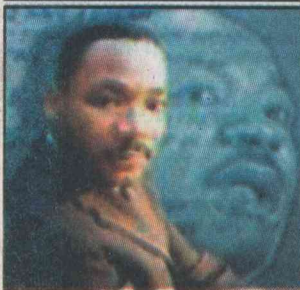


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\* Dunbar Alumni Association meets 2nd Saturdays, 4:00 p. m. at the Dunbar Alumni Building

\* 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..

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## The Planned Opening of a Branch of the Lubbock National Bank Inside the United Supermarket Store in Parkway

"The coming of Lubbock National Bank to the United Supermarket will serve as an added asset for the community. It will not only be valuable to the surrounding community, but for citizens who reside just outside of the Lubbock city limits, and other Lubbock citizens who make their way to the area to do business. Yet another opportunity for relationship building in this city."

Statement by Councilwoman Shelia Patterson Harris

Representatives of Lubbock National Bank and United Supermarkets held a press conference at 10:30 am on Monday, January 13, 2020, to announce the planned opening of a branch of Lubbock National Bank inside the United Supermarkets store at 2630 Parkway Drive.

The press conference detailed the agreement as well as a renovation timeline, say representatives of the family-owned bank and the supermarket chain.

"Lubbock National Bank is privileged to be able to serve the Parkway and surrounding neighborhoods," says LNB market president Eddie Schulz.

"We value the opportunity to help the people and businesses in the area succeed. Part of my career started in this neighborhood many years ago. The community was more than generous to me. It's a privilege to be a part of bringing banking back to this part of our great city."

Sidney Hopper, president of United Supermarkets, says addressing the banking needs of this neighborhood is equally important to his company. "As the only grocery store serving Lubbock residents east of I-27, United Supermarkets is happy to have a banking partner in-store.

Our company recognizes the importance of providing basic services to each community we serve. The long-standing relationship we have with Lubbock National Bank is a valuable one, and we look forward to serving our community members' needs together," he says.

According to Eddie McBride, president and CEO of the Lubbock Chamber of Commerce, this announcement reflects an already successful collaboration between Lubbock National, United and the City of Lubbock—all for the benefit of the Parkway and surrounding neighborhoods.



## Kobe Bryant, Basketball Legend, Along With His Daughter and Seven Others Die In Helicopter Crash



The retired NBA star Kobe Bryant was killed in a helicopter crash in Calabasas, California, on Sunday morning, January 26, 2020. His Sikorsky S-76 private helicopter, a model known for its safety record and VIP clients, crashed into a hillside after flying in heavy fog conditions about 9:45 a.m. local time.

All nine people on board — including Bryant's daughter Gianna (known as Gigi), members of her basketball team, and John Altobelli, a baseball coach — died in the crash.

All nine people on the flight were headed toward the Mamba Sports Academy in Thousand Oaks to attend his daughter's

basketball game.

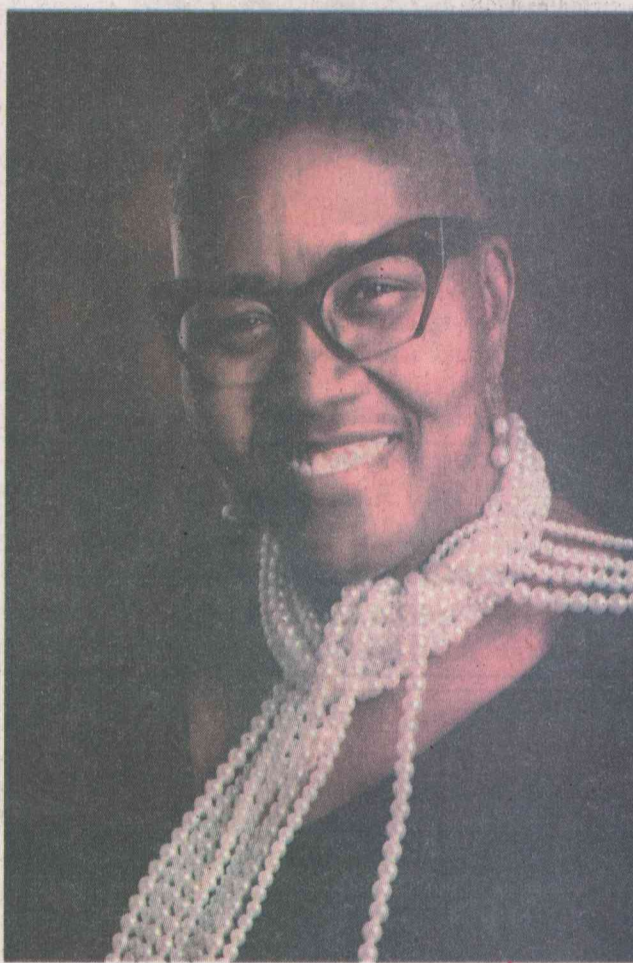
The 9 victims: Kobe Bryant, 41. His 13-year-old daughter, Gianna "Gigi" Bryant. Gianna's basketball teammate Alyssa Altobelli. Alyssa's father, John Altobelli, 56, the baseball coach at Orange Coast College. Alyssa's mother, Keri Altobelli.

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## City Council District 2 Re-Election Candidate



Councilwoman Shelia Patterson-Harris

SHELIA RENEE PATTERSON-HARRIS ANNOUNCED HER CANDIDACY FOR RE-ELECTION, LUBBOCK CITY COUNCIL SEAT IN DISTRICT 2

LUBBOCK, TX, on January 16, 2020 – With family, friends, and supporters at her side, Shelia Patterson-Harris announced her intent for Re-Election Candidacy for Lubbock's City Council Seat, District 2.

Shelia Patterson Harris is a native of Lubbock, Texas, a long-time resident of District 2 and a true community servant. Mrs. Patterson-Harris has dedicated many years of her life working with youth and families in an effort to assist them in making positive changes and choices.

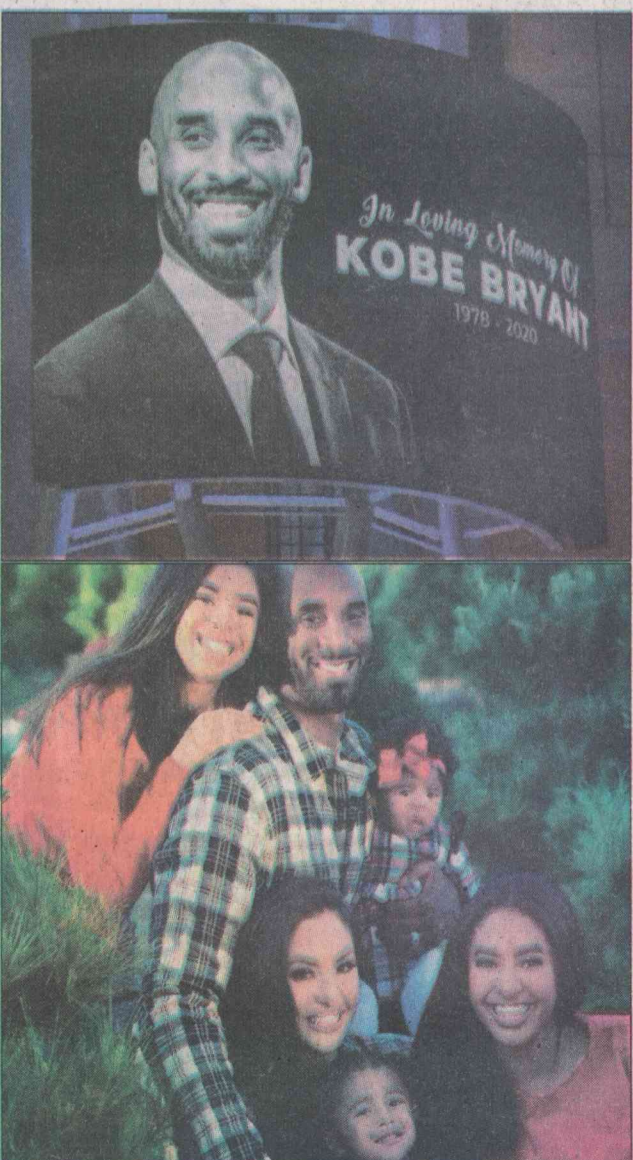
Councilwoman Patterson-Harris has made great strides and a tremendous impact in District 2 and in Lubbock County over her four-year tenure in this current seat and desires to complete some of the work already in progress, as well as starting new ventures.

In her announcement at the Roots Community Revitalization Center, located at 2301 Avenue A, at 10:30 a.m., Shelia Patterson-Harris provided some brief information about herself and her decision to run again.

Her vision is to work with other leaders, community members and agencies to continue bringing the city of Lubbock together so that the effects of the city are felt and visible throughout every corner and across every District. The hope is to continue to revitalize Lubbock and establish equitability throughout the city for all citizens. For more information,

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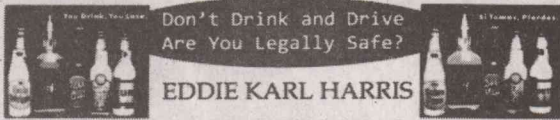
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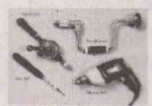
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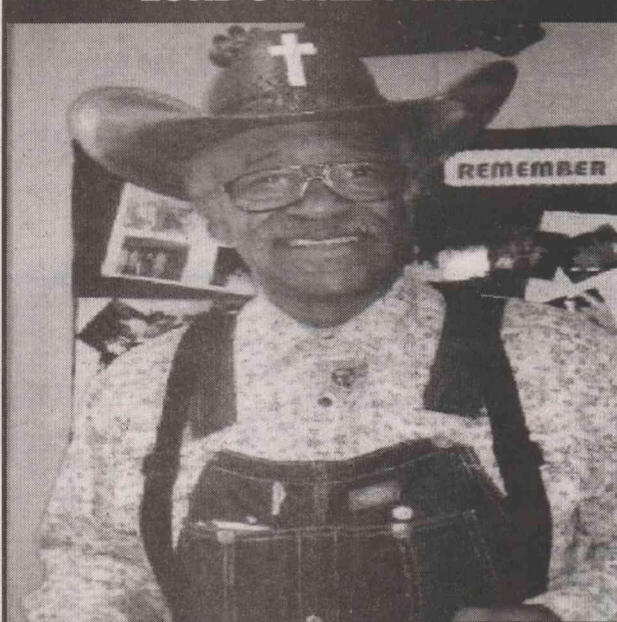
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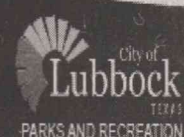
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# In Cinque

By Renetta Howard

## A Belated Christmas Wish

(Editor's Note: Oh, yes we know that Christmas 1999 has come and gone, but here is a Christmas we had to release as it reminds us Christmas may be celebrated each day of the year. Please read and understand why we are publishing this Christmas Greeting. Let us hear from you.)

"[T]is the season to be jolly" and by golly, that is what I sincerely hope everyone in the universe will do. This is the week of Christmas, Hanukkah, and Kwanza. People around the world are celebrating one of these holidays or a different one adapted to their environment and cultural ethnoses.

Things are not right at home in many places but we are celebrating this holiday, Christmas, to revel in the birth of the one child sent to us mortals to offer us a good and simple way to live, laugh, love and be happy on this earth. A great majority of us BELIEVE that this is the way to have that much sort after peace and happiness that we long for. Our only problem is the existence of the non-believers who are always moving in a position to make those of us who believe in the miracle birth, unhappy or doomed to become non-believers.

It is times like these, that we must hold onto our faith and our steadfast goals to make it through a crisis on this earth. For over two thousand years, we have survived with the teachings of the Savior. Our beliefs, faith and patience often see us through hard times and help us to enjoy good times. The basic goal is to insure that people, the millions of people on this earth in the same places CAN GET ALONG WITH EACH OTHER. We do get along because we see the world growing in size population wise, regard-

less to the wars and rumors of war. The more people enlarge the world population, the more there is a need to be able to get along with others. "God has the whole world in his hand."

When we mere mortal creatures learn to remember that the world is not ours, but a place where we spend some time before moving on to a higher calling, and that no one on this earth has the right or the responsibility to decide where and how we live this life, we will have moved forward in the eyes of the Savior who was born to set us all FREE. Christmas is a time to enjoy our freedom in remembrance of the baby born in the manger.

Celebration is major, but we need to learn that it does not call for new things that we are inclined to purchase to celebrate. We will be the same people the day after Christmas and all of the new stuff, some which we went into debt for, starting the New Year in debt will make us most unhappy in 2020. Let us get 'in cinque' and celebrate, life as a Christian, love of ourselves and our fellow man, happiness from togetherness and march into the New Year 2020 with freedom from all that taunts us and freedom to love each other.

Happy Valentine's Day 2020



## Beyond the Rhetoric

By Harry C. Alford & Kay DeBow

### Chinese Trade Hustles in Africa and Beyond

Little did we know that when the Africa Growth and Opportunity Act - AGOA - went into law to support increased free trade between the African Continent and the United States that many other nations would profit from it. The fact is that the biggest beneficiary of AGOA is China. AGOA is a virtual tool for trade enhancement of China and the economic exploitation of our Mother Africa. Chinese entrepreneurs are pimping America and Africa with their blatant hustles that happen right before our eyes. Let's look at some of the horrors we have witnessed in our travels to the Motherland.

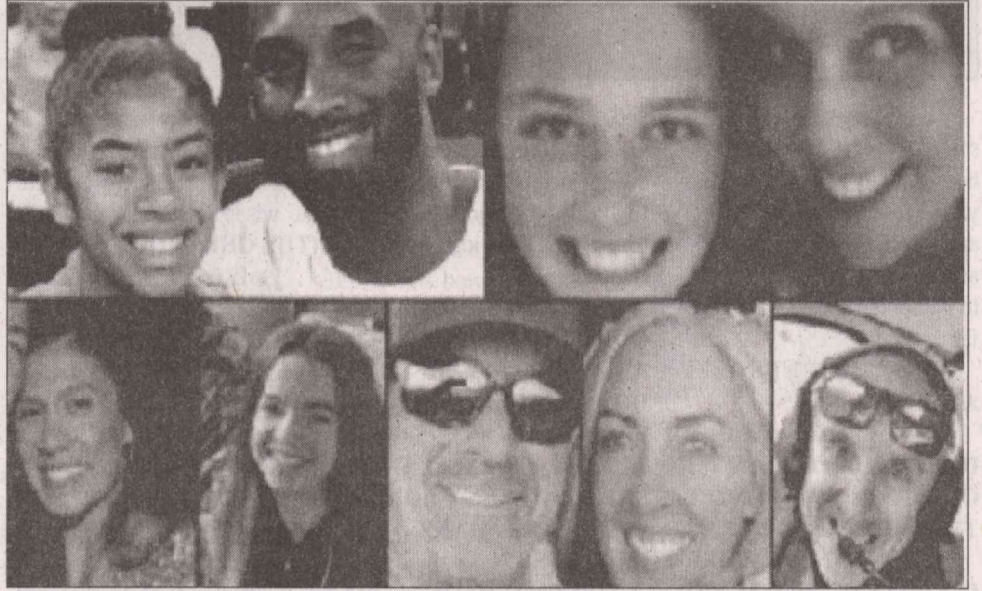
One elaborate scheme took place in Botswana. A hustler from China came to the nation and convinced a local Botswanan businessperson to go into the textile business. He helped organize a relationship between the local businessperson and a bank in China. The bank providing lending capital for the Botswanan to purchase machinery to make sports apparel that would be shipped to the United States under the AGOA program. The brand would be the popular Badger Sportswear. That caught our interest as Harry is a graduate of the University of Wisconsin whose fight name is the Badgers.

They set up the factory and began making the apparel at a rapid rate. Before you knew it, they had over \$500,000 worth of apparel to ship to the United States. The destination would be Charlotte, North Carolina. The poor Botswana victim did not realize that nothing in North Carolina is called Badger. North Carolina is Tarheel country!

They packed up the shipment and flew it to Charlotte for

# THIS N' THAT by T. J. Patterson, Sr.

Due to This N That's unavailability to submit this month's article, he is dedicating this space to honor those who lost their lives in the Kobe Bryant crash.



From left to right/top to bottom: Gianna Bryant (daughter) and Kobe Bryant, Sarah Chester and daughter Payton Chester, Christina Mauser, Alyssa Altobelli, John and Keri Altobelli and pilot Ara Zobayan.

pick-up and delivery. Then they would receive their lump sum payment which approached nearly a million dollars by the time it was ready for market. The shipment arrived but there was no one to receive it. This was the hustle! It would sit in the Charlotte airport until it was declared unclaimed freight. Thus, it went up for auction to the highest bidder (pennies on the dollar). The mysterious bidder took off with the product and who knows where he went to sell his new shipload of product. The rookie manufacturer in Botswana would receive no funds for the product he produced. He would go into bankruptcy and the Chinese bank would come and repossess the machinery and ship it back to China.

The victim was heartbroken after realizing he was used as a "sucker". He asked us to intervene but there was nothing we

could do. We approached the Botswanan ambassador's office in the United States, and they had no interest in helping their citizen. These types of hustle happen in Africa all the time.

Something that is more popular than textiles when it comes to fraud and abuse of the AGOA program is coal production. The environmental movement is quite active in its attempts to stop the mining and production of coal within the United States. The more successful it becomes; the more China mines new coal in Africa to offset the reduction of coal production in the United States. China is currently on its way to establishing over 700 new coal mines in Africa. One hundred percent of that new coal is destined for the United States - duty free under AGOA. Brazenly, China refuses to use the newest technology in its mining techniques. Its low-tech methods are extremely harmful

to our environment, but no one seems to care about the environment in Africa even though the whole world is affected.

China and coal aren't the only examples of AGOA abuse. Let's look at the nation of Germany and its production of the expensive automobile - the BMW brand. Germany built a BMW assembly plant in South Africa for the sole purpose of shipping the finished product to the United States duty free under the AGOA program. Where is our outrage!!

Here's a "Doozie" for you. The island nation of Mauritius sits in the Indian Ocean about a thousand miles from the coast of East Africa. Lobbyists for the nation convinced members of our Congressional Black Caucus to allow Mauritius membership into the AGOA program. Thus, interests from India are shipping finished products to the United

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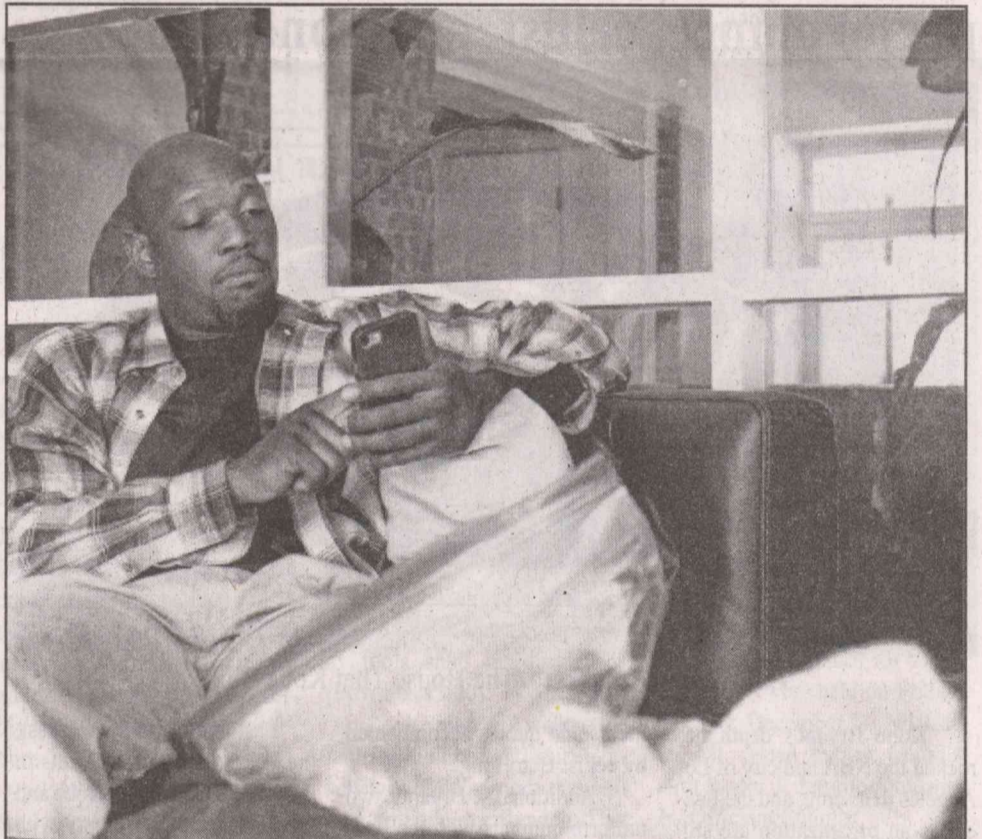
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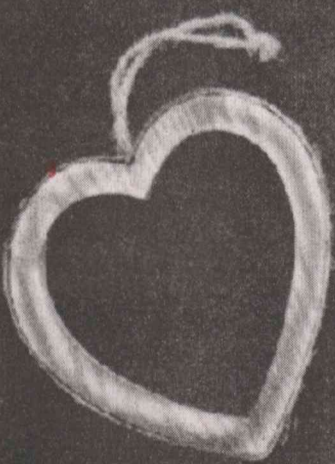
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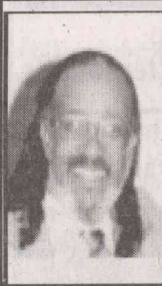
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**\*\*\* SOUNDS LIKE AMERICA!!!\*\*\***

This reminds me of AMERICA; GOD BLESSED; WITH OIL, CORN, WATER, CATTLE AND WHEAT.

**GOD WANTED AMERICA ONLY TO PRAISE AND WORSHIP HIM; AND BE HUMBLE AT HIS FEET!!!**

**Isaiah 43:10-11** -- You are my witnesses, said the Lord, and my servant who I have chosen: that you may know and believe in me, and understand that I am he: before me there was no God formed, neither shall there be after me. I, even I, am the Lord; and beside me there is no savior.

**GOD WANTED AMERICA TO PREACH; JESUS CHRIST;---- TO TELL A DYING WORLD: OF THE BLESSINGS; HE PUT IN OUR LIVES!!!**

**\*\*\* AMERICA HAS ROBBED GOD!!!\*\*\***

**Micah 6:3** -- The Lord said, O my people, what have I done unto you? And wherein have I wearied you? Testify against me.

**AMERICA GOT PROUD; and boasted, HER success was DONE ON HER OWN.**

**SHE SAID, I HAVE BUILT THIS GREAT COUNTRY; BUT SHE'S A LIAR; AND SHE'S WRONG!!!**

**II Corinthians 4:4** -- The

god (**THE DEVIL**) of this world has blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the Light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, shine on them.

**AMERICA SAID, I AM A GOD; AND I DON'T NEED ANOTHER. ----SHE CAN DO HEART TRANSPLANTS, KIDNEY TRANSPLANTS; SHE CAN EVEN CLONE A MAN; TO MAKE HIS BROTHER!!!**

**1 Samuel 15:23a** -- For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry.

**\*\*\* WE TEACH OUR CHILDREN;-- TO LOVE TO SHED BLOOD???\* \*\***

**AMERICA SHE LOVE TO SHOW HER CHILDREN; THE SIGHT OF BLOOD.**

**THE KILLING OF GOD CHILDREN IN THE CHURCH;--AND IN THAT;-- THERE WAS NO LOVE!!!**

**Psalm 2:1,2** -- WHY do the heathen rage, and the people imagine a vain thing? The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the Lord, and against his anointed.

**AMERICA TOLD THE PEOPLE; TAKE THE BIBLES OUT OF THE COURTHOUSES; AND SCHOOLS.**

**YOU HAVE OUR RIGHTS; --TO DO WHATSOEVER YOU WANT TOO!!!**

**Romans 1:18,22** -- For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men,

who hold the truth (**THE CHURCHES**) in unrighteousness. Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools (**THE CHURCHES**).

**AMERICA IS A DRUG COUNTRY; IT'S ALCOHOL; THOUSANDS OF GOD'S CHILDREN ARE KILLS.**

**SHE KEEP ON SELLING IT; FOR THE LOVE OF MONEY; SAYING, IT GIVES THEM A THRILL!!!**

**Isaiah 5:20** -- The Lord said, Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter.

**AMERICA has open the door; to HOMOSEXUAL STYLE OF LIFE.--GOD SAID, A MAN AND A WOMAN; --WAS TO BE HUSBAND AND WIFE!!!**

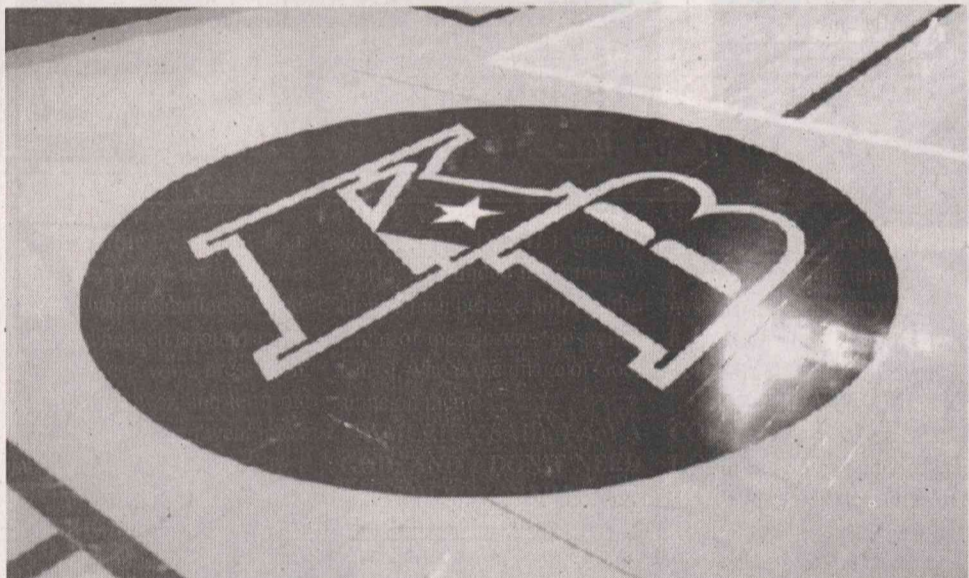
**Isaiah 55:9**, The Lord said, For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.

**AMERICA IS LIKE A ROCK IN WATER; SHE IS SINKING FAST.--WHEN EVERYONE HAS THE RIGHT TO DO THAT WHICH IS WRONG;-- SHE JUST CAN NOT LAST!!!**

**Jonah 3:8,9** -- Let every man and beast be covered with sackcloth, and cry mightily unto God: yes, let them turn everyone from his evil way, and from the violence that is in their hands. Who can tell if God will turn and repent, and turn away from his fierce anger, that we perish not?

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## Kobe Bryant Tribute: Lakers honor legend with LeBron James speech, Usher performance, cellist, emotional video



Los Angeles Lakers: The House That Kobe Built

Kobe Bryant's death has rocked the NBA and city of Los Angeles to its core, and the Lakers as an organization are still grieving the loss of their legend. Fans have flocked to Staples Center by the thousands to pay their respects, and tonight, the Lakers will play their first game since the tragic helicopter crash that killed Bryant, his daughter Gianna and seven others.

The feeling before the game was that of a funeral. The Lakers crafted one of the most touching tributes in the history of professional sports. It started with a performance by Usher, who gave an incredible rendition of Amazing Grace. Usher's performance was followed by a beautiful video built around some of Bryant's greatest moments and quotes accompanied by cellist Ben Hong.

Additionally, Bryant's two uniform numbers with the Lakers, No. 8 and No. 24, are both on the Staples Center court as well. Both numbers have already been retired by the Lakers.

A number of players leaguewide changed their jersey numbers to honor Bryant after his death. Most of those players wore No. 8 or No. 24 because of him and were unofficially retiring the numbers out of respect.

Quinn Cook, who wore No. 2, went in a different direction. He changed to No. 28, a combination of Gianna's No. 2 and Kobe's No. 8, and will wear his new number tonight. Cook grew up a lifelong Lakers fan even before playing for the team.

Last, but certainly not least, the Lakers left the last seats in the Staples Center that Kobe and Gianna Bryant sat in empty, with their jerseys on the chairs.

Tonight's game, and really, the rest of this season, will be defined by Bryant's memory. He was one of the greatest players in both Lakers and NBA history, and the team is doing everything it can to make sure that is never forgotten. The most noticeable is one that they will wear. The Lakers will play Friday, and likely the rest of the season, with the following "KB" patch on their jerseys.

The moment that truly stood out, though, was the speech that LeBron James gave to end the tribute. In his own words, "Mamba out, but not forgotten."



## Lizzo and Billy Porter Among 2020 NAACP Image Awards Nominees

The nominees for the 2020 NAACP Image Awards have been announced!

Among the stars nominated for the award show, set to air on BET Networks on Feb. 22, are superstar artist Lizzo and Pose star Billy Porter. The talented celebs are both up for the honor of Entertainer of the Year at the ceremony, nominated alongside Angela Basset, Regina King and Tyler Perry.

This year, Netflix leads with 30 nominations in the television categories, Universal Pictures leads with 15 Nominations in the motion picture categories, and RCA Records leads with 14 Nominations in the recording categories.

"Representation across entertainment and the arts has profound meaning and unparalleled power to shape perceptions, influence culture, and galvanize communities," Derrick Johnson, NAACP President and CEO, said Thursday. "This year's nominees have conveyed a wide range of authentic stories and experiences that have resonated with many, and we're proud to continue celebrating their outstanding achievements and performances."

"This is a historic occasion for BET Networks, and we're thrilled to be able to celebrate our network's 40th anniversary in conjunction with this milestone moment of hosting the NAACP Image Awards," said Scott Mills, President of BET Networks. "It is our distinct privilege to be able to acknowledge contributions of talent in TV, music, movies and literature and we look forward to celebrating these contributions next month."

Take a look at the complete list of nominees for the 51st NAACP Image Awards below!

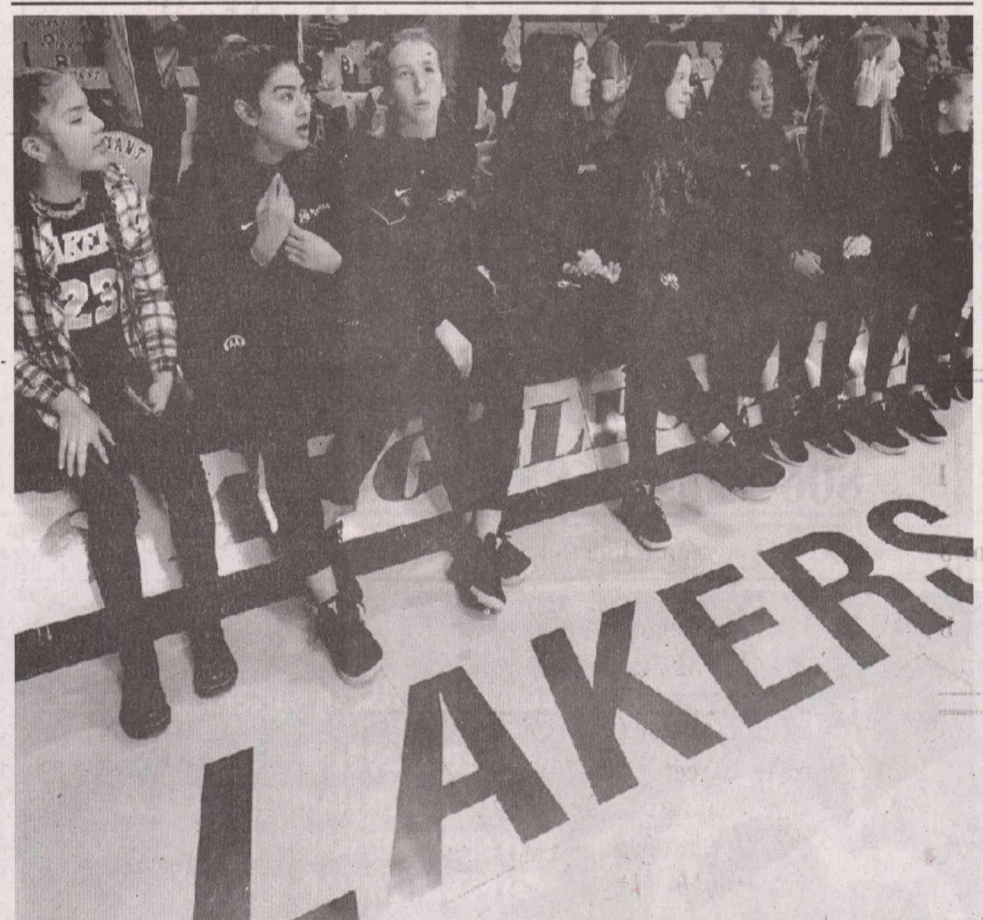
**ENTERTAINER OF THE YEAR:**  
Angela Basset  
Billy Porter  
Lizzo  
Regina King  
Tyler Perry

**TELEVISION CATEGORIES:**  
Outstanding Comedy Series:  
"Ballers" (HBO)



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"black-ish" (ABC)  
"Dear White People" (Netflix)  
"grown-ish" (Freeform)  
"the Neighborhood" (CBS)  
Outstanding Actor in a Comedy Series:  
Anthony Anderson - "black-ish"  
Cedric The Entertainer - "the Neighborhood" (CBS)  
Don Cheadle - "Black Monday" (Showtime)  
Dwayne Johnson - "Ballers" (HBO)  
Tracy Morgan - "The Last O.G." (TBS)  
Outstanding Actress in a Comedy Series:  
Logan Browning - "Dear White People" (Netflix)  
Jill Scott - "First Wives Club" (BET+)  
Tiffany Haddish - "The Last O.G." (TBS)  
Tracee Ellis Ross - "black-ish" (ABC)  
Yara Shahidi - "grown-ish" (Freeform)  
Outstanding Supporting Actor in a Comedy Series:  
Andre Braugher - "Brooklyn Nine-Nine" (NBC)  
Deon Cole - "black-ish" (ABC)  
Laurence Fishburne - "black-ish" (ABC)  
Terry Crews - "Brooklyn Nine-Nine" (NBC)  
Tituss Burgess - "Unbreakable Kimmy Schmidt" (Netflix)  
Outstanding Supporting Actress in a Comedy Series:  
Halle Bailey - "grown-ish" (Freeform)  
Loretta Devine - "Family Reunion" (Netflix)  
Marsai Martin - "black-ish" (ABC)  
Regina Hall - "Black Monday" (Showtime)  
Tichina Arnold - "the Neighborhood" (CBS)  
Outstanding Drama Series:  
"Godfather of Harlem" (EPIX)  
"Greenleaf" (OWN)  
"Queen Sugar" (OWN)  
"The Chi" (Showtime)  
"Watchmen" (HBO)



Gianna Bryant's teammates are sitting courtside at the Lakers vs Trail Blazers game.



# Obsequies

## Jessie Garcia

Funeral services were held for Jessie Garcia on Saturday morning, December 28, 2019, at the Greater St. Luke Missionary Baptist Church with Dr. Rev. J. H. Ford, Pastor, Officiating.

The Ossie Curry Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Jessie, age 94, went to be with the Lord on December 23, 2019.

She was born August 23, 1925 to Nelseana Caldwell. She attended Pine Crest High School in Winfield, Louisiana. She accepted Christ at a very early age. She attended Grambling College in Louisiana. She later moved to Houston, Texas where she was employed with Texas Southern University.

In 1965, she met and married her husband, Lacy Garcia. In 1966, she moved to Lubbock where she was employed as a Dietician with the Lubbock Independent School District, and later retired. She was a member of the Greater St. Luke Missionary Baptist Church. Her greatest love was cooking, especially gumbo. Jessie worked tirelessly with many organizations, especially Meals on Wheels. She also did mission work for many years.



She was preceded in death by her son, Donavan Ball and parents, Cleveland and Nelseana Caldwell.

Left to cherish her memory is her beloved husband, Lacy Garcia; daughter, Alisia Garcia; two grandsons; several nieces; and a host of relatives and friends.

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**No Prayer, No Power.  
 Little Prayer, Little Power.  
 Much Prayer, Much Power.**

## Rev. Edward Canady

Funeral services for Rev. Edward Canady were held on Friday morning, January 3, 2020, at the Greater St. Luke Missionary Baptist Church with Dr. Rev. J. H. Ford, Pastor, Officiating.

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

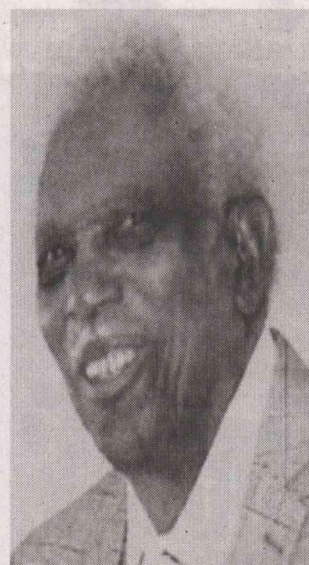
Rev. Canady, age 85 of Lubbock, Texas, passed away Sunday, December 29, 2019.

Pastor Canady was born on January 2, 1934 to the parentage of Lindsey Menton and Hallie Canady in Caldwell, Texas.

In 1969 he accepted his call into the ministry. He pastored Freewill Missionary Baptist Church in Slaton, Texas and later moved to Lubbock where he pastored St. Matthew Missionary Baptist Church and retired as the pastor there.

He worked at the State of Texas Highway Department, retiring after 35 years.

Pastor Canady leaves to cherish his memory: his wife, Shirley Canady; four daughters: Beverly (Joe Roy, Jr.) Roberts, Billie Thompson, Ruby Smith, and Regina Butler; two sons, John (Oledia) Bell and Ray Bell; 16 grandchildren, 51 great grandchildren, 23 great-great grandchildren; a host of other relatives and friends.



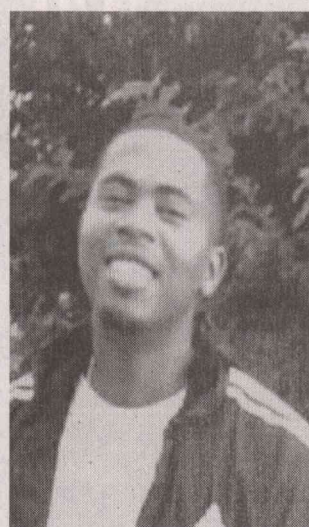
## Dedrick Demont Traylor, Jr.

Funeral services were held for Dedrick Demont Traylor, Jr. on Thursday morning, January 9, 2020 at the First Progressive Baptist Church with Pastor Chris Moore as Officiant/Eulogist.

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

Dedrick, age 24 of Lubbock, Texas, was born December 7, 1995 to Denise Willard and Dedrick Traylor, Sr. He was employed by Parma Ristorante Italiano formally known as Stella's. He attended Coronado High School where he played football and basketball.

He leaves to cherish his memory; his daughter, Aubriella Traylor; mother Denise Willard; father, Dedrick Traylor, Sr.; grandparents, Armagean (Ford) Willard, Patsy Traylor, David



Traylor; sister, Detavin Traylor; brother Davonta Betts; thirty two other siblings; aunts, Mary Hawkins and Lashunda Whitfield; uncles, Milton Hawkins, Willie Hawkins, Jr., Jerry Willard, Gary McKnight, and Jerry Traylor; a host of other relatives, and friends.

## Marie Hubert

Midland, Texas -- Home Going Services were held for Evangelist Marie Hubert on Saturday afternoon, January 11, 2020, at the First Assembly of God Church.

Interment followed Serenity Memorial Gardens Cemetery under the direction of Nailey Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Midland.

Evangelist Hubert passed peacefully from this life on January 4, 2020 surrounded by her loving family. Born October 24, 1961 in Slaton, Texas, she lived and attended public school in Lubbock, Texas.

After moving to Midland and completing beauty college during the early 80's, Marie made a living doing something she truly loved. She has owned and operated The New Image Beauty Salon for over 30 plus years.

Although Marie was very involved in her own church, Midland First Assembly of God, she was always willing to speak for other churches' services when placed on program. Marie was a very dedicated, loving foster mother and helped many children during their time spent in the foster care system. Marie lead a prayer filled life and was



always ready, willing and able to pray for anyone, at any time. Her smile and cheerful disposition will be missed by her family, customers and friends.

Preceded in death by her father Mr. Ed Conaway, her memory is cherished by her mother Mrs. Lorene Conaway; brother W.J. Byrd; sister Ola Draper; son Jeremy (Katfish) Conaway and wife Shamira; son Christopher Bibbs and wife Michelle; son Edrick Bibbs and wife Shelia. 11 grandchildren, 2 great-grandchildren and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

## Garyontae Donvon Shepherd

Funeral services were held for Garyontae Donvon Shepherd on Friday morning, January 10, 2020, at the Faith First House of Hope, with Pastor Chris Moore as Officiant/Eulogist.

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

Garyontae, age 17 of Lubbock, Texas, passed away Wednesday, January 1, 2020.

Garyontae was born May 7, 2002 to Gary Shepherd and LaKendra Gaither. He attended Estacado High School.

He leaves to cherish his memory: his parents, Gary Shepherd and LaKendra Gaither; grandparents, Pam and Buddy Gaither, Vanessa Washington, and Steve McDonald; special lady, Rissa Thomas;



three sisters, Drequesha Wright, Danae Wright, and Ebony Shepherd; four brothers: Tyzae Gaither, Rodrick Johnson, Trey/Shawn Johnson, and DeAntae Davis; a host of other relatives and friends.

### Psalm 23

**The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.  
 He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:  
 he leadeth me beside the still waters.  
 He esoreth my soul; he leadeth me in the paths  
 of righteousness for his name's sake.  
 Yes, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
 I will fear no evil: for thou art with me;  
 thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.**

## The Difference Between a Fool and Being Full

by  
**Dr. James L. Snyder**

One thing truly amazes is how fast Thanksgiving goes. Here I am in the living room relaxing in my easy chair just one day after Thanksgiving.

I groaned a little bit and rubbed my stomach. Then the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage said, "Don't you think it's rather foolish to stuff yourself so much on Thanksgiving?"

Thinking about this, I began to wonder if being full and being a fool is similar?

So, not in such a thinking mode as I should be, I asked my wife. "What is the difference in being full and being a fool?"

"Well," she said rather thoughtfully, "A fool does not know when he crosses the line to becoming full."

I asked my wife. "How can being full make you a fool?"

"Just go and look in the mirror," she replied.

I guess I've been a fool for most of my lifetime. My motto, especially around the Thanksgiving table, is, "Just one more piece."

At the time, I did not realize that "one more piece" makes me cross the line into being a very foolish person.

Is it that foolish to become full at a Thanksgiving dinner? After all, what is Thanksgiving dinner for if I do not leave the table full?

I came by this legitimately. It goes back to my maternal grandmother.

We would all gather at grandma's place for Thanksgiving dinner, and boy could she stir up a Thanksgiving dinner. She had on the table everything you could ever imagine eating for Thanksgiving. Some things on the table I did not recognize, but, being at grandma's table at Thanksgiving time, I ate it.

After we were at the table for a while, people started to leave. Grandma always would say, "Please, just one more bite before you go. There's plenty left."

Of course, being at grandma's Thanksgiving table, she made the rules, and we abided by them out of deep respect. None of us had to be overly convinced to stay for just one more bite. We all left being as full as we possibly could be under her instructions.

I do not think being full is the same as being a fool. In my calculations, not stuffing yourself at grandma's Thanksgiving table would make you a fool. Who wants to be that kind of a fool? Remember, grandmas are never wrong!

A real fool would be someone leaving grandma's Thanksgiving dinner without being full. Believe me, I am not that kind of fool.

Between Thanksgiving and New Year's Day, it is my purpose to eat as much as I can to

become as full as I can be. After all, on New Year's Day, I am going to make a resolution not to eat so much at each meal. That is then, but now I indulge myself to such an extent that I am genuinely full.

As I thought of this, I remembered what Solomon said. "He that walketh with wise men shall be wise: but a companion of fools shall be destroyed" (Proverbs 13:20).

A wise man will walk to the table of the Lord and stuff himself with God's goodness until he is full and overflowing. That sure is not being foolish.

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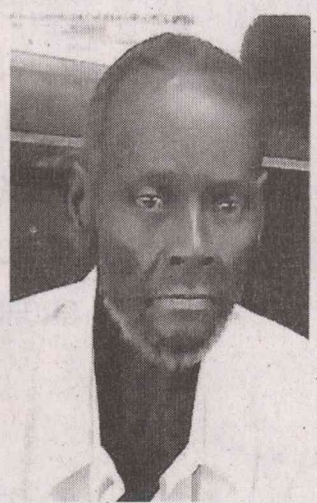
**His web site is www.jamesnyderministries.com.**

## Charley Joe Waites

Dallas, Texas -- Funeral services were held for Charley Joe Waites on Tuesday morning, November 12, 2019, at the Golden Gate Funeral Home with Reverend Kenneth Prox, Officiant.

Charley was called home to be with the Lord on November 6, 2019 in Irving, Texas. Charley was born to Sam Waites, Jr. and Charlie B. Waites on February 14, 1953 in Lubbock, Texas. He graduated from Dunbar High School. After shining shoes for over 40 years, he relocated to Irving, Texas to be closer to his family.

Charley loved going to



church Praising God, spending time with his family, and watching

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## Vinia Thompson



Funeral services for Vinia Thompson were held on Friday morning, December 27, 2019, at the Mt. Glead Baptist Church with Pastor J. Jerome Johnson, Jr., Officiant/Eulogist.

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

Mrs. Thompson was born April 19, 1927 to Dortha Robertson and Shirley Myart.

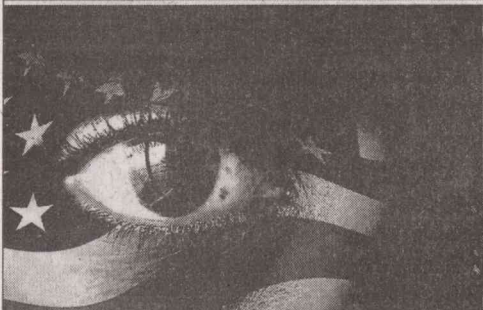
She passed away on Thursday, December 16, 2019.

Mrs. Thompson is preceded in death by her father, Dortha Garnett Robertson; mother, Shirley Myart; son, Joseph L. Lee; and three sisters: Eliza Glodena Stunstle, Josephine Robertson, and Dorothy Scenters; five brothers: Dortha Sambo Robertson, Windell Robertson, Welma Scenters, Floyd Robertson, and Willie Scenters.


She leaves to cherish her memory: a daughter, Shirley Pratt; two sons, Garnett J. Lee and Matthew Lee; five grandchildren: Vinia M. Pratt "Barnett", Tina Pratt, Donald R. Pratt, Sharonda Lee, and Michael Lee; one great grand child, Dondrei Angel; nieces, Jackie Scenters and Adra Stunstle; nephews: Alphonzo Stunstle, Willie J. Stunstle, Arthur Stunstle, and Cecil Steward; and a host of other relatives and friends.

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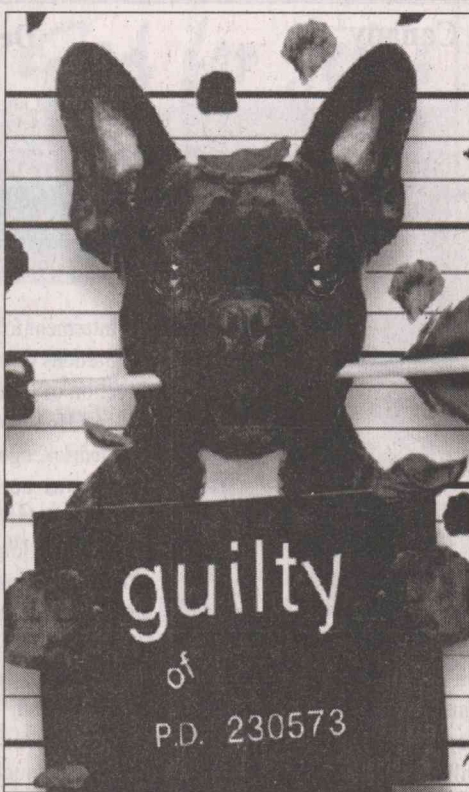


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The CAVIEL MUSEUM has been in operation for about seven years. It has been a part of the FIRST FRIDAY ART TRAIL for almost two years. We have had many local and distant artists to exhibit mixed mediums and to participate and appreciate the enjoyment of sharing the variety of arts with the community and educational institutions. Our mission is to educate the community about the contributions the African Americans have given to West Texas and Lubbock, TX.

Please share this information and the link to the GIVING TUESDAY website, where the LBK ROOTS ARTS COUNCIL website is all set up for DONATIONS! OUR GOAL IS \$10,000. Last year, we didn't make it because it was our first year to participate in this GREAT campaign. TELL YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS LOCAL OR OUT OF TOWN TO PLEASE DONATE TO ROOTS. CHECKS: can also be made out to LBK ROOTS ARTS COUNCIL OR LBK ROOTS HISTORICAL ARTS COUNCIL; and mailed or given to you. The mailing address for the checks to be mailed to is:

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**Charley Joe Waites**  
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ing movies and television shows in his free time. He was preceded in death by his father, his mother, and a, older brother, Arvell Goff.

He was survived by his two sisters, Debra Waites and Jo Evelyn Douglas, both of Irving, Texas; five nieces: Tamika Waites of Irving, Texas, Tiffani Milton (Mauquice) and Tasia Milton, both of Dallas, Texas, Sherryl Johnson and Mara Carter of Carrollton, Texas; two great nieces, Kiana Waites of Irving, Texas and Kyla Bell of Dallas, Texas; three great nephews: Donte and Elijah Williams, both of Irving, Texas, and Joseph Johnson of Fort Worth, Texas. Charley was also survived by a special nephew, James Turner of Dallas, Texas, and a niece, Shamecia Cook of Dallas, Texas.



**Beyond the Rhetoric**  
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Why do we let them get away with this abuse? We could take you to Ghana and show you tomatoes coming in by shiploads from China. From there a company using Chinese equipment transforms the tomatoes into cans of tomato paste to be sold to U. S. grocery stores under the AGOA program. Green beans and other items are hustled in the same manner. Why don't they farm these products in Africa instead of being exploited by China?

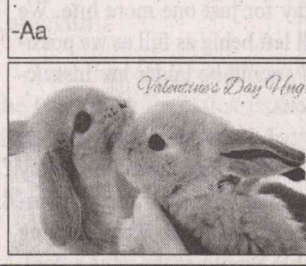
The AGOA program is useless to the continent of Africa. China just loves it.

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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.  
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**Happy Valentine's Day Poem**

roses are red  
violets are blue  
I know it's hard  
but you'll make it through  
with your head up high  
and your friends at your side  
ready to hold you  
just in case you cry  
you have so much left  
so much to do  
that alone's a motive,  
for you to fight through  
and the roses are still red  
the violets still blue  
they'll be here for a while  
and so should you



**HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF LUBBOCK ANNOUNCES**

*A Proposed Change to the Housing Choice Voucher Administrative Plan to implement a Mainstream Voucher Program for non-elderly persons with disabilities who are currently experiencing homelessness or have previously experienced homelessness are currently in a permanent supportive housing or rapid rehousing project.*

A public hearing will be held as listed below:

DATE: February 26, 2020  
TIME: 12:00 p.m.  
PLACE: 1708 Crickets Ave. Lubbock, TX 79401

The Lubbock Housing Authority has been awarded \$175,872 from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to fund 25 new Housing Choice Vouchers in 2020. These vouchers will provide affordable housing for non-elderly persons with disabilities who are currently experiencing homelessness or have previously experienced homelessness and are currently in a permanent supportive housing or rapid rehousing project.

The Housing Authority is partnering with another local nonprofit, Open Door, who will offer case management and supportive services to those receiving the vouchers.

All residents and other interested parties are encouraged to attend this meeting. The Policy will be available for review beginning January 13, 2020 during regular business hours prior to the Meeting at the addresses below. Persons can also submit written comments prior to the meeting to:

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| <b>Cherry Point Office</b><br>1329 E. 19th<br>Lubbock, TX 79403                              | <b>Mary Myers Office</b><br>5421 Utica<br>Lubbock, TX 79413  |
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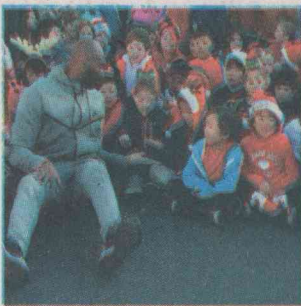
# NBA Legend Kobe Bryant Dies in Crash, Along with 8 Others

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**The Victims:**

Christina Mauser, a basketball coach at the nearby Harbor Day School, where Gigi Bryant attended. Payton Chester, a middle-school student. Sarah Chester, Payton's mother and Ara Zobayan, the pilot.

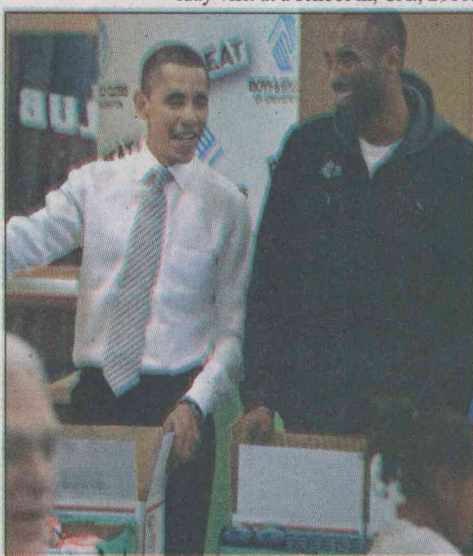
The Los Angeles Lakers legend had shifted gears following his retirement from the NBA in 2016, turning his focus to creative endeavors outside of basketball while also operating a training center in California named the Mamba Sports Academy, where he trained Gianna's youth basketball team.



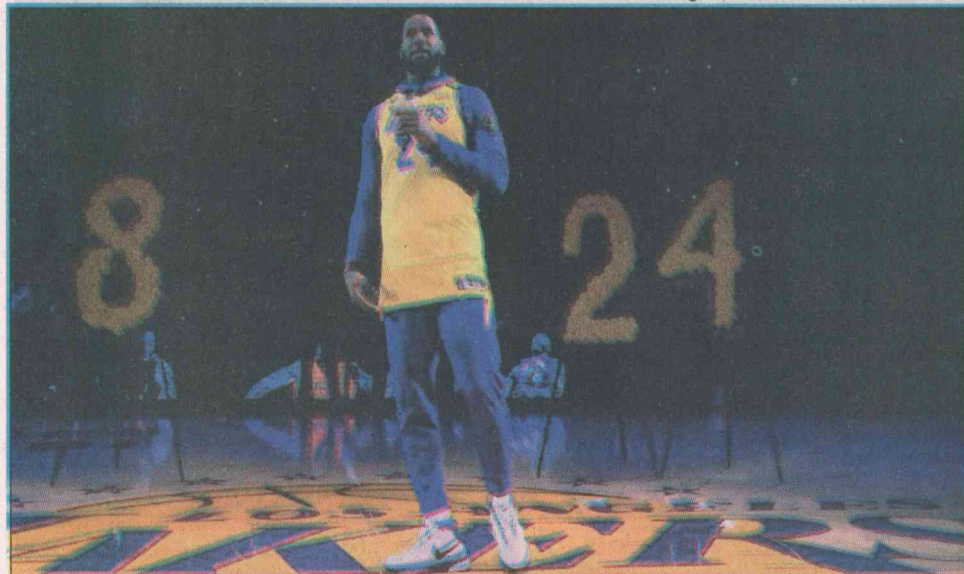
Bryant surprises students with a holiday visit at a school in, CA., 2018.



Bryant meets with students at Andrew Hamilton School in Philadelphia, March 21, 2019.



Then-president Barack Obama talks with Bryant while filling care packages during an NBA Cares service event at the Boys and Girls Club in Washington, DC, on Dec. 13, 2010.



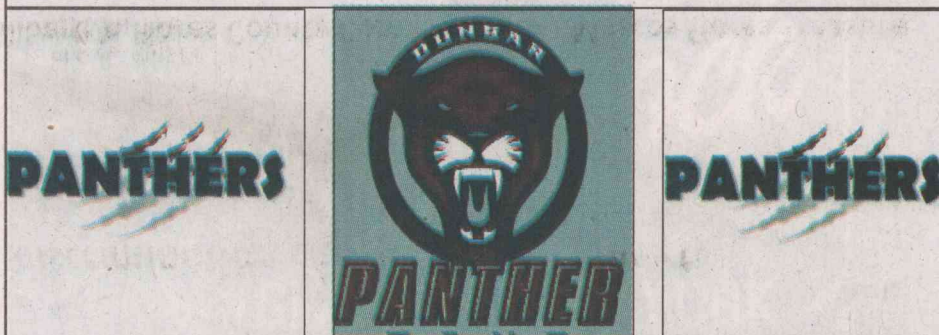
LeBron James spoke from his heart during the Los Angeles Lakers pregame ceremony to honor Kobe Bryant. After the video, the team had 24.2 seconds of silence.



Reserved seats for Kobe and Gianna

Before the game against the Portland Trail Blazers, there were two floor seats adorned with roses and jerseys honoring Bryant and daughter Gianna, who was an emerging basketball sensation before her death. They likely were the only two of the 19,000-plus seats to be empty Friday night.

## DUNBAR HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF '1970' REUNION



Hello 1970 Dunbar Alumni,

Can you believe that in May 2020 it will be 50 years since we graduated from our Alma Mater, Dunbar High School? To celebrate this momentous occasion, a committee consisting of members from our class have organized the following activities for July 10 and July 11, 2020. We are encouraging all classmates to join us in this great celebration.

FRIDAY, JULY 10, 2020	SATURDAY, JULY 11, 2020	SATURDAY, JULY 11, 2020
2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Meet and Greet 602 E. 24th Street (June Long's Home)	9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Breakfast (at your own expense) Overton Hotel 2322 Mac Davis Lane	10:00 p.m. until notified Dancing, Games, etc. Club Marie (A.K.A. June'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.	1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Llano Estacado Wine Tour 3426 FM 15 Lubbock, TX 79404	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.)
10:00 p.m. until notified Dancing, Games, etc. Club Marie (A.K.A. June's Home)	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 activities.	<b>NOTE: Evening refreshments will be served at Club Marie.</b>

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





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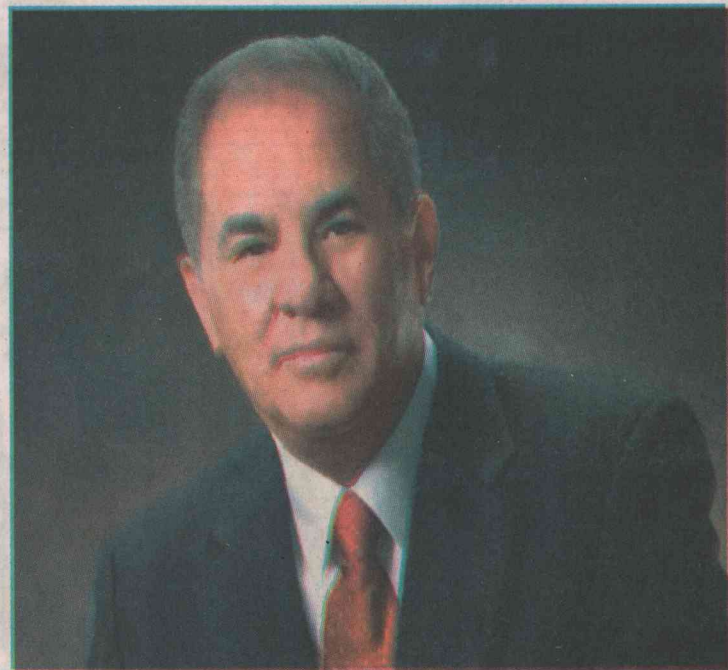
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