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Pat Green, John Denver and Patrick Mahomes attended Tech. "When John Denver was here, he played in the student union building. Once an administrator told him to put away his guitar and get to studying, that he shouldn't plan on any future playing guitar. Patrick Mahomes is one of our most visible alum now. Everybody is proud of him for bringing life back to the Kansas City Chiefs and winning a couple of Super Bowl games. The first Super Bowl game with Patrick as quarterback, was fifty years after another Tech football player, E.J. Holub played for the Chiefs in another Super Bowl game."

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Curt has probably been on more college campuses than anyone else. For 18 years he sold class rings to graduating seniors. When the position of alumni director opened up, he made application and was accepted. He says he put all his rings in one basket. He was glad to be home. His father was a professor at Texas Tech.

Curt has archived 10,000 oral histories of Tech graduates about their memories at the school.

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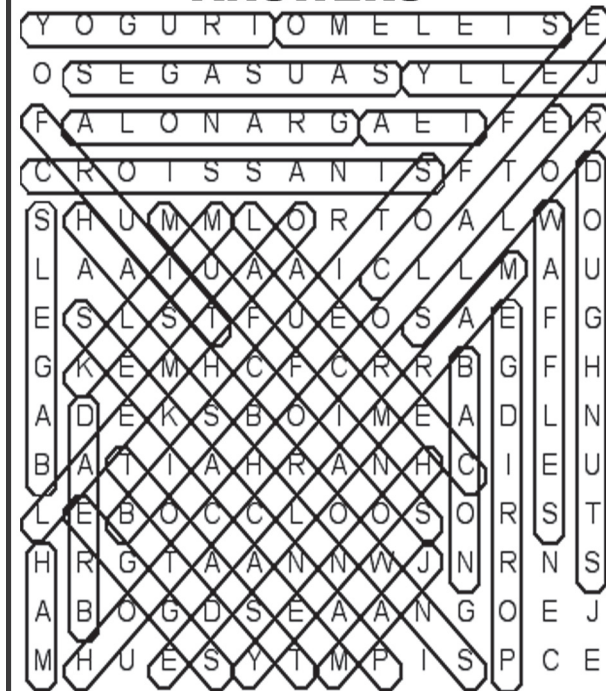
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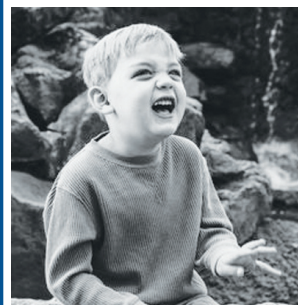
Lanelle Stanley

It is with great sadness that we announce the death of our beloved Lanelle Moss Stanley, a wonderful wife, mother, grandmother, sister, daughter, cousin, aunt, and friend to many. She died peacefully in her home in Lindale, Texas, on March 12, 2025, at age 82, surrounded by her loving family who will miss her immensely.

Lanelle was born on September 1, 1942, in Rio Grande City, Texas, to Gay Harkness and Lamar Coble Moss. The family relocated several times before moving to Opelousas, Louisiana, in 1953. After graduation from high school in 1961, she accepted a piano scholarship to Baylor University. It was there that she met the true love of her life, Ronald Truett Stanley. They were married on April 20, 1962 in Opelousas, Louisiana. In 1970 they settled in Sulphur Springs, Texas, and raised four children; Jordan Gay, Jason Burl, Sally, and Justin Moss. It was at this time that Lanelle returned to school and graduated from East Texas State University with a Music Degree in piano performance.

Lanelle was a woman of great intellect, talent, and passion. Her faith in God was the foundation of her character. She began playing piano in church as a teenager, and shared her love of music, art, and literature with everyone, bringing much joy to those around her. Lanelle was also a talented seamstress, artist, avid birder, and diver. She will be remembered for her sharp and brilliant mind, discipline, focus, and organizational skills; she lived each day fully and had an authentic laugh that made you smile. Her greatest joy was being a homemaker and serving her husband and family. Her marriage of 62 years is a testimony to all, and her love for Ronnie was endless. Lanelle found great joy in her grandchildren, keeping current with all of their activities and accomplishments; she passed on many of her characteristics and passions to them. Lanelle's absence here on earth will be felt by us all, yet we are secure in knowing she is with the Lord and those who have gone before her. She is survived by her husband, Dr. Ronald Truett Stanley; her children Dr. Jordan Gay Stanley, Jason Burl Stanley, Sally Stanley Clemmons, and Justin Moss Stanley; twelve grandchildren, Joseph, Daniel, Lila, Catherine, Victoria, Hannah, Abby, Reagan, Stephen, Gabrielle, Jenna, and Micah; and seven great-grandchildren. She also leaves behind her sisters Linda Thistlethwaite, of Opelousas, Louisiana, and Martha Chamness, of Lindale, Texas, along with several nieces and nephews.

Preceding Lanelle in death were her parents, and son Joe Truett Stanley.



Dagen Wadley

Memorial service for Dagen Shade Wadley, age 4, of Como, Texas will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, March 29, 2025 at Grace Fellowship Church in Winnsboro, Texas. A reception will follow the service. Dagen passed away at his home in Como, Texas on Sunday, March 9, 2025.

Dagen Shade Wadley was born on January 26, 2021 in Mt. Pleasant, Texas to William Shade Wadley and Kynze Krysti Nicole Reep. Dagen

loved watching Blippi the TV show, playing with Dinosaurs, going to the Beach, and playing outside. His smile will be missed by everyone who knew him.

Dagen is survived by his parents, William Wadley and Kynze Reep; brother, Sadler Kye Rook; sisters, Brezleigh Rene Wadley and Emberlyn Grace Wadley all of Como, Texas; grandparents, Tammy Rene "Gigi" Smith & Michael "Papa" O'Neal, of Winnsboro, Texas, Jeff "PowPow" Smith & Georgia "Granny" Smith of Winnsboro, Texas, Cynthia "Nanny" Lacour of Sulphur Springs, Texas, Marc "Pops" Wadley of Sulphur Springs; great-grandparents, Sherrie "G-ma" Reep & Bobby "Poppi" Reep of Winnsboro, Texas; and numerous cousins, aunts, uncles & Daycare buddies.

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James "Pops" Wilfred

Graveside Inurnment for James "Pops" Wilfred, age 62, of Como, Texas will be held at 11:30 a.m. on Friday, March 21, 2025 at Arbala Cemetery. Visitation will be held from 10:00 a.m.—11:00 a.m. on Friday, March 21, 2025 at Murray-Orwosky Funeral Home in Sulphur Springs, Texas. Mr. Wilfred passed away at his home in Como on Sunday, March 16, 2025.

Arrangements are under the direction of Murray-Orwosky Funeral Home.

Billy Ray Goldsmith

Memorial Services for Billy Ray Goldsmith will be held at Hope Family Fellowship, 434 Jefferson, Sulphur Springs, Texas, on Saturday, April 5, 2025. Services begin at 11:00am. There will be a lunch following the Memorial Service.



Harry James Sims

Funeral Service for Harry James Sims aka Zeke/Harry O will be at 12:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 19, 2025, at Morning Chapel Missionary Baptist Church with Rev. Harold Nash officiating. Corey Sims, Vinnie Sims, Randy Pryor, Ricky Godbolt, Bill Barrett, and Kevin Debase will be serving as pallbearers. Honorary pallbearers are Dennis Nash, Melvin Person, Ronald Gordon, and Choice Thompson. Visitation was from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 18, 2025, at West Oaks Funeral Home. Interment will follow the service at East Caney Cemetery. Harry passed away on March 12, 2025, in Sulphur Springs, Texas.

Harry was born on April 3, 1951, to William Ivery and Omergene Sims in Sulphur Springs, Texas. He married Sherri Hankins on March 30, 2001, in Hopkins County, Texas. Harry worked at Keller's Creamery for 33 years. He enjoyed playing

dominoes and cards, loved sports especially the Dallas Cowboys. Harry adored spending time with his family especially his grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

He is survived by his loving wife, Sherri Sims; sons, Derrik Harris and his wife, Diana Debase, Chudney Beard and his wife, Kawanda, and Lance Hankins and his wife, Misti; daughters, Lakendra (Chere) Smith and her husband, Royce, Monique Roland Lewis and her husband, Jerome, Staci Hill and her husband, Steven, and Kaci Hankins and her husband, D.D. Berry; sisters, Shirley Pryor and her husband, W.C. Barbara Cobb, and Linda Hall. 17grandchildren, six great-grandchildren as well as several nieces, nephews, and friends.

Harry was preceded in death by his parents, William Ivery and Omergene Sims, one son, Tabias Lindley, brother, Danny Sims, and his mother and father-in-law, L.G. and Shirley Hankins.

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Mark Damon Faulks

A Memorial service for Mark Damon Faulks, age 51, of Arlington, TX was held at 11:00 A.M. on Friday, March 14, 2025 with Visitation one hour prior to the service at 10:00 a.m. at West Oaks Funeral Home Chapel.

Mark passed away on Tuesday, March 11, 2025 at Baylor Medical Center in Dallas, Texas.

Mark was born to Weldon and Kay Faulks on April 27, 1973. He married the love of his life and best friend Angela Elizabeth Martin on August 19, 1995 in Sulphur Springs, Texas. He had two incredible children — Avery Elizabeth Faulks and Aubrey Catherine Faulks. He had one precious grandchild — Houston Jakeb Jonaitis II

Mark was an exceptional Husband, a loving Father, Proud Pops, Uncle and fantastic Friend to all.

Left to cherish his memory is his wife, Angie, children, Avery and fiance Garrick Schmit, Aubrey, and fiance Jakeb Jonaitis and their son Houston. He also leaves behind his beloved fur babies, particularly Henry Ewell. Parents Weldon and Kay, Mother in Law Regina Casaday, Father and Mother in Law David and Gale Martin, Brother Daryl Faulks; Sister and Brother in Law, Mandy and Jesse Young, Sister in Law Gretchen Martin and Brother in Law Josh Martin and fiance Lesley. Also remembering him are numerous nieces and nephews, as well as the friends that became family.

Mark was preceded in death by his grandparents, G.W. & Nadine Faulks, Archie & Ruby Coursey; In-Laws, Ewell & Irene Fox; and Father in law, Rick Casaday

Memorials in honor of Mark Faulks & Family may be made to Sulphur Springs Soccer Association Scholarship Fund.

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Extreme Weather Occuring In The United States!

From March 13 to 16, 2025, a historic tornado outbreak affected much of the Midwestern into the Eastern United States, with additional severe weather and impacts occurring on the East Coast as well. These tornadoes hit parts of U.S. as severe storms kill at least 42, unleashing winds and fanning wildfires. Violent tornadoes ripped through parts of the U.S., wiping out schools and toppling semitractor-trailers, part of a monster storm that has killed at least 42 people across six states.

The deaths came as a massive storm system moving across the country unleashed winds that triggered deadly dust storms and fanned more than 100 wildfires. Forecasters assigned an unusual "high risk" designation to the system, which was also blamed for icy winter weather in northern parts of the country and severe thunderstorms, including on the West Coast, on Sunday.

In all, extreme weather conditions were forecast to affect an area home to more than 100 million people. Winds gusting up to 80 mph were predicted from the Canadian border to Texas, threatening blizzard conditions in colder northern areas and wildfire risk in warmer, drier places to the south.

Heavy thunderstorms in the forecast for Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida, prompted schedule changes for the 2025 Players Championship, CBS Sports reported. The tournament moved up tee times Sunday and grouped golfers together to ensure the last 18 holes would be completed before the evening.



A large hardwood tree snapped by an EF3 tornado near Plantersville, Alabama.

Impacts and aftermath

The "Wearin' of the Green" parade in Baton Rouge, Louisiana was postponed by one day due to the expected severe weather. Due to high non-thunderstorm winds, over 400 flights were cancelled at Dallas Fort Worth International Airport. Around 20% of flights at Lubbock Preston Smith International Airport were also canceled.

In Rolla, Missouri, significant damage occurred to eight businesses at a strip mall. Strong storms caused a roof collapse at a business in Canton, Illinois. Numerous signs were knocked over in Hanna City, Illinois. Heavy tree damage occurred in Elgin, Illinois, and four tornadoes were confirmed across the Chicago Metropolitan Area on the overnight of the 14–15, with over 500,000 Commonwealth Edison customers losing power. 99% of these outages were resolved by 7:30 p.m. on the 15th.

In Mississippi, widespread tornado damage occurred, with Governor of Mississippi Tate Reeves stating that "Grenada County was the hardest hit", with major damage occurring in Elliott and Gore Springs.

On March 17, days after the outbreak, ABC reported that the office of the Storm Prediction Center in Norman, Oklahoma, which had provided forecasts throughout the outbreak, was listed as a property to be terminated by the Department of Government Efficiency, an executive branch entity headed by Elon Musk. Tom Cole, the Republican representative for Oklahoma's 4th congressional district, stated that he had intervened in the matter and the office would not be closed; despite this, the office still appeared on the list of properties facing lease termination.

Tornado Alley

Tornado Alley, also known as Tornado Valley, is a loosely defined location of the central United States and, in the 21st century, Canada where tornadoes are most frequent. The term was first used in 1952 as the title of a research project to study severe weather in areas of Texas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, Kansas, South Dakota, Iowa and Nebraska. Tornado climatologists distinguish peaks in activity in certain areas[2] and storm chasers have long recognized the Great Plains tornado belt.

As a colloquial term there are no definitively set boundaries for Tornado Alley, but the area common to most definitions extends from Texas, through Oklahoma, Kansas, Nebraska, South Dakota, Iowa, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana, Missouri, Arkansas, North Dakota, Montana, Ohio, and eastern portions of Colorado, New Mexico and Wyoming. Research suggests that the main alley may be shifting eastward away from the Great Plains, and that tornadoes are also becoming more frequent in the northern and eastern parts of Tornado Alley where it reaches the Canadian Prairies, Ohio, Michigan, and Southern Ontario.

According to the National Severe Storms Laboratory (NSSL) FAQ, "Tornado Alley" is a term used by the media as a reference to areas that have higher numbers of tornadoes. A study of 1921–1995 tornadoes concluded almost one-fourth of all significant tornadoes occur in this area.

Illinois, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Indiana, Michigan, and western Ohio are sometimes included in Tornado Alley. Some research suggests that tornadoes are becoming more frequent in the northern parts of Tornado Alley where it reaches the Canadian Prairies.

No place on earth is entirely free of tornadoes, however, they occur much more frequently in the United States, particularly in the Central states, between the Rocky Mountains to the west and Appalachian Mountains to the east. Texas has the most overall number of tornadoes of any state. Per data collected through 2007, Kansas and Oklahoma ranked first and second respectively in the number of tornadoes per area. However, in 2013 statistics from the National Climatic Data Center reported Florida ranked first in tornadoes per area, although Florida is not a part of Tornado Alley. Florida's high ranking on the tornado list also has to do with the fact that the state sees a high number of waterspouts, small tornadoes that form over water. Although strong land-tornadoes have hit Florida and reports show Florida has a very high number of overall tornadoes, the tornadoes in the state seldom reach the velocity of those that may occur in the Southern Plains. In the United States, tornadoes typically occur in late spring and early summer during the changing season patterns as a warm air mass typically collides with a cold air mass resulting in tornadoes.



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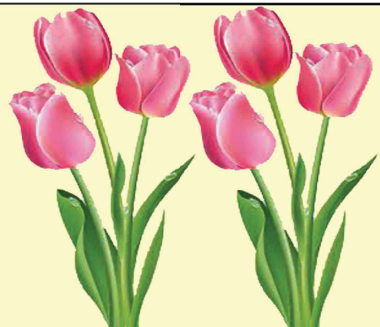
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