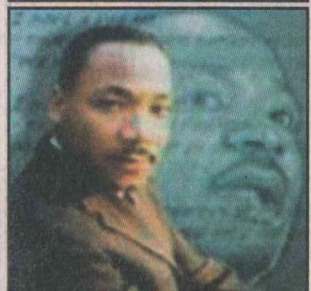




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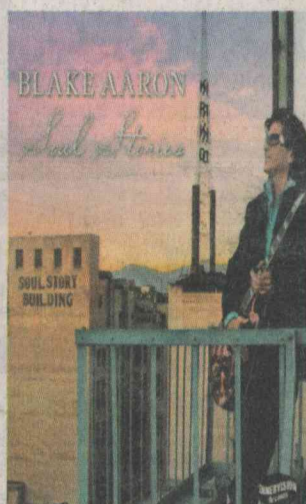
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2019 Jazz Caprock Concert Set For Saturday Evening, July 6, 2019



Tom Braxton



Blake Aaron



Joe McBride

The Caprock Jazz Concert is back this year to add to the 4th of July festivities. This concert is in memory of Eric Strong and proceeds will benefit the Caviel Museum. It will be at the Helen DeVitt Auditorium, Saturday, July 6th from 6:00 pm – 9:30 pm. To enjoy the cash bar and food trucks before the concert, doors open at 4pm. This is going to be an amazing show with internationally known, Tom Braxton as the headliner. The show will also feature Blake Aaron from California, Joe McBride from Texas, Lubbock natives: Jazz Alley and the Joy Harris Quartet.

You don't want to miss this concert! It is an intimate venue with not a bad seat in the house. Hurry and get your tickets from Select-A-Seat before it sells out!

T. Braxton Bio:

Jazz saxophonist Tom Braxton has garnered critical acclaim while thrilling audiences of all ages from coast to coast and abroad for over two decades. From Africa to Japan...from New York to L.A., Braxton's distinct, melodic sound leaves audiences astounded, clapping, and on their feet screaming for more!

This versatile instrumentalist has recorded nine CD's which can be heard on radio and television airwaves nationwide. His albums have hit numerous jazz charts including Billboard, RadioWave, SmoothJazz.com, Groove Jazz Music, Capital Jazz Radio, and Amazon.

That's why Jazz Review calls Braxton "one of smooth jazz's most prolific saxophonists...with all the required tools to become a major force."

He was inducted into the West Texas Walk of Fame in 2017. He has also been a featured artist and fan favorite on the Smooth Jazz Cruise for 12 years. This charismatic performer has been a headliner on the Algarve Smooth Jazz Festival in Portugal.

B. Aaron Bio:

Heading full-throttle into his second decade as a recording artist and his seventh year as host of the popular syndicated "Blake Aaron Live with Tina Anderson," the multifaceted guitarist, composer, producer and media personality – now releasing his highly anticipated 4th full length CD, and his first completely self-produced solo project – has a lot of fresh and dynamic musical Soul Stories to tell.

Aaron's fans have long been entertained by his multiguitar approach in his live performances.... "As with my live performances, I like to make all of my records as if they are movies," he says, "with all the emotional ups and downs, as if I am taking the listener through a story or a musical landscape.

With Soul Stories, I wanted to try to tell compelling musical stories, some with words but most without. Many artists like to focus on one trademark sound, but I have to use different modes of expression because that's really who I am. It keeps the albums fresh and allows for more spontaneity onstage."

J. McBride Bio:

Born and raised in Fulton, MO, keyboardist/singer Joe McBride began playing the piano at age four. His earliest influences were gospel music, bebop, straight-ahead jazz, Motown, and '70s R&B and funk. As a teenager, he began singing and playing at jazz clubs. Around this time, McBride was stricken with a degenerative eye disease that eventually claimed his sight, but his passion for music didn't diminish. He continued his musical studies at the Missouri School for the Blind and Webster University in suburban St. Louis, where he majored in jazz performance. He also attended the University of North Texas. Around 1983, McBride trekked to San Diego, CA, a bastion of smooth jazz radio. He began playing with the band Fattburger and guitarist Steve Laury.

McBride has also been the opening act for Whitney Houston, Larry Carlton, and the Yellowjackets. His reputation has reached overseas, making McBride a favorite in Europe and Spain. McBride's debut album, Grace, released in 1992, instantly made him a core artist at smooth jazz radio.

Local Texas Tech Grad Accepts Ministry Position in Ames, Iowa



Purshia Gambles

One of our very own young adults has made us very proud once more. Miss. Purshia R. Gambles was offered and accepted a position in ministry in Ames, Iowa. Purshia grew up in Lubbock and graduated from Monterey High School. After high school she attended Texas Tech University, majoring in history. During her time at Tech she realized her heart as well as her future would be in Christian ministry. Purshia became a member of Sigma Phi Lambda (ΣΦΛ) which is a Christian sorority that strives to glorify God by providing a source of fellowship for college women who sincerely seek to know His personally, His will, and His ways. It is a non-denominational organization of sisters where fellowship with our most high God is fostered by growth in unity with one another.

During her years in Phi Lambda Purshia held several offices including Treasure and Chaplin. During Purshia's Senior year at Tech she was appointed the position of Foundation Director. Foundation is a Texas Tech organization which plans a 4-day camp for incoming Red Raiders. During these four days, this retreat allows freshmen and incoming students to meet other students their age and upperclassmen to learn about other organizations at Texas Tech, and to grow in Jesus Christ.

After a richly fulfilled academic career Purshia graduated with a bachelor's degree in history. Upon graduating Purshia informed her family that after much thought, prayer and meditation she had decided to pursue a future within the ministry.

As a member of Redeemer, a

multi-generational, multi-ethnic church in the heart of Lubbock. She decided to embark upon a two-year residency/ internship within the college ministry of Redeemer. These two years only cemented the thought of making women's ministry her passion and her life's work. At the start of her second year of the residency, Purshia applied and was accepted into Midwestern Seminary and Spurgeon College, Covenant Theological Seminary and The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary to pursue her Master of Theology degree. After a trip with her mom to visit Louisville, Kentucky and attending preview weekend for The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Purshia decided Kentucky was it! OR, SO SHE THOUGHT.

In December of last year Purshia was contacted by the Cornerstone Church of Ames, Iowa. The Cornerstone Church of Ames has one of the largest college ministries in the United States aka "The Salt Company". The Salt Company is the largest organization on the University of Iowa campus with roughly 1,300 students gathering at the church every Thursday night during the school year to hear Biblical teachings and worship God together. The church flew Purshia to Ames in order to discuss a position offer with the Salt Company. She went to Iowa the day after Christmas and visited for a week. Upon her return home, Purshia began to pray about Iowa because earning her masters in Kentucky was weighing heavy on her mind. In January Cornerstone called Miss Gambles with an offer for employment which included paying for her to attend college to obtain her Master of Theology degree, she accepted!

When asked if her family had thoughts of uncertainty about her moving almost 13 hours away from home, Purshia replied: "Well, although I know the Lord has blessed me with this opportunity there will be things that I will miss.

My family (both biological and church) my friends, Texas barbecue and yes—Blue Bell ice cream because they do not have it in Iowa. But there are also things that I will not miss because they are memories ingrained within me.

New Mural Honors Past and Present Community Trailblazers

The Roots Historical Arts Council unveiled a mural that pays homage to several East Lubbock trailblazers. The mural features the faces of 8 individuals who played and now play a big part in helping the East Lubbock community thrive.

Those featured include:

Alfred Caviel, Billie Caviel, Theodore Phea, Eric Strong, George Woods, Mae Simmons, Professor E.C. Struggs, and Thomas J. Patterson, Sr.

According to Cosby Morton of the Roots Historical Arts Council, this mural came to be because the Roots Council wanted a way to introduce the rich art and history of the community to the children.

The mural has proven to be a big hit amongst the community as well as the loved ones of the individuals featured in the piece. George Woods' grandson, Duke Holmes, says seeing his grandfather remembered in this

way, makes him tear up with pride.


The mural was painted by local artist Joey Martinez who is responsible for numerous murals around the city of Lubbock. You can see this mural on the south side of the Caviel African American Museum at 1719 Avenue A.

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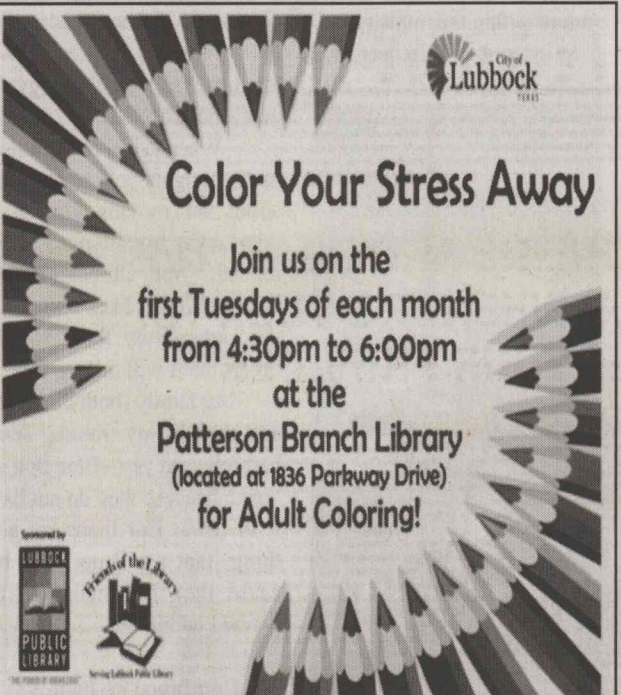
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In Cinque

By Renetta Howard

THE POWER OF WATER

Just a few days ago, I travelled across the Mighty Muddy Mississippi River and it was swollen beyond the banks and a few feet below the levy. According to CBS News, the current flooding is potentially historic. There is hope that the river will crest this week, that is, it will reach its highest point. In some cities, some even with levies, the flooding has been damaging. Flooding causes loss of lives, homes and personal properties which can be devastating if one does not have adequate insurance. Many people fail to get flood insurance in places known to have flooding and then it is disastrous. Those who fail to prepare for flooding may potentially lose more than property, they could lose their lives.

The Mississippi River has been flooding as long as we can remember and it has left the soil in the Delta very rich for growing crops which produce massive amounts of wholesale and retail money for its owners. The flooding is very amazing to watch in places where you never saw it before. Though the river carries water to places where it never was before, sometimes it creates unwanted substances in the drinking water and that is not good. Water is powerful and man has to try to control it and prepare for the safety of living people, animals and plants.

We all need water. Everything living needs water, one way or another. Some animals and plants cannot live without it at all times, but all of us need it sometimes. The first thing that happens to a newborn baby once separated from its mother is a bath. Many animals lick their newborn clean after birth. As we continue in life, we must drink water to stay alive and we must clean our bodies with water in

order not to be a nuisance around other people and ourselves.

We cook with water and we keep our utensils clean with water and the areas in our kitchen and the rest of our home clean with water. We water our yards; trees, grasses, flowers and vegetables with water. We care for our pets just like we care for ourselves, with water.

We read amazing stories about water in the Bible and in books. Story books written for children often have a hero that is nearly killed by a villain, but after a day and night and some water, the hero is revived and strengthened and able to slay the villain. He is infused with water and becomes all powerful again. Water is also good for your soul.

Your soul needs water as well as your body. We drink at least 64 ounces of water a day, but the body and soul can use more. The water helps our body to flush out items which contaminate it and when we are loaded with things that make our souls ache, we can flush it out with a good cry. Do not hold back the tears when you feel the need to cry. Your soul needs flushing and that is why we are equipped to cry. When you feel the need to cry, cry and eliminate the need to see a therapist. Let us get 'in cinque' and realize the power of water.

Information For Disable Veterans

If you are a disable veteran and you have some questions which you have, check out "Physicians Guide Evaluation And Examination." Amazon. Com.

Also, get a copy of "The Veterans Guide To Survival" by John Roche.

Beyond the Rhetoric

By Harry C. Alford & Kay DeBow

The Evolution of the National Black Chamber of Commerce - Part 1

The National Black Chamber of Commerce was incorporated in Washington, DC on May 23, 1993. Kay and I did this together and by ourselves. Such an organization was a long-time coming. Booker T. Washington had such a vision at the beginning of the 20th Century. He called it the National Negro Business League. It had up to 30 chapters throughout the United States. It was challenged by rival groups that were started by liberal white New Englanders. Two main groups of these rivals were the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) and the National Urban League. When Washington abruptly died, these two groups carried on and still exist today. The intent of this article is to "clear the air" on how the NBCC was started and the early challenges that jumped in our way as we grew to be the largest Black business association in the world.

Kay was born in Indianapolis, Indiana. She and her siblings were second generation "Hoosiers". Her roots are clear. Her grandfather was born in Tennessee and served in the military as one of the last Buffalo Soldiers. The picture of him in uniform is quite amazing. Her father was a "chip off the old block" as he would join the military during World War II and became one of the original four Tuskegee Airmen. He retired as a Lieutenant Colonel in the Air Force. The DeBow's were slaves to the Huguenots in rural Tennessee. The Huguenots were immigrants from France who sought freedom in the New World and specialized in farming in the South. Do you re-

THIS N' THAT

by T. J. Patterson, Sr.

THE MAE SIMMONS SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER IS AN OUTSTANDING PROGRAM FOR OUR SENIOR CITIZENS IN LUBBOCK!!!

Many years ago, the City of Lubbock saw a need to do something for SENIOR CITIZENS..... for Senior Citizens who were 55 YEARS OF AGE AND OLDER who were citizens of Lubbock, Texas and had contributed to this city by their services and support of this city. This became a reality by the MAYOR & THE LUBBOCK CITY COUNCIL developing this special effort recognizing these very HARD WORKING SENIOR CITIZENS!!!

During the beginning of the

..... MAE SIMMONS SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER an organization was developed with men and women senior citizens from the area contributing their input and resources. Leading this new effort was a Senior Citizen who was the late CORINE FAIR who served as PRESIDENT of this effort..... THIS N THAT was always excited when he would see this group of ladies and men dressed in their colors when attending meetings and functions in the area.

What these SENIOR CITIZENS begun should be a catalyst on what SENIOR CITIZENS can do today to benefit all SENIOR CITIZENS..... It

was a great beginning for the works of our LUBBOCK SENIOR CITIZENS and there is still so much all Senior Citizens can do collectively.

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member "Chicken George" in the classic "Roots"? Well, when Chicken George's son established a lumber company in Hixson, Tennessee he would buy his lumber from a DeBow (one of Kay's forefathers).

Kay's mother was the beautiful Aurelia Jane Priscilla Stuart. She died last year at the age of 91. She was one of nine children born to William Weir and Mae Lewellen Stuart. All the children were formally educated. Dr. Stuart was a pioneer. He became the first Black dentist in the state of Indiana. That happened thanks to his "sponsor" the honorable John Philip Sousa. The term sponsor is used lightly. Is it possible that Mr. Sousa was, perhaps, his father? (note: Sousa's daughter was also named Jane Priscilla). Sousa raised him in Indianapolis and they both came from the same area of Alabama. Getting Weir accepted into the Indiana Dental

School was a legal fight. Why did he risk it all for Weir? Somehow, there is a whole lot of European DNA in the Stuarts. One of Kay's aunts was a natural red head. Another was a natural blonde. Kay's ancestry is 47% European. But I guess we can talk about that in another story.

During Kay's childhood the Stuarts were entrepreneurs and quite educated. Stuarts Mortuary and Stuarts Moving are still prosperous today. They lived in Upper-Class neighborhoods; participated in the Jack 'n Jill association and were active in the Civil Rights Era (as they hosted Martin Luther King when he came to town). Harry's family background is quite a contrast.

James Alford was a slave owner and farmer from Noonan, Georgia. He would move and resettle in Alabama (with his slaves). After a short stint there, he took his family and slaves to Bossier Parish, Louisiana. One

of his slaves was Cicero Alford who resembles Robert E. Lee and is the great-grandfather of Harry. Harry's other three great-grandfathers (Bill Brown, Thomas Watkins and John Salter) were also born slaves and freed in 1865 at the end of the Civil War.

Bill Brown was a legend. He was a "breeder". His mother arrived from Africa to the slave market of Savannah, Georgia. He was a tall, muscular man and was used to impregnate female slaves - just like a rancher does with his cattle. It is rumored that he fathered at least 100 children in four states before the end of the Civil War. Thomas Watkins owned 255 acres which were lost to the family when he suddenly "disappeared" in 1875. John Salter was a Presbyterian minister in Webster Parish, Louisiana and looks "quite white" from his picture.

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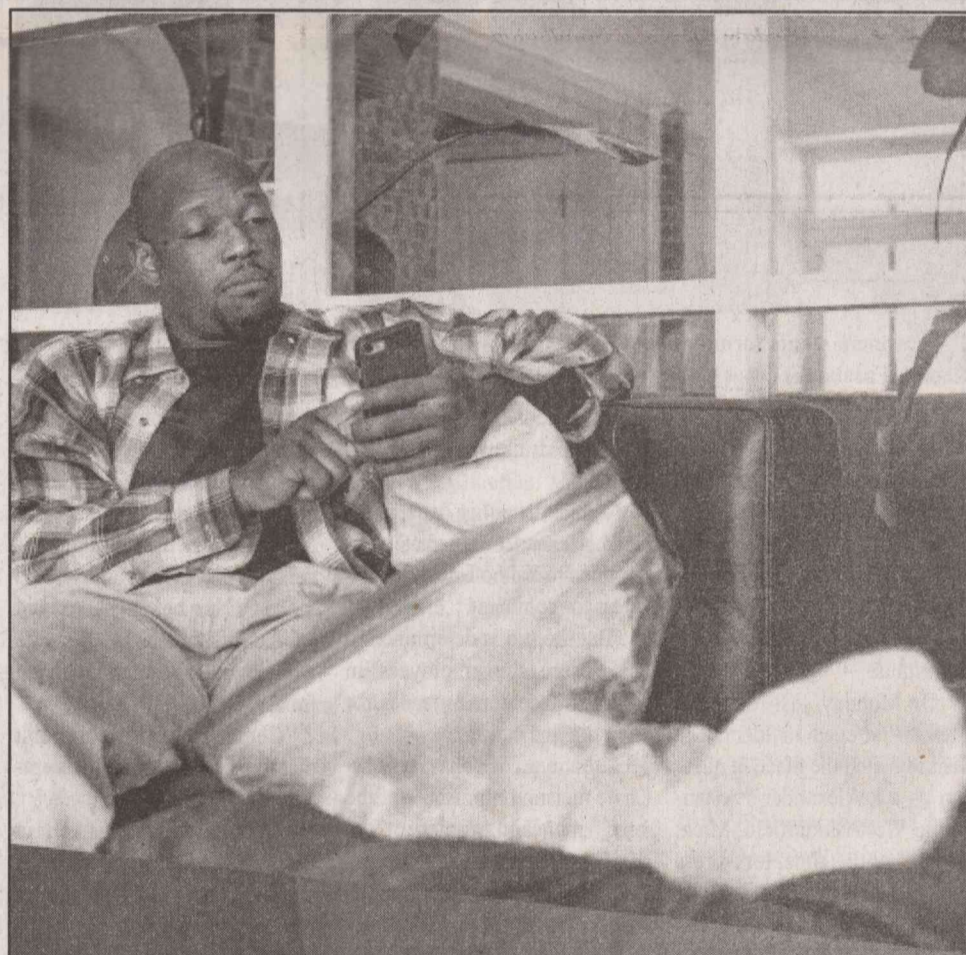
Like going to E's barbershop on Saturday mornings and laughing so hard at all the jokes while Angie did my hair and Ms. Penny cut my brother's hair. Like my mom taking such good care of me and my brother alone without help. Her taking us to church and the Sunday meals she yet prepares. This memory goes all the way back to being baptized at First Progressive Baptist by the late Pastor H.L. Avery, I was 5 years old and my brother only 2. I have a blessed

life. I have friends that do not even talk to their relatives but not me. I talk to my mom, Cherry Gambles-Porter several times a day. My aunt, Mrs. Yolanda White that lives in Lubbock checks on me every day.

My other aunt Ms. Barbara Draper that lives in Austin, Texas facetime me every night to make sure that I am in for the night and that my apartment door is locked. My grandmother Ms. Ola Draper and my great grandmother Mrs. Lorene Conaway calls several times a week and they always say the same thing, "I am praying for

you baby". I know that I am loved.

The only reservation came from my older sister Jocelyn Gambles-Clark because we are very close. Jocelyn is very business oriented therefore she researched the cost of living in Ames and compared it with my salary, then she was fine with my move. Yes, I will miss home, but my family has made the move a little easier and I am already making plans to come home for Thanksgiving. No matter how far life takes me, Lubbock will always be home.

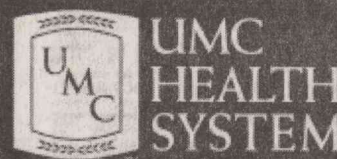


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Revelation 2:4,5 — Jesus said, nevertheless I have somewhat against you, because you have left your first love. Remember therefore from whence you have fallen, and repent, and do your first works; or else I will come unto you quickly, and will remove your candlestick out of his place, except you repent.

THE TROUBLES IN AMERICA; EVERYONE HAS BEEN GIVEN; SO CALLED RIGHTS.

TO DO THAT WHICH IS WRONG; THEY DO IT ALL DAY; AND ON INTO THE NIGHT!!!

Galatians 6:7,8 — Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man sows, that shall he also reap. For he that sows to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that sows to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting.

(THING ABOUT SOW-

ING; YOU'LL ALWAYS REAP MORE THAN YOU SOWED. YOU CAN PLANT A GALLON OF CORN; BUT WHEN YOU HARVEST IT; YOU WILL NEED A PICKUP-TRUCK TO BRING IT HOME!!!)

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?

THE CHURCH LEADERS NOW; THEY WANT TO HAVE A; D.D., BA, AND A DR. DEGREE.

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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.

***** CHURCH;-- WHAT DOES GO MEAN???**

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

my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.

*****YES THE CHURCHES;-- WILL ROB GOD!!!!****

JESUS TOLD HIS DISCIPLES; YOU ARE THE SALT OF THE EARTH. YOU ARE TO MAKE MANKIND THRISTY; FOR THE SALT THAT IS IN YOU; BUT NO GOOD SALT IS GOOD FOR WHAT???

Matthew 5:13 — Jesus said, You are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be salted? It is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men.

***** LIKE CEMENT AND CONCRETE!!!!****

THE CHURCH DIDN'T UNDERSTAND GOD'S WORD OR KNOW HIS WILL. THEY THOUGHT IT WAS ABOUT; REST ROOMS, FRONT OF THE BUS, WATER FOUNTAINS, AND OTHER SUCH DEALS!!!

II Corinthians 6:14,17a — Be you not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship has righteousness with unrighteousness? And what communion has light with darkness?

Wherefore come out from among them, and be you separate, said the Lord.

Praise God!!

Black woman says she was asked to give up her seat to white men at restaurant: 'I was racially profiled'



A woman wants termination of employees who discriminated against her in a restaurant. (Credit: Facebook)

An African American woman wants restaurant employees terminated after they allegedly instructed her to give up her seat for a white man, and then refused her service. She claims they discriminated against her and violated her fundamental civil rights.

On Monday, just four days after the alleged incident, Lia Gant revisited the place in question — a J. Alexander's restaurant in West Bloomfield, Mich. Joining her this time, for a press conference, was her lawyer, Maurice Davis, and another patron, Jerrick Jackson, who says he suffered a similar but unrelated experience there.

Gant recounted her story, alleging that the white bartender not only refused to serve her, but also took away her drink and dumped it down the drain. When Gant went to the manager for assistance, she said she was told

that she shouldn't be upset, "because the drink was not thrown on me."

Neither the police department nor J. Alexander immediately responded to Yahoo Lifestyle's request for comment.

But the trio is determined to make sure the employees in question face consequences for their alleged actions.

"This type of behavior is archaic racism, reminiscent of the black men and women of the 1950s," Davis said in the press conference. "Our civil rights leaders fought for over a century to secure and preserve black citizens' right to have a seat at the table, and we refuse to backslide to a nation where black people are told to give up their seat to white people."

Gant continued to describe how the situation only escalated further after her drink was thrown away, with another customer of color standing up to support her, prompting a white patron to throw food at him and allegedly call him "the n-word." In response, Gant alleged, management "called the cops" on the black patron.

Davis believes that restaurant management failed to protect his clients from the people who were "hurling racist insults." He tells Yahoo Lifestyle, "J. Alexander refuses to take corporate responsibility for its employees' actions and has not reached out to counsel."

Davis tells Yahoo Lifestyle that his client will not be suing at this time, and that they are instead focused on obtaining justice and ensuring that this doesn't happen to anyone else. "Right now our primary focus is

demanding the immediate termination of the J. Alexander employee that refused to serve our client," he says.

Gant posted about the incident on Facebook and shared videos of her being ushered out for the restaurant by a white woman and of a man throwing food.

Comments on the post point that the situation was unacceptable.

"This is disgusting. I am in the business and would never let anything like this happen. I'm never stepping foot in that place again," one person commented.

Davis and Jackson both commended West Bloomfield Police, for their response and attention in deescalating the situation.

According to a statement provided to WXYZ Detroit from J. Alexander, the restaurant has "turned the security surveillance video over to the West Bloomfield police and "await a report on their investigation and their determination as to whether any formal charges related to this behavior are warranted." And the police, according to Davis, have identified a suspect and assigned a detective to the case.



Zion Williamson receives surprise gift & note from Drew Brees



New Orleans Pelicans recruit Zion Williamson was surprised by a signed jersey from New Orleans Saints star Drew Brees.

After Zion Williamson was selected as the number one overall pick in the 2019 NBA Draft, he walked across the stage and ended an emotional interview saying, "let's dance."

There was another New Orleans star listening.

On Tuesday, June 25, 2019,

New Orleans Pelicans recruit Williamson was taken aback again as he was surprised by a signed jersey from Saints quarterback Drew Brees.

In a video captured by the Pelicans, Williamson walked into a hotel room singing and as he turned the corner the framed

jersey was positioned in the middle of the room with a note that read, "Zion, welcome to the family. Let's dance."

Williamson's reaction was priceless, and he admitted it was his first jersey from a professional athlete.

"Geez, thank you Drew Brees," he said. "It's a nice gift, sheesh."

Williamson went on to say he will collect a lot of jerseys during his career, and posed one question: "Wow, passing the torch. Am I ready to take that on?"

David Griffin, Pelicans' executive vice-president of basketball operations, recently said the team will not be solely Williamson's as Anthony Davis prepares to join the Los Angeles Lakers.

"This is not somebody who is supposed to be the saviour of this franchise," Griffin told reporters. "That's not what this is."

"This is a 19-year-old kid, who's going to spend this year learning how to play winning NBA basketball. This is Jrue Holiday's team. Zion is going to be part of learning how to win at a really high level."

Whether or not Williamson becomes the brightest star on the team has yet to be determined but he certainly has the support of another big talent in Brees.

Jussie Smollett Googled Himself More Than 50 Times Following Alleged Attack



Jussie Smollett was just as interested in news about Jussie Smollett as the rest of us were in the days following his alleged attack.

The Chicago Police released more records on Tuesday from their investigation of the alleged incident. Smollett's search history, obtained by CBS Chicago, shows the "Empire" star searched his own name at least 50 times in the days after the alleged attack.

This is the latest release from the Chicago Police Department following their investigation into the January 29 incident. On Monday, 70 hours of video was released, highlighted by body cam video from when police first made contact with Smollett that night.

The video, which was blurred by police, shows his manager leading the officers into the elevator and up to Smollett's apartment. Once inside, Smollett can be seen in a sweater with the

rope still tied around his neck.

Smollett asked the officers to stop recording video once he realized they were wearing body cameras.

Earlier this month, police released the 911 call made by the manager, was initially hesitant to tell police who the alleged victim was but did point out the person was famous.

"I just need the police to come by, I work for an artist, I don't really want to say his name," the caller said.

The caller told the dispatcher that that victim was returning from Subway when "somebody jumped him or something like that."

During the call, the unidentified person told dispatchers, "I just think he's startled ... They put a noose around his neck ... They didn't do anything with it, but it's around his neck. That's really f**ked up. Sorry for saying it like that."

NAACP Invites Detroit and Surrounding Cities Residents to 110th National Convention Events

BALTIMORE — Families, students, professionals and residents of Detroit, MI and surrounding areas are invited to attend the NAACP Experience taking place Saturday, July 20 through Tuesday, July 23. Hosted at the COBO Center, hundreds of partners, companies, civic organizations, and vendors will display their products and services to the local community.

The 110th NAACP Annual Convention will officially commence on Sunday, July 21 with the Opening Public Mass Meeting where NAACP National Board of Directors Chairman, Leon W. Russell will deliver the keynote address. On Monday, July 22, NAACP President and CEO Derrick Johnson will take the stage and address attendees. Both keynotes are open and free to the public.

NAACP Experience Free and Open to the Public

Attendees can come to the Experience to enjoy the retail

expo, where small business owners from all over the country will showcase and sell their products. Ranging from beauty, skincare, and fashion retailers to fine art and high-end jewelry shops, many of the businesses onsite will be local and black-owned.

The Authors' Pavilion will take place alongside the retail expo at the exhibit hall. The pavilion will host multiple panels moderated by acclaimed writers and celebrities. Readers will have the chance to buy books and get them signed by the author.

Free Health Screenings and More

Experience-goers can take advantage of the free activities offered inside the Health Pavilion. Organizations will be onsite to provide HIV testing, blood pressure, and glucose screenings at no cost.

On Tuesday, July 23, a free Career Fair will be held from 12 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Beyond the Rhetoric

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Harry's parents, Harry Sr. and Christine Alford, would leave Louisiana for the lure of California during World War II. The state was booming with the war industry and many of their siblings would follow. Veterans were guaranteed jobs at the many military facilities in the sunny state and that is how most Blacks were lured to it. Besides, unlike Indianapolis and Louisiana, there was no rigid Jim Crow style of discrimination.

Harry's parents had no high school to go to when they were being raised in rural Louisiana, replete with red clay and no asphalt. The nearest Black high school was 40 miles away in Shreveport. In fact, the school year was only three months (in the winter when there were no crops to attend to). Thus, their education was up to the 8th grade. From there they were, in fact, like their peers and became young adults at 16 and marriage would come soon. That was better than Harry's grandparents who were sharecroppers.

Harry and Kay — two children growing up. One on the West Coast and the other in the Midwest. No one could predict that one day their paths would cross. The prospect of the beginning of the National Black Chamber of Commerce was far, far away.

Mr. Alford is the Co-Founder, President/CEO of the National Black Chamber of Commerce @. Ms. DeBow is the Co-Founder, Executive Vice President of the chamber. Website: www.nationalbcc.org Emails: halford@nationalbcc.org kdebrow@nationalbcc.org.

Community Garden Needs Volunteers!

It's that time of the year when it's time to prepare the garden. The same is true for the Community Garden, located in the 2200 block of Cedar Avenue, across from the Booker T. Washington Park.

In order for this to happen as it has in the past, it will take volunteers from the community.

If you want to become a Volunteer, call B. J. Morrison at 785-0895, and inform him you want to become a volunteer for the Community Garden.

Remember your involvement will make things happen.

Obsequies

Vincent David Washington

Funeral services for Vincent David Washington were held on Saturday afternoon, June 22, 2019, at the St. James Baptist Church.

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

Vincent, age 53 of Lubbock, Texas, passed away on Saturday, June 15, 2019.

Vincent was born to Fredrick and Willie Washington on June 8, 1966 in Lubbock, Texas.

He graduated from Dunbar-Struggs High School and after high school he attended South Plains College.

He was employed at Lubbock Avalanche Journal and Lubbock State School.

Vincent leaves to cherish his



memory: sister, Anita Durlay; five brothers: Frederick Washington William (Cynthia), Victor (Robbin), Josephus Blackmore (Louise), Joe (Jeanna), and James Palmer; a host of other relatives and friends.

Vedella Hickey

Slaton, Texas -- Funeral services were held for Vedella Hickey on Friday morning, June 21, 2019, at the Divine Love Baptist Church.

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

Vedella, age 84 of Slaton, Texas, passed away on Saturday, June 15, 2019.

Vedella was born to Robert and Varona Thomas on November, 13, 1934 in Pelham, Texas.

She attended school in Pelham and after graduation she attended technical school in Mexia.

Vedella leaves to cherish her



memory: one sister Laura Fields; (Special Cousin) Leavera Lusk; niece, Dee Dee; and a host of other relatives and friends.

Gurtha Delois "Dee" Andrews

Mrs Gurtha Delois "Dee" Andrews, age 72, went home to be with her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on June 15, 2019.

She was born in Byran, Texas and resided in Lubbock, Texas. Dee married her high school sweetheart, Houston Lee Andrews Sr, and after Houston joined the Navy, the two of them travelled the world together and faithfully served in the church wherever they lived.

Dee was a devoted, loving, faithful, mother, grandmother, daughter, sister, aunt, cousin, mentor and friend too many. She was known as an encourager and "MIGHTY PRAYER WARRIOR". Her smile lit up a room.

Dee worked at the executive level in retail for over 40 years, and as a Store Manager for Dillard's Corporation for 21 years in Texas, Oklahoma, Florida and retired in Virginia. Throughout her career, she received numerous awards for her outstanding leadership and commitment to excellence.

Her two loving children survive Mrs Andrews. Daughter Trina (Dave) of Virginia Beach VA, son Houston L. Andrews Jr. of Brussels, Belgium, and her two precious grandchildren Joshua & Rachel. Mrs Andrews also adopted a special second daughter in her heart, Cassandra Spivey of St.Petersburg, FL.

Dee and her late husband Houston were best friends to Jerry and Ceola Bernard of Union City, CA. Her surviving extended family includes; LaV-



erne (Wayne) Bradley, La Gloria (Lonnie) Portee, Lawrence (Peggy) Klenclo, Linda Faye Johnson, LaNelle Williams, and Patricia (Ron) Canada. Dee lived a long and productive life, and always cared for her family and friends with all her love and compassion. She blessed all that met her and left a legacy of grace and godliness that will live on in our hearts.

She was predeceased by her husband of 45 years Houston Lee Andrews Sr., her parents, Willie and Exar (Louise) Klenclo, her sisters Alberta Rigsby and Kasandra Klenclo, her brother Columbus Klenclo and goddaughter, Eboni Bernard. Her additional extended family includes; brother-in-law L.V. Andrews, her amazing nieces, nephews, cousins and all family members.

A viewing was held at Ossie Curry Funeral Home on Friday, June 21, 2019.

Larry Baldwin

Funeral services were held for Larry Baldwin on Friday morning, June 21, 2019, at Griffin Mortuary Chapel.

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

Larry, age 67 of Lubbock, Texas, passed away on Thursday, June 6, 2019.

Larry was born to Jessie Pursell and Austin Baldwin in Lubbock, Texas.

Larry graduated from Dunbar High School and after graduation he enlisted in the United States Army. He served patriotically until he was honorably discharged.

Larry leaves to cherish his memory: his wife, Janetta Baldwin; one brother, Austin Bald-



win; mother-in-law, Eurlene Phillips; daughter, Karen Woodley (Dameoyn); son, Fredrick Baldwin, Sr. (Toya); six grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; a host of other relatives and friends.

Vernon Ray Lewis

Funeral services for Vernon Ray Lewis were held on Wednesday afternoon, June 15, 2019, at the Word of Truth.

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

Vernon, age 71 of Lubbock, Texas, passed away on Friday, May 31, 2019.

Vernon was born on June 20, 1947 in Mt. Enterprise, Texas to Herbert, Sr. and Elcinea Lewis.

He attended Lubbock Public Schools and graduated from Dunbar High School.

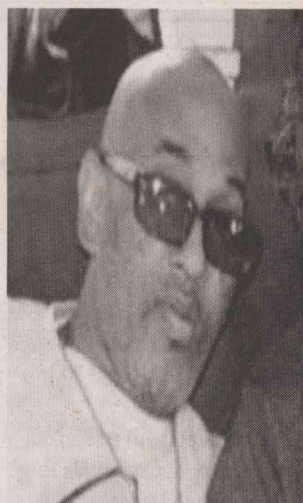
Later, Vernon was drafted to the U. S. Army. He received his Associate Degree in Business Administration from South



Plains College. He leaves to cherish his memory; his wife, Shirley Lewis, two sons, Vernon Bishop, Sr. and Connally Mitchell, Jr.; two sisters, Vivian Perkins and Brenda

Marshall (Willie); two brothers, Nathaniel Lewis (Doris) and Lather Lewis (Patsy); five grandchildren, two great grandchildren; a host of other relatives and friends.

Elijah Isaiah "Eli" Drone



Lamesa, Texas -- Funeral services were held for Elijah Isaiah "Eli" Drone on Saturday morning, June 22, 2019, at the St. John Baptist Church.

Interment followed in the Dawson County Cemetery under the direction of Griffin Mortuary Funeral Home of Lubbock.

Elijah, age 56 of Lamesa, Texas, passed away on Thursday, June 13, 2019.

Elijah was born to Limmos and Rosie Nell Drone on March 19, 1963 in Lamesa, Texas.

He leaves to cherish his memory; his mother, Rosie Nell Wright; wife, Dorothy Smith Drone; one son, Jamar Duvall (Tyronda); three daughters: Joquetta Duvall-Evans (Antwon), Shamika Sherman, and Tina Smith-Kelly (Davis); two sisters, Barbara Hunter (Chauncey) and Chris Bogus (Kevin); two brothers, James Edwards and Christopher Drone; nine grandchildren; one uncle, Hezekiah Edwards; three aunts: Betty Richardson, Barbara Edwards, and Daisy George; a host of other relatives and friends.

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Whatever Happened to the Simple Things in Life? by Dr. James L. Snyder

I'm not a very complicated person. I like simple things; things nice and easy.

On the other side, the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage is very complicated. Just when I have everything figured out, I find another side of her that I did not know was there.

I am very simple minded when it comes to going out to eat.

My wife is not quite like that. Ordering her supper is quite a complicated thing. It takes several minutes to go through the menu and then several minutes to think about what she wants to eat.

Me, I tell the waitress, "I'll have a cheeseburger, French fries and a Diet Coke." And that's that.

"You had that," my wife will say, "yesterday. Why don't you pick something different for tonight?"

I remember one time I made a drastic mistake which I will never repeat. I said to my wife, "Okay, why don't you choose my supper for tonight?"

I have not made that mistake ever again. However, she often asks me, "Would you like me to choose your supper for tonight?"

Once I had to buy some new shirts along with some new ties. For some reason I went shopping by myself, which in itself is good.

When I came home that night from my shopping spree, my wife looked at all the shirts I bought.

"You bought these shirts?"

She looked at the shirts and then at me with both hands on her hips and said, "These shirts are the same shirts you have in your closet. Why didn't you get

something different?"

The next time my wife took me shopping. It was the worst shopping experience I have ever had.

We went to the men's clothing store and then the simplicity of life ended in a crash. My wife spent all afternoon looking at all kinds of shirts in all kinds of colors and then trying to find ties that would match. I did not know so many colors existed in the world. I do not even think the rainbow has as many colors.

My idea is that a white shirt never draws attention. A shirt of any color always draws attention to itself. I like to slip in and slip out without notice; it is the simple way of doing things.

When it comes to work, I am rather simple. I start a task and keep at it and to its finished, then I move on to the next task. I do not like to confuse things and so I do everything simply.

My wife is not like that. She is one of those "Multitaskers" that you hear about.

She can juggle four tasks at the same time and get them all

done perfectly.

Don't get me wrong here. I respect and can appreciate that kind of work ethic. There's only one small problem.

Because my wife is a Multitasker, she expects the person who said, "I do," at the wedding altar to have the same work ethic. I've tried to explain this, but by the time I finished explaining it, she is already on to the next topic. I cannot possibly keep up.

I was thinking of what David once said. "Teach me thy way, O Lord, and lead me in a plain path, because of mine enemies" (Psalm 27:11).

Following the Lord is a very simple thing. Just trust Him and he will lead you in a plain path.

Dr. James L. Snyder, pastor of the Family of God Fellowship, lives with the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage in Ocala, FL. Call him at 352-687-4240 or e-mail jamesnsnyder2@att.net. The church web site is www.whatafellowship.com.

Timothy Joe Drake

Funeral services were held for Timothy Joe Drake at the Bethel African Methodist Church with Rev. Ada Bean, pastor, officiating.

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

Timothy, age 60 of Lubbock, Texas, passed away on Monday, June 17, 2019.

Timothy was born on August 9, 1958 in Commerce, Texas to Kathryn Hill and LT Drake.

Timothy graduated from Commerce High School.

He was a former employee at the Lubbock State School and National Linen.

Timothy leaves to cherish his memory; his wife, Ruthie Drake; brother, Bobby Walker; sister, Barbara Glover; niece, Wanda Jean Robinson; a host of other relatives and friends.

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More Obituaries In Lubbock

Bobbie Jean Davis



Las Vegas, Nevada -- A celebration of life memorial service will be held both in Las Vegas and Texas at a later date for Bobbie Jean Davis. Please send cards and flowers to 2116 Goldhill Way, Las Vegas, Nevada 89106.

Bobbie Jean Davis, who was a former resident of Lubbock, Texas, passed away, Thursday, June 13, 2019 in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Bobbie was born on October 19, 1934 in Mt. Enterprise, Texas. She lived in Lubbock for 70 years and then moved to Las Vegas in 2017.

She was the second of nine children to the late Robert "Buck" Davis and Dessie Lee Davis.

She is preceded in death by 6 brothers and 1 sister.

She was a member of Parkway Drive Church of Christ.

Bobbie leaves to cherish her

Robert Earl Goff



Clovis, New Mexico -- Formally of Lubbock, Texas -- Funeral services for Robert Earl Goff were held on Tuesday morning, June 25, 2019, at the Manhattan Heights Church of Christ.

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

Goff was born February 6, 1954, in Lubbock, Texas to Mr. Johnnie Goff and Mrs. Willie Mae (Bowman) Goff. Robert passed peacefully in his home on Sunday, June 16, 2019. Robert

was the youngest of his parents children.

His brothers, Johnnie Bryant and Benny Goff proceeded Robert in death.

He is survived by his loving wife, Gloria Goff; sisters: Bernadine Newman, Joyce Goff and Mary Ann Hutchins. He is also survived by nieces and nephews: Lagina Newman, Carla Hamilton, LaTrice Thomas, Niricki Goff, Shennan Goff, Gregory Newman and Johnathan Hutchins.

Robert's mother instilled his religious upbringing at Birch Street Church of Christ.

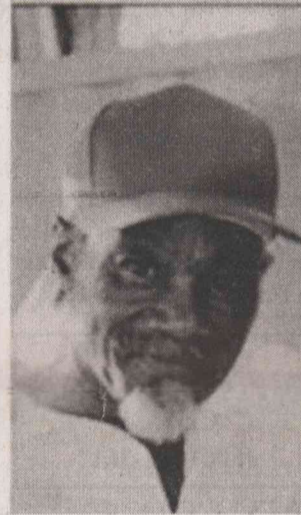
He completed his education at Dunbar High School in 1974 before attending Job Corp for a short time. He worked various jobs throughout his life, mostly construction work. He enjoyed riding his mountain bikes (like NOBODY else could), detailing cars, listening to music, watching old movies, and manicuring his and his neighbors' yards. He continued doing yard work until a couple of days before passing.

Robert met Gloria Grisby on December 18, 1981. They were married December 25, 1984, in Morton, Texas.



memory, one sister Bonnie Juniel (702-648-4781) of Las Vegas, NV and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Ronnie Lee Harris, Sr.



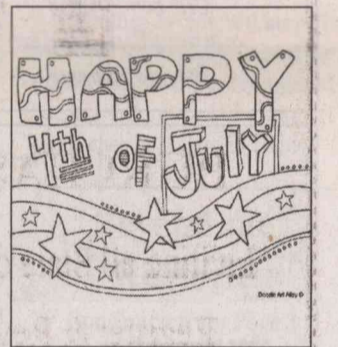
Funeral services were held for Ronnie Lee Harris, Sr. on Saturday morning, June 22, 2019, at the St. James Baptist Church.

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

Ronnie, age 68, passed away on Saturday, June 8, 2019.

Ronnie was born on June 12, 1951 to Herman Lee and Ruthie M. Harris.

Ronnie graduated from Dunbar High School. Ronnie leaves to cherish his memory: his mother, Ruthie M. Harris; three sons: Rodrick Harris, Reginald Harris, and Ronnie Harris, Jr.; four sisters: Gwen McCallan, Ruthie Harris, Olivia Gatewood (Robbin), and Cassie Harris; one brother, Alvin Harris; two grandchildren; a host of other relatives and friends.



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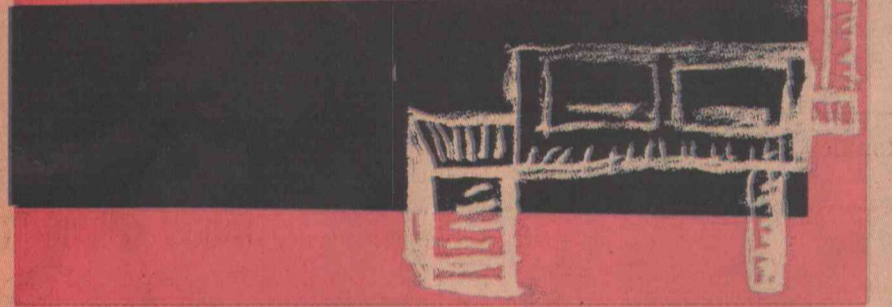
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Roots Historic Arts Council Celebrates the Birthday of Late Community Activist, Eric Strong

As a part of the Roots First Friday Arts Trail, The Caviel Museum of African American History held an event to celebrate the birthday of Eric Strong. Eric Strong was a prominent leader in the Lubbock community who unfortunately passed away in March of 2017 at the age of 64.

Strong's birthday was Wednesday, June 5th and the Roots Historical Arts Council held the event on Friday, June 7th.

Director of the Roots Historical Arts Council, Shirley Green, said that the first Friday of June would serve as an annual celebration for Eric Strong's birthday. This event will be used to honor Eric Strong's legacy, love of the arts, and passion for his community.

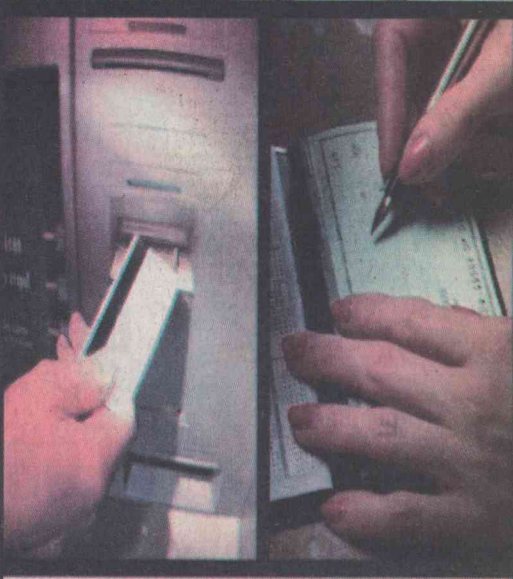
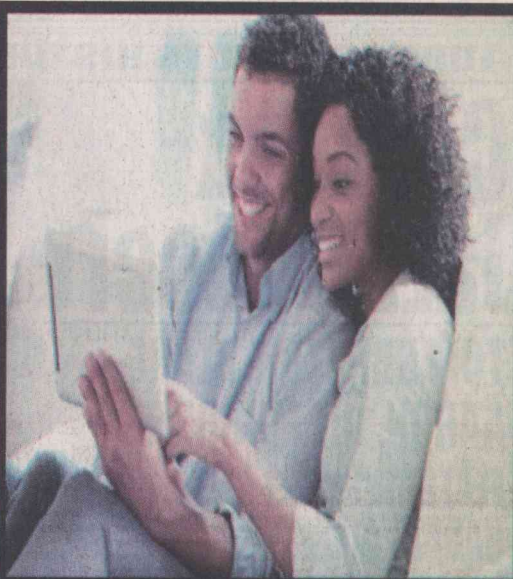
The ceremony featured performances from the West Texas Raiderettes as well as the First Progressive Baptist Church youth praise dancers.

Eric Strong's widow, Maria Strong, spoke very highly of her husband referring to him as an artist and visionary.

His colleague, Robbyne Hocker Fuller, spoke about Eric's passion and excitement for putting numerous events for the Roots Historical Art Council. He also played a part in the creating of the Roots Historical Council in Midland Texas.

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2019 Juneteenth Pool Winners Named At Mae Simmons Senior Citizens Center

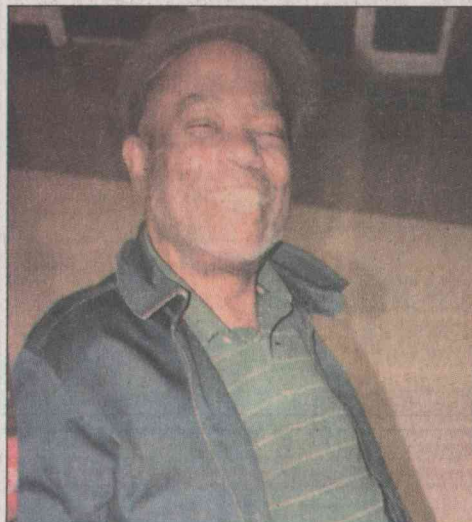


The winners of the 2019 Juneteenth Double Elimination Pool Tournament are shown above. They are: 1st Place, Henry Alvarado; 2nd Place, Dell Carrington; and 3rd Place, Louis Lucero.

The annual event was held at the Mae Simmons Senior Citizen Center on Friday afternoon, June 14, 2019.

This year's tournament had fourteen participants which included four ladies who did well. More ladies are asked to get involved in this annual event.

Pool has become a very popular event at the Mae Simmons Senior Citizen Center. For more information about upcoming pool tournaments, call (806) 767-2708.



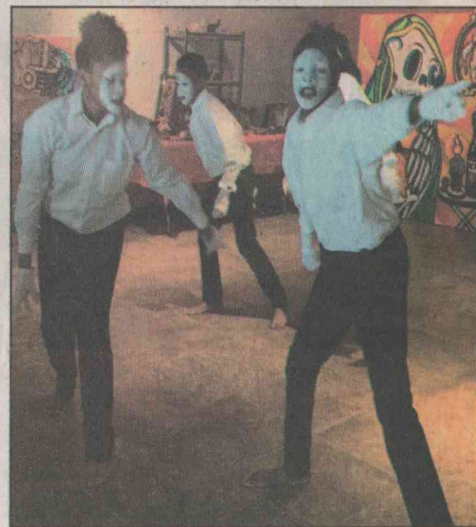
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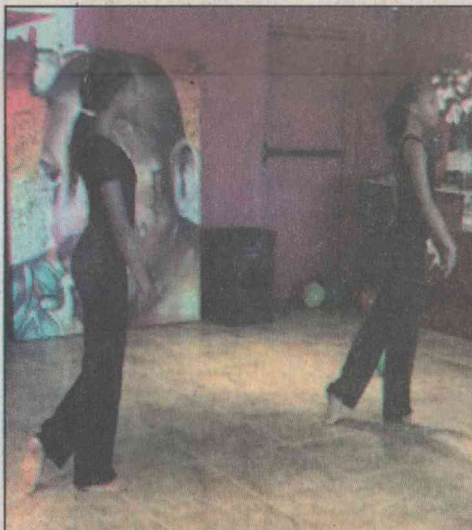
Eric's Daughter, Destinee Townley
Pays Tribute to Him



Roots Historic Arts Council
Celebration Attendees



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