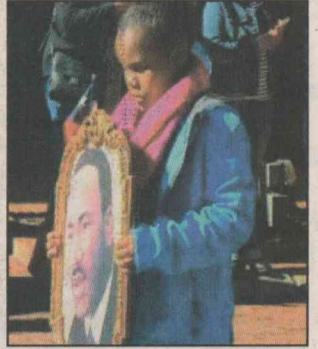
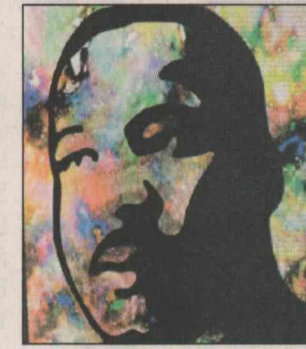
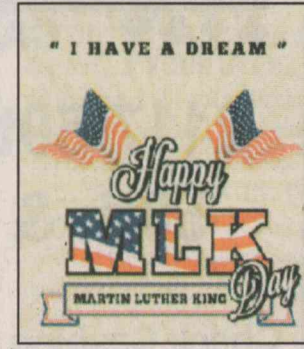
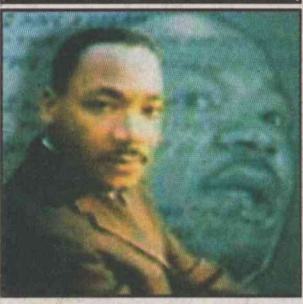




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## Community Meetings

\* 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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76first to publicly release a workforce demographics report earlier this year. They were commended for doing so, and so far, experts say they are the most aggressive at addressing the issue.

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## Pastor A.W. Anthony Mays Will Deliver The Citywide Message At Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Service

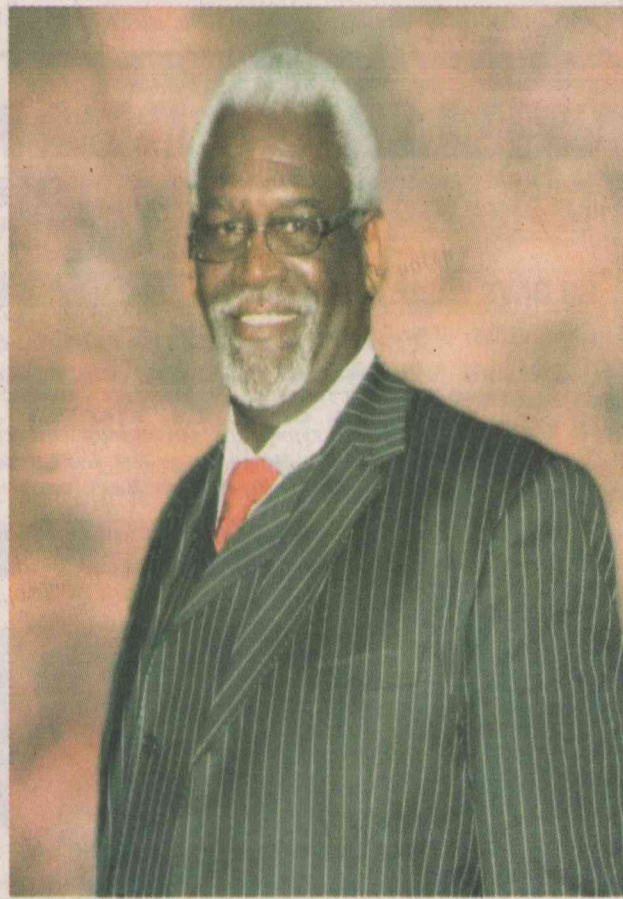
Pastor A.W. Anthony Mays will deliver the sermon at the 2019 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Celebration on Sunday evening, January 20, 2019, beginning at 5:00 p. m. at the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center.

The original speaker for the Citywide Celebration was the Rev. William Timothy Glenn, pastor of the Mount Olive Missionary Baptist Church of Fort Worth, Texas, who had to cancel.

Pastor Mays was born in Taylor, Texas and was reared in Round Rock, Texas. He accepted Christ and was baptized at Sweet Home Baptist Church in Round Rock. In 1969, Pastor Mays accepted his call into the ministry. Pastor Mays attended the public schools of Round Rock Independent School District and became the first African-American to attend the newly integrated Round Rock High School. He continued his education at the University of Texas, where he earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in English. Further study was undertaken by Pastor Mays at the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas.

Pastor Mays is the former Pastor of Sweet Home Baptist Church in Round Rock, Texas; Antioch Baptist Church in Wichita Falls, Texas and True Vine Baptist Church in Tyler, Texas. He became the Pastor of Mount Sinai Missionary Baptist Church in 1986.

Over the years, Pastor Mays has served in a number of religious and community positions. He is the former moderator of the East Texas Baptist Association, he served as Vice President of the Texas Baptist Congress of Christian Workers, and he is past president of the Baptist Ministers' Union of Austin, Texas. Pastor Mays has also



Pastor A. W. Mays  
Pastor of Mount Sinai Missionary Baptist Church

served as Branch President of the NAACP in Wichita Falls, Texas; Home Rule Charter Commissioner of Round Rock, Texas and Planning and Zoning Commissioner of Tyler, Texas.

Pastor Mays currently serves as Vice Moderator of the St. John's Regular Baptist District Association. He is an active member of the National Baptist Convention of America, Inc., where he is the Dean of the Congress of Christian Workers; former Vice Chairman of the Writer's Conference; and former Staff Writer and congress faculty member of Church School Publications. Pastor Mays serves as the Chairman of the Ministers' Conference of the Missionary Baptist General Convention of Texas under President Dr. G.V.

Clark, and he is also the Coordinator if the St. John District Annual Preacher's Conference. Pastor Mays has also had the honor to serve as an invited guest preacher for the National Missionary Baptist Convention under President Dr. C.C. Robertson and serve as a program preacher for the National Baptist Convention of America, Inc. International under President Dr. Steven John Thurston.

Pastor Mays is married to the former Fannie Pearl Urdy. They are the parents of five children, the grandparents of 15 grandchildren and great grandparents of 6.

On Friday, January 18th, the Individuals of Distinction Award Banquet will be held at 6:30 p. m. at the Lubbock Memorial

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## 100 Black Men of West Texas Plan Scholarship Gala Featuring Tom Braxton

The 100 Black Men of West Texas has scheduled an exciting 24th Annual Scholarship Gala on Saturday evening, January 26, 2019, beginning at 6:30 p. m. featuring Tom Braxton, at the McKenzie-Merket Alumni Center, 2521 17th Street, on the

Texas Tech University campus.

Instrumentalist Tom Braxton will provide musical entertainment for the program, which raises funds for scholarships provided by the non-profit organization.

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Tom Braxton

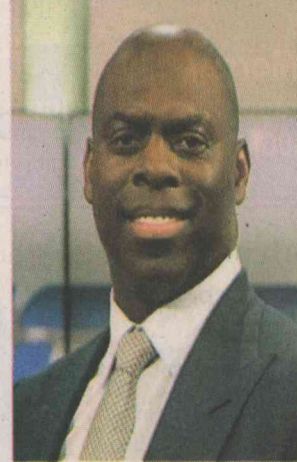
## Anthony Ray Lynn, A Former Running Back For The Texas Tech Red Raiders, Is Now The Head Coach For Los Angeles Chargers

Anthony Ray Lynn, who is a former running back for the Texas Tech University "Red Raiders, is presently the Head Coach for the Los Angeles Chargers, from 2017 to present time.

A graduate of the Celina High School in Celina, Texas, He played for the Texas Tech University where he was selected as an All Southwest Conference in 1990 as a running back.

As an undrafted football player, here are the names of the National Football League, NFL, he played.

Denver Broncos (2000-2002), Special teams assistant.  
Jacksonville Jaguars (2003-2004) Running backs coach  
Dallas Cowboys (2005-2006) Running backs coach  
Cleveland Browns (2007-2008)



Anthony Ray Lynn  
Running backs coach.  
New York Jets (2009-2014)  
Running backs coach  
New York Jets (2013-2014)  
Assistant Head Coach  
Buffalo Bills (2015-2016)  
Assistant Head Coach & Running backs coach.

Buffalo Bills (2016)  
Interim head coach & offensive coordinator.

Los Angeles Chargers (2017-present) Head coach.

As a NFL player, he played for the following NFL teams:  
Denver Broncos (1993)  
San Francisco 49ers (1995-1996)  
Denver Broncos (1997-1999)  
Career NFL statistics  
Attempts: 28  
Rushing yards: 177  
Touchdowns: 0  
Head coaching record  
Regular season:  
21-11 (.656)  
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"I don't dwell on it," Lynn said. "I try not to beat a guy down because of it. I try to encourage these guys so they can make the next play."



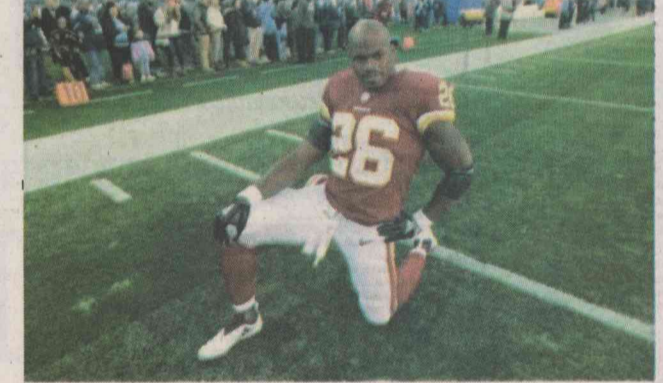
Stacy McKenzie

## City Welcomes Stacy McKenzie as its new Library Director

The City of Lubbock is pleased to announce Stacy McKenzie started her new position as Library Director Wednesday, January 2, Stacy graduated from Lubbock High School and Texas Tech University, before earning her Master of Library Science degree from Texas Woman's University.

Stacy has worked various positions in Pennsylvania, and Colorado. Most recently she was the director of a three branch library system for the Colorado Department of Corrections - Denver Complex. Stacy will bring a high level of energy and customer service to the Lubbock Library System.

## Officer who pulled Adrian Peterson over for speeding joked she wouldn't have if the Redskins were winning



The Virginia state trooper who ticketed Adrian Peterson for speeding in November joked on Tuesday that she wouldn't have done so if the Redskins were winning. (AP/Mark Zaleski)

The Virginia State Police officer who pulled over and ticketed Washington Redskins running back Adrian Peterson for speeding in November joked in court on Tuesday that she wouldn't have done so if the Redskins had been playing better.

Peterson was ticketed for going 78 mph in a 55 mph zone on Nov. 27, and had the charge reduced simply to speeding from a misdemeanor reckless driving charge on Tuesday. Anyone in Virginia going more

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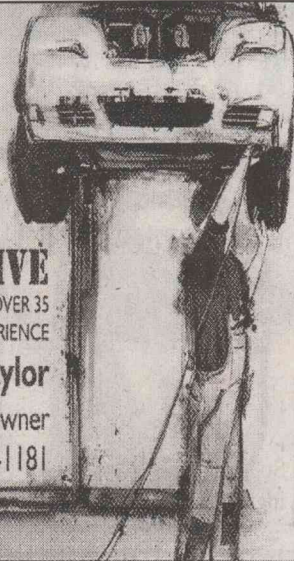
## Federation Of Choirs Annual Hosting 2019 Each Service Begins at 2:30 p.m.

Christ Temple C.O.G.I.C.	January 27, 2019
Community Baptist Church	February 24, 2019
Annual Federation Of Choirs	March 24, 2019
First Progressive Baptist Church	April 28, 2019
Lyons Chapel Baptist Church	May 26, 2019
Mt. Gilead Baptist Church	June 23, 2019
New Hope Missionary Baptist Church	July 28, 2019
Rising Star Baptist Church	August 25, 2019
St. John Baptist Church	September 22, 2019
Gr. St. Luke Missionary Baptist Church	October 22, 2019
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Bethel A. M. E. Church	December 22, 2019

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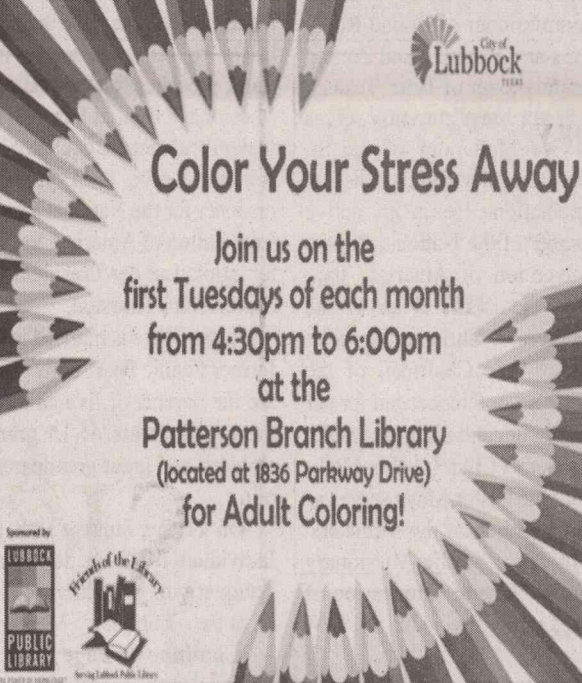


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# In Cinque

By Renetta Howard

## 'A SCARLET LETTER'

I like the song 'Step In The Name Of Love.' When I bought the CD there was a lot of controversy surrounding the guilt of the musician being a sexual molester of young females and that there was in fact, a video tape of such an incident. Deep down in my heart I was praying that it was not true and bought the CD anyway, and enjoyed listening to it and dancing to it. I still have it and when the desire hits me I will continue to hear it.

I watched some of the four 'documentaries' castigating R. Kelly, the musician, as a sexual predator. To my knowledge, this has been an ongoing situation for over ten years now. To my knowledge, he has not been convicted of the allegations by a court system. It appears that there may be enough evidence to convict him of something erroneous. I understand that there is an ongoing demonstration to ban his music and his concerts. What I cannot understand is why so much is being done via televised interviews and opinions rather than having a legal judicial citation which will put the man in the judicial system like they did Bill Cosby.

We cannot deny that Bill Cosby was a talented comedian and we cannot deny that R. Kelly is a talented musician. We fail to realize that some of this country's most talented artists have a dark side. The dark side does not mean that we cannot appreciate and respect the art which flows from these flawless individual. There is somewhat of schizophrenia in many artists. For every great historical individual whom has been closely studied, there has been found some bits of a dark side. I feel that putting R. Kelly on television for four episodes is ridiculous. I see things happening in our government by elected offi-

cialists that are far worse for the country than the sexual escapades of R. Kelly. A minuta of this country is being affected by what R. Kelly has done or is doing. Many of his listeners do not believe half of what they hear anyway and the other half probably do not care or are glad of it. Why the 'SCARLET LETTER?' If we are going to have the survivors of sexual predators in documentary series, why not have all of them, especially the indicted and convicted ones whom have had some effect on the greater American population?

The whole country is being affected by the occurrence or lack of fruitful action that is taking place in Washington, D.C. Why cannot we have a big breakdown on what is happening there and the effects of the sexual lawsuits against our current President in a four night series? We need to get 'in cinque' and put emphasis on what is important and then stay focused.

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## Beyond the Rhetoric

By  
Harry C. Alford  
& Kay DeBow

### Trump's Africa Power Initiative - Part 2

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The Africa Growth and Opportunities Act (AGOA) is a free trade program involving the nations of Africa and the United States. It was written by Congressman Crane of Illinois (Republican) and Congressman McDermott of Washington (Democrat). President William Clinton sat on it for a while, but President George W. Bush enacted the program. Under the provisions of the agreement products made from the United States and Africa can be traded with one another with tariff free activity (free trade). The savings can be immense and mutually beneficial to all nations involved.

It didn't take long for China, with its wicked ways, to figure out how it could exploit the program. Eventually China would actually "hijack" AGOA. We saw a shining example of what was going on right before our eyes. We took a trade mission to Kenya. When we arrived at our hotel in Nairobi, we were surprisingly met by the Kenya Cotton Growers Association. They were frustrated and asked for our assistance. Their own nation was refusing to help them trade their cotton crops with the United States under AGOA. We were shocked and confronted

# THIS N' THAT

by T. J. Patterson, Sr.

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- 2 Citizen Positions
- Lake Alan Henry Board of Appeals
- 1 Lake Alan Henry Property Owner Position
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- Parks and Recreation Board
- 3 Citizen Positions
- Public Transit Advisory Board
- 2 Citizen Positions
- Water Board of Appeals
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this matter with the Kenya Minister of Trade the next day. He went into denial and started giving lame excuses. Members of the Kenya Chamber of Commerce knew what was going on and took us to a new textile factory.

The place was massive and very impressive. It didn't take us long to realize that all the managers were Asian. They were making childrens' clothing for shipment to Target, Walmart and J.C. Penney's. The machinery was high tech and brand new. They were producing in mass quantities. Quite conspicuous were the stacks of cotton bails stacked up to the ceiling. Each bail had a stamp that read "Product of China". That was the "smoking gun". This was a Chinese operation running Chinese raw materials through this building in Kenya and shipping it to the United States as if the whole operation was African not

Chinese. It was a big front at the expense of Kenyan cotton farmers.

We would soon realize that the laborers were being paid Kenya minimum wage which is \$1.50 per day. The Chinese owners were making massive profits running their products through this plant and shipping to the United States duty free. I sarcastically asked the tour guide, "Who owns this operation - Kenya President Kibaki?" He replied, "Actually it is in his sister's name".

It would not take long before we discovered such AGOA fronting was rampant throughout the continent. Such elaborate schemes devised so that billions of products can be shipped duty free to the United States. Meanwhile, our Congress thinks the program is African operated.

Soon China lobbyists would convince a few members of the

Congressional Black Congress to assist in the charades. We started seeing exceptions to the program popping up here and there and in various nations throughout the continent. They would even declare the island nation of Mauritius to be African territory even though it is over a thousand miles away in the Indian Ocean. Thus, China would start running products through Mauritius and get credit through AGOA.

It has even spread to other free trade programs like CAFTA - the Central American Free Trade Agreement. A member of the CBC lobbied for Haiti to be a part of CAFTA even though it wasn't in Central America. A big sham was exposed when the great earthquake hit Haiti. There was a huge textile factory (like in Kenya) that was destroyed. The whole world was amazed how China came to the rescue.

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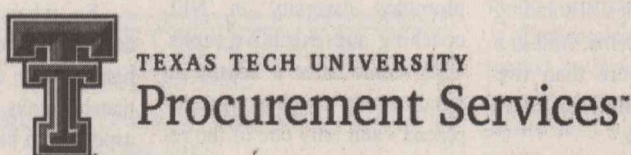
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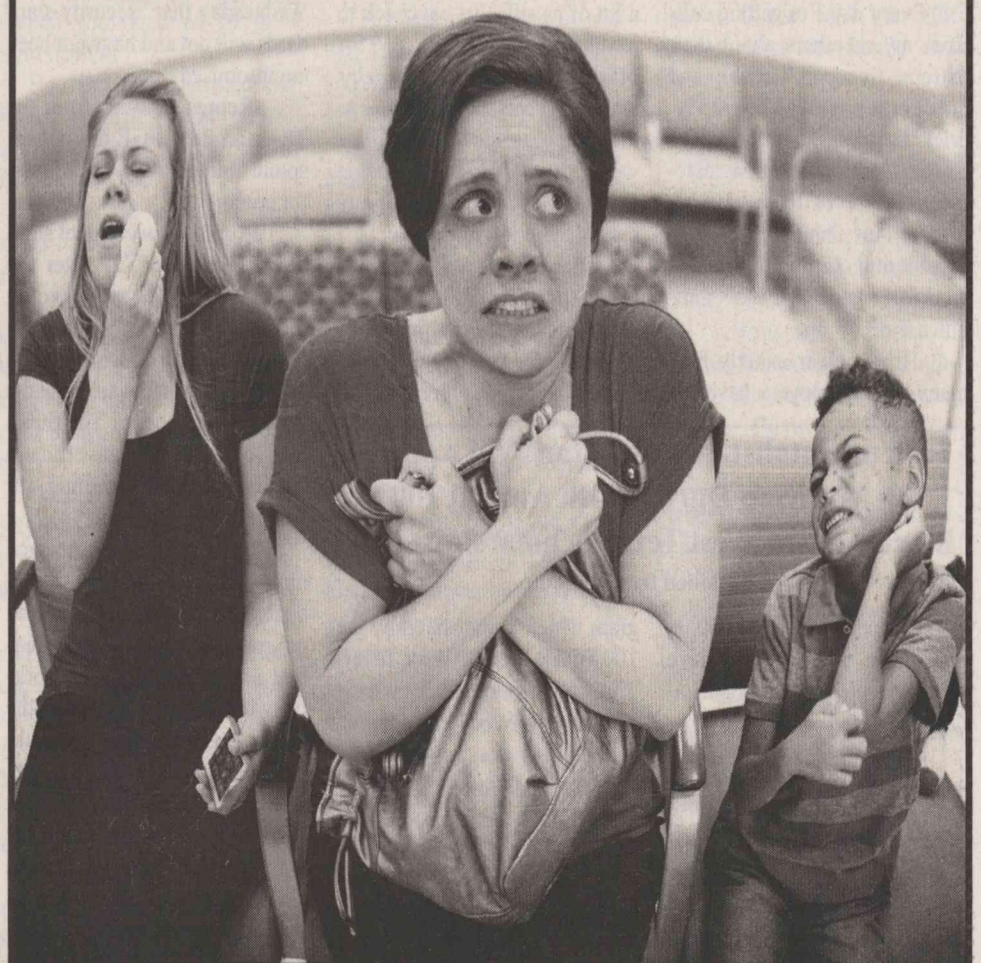


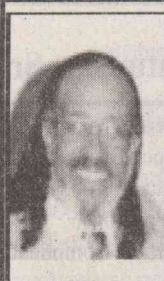
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**Matthew 28:19** -- Jesus Said, Go you therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.

Now THE CHURCH TURNED OUT TO BE LIKE ADAM; the RIGHT TO DO THEIR OWN THING.

NOW LOOK AT AMERICA AND HER RIGHT; SHAME, SHAME, SHAME!!!

**Isaiah 1:4a** -- A sinful nation, a people laden with iniquity, a seed of evildoers, children that are corrupted: they have forsaken the Lord.

(THE DEVIL'S RIGHTS—BLACKS KILLED 3 BLACKS AT BOWLING ALLEY RIGHTS, BLACKS KILLING 7 YEAR OLD GIRL IN DRIVE BY RIGHTS, NUNS HAVING SEX WITH STUDENTS RIGHTS, SHOOTING IN SCHOOLS RIGHTS, TEACHERS HAVING SEX WITH YOUR CHILD RIGHTS, SON KILLS HIS FATHER RIGHTS, MOTHER KILLS HER 2 YEAR BABY RIGHTS, BOY KILLS MOTHER AND FATHER RIGHTS, DRUGS SELLING RIGHTS, KILLING POLICE RIGHTS, ROAD RAGE KILLINGS RIGHTS; AND MANY MORE OF THE DEVIL'S RIGHTS!!!)--- ONLY RIGHTS ALL MANKIND HAVE IS;--- THE RIGHTS TO THE CROSS OF JESUS CHRIST!!!

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

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**Jeremiah 9:23 24** -- The Lord said, Let not the wise man glory in his wisdom, neither let the Mighty man glory in his might, let not the rich man glory in his riches: But let him that Glory in this, that he understand and knows me, that I am the Lord which exercise loving kindness, judgment, and righteousness, in the earth: and in these things I delight, said The Lord.

## Whoopi Goldberg to Ocasio-Cortez: Stop 'Pooping on People'

"The View" host Whoopi Goldberg called upon Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez (D., N.Y.) to stop "pooping on people," in response to inflammatory comments the newly sworn-in congresswoman made in her Sunday night "60 Minutes" interview, January 6, 2019.

Anderson Cooper, a "60 Minutes" correspondent and CNN host, told Ocasio-Cortez that her challenges to establishment Democrats were "politically dangerous tactics."

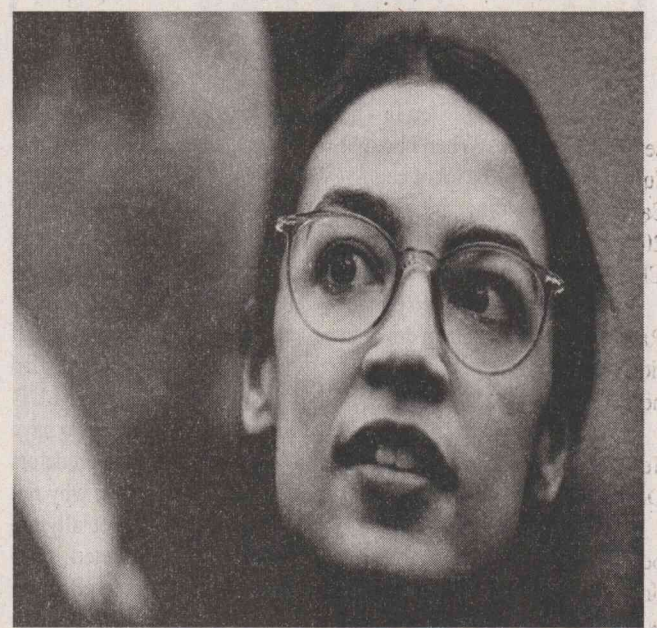
"It's absolutely risky," Ocasio-Cortez said in response. "It requires risk to try something new, but also, we know so much of what we've tried in the past hasn't worked, either."

In the same interview, the New York congresswoman called herself a radical, saying it "only has ever been radicals that have changed this country."

Goldberg criticized Ocasio-Cortez for overlooking the achievements of her peers.

"It is very, very difficult when people make accusations where you say, you know, the Democrats have done nothing, the establishment of the Democrats have done nothing," she said. "But I just want to throw this out to you. [Rep.] John Lewis [D., Ga.] wasn't sitting still. [Rep.] Dianne Feinstein [D., Calif.] wasn't sitting still."

Goldberg added that she believes Ocasio-Cortez must "sit still for a minute and learn the



Congresswoman Ocasio-Cortez

job" before criticizing others.

"There are a whole bunch of people in the Democratic Party who have been busting their asses to make sure women get what they need, people get what they need, children get what

they need," she said. "You don't have to be born into it. You don't have to know it when you step out, but before you start pooping on people and what they've done, you got to do something too."

## Funeral Services Held For Verda Nell Thornton In Hale Center, Texas

**Hale Center, Texas** -- Funeral services for Verda Nell Thornton were held on Thursday afternoon, January 3, 2019, at the Jerusalem Community Baptist Church with Terry Wright as the Officiant.

Interment followed in the Hale Center Cemetery under the direction of Komerstone Funeral Home of Hale Center.

Verda Nell, age 75 of Hale Center, Texas, passed away on Friday, December 28, 2018.

She was born on February 1, 1943.

Verda Nell leaves to cherish her precious memories: her daughter, Karlas Roland of Orlando, Florida; her son, David Thornton of Midland, Texas; an adopted son, Tommy Thornton of Lubbock, Texas; three grandchildren: Tadianna Hernandez and husband, Elijah, William Roland, and Marcus Roland; three great-grandchildren: Khaizaviar, Khamaria, and Kaleigha Hernandez.

Preceding her in death were



her parents, Mary Helen & David Belcher; and her husband, Al Thornton.

Pallbearers were: Pete Guzman, Darnell Smith, James Swearingen, Marcus Thornton, Darrell Thornton.

Honorary Pallbearers were: Marcus Roland, William Roland, Tommy Thornton, and Marlin Thornton.

Steve Wilks - and he was fired by the Arizona Cardinals after just one year. The only two black coaches left in the NFL - which at its peak in 2011 had eight coaches of color - are Anthony Lynn of the Chargers and Mike Tomlin of the Steelers.

(Editor's Note: The conclusion of this article will appear in our next publication of the Southwest Digest).

## Beyond the Rhetoric

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It chartered 747 cargo tankers to bring in new equipment and contractors/engineers to replace the facility within 3 days! It was fascinating. As it turns out it was a very profitable operation. This factory in little Haiti was taking China cotton, silk, etc. and producing fine men's apparel for Joseph Banks stores throughout America. Of course, it was coming in duty free. If you have a Joseph Banks suit look at the inside label. It may say "Product of Haiti". We have one! Haiti is still poor while China is getting "fat".

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## TSA Workers Are Now Quitting Because of the Government Shutdown, Union Says



Some Transportation Security Administration employees are quitting their jobs as the partial government shutdown continues through its third week, leaving more than 800,000 federal employees without a paycheck.

The American Federation of Government Employees, the largest union of federal employees, representing about 44,000 TSA workers, says some TSA employees have resigned, and others are considering quitting after working one of the busiest air travel periods of the year without pay.

"Every day I'm getting calls from my members about their extreme financial hardship and need for a paycheck," said Hydrick Thomas, the union's TSA Council president, in a statement. "Some of them have already quit and many are considering quitting the federal workforce because of the shutdown."

It's unclear exactly how many TSA employees have left

their jobs since the partial shutdown began on Dec. 22. But a number of workers have described the financial burden the shutdown has thrust upon them as many depend on each paycheck to make ends meet. TSA employees are some of the lowest paid federal workers, and, in interviews with MONEY last week, current employees said they are delaying car and insurance payments, and worried about paying rent and childcare during this shutdown. Employees also said morale among co-workers has hit a new low.

"As far as we're concerned, a lot of us still live paycheck to paycheck," Victor Payes, a TSA officer based in Los Angeles who represents his colleagues in the union, told MONEY last week. "It's hard to plan a budget for these types of crises for any extended period of time."

TSA employees have also been reportedly calling out sick — a trend dubbed the "blue flu," regarding the color of their uniforms — to find other ways to

make cash to better manage their bills, as CNN first reported Friday.

Michael Bilello, a representative with TSA, said in a tweet Wednesday morning that the agency's data "does not indicate a 'spike' in resignations for its officers." There was also a 5% rate of unscheduled absences Tuesday — a slight bump from a 3.9% rate on January 8, 2018, when there was no shutdown.

The union has argued the shutdown and loss in TSA officers could "create a massive security risk" for travelers in U.S. airports. Bilello said in a tweet Wednesday that "security standards will not and have not been compromised."

Representatives from the TSA and the AFGE did not respond immediately to requests for comment.

The partial government shutdown began Dec. 22 after the Senate did not pass a spending bill that included \$5 billion in funding for President Donald Trump's proposed wall along the U.S.-Mexico border. The president has said the government shutdown could continue for "months or even years."

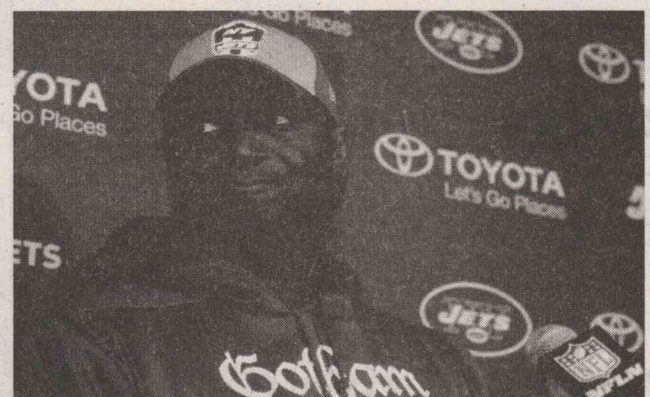
The shutdown has impacted nine federal departments and dozens of agencies and federal programs. Around 420,000 federal employees have been working without a paycheck since the shutdown began, and another 380,000 have been on furlough. If the shutdown continues past Jan. 12, it will become the longest government shutdown in U.S. history.

There is no law that guaran-

tees these federal employees receive back pay when the shutdown ends — though, historically, Congress and the White House have passed measures to provide them with it. But, for employees who work paycheck to paycheck, this back pay can't come soon enough.

"It is completely unacceptable that the women and men who risk their lives safeguarding our airports are still required to report for work without knowing when they'll be paid again," AFGE National President J. David Cox Sr. said in a statement. "Working for weeks on end without being compensated — while already being short-staffed — only makes their situation worse."

## Where have all the NFL's Black Coaches gone?



New York Jets head coach Todd Bowles speaks to the media following an NFL football game against the New England Patriots, Sunday, Dec. 30, 2018, in Foxborough, Mass. The team announced Sunday night that Bowles had been fired. (AP Photo/Steven Senne)

Where have all the black coaches gone?

To the unemployment line, at least in the NFL. Five of the eight coaches fired over - and since - the last season were black, and so far none of them has been rehired as head coaches in the league.

That leaves two African-American coaches still standing among 32 NFL teams. And in a league where more than two thirds of players are black that's not nearly enough.

The news Wednesday that the Denver Broncos were hiring Vic Fangio as head coach and the New York Jets were going with Adam Gase as their new coach means six of the eight teams looking for new coaches have found their man.

And so far none of the new hires have been minorities.

That's not a new problem in the NFL, of course. It's also one the league has addressed with the Rooney Rule that ensures minority candidates are interviewed for any head coaching openings and other front office positions.

## Instrumentalist Tom Braxton Will Appear As Musician During 24th Annual 100 Black Men of West Texas Scholarship Gala

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Approximately \$200,000.00 in college scholarships have been presented by the organization during the past 22 years.

Information about tickets is available by calling Reggie Dial at (806) 438-8464, or by email at reggiedial@gmail.com and the web site of 100bmt.org.

The public is invited to be present at this outstanding pro-

gram which is sponsored by the 100 Black Men of West Texas. This organization, over the past 24 years, has been concerned about young people who live in Lubbock and West Texas.

Would be a very positive to be in attendance at this 24th annual gala as it will help some dynamic young people as they prepare for college.

# Obsequies

## Sylvia June "Mama June" Williams

Lorenzo, Texas -- Funeral services for Sylvia June "Mama June" Williams were held on Saturday morning, January 5, 2019, at the Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church in Lorenzo.

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

Sylvia, age 84 of Lubbock, Texas, passed away on Monday, December 31, 2018.

Sylvia was born on December 26, 1934 to Willie and Mildred Battle in Roxton, Texas where she grew up and attended public school.

She was a member of Rising Star Missionary Baptist Church, where she served on the Usher Board until her health failed her.

Sylvia leaves to cherish her



memory; 3 sons, Roger Battle (Joyce), Arthur Battle, Harold Williams (Josie); 1 daughter, Willie Fay Battle; 7 grandchildren, 7 great grandchildren, 2 great-great grandchildren, a host of other relatives, and friends.

## Glen Ray Robinson, Jr.

Celebration of Life Service for Glen Ray Robinson, Jr. was held Friday afternoon, January 4, 2019, at the Griffin Mortuary Chapel.

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

Glen Ray, age 19 of Lubbock, Texas, passed away Saturday, December 22, 2018.

Glen Ray was born on November 2, 1999 to Glen Robinson, Sr. and Irene Hernandez.

He graduated from Monterey High School. He loved to dance, spending time with family and friends.

Glen Ray leaves to cherish his memory; his parents, Glen Robinson, Sr. and Irene Hernan-



dez; grandparent, Aurora Lozano; 3 sisters, Alicia Hernandez, Sabrina Robinson, and Selena Robinson; 1 brother, David Maynard; a host of other relatives and friends.

## Dorothy Nell Carter

Funeral services were held for Dorothy Nell Carter on Friday afternoon, January 4, 2019, at the St. James Baptist Church.

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

Dorothy, age 78 of Lubbock, Texas, passed away on Friday, December 28, 2018.

Dorothy was born on July 8, 1941 to Henry and Katherine Henderson.

She received her formal education in Terrell, Texas. She loved to shop, watch westerns, reading her Bible and helping others.

Dorothy leaves to cherish her memory; special friend, Donnell Carter; 2 daughters, LeAnna



Loggin-Dunson and Robbie Taylor; 2 sisters, Eva Joe Barron and Ruby Nell; 1 brother, Robert Henderson; a host of grandchildren, other relatives, and friends.

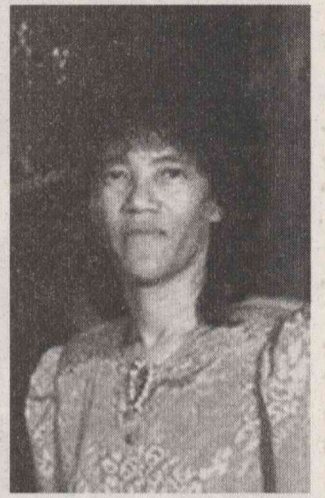
## Wilma Jean Wilborn

Funeral services for Wilma Jean Wilborn were held Saturday afternoon, January 5, 2019, at the Friendship Holy Baptist Church with Bishop Sam King officiating. Pastor A. Jamarr Broussard assisted.

Interment followed in the Lorenzo Cemetery under the direction of Ossie Curry Funeral Home of Lubbock.

Wilma, age 81 of Lubbock, Texas, passed away on Sunday, December 30, 2018.

Wilma, also known as Jean, was born February 26, 1937 to



the parentage of Zelmar Mann Lewis and Lawrence Wilborn in Rusk County, Henderson, Texas. She was the fourth oldest of six children.

brothers, John Childress, Jr. (Paula), Greg Childress, and James Childress; six grandchildren, one special great grandchild; four special daughters; a host of other relatives and friends.

Jean was a loving, caring, and energetic Christian woman who loved to help people. Anyone who came in contact with Jean, instantly loved her. Her smile captivated many while her charm serenaded their soul. You could count on Jean for a wise word, a good cooked meal, and a warm hug!

Jean gave her life to Christ at the age of 20 as a member of Friendship Holy Baptist Church. Jean remained Church Secretary and Sunday School Conductor until her passing.

She was employed at Texas Instruments for 14 years. She also worked at the Lubbock County Courthouse. She was also employed as a domestic worker for Weldon Wines for many years.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Zelner Mann Lewis and Lawrence Wilborn; two sisters, Josie Daniels and Jessie Mathews; and two brothers, Prennis Lewis and Edward Watkins.

She leaves to cherish her memories: a sister, Ocie Watkins; a host of nieces and nephews she raised as her kids: Labrandon Hightower, Eric Hightower, Michael Hightower, Octavya Hightower, Shetavya Hightower, Ashley Hightower, Destiny Hightower, Willie Hightower, Kiyanna Hightower, Latrell Broussard, Aubrey Young, Dorkish Young, Keishawn Broussard, Zaquisha Bell, and Roderick Bell. Two Special Nieces, Glorene Watkins and Nina Mooring. And a host of family and friends. Jean was an encouragement to all, and a perfect example of how to walk up right to Christ. May her light shine through her family and friends.

"Get right Church and let's go home."

Pallbearers were: Labiandon Hightower, Willie Hightower, Eric Hightower, Michael Hightower, Dorkish Young, and Aubrey Young.

Honorary Pallbearers: Michael Johnson, Darren Hightower, Shetavya Hightower, Antwon Davis, and Joshua Watkins.

baugh's first five seasons together, winning Super Bowl XLVII over the 49ers at the end of the 2012 season. The Ravens also made the postseason in 2014.

If Flacco has played his last game with Baltimore, he finishes with a 96-67 career record as its quarterback.

Lamar will do well!!

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## Odies Lee White

Funeral services for Odies Lee White were held on Thursday afternoon, January 3, 2019, at the Skyline Baptist Church.

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

Odies, age 57 of Lubbock, Texas, passed away Thursday, December 27, 2018.

Odies was born on August 20, 1961 to J.W. and Annie Mae White. He enjoyed his job at Ranching Heritage Center.

Odies leaves to cherish his memory; adopted mother, Annie Calico; two sisters, Donna MGrav and Gayla Hereford; five brothers, Vernon White,



Jimmy White, Kim Vaughn, J. W. White, Jr., and Robert White; a host of other relatives and friends.

## Johnnie Faye Ross Gonzales

Funeral services were held for Johnnie Faye Ross Gonzales were held on Saturday afternoon, December 1, 2018, at the Difference Makers Fellowship with Pastor Charles Gonzales officiating. Pastor Bill Stubblefield was the Eulogist.

Interment followed in Peaceful Gardens Memorial Park under the direction of Griffin Mortuary & Funeral Home of Lubbock.

Johnnie, age 65 of Lubbock, Texas, passed away Friday, November 23, 2018.

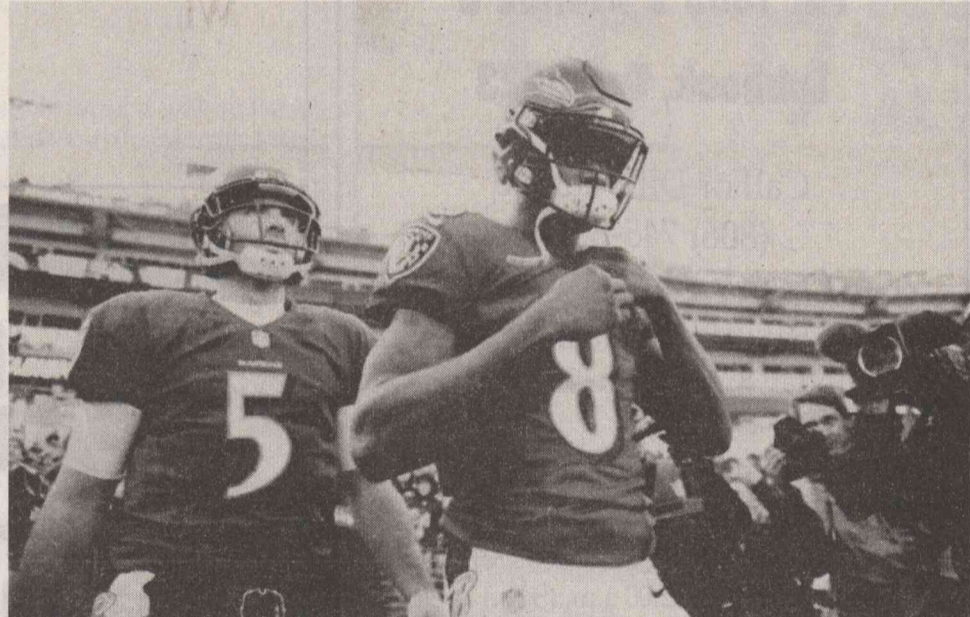
Johnnie was born on January 21, 1953 to John, Sr. and Katherine Childress.

She graduated from Estacado High School, and she was a member of Mt. Gilead Baptist Church.

Johnnie leaves to cherish her memory; her husband, Joe Gonzales; daughter, Cheryl Gamble (John); three sons, Phillip Ross, III, Edward Gonzales (Toni), and Brent Gonzales (Jennifer); two sisters, Earnestine Cunningham and Margaret Ross-Rodgers (Nunnie); three



## John Harbaugh: Lamar Jackson is Ravens' future, Joe Flacco 'will have a market'



Joe Flacco, left, has likely played his last game with the Baltimore Ravens after 11 seasons. On Sunday, coach John Harbaugh called Lamar Jackson, right, the team's quarterback going forward. (AP)

While some NFL observers and more than a few fans inside M&T Bank Stadium on Sunday were calling for veteran Joe Flacco to play and Lamar Jackson to be benched, Baltimore Ravens coach John Harbaugh was steadfast, staying with the rookie quarterback.

Harbaugh's faith was rewarded, as Jackson played well in the fourth quarter, bringing Baltimore to within six points of the Chargers, despite the offensive line playing poorly (Jackson was sacked seven times and hit nine). But the Ravens had dug a pretty sizable hole and weren't able to come all the way back.

And after the game, Harbaugh made it pretty clear: Flacco has played his last game with the Ravens.

There were a couple of points when Flacco had his helmet on the sideline, indicating that he might be headed onto the field. Harbaugh acknowledged that there was consideration given to playing the 33-year-old, and that everyone was on the same page

about what might or might not happen (he declined to give more details).

But Harbaugh also said that Flacco wouldn't have played any better in the fourth quarter than Jackson did.

Flacco said he wasn't frustrated to not get the chance to play.

"We made the decision on what was going to happen here weeks ago. I really wanted to see the guys turn it up a little bit and make a play, which they did," he said.

Harbaugh, who is currently only signed through 2019 but is expected to sign an extension, was asked further about Flacco.

"Joe can still play," Harbaugh said. "Joe's going to have a market, a lot of teams are going to want Joe. Joe Flacco is a great talent, he's a better person, he's the best quarterback in the history of the Ravens ... He's going to be just fine."

Flacco suffered a hip injury in Week 9 against the Pittsburgh Steelers, opening the door for

Jackson to start in his stead.

But Jackson played so well that Harbaugh stuck with him even after Flacco was healthy and able to return to practice.

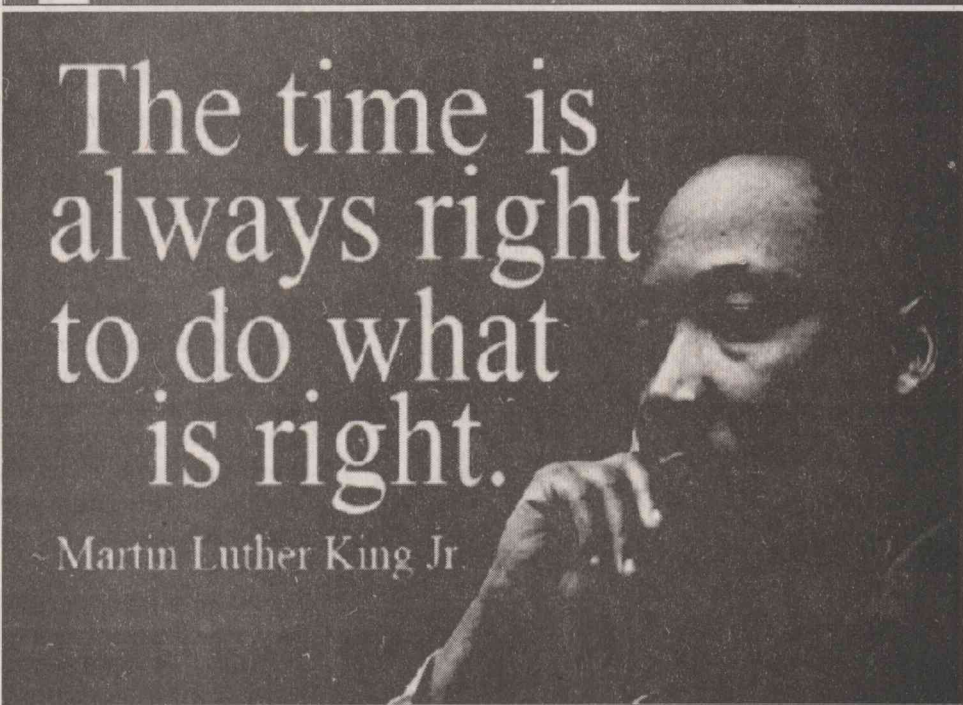
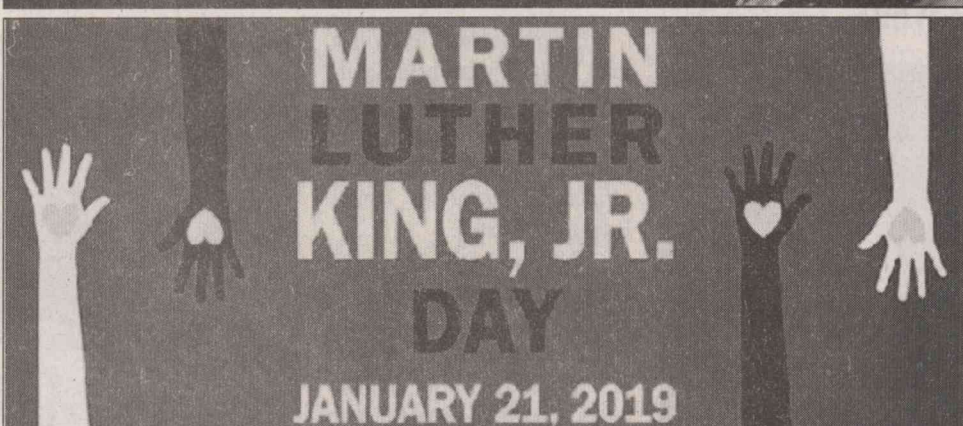
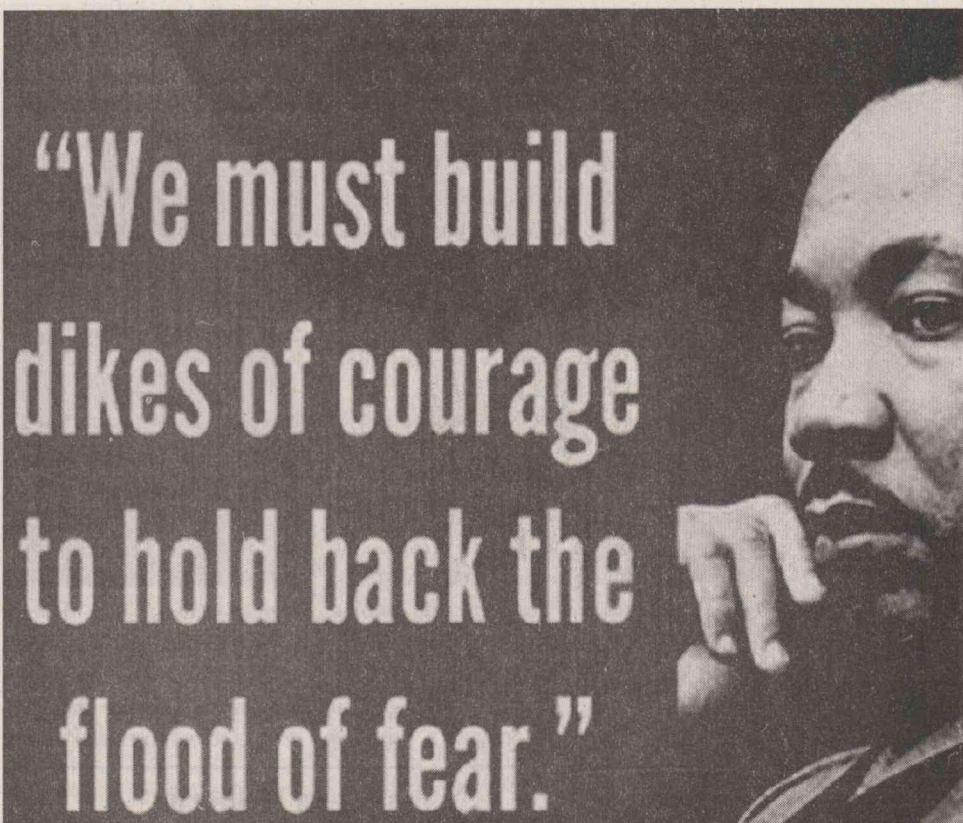
"I love the people of Baltimore, man," Flacco said. "To be honest, I can't imagine a better 11 years. This place becoming my home and my children's home. Definitely a group of fans and a community that I loved being around for 11 years."

As for what happens next, Flacco admitted it's not really up to him, and "we'll see what happens."

The 18th overall pick in the 2008 draft out of Delaware, Flacco has never been named to a Pro Bowl but he and the Ravens won plenty of games.

He was the starter immediately as a rookie, and the Ravens went 11-5 that year — it was also Harbaugh's rookie year as head coach — advancing to the AFC title game, where they lost to the Pittsburgh Steelers.

Baltimore made it to the playoffs in each of Flacco and Har-



**Adrian Peterson**  
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than 20 mph over the speed limit can be charged with reckless driving.

At the time of the incident, the Redskins were 6-5. They finished the season 7-9, missing the postseason for the third straight year.

"If the Redskins were winning, I wouldn't have written a ticket," trooper K.M. Freeman joked to a bailiff during recess at court on Tuesday, just before Peterson's case was called, via USA Today.

Peterson was not in court, instead represented by an attorney, and ordered to pay a \$250 fine.

The 33-year-old running back ran for 1,042 yards and seven touchdowns for the Redskins this season — his first with the team. He also became the oldest running back to record a 1,000-yard season in more than 30 years.



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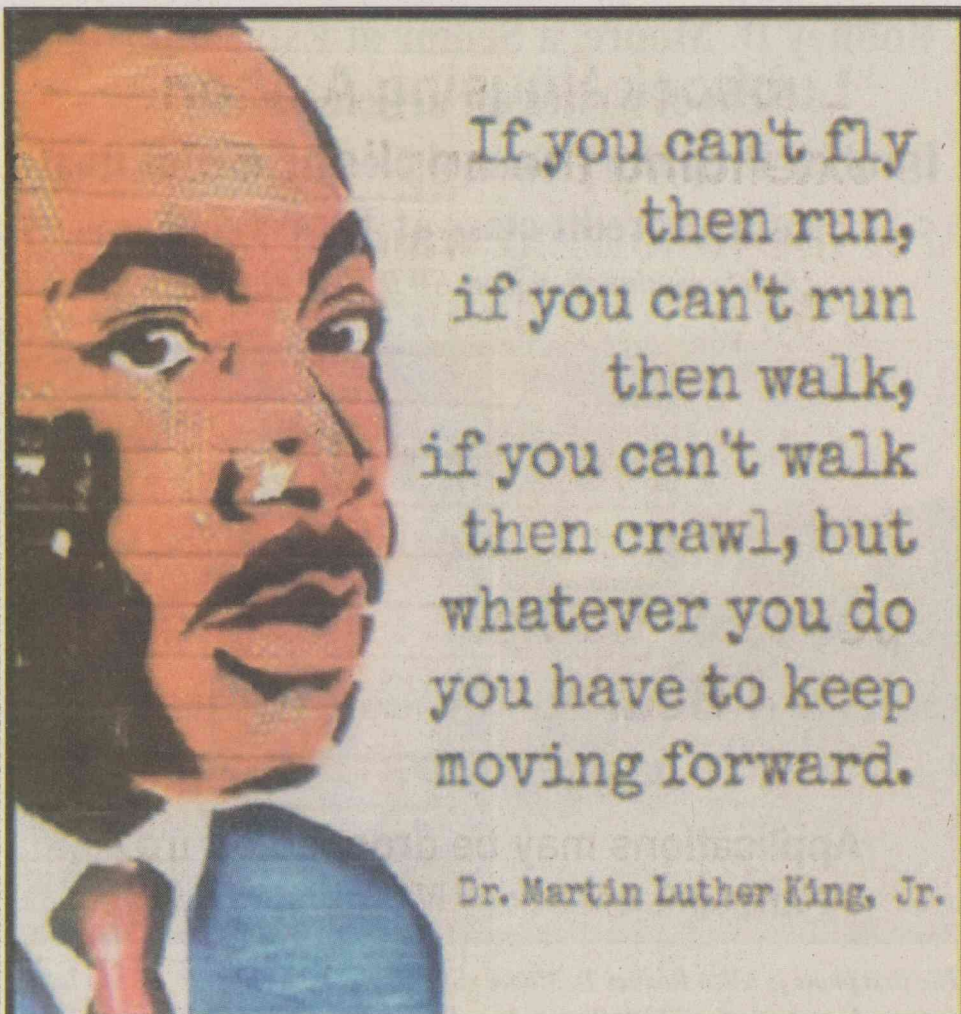
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- Burgess-Rushing Tennis Center, 3030 66th Street, 767-3727
- Hodges Community Center, 4011 University, 767-3706
- Lubbock Memorial Arboretum, 4111 University, 797-4520
- Lubbock Adult Activity Center, 2001 19th Street, 767-2710
- Maxey Community Center, 4020 30th Street, 767-3796
- Rawlings Community Center, 213 40th Street, 767-2704
- Safety City, 46th and Avenue U, 767-2712
- Simmons Community and Adult Activity Centers, 2004 Oak Avenue, 767-2708
- Trejo Supercenter, 3200 Amherst, 767-2705

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#### January 17, Thursday

Recipe Round-up, 10 am, Ages 50+, Free, Swap and sample your favorite recipes, socialize with your friends, and then leave the party with new recipes to make. Rawlings Community Center.

Trejo Dance, 6-9 pm, Free, Ages 50+, Join us for great fun, dancing, and fellowship at our dance. Each dance a different theme! Maggie Trejo Supercenter.

#### January 18, Friday

Pool Tournament, 1 pm, \$5, Ages 40+, Show off your pool skills and enter our pool tournament. Prizes awarded, Lubbock Adult Activity Center.

Pool Tournament, 1-3 pm, \$3, Ages 50+, Show off your pool skills and enter our tournament. Prizes awarded, Maggie Trejo Supercenter.

#### January 19, Saturday

Falun Dafa Exercise, 9:30-11:30 am, Free, All Ages, New! Improve the mind and body through gentle exercise and meditation. Excellent for stress-relief and overall mental and physical health, Maggie Trejo Supercenter.

#### January 21, Monday

Movie Matinee, 12:45 pm, Free, Ages 50+, Join us for popcorn and a movie. Bring a friend, Maggie Trejo Supercenter.

#### January 22, Tuesday

Texercise, 1-2 pm, Free, Ages 45+, This 12-week fitness and nutrition program provide you with information, incentives and exercises to help you on your way to a healthier you. Participants that complete program will receive a special gift. Rawlings Community Center.

#### January 23, Wednesday

Breakfast Bingo, 9 am, \$2/ person, Ages 50+, Join friends for breakfast and afterwards a few games of bingo, Mae Simmons Adult Activity Center.

Birthday Party Celebration, 1 pm, Ages 50+, Free, Rawlings Community Center.

## Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration Will Be Held January 18-21, 2019

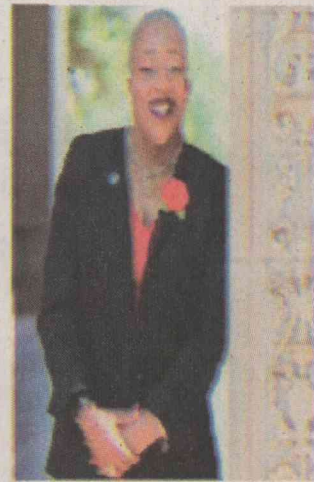
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Civic Center. Tickets are \$30.00 per person.

Please call Yolanda Jeffrey for more information on banquet (806) 773-1625.

The speaker for the banquet will be Dr. Carol A. Sumner is the Vice President (VP) and Chief Diversity Officer (CDO) at Texas Tech University (TTU). As VP she leads the Division of Diversity, Equity & Inclusion (DDEI) which include a number of units that impact the educational continuum from K-8th grade educational programs and initiatives and IDEAL; high-impact programs such as the Military and Veterans Programs, University Interscholastic League, the Office of Academic Enrichment, the Office of LGBTQA, and the TTU Chess Program; traditional programs and Centers that include TRIO SSS and McNair, Mentor Tech, First Generation Transition and Mentoring Programs; and newly established efforts like the Dream Resource Center and the Council of Councils. As CDO, Dr. Sumner works across the university with stakeholders that include but are not limited to students, faculty, staff, alumni, community members and others to support, engage, and facilitate the university-wide efforts goals to increase diversity, and engage in practices that foster inclusion and equity.

Previously, Dr. Sumner served as the Sr. Associate Dean of Students at Arizona State University on the Tempe campus. The scope of portfolio provides oversight for the engagement of students in the university experience. Her portfolio currently includes: Student and Cultural Engagement (SCE) which



**Dr. Carol A. Sumner  
Banquet Speaker**

supported and engaged with the 7 socio-cultural and identity-based Coalitions (also known as the Council of Coalitions). The team also coordinated the following: four of the University Special Interest Convocations, Heritage Month Programming, Culture@ASU, MEN@ASU, Student Interfaith Efforts, and Sun Devil Civility. Additionally, her portfolio included oversight of university-wide international student support efforts and supervision of the International Student Engagement unit; university Liaison to the Council of Religious Advisors (CORA); Sun Devil Affinity efforts; serves as the incubator for new initiatives within the Dean of Students Office. Previous programs and units have included: TRIO Student Support Services (Disability) Tempe; TRIO Upward Bound; TRIO Veterans Upward Bound; Disability Resource Center (Tempe) New Student Orientation and Student Involvement (Programming and Activities Board). While at ASU, Dr. Sumner served as the University Chair for the Com-

mittee for Campus Inclusion; was a member of the ASU Commission on the Status of Women (CSW), the ASU Martin Luther King Committee, and was the former campus advisor for the undergraduate chapter of her sorority, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., Iota Kappa Chapter. Her prior experience in higher education includes working at Washington University in St. Louis, (St. Louis, MO), at Illinois State University (Normal, IL); and at Wilberforce University (Wilberforce, OH). Dr. Sumner's employment has also included several positions outside of higher education.

She is a member of Phi Kappa Phi, Kappa Delta Pi, the Order of Omega, and is a Diamond Life member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. Dr. Sumner earned her bachelor's degree in Public Relations (with a minor in Spanish) and her master's degree in Higher and Postsecondary Education from Illinois State University. She earned her Doctorate in Education in the Higher and Postsecondary Education from ASU.


Saturday, January 19th, Youth Night will be held at 6:00 p.m. Lubbock Memorial Civic Center

Please call Tracey Snell-Jackson for more information (806) 777-6017 about Youth Night.

The public is invited to be in attendance and support the Youth of Lubbock, Texas.

If you need more information about Monday, January 21st, 6:00 p.m. Gospel Night at the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center, please call Deborah Deary for more information (806) 786-6317.

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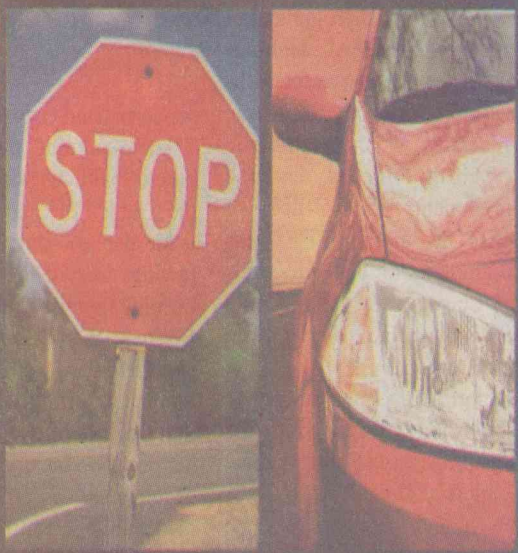
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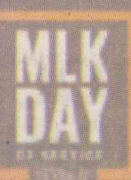
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"If I cannot do great things, I can do small things in a great way."

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.



"I have decided to stick with love, hate is too great a burden to bear."

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.



## Rodney Moore Article continued from the far right columns.....

How much attention can you give to the teacher if you are hungry or if you have a toothache? How can a child focus if he is afraid to go home after school?" to bring to light the deeper issues these children face (Blumenthal). Most can only focus on survival and some live in households with turmoil that are embedded with fear, unlike most suburban households. Some children are hungry or do not have sufficient healthcare to support their needs like students in other households. He brings to light that it is more of a social issue than a black and white issue.

He helps many people who do not understand how these communities work somewhat comprehend just how different things can be and the effects of these differences. We cannot expect kids in these kinds of environments to learn the exact same way kids in other more stable environments learn. Just like the East Side, these kids are unique, and to simply compare them to other kids across town who are unique on their own and try to get East Side kids to learn the same way as their counterparts is unethical.

### Conclusion

All in all, schools are considerably more complex than test scores. School is not just education, it is psychological, social, cultural, and it is extremely textured. There is a unique set of students on this side of town who process material differently than the unique set of kids on the other side of town.

To ensure what is right for the community, we need the community to be directly in the forefront when it comes to enormous and impactful decisions like this.

The East Side is still facing ramifications from events that took place over two and a half decades ago, and the overwhelming majority of people who live here most certainly believe the most recent proposal for yet another revamping of our school system will not only be ineffective, it will be more detrimental to all parties affected.

The ramifications of this decision will not only impact the lives of students and families for years to come, but this will also impact entire generations. Nearly everyone here believes that this is a rushed "fix" or a "knee-jerk reaction" to a more complex situation and hasn't had anywhere near the amount of consideration needed to ensure it will be successful.

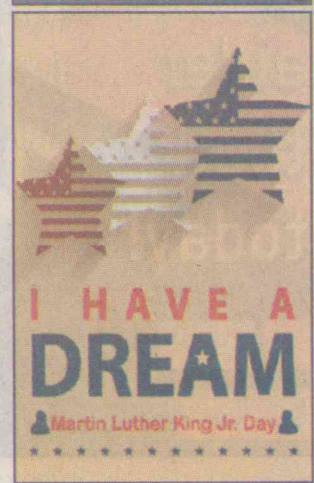
The best thing for us is to have stability and longevity in our schools, while also having very coherent learning programs that are distinct and specifically tailored to support the unique set of students and families on this side of town, something a "quick fix" doesn't have the ability to do.

The community believes that the people who hold the future of our schools in their hands do not care to understand the people here and do not care about the consequences that will affect us. The people who are making these decisions have never been to East Lubbock or never met the people who live here to understand the situation at hand. To make a lasting and positive impact, we need the people from

the State to come here and realize that their decision will impact literally thousands of lives and needs to be considered more effective. Dunbar missed standards by a mere 2 points, while showing a consistent trend of improvement over that last few years, why would we want to interfere with a process just now finding its way? decision for the community as a whole, and not set in place something that will hold everything back from seeing the success it most profoundly deserves.

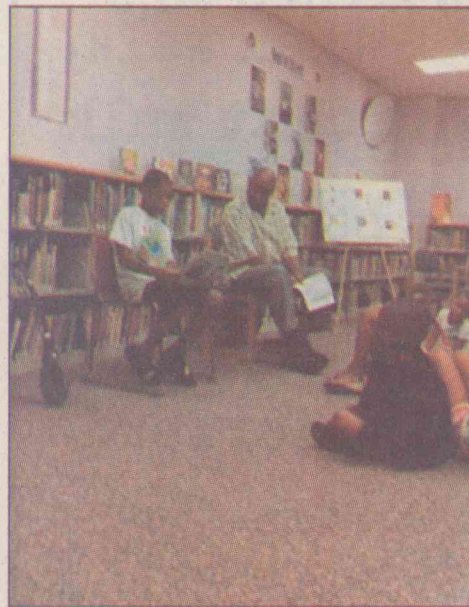


EVERYBODY CAN BE GREAT BECAUSE ANYBODY CAN SERVE.



## Rodney D. Moore, a Senior at Estacado High School writes an article on the Dunbar Preparatory School closing for his dual college credit class at Texas Tech.

(Article continuation from SWD Issue 01/06/19)



The first photo is when Rodney D. Moore met Mr. T.J. Patterson, Sr. He was in the sixth grade and won the ELPN Design Award. (The design on his shirt in the photo). The second photo was taken this year. Rodney is now a senior percussionist at Estacado High School. He plans to attend Texas Tech University where he will major in music composition and production when he graduates from EHS in May 2019.

### The Educators of the East Side

After learning this, I then went into the teaching realm to gather the perspectives of many of my current teachers and even some of my past educators and administrators.

As I stated earlier, I am glad I decided to interview my grandmother first because she gave me a response I was not expecting. It also gave me another question to ask the people I interviewed, How do these changes affect the identity of the community?

I reached out to my Dual-Credit English 4 teacher, Ms. Sarah Harris. Being an educator at Estacado for an astounding 36 years, she is beyond qualified to understand the effects of these changes because she has lived it. It was the most impactful conversation I ever had with an educator of mine. She discussed how not only the change that is most likely going to be implemented, moving 7th and 8th graders over to Estacado, will hurt Estacado students but also how there is no real benefit for the younger 7th and 8th graders being moved there.

It sets up the climate for many issues whenever we move younger children into the same environment of older high school students.

The plan being pushed by the committee will be detrimental to both parties. We talked about how the East Side community has always been underrepresented and underappreciated and what we must do as a collective community to level out the playing field for our students.

We talked about how parent involvement is key to making sure that we have the best and only the best being done to our community. Without it, it seems as if we do not really care about the outcomes of these events and that anyone can just do anything with it, which is simply not true.

The most concerning thing I learned however, was that the closing down of Dunbar High School was not just detrimental and demoralizing to the East Side community, it was also illegal.

There was a federal court order set in place to keep Dunbar a high school that was simply ignored by Lubbock ISD. Everything falls back to Dunbar being converted into a junior high as if this event started the turmoil within our school system.

Now we know and understand what is being done is not to intentionally harm the East Side, but to the people who reside in the community, it sure does feel like it.

My mother, Sonia Moore, has even said in a very transparent fashion that the families in the community feel like no matter what they do, the people who hold the fate of our future in their hands don't care about the people they are affecting. My mother constantly exclaims, *Should one person who has no idea of the culture, community*

*or pride of a neighborhood have the right to take that away from generations of students? Perhaps it's time for educators in Austin to educate themselves before making such a rash decision because a school is so much more than just a building...* (Moore).

This has been a constant trend for the community to feel such a way, and Ms. Harris explained it perfectly from the perspective of an educator who is constantly involved with these students and their families.

The conversation I had with Ms. Harris was an eye-opening and educational experience where I learned so much more about a community that I have lived in for as long as I can remember.

This didn't just give me the knowledge needed to truly understand everything that has happened to the East Side community, but it has also given me strategies and the confidence to make a real change in our community.

Next, I reached out to one of the educators I've had for the longest time in my educational life, Mrs. Lizan Mellinger. She has watched me grow from kindergarten at the very prestigious Iles Elementary School and was with me all the way to my eighth-grade year at DCPA.

Iles was exemplary every year that I was in attendance for and is a prime example of an extremely successful school on the east side, so it would only be right to have one of my educators from Iles be represented in this paper. She was so passionate about this certain topic that she wrote me 18 handwritten pages for her response.

One of the many things I found noteworthy is that she wants the district to stop trying to make every school the same. She states that, "Our feeder system is unlike any other in Lubbock, we need many different things for our kids to be successful."

She talked about intensive social/emotional learning to ensure every student is properly prepared for school, strict/consistent behavior plans so students will learn early on what is expected from them and suggested it begins as early as pre-k.

Another overarching theme I noticed in her response is that we need educators who are passionate about the students. She stated, *We also need quality teachers who understand and have compassion for the population they teach. Under no circumstance should low performing schools be given teachers who can't handle managing a classroom.*

We need teachers who actually care. I know from experience that there are too many teachers who do not have any true connection with the students. Especially in a unique community like ours with very different students, this is detrimental. Being at Iles, I had edu

cators who truly cared about my education. They all had compassion for their students and I believe that is one of the many reasons why Iles Elementary was so successful. If we can make every learning environment consistent with the very things Mrs. Mellinger listed in her response, the school system will heal in dramatic fashion.

Staying with my past educators, I finally connected with an old administrator of mine, Ms. Annie Johnson. Being involved with the East Side school system for a jaw-dropping 52 years, I especially wanted her input on this issue.

She also built off of the same theme Mrs. Mellinger said in her response when she talked about how there needs to be "understanding that all students do not learn the same..." (Johnson). She also talked about how we have people making decisions for the East Side who don't even live or reside here.

How can someone who doesn't live on the East Side, attend a social function for the east side, or have kids that attend in east side schools, possibly understand everything needed to improve East Side schools (Johnson)? She also made a huge emphasis on community involvement, mentioning that we must set up our own committees instead of just allowing outside people make to decisions for our community.

The closing down of schools drains the community. In her response she states, "A community is only as good as the residents that live in it. When you close a school or feel the need to revamp one, the community is at a standstill." What she meant by this is when others go in and tamper with our schools, they tamper with the entire community. Literally, everyone becomes affected by this, and it is taxing on the entire community.

### The Science Behind Underappreciated Schools

There has to be a science to why some schools in the United States are treated differently than others, simply regarding the area the schools are in or the students who attend it. To find that, I did some general research on underappreciated schools and also on the differences in learning environments between different schools. I found a really interesting article called, "Planned Failure, The Plight of Inner City Kids," written by Bob Blumenthal, a retired educator. The article mostly focuses on inner city schools, but I decided to make a reasonable connection for East Side schools. It went in depth on why the issue of inner-city education is more than just a money issue or grades issue. It explored the actual lives the children have to face compared to other students in more successful learning environments. The author states, "children who have social, emotional, and/or health issues often find learning difficult. (Continued to the left)