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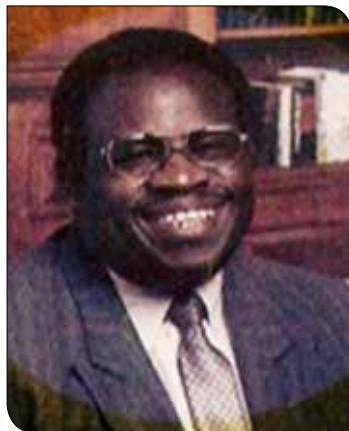


Sickle Cell Anemia Association founder, Gene Carter, passes

On November 22, 2016, the Waco community was forced to say goodbye to one of its own, Reverend Eugene Carter. Carter was born on August 28, 1934 in Ardmore, Oklahoma to Charlie and Bobbie Carter. He is known throughout Central Texas for his diligence and fundraising efforts for helping those suffering from Sickle Cell Anemia.

He accepted Christ at an early age at Macedonia Baptist Church in Ardmore where his mother instilled the importance of servitude in both the church and the community.

Graduating from Douglass High School in Ardmore, he was recruited to play football at Paul Quinn College in Waco, Texas. He graduated from Paul Quinn College with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Physical Education/Social Studies and continued his educational studies at Prairie



EUGENE CARTER

View A & M University in Prairie View, Texas earning his Master's Degree in Counseling and Guidance. He was a member of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc.

While attending Paul Quinn College, he met and married his "soul mate", Barbara Jean McK-

inney from Marlin, Texas. From this union three children were born: Terry Carter, Carmen Carlette and Lisa Elaine. On July 2, 2016, he and Barbara celebrated 61 years of marriage and are thankful for the years they shared together.

Throughout Carter's career, he was involved in many endeavors in our community helping people. After graduating from college, he was hired as the first black coach to organize the Booker T. Washington High School football team in Teague, Texas. When he returned to Waco, he taught classes for the mentally challenged students and also coached football for 11 years with the Waco Independent School District. Carter loved young people and pro-

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University High's Kortlyn Henderson signs with Division I college

Kortlyn Henderson is a three year letter winner who plays for the University High School Lady Trojans Volleyball Team. Henderson is the daughter of Kimberly Henderson and Alvin Mercadel. She also has one younger sibling, Kamari and three older siblings, Kiara, Arianna, and Kevin who have all attended and graduated from college. Her brother, Kevin Thomas, played basketball for University High School, and received a full basketball scholarship to Tulane University.

Henderson began her volleyball career in the 6th grade playing for Texas Legends Vol-



KORTLYN HENDERSON

leyball Club of Waco, under the leadership of Coach Jerry

Sorrells. She continued her passion of volleyball throughout middle school, and as a freshman in high school, she competed on Junior Varsity level and made the University High School varsity volleyball team her sophomore year, under Coach Jeffery Cornell's leadership.

In 2013, the young athlete began to play for the TCA Central Texas Volleyball Club under coaches Sean Lively and Josh Dominguez. Throughout the course of 4 years, Henderson has become an astound-

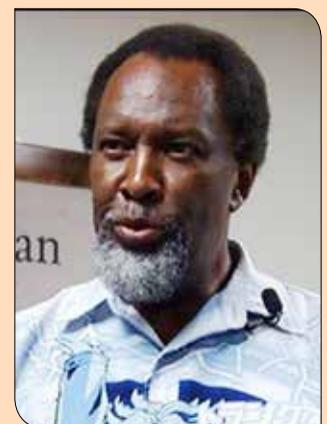
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Banquet honors political legacy of Commissioner Lester Gibson

Nearly 300 people came together recently to honor and show their appreciation for Commissioner Lester L. Gibson's political legacy.

Gibson, a dedicated servant of the Waco, McLennan County, Texas, community, has led a rewarding life in the field of public administration. Commissioner Gibson is the third African American in the history of McLennan County to serve on the McLennan County Commissioners Court. Serving the constituents of Precinct 2, he is the first African American to be elected to the position. He is currently the longest tenured member of the McLennan County Commissioners Court earning him the title of Judge Pro-Tem as well as County Commissioner. Prior to his serving on the McLennan County Commissioners Court, he served for two years as the city councilmember from District 1 on the City of Waco City Council.

Commissioner Gibson, a 1967 graduate of A.J. Moore High School, graduated in 1974 from Baylor University with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in sociology and has continuously encouraged the recognition, understanding, and resolution of social problems in Waco, McLennan County, Texas. He is a veteran of the Vietnam War serving honorably in the United States Navy. The father, grandfather, and great-grandfather resides in Waco, McLennan County, Texas, with his wife of forty-seven years, Mrs. Coque Johnson-Gibson.



LESTER GIBSON

Commissioner Gibson is the current Vice-President of the Texas Organization of Black County Commissioners, having served as the organization's President twice from 1998-2001 and again from 2011-2013. In August of 1992, Commissioner Lester Gibson, along with a dedicated group of community activists organized the Leadership Luncheon. It was renamed in 1996 to the Fred D. Batts Jr. Leadership Luncheon. The luncheon forum for the past twenty-four years has been dedicated to its mission statement, "Networking to Make a Difference." Commissioner Gibson, always the visionary, created and as editor circulated two community newspapers, the Grassroots News and the Bottom Line News and served as the President of the Grassroots Progressive School Board.

Commissioner Gibson is the McLennan County representative to the Texas Clean Air Cities Coalition,

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J.L. AND LINDA CRAWFORD

A co-owner of *The Anchor News*, J.L. Crawford is the director of operations for the paper. He is also an instructor at McLennan Community College, a Bible teacher, and a LegalShield Senior Manager. Linda Crawford is co-owner and editor of *The Anchor News*. She is an instructor at McLennan Community College, a Bible teacher and a conference, workshop and motivational speaker.

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN...**Take care of your credit when applying for a home loan**

BY LINDA MCDONALD,
PRESIDENT, WACO ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS

Even after you've done the work to find the home you want to purchase and negotiated the contract, you'll still have one important job to do related to your finances: nothing. That's because the financial decisions you make when applying for a home loan won't be a secret to your lender, and any actions that negatively affect your financial situation could put your home purchase in jeopardy.

Lenders have strict rules borrowers must follow, and your lender is no exception. Missteps could give your lender a reason to delay your closing or even reject your loan outright and send you back to square one. Be aware of the following financial missteps

**LINDA MCDONALD**

that could throw a wrench into your deal.

DON'T HIDE YOUR FINANCIAL HISTORY

Good decisions start with the application itself, so be up front about your finances, and don't leave any surprises for your lender to discover. Even if there's something on

your credit report you aren't proud of, be honest from the start. These issues will show up eventually, and your mortgage broker or banker is likely to have advice for resolving them.

DON'T MAKE ANY LARGE PURCHASES

You might want to furnish your new place now, but you should wait until after closing to buy expensive furniture or appliances—and definitely put that new car on hold. Even if you pay for them with cash, your lender may request updated copies of your bank statements and see you have decreased funds available.

DON'T OPEN A NEW LINE OF CREDIT

Even applying for a credit card can throw up a red flag when your finances are under a microscope. Stores may try to tempt you by offering a dis-

count on your purchase just for completing an application, but that savings probably isn't more valuable than closing on your home purchase.

DON'T BE LATE PAYING YOUR BILLS

Your lender will be looking at your finances closely on a regular basis, and any negative changes could affect your status.

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Former dance team captain remembers beloved coach Cindy Ledbetter**STASHA AUSTIN (MID-WAY GOAL TENDER FROM 2000-2004)**

When I talk about high school, I am always referring to my dance team experience. Those were such formative years for me with coming from a broken home, trying to figure myself out and trying to fit in. Coach L was always there. She had such a listening ear and a gentle spirit that truly shaped how I lead now. Being an officer and eventually a captain truly changed how I viewed myself. I followed and have continued to follow her

**CINDY LEDBETTER**

example of servant leadership and the way she did everything with excellence always pushed me to be better. I really am forever changed by spending four years with Coach L and Lori. I'm glad she isn't hurting anymore and I'm so thankful she left such a powerful and impactful legacy. Oh Coach L! You are so loved.

ABOUT CINDY LEDBETTER

Cindy Ledbetter, 62, passed away Tuesday, November 22nd at her residence in Speegleville. She was born in Waco on April 19, 1954, the fourth and youngest child of

**STASHA AUSTIN**

Rufus and Agnes Gatlin. She attended Midway schools, from which she graduated in 1972. She then went on to receive an education degree from Texas A & I University and was an educator for 31 years. Her plan was to retire at the end of this year.

She met Doug Ledbetter on the Cedar Break Trail Ride when she was in high school and they were married a few years later on May 19, 1973. Together they had two chil-

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G.W. High School celebrates 60th birthday and All School Reunion

G.W. High School recently celebrated its 60th birthday and 17th All School Reunion on December 2-4. Classes represented at the event were the first graduating class of 1957 through the last class of graduation, which was in 1971. Festivities included Mo-

town Night sponsored by the 45th anniversary Class of 1971, a continental breakfast and reunion dance sponsored by the 55th anniversary Class of 1961, and a Sunday morning memorial and worship service sponsored by the 50th anniversary Class of 1966.



G.W. High School celebrates 60th birthday and All School Reunion



G.W. High School's class of 1966 celebrates 50th reunion



THE G.W. CLASS OF 1966 RECENTLY GATHERED AT THE SCHOOL'S 60TH ANNIVERSARY AND 17TH ALL SCHOOL REUNION PICTURED ON THE FRONT ROW (LEFT TO RIGHT) ARE JANET CLARK, PHYLLIS DOBBINS, EVELYN TAYLOR, CATHERINE REED, CLARENCE IGLEHART, DAVID DAVIS AND LINDA HAR-

RIS. ON THE BACK ROW ARE FRED PULLEN, DAVID HAYES, BOOKER T. TALBERT, BILLY FORWARD, ROBERT MILLER, STERLING ROBINSON, KENNETH BROOKS, ELVIS BROWN, MARSHALL GREEN, BILLY WILLIAMS, J.L. CRAWFORD AND LANIS WATKINS.



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The house of Christmas

BY MONA DUNKIN

Christmas is a promise of peace to all. But do we become so focused on preparing our homes for Christmas and shopping that we bypass the peace? Perhaps what is needed is more preparation on the inside. Take time to slow down and focus on what is really important this Christmas season. Prepare your heart.

God gave a promise to Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden of a redeemer who would crush the head of the serpent. This mighty pledge was passed on to Abraham and foretold by the prophets. This prophecy was fulfilled through Mary, a pure and humble servant of the Lord. She was of the lineage of the

royal family of King David, she was a virgin, highly favored, and the Lord was with her. Mary was overwhelmed with the honor of bearing the Son of God. It is an awesome thing to be used of God. The honor of being used of God goes hand in hand with hardship. Mary must suffer. Years later, her heart would break as she witnessed the rejection and crucifixion of her son. For the present, her reputation would be marred in the eyes of an unbelieving world.

Read Luke 1:26-56 and check how many of the following statements applies to Mary and her situation:

1. The Lord was with her.
2. She found favor with God.
3. She was a virgin; pure in



MONA DUNKIN

body, in heart, in thoughts, in soul, in actions and in values.

4. She understood all that was happening to her.

5. She was not afraid.

6. Mary intuitively knew this promise would be through supernatural means.

7. She willingly submitted to God's instructions.

8. The promise given her was the most incredible message human ears had ever heard.

9. God revealed to Mary secrets not yet made public.

10. She told her predicament to anyone who would listen and offer glib advice.

11. She prepared herself to go for quiet reflection.

12. She sought counsel from a godly source.

13. The promise would come to pass because she believed.

14. The most important issues were money, power, and possessions.

15. She knew the days ahead would be both good and bad.

16. It did not matter what anyone said or thought.

17. Mary felt sorry for herself.

18. Regardless of the circumstances, her soul glorified the Lord.

19. One of a humble spirit and low degree was exalted.

20. All future generations would honor her.

Go back over the above list and consider how many statements may apply to you. What are some specific ways you can make this Christmas season more meaningful?

And he shall be called... PRINCE OF PEACE.

The House of Christmas
There fared a mother driven forth

Out of an inn to roam;
In the place where God was homeless

All men are at home.

To the end of the way of the wandering star,

To the things that cannot be and that are,

To the place where God was

homeless

All men are at home.

G. K. Chesterton

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LEDBETTER

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dren, Lori and Cory. Cindy enjoyed traveling with her family and going camping to several national parks. Spending time with her five grandchildren was one of her greatest joys.

Having taught elsewhere for a few years, Cindy joined the Midway ISD faculty, where she taught for 29 years. Twenty-two years ago she became the director of the "Goal Tenders," the Midway High School dance team. "Coach L," as she was affectionately referred to by her dance team girls, dedicated herself to working tirelessly to develop, not only quality performing teams, but, more

importantly, young women of high principles and character.

She was preceded in death by her parents, and brothers, Kenneth and Earl Gene Gatlin.

Survivors include her husband of 43 years, Doug Ledbetter; children, Lori Ledbetter Wadsworth and husband Josh, and Cory Ledbetter and wife Lori; grandchildren, Coy, Nash and Liza Wadsworth, and Bailey and Bryson Ledbetter; and sister, Janet Hardee. In memory of Coach L, the family request memorial contributions be made to the Midway ISD Education Foundation.

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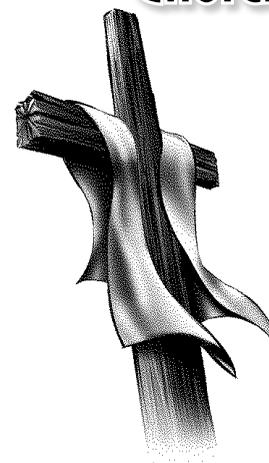
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Pastor Matthew Reed and Wife Helen

GIBSON

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Founder/Organizer of the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Candlelight Vigil, Waco MLK, Jr. Park; Past President of the Eastern Little League, Past Chairman of the Heart of Texas Regional Review Committee, Past Director of Habitat for Humanity, Past President of the Waco-McLennan County NAACP, Former Member Board of Directors YMCA of Central Texas; Past Director of the following: Heart of Texas Legal Services, Tejas Camp Fire; and Member of the following: State of Texas Attorney General's County Advisory Committee, Texas A&M University System/Texas Agricultural Extension Service V.G. Young Institute of County Government Advisory Committee, Waco Parks & Recreation Commission, Northeast Neighborhood Council, and the Mildred Dulaney Foundation Board of Directors.

The recipient of several awards, Commissioner Gibson has devoted his life to the uplifting and advancement of Waco's underprivileged. His many accolades include, but are not limited to, the following: Award of Recognition & Outstanding Contributions by the Texas Organization of Black County Commissioners, Political Achievement Award from the Texas Association of Minority Business Enterprises, The McLennan County NAACP Vanguard Award, The African-American Male Image Award presented by the Waco Save Our Sons, The Family of the Year Award presented by Conference of Christians and Jews, The Man of the Year Award presented by the African Methodist Episcopal Church, Citizen of the Year Award presented by the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Omicron Upsilon Chapter, The Community Service Award presented by Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. Delta Upsilon Zeta Chapter, The Community Service Award presented by the McLennan County Branch of the NAACP,

Leadership Award presented by the Regular Fellows Club of Waco, The Outstanding Achiever Award from the A.J. Moore High School Alumni Association, The Outstanding Service Award presented by G.L. Wiley Middle School, Award of Appreciation presented by the Board of Directors of the Economic Opportunities Advancement Corporation, the Service & Leadership Award presented by the Pleasant Grove Baptist Church in Waco, Texas, and 2008 Citizen of the Year Award presented by the Centex African American Chamber of Commerce. Commissioner Gibson hosts a weekly Saturday morning radio talk show on our local Hip Hop Station, 94.5 FM "The Beat" and is a perfect example of his own philosophy and the show's title, "If We Only Knew, What We Could Do..."

According to longtime friend and college buddy, J.L. Crawford, "If Lester believes in you, he is unwavering in his support. He will do whatever needs to be done to make sure that the right thing is done." At the banquet, many echoed Crawford's sentiments. Several people gave public testimony of how Gibson has touched their lives. Former Congressman Chet Edwards told the audience that he was the new kid on the block when he first ran for office, and most people told him he would never win. However, he said, "I had Lester Gibson on my side," and with Gibson's support, not only did Edwards win the election, but he held his seat for nearly two decades.

Wife Coque Gibson, spoke emotionally as she shared childhood memories and the way she and Gibson met. "We were destined to be together," she said. "I would not be where I am today if it were not for my husband. We feel fortunate to be surrounded by so many friends and loved ones who have helped shape this moment."

Broken Silence

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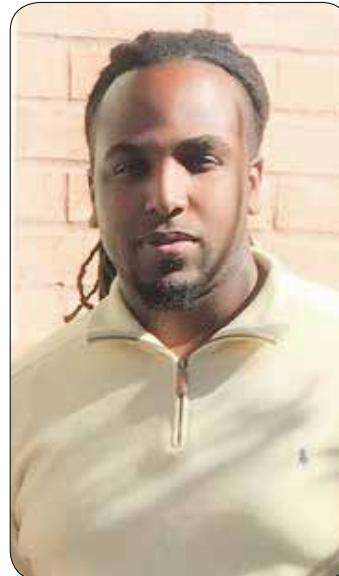
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Community organizer has big plans



CUEVAS PEACOCK

Cuevas Peacock is a community builder with dreams of becoming a poet, for he was once told that they are life's last true teachers. Hailing from Port Arthur, the only place where oil and water mixes, Cuevas originally came to Waco to serve as an AmeriCorps VISTA with City Center Waco.

Throughout that year of service he fell in love with all things Wacoan, charging him to seek out an opportunity that would allow him to continue to serve within the city. He believes the position of Community Organizer in East Waco for Waco Community Development Corp. (Waco CDC) will allow him to do that.

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University High's Parrish signs with Division I College

Alexis Parrish, currently a volleyball player at University High School, recently signed to play with Georgian State University on a full scholarship. Parrish has been on the team for the past three years as a "middle blocker" and has lettered all three years. She has also played club volleyball for the past three years with TCA of Central Texas.

Selected as a gifted and talented student in the 2nd grade, she has maintained the status throughout all 12 years of school. During her four years of high school, she has taken pre AP classes and during her junior year, she began taking dual credit courses through McLennan Community College. Parrish will graduate in May with 12 college credits. She has maintained an "A" average will graduate in the top 10% of her class at University.

Parrish served as a member of the leadership team under the direction of Coach Jeffrey Cornell. She was co-team captain of the volleyball team 2016-2017 season. Parrish has volunteered with several organizations. High school achievements include some of the following: Academic All District Team for district 17-5A, selected to play on the AAU 17 Nationals team in Orlando Florida, where her team won the AAU 17 Nationals Classic Division Gold Medal, with Coach Sean Lively and Josh Dominguez; District 17 - 5A "District Blocker MVP," where she set a new school records



ALEXIS PARRISH

for the most blocks in a season with 198 total blocks; selected to the American Volleyball Coaches Association "Phenom List," awarded the Under Armour "Down Under Sports Team" First team All State Honors" on the 2016 Texas State Team; awarded the Tribune Herald 2015 Super Centex Volleyball "Second Team" award. This year alone, Parrish was named to National Honor Society of University High School, received District 18 - 5A "District Blocker MVP," was nominated to the Academic All-State team, and on November 20, 2016 she was selected as Classroom Champion by KWTX News 10 of Central Texas. Most recently she received notification that she was selected to the 2016 Super Cen-Tex Volley Ball team. The daughter of David and Sheila Parrish, Alexis will major in Kinesiology.

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The weakness of democracy

BY MATTHEW REED

The weakness of our democracy is that we have left the word of God on which it was founded. The problem is we the people (we are the weakness). We go about making new laws when the problem is no one keeps the one that exist. You can make laws until the end of time they won't profit until we start to keep them.

God's law as perfect as it is, was weak through the flesh. (Romans 8:3 for what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh,).

What is the purpose of this article? I'm glad you asked. First since there is no confusion in Christ we are confused as to why our democracy is not working as well as it has in the past. In the word of God we find the answers. The pur-

pose for this article is to turn the church from seeking and following politicians, talk show hosts and other ungodly voices and return once again to the voice of God. The solution is not political; it's spiritual. It's time for the church to take its place at the head of the table. We can't influence people when we look, do and act just like the people we are trying to influence.

God bears witness to the word of his disciples during the beginning of the New Testament church. He continues to bear witness to the truth today. Men may never accept the truth that we write or speak but God will. God will also bear witness to the fact that we are his disciples today with signs and wonders if we live right. Quite frankly that is to whom I look to for a witness and he's not going to witness a lie. On our money we have in God we trust; that's a lie.

There is no proof of such in our life style or the way we administer our laws. In the courts, there is not very much justice for the poor. The scales are tilted to favor the affluent. That's not God. [Acts 10:34 Then Peter opened his mouth, and said, of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons: Ephesians 6:9 neither is there respect of persons with him. 1st Peter 1:17 And if ye call on the Father, who without respect of persons judges according to every man's work, We were commanded in John 7:24 Judge not according to the appearance, but judge



PASTOR MATTHEW AND HELEN REED

righteous judgment]. When a majority of the population including the church does not take heed to this doctrine we can take "In God we trust" off the money. We the church are the light of this world, our country, and our politicians and if we don't model God's plan so that God can bear witness, the world, our country, our politicians are go-

ing to become confused. They will no longer know right from wrong. That's where we are today. When the church takes the lead again by right and powerful living, the world the country the politicians will follow; they have no choice.

Here in America we want democracy to work but we are not willing to do what it takes to make it work. Amen!

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About 30 million Americans seek chiropractic care annually, and apparently not all of them realize their visits are now routinely covered by major medical plans, Medicare, workers' compensation, and even some Medicaid plans. Part of the increased availability is a result of measures like the Affordable Care Act and the embrace of chiropractic care at various government levels including military bases and Veterans Administration facilities.

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CARTER

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vided a safe dance environment for them to attend on the weekends. He hosted a soul music program on the radio station WACO known as "Big Daddy Gene" which aired nightly. As Director of Development at Paul Quinn College for ten years, his leadership enabled recruitment efforts and fundraising campaigns for United Negro College Fund in the Central Texas area.

After his tenure with Paul Quinn College, Carter became an ordained minister and pastored Greater Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church in Waco, Texas for twenty-nine years dedicating his service teaching God's word and helping all those in need. Through God's vision, Carter founded the Central Texas Sickle Cell Anemia Association in Waco, Texas to accommodate the need within the central Texas region and to raise a greater awareness of the disease that primarily affects African Americans. Over the past 33 years, his fund raising efforts provided educational information, sickle cell testing, financial assistance to families with medical expenses, utili-

ties and other living expenses. His commitment and dedication to help others was a legacy birthed from a young child-- to serve God and to be of service to his community.

Carter is preceded in death by his mother, father, brother and grandparents. He is survived by his wife, Barbara J. Carter; his son, Terry Carter (Victoria); daughters, Carmen Carter, Lisa King and grandchildren Erica and Chris King; sister, Charlie Mae Williams of Tyler, Texas and many nephews, nieces and cousins.

A host of very special friends include Sis. Eleanor Sims, Co-Founder and Administrative Assistant of the Central Texas Sickle Cell Anemia Association, Waco, TX; Mrs. Ruby Graham, Co-Facilitator of the Central Texas Sickle Cell Anemia Association, Killeen, Texas; Word of God Christian Fellowship Church, Rev. Clarence Sanders, Killeen, Texas; Greater Mount Olive Baptist Church, Pastor Melvin Petty, Waco, Texas; Simmonsville Missionary Baptist Church, Rev. H. E. Debose, Killeen, Texas.

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Both planned and emergency medical procedures can be stressful and confusing. Circumstances can change quickly requiring healthcare professionals to alter course, which may make it difficult for you to monitor and stay in control of the situation. There are steps you can take to protect yourself and ensure

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Understand your health insurance coverage before you get sick. It is important that you understand how much you may owe at discharge and all limitations and exclusions in your insurance policy. Your policy may require you to obtain preauthorization for medical procedures. In addition, you may need supplemental coverage or disability coverage in the event of a long recovery. Review your



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health coverage now. It is too late to make critical changes after you get sick.

Save any documents you receive regarding your care or billing. Retain all of your hospital documentation in the event of a fee dispute, insurance dispute or medical malpractice claim. Documents can be easily misplaced in the confusion of care and recovery. Ask someone you trust to help you keep your documentation organized.

Ask for a second opinion if you are unsure about your diagnosis or treatment. You have the right to speak with another doctor or caregiver if you are uncomfortable with the diagnosis or treatment recommendations being made.

Advocate for quality care. It is important to speak up for yourself in the hospital. If you have a concern about the quality of care you receive, speak to a doctor or nursing supervisor. If you are unable to advocate for yourself due to the nature of your illness, medications or treatments, have a friend or family member stay with you. You may also ask the hospital to provide you with a patient advocate.

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HENDERSON

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ing young player breaking multiple records at University High School, including the record for the highest hitting percentage in a single game, the most kills in a single season, and the most kills in a single game, with 26 kills against the Lady Trojans of West High School and going on to break her own record with 32 kills against the Lady Wildcats of Temple High School.

Henderson was selected as 1st Team All District, and Academic All District in her junior and in her senior year, she served as Captain during her senior season, was recognized as "Player of the Match" nine times during her senior season, named the Wendy's High School Heisman School Winner of University High School in October 2016, and selected among the 2016 American Volleyball Coaches Association "Phenom List" last Spring.

In March of 2016, Henderson decided to further her

volleyball career and verbally committed to a full five-year scholarship to play for the Fighting Golden Eagles of Marquette University in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. On November 9, 2016, also known as "National Signing Day," Henderson, along with her best friend, Alexis Parrish, also an astounding athlete who will play for Georgia State, made history at University High School, when both athletes signed to play volleyball at Division I colleges. This has never taken place at University High. The dynamic duo, are also known by their teammates at University High and TCA as the "Twin Towers." Apart from being a phenomenal athlete, Henderson is also an outstanding student; she is in the top 10% of her class, and has been selected as an "Academic Achiever" since her sophomore year.

In 2016 she has received the title of Academic All-

State which is awarded to athletes that maintain a 94+ grade point average over the course of their 4 year high school career. Henderson is a member of the LEAD program, a mentoring program organized by the Greater Waco Chamber of Commerce that builds up students to become great young leaders in their communities. Henderson also dedicates her spare time tutoring and helping children read with the PAAC Reading program, which is ran by Betti Beard of Waco and volunteers at food shelters feeding the needy during the holidays and working the Baylor concession stands. She has received numerous offers for academic scholarships, but chose to stick with her passion. She plans to major in Clinical Laboratory Science.

Most recently she received notification that she was selected to the 2016 Super Cent-Tex Volley Ball team.

The privilege of being God's handmaid! Part 2

BY PATSY REED

2 Peter 1:4-9 says, "Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust. And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge; and to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness; And to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity. For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ."

We are in the last of the last days, which means, more is required of us. The Word commissions us to add to what we have. There is always room for improvement and so much more to learn. No longer should we spend hours engaging in activities that serve no profit to our spiritual walk. No longer should we busy ourselves with just being busy to make a name for ourselves. No longer should we spend more time sitting in front of the television than on studying The Word of God. Nothing is wrong with televi-

sion, but listen folks, we've got to "... attend to My Words; incline thine ear unto My sayings..." (Proverbs 4:20) Read... study ... commit to memory so that we will "... be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear." (1 Peter 3:15) Ready for God's signal...!!! No longer should we spend valuable time in gossiping, in idle living, in being busybodies. We are women - God's handmaid, serving for a purpose with a purpose in His Kingdom. So, as Handmaids, we must stay in readiness - prepared for action at the prompting of The Lord.

Now, let us see this in the light of what we may have to go through. When we look at our existence as God's handmaid, we can see that some of our trials have been allowed simply because we are 'handmaids', and we have an enemy! Remember, Job had not been in a place of sin when satan set out to attack him. He didn't even know a conversation about him between God and satan was taking place. Is there a conversation taking place about you? Anyone serving and obeying God is a threat to satan's kingdom much like Job. His demeanor, his walk with God, his dedication to living right, his love for



PATSY REED

God irritated the devil. Is the devil being irritated by your walk with God???

Think about a trial that you have had to go through... maybe you are smack dab in the middle of one. Some individuals would view 'your trial' as insurmountable and overwhelming, yet you made it through [or are making it through] with the help of the Lord, much like Mary. Your response to trials reflects the degree in which you've accepted your position as a "Christian" - a Christ-follower, and the trust you have in Him. It is pointless to look for others to understand your actions and reactions when you're truly sold out to the Lord in spite of. You can't even wait for others to "affirm you" or to "validate you" because

they have not walked a mile in your shoes.

You see, you have been destined to WIN. There may be someone who is on the verge of giving up - throwing in the towel, but then by divine connection, the two of you meet. She sees you, having gone through the fire, but yet with no smell of smoke, no singed hair, no marred appearance. You don't look like what you've been through. Now isn't that just like the God you serve? And it's all that you can witness to others about The God, Who is Almighty! Right... it's your time to make your boast in the Lord, (see Psalm 34:2 - "My soul shall make her boast in the LORD: the humble shall hear thereof, and be glad.")

As you are led to share your testimony, it could be the key to enabling someone else to 'get through'... or at least begin the process! So, when you see the "Hand [signal] of the Lord" beckoning you for service, you must be quick to respond much like the 'handmaids' did of old... quick to say "yes" just as Mary did - "be it unto me..." Ask no questions. Just report for duty, in Jesus' Name. Don't worry - don't stress or strain about what you're going to say; for the Holy Ghost will give you what to say in that

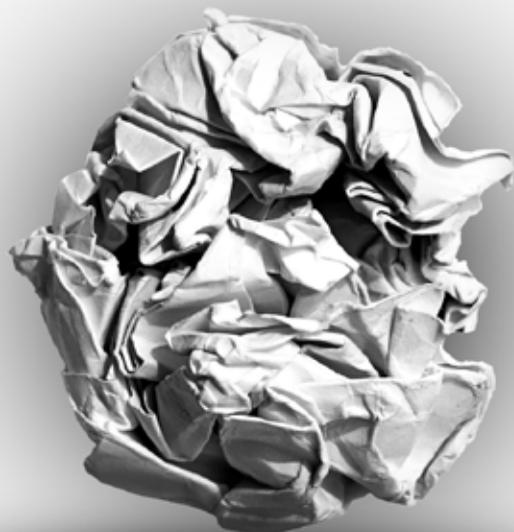
selfsame hour. Open your mouth and watch God fill it. You'll be speaking as of the oracles of God; for it won't be you, but The Christ - The Word, Who lives big in you.

God is with you; He is a very present help in times of trouble. Take.Your.Stand.Now. On.The.Word.Of.God!!!! And remember, God has promised to never leave or forsake you. Join me in thanking God for the privilege of serving Him!

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All men are endowed by their creator with certain unalienable rights, Part 12

BY RUBY MCCRAY

Continued from the November issue of The Anchor.

I'm beginning by asking you not to read this in a mean-spirited tone. Abortion is such a touchy subject and needs to be addressed in the light of God's Word. Since He created everything in the heavens, earth, under the earth and even you and me (Genesis 1:26, 27; Colossians 1:15, -17), He knows everything about us, and has given us His Constitution (the Bible) by which we can live the abundant life (John 10:10). He will never change His rules to accommodate us (Matthew 5:17-20); we have to obey what He has already said (1 Peter 3:8-12).

For a better understanding of this article, please read the previous ones at: www.theanchornews.com, click "ARCHIVES" at the top to find the months and years. All of the recorded Scriptures are from the New Living Translation Holy Bible unless otherwise stated. In your Bible, please read the Scriptural passages recorded, or at least let your smart device read them from the free downloaded Bible app.

It is the Declaration of Independence that states, "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness." I reiterate! Without "LIFE", there can be neither "Liberty" nor "pursuit of Happiness".

If you've been keeping up with this series, you've seen in God's Word, that only He can open and close wombs for conception or non-conception. Mankind has nothing to do about that. We were spirit-beings with God before the foundation of the world (Ephesians 1:4, 5). When the time came for us to be born, He put our spirit and soul in a body in our mother's womb (Psalm 139:13-16; Jeremiah 1:5), and we were born (Ecclesiastes 2:1, 2)—or slaughtered in the womb. When our appointment arrives to depart this life, nothing can prevent it (1 Corinthians 15:51, 52; Hebrews 9:27).

How can the government, a man, a woman, a doctor or Planned Parenthood decide who should live and who should die in a pregnancy that threat-



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RUBY MCCRAY

ens the life of the mother and/or the baby? "No human wisdom or understanding or plan can stand against the LORD" (Proverbs 21:30).

Rachel died while giving birth to Benjamin, the twelfth member of the tribe of Israel (Genesis 35:16-20). Ichabod's mother died after giving birth to him (1 Samuel 4:19-22). So, precious people, if a child is conceived by rape or incest, we'd better leave that matter to God. There was a reason for that conception.

If you have had an abortion, encouraged someone to have

an abortion, or even kept silent when you could have spoken out to at least try to prevent the abortion, or if you've performed one, etc., it's never too late to confess that sin to God and repent (change your mind concerning abortions). "If we claim we have no sin, we are only fooling ourselves and not living in the truth. But if we confess our sins to him, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all wickedness. If we claim we have not sinned, we are calling God a liar and showing that his word has no place in our hearts" (1 John 1:8-10; Matthew 3: 7, 8).

Many are trying to convince themselves that "God is dead" so that they won't have to be accountable to Him—which doesn't negate the "FACT" that He's very much alive (Revelation 1:17, 18; 22:12, 13).

"Only fools say in their hearts, 'There is no God.' They are corrupt, and their actions are evil; not one of them does good (Psalm 14:1; 53:1)! The fact remains that one day He will either be your Savior or your Judge. Only you can make that choice.

"And I saw a great white throne and the one sitting on it. The earth and sky fled from

his presence, but they found no place to hide. I saw the dead, both great and small, standing before God's throne. And the books were opened, including the Book of Life. And the dead were judge according to what they had done, as recorded in the books. The sea gave up its dead, and death and the grave gave up their dead. And all were judged according to their deeds. Then death and the grave were thrown into the lake of fire. This lake of fire is the second death. And anyone whose name was not found recorded in the Book of Life was thrown into the lake of fire" (Revelation 20:11-15).

This is the final part of this series. Thanks for reading and sharing it with everyone whom you know and with whom you get to meet. Please go to YouTube, type: Ruby McCray Please Let Me Live. Listen to the ballad that supports these writings and tell your friends about it and this series! You may not believe me; but...just what if I'm right?

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How your smartphone can save you money

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Thermal imaging, a once-costly technology, available only to the military and police or firefighters, is now just a finger-swipe away with the right attachment to your smartphone, thanks to Seek Thermal, a California-based technology company.

The way it works is this: the Seek Compact Camera (which is smaller than a credit card swiper for your phone) attaches to your smartphone, turning it into a thermal imager that can then identify hot and cold spots in your house. After downloading a free app, the camera begins working in seconds and homeowners can then easily spot energy loss in the home caused by air leaks, missing or damaged

insulation, insufficient HVAC or poor construction. In addition, the thermal imaging camera can also find water in roofs, walls, doors, and window frames.

According to one user who tested the Seek camera at the end of winter in his own home, the results were "stunning."

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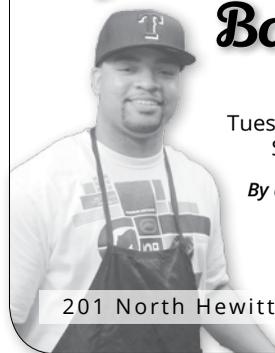
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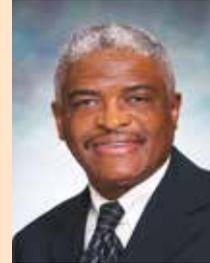
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