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* 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 p. m. at the Dunbar Alumni Building

* 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 2nd Saturday at 10:00 am at the Mae Simmons Community Center located at 2004 Oak Avenue.

* West Texas Native American Association meets at 7:00 pm, at the New Jerusalem Baptist Church, 3524 East Broadway Avenue on Tuesday evenings..

* 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.

* ColorYour Stress Away Adult Coloring meets the 1st Tuesday of each month at the Patterson Library 4:30 pm to 6:00 pm

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Collins Sisters Meet With Their Brother, T J. Patterson, Sr., In Lubbock, Texas On August 7-9, 2019

If you would ask T. J. Patterson, Sr. to name something which happened in his life he will never forget; without hesitating, there's no doubt about it, he would tell you about a recent surprise when his three sisters and niece visited him.

What was so shocking, they had never been together in their lives before the visit. He received a call from one of his sisters several weeks before the visit. During the telephone call, they talked about getting together.

Several days after the call, T. J. Patterson, Jr. advised to him that his sisters were coming to visit him, but there was no date mentioned.

Things really happened when T. J., Sr. received a call on Wednesday morning, August 7, 2019. This call was from T. J., Jr. who told his dad he was in Lubbock at the airport. He told his father his sisters were traveling to Lubbock, Tx.

When these Collins Sisters arrived on Wednesday afternoon, August 7, 2019, it made a tremendous day in the life of T. J. Patterson, Sr. This meeting lasted until Friday afternoon, August 9, 2019. What really happened was the beginning of the rest of their lives!



Pictured above are: T. J. Patterson, Jr., Juanita Davis, Evelyn Moss, T. J. Patterson, Sr., Shelia Patterson-Harris, Tanya Davis, and Carol Hawkins while visiting Patterson Library.



Collins Sisters pictured with T. J. Patterson, Jr., Avis Patterson and T.J. Patterson Sr.'s in his residence.



Collins Sisters visiting Bobbie Gean & T. J. Patterson Branch Library with City Councilwoman Shelia Patterson-Harris.

District 2 Meeting Was The Beginning Of Many Good Things To Happen In Lubbock!

There was a great deal of positive information discussed at the District 2 meeting on Monday evening, August 19, 2019, at the Mae Simmons Community Center, 2004 Oak Avenue, where one hundred seventy five residents were in attendance.

Lubbock City Councilwoman Shelia Patterson-Harris presided over the meeting. She told the body of concerned residents she was very excited about their presence. "Thanks to all of you being in attendance, and do use this valuable information to help your area," she said

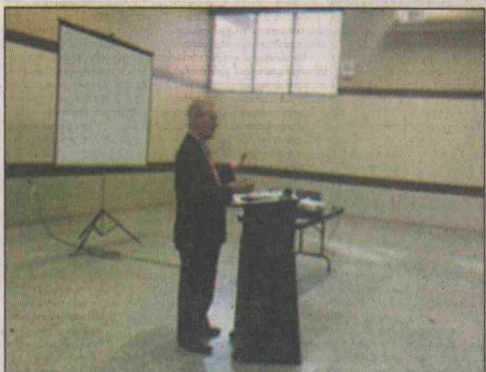
Below are photos of some of District 2 residents who were in attendance as well as some of the City of Lubbock employees who were in attendance.

Some of the City of Lubbock employees who were present: Jarrett Atkinson, Lubbock City Manager; Judge Grge Hernandez, Municipal Court; Chief J. Brewer, Lubbock Police Department; Assistant Chief Neal Baron, Lubbock Police Department; Chief Shaun Fogerson, Fire & Rescue; Karen Murfee, Director of Community Development; Matt Rose, Lubbock

Power & Light; Staurt Walker, Department of Codes; Bob Goodwin & Angelic Hernan, Lubbock Mayor & City Council Offices.

"We hope the information you have received on this evening will be well received, and you as a citizen will take advantage of the information," said Councilwoman Patterson-Harris.

"If there are questions about anything which was presented and you do not understand, please advise me or any of the local officials," she continued.



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Booker T. Washington Garden Provides Food

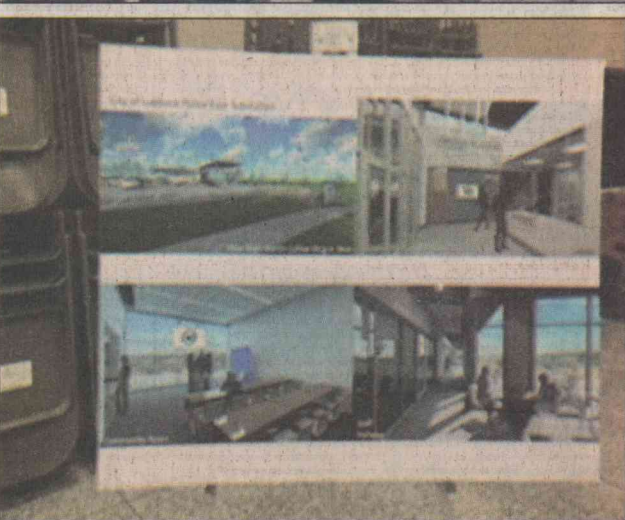


Praise the Lord for the opportunity to help with the Booker T. Washington Community Garden Garden!


First of all, we give thanks to Wayne and Ann Holland of Holland Gardens. They gave us almost all the seeds that are planted in this Garden, which included: mustard greens, cucumbers, cauliflower, carrots, beets, okra, egg plant, and rainbow chard Black Eyed Peas. Also turnips, mango limbs purple zinnias, sunflower seeds, tomatoes, sweet peppers, straight neck squash, and crooked neck squash!

Oh just so many vegetables! We've been blessed and we thank God for the workers of this Garden: They are shown above: B. J. Morrison, Doris Williams, Rev. Ada Bean, pastor of Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church, and her daughter, Chantel. This could not have been done without their help! We give God the glory for all He has done. This photo was taken by Benny Sims.

The community, as well as the members of the Mae Simmons Senior Citizen Center have received the vegetables from this garden.



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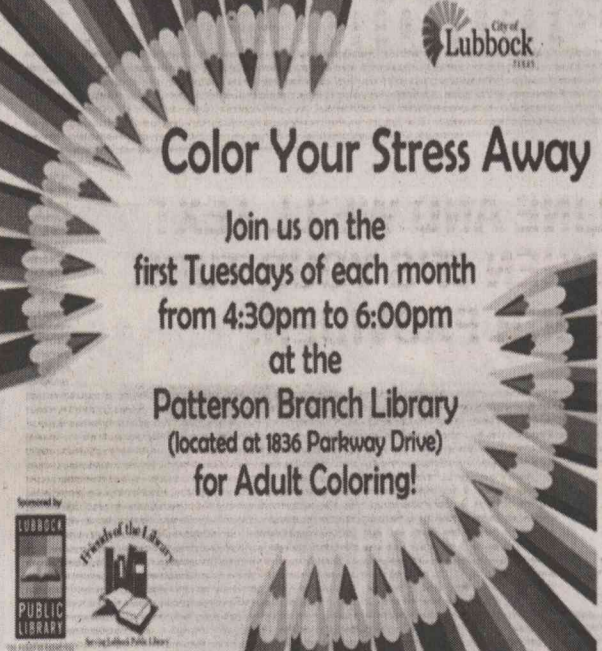
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By Renetta Howard

SOCIAL MEDIA: BLESSING OR CURSE?

We have longed to have things convenient in our lives that would help us to be able to do as we please with less effort, all down through civilization of mankind. We have finally hit upon the realization of many of these things with the advent of numerous technological advances, one of them being Facebook.

Facebook has been involved in the lives of many people for the past decade and some perhaps as long as Facebook has existed. Some of the elderly, like me, were slow to get aboard and sometimes regret the action. I was happy with e-mail, Yahoo Messenger and Skype. Friends kept inviting me to join Facebook and LinkedIn. I finally succumbed. I have thoughts sometimes wondering about some of the outrageous posts that are seen on Facebook. Here lately, it seems to a political forum. Every day, there is something pro and con about the President, racism and the current candidates running for President and related tweets.

Aside from the political rants, there is mention and comments about the silly, crazy and literally insane things that American people are doing to each other every day. There is always something that someone wants to go viral. Some of these items should be sent to the police. People with no conscious use Facebook as a platform to announce evil things that they are about to do or have done. These things coupled with tweets and Instagram photos along with messages to avoid certain evil people, warnings about hate groups' plans for terrorism and numerous negative messages can instill in an individual fear of stepping outside of one's home on a daily basis.

On the other hand, I was

lured onto Facebook by being told that this is a good way to stay in touch with your friends and family. I have found that too often, 'friends' are not always someone you really know. Friends are suggested from a list of friends of your actual friends and you are requested to seek a connection or friendship with that other person. Most of us do. The only problem with some of that is that too often, someone pretends to be a friend and soon get you caught up in a scam of some kind, most with an origin in Africa. Facebook brings us closer, quicker, but sometimes too dangerously close to danger. We can communicate with our friends faster, but we allow too much of our private lives to be exposed to people we do not know. There are privacy realms which can be explored, but too many of us do not use them. Consequently, Facebook has a dozier on most of us and that is how they tell us happy birthday, give us memory shares, anniversaries with friends and personal milestones which they ask us to share. Are we blessed, or is Social Media a curse? We need to get 'in cinque' and decide how to best use social media.

Montgomery Advertiser: In response to Alabama's all-white appellate court, lawsuit seeks to alter election system:

A federal judge will decide whether or not a system of statewide elections for appellate and Supreme Court court judges dilutes the voting power of Alabama's black citizens. Attorneys on Wednesday presented oral arguments in an ongoing lawsuit filed by the Alabama State Conference of the NAACP in 2016 over Alabama's at-large election system for appellate and Supreme Court judges.

Beyond the Rhetoric

By Harry C. Alford & Kay DeBow

The Evolution of the National Black Chamber of Commerce – Final Part

It was the late 1980's, and life was great for the Alford/DeBow family. In such a short time Kay and I had developed quite a portfolio: Military Officer experience, Big 10 graduates living in Big 10 Country, Fortune 100 corporate experience, real estate brokerage training and entrepreneurship experience. We had closed the video stores and decided to never return to corporate or retail America. Real estate was up and down but was mostly up since we specialized in new properties for professional athletes, doctors, dentists, attorneys and other Black professional backgrounds. Indianapolis had a mushrooming Black middle class sprouting throughout central Indiana and we were bona fide parts of it.

For the Black population, Indiana was rather unique. The Democratic Party was influenced by the Ku Klux Klan in the 1920's and 1930's. I found it quite strange that the Republican had a good hold on the Black vote in central Indiana. Northern Indiana and Southern Indiana were hopelessly Democratic. However, the Governor Seat and the two senator offices had been in control of the Republican Party for over 20 years. There was a new movement catching on. Black professionals started looking at the Democratic Party in Indiana. Many of Kay's relatives and childhood friends were joining with the Democrat movement for the Governor seat. She jumped in and carried me with her.

We were running up and down the state telling everyone to vote for Evan Bayh for Governor in 1988. The hard work paid off. Evan Bayh had an amazing upset victory and the

THIS N' THAT

by T. J. Patterson, Sr.

DISTRICT TWO RESIDENTS HAD A VERY INFORMATIVE MEETING ON MONDAY EVENING, AUGUST 19, 2019, WHERE 175 RESIDENTS WERE IN ATTENDANCE.

THIS N THAT was in ATTENDANCE OF 175 RESIDENTS OF DISTRICT TWO were in attendance..... There was much valuable information presented to the residents which can be used to help **DISTRICT TWO** and the entire City of Lubbock. The meeting was under the leadership of **CITY COUNCILWOMAN SHELIA PATTERSON-HARRIS** She made it known that she wanted all residents to leave the meeting learning from

the information which was made available for each of them.

Among those present from the City of Lubbock were: Lubbock City Manager, Jarrett Atkinson; Judge Jorge Hernandez of the Municipal Court; Chief Shaun Fogerson, Fire & Rescue; Chief J. Brewer, Lubbock Police Department; Assistant Chief Neal Baron, Lubbock Police Department; Mark Yearwood; Karen Murfee, Director Community Development; Matt Rose, Lubbock Power & Light; Stuart Walker, Codes and Bob Goodwin & Angelica Gonzalez of the Mayor's and City Council Office.

According to City Councilwoman Patterson-Harris, this meeting was to advise Lubbock citizens of these professionals do

to make Lubbock a much better place for its citizens to live. 'It is our goal to continue to bring information where our citizens can learn and understand how political subdivisions function,' said Councilwoman Patterson-Harris.

There is no doubt about it the City of Lubbock is an outstanding city in Texas, but it takes **CONCERNED CITIZENS AND THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS** be about their business of doing their part **THIS N THAT** was glad to see this **DISTRICT TWO MEETING** and will be looking forward to attend other meetings and hear the dialogue between ... **CITIZENS & OFFICIALS.**

democrats began to take over the state employment network. Little did we know that when you won a major election, the victory was taking over the employment slots and filling them with your political party network.

There were meetings to go to and available positions to fill. It was the Transition Period and it was like going to Disneyland for many of us. Kay would hold out and become the Director of Marketing for the Hoosier Lottery. There was another slot that many thought was interesting. It was: Deputy Administrator for Minority Business Development. It turned out to be a natural for someone with my background. At one of the meetings Kay pronounced, "That job description is describing my husband!" She felt so strong about it that she took my resume to our next-door neighbor - who happened to be the new Secretary of Personnel.

The next thing I was in an interview before the Secretary of Personnel, Secretary of Administration and a couple of Governor Bayh's advisors. The author of the job position was State Senator Carolyn Mosby. She firmly stated: "I am the reason for this position. We are supposed to have 5% of all business contracts going to minority business owners. We have yet to achieve 1%. If you are selected for this position do you commit to making the 5% goal a reality within the next four years?"

My reply would be prophetic: "If the Governor and you are sincere about achieving the 5% goal, then it will be done. I have the training and leadership skills to make that a reality and at lightning quick speed."

It was just so simple to me. If the "Commander in Chief" wants something done and was giving me the authority to make it happen, then it will be done. I

guess that's why I ran through the 5% goal within 18 months and started marching "North" from that point on. It didn't take long for the "wake up call" to hit me. Black businesses prospering is not an expected event nor is it desirable. The white power structure will backlash like "I-40 going west".

To Indiana Black business owners, I became a hero. To the political power base (both Republican and Democrat) I became a "pimple" that needed popping. Years later, I would notice it more and more. The Ron Browns and Alphonso Jacksons would meet hatred and fierce resistance from the powers that be. To us they were heroes. To the other side they were like "Moses approaching the Pharaoh".

It was too late for the haters. I caught the vision and it was to achieve economic empower **Continue on Page 4**

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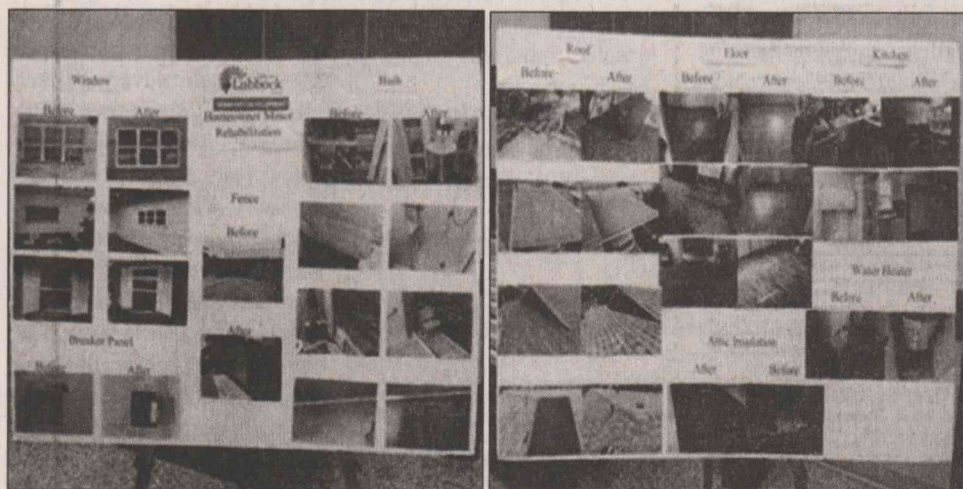
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I Thessalonians 5:1-2 — BUT of that time and season, brother, you have no need that I write unto you. For yourself know perfectly that the day of the Lord so come as a thief in the night.

One might say, I'VE BEEN HEARING THAT ALL OF MY LIFE. EVEN A 100 YEAR OLD MAN; CAN SAY, JUST A FEW MORE DAYS; AND IT WILL BE; THE END OF MY LIFE!!!

Luke 21:31-33 — Jesus

said, Look at the fig tree, and all the trees; When they now shoot forth, you see and know of your own selves that summer is now at hand. So likewise you, when these things come to pass, know you that the kingdom of God is near at hand. Verily I say unto you, This generation shall not pass away, till all be fulfilled.

YOU SEE EACH GENERATION; THEY WILL LIVE OUT; THEIR GOD GIVEN TIME.

JUST A FEW MORE DAYS FROM NOW; IT WILL BE THE END OF THE WORLD; YOURS AND MINES!!!

Matthew 24:7,12 — Jesus said, for nations shall rise against nations, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places. And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold.

YOU SEE THE ONLY WAY THE WORLD EXIST TO ME; IS THAT I'M HERE ALIVE.

IT WILL NO LONGER EXIST; THE MOMENT I CLOSE MY EYES!!!

***** MY LAST BREATH!!!*****

James 4:14 — Whereas you know not what shall be on tomorrow. For what is your life? It is even as a vapor, that appears a little time, and then vanishes

away.
***** ON HEARING OF WARS; AND THE RUMORS OF WARS; IT'S FOR EVER GENERATION!!!!****

FOR MY GREAT, GREAT-GREAT-GRAND FATHER; PAPA CALVIN MORRISON, HE WAS BORN IN 1850. DOING HIS TIME, THERE WAS CRIME AND WAR IN 1850 TO 1859. HIS SON, MY GREAT-GRAND-FATHER, PAPA JAMES MORRISON, BORN IN 1870, DOING HIS TIME, THERE WAS THE RED RIVER WAR, BETWEEN THE U.S. AND THE ARAPAHO INDIAN. MY GRANDFATHER PAPA BILLY MORRISON, I, WAS BORN IN 1888, THERE WAS THE CIVIL WAR. MY FATHER, BILLY MORRISON, II, DOING HIS LIFETIME THERE WAS WORLD WAR I. I, BILLY B.J. MORRISON, III, BORN 1941, WORLD WAR II; FAUGHT IN 1939 TO 1945. EACH OF US WILL BE HEARING; OF WARS AND RUMORS OF WARS; THAT'S THE SIGN; THAT OUR TIME IN NEAR; DON'T BE GETTING READY THAT TIME; YOU HAD BETTER BE READY!!!

Revelation 16:15 — Behold, I (JESUS) come as a thief. Blessed is he that watch, and keep his garments, lest he walk naked and they see his shame.

Report: Cowboys' offer to Ezekiel Elliott would be top-2 for running backs



The Dallas Cowboys reportedly offered running back Ezekiel Elliott a contract that would make him one of the two highest-paid players at his position. (AP)

Things move quickly in the NFL.

In the span of just a few days, we've followed along with the Dallas Cowboys drama-within-a-drama when it comes to hold-out running back Ezekiel Elliott. On Sunday, August 18, 2019, Cowboys owner and general manager Jerry Jones quipped, "Zeke who?" when asked about the preseason play of rookie Tony Pollard.

On Monday, August 19, 2019, Elliott's agent, Rocky Arce-neaux, told ESPN that neither he nor Elliott found Jones' "joke" to be all that funny, and believed it to be disrespectful; Elliott returned to Cabo San Lucas, Mexico, where he's been training, after the swipe.

On Tuesday, August 20, 2019, Jones growled to media that he's "earned" the right to joke with Elliott.

On Wednesday, August 21, 2019, Cowboys VP Stephen Jones took a swipe at Arce-neaux, a veteran agent who represents Hall of Famers Marshall Faulk and Eric Dickerson as well as Elliott, Donald Penn, Nickell Robey-Coleman and others.

Now on Thursday, August 22, 2019, comes news that perhaps there's been some movement in a positive direction.

Citing sources, Ed Werder of ESPN tweeted: "the most recent offer in negotiations between holdout Ezekiel Elliott and the

Cowboys came from the team. Elliott has been offered a contract making him one of the NFL's 2 highest-paid [running backs]."

As Werder notes, that would likely mean the offer is more than what Le'Veon Bell agreed to with the New York Jets this year but less than what Todd Gurley agreed to the Los Angeles Rams last year. Werder did not offer numbers.

As with all NFL contracts, the only number that really matters is guaranteed money. Gurley's deal is four years, \$57.5 million, with over three-quarters, \$45 million, guaranteed.

Bell's deal is four years, \$52.5 million, with just 51.4 percent, or \$27 million, guaranteed.

Serena Williams Stars in PSA About Financial Abuse — and Shares Why Her Friend Inspired Her to Join



Serena Williams

Serena Williams is using her platform for good, once again — and this time, the issue hits close to her heart.

The 23-time Grand Slam champion stars in the latest PSA for The Allstate Foundation Purple Purse program, which highlights the seriousness of financial abuse.

The video — called "Signs" — aims to increase the education and awareness of financial abuse as part of a wider campaign aimed at increasing public engagement with the issue.

"I feel like we need to bring domestic abuse and financial abuse out of the shadows and into public conversation," Williams, who has worked with Purple Purse for several years, tells PEOPLE. "I know it's an uncomfortable conversation, but we need to make it more public. That's the only way that, together, we can end abuse against women and other people in relationships."

Williams says she was surprised to learn that financial abuse is present in 99 percent of domestic violence situations. It forced her to ask questions including "How can I help?" and "Why don't we talk about this more."

"The campaign is all about seeing signs of what can lead to worse things, and signs of people who might need help," she shares.

And Williams has personal ties to the cause.

"I have a really, really close friend of mine who was involved in a domestic abuse situation and it was really difficult, because she couldn't see the signs — and the were signs there, and we all tried to tell her, we all tried to help her, but she just had to come to it on her own and see it on her own," explains the 37-year-old champion tennis player. She continues, "We had to let her know we were there, and partners and people that are doing this want to make you feel so alone and that no one loves you and no one cares about you."

Says Williams, "It means even more to me because now she's broken free of that relationship and she wants to do a lot to talk about this."

The athlete acknowledges that she has a platform "that most people don't" — which is why she's using it to spark change.

"When things hit so close to home, I think it's so important to use your platform and your op-

portunities to not only have fun with your platform but also talk about things that are important to you. And this is important to me."

The Allstate Foundation Purple Purse helps to empower victims to break free of abuse, and has invested more than \$66 million since 2005 to help survivors.

"Not all abuse is visible. Unlike the marks and bruises of physical violence, the signs of financial abuse can be difficult to see — even for victims experiencing it," Ellen Lisak, senior program officer for Allstate Purple Purse, tells PEOPLE. "They can range from an abuser giving their victim an unrealistic allowance for living expenses to preventing them from working to refusing to pay bills or maxing out credit cards in their name."

Lisak says that the cornerstone of the program is their free Moving Ahead Curriculum — which she describes "a comprehensive educational resource designed to help survivors become financially self-sufficient." Over 11,000 nonprofit advocates have been trained to teach the curriculum to survivors across the United States.

Williams — who will play in the U.S. Open this week — hopes that the new campaign and PSA will help "encourage the public to learn the signs of financial abuse and start conversations to help millions who are trapped."

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Disgraced Judge Lay in Wait to Kill Ex-Wife After She Dropped Off Kids: 'Singular Mission to Murder'

A disgraced former Ohio judge who went to prison in 2014 for beating his then-wife has pleaded guilty to stabbing her to death in front of their children.

On Tuesday, August 20, 2019, former Cuyahoga County Judge Lance Mason pleaded guilty to aggravated murder and other charges in the November 2018 death of his ex-wife Aisha Fraser.

Mason faces life in prison without parole.

On November 17, Shaker Heights police officers responded to a 911 call made by Mason's sister saying Mason had stabbed his estranged wife outside her home.

Cuyahoga County Prosecutor Michael O'Malley told reporters outside the courtroom on Tuesday that Mason had been "lying in wait" for Fraser to drop off their two children at his sister's home.

"He was on a singular mission to murder her that day," O'Malley said. "Absolutely. That was his goal and whether his children were there, whether neighbors were there, whether his sister was there he was going to kill her on that morning."

While O'Malley would not say what motivated Mason to kill his wife, he did reveal he had been angry about something that happened a few days earlier re-



Aisha Fraser

lated to "just being a parent."

"There's nothing, no reason, no act that should ever cause a human being to lash out and murder another human being," O'Malley said. "I don't care what he thinks or what he thought justified it. Nothing justifies it."

In 2015, Mason was sentenced to prison for domestic violence after he punched Fraser 20 times and slammed her head against the dashboard of their car five times the year before, WKYC reports. Fraser had to have facial reconstruction surgery while Mason was subsequently removed from the bench.

Mason was also a former state representative and state senator.

After serving nine months, Mason was granted judicial release. In a letter written to Fraser as part of his petition for early release, Mason apologized for his actions.

Fraser was a teacher at Woodbury Elementary School. She had worked in the school system in Shaker Heights, where her two children were students, for 16 years, according to The Washington Post.

O'Malley said his office "never" considered offering Mason a chance to plead guilty to lesser charges. He plans to fighting for Mason to remain behind bars for his entire life.

"Domestic violence and this kind of domestic abuse crosses all socioeconomic classes and races, and the reality is we see it too often in this community," O'Malley said Tuesday. "By making him accept every count, we're attempting to send the message to the people in this county that it will not be tolerated."

Beyond the Rhetoric

Continued from Page 3

ment through "advocacy" that answers only to its own "constituency". I wrestled with it for a few years and after studying Booker T. Washington and Frederick Douglas it became clear to me: "If not you than who; if not now then when". There was no organization known as a National Black Chamber of Commerce. It was a true blessing when my search showed that the name had never been claimed by anyone.

With a couple of dozen of our close friends and Kay's kitchen table, we began the work: From Indianapolis to Washington, DC — look out world here comes the NATIONAL BLACK CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

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 kdebow@nationalbcc.org

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It is our prayer that you will thoughtfully and prayerfully read, meditate and ask for guidance as we consider these topics and scriptures as we study God's Word together!
In the meantime: "Keep Walking in the Blessings!"

Obsequies

Cecelia Joyce Williams-Robinson

Funeral services were held for Cecelia Joyce Williams-Robinson on Wednesday afternoon, August 14, 2019, at the New Hope Baptist Church with Rev. Larry Polk, pastor, officiating.

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

Cecelia, age 62 of Lubbock, Texas, passed away on Tuesday, August 6, 2019.

Cecelia was born on May 25, 1957 in Odessa, Texas to the parentage of Melvin Williams, Sr. and Clarise Taylor.

Cecelia graduated from Estacado High School in 1976 and later became a licensed cosmetologist and worked for over 30 years.

She leaves to cherish her memories: her husband, Ronnie Robinson; son, Tamangi Lewis



(Taneka); her daughter, Nadia Lewis (Rodney); sisters: Rosa Nell Williams (Danny), Teresa Williams and Eleanor Caro (Curtis); five brothers: Melvin Williams Jr. (Blenda), Bobby Williams, Robert Taylor, David Taylor and Julius Williams. 5 grandchildren; and a host of other relatives.

Billy Joe "225" Haynes, Sr.

Funeral services were held for Billy Joe "225" Haynes, Sr. on Saturday morning, August 17, 2019, at the St. John Baptist Church.

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

Billy, age 80 of Lubbock, Texas, passed away Thursday, August 15, 2019.

Billy was born on January 16, 1939 in Dallas County to the parentage of Eddie V. Drake and Alvin Haynes.

Billy received his education from Harrison County, Texas. He was employed at Mrs. Baird's Bakery for 28 years.

Billy leaves to cherish his memory; two daughters,



MaCasha (Russell) Shepard and Peggy (Will) Mason; one son, Billy Haynes, Jr.; three grandchildren; five great grandchildren; two great-great grandchildren; a host of other relatives and friends.

Samuel Melvin Collins, Jr. Brother of T. J. Patterson, Sr., Succumbs In Austin, Texas

Austin, Texas -- Samuel Melvin "Sam" Collins, Jr., the brother of T. J. Patterson, Sr. of Lubbock, Texas, succumbed on Monday, July 29, 2019, in Austin.

Sam was born December 21, 1951 in San Antonio, Texas to the late Helen M. Collins and Samuel Melvin Collins, Sr.

Sam attended Austin public schools and did attend Killeen High School.

Sam married Vicki Talley, and they were parents of three sons: Phillip, Aaron, and Quincy Collins.

Samuel was a very caring and friendly person. Wherever he went he spoke to everyone; he never met a stranger. He loved helping his family, friends, and neighbors. His parting words were always, "call me if you need me," even after he could no longer physically help. Sam was the life of the party. His arrival was always anticipated at any gathering. Sam loved to laugh and make others laugh by telling his tall tales a.k.a. "Sammy Tales."

Samuel received Christ at an early age. Samuel was preceded in death by his father, Samuel M. Collins, Sr.; his mother, Helen M. Collins Van Dyke; sister, Cecelia A. Currie; sister-in-law, Bobbie Gean Patterson; and grandparents.

Loved ones who will cherish his memory are: three sons:

church. She also volunteered at Covenant Hospital as a chaplain.

She leaves to celebrate her God-filled life by two daughters, Vickie Roberson and Kimberly

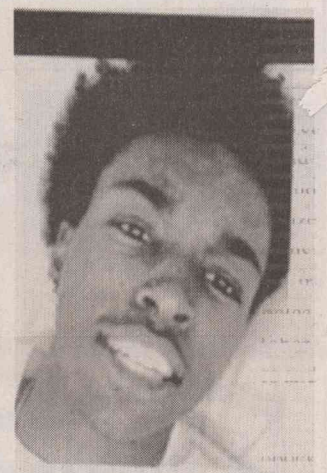


Phillip Collins, Aaron Collins (Krystal), and Quincy Collins of Waco, Texas; two grandsons, Jayren and Jarvis Collins of Waco, Texas; sisters: Carol Hawkins (Cecil) of Desoto, Texas, Juanita Davis of Hutto, Texas, Evelyn Moss (Robert) of Round Rock, Texas; Annie Jenkins of Fresno, Texas, and Roberta Thomas (Michael Knight) of Austin, Texas; brothers: Michael Jenkins (Wanda) of Desoto, Texas, Robert Jenkins, Jr. (Rosie Salinas) of Austin, Texas, and Thomas James "T. J." Patterson, Sr. of Lubbock, Texas; nieces, nephews, cousins, and a host of relatives and friends.

Interment followed in the Evergreen Cemetery of Austin, Texas under the direction of King Tears Mortuary, Inc. of Austin.

Brown; one sibling, Connie Mack Carson, Sr.; 6 grandchildren, and a host of other relatives and friends.

Treyvon Deshawn "Trey" Adams



Funeral services were held for Treyvon Deshawn "Trey" Adams on Friday morning, August 9, 2019, at the Faith First House of Hope.

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

Treyvon, age 20 of Lubbock, Texas, passed away on Monday, July 29, 2019.

Treyvon was born to Yolanda Love and H. L. Adams, III on October 19, 1998 in Lubbock, Texas.

He was employed at Little Caesar's Pizza.

He leaves to cherish his memory: his mother, Yolanda Love; father, H.L. Adams, III; grandparents, Sharon Roberson and Sandra Adams; two sisters, Alize Mitchell and Autumn Adams; two brothers, Bryant Reed, Jr. and Zach Adams; two uncles, Randal Love and Lewis Roberson; a host of other relatives and friends.

ementary School, The Lubbock Club and was an active member of the Navy Wives service club volunteering and providing service in and around the Lubbock Community.

She leaves to cherish her memory: three sons: Raymond Lee Gilkey, Derwin Keith Gilkey (Peggy), and William Henry Gilkey (Gail); devoted daughter, Natalie Johnson (James); eight grandchildren; brother, Jesse Powell (Vivian); two sisters, Ruth Tatum and Lavella Evans; a host of great-great grandchildren, other relatives, and friends.



Mary Lee Toliver

Shallowater, Texas -- Funeral services for Mary Lee Toliver were held on Monday morning, August 12, 2019, at Agape Temple Church of God in Christ.

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

Mary Lee, age 72 of Shallowater, Texas, passed away on Friday, August 2, 2019.

Mary was born on January 19, 1947 to Jim and Emma Toliver. She graduated from Shallowater High School.

Mary is survived by three daughters: Emily Rochelle Quigley-Sanders, Cathy Lynette Quigley-Faulks, and Joy Lynn



Quigley-Wilson; one son, Willie James Quigley, Jr.; ten grandchildren, five adopted grandchildren, and 4 great-grandchildren; a host of other relatives and friends.

Evangelist Missionary Ora L. Brown

Funeral services were held for Evangelist Missionary Ora L. Brown on Saturday morning, August 10, 2019, at the Church of The Nations.

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

Ora, age 70 of Lubbock, Texas, passed away on Monday, July 29, 2019.

Ora was born on December 20, 1948 to Willie James Carson and Irma Lucille Sneed in San

Angelo, Texas. Ora attended San Angelo & Ballinger public schools while being very involved in the local Baptist church there.

Ora and her mother moved to Lubbock, Texas where Ora graduated from Lubbock High School.

Ora became employed with Texas Instruments for 13 years. While a member at Agape Temple, Ora serve as an Evangelist Missionary and Mother of the



My Mirror Doesn't Lie, But Sometimes It Giggles

by
Dr. James L. Snyder

I have never been fascinated by my looks, and I don't think anybody else has either.

Sometimes I have to spend a little more time before the mirror to get prepared for where I am going. I am not fond of mirrors and I make it as quick as possible.

When younger, my family lived close to Hershey Park in Pennsylvania. One of the major attractions there was the "House of Mirrors." You would walk in and the mirrors would distort what you really looked like.

I had forgotten about those mirrors until recently. I was getting ready to go somewhere and the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage said, "Have you looked in the mirror today?"

Not knowing what she was talking about I muttered, "Yes, I glanced at it this morning."

"You ought to look in the mirror again before you leave," she stated.

That morning I had nicked myself shaving and did not notice it, but the blood started coming out very slowly. By the time I got out of the bathroom and into the kitchen, the blood had flowed down the side of my face. I looked at it, got some paper towels and cleaned up my face.

"That looks better," my wife said as I was leaving. Then she said something that struck me.

"Remember," she said as gently as possible, "the mirror never lies."

That phrase stuck with me all day long and as I pondered it, I wondered if it was true. Those mirrors at the Hershey Park lied all the time. I was not as twisted as they made me out to be.

The mirror in my bathroom, according to my wife, is not like

those mirrors. The mirror in my bathroom always reflects the real me. Which, as I thought about it, it was rather disturbing. Am I what I look like in the mirror?

Maybe that is why my wife spends 10 times more time before her mirror than I do before my mirror. In fact, I am thinking about looking in her mirror some morning to see if I am seeing what she sees when she looks in her mirror.

Wouldn't it be great if one morning we got our bathrooms mixed up? I went into her bathroom and looked in her mirror and she went into my bathroom and looked in my mirror. I will know when that happens because I will hear some loud screaming coming from my bathroom.

I spent all day thinking about my bathroom mirror. I have come to this rather sincere conclusion. My mirror does not lie, but sometimes it giggles. If I was a mirror and had to see a

face like mine looking in, I would do more than giggle.

Outward looks are not that important, at least to me. It is not the outside that is significant, but rather the inside.

I could not help what Jesus said to the Pharisees of his day. "And the Lord said unto him, Now do ye Pharisees make clean the outside of the cup and the platter; but your inward part is full of ravening and wickedness" (Luke 11:39).

I can be so caught up with my outward appearance I forget the important part is inside; my soul. The Bible is the mirror I need to see my soul.

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 jamesnyder2@att.net. The church website is www.whatafellowship.com.

Joeretta Eliza Wilson-Gilkey

Funeral services were held for Joeretta Eliza Wilson-Gilkey on Saturday morning, August 17, 2019, at the Danville United Methodist Church in Danville, Arkansas.

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

Joeretta, age 82 of Lubbock, Texas, passed away Monday, August 12, 2019.

Joeretta was born in Dalton, Missouri on August 23, 1936 to Annie Mariah Wilson Collins. She earned her high school diploma from Charles H. Sumner High School in St. Louis,



Missouri.

In Lubbock, Texas, Joeretta was employed at Guadalupe El-

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**Former Lubbockite, Eileen Woods Miller,
Passes Away Sunday, August 4, 2019, In Fort Worth, Texas**

Fort Worth, Texas — Funeral service for Eileen Woods Miller was held on Friday morning, August 9, 2019, at the Shannon Rufe Snow Funeral Chapel with Rev. Wm McKinley Jackson, Pastor, Officiant.

Lubbock, Texas — Graveside Service was held on Monday morning, August 12, 2019, at the City of Lubbock Cemetery with Rev. Hiawatha Culver, Jr., Pastor, as Officiant.

Honorary Pallbearers were Calvin Green, Sr. and Duke Holmes.

Eileen, age 72, was born December 26, 1946 in Los Angeles, California, and passed away Sunday, August 4, 2019, in Fort Worth, Texas.

Eileen spent her early years in Los Angeles, California. She and her family moved to Lubbock, Texas where she attended school. She became a faithful member of Mount Vernon United Methodist Church.

She was a proud Panther majoretta and attended Dunbar

High School and Texas Tech University.

Eileen later moved to Detroit, Michigan where she worked for Chrysler/GM. Later she moved to Los Angeles, California before returning back to Lubbock.

In the late 1990's, Eileen moved her family to the Fort Worth area. She then began a career with Air Tran and was a faithful employee of Southwest Airlines for over 30 years.

Eileen was a long time and faithful member of Samara Baptist Church.

Eileen is survived by her sisters, Vernona Gardner and Naomi Terry; children, Randolph Franklin (Marilyn); daughters, Dylena Miller and Muffin Miller; grandchildren: Andrew, AaGecria, TaRaine, Ranni, Raven, Willie, III, Mekehya and her special grandson, Randolph.

She is also survived by numerous great-grandchildren, nieces - Chartress (Calvin) and Adriane; nephews, aunt, Cather-



ine Porter, and cousin, Vernita Holmes, and her children, Duke and Marcia, and beloved friends.

Eileen is preceded in death by her parents, Eli and Permilla Woods, and brother-in-law, Johnny Gardner.

She was a blessing to everyone who came into contact with her. An Angel on Earth!

Interment was under the direction of Curry Funeral Home of Lubbock.

Just Saying!!!

by
Barbara Gorman

This situation has been lying on my heart heavenly for quite sometime. I have put it off too long, and it keeps coming back to me to do this. Now, I'm done being disobedient to my Spirit. I'm not the most perfect person or Child of God. You see, I'm working on myself trying to be that person! I try to live my life in a way that others may see I'm trying to be a righteous person. I'm not there yet, but with the Living God's help, I'll get there!

It grieves me to see what is happening to our government. Our democracy is being destroyed. I cannot sit back and continue not to say anything and corruption have taken over our Federal Government as well as City Government, Law Enforcement, Judges, Courts, and our Elected Officials which includes every branch of our gov-

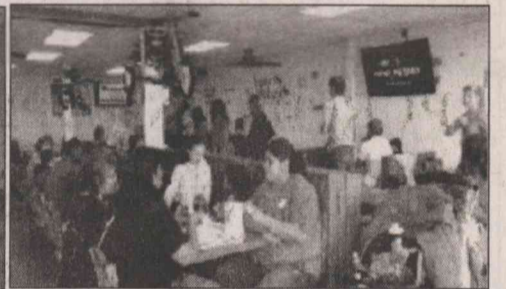
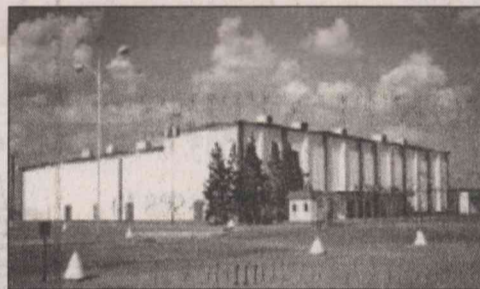
ernment as well as some of our Churches. At this time, I'm calling on all true Children of God, when I say True Children of God, I mean those of you who have truly renewed their mind and has transformed from that old self with no hate. Hate is of the world. Love is of God. I'm saying this because I'm total convinced that God will not be with us when we speak out against this evil. If we are not true in our faith, we have to have Him in the midst of us and in our words we speak.

We cannot continue to let our U. S. President keep throwing out evil hints so some deranged person can act on what he just said. I believe this is what he meant when he said he could kill someone in the middle of the street, and he would get away with it. Listen to what he says as

there is an evil message in everything he alleges says.

Children of God, we are going to have to start teaching our children about love and not hate. We need to start doing the right thing. Call out those who are trying to destroy our democracy. Vote these people out of office. If we don't, we care nothing about our Constitution or Democracy. Hate will end when we remove it from our hearts and not teach it to your children.

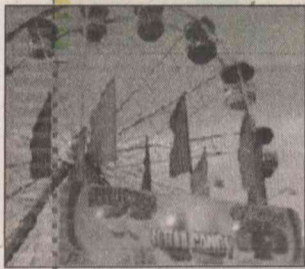
I really believe there are more Children of God than evil out there, because those who don't believe in God have some good in them. When we start to love our neighbor as thy self and have true love in our hearts, and everything else will fall in place!



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Altitude H2O Made A Splash in Lubbock

Photos Taken by Mikayla Holmes (Continued on Page 8)

LUBBOCK, TX (July 16, 2019) – In July, Altitude Trampoline Park launched Altitude H2O, the largest floating aqua park obstacle course in Texas in Lubbock. To celebrate, Altitude H2O hosted a grand opening event with large lawn games and food trucks on Saturday, July 20th in Lubbock, TX at 9999 High Meadow Road.

The park admitted the first 50 guests in for free and continued to pump up the crowd all day long. Included with the purchase of a session, visitors received a raffle ticket to enter to win prizes announced throughout the day.

Altitude H2O Lubbock also hosted a full week of promotions and giveaways leading up to the grand opening event:

Altitude H2O Lubbock is a one-of-a-kind, inflatable playground on the water featuring obstacles including Rodeo Slide, Curve, Hurdle, Balance Beam and more.

To ensure the safety of the guests, the water park enlisted certified lifeguards to watch the course and all participants had to wear a park-issued life jacket and was required to sign a waiver as well as attend a 15-minute safety orientation.

Altitude H2O will be open from 10 pm - 8 pm until September. "We are excited to expand Altitude H2O's presence in Texas into Lubbock for our first year of operation this summer," said Curt Skallerup, Altitude Trampoline Park CEO.

"We look forward to providing the community with a summer full of fun in an outdoor destination equipped for safe, active, family entertainment."

Specializing in parties, and discovering new ways to keep customer active, Altitude H2O has an option for guests of all ages and can accommodate groups of any size.

Session rates range from \$15 to \$25 plus park admission, and all guests must have a waiver signed before entering the park.

To purchase sessions, sign a waiver, or book a party at the Altitude H2O Lubbock location, please visit:

<https://altitudeh2o.com/locations/lubbock/>



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Altitude H2O Grand Opening

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Altitude Trampoline Park

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