicines. By weakening IP rights, these groups would harm the very patients they want to help.

Developing new pharmaceuticals is difficult and expensive. On average, it takes more than a decade and costs more than \$2.6 billion to bring just one drug to market.

Research companies would never invest billions of dollars to create new drugs without IP protections. Patents grant developers market exclusivity for a set amount of time. This exclusivity enables researchers to recoup their investments and fund future development projects.

IP protections are especially important for advanced pharmaceuticals like "biologics" -- complex molecule drugs made from living organisms.

They are extremely difficult and expensive to develop. That's why U.S. trade negotiators ought to push for 12 years of regulatory data protection for biologics.

This protection would stop rival companies from using an inventor's clinical trial data for twelve years and give innovators a chance to recoup their development costs.

Data protection won't undermine access to medicine by driving up prices. Both Canada and Japan have increased the period of regulatory data protection -- but government spending on drugs as a share of GDP remained virtually unchanged.

When governments don't offer adequate, predictable, and reliable protections -- or pay value-based prices for innovative pharmaceuticals -- patients suffer.

Consider Canada. Our northern neighbor imposes strict price controls on drugs, reducing Canadians' access to new medicines. The average pharmaceutical reaches American patients seven months sooner than Canadian patients.

South Korea blatantly undervalues medical technology and violates IP protections in the U.S.-Korea Free Trade Agreement. South Korea pledged to pay a fair price for innovative pharmaceuticals. But the South Koreans have renege on their promise.

They're tying reimbursements for innovative drugs to the average price of a "basket" of drugs--including old, generic

ones. Valuing cutting-edge medicines as if they were 20-year-old generics is like comparing apples to oranges.

Price controls have the same effect on patients' access to medicines around the world. A nearly twenty-year study of 76 countries by the National Bureau of Economic Research found that price controls delay the launch of medicines.

Stronger intellectual property protections, on the other hand, sped up the launch of new medicines.

Our trade representatives ought to use the NAFTA negotiations to strengthen IP protections. Such protections are overwhelmingly popular. Three out of four Americans say NAFTA should better protect innovation, according to a recent poll of 2,000 voters by ACTION for Trade and Morning Consult.

These voters understand that IP protections are crucial not just for patients, but for the economy too. The biopharmaceutical industry supported 4.5 million U.S. jobs and added over \$1.2 trillion to our economy in 2016.

To keep our economy churning and to increase access to advanced drugs across the world, American trade negotiators must preserve IP protections for drugs. Patients and researchers deserve nothing less.

Charles Boustany is a retired physician and former congressman from Louisiana.

Submitted by:
Emily Troist @ Keybridge

The Concerned Citizens 2017 Holiday Activities Was Well Received

This article is being submitted again due to the incorrect names listed under each photo heading in a previous editorial in December 2017.



These persons are: Francis Eddins, Ka'Lynn's Mother, Ka'Lynn Nickerson and Dwight Pierce



A happy trio: Micah's Mother Mish Manahan, Micah Manahan and Francis Eddins



Lamica Austin and her family were selected for the dinner by Joan Ervin Elementary School.



Pictured from left to right are: Dwight Pierce, Francis Eddins and Grace Pierce

The Concerned Citizen 2017 Holiday ended with several events, starting with a complete Thanksgiving Dinner to Lamica Austin and her family. Ms. Austin was selected for the dinner by Joan Ervin Elementary School. She was very surprised and thankful.

Following that event, over \$100.00 worth of toys were donated to the Toys For Tots campaign.

Also in December, we paid a visit to the residents of the Windmill Nursing & Rehabilitation Center on MLK Blvd. and presented Christmas cards and cookies to the residents and staff.

Closing out 2017 could not have a better ending than presenting Ka'Lynn Nickerson, a Texas Tech University freshman with the \$750.00 Clarence and Gwen Denson Scholarship. Additionally, Micah Manahan, a freshman at South Plains Col-

lege, was presented a \$250.00 Concerned Citizens' Higher Education Assistance Award.

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