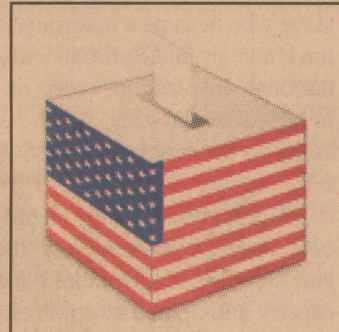
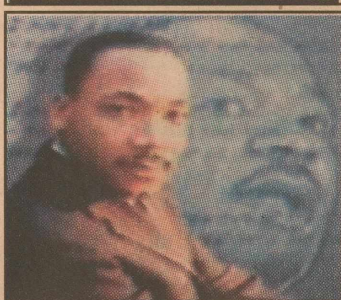


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Community Meetings

* Lubbock Area Client Council meets on the 2nd Saturday, 1:00 pm at the Patterson Branch Library, 1836 Parkway Drive.

* Hub City Kiwanis meets 1st & 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7 p. m., Lyons Chapel Baptist Church, East 24th Street & MLK Blvd.

* Dunbar Alumni Association meets 2nd Saturdays, 4:00 pm.

* Booker T. W Washington American Legion, Post 808, meets every 2nd Tuesday at 7:30 pm, American Legion Building in Yellowhouse Canyon.

* 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 1st Thursday at 7:00 pm and every 4th Thursday at 7:00 pm at the Dunbar Manhattan Heights Neighborhood Outreach Center, 1301 E. 24th Street.

* West Texas Native American Association Pot Luck Supper meets on alternating months prior to meeting, meetings held on 2nd Saturdays of each month at 7:00 pm, Educational presentations and demonstrations.

* The Unified Juneteenth Commission of Lubbock meets every Tuesday evening at Bryon Martin Technology Center, 3401 Avenue Q, beginning at 5:30 p. m.

* West Texas Chapter of 100 Black Men of West Texas meets 3rd Monday evenings at 7:00 pm at The Bridge 1401 Redbud Avenue

* The Parkway & Cherry-Point Neighborhood Association meets the 3rd Tuesday evenings, 7:30 pm at Hunt Elementary School.

* Chatman Hill Neighborhood Association meets 2nd Thursday of every month at 6:00 pm at 2301 Avenue A.

* ROOTS meets every 2nd Saturday at 2:00 p. m. at 2301 Avenue A.

* If you have an announcement about your organization, please advise by calling (806) 762-3612 or e-mail swdigest@sbcglobal.net.

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workforce demographics report earlier this year. They were commended for doing so, and so far, experts say they are the most aggressive at addressing the issue.

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Texas Tech-led Community Initiative Recognized for Efforts in East Lubbock

East Lubbock Promise Neighborhood recently was recognized for its impact on the residents of Lubbock. As part of its "Pipeline Profiles" series, The Center for the Study of Social Policy highlights how ELPN, along with two other neighborhoods in Berea, Kentucky, and Chula Vista, California, is making progress in its community.

In 2012, the program was

named as one of seven initiatives across the country to be awarded a Promise Neighborhood grant. With Texas Tech University serving as the anchor institution, ELPN aims to support the children and families in East Lubbock with programs and resources designed to ensure success.

"We are delighted the center chose to profile our work and our partnership with Lubbock

Independent School District," said Scott Ridley, dean of the Texas Tech College of Education. "It's my hope that when people see what's being done by Promise Neighborhoods nationwide, they will realize what an impact we can have on the future of our communities."

In the video, Ridley speaks about efforts to combat factors that can contribute to a lack of performance in schools — ab-

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Tatyani Ali Spends Time With Young Ladies At Margaret Talkington School



Tatyana Ali, sitting in middle of table, took time from her busy schedule on Friday morning, April 22, 2016, to speak to the young ladies at the Margaret Talkington School for Young Women Leaders. She was the guest speaker for the Mentor Tech's 14th Annual Celebration Banquet the following evening at the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center Banquet Hall.

The young ladies of Margaret Talkington School for Young Women Leaders were most appreciative of her presentation on their campus.

Recognition For Service To Lubbock: Ellizar Cruz, Matthew Chavez, and Dornell Moore

During the Lubbock Council meeting on Thursday evening, April 28, 2016, students from the Lubbock Public Schools were presented Certificates of Recognition for their courage.

Those students recognized were: Ellizar Cruz, Matthew Chavez, and Dornell Moore.

Lubbock City Councilman Floyd Price, District 2, made the special presentation. Cruz and Chavez were not present.

The following is a copy of what the City of Lubbock presented: • Back in February, there was a tragic accident involving a City employee working at Mae

Simmons Park. The employee later died of his injuries, and we here at the City continue to hold the employee's family, friends, and co-workers in our thoughts and prayers.

• On that day, Police, Fire, and EMS all rushed to the

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Vernita Woods-Holmes Receives The Gold Medal Award Recently



Vernita Woods-Holmes & Dr. Berhl Robertson, Jr.

Mrs. Vernita Woods-Holmes was recognized with the Gold Medal Award for her many years in education, which has included: elementary school teacher, assistant principal, and principal of Hunt Elementary School after receiving a Master's Degree from Texas Tech University.

Ms. Holmes has served as a member of the Lubbock Independent School District Board of Trustees for sixteen years. She chose not to seek re-election to the Board of Trustees for District 2.

Ms. Holmes has received many awards which include the following: Woman of Excellence Award, YWCA; Women of Distinction, Girl Scouts; and the United Way Rita Harmon Award as "Volunteer of the Year."

The Gold Medal Award was presented to her by Dr. Berhl Robertson, Superintendent of the Lubbock Independent School District, on Tuesday, April 19, 2016.

Mrs. Holmes said, "This award is very special to me." She continued, "I accepted the Gold Medal Award for my dad, George Woods, in 1987 posthumously. I know he would be proud."



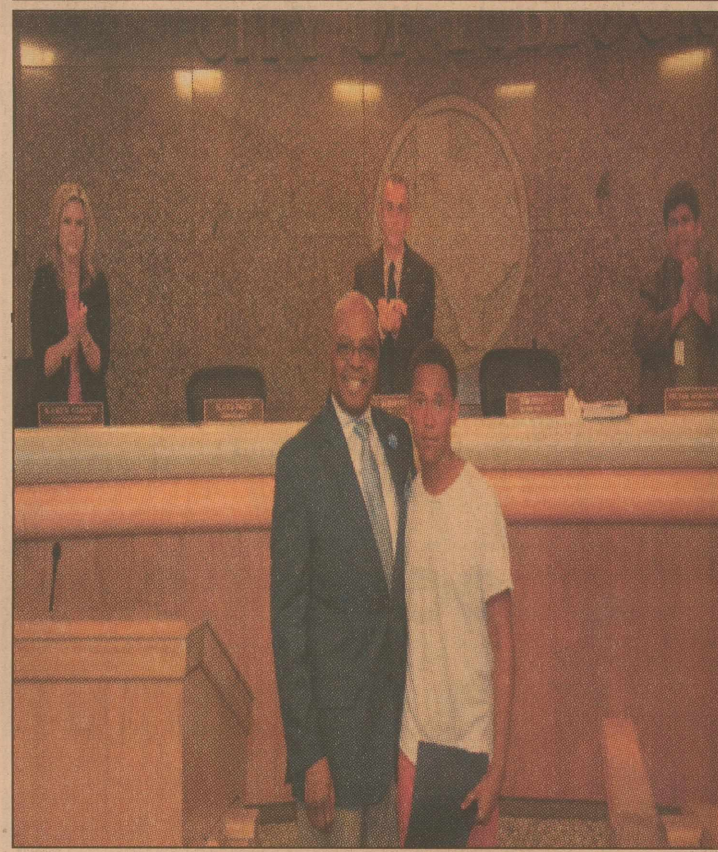
Brother S. L. Sanders & Sister Emma Sanders

Brother S. L. Sanders Celebrates His 88th Birthday With Family And Friends On April 18, 2016

There is nothing more special than the love between a parent and his or her child. And when a parent has done so much for and so many wonderful things for a child, that child cannot help but want to return the same kind of love and loving acts.

So, on Monday evening, April 18, 2016, family and friends came together to share and celebrate the long life of Brother S.L. Sanders, a longtime resident of Lubbock, Texas. His son, Sammie; and grandson,

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Lubbock City Councilman Floyd Price & Dornell Moore

Federation of Choirs Celebrates Its 62nd Anniversary

With the theme, "Praise For The Lord's Merciful Kindness," the members of the Federation of Choirs celebrated its 62nd Anniversary on Sunday afternoon, April 24, 2016, at the Greater St. Luke Missionary Baptist Church, where the host pastor was Rev. J. H. Ford.

Serving as Clinician was Darius Luckey, a member of Praise & Worship Music Minister at New Dimensions Tabernacle, Pastor Cory & First Lady Dr. Felicia Powell.

The Federation of Choirs was organized in April 25, 1954. It was an idea of the late Sister Sedella Solomon. The first organizational meeting was held at the New Hope Baptist Church. Those churches represented were: Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church, New Hope Baptist Church, Carters Chapel C.M.E. Church, Rising Star Baptist Church, Mt. Gilead Baptist Church, and Mt. Vernon Methodist Church.



Darius Luckey, Clinician

The purpose of the Federation of Choirs was to sing and fellowship with each of the churches in the community of Lubbock, Texas. But in order for the organization to get started, the idea was taken to the Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance. The Alliance did indeed approve the Federation of Choirs

The first President of the
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In Cinque

By Renetta Howard



One of the main topics which should be of interest to most people of the world in highly civilized societies is global warming. Dissertations have been written on the subject as well as experiments in the area of science. One of America's vice presidents, Albert Gore, won a Nobel Peace Prize in 2007 on the subject of climate change.

The World Bank and the International Monetary Fund are pushing for all countries to adopt some means of putting a price on planet-warming carbon dioxide emissions as they met in Paris with the UN Secretary-General Ban Ki Moon on the United Nations accord to form an agreement on climate change. The desire is to get every country to commit to reduce emissions and gases that cause global warming. One project which has been initiated is the solar plane Solar Impulse 2 which was launched in March, 2015 to make a trip around the world as a demonstration of renewable energy. This is an inspirational adventure and it has many great possibilities for the world's future. At this point in time, I personally do not feel that the solar plane will be an excellent idea for human commercial travel. It may prove to be great for commercial cargo travel, but that too remains to be seen.

I have learned that my home town of Chicago, Illinois is attempting to introduce an idea about climate change which is not gaining much muster from the tax paying community. The mayor of the city has suggested and is attempting to get the city council to have vehicle owners to install a meter on their vehicles which measures the amount of travel in the city for tax purposes to help to control emissions and gases. The citizens see

this notion at this time as a means of collecting more money for the city coffers. With state and city funds in a bind especially in the area of education, taxpayers feel that they are being badgered and punished. Schools are being closed and teachers are being laid off in a time when taxes are already sky high and new taxes have already been created and added to existing ones. In addition, the city college is contacting alumni for monetary support.

Many of us may not have the insight now to realize what global warming will mean to future generations, but we will have to get 'in cinque' and realize that with the world leaders coming together and mapping out an agreement to have every country in the world formulate and expedite a means of reducing gases which cause global warming, that by some means we will have to conform, sooner or later.

Sanders Honored

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Sheldon, made special efforts to show Brother Sanders just how special he is to them by inviting friends and family to attend his 88th birthday bash. The evening was filled with lots of laughter, great food and drinks, and lots of gifts. Brother Sanders, or "Honey" as his wife of 61 years fondly calls him, was so surprised and filled with joy and excitement that he said he couldn't even take a bite to eat. Sister Emma Sanders was there every step of the way to share in this grand affair. Thank you Sammie and Sheldon for letting the Southwest Digest share in such a special time at Garrisons Geriatric Center.

Happy Birthday Brother S.L. Sanders, and may God bless you with many more!

Laying my Mother's Day cards on the table

Dr. James L. Snyder

I am not one given over to gambling unless you call life a gamble and then all bets are off. I do not even play the lottery because I would end up paying out \$1,987.14 in order to win \$10. I have a difficult time parting with my money because I am a Pennsylvania Dutchman; at least that is my excuse.

That being said, there is only one area of my life where I indulge in a certain amount of gambling. That area is Mother's Day cards. I am at a complete loss when it comes to this and knows not what I doeth.

Now part of my quandary is in the loose interpretation of Mother's Day. When we celebrate Mother's Day, who in the world are we celebrating?

I can remember when the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage and Yours Truly were first married. It was so long ago that I do not have enough fingers or toes to count it. When we were first married, we bought two Mother's Day cards; one for her mother and one for my mother. Oh, how I long for those simple days.

A little over a year after we were married a little tyke came into our lowly domicile. Our first daughter was born in the month of August and I really did not understand the significance of it until the following Mother's Day.

That year we had to buy three Mother's Day cards; one for my wife's mother, one for my mother and one for my daughter to give to her mother.

Now what I want to know is how in the world was I roped into buying a Mother's Day card for my wife? After all, she is not my mother. And I do not know how many times I have reminded her of that very fact.

I was conned into buying that Mother's Day card for my wife by thinking that I was buy-

THIS N' THAT

by T. J. Patterson

OH, YES, WE ENDORSE SHELIA RENEE PATTERSON-HARRIS AS THE DISTRICT TWO LUBBOCK CITY COUNCILPERSON! THIS N THAT as the SOUTHWEST DIGEST did in the THURSDAY EDITION OF THE SOUTHWEST DIGEST we will also do the same SHELIA RENEE PATTERSON-HARRIS as our choice for LUBBOCK CITY COUNCILPERSON FOR DISTRICT TWO! THIS N THAT has known her all her life and observed how she looks into a problem by

knowing what to do and how to utilize resources which are available to take care of a situation..... THIS N THAT has observed her looking for the various resources we haven't taken advantage. Of course she is only one individual and she can't make it happen by herself..... She has shown how much she believes in WALKING AND TALKING WITH RESIDENTS OF DISTRICT..... This approach makes a lot of sense because residents rather they are registered voters or not they believe they are important with what is taken place in this

upcoming election.....

Remember what she says: "The primary purpose of city government is to serve the basic needs of its citizens. As a new council person, my initial focus will be gaining a clear understanding of the workings of this political sub-division, and seeing how they line up with the needs and concerns of the citizens. District 2 citizens have been clear on concerns of safety, declining property/infrastructure and a lack communication and awareness. My initial goal will be to see where the city stands and what

ing it for my daughter to give to her mother. I am not sure I am buying that story. I bought the card, all right, and when I gave it to my daughter; she immediately put it in her mouth. She had no idea what in the world a Mother's Day card was.

Several years later, we had a new addition to our family. Our son was born.

Now I have more Mother's Day cards to buy. One for my mother, one for my wife's mother, one for my daughter to give to her mother and one for my son to give to his mother. These Mother's Day cards are getting to be rather expensive.

You will not believe this, but a few years later, a third child became a member of our family. Our second daughter was born. And you guessed it; my Mother's Day card buying went up.

Now I need to buy a Mother's Day card for my mother, one for my wife's mother, one for my first daughter to give to her mother, one for my son to give to his mother and one for my second daughter to give to her mother.

I once suggested that I buy

one Mother's Day card for my three children to give to their mother. I was quickly and soundly outvoted on that issue. And so, I begin saving up my allowance right after Christmas for my Mother's Day card extravaganza.

If this was not bad enough, each Mother's Day card has to be specifically chosen in respect to the person who is giving it. That person, not being me. How many times and how many different ways can you say "Happy Mother's Day?"

I thought I had reached the height of my Mother's Day card purchasing, but then in a few years it took on a different perspective.

Not only was I to buy all of these Mother's Day cards, but I was to take the respective children along with me and allow them to personally pick out the card they wanted to give to their mother. And of course, their mother could not be along to supervise these purchases. Taking two toddlers and one semi-toddler into a store to select appropriate Mother's Day cards is as close as I have ever come to gambling away my fortune.

Between the three of them, they had each boiled down their choice to 97 cards. Of course the youngest just grabbed as many as she possibly could. The two oldest had to look at each card and discuss the contents, meaning of course, I had to read each card to them. Not once, but over and over again.

Looking back on that time I realize that my children had an ingenious strategy all worked out. After four hours of going through all of these cards I would say to them, "If you pick a card right now I'll take you all to get some ice cream."

Now, those children are all grown up and married which has added to my long list of Mother's Day card purchases.

Solomon had it right when he wrote, "Many daughters have done virtuously, but thou excellest them all. Favour is deceitful, and beauty is vain: but a woman that feareth the LORD, she shall be praised" (Proverbs 31:29-30 KJV).

Of all the thousands of Mother's Day cards I have purchased throughout the years, I must honestly confess they have

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HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF LUBBOCK ANNOUNCES A PUBLIC HEARING

DATE: June 19, 2016
TIME: 5:00 p. m.
PLACE: 1708 Crickets Ave. Lubbock, TX.

The purpose of the hearing is to obtain input from the city residents in reference to the Annual Plan Submission and the Capital Fund Program Five-Year Action Plan being submitted to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for fiscal year 2016. Total funds being allocated for the year are estimated at \$8,372,728 for Operating Funds and \$658,789 for Capital Funds. Part of the submission includes changes to the Admissions and Continued Occupancy Policy (ACOP). Those changes are outlined in the Annual Plan and will be a part of the Public Hearing. All residents are encouraged to attend this hearing. The Plan will be available for review from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. prior to the public hearing at the addresses below. Persons can also submit written comments prior to the public hearing to:

Housing Authority of the City of Lubbock 1708 Crickets Avenue Lubbock, TX 79401	Cherry Point Office 1329 E. 19th Lubbock, TX 79403	36 South Office 1318 52nd C Lubbock, TX 79412
Behner Place Office 4215 36th Lubbock, TX 79413	Mary Myers Office 5421 Utica Lubbock, TX 79413	96 West Office 2410 Frankford Lubbock, TX 79407
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Written by Evangelist Billy "BJ" Morrison, III

John 12:32 -- Jesus said, And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, I will draw all men unto me.

I, Billy B.J. Morrison, as I told you before, I WAS LIKE THE PRODIGAL SON. IT WAS GOD THE FATHER; IN WHOM I STRAYED AWAY FROM!!!

Hosea 14:4 -- The Lord said, I will heal their backsliding, I will love them freely: for mine anger is turned away from him.

***** IF YOU KNEW ME; LIKE I KNOW MYSELF!!!****

I came back to the FATHER GOD; WITH TEARS; I CRIED OUT; AND I DID REPENT. I DIDN'T GET WHAT I DESERVED; I WAS FORGIVEN; AND TO HELL I WAS NOT SENT!!!

John 3:16 -- Jesus said, For God so love the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believe in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

GOD MADE MY LIFE NEW; JUST AS IT WAS WITH THE PRODIGAL SON'S. I WANT TO RUN AND TELL A DYING WORLD; THAT GOD LOVE'S EVERYONE!!!

Psalms 35:18 -- I will give thanks in the great congregation: I will praise thee among much people.

***** BECAUSE OF GOD'S GRACE AND MERCY!!!!****

GOD GAVE ME WHAT I NEEDED THE MOST; BY FILLING ME WITH HIS HOLY GHOST!!!

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ME: FOR THESE DOING THE WORK OF GOD!!!)

Psalms 69:30,31 -- I will praise the name of God with a song, and will magnify him with thanksgiving. This also shall please the Lord better than an ox or bullock that hath horns and hoofs.

AGAIN I, BILLY B.J., WAS ALSO LIKE THE LEPROSY MAN; WHEN JESUS HEALED HIM. I WANT TO TELL OF THE GOODNESS OF GOD; I DON'T WANT TO BE LIKE THE "9" OF THEM!!!

Luke 17: 15,17 -- And one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, and with a loud voice glorifying God. And Jesus said, Were there not ten cleaned? But where are the nine?

***** THIS JOY I HAVE; THE WORLD DIDN'T GIVE IT TO ME!!!****

WORRYING AND FRET-TING; OVER WORLDLY THINGS I LEFT BEHIND. I WANT THE WHOLE WORLD; TO KNOW JESUS IS A FRIEND OF MIND!!!

(WHEN I PASS OUT THE CHICK TRACTS; THE COST OF MY OWN MONEY, I THANK THE LORD FOR THAT MONEY. GIVING TO THE POOR; I THANK GOD FOR THE MONEY. IT NOT SPENT ON

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St. Matthew Baptist Church

2020 East 14th Street Rev. Edward Canady, Pastor Lubbock, Texas 79403 (806) 744-7154

One again, the members of the St. Matthew Baptist Church, 2020 East 14th Street, had a wonderful time on Sunday morning, April 24, 2016, where the proud pastor is the Rev. Edward Canady.

Sunday morning services begun at 10:10 a. m. with Rev. Canady presiding over Sunday School. We praise God for all the knowledge we receive during Sunday School.

The subject of the Sunday School lesson was "Back Home Again." The scripture text was Luke 15:11-24.

Sister Barbara Johnson was appointed Superintendent for Sunday School. Praise God for Sister Johnson! It is so good to have her back.

God is just so good. Let's continue to pray for our Sunday School and the leadership. What a marvelous blessing it is for all of us.

The Sunday morning devotion was conducted by Sister

Barbara Johnson and Sister Arlene Jackson. What a wonderful time we had!

Pastor Canady entered the Church with the Choir and Congregation singing "Because of Who You Are."

The morning sermon was delivered by Pastor Canady. His subject was "Lord, Save Me." His scripture text was Matthew 14:22-27. It was another informative message for those who were in attendance. It was well received by everyone.

The morning announcements were read by Sister Barbara Johnson who did an outstanding job. We thank God for her talents.

The weekly meetings which are held at the St. Matthew Baptist Church are as follows:

The Missionary Society meets on Wednesday evenings, beginning at 5:00 p. m.

If you are interested in par-

ticipating with this group, then just come and be with us.

Why not come and join us. It's just amazing what we can do when we come together.

Choir Rehearsal is held on Friday afternoons beginning at 2:00 p. m.

If you love to sing God's Praises, then come and join our Choir.

As we say, when we come together, things really happen.

If you are looking for a Church Home, then come and visit with the Members of St. Matthew Baptist Church. Our Pastor, Rev. Edward Canady, will be glad to visit with you! Bring your Family with you!

Thought For The Week: "Those who put their trust in Jesus will have eternal life."

May God Bless Each Of You! He Knows What We Need And When We Need It!

City Recognizes 3 LISD Students

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their scene of the accident. We want to thank and acknowledge these first responders who bravely did jobs in responding to the 911 call. First responders are professionals, who bravely serve and protect the public every day, and we appreciate all their efforts.

Prior to the arrival of the first responders, Parks and

Recreation employees bravely began rescue efforts at the accident scene. These employees are also to be commended for their efforts and for their bravery.

Ellizar Cruz, Matthew Chavez, and Dornell Moore, three LIDS students, were also at Mae Simmons Park, and they assisted in the rescue efforts. These are special young people, who are Lubbock citizens, and I wanted to publicly thank them for their efforts and bravery.

Ellizar Cruz and Matthew Chavez were unable to

be here this evening, but Ellizar and Dornell are here.

Thank you for your bravery and your willingness to immediately try and help someone in need.

Lubbock City Councilman Floyd Price read and present the following recognition from the City of Lubbock.

It was a very rewarding moment for the families receiving this special recognition. It shows the concern young people have about their community.

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Lollie Ann Toliver-Adams Dies

Hearne, Texas -- The Homegoing Celebration for Lollie Ann Toliver-Adams, a sister of a Lubbock, Texas man, Robert Toliver, was held Saturday morning, April 16, 2016, in the Hearne High School Gymnasium with Rev. Eddie Lee Taylor, Pastor of the True Vine Missionary Baptist Church, as Eulogist.

Rev. William C. Adams, Pastor of the Trinity and Little Flock Missionary Baptist Church, officiated.

Interment was held in the Greater Riverside Cemetery under the direction of Paul Funeral Home of Marlin, Texas.

She passed away on Saturday, April 9, 2016, surrounded by family and friends, at the Chi



St. Joseph Hospital in Bryan, Texas.

She was born on June 22, 1953 to the late Ed and Rosie Lee Toliver in Robertson County, Calvert, Texas.

Lollie spent some of her childhood growing up on Goodland Farms, the bottom, before the family moved to Hearne. She graduated from Hearne High School in 1971. In the summer of 1970, she met her bet friend, Donald "Donnie" Adams, who became her soul mate on July 15, 1972. To this union, 4 children were born.

Lottie accepted Christ at an early age and was baptized in the Brazos River as a member of the Trinity Missionary Baptist Church. She was best known as the First Lady of the North New Hope Baptist Church in Franklin, Texas.

Lollie was very active in the Roberson County community. She was a Hearne School Board Trustee, a position she took over to continue on with the visions which her late husband left be-

hind. She belonged to the Ministerial Wives Alliance, Chums Club, Hearne Athletic Booster Club, Blackshear Alumni, Back to School Rally Committee, Daryl Moody Foundation, Greater Riverside Cemetery Committee, Robertson County Democratic Party.

Lollie worked for the Hearne Independent School District for almost 30 years.

Lollie is preceded in death by her loving and devoted husband of 41 years, Rev. Donald Adams; her parents, Ed and Rosie Lee Toliver; 4 father-in-law, Frank Adams; sister, Erma "Toostie" Toliver; 3 brothers: James Toliver, Ed Toliver, Jr.,

and Earl "Will" Toliver; sister-in-law, Wanda Kay Noble; and brother-in-law, Rev. Clifford Warren.

To cherish her memory, Lollie leaves behind: 4 children: Fondell Adams (Roslyn), and Shedrick Adams, both of Hearne, Texas and Cody Adams (Elizabeth) of Spring, Texas, and daughter, LaTiffany Adams-Fauntleroy (Louis) of Lake Charles, La.; 5 brothers: Robert Toliver (Alice) of Lubbock, Texas, Larry Toliver (Carol) and Kenneth "Ray" Toliver, both of Houston, Texas, Charles Toliver and Wayne Toliver (Esther) of Hearne, Texas; 3 sisters: Jewel Toliver-Warren, Billie Toliver-

Stephens, and Unice Toliver-Sams (Sanders), all of Houston, Texas; 4 sisters-in-laws: Dorothy Johnson (Raymond), Cora Toliver, and Ester Louise Mickens, all of Bryan, Texas and Ella Hill of Washington, D. C.; 3 brothers-in-laws: Carol Wayne A dams of Hearne, Texas, Kenneth Adams (Ruby) of Bryan, Texas, and Anthony Mickens of Houston, Texas; 3 aunts: Edna Aams-Davis, Betty Adams-Simmons, and Rosie Lee Redmon, all of Hearne, Texas; 2 adopted sisters, 3 God daughters, 20 grandchildren, other relatives and friends.

Tamir Rice Family Awarded \$6 Million Dollars

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Cleveland officials said the settlement was the city's largest in a police-related lawsuit, though under the terms of the agreement, the city does not admit wrongdoing. The \$6 million figure is in line with settlements in the deaths of Eric Garner in New York and Freddie Gray in Baltimore.

Lawyers for the Rice family had been meeting with Cleveland officials to discuss a settlement since early last month. The agreement must still be approved by a probate court.

For the Rice family, which had called for criminal charges against the rookie officer who opened fire almost immediately after encountering Tamir on Nov. 22, 2014, the settlement means a significant payment and an end to civil proceedings. But it does nothing to change the decision by a Cuyahoga County grand jury last year to not indict the officer, Timothy Loehmann. Lawyers for Tamir's estate said Monday that "no amount of money can adequately compensate" the boy's relatives for their grief.

"In a situation like this, there's no such thing as closure or justice," the lawyers, Jonathan S. Abady and Earl S. Ward, said in a statement. "Nothing will bring Tamir back. His unnecessary and premature death leaves a gaping hole for those who knew and loved him that can never be filled."

The Rice settlement provides another example of a city choosing to settle for millions of dollars rather than to contest a wrongful-death lawsuit in court.

This month, Chicago aldermen approved paying \$4.95 million to the family of a man experiencing a mental health crisis who died after being dragged from his cell in handcuffs and shocked repeatedly with a Taser. They also approved \$1.5 million to the estate of an asthmatic man who died after a police foot chase; witnesses said he had been denied access to his inhaler.

In September, Baltimore agreed to pay \$6.4 million to the family of Mr. Gray, who died after sustaining injuries in police custody. And last year, New York City agreed to pay \$5.9 million to the family of Mr. Garner, who died after being placed in a chokehold by an officer.

Mayor Frank G. Jackson of Cleveland said Monday that the situation was "not easy for me

personally or the city in general," but that the settlement "protected the rights of the city and its taxpayers."

"At the end of the day, a 12-year-old child lost their life, and that should not have happened in the city of Cleveland," he said. "It should not have happened."

Tamir had been carrying a real-looking pellet gun near a recreation center when someone called 911 to report him. The caller cautioned that Tamir was "probably a juvenile" and that the weapon was "probably fake," but those qualifications were not relayed to the responding officers, who were told only of a report of a male with a weapon.

Moments later, as grainy surveillance video showed, a squad car drove over a curb and through snow-dotted grass before sliding to a halt within feet of Tamir. Officer Loehmann, who said later that he had feared for his life and had seen Tamir reaching for his waistband, stepped out of the cruiser and quickly shot the boy.

Tamir's shooting, which happened two days before a grand jury in Missouri declined to charge the Ferguson officer who fatally shot Michael Brown, an African-American 18-year-old, also occurred amid a wave of new attention on use of force by the police, and set off protests in Cleveland.

From the outset, activists, the leader of the local police union

and Mr. Jackson agreed that Tamir's death was tragic. But the city was deeply divided on whether Officer Loehmann and his partner, Officer Frank Garmback, who was driving the cruiser, had committed crimes, or had been justified given what they knew at the time.

As the case made national headlines, it was revealed that Officer Loehmann had resigned from another Ohio police department after a "dangerous loss of composure" during weapons training. Many questioned his decision to fire quickly, as well as the tactics of Officer Garmback, who did not shoot but whose fast approach left his partner little time to assess the situation before acting.

Tensions escalated last year when Cleveland filed a response to the lawsuit that seemed to blame Tamir for his death, prompting an apology from Mr. Jackson and a revised filing. Then, in February, Cleveland moved to sue the Rice family for \$500 to cover Tamir's emergency medical treatment, but quickly reversed course after a public backlash.



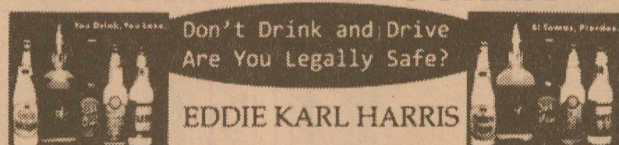
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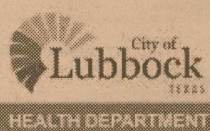
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Blacks Outvoted Whites In 2012, The first Time On Record



Washington (CNN) – A new Census Bureau report shows a higher percentage of African-Americans than whites voted in a presidential election for the first time in history last year during the matchup between President Obama and GOP nominee Mitt Romney.

The report, released Wednesday, April 27, 2016, found that more than 66% of eligible blacks voted in the presidential contest. Only 64.1% of whites turned out to vote.

This marks the first time since 1968 that blacks turned out at a higher rate than the whites.

In addition to blacks turning out

at a higher rate, the number of Asian and Hispanic voters grew from 2008 to 2012. Hispanics added 1.4 million people and Asians added over 500,000. Between 1996 and 2012, blacks, Asians and Hispanics all saw

their percentage of the voting population increase.

The highest turnout of blacks, in addition to the growing number of Hispanics and Asians, could also explain Obama's success in defeating Romney.



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