

Community Meetings

- * Lubbock Area Client Counci 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 Chuch, East 24th Street & MLK Blvd.
- * Dunbar Alumni Association neets 2nd Saturdays, 4:00 p. m. a 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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M. L. K. "2020" CELEBRATION **Save The Dates** January 17th - January 20th

The MLK 2020 Celebration will kick-off on Friday, January 17th with an Individual's of Distinction Award Banquet. Tickets for the Banquet are \$30.00 per person. This event starts at 6:30

On Saturday, January 18th, will be Youth Night which begins at 6:00 p.m., Sunday, January 19th, will be the Citywide Celebration, beginning at 5:00 p.m. and Monday, January 20th, is the Gospel Night, which will begin at 6:00 p.m.

Night, Mass Choir rehearsals will be held on the following

December 30, 2019; January 3rd, 6th, 10th, 13th and 16th. All rehearsals will be from 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. These rehearsal will be held

(1712 E. 29th Street in Lub-All MLK activities will be held at the Lubbock Me-

morial Civic Center.

at St. John Baptist Church

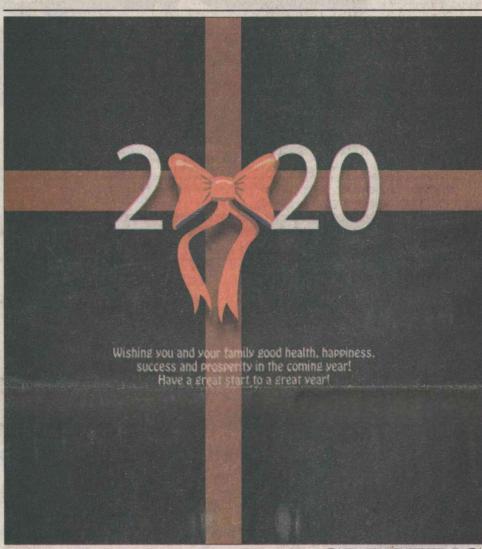
In preparation for the Gospel Mass Youth Choir rehearsals will be held on the following

> December 27th, January 10th and 16th, beginning at 6:00 p.m. at Lyons Chapel Baptist Church (1704 E. 24th Street in Lub-

> MLK Mass Praise Dancers rehearsals will be held on the following dates:

December 27th & 28th, 2019; from 5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m., at St. John Baptist Church (1712 East 29th Street in Lubbock)

For more information, please contact Karen Brown at mlkccol@gmail.com



A HAPPY NEW YEAR GREETING FROM MEMBERS OF THE PATTERSON-HARRIS FAMILY



Pictured a top from left to right: Shaun Harris, Chimere Patterson, T.J. Patterson, Jr., Thomas Patterson, III, center Ursula Patterson, Zairreus Patterson, Shelia Harris, Zaya Patterson, Lauren Patterson, Z.J. Patterson and Asya Harris. (Also pictured is the family dog, Hannah).

A few members of the T.J. Patterson, Sr. family got together on December 21st (2019) to celebrate the 30th birthday of Asya Harris. Asya is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Shaun (Shelia) Harris and grand-daughter of T.J. Patterson, Sr.

The celebration took place in McKinney, Tx., at the home of Asya's brother, Zairreus Patterson. Other family members present were, Chimere Patterson, (Asya's sister-in-law), Zaya & Z.J. Patterson, (niece/nephew), Thomas & Ursula Patterson, (Uncle/Aunt) and Thomas III & Lauren Patterson (cousins).

Asya's day began with indoor sky diving, a present that was given to her by her brother Zairreus. It was truly a fun time that she will never forget.

The evening ended with a

family gathering hosted by her brother and sister-in-law.

These family members truly enjoyed each others company.

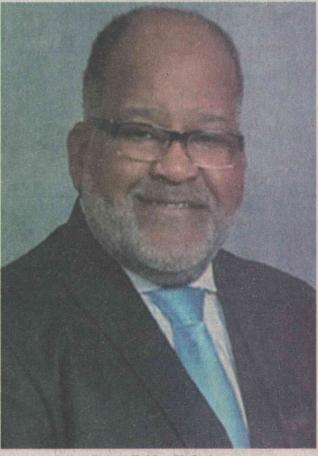
On behalf of the Patterson family pictured above and those not present in the photo, we want to take this opportunity to wish you all a prosperous 2020 New Year filled with the blessings, love and guidance of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!!





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MLK "2020" Celebration Speaker Will Be Pastor Fabian K. Jacko



Pastor Fabian K. Jacko

Pastor Fabian Keith Jacko is a native of Port Arthur, Texas. At the time of his call to ministry he was a 15-year-old high school sophomore. For the last 40 years he has served the Lord Jesus Christ as a preacher, teacher and shepherd to the people of God.

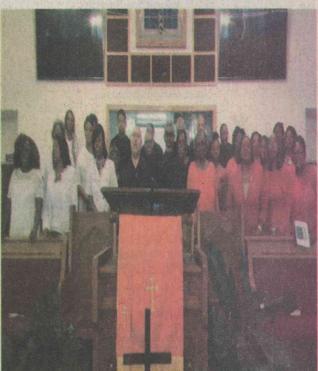
Rev. Jacko completed his Bachelor of Arts Degree in Religion at Faith International University and received the Master Theology Degree at Guadalupe Baptist Theological Seminary.

Currently he is pursuing the Master of Divinity Degree at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Tx. As a gifted singer, Pastor Jacko has made several recordings and is highly sought for as a revivalist throughout the nation.

Following successful pastorates in Port Arthur and Waco, Rev. Jacko became the first shepherd of the newly organized Greater Golden Gate Missionary Baptist Church of Dallas, Texas, in 2001.

Pastor Fabian has been married for over 30 years to the lovely Penny McCoy Jacko, and they are the parents of four grown sons, two daughter-inlaw's and two fun loving grandchildren.

A COMBINED COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION



On Sunday, December 1st, members from various commununity churches joined together to sing songs to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ. This celebration took place at New Hope Baptist Church, where the proud Pastor is Rev. Larry Polk. What a joyous time everyone had in coming together in one voice to lift up the name of Jesus. They all look forward to next year's celebration!



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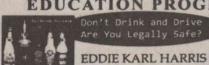
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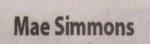
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Beginning Computers Monday, January 6th and 20th at 10:00 am, FREE, Ages 50+, Come learn online banking, how to pay bills

online, basic Microsoft Word, Excel, and Windows skills.

Arts and Crafts
Thursday, January 16th at 10:00 am, FREE, Ages 50+,

Thursday, January 16th at 10:00 am, FREE, Ages 50+, Come for fellowship and create spring crafts!

Martin Luther King Celebration
Friday, January 17th at 2:00 pm, FREE, Ages 50+,
Bring your favorite snack and there will be a guest speaker.

Breakfast Bingo
Thursday, January 23rd at 10:00 am, FREE, Ages 50+, Join us

for breakfast, and enjoy a friendly game of Bingo.

Ice Cream Social

Ice Cream Social
Friday, January 24th at 2:00 pm, FREE, Age
50+ Come Celebrate Monthly Birthdays with
us and have a Banana Split or a Coke Float.



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By Renetta Howard

FRAUD AND SCAMS

Every day we are confronted more and more by fraud and scams possibly occurring in our lives. Just answering the telephone is the most current fear as the Robo callers become more and more persistent each day. They have gotten wise regarding not having a caller ID and have begun to clone telephones in your calling area or using names of some organization which you probably never heard of and which probably does not exist. They are bold enough to use the names of government agencies such as the IRS and Social Security Administration to get you off guard and potentially vulnerable to their schemes, especially if you are an elderly person.

They have access to the names and addresses of potential social security and/or Medicare recipients. Here lately, my mother, deceased some twenty-three years now, has been receiving more mail from insurance companies and entities with supplies for the elderly than I have been receiving. Mail for her sister of the same nature also comes regularly. She has only been deceased for five years. They even attempt to thrash out the names of relatives living or dead whom they feel are potential marks. At this stage of the game, it is not just the callers with no caller ID, but also those with the weird IDs on the telephone or internet. Some are imposters.

As hard as I try, I ended up involved in a scam taking a survey from Amazon regarding the last item I had purchased online. It was two months later when I discovered that I, according to a company called WATCH US, had signed up to purchase a luxury bag at the cost of \$98.89 per month. I had agreed to take the survey and accept a purse for shipping cost only as a reward, planning to give it away as a gift

later. It was no luxury item and I have since contacted them to cancel any agreement whether I made it or not and refund my credit for merchandise which I do not want either. I have since decided NOT to take any surveys, online or in the mail so as not to repeat that mistake.

One telephone scam wherein it is attempted to get you to sign up for something which you do not want is one where the caller asks you how are you doing and if you can hear them. They want you to say "Yes." They record your answer and you are giving them permission to sign you up for whatever they plan to secure in your name. Be careful about whom you tell that you can hear them. Best yet, refuse to talk if you answer the telephone. Most callers will hang up. That does not mean that they will not call again; most do. There is one other alternative. You an insult them and maybe the timid will not call back. Get 'in cinque' and be very careful about dealings with online and telephone conversations and surveys.

Dunbar Alumni Association **Needs Your Help Right Now!!**

Dunbar High School has a proud legacy. Because of a shift in the population in East Lubbock, our school was changed from a Jr/Senior High to a middle school 6-8 grade. The school colors were changed to maroon and grey and words to the school song also changed. And still the Panther pride of those of us who walked the halls from 1924 to 1993 still burns strong! Every two years the Alumni association host an reunion, a chance to fellowship with classmates, and Continue on Page 6

Beyond the Rhetoric By Harry C. Alford

Good - Bye NAFTA and **Good Riddance!**

& Kay DeBow

The National Black Chamber of Commerce was just getting organized when the policy issue of NAFTA came to the forefront. The North American Free Trade Agreement was high on President Clinton's priority list. Unions fought against it and the votes to get it approved through Congress were questionable. As the debates went on it appeared that President Clinton needed a few more votes to get this initiative approved.

The Congressional Black Caucus was nearly unanimous for the Agreement. However, there was one big hold out. Maxine Waters would not move towards a Yes vote. She and the President had a closed meeting, and, in the end, she voted "yes". Also, her husband, Sid Williams, a native of Bahamas, became the new Ambassador to the Bahamas. Yes, she sold her vote for personal gain.

To the Bahamian people and the rest of the Caribbean this was big stuff. It put President Clinton in good light. Harry remembers going to a reception for the National Newspaper Publishers Association hosted by Congresswoman Waters and the Ambassador. It was truly elegant with a great dinner alongside the giant swimming pool and the Caribbean breeze. The Congresswoman remained a representative of Los Angeles while her new residence occupied all her free time.

Time went on and a new President, George W. Bush, arrived and replaced all ambassadors including Ambassador Williams. The new ambassador was from Texas and immediately hired one of our Bahamian chamber members to make renovations to the Ambassador's residence. The contractor whom we all referred to as Penn told

EASTERN LUBBOCK IS MOVING IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION. THE WAY OF THE MOVEMENT IS VERY POSITIVE!!

There's no question about it EASTERN LUBBOCK is moving in the right direction and those of us who reside in this area should be most appreciative. Of course we haven't reached the POSITIVE POSTURE WE'D LIKE TO BE IN but we should be very excited about what we see.

When we drive through EASTERN LUBBOCK one can become appreciative of what we see. Some of the things happening today are opportunities we thought about and

me that the incoming ambassa-

dreamed about.

When you drive through EASTERN LUBBOCK, one can get a positive picture which you will believe we are heading in the RIGHT DIREC-TION. As we travel through EASTERN LUBBOCK, we need your help to encourage those residing in EASTERN LUBBOCK to assist in getting the word out throughout the entire City of Lubbock, there is a POSITIVE MOVE-MENT IN EASTERN LUB-BOCK, and all are invited to get the positive word out. Your input as a resident of EASTERN LUBBOCK will go a mighty long ways. Your positive input will go a mighty long ways, that

is, if we are excited about what's

happening in EASTERN LUB-BOCK.

Something very positive happened in EASTERN LUB-BOCK when groundbreaking of the EAST LUBBOCK POLICE SUB-STATION on Friday afternoon, November 15, 2019. Since that time, construction of the substation got underway December 12, 2019. This will be the first of three LUBBOCK POLICE SUBSTATIONS which will be constructed in Lubbock. This new concept in East Lubbock will add many more POS-ITIVE ECONOMIC DEVEL-**OPMENT PROGRAMS** which will enhance more development in EASTERN LUB-**BOCK!** Check out EAST 19TH STREET & MLK. BLVD.

by T. J. Patterson, Sr.

United States and went to Mexfarming in Mexico became a big business. Eventually the small farmers were decimated by new gigantic farms taking advantage of the trade agreement. The economic effects are still being felt by the Mexican population. It has probably fanned the flames of illegal immigration into the United States on our southern

Also, cheap Mexican labor was employed along the south-United States and delivered ern side of the border for proproducts that were now being duction of goods to be quickly imported into the United States. made in their country. By 2008, These workers were exploited Congress terminated this proand abused without any attention gram, but the damage was already done. Currently, Mexican being given to them. They worked hard but were greatly trucks cannot go further than 20 miles into the United States. exploited for their toils. Canada and Mexico profited Our teamsters still cannot ade-

from NAFTA nicely and to the detriment of United States manufacturing. It wasn't until President Donald Trump came into office that discussion of ending

dor wanted the bathroom to the ico. 80% of the losses were in master bedroom totally retrofitmanufacturing. ted and all the other toilets to be At home, our unions became replaced. Penn asked him why neutralized by the fact that if he was replacing the toilets and they would strike during a wage negotiation the company would

the master bath as they were all in good order. The new ambassimply close and move to Mexsador allegedly replied, "I am ico. Thus, wages lagged during not going to sit on any toilet or this time period. get into any bathtub that held Our Teamsters became under Maxine Waters". Oh well, back attack also. Truckers from Mexico were now allowed into the

mile limit.

NAFTA was simple and a blessing to our manufacturers. They could move their plants to Mexico; hire cheap Mexican labor and send the products back into the United States duty free. The auto industry along with textiles, computers and electrical appliances were the most common opportunities. According to The Balance magazine between 1994 and 2010, the U.S. trade deficits with Mexico reached a total of \$97.2 billion.

to NAFTA.

There was another big casualty in this trade agreement. Mexico was made up of many

quately compete within that 20-

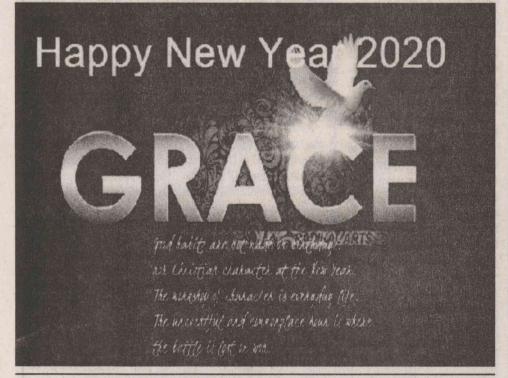
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2 Timothy 3:1, 2 & 5 --THIS know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy. Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away.

GOD knew we needed his words; to warn us of the things: IN THE LAST DAYS.

THE CHRUCH SEES THE NEED FOR PRAYING; SO SOULS COULD BE SAVED!!!

Ecclesiastes 3:1, 2a, 7 --TO everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under heaven. A time to be born, and a time to die; A time to rend, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak.

(GOD BLESSED AMER-ICA; WITH THE BEST THINGS IN THIS WORLD; OIL, WATER, COTTON, CORN, CATTLE, WHEAT, CLEAN AIR, AND GRAIN, AND MUCH MORE!!!---AND AMERICA DOESN'T LOVE GOD!!!)-----AMER-ICA; REMINDS ME OF **HOSEA AND GOMER!!!**

BUT AMERICA DIDN'T WANT GOD TO BE OVER HER; SHE WANTED HER FREEDOM.

AMERICA; HER STREETS HAS BECOME A BLOOD

Jeremiah 22:17 - The Lord said, Your eyes and your heart are not but for your covetousness, and for to shed innocent blood, and for oppression, and for violence, to do it .----

THE CHURCHES SEE THE FIELD IS READY; TO PLANT THE SEED OF SA-VATION.

BUT THEY'RE HAVING PASTORS AND WIFE'S AN-**NIVERSARY**; AND SOUL'S THE DEVIL IS TAKING!!!

*** WILL THE PASTORS AND WIFE ANNIVERSARY ROB GOD???***

(AMERICA KICKED OUT OF HER SCHOOLS, COURTS, AND MANY CHURCHES!!!)

Matthew 28:18 - 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.

THE FATHER KILLS CHILDREN; TURNS AND KILLS HIS WIFE.—HE THEN TURNS THE GUN **UPON HIMSELF; TAKING** HIS OWN LIFE!!! (THAT'S THE SIGN; ITS PRAYING TIME!!!)

2 Peter 3:9 - The Lord is not slack concerning his AND WITHOUT GOD IN promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.

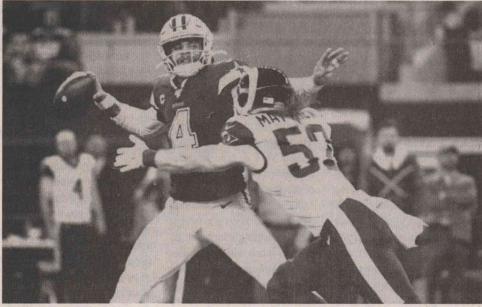
THE SON KILLS HIS FA-THER AND MOTHER; THEN KILLS HIS CHIL-DREN AND WIFE. AND THEN TAKE HIS OWN LIFE!!!---(THAT'S A SIGN; PRAYING TIME!!!)

BUT THE CHURCHES ARE WATCHING TV. HOP-ING THE PRESIDENT; GET IMPEACHED. THEY DON'T TRUST IN GOD; WORLDLY THINGS; WHICH ARE OUT **OF THEIR REACH!!!**

Luke 12:54-56 -- Jesus said, When you see a cloud rise out of the west, straightway you say, there comes a shower; and so it is. And when you see the south wind blow, you say, There will be heat; and it come to pass. You hypocrites, you can discern the face of the sky and of the earth; but how is it that you do not discern these times?

REMEMBER WHAT GOD SAID IN,---- II CHRONI-CLES 7:14, If my people (THE CHURCH), which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sins, and will heal their

Cowboys QB Prescott expected to play despite shoulder injury



Dallas Cowboys quarterback Dak Prescott (4) passes under pressure from Los Angeles Rams outside linebacker Clay Matthews (52) in the first half of an NFL football game in Arlington, Texas, Sunday, Dec. 15, 2019. (AP Photo/Ron Jenkins)

FRISCO, Texas (AP) — Dallas quarterback Dak Prescott has a shoulder injury that is limiting him in practice but shouldn't keep him out Sunday when the Cowboys try to qualify for the playoffs at Philadelphia.

The Cowboys and Eagles are tied for the NFC East lead at 7-7, and Dallas advances to the postseason with a victory.

Prescott didn't throw during the portion of practice that was open to reporters Wednesday. Coach Jason Garrett said Prescott had an MRI and "everything seems to be OK." Prescott Garrett said. "His physical

was already dealing with injuries to his right index finger and left

Troy Aikman, a Fox television analyst and former Dallas quarterback, said Prescott told him before last weekend's 44-21 win over the Los Angeles Rams there was a hairline fracture in the finger. Garrett hasn't discussed specifics of the finger in-

Garrett said he wasn't concerned about the various injuries affecting Prescott's performance.

"He's as tough as they come,"

toughness and mental toughness are on par with anybody I've been around and that's just what he's all about."

Prescott was injured at the end of a 7-yard run in the first quarter when Rams linebacker Clay Matthews landed on his shoulder while making the tackle. Prescott didn't leave the game and threw two touchdown passes in the first half.

The 26-year-old Prescott has started every game in his fouryear career, 62 so far in the regular season along with three

NNPA NEWSWIRE EXCLUSIVE: **Bill Cosby Speaks from Prison**

NNPA NEWSWIRE — He revisited his famous 2004 "Pound Cake" speech and clarified that he probably should not have addressed that controversial dissertation to all African Americans - the residents at SCI-Phoenix make for the perfect audience, Cosby stated. Cosby said he remains concerned, however, for all of Black

November 24, 2019 — Bill Cosby breaks his silence, granting his first exclusive interview since beginning his sentence at SCI-Phoenix, a maximum-security Pennsylvania penitentiary near Philadelphia.

Today, in a special phone call with the National Newspaper Publishers Association's Black-PressUSA.com, Cosby said he's spending his time helping to teach and encourage a large population of African American inmates – men he calls residents — via Mann Up, a prison reform

The 82-year-old educator and award-winning TV producer/director/comedian was sentenced to serve 3-to-10-years in Pennsylvania's prison system following his September 2018 conviction on charges of aggravated indecent assault.

Unless he receives relief from the state's appellate courts, Cosby said he fully anticipates serving his entire sentence, saying he's not guilty and will never admit to something he didn't do. Displayed remorse is generally a required prerequisite to obtaining parole or a shortened sen-

During the exclusive interview with NNPA, Cosby was candid, vivid and outspoken.

Andrew Wyatt, Cosby's spokesman, was also on the call, where Cosby stressed that there would be no ground rules or restrictions. No topics were offthe-table for discussion.

Cosby received no special treatment from the facility for this interview. Because inmates are only allowed to remain on phone calls for .15-minutes, Cosby had to call back multiple times in order to complete today's interview.

"I have eight years and nine months left," Cosby stated. "When I come up for parole, they're not going to hear me say that I have remorse. I was there. I don't care what group of people come along and talk about this when they weren't here.



They don't know." He said his trials were a sham, unjust and not fair.

"It's all a set up. That whole jury thing. They were imposters," Cosby stated.

Look at the woman who blew the whistle," he said, alluding to the potential juror who overheard a seated juror proclaim before the trial that, "he's guilty, we can all go home now."

"Then she went in and came out smiling, it's something attorneys will tell you is called a payoff," Cosby stated. "I know what they've done to my people. But my people are going to view me and say, 'that boy looks good. That boy is strong.' I have too many heroes that I've sat with. Too many heroes whom I listened to like John Henrik Clarke, Kenneth Clark, and Dorothy Height. Those people are very strong, and they saw the rejection of their people. This is political. I can see the whole

"I am a privileged man in prison," he stated.

During the call, Cosby referred to his small cell as "my penthouse."

He revisited his famous 2004 "Pound Cake" speech and clarified that he probably should not have addressed that controversial dissertation to all African Americans - the residents at SCI-Phoenix make for the perfect audience, Cosby stated.

Cosby said he remains concerned, however, for all of Black

"They are under siege. This thing with the drugs and the different pockets of the neighborhoods where it's going on. When you look at what drugs are doing... things that make these people drive around and shoot into crowds," Cosby said.

"The insanity of what is the cause to the brain by all the drugs these people are dealing with. It's exactly what I warned them about in 2004. They've thrown education out the win-

"They've thrown respect for the family out the window, and they're blaming each other for what's going on. There is posttraumatic stress syndrome, and there are also bad manners."

While inmates who spoke to NNPA Newswire said they were saddened to see an icon like Cosby imprisoned, each said they believe he's serving a higher purpose. Cosby agreed.

"I don't belong to the Mann Up Association, but it's a privilege to come in and speak," Cosby stated. "I never wanted them to lord me up (be put on a pedestal). This is a great privi-

A weekly highlight for Cosby since his incarceration, has been the reform program, Mann Up, where he is often the featured speaker. The program serves to encourage and empower African American men to strive for selfrespect and dignity, and to put their family first.

"Every Tuesday, Mr. Cosby and I sit down and talk before the other residents come in and he explains to me what moves I need to make so that Mann Up can be a success," stated Sutton, 56, who has spent his entire adult life in prison.

"He says to always remember to work as a team. We are all in this life together and Mr. Cosby is a political prisoner and he tells us that we've got to save our babies. We can't be out there killing our children and our women," Sutton stated.

Wallace, who has served more than two decades in prison, said Cosby has also opened his eyes because of his authenticity.

"This powerful man, one of the best comics, a legend and here he is with us," Wallace told NNPA Newswire.

"Mr. Cosby comes into the room with his fist in the air and all of these men rise up and applaud him. He gives us so much wisdom and the Mann Up program is the perfect vehicle. He told us a story about his mother, and how she would have him clean the hallways after guys would go and urinate. He said he'd ask her why he had to clean it, and she told him that you have to clean where you live," Wallace said.

Groves and Butler echoed their peers.

Both have served more than a dozen years in prison and said Cosby's presence has helped them to see their lives differ-

Bill Cosby Story Will Continue In Next Issue.

Doc Rivers fires back at LeBron James' load management take: 'Whatever LeBron says it is'

In an NBA season teeming with excitement over the battle of Los Angeles, the West's two best teams are trading barbs over the most mundane of topics.

> Load management. On Tuesday it was Doc

Rivers' turn.

Load management contro-

The Clippers became the object of fan ire when Kawhi Leonard's load management regimen meant a missed game in a potential Finals preview against Giannis Antetokounmpo's Milwaukee Bucks.

While Leonard regularly takes games off as part of a philosophy of saving his body for the playoffs, James has thrived as he's played every Lakers game this season.

After an offseason that saw him take heat for his stance on the NBA's China controversy, James jumped at the chance to play hero to fans when talking about load management on Sun-

"Why wouldn't I play if I'm healthy?" James said. "It doesn't make any sense to me, personally. I mean, I don't know how many games I've left in my career. I don't know how many kids that may show up to a game that are there to see me play."

It's hard to not hear "It doesn't make any sense to me" as a veiled shot at the Clippers' divergent load management phi-

Whatever LeBron says it

Rivers certainly appeared to think it was. The Clippers coach fired back at James when asked about it before Tuesday's game against the Phoenix Suns. Doc Rivers on LeBron James' take on load management.

"It's our philosophy," Rivers



Los Angeles Clippers head coach Doc Rivers stands on the court during the first half of an NBA basketball game against the Washington Wizards, Sunday, Dec. 8, 2019, in Washington. (AP Photo/Nick Wass)

said of load management when asked about James' comments. "I don't know what theirs are. I think theirs is whatever LeBron says it is, to be honest. That makes a lot of sense to me. I like what we are doing, and I think it's the smart thing to do. Who knows? We'll see at the end."

Rivers is right on one point. James' take is an easy one while he's feeling good in December.

But only time will tell if the almost-35-year-old playing in his 17th season will regret putting this kind of toll on his body when the games matter more in May and June.

Rhetoric

Beyond the

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NAFTA was paramount to our economy. Thus, the new trade agreement, United States, Mexico, Canada Agreement USMCA was proposed by the Trump Administration as a cure for the ills of NAFTA. It was approved by all three nations but there was a stall by Congress.

Finally, last week it was passed. Thus, the effects of NAFTA will soon come to pass. We have learned a great lesson in this hopefully. The saying, "The grass always seems to be greener on the other side" seems to apply here. Not all trade agreements are good. We must analyze each one of them and determine the true outcome if it is to exist. To our unions we say, "Don't let the politicians fool you".

May we never make such a foolish mistake again.

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Obsequies

Stafford "Lil Man" Cleveland, Jr.

Funeral services were held for Stafford "Lil Man" Cleveland, Jr. on Tuesday afternoon, December 3, 2019, with Rev. Larry Brooks, pastor, officiating.

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

Stafford, age 33 of Lubbock, Texas, passed away Friday, November 20, 2019.

Stafford was born to Stafford, Sr. and Ann Cleveland on October 21, 1986.

He attended Hunt Elementary, Alderson Junior High School and Estacado High

Stafford worked for Steak and Shake as well as Verde Landscaping.

He leaves to cherish his memory: his mother, Ann Cleve-



land; sister, Candice (Tyson) Isaac; three aunts: Shana (Marcus) Russell-Brown, Jannie McIntosh, and Sylvia McDaniel; special lady, Trashenna Patterson; great uncle, Billy Shaw; a host of other relatives and friends.

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Betty J. Freeman

Funeral services were held on Saturday afternoon, December 7, 2019, at the Broadway Church of Christ. Interment followed in the City of Lubbock Cemetery under the direction Griffin Mortuary & Funeral Home of Lubbock.

Betty, age 78 of Lubbock, Texas, passed away Sunday, December 1, 2019.

She was born on March 15, 1941 in Cameron, TX to Lonzo, Jr. and Jessie Colbert.

She attended school in Cameron, Wichita Falls and Littlefield, Texas, graduating from Littlefield High School. After graduation, Betty was hired at Paymaster (later became Anderson Clayton) where she worked for 30+ years.

She later worked for many years as the office manager at Martin Resources, where she celebrated her retirement.



Betty leaves to cherish her memory: her husband, James "Pistol" of 60 years; her children: Minnie Freeman, Nyoka Freeman, Veronica Freeman; grandchildren, Monica (Baron) Fields, Brandon (Charlita) Freeman, Candice Freeman, and Xavier (Ashley) Moses; a host of the relatives and friends.

Joe Gonzales

Lorenzo, Texas -- Funeral services were held for Joe Gonzales at the Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church on Saturday morning, December 7, 2019. Interment followed in the City of Ralls Cemetery under the direction of Griffin Mortuary & Funeral Home of Lubbock.

Joe, age 69 of Lorenzo, Texas, passed on Friday, Noveber 29, 2019.

Joe was born November 11, 1950 to John and Dorothy Gonzales in Lorenzo, Texas.

He graduated from Lorenzo High School where he was a member of Lorenzo marching band as a percussionist.

He worked for many years at Eagle Picher where he retired. Joe was a member of Mt. Gilead Baptist church.

He leaves to mourn three sons and one daughter: Edward Gonzales (Toni), Brent Gonzales (Jennifer), Phillip Ross Ill, and



Cheryl Gambles (John); six grandchildren; three sisters: Stella Farwell (Lee), Mae Clay (Willie), and Carla Gonzales; five brothers, John Gonzales (Yvonne), Jerry Gonzales, Danny Gonzales, Charles Gonzales (Janet), and Manuel Gonzales; a host of other relatives and friends.

Ella Mae Pollard Powell

Funeral services were held for Ella Mae Pollard-Powell on Friday morning, December 6, 2019, at the St. James Baptist Church.

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

Ella Mae, age 72 of Lubbock, Texas, passed away Thursday, November 14, 2019.

Ella Mae was born to

Robert and Rosie Pollard in California. She leaves to cherish her

2 daughters, memory Charlesetta Pollard and Tosha Pollard; 3 sons: Roddrick Casel, Alex Casel, and Chris Pollard (Cynthia); 1 brother, Robert Pol-



lard Jr.; Annette Jackson (Leon), Janice Moore, and Wilma Jean Pratt; and a host of grandkids, great grand kids, other relatives, and friends.

Hector B. Gaona

Funeral services for Hector B. Gaona were held on Tuesday afternoon, December 10, 2019, at the Griffin Mortuary Chapel with a Mass Service being held at St. Patrick Catholic Church.

Private Disposition was under the direction of Griffin Mortuary.

He was born in Lyford,

Texas to Pedro and Belia Gaona on May 10,1953.

He is survived by his wife, Maria Vidales; his children Hector Gaona Jr., Lisa Gaona, Belia Gaona, Betsy Guzman, and step daughter Dezirae Vidales; a host grandchildren, great grandchildren, other relatives, and friends.

Hector is preceded in death

Floyd Ray Brown

Funeral services were held for Floyd Ray Brown on Friday afternoon, December 6, 2019, at Christ Temple Church of God In Christ with Pastor David Haynes officiating.

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

Floyd, age 67, passed away Saturday, November 30,

Floyd was born on August 7, 1952 in Waco, Texas to Izora and Supt. Jimmie D. Brown.

He graduated from Estacado High School. He retired from Ameripride.

Floyd was a well known bass guitar player and played with several gospel groups such as the Markee, The Wayside Travelers, Wings of Faith and the Gospel Highlights.

Floyd leaves to cherish his

by his mother, Belia Gaona.

Hectors's hobbies were fishing with his children working on cars and collecting guns.

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memory; his wife, Joyce Brown; three daughters, Katrina (Tony) Garner, Wykesha (Anthony)

Brown, and Natasha (Jeffery) Washington; one son, Christopher Williams; one sister, Ruthie Thornton; one brother, Jimmy Jr, (Rose) Brown; seven grandchildren; a host of other relatives and friends.



Willie Nathaniel "Piney" Goins, Jr.

Where Does Santa Get His Naughty or Nice List? Dr. James L. Snyder

This week the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage approached me with a serious question.

As far as I am concerned, life is full of questions, but coming from her, I need to be very careful. I have found out that a question with her is not merely a question. It can be a whole lot more than that with multiple lay-

If I do not understand her question, my answer is going to get me into trouble. Believe me; I know what trouble is all about.

However, the question posed to me by the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage was, "Are you on Santa's naughty or nice list this year?"

Precisely, what does it mean to be naughty from Santa's point of view?

For a moment, the temptation danced in my mind to ask my wife about this, but I was sure if I did, she would tell me and tell me more than I actually wanted to know.

I tried reflecting over the year to see if there was any indication that I crossed the line somewhere into the naughty area. I could not think of any, but I am sure I was overlooking something.

The thing I try to figure out is, how do I get on his nice list? Is there something I can do to get off the naughty list? I am open to all kinds of suggestions

I must confess there are times when I lean toward the naughty. I hope Santa never sees me in that stage of my life. More importantly, I hope my wife never sees me at that stage. Naughty, for me, is doing

something behind my wife's

back. For instance: eating an

Apple Fritter is best done behind

my wife's back. If she sees me eating an Apple Fritter, she will remind me that it is not on my

When she says, "my diet," she is referring to her diet imposed upon me. If you look at my diet, it includes Apple Fritters and a whole lot more not on

Personally, I do not consider it naughty to eat according to my diet. I do not know of anything nicer than sitting down with a nice hot cup of coffee and a fresh Apple Fritter. Then, it is a lot nicer when I am not caught.

As to the question, am I on Santa's naughty or nice list, I am not quite sure. All year long, I tried to stay out of the naughty and focus on the nice. I must confess it is difficult trying to focus on being nice when naughty comes so much easier.

So, to answer my wife's question, I simply said, "I believe I'm on his nice list this year."

She simply looked at me

with one of "those looks" and I knew that her belief and my belief were on different pages.

I thought about what I read in the Bible a couple of days ago. Something King Solomon said. "That thou mayest walk in the way of good men, and keep the paths of the righteous" (Proverbs 2:20).

The important thing is not if I'm naughty or nice or if I'm on Santa's list. The important thing is to surround myself with "good men." The companions I keep are the ones that will help me walk in the path of righteous-

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lehem Missionary Baptist Church. Interment followed in the

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

Celebration of Life Service

for Willie Nathaniel "Piney"

Goins, Jr. was held Saturday,

November 23, 2019 at the Beth-

Willie, age 71 of Lubbock, Texas, passed away on Saturday, November 16, 2019.

Willie was born on May 4, 1948 to Vertie Gipson and Willie Goins, Sr. in Sharp, Texas. He was educated early at Rockdale School District prior to moving to Lubbock where he attended Dunbar High School.

He leaves to cherish his memory: son, Richard (Shayone) Smith; three grandchildren; four sisters: Earline (Will) Williams, Emma Harris, Cynthia (Zack) Johnson and Mary Clark.

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Blanche Mitchell; 12 grandchildren; other relatives and friends.

Elroy Kendrid

Celebration of Service was held for Elroy Kendrid on Saturday morning, November 23, 2019, at Resurrected Zoe Life

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

Elroy passed away Tuesday, November 5, 2019. Elroy was born April 19,

1968 to Farine Wabbington. He attended Dunbar High School. He was employed at Se-

He leaves to cherish his memory; his wife, Rachel Horton; mother, Farine Wabbington;



brother, Lawrence Wabbington; sister, Vane Austin; aunt, Mor-Davis; sister-in-law,



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Randall J. "R. J." Byrd

Celebration of Life Service for Randall J. "R. J." Randallwere held Friday morning, December 20, 2019 at Griffin Mortuary

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

Randall, age 97 of Lubbock, Texas, passed away Thursday, December 5, 2019.

Randall was born on May 5, 1922 in Mexia, Texas to Wilmer Byrd and Bennie Mae

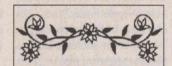
After graduating from high school, he attended Prairie View A & M College where he played tennis. Later, Randall was drafted into the United States

He was a member of Bethel African Methodist Episcopal

He leaves to cherish his memory: his brother, Wilmer Eugene (Debra) Byrd; five special nieces: Jackie (Willis) Priestley, Linda DeVaughn

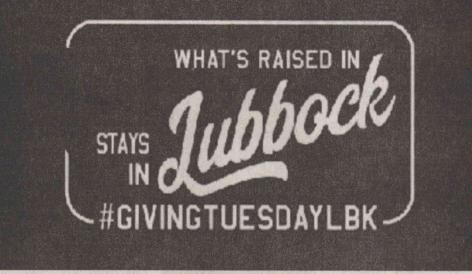


(Dwight Petties), Stephanie De-Vaughn, Ashley Murray, and Belinda Petties; three special nephews: Ralph DeVaughn, Zy'Quarius Nelson, and Dwight Petties, Jr. (Crystal); a host of other relatives and friends.



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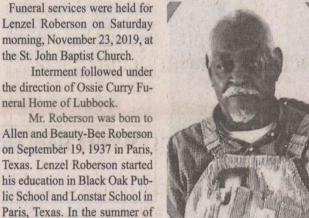
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Lenzel Roberson



1954, Lenzel was baptized and became a member of the Palestine Baptist Church. In the of spent many moments in Bible study and prayer. He enjoyed 1965, Lenzel moved to Lubwatching sports, but most of all bock, Texas and started his career at Plains Co-op Oil Mill the news, catching up on current events. Lenzel loved being outdoors where he enjoyed activi-Mr. Roberson was married to Agnes Magdeline Mosley on ties such as hunting, fishing, and farming. Aboveall, he loved August 23, 1965. This divine spending time with his family. union of 38 years remained until Lenzel prided himself in being her death in August of 2003.

Peace Lenzel Roberson.

Lenzel was preceded in death by his wife, Anges Roberson; parents, Allen and Beauty Roberson; brothers: Paul Ray, Charles, and Dewayne Roberson; and sister, Emma Taylor.

Lenzel will forever be remembered by his surviving siblings: Lillie Fea Roberson of Lubbock, Texas, Willie Watkins of Sherman, Texas, Gene and wife Debra Roberson of Novice, Texas, Jimmy Roberson of Houston, Texas, Marie Roberson of Sherman, Texas. Three sons: Christopher and wife Carlett Roberson of Lubbock, Texas, Gregory and wife Pamela Roberson of Pahrump, Neveda, and Dematric Young of Amarillo, Texas; four grandchildren: Christopher Ranjell, Quinn and wife Angel Roberson, Kimberly and husband Dartwan Bush and Kendall and wife Angelina Roberson, all from Lubbock, Texas. He also leaves to mourn six great grandchildren, numerous nieces and nephews, and a host of relatives and cherished friends.

Willie Goins, Jr. Continued from Page 5 Five brothers; Donald (Moderta)

Born to this union were two chil-

dren: Christopher Stanley and

Gregory Eugene. Later, the two

adopted a third son, Dematric

Young. As members of St. John

Baptist Church, he and Agnes

until retiring in 1993.

Harris, Larry (Karen) Harris, Alvin (Barbara) Harris, Freddie (Sarah) Harris, and Billy (Mary

the patron of the family and gave

love and care to all those in

need. He showed nothing but

strength up until his last breath.

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Anne) Harris, and two aunts, Ruby Shields and Mary Gipson and other Relatives and Friends









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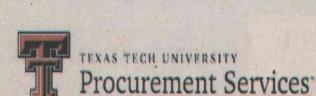
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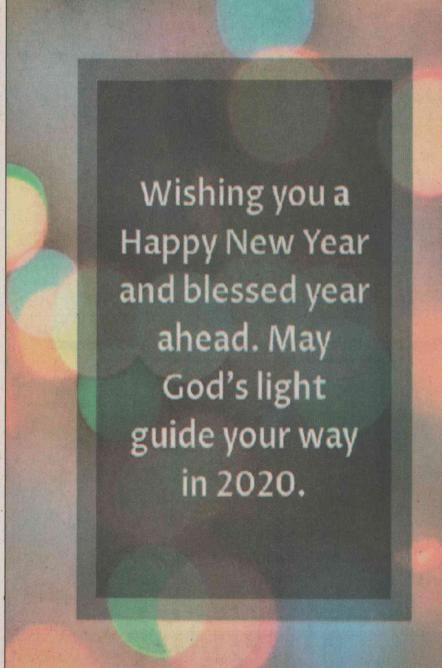
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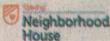
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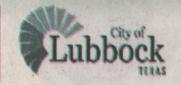
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FRIDAY, JULY 10, 2020

2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Meet and Greet 602 E. 24th Street (June Long's Home)

5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. In anticipation of your possible attendance at the International Dunbar All Class Reunion, the Class of '70 did not plan any activities.

10:00 p.m. until notified Dancing, Games, etc. Club Marie (A.K.A. June's Home)

SATURDAY, JULY 11, 2020

9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Breakfast (at your own expense) Overton Hotel 2322 Mac Davis Lane

1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Llano Estacado Wine Tour 3426 FM 15 Lubbock, TX 79404

3:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. In anticipation of your possible attendance at the Dunbar International All Class Reunion, the Class of '70 did not plan any

SATURDAY, JULY 11, 2020 10:00 p.m. until notified

Dancing, Games, etc.
Club Marie
(A.K.A. June's Home)

Note: Based on today's published rates, the cost of the breakfast buffet is \$13.95 per person plus tax.

(The buffet is located in the Pecan Grill at the hotel.)

NOTE: Evening refreshments will be served at Club Marie.

To offset the cost of refreshments, each member of the class of 1970 is assessed \$50.00. You may bring one guest at no charge. You may send your money order or cashier's check (personal checks will not be accepted) to:

Lela Wells Brissett 3516 Glenhaven Drive Sachse, Texas 75048

or

John Mayse 312 Ridgecrest Drive Tyler, Texas 75701

The deadline for your payment is Tuesday, March 31, 2020. Should you have any questions, you may contact Lela Wells Brissett via email at lwbrissett@aol.com.

Hope to see you at the reunion!!!!

Reunion Committee

Family Prayer for a New Year



O God our Father, by the light of the Holy Spirit, lead us to be thankful for the gift of faith. May we grow in our relationship with Jesus, your Son. May we be confident witnesses to Christian hope and joy to all we meet. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.





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