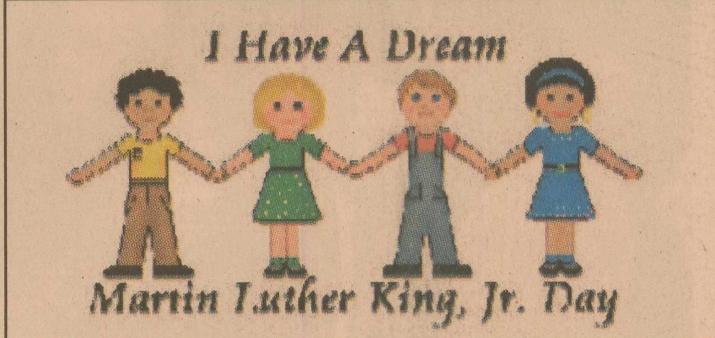
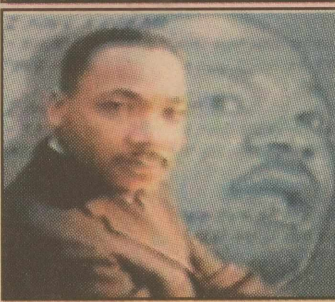




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Community Meetings

* 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 517 Zenith Avenue, Star Care Center
* Chatman Hill Neighborhood Association meets 2nd Thursday of every month at 6:00 pm at 2301 Avenue A.

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

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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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Michelle Obama in Final Speech: 'I Hope I've Made You Proud'



First Lady Michelle Obama.

In her final speech as the first lady, Michelle Obama spoke of the great value of diversity, American tradition, the country's future and how grateful she was to have served as first lady.

"Being your First Lady has been the greatest honor of my life, and I hope I've made you proud," Obama said while speaking at an event to honor the 2017 School Counselor of the Year.

Addressing America's young people, Obama said, "this country belongs to you — to all of you, from every background and walk of life."

She recalled how she and her husband, President Barack Obama, started their lives without a lot of money. "But with a lot of hard work and a good education, anything is possible — even becoming President," Obama said. "That's what the American Dream is all about."

The outgoing first lady also discussed diversity and how America was founded on people seeking freedom of religion, pointing to America's "glorious diversity" that still exists today.

"So I want our young people to continue to learn and practice those values with pride. You see, our glorious diversity — our diversities of faiths and colors and creeds — that is not a threat to

who we are, it makes us who we are," Obama said to applause.

Her thoughts on diversity seemed to be another instance in which the first lady challenged President-elect Donald Trump's divisive rhetoric — without mentioning Trump by name. She also urged America's youth not to take their freedoms for granted and to contribute "to our national conversation," which she said they can do by getting the best education possible.

"You need to prepare yourself to be informed and engaged as a citizen, to serve and to lead, to stand up for our proud American values and to honor them in your daily lives," she said. "And that means getting the best education possible so you can think critically, so you can express yourself clearly, so you can get a good job and support yourself and your family, so you can be a positive force in your communities."

Obama started the annual tradition of honoring a select school counselor each year as part of her Reach Higher initiative, a movement started by the first lady to encourage students across the country to further their education past high school. Obama has said she will continue with this effort even after she leaves the White House. In Friday's speech, she told American students that an

education is vital to making a change in the country: "Empower yourselves with a good education, then get out there and use that education to build a country worthy of your boundless promise."

And Obama told young people that her final message to them is to not be afraid.

"So that's my final message to young people as First Lady. It is simple. I want our young people to know that they matter, that they belong," she said, her voice breaking at times as she delivered her final message. "So don't be afraid — you hear me, young people? Don't be afraid. Be focused. Be determined. Be hopeful. Be empowered."

Ad Hoc Committee Will Hold Meeting

The members of the Ad Hoc Committee are asked to meet on Saturday morning, January 28, 2017, beginning at 9:00 a. m. at the Southwest Digest Office, 902 East 28th Street.

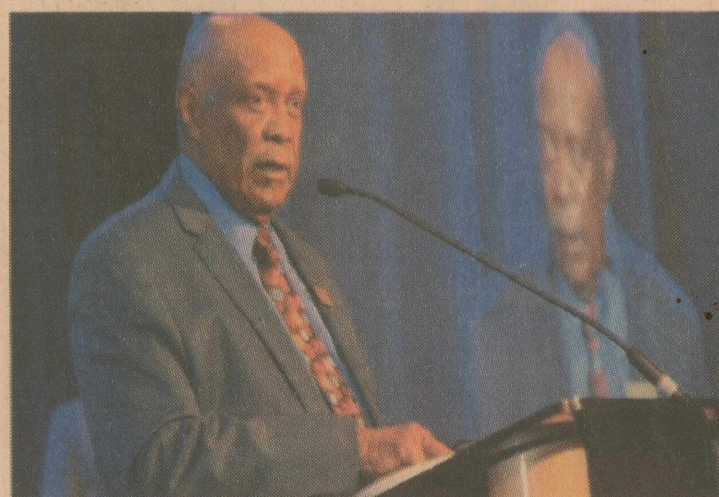
"This is a very important meeting and all members are asked to be in attendance," says Minister Trent Cox.

"It is a very important meeting," he continued.

Charles Smith, Dunbar High School Graduate, Inducted Into Colorado Ski Hall Of Fame

Denver, Colorado -- As we enter the winter season, skiers anxiously await the opening of their favorite ski resort. And at 72 years of age, Charles Smith, a 1959 Lubbock Dunbar High School graduate, still skis and loves teaching others to ski. As one of the pioneering members of Denver's Slippers-N-Sliders Ski Club and the Ski for Kids Program, which has introduced more than 1,500 urban youth to the sport. Smith has been an advocate for bringing more African-Americans to Colorado's slopes. On October 1, 2016, he was recognized by the Colorado Ski and Snowboard Ski Museum, and became the first African-American inducted in their Hall of Fame as a Sport Builder.

Smith first got on skis more than 50 years ago. "The first time I was on skis was 1964-65," he says. It was kind of a goof off day. I went with some friends that I worked with. We went to Loveland Basin. There



Charles Smith, 1959 Lubbock Dunbar High School Graduate

must have been two carloads of us. We all put on a pair of blue jeans. Everybody told us we should stay dry and be warm. We sprayed waterproofing spray on our clothes. We didn't have regular ski clothing. And headed out like we knew what we were doing. We jumped on the rope tow, I think. We had our own equipment we had rented from Cart Bros."

Skiing was very different back then. There was no I-70 or Eisenhower-Johnson tunnels. There were a handful of ski areas. Vail was in its infancy. Loveland Basin was the most accessible, and Smith recalls that the lift ticket was about \$4. "We didn't take any lessons," he says. "Two or three of the guys had been on skis before. They were the ones that kind of led us

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Evelyn Turner

Jeff Sessions

'Sessions Has Not Changed,' Says Woman He Prosecuted

Evelyn Turner, who was prosecuted by U.S. Sen. Jeff Sessions in 1985 when he was a federal prosecutor in Alabama, maintains that Sessions remains just as racist today as he was two decades ago.

"Sessions has not changed. Have you ever known a leopard to change his spots? I haven't," an emotional Turner told CNN. "Sessions is still a racist."

Turner and her husband were both activists for civil rights. Albert Turner worked as a field director for Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and marched with him from Selma to Montgomery. According to Turner, her husband was also dedicated to getting Blacks to register to vote, as well as hold more political positions. He formed the Perry County Civic League in Perry County, Alabama.

However, he often faced opposition. "They didn't want us to be in charge because there's more Black folks in Perry County than there is white," Turner said.

In 1985, while serving as U.S. attorney for the Southern District of Alabama, Sessions prosecuted the "Marion Three," Turner, her husband Albert Turner Sr. and Spencer Hogue Jr., in a voter fraud case. The three were ac-

cused of tampering with absentee ballots during the 1984 Democratic primary to forward the campaigns of candidates supported by the county's civic league. Defense attorneys called the investigation "one-sided," saying it was "designed to intimidate Black voters."

Then and now, Sessions denied the investigation was racially motivated. In 1985 he said in court documents: "[A]n effort has been made... to create the impression that this investigation is unfounded or racially motivated. These allegations are false and can only be construed as a part of an effort to poison the jury pool and to attempt to cause witnesses to be reluctant to testify."

Turner, her husband and Hogue were all found not guilty on all charges. But her disdain for the Alabama senator did not change.

"I hate him just that bad," she said. "And he shouldn't be up for anything, not even a dog catcher."

According to Turner, she saw Sessions last year at a ceremony honoring activists who marched from Selma. Sessions, who helped to set up the event, approached Turner, who turned him away.

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Legal Aid of NorthWest Texas Board Names Maria Thomas-Jones as CEO

Fort Worth, Texas — After a thorough national search, the Board of Directors of Legal Aid of NorthWest Texas (LANWT) named Maria Thomas-Jones as the new Chief Executive Officer, effective immediately. The Board met last month for its quarterly meeting, during which Board members unanimously voted to select Ms. Thomas-Jones, who has served as Interim CEO since February 2016.

"On behalf of the Board of Directors, I am pleased to officially welcome Maria Thomas-Jones as the new CEO of Legal Aid of NorthWest Texas," says Jan Langbein, Board Chair. "Maria has served LANWT effectively in many different capacities during her 17-year tenure with the firm."

In noting Ms. Thomas-Jones' role as Interim CEO, Ms. Langbein says that Maria impressed the Board with her commitment and leadership. "Maria has demonstrated a style of leadership that is transparent and inclusive," says Ms. Langbein. "She is strategic and has a solid vision for the future of LANWT. We believe she will bring the firm to even higher levels of achievement in providing legal services to low-income Texans."

LANWT's Board of Directors began its search for its next CEO earlier this year with a singular goal select the best CEO to



Maria Thomas-Jones

to support what it considers to be the very best Legal Aid staff. A Search Committee was assembled comprising representatives from LANWT's staff, executives, and union, as well as the

Board. Throughout the process, the Board worked to ensure that its staff had an active role in the selection process by participating through surveys and a town-hall candidate forum. Ultimately, the Search Committee recommended Ms. Thomas-Jones as its top candidate.

"I am honored to have been selected from the broad field of candidates who applied to lead Legal Aid of NorthWest Texas," says Ms. Thomas-Jones. "I look forward to con-

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Fashion Fair

by Shirley Roberson

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NOW YOU TELL ME...HOW GREAT IS THAT!

On your next shopping adventure look for the gold... handbags shoes, dresses, if you are going to buy anything, first try to find it in gold. Bangles, bangles, gold bangles... Ladies rack them up!

Fashion tip...always wear a smile!



Shirley Roberson

Fashion...just for the fun of it.

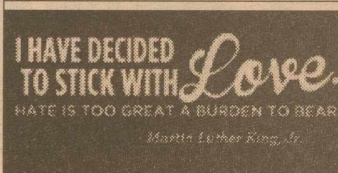
3rd Annual Historical Black College and Universities (HBCU) Expo Set

This event is showcasing information from various Historical Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) including applications, financial aid, and housing information.

Information will be available from the following schools: Xavier of Louisiana, Huston-Tillotson of Austin, Texas Jarvis Christian College of Hawkins, Texas, and Langston University in Oklahoma.

Students will be able to have questions answered regarding the following scholarships: Delta Sigma Theta Sorority and 100 Black Men of West Texas.

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Michelle Obama Reacts to Barack's Farewell Address



On Tuesday evening, January 10, 2017, during his powerful farewell address, President Obama took a moment to thank First Lady Michelle Obama for supporting him during his two terms and beyond. The tribute was so emotional, POTUS had to take a moment to pause and wipe his tears. He called out to FLOTUS:

"Michelle LaVaughn Robinson, girl on the south side, for the past 25 years you have not only been my wife and the mother of my children, you have been my best friend. You took on a role you didn't ask for and made it your own with grace and grit and style and good humor. You made the White House a place that belongs to everybody. And a new

generation sets its sights higher because it has you as a role model. You've made me proud. You've made the country proud."

As the crowd gave her a standing ovation, Michelle Obama's eyes were on her husband. She was all smiles and even mouthed "I love you" to him from the audience.

Lubbock ISD Board of Trustees Discuss The 2017-2018 School Calendar

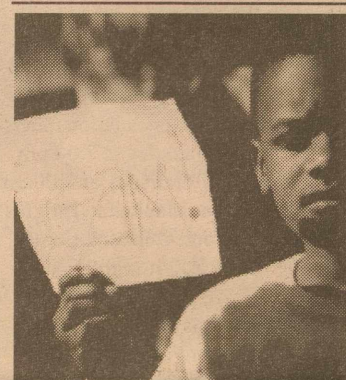
The Lubbock ISD Board of Trustees met on Thursday morning, January 12, 2017, to discuss the district calendar for the 2017-18 school year. More than 2,500 stakeholders responded to the survey about the two proposed calendar schedules. Both plans show a school start date of August 28, the first day the law allows school to begin. The last day of school on Plan A is prior to Memorial Day, and Plan B has school concluding after Memorial Day, which is May 28. Trustees are expected to decide on the 2017-18 calendar later in

the month.

Renovations to the Byron Martin Advanced Technology Center (ATC) were approved by the board totaling \$2,397,334. The construction will address damage to the facility after winter storms caused the roof to collapse over one portion of the ATC. Insurance will cover a large portion of the approved construction costs. The renovation will replace the roof on the entire facility and make structural changes to the damaged portion. The automotive technology lab doors will now be

able to accommodate large diesel trucks for student training.

The board also received an update on curriculum and instruction initiatives.



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Mae Simmons
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What's Happening This Month!

MOVIE MATINEE
Friday, January 20, 2 pm, Free, Ages 50+
Enjoy popcorn and watch the movie
Remember The Titans starring Denzel Washington.

BREAKFAST BINGO
Wed, January 25, 9 am, \$2, Ages 50+
Enjoy a delicious waffle and sausage breakfast and play Bingo afterwards.

SWEETHEART'S DANCE
Friday, February 10, 7-9 pm, \$3 or \$5/couple
Ages 50+, Make your plans now to bring your sweetheart to our annual Valentine's dance.
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In Cinque

By Renetta Howard



WORLD CONTROL: TECHNOLOGY

Years ago, when a McDonald's hamburger was about twenty-five cents and there was no drive in or sit-in, I never would have thought that I would be sitting in a McDonald's restaurant miles from my hometown sending an article via internet because they have wi-fi in the restaurant for free. Unfortunately, the place of my abode is not equipped with wi-fi and my only alternative was McDonald's. Technology is slowly taking control of our world.

Just yesterday, I was advised that a friend of my friend was told that she had seen on Facebook the information about the death of a famous movie star and her daughter. This information was later aired on the television. News is received faster on the internet than it is on television due to special programs. It is only when something significant to the news carriers happens that a program is interrupted with "Breaking News!" On the other hand, if one wishes to have immediate access to the news, it can be found on the internet news.

The internet has not only become the quickest place to learn about what you may want to know or want to know more about. As early as the late nineteen eighties, school libraries had begun to replace the card catalog with computer indexes. Modern books receive their catalog or index numbers from the publishers. The old catalog system is no longer relevant.

Besides book information, the internet is causing some stores to close because customers are turning to the internet and online stores to make purchases which they cannot find in stores. Many of these items are shipped free, saving customers money on their purchases. They

do not have to leave home to make a purchase and it is delivered to their door, free of charge in many instances.

Cellular telephones, similar to Walkie Talkies came into existence and something new happened; pretty soon the 'cell phone' with limited minutes and distance became a status symbol. As demand grew, along with the prices, it appeared that everybody who was somebody, had a cellular telephone. People are seen talking in places unthought of and it seems that now that there are data plans which permit face time talking, Facebook talking and posting; business transactions on the telephone, check cashing, depositing, etc, it appears that some people live on their telephone and the internet.

Now that the powers that be believe that Russia was the force behind hacking of the United States' Presidential election, that we are now in a Cyber War and the goal is to gain control. It appears that the United States is at odds in a game in which a lot of catching up must be done. Nothing is sacred anymore in the cyber world. We need to take heed, get 'in cinque' and live accordingly, and with prayer.

Martin Luther King, Jr.
1929-1968

Beyond the Rhetoric
5468
By
Harry C. Alford

2017 is going to be Fantastic!

Look forward to the new year, 2017, as light years better than 2016. The former year's economy was challenging. Here in Chevy Chase, Maryland, one of the wealthiest communities in the nation, high end department stores closed their doors in mass. Families, even rich families, are cutting back on spending. They have no faith in our future economy. However, that is going to change. The stock market is still carrying the surprising "Trump Bump" and will soon sore over the 20,000 mark. In contrast to 2016, investors will soon have a new confidence. That means happier days in front. Those shuttered stores will reopen under new banners and a resurgence in employment levels.

Politics in 2016 was downright ugly. The worst I have seen in my life. But in November it came to a head and burst. We are now picking up the "pieces" and a new atmosphere is forming throughout the nation. Foreign plants are moving back to the United States bringing thousands of new, good paying jobs. The job market is active especially with all the political positions opening due to the change in administration.

Foreign affairs have been a little shaky. For the first time in history, our Secretary of State lambasted our closest ally, Israel, in a formal meeting at the UN and the White House agreed with him. This betrayal is very shocking. However, our incoming President publicly stated to Israel to "stay strong" as he will be sworn in January 20 and things will become much better regarding our relations with each other. Enemies of Israel - beware!

For the first time in modern history, our navy does not have one aircraft carrier out to sea.

THIS N' THAT

by T. J. Patterson

INDIVIDUALS OF DISTINCTION NAMED AT AWARDS BANQUET!!! **THIS N THAT** was pleased to see the following citizens named as **INDIVIDUALS OF DISTINCTION** during the **DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING COMMEMORATIVE COUNCIL'S AWARDS BANQUET** on Friday evening January 13, 2017 at the Clarion Hotel..... Those persons named were..... **ERIC EMERSON STRONG** 2017 Award Recipient for Community **DOROTHY JONES** 2017 Award Re-

ipient for Education (1925-2016) **DARRION HOWARD** 2017 Award Recipient for Law Enforcement **DIANE MORGAN** 2017 Award Recipient for Athletic **WARLEAN REED (WELLS FARGO)** 2017 Award Recipient for Business **DR. JUSTIN LAWRENCE** 2017 Award Recipient for Pastor.....

THE DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING COMMEMORATIVE COUNCIL presented their **MARTIN LUTHER KING YOUTH MASS CHOIR** on Sat-

urday evening January 14, 2017 during the **MARTIN LUTHER KING YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT PROGRAM** at the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center..... There were **75 YOUTH** who participated in the program..... This was a very interesting program and **THIS N THAT** is forth to more kind of participation on next year!!

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This is significant and shows that our military is underfunded. Morale is slipping and that is a scary state of affairs. It is critical that our military returns to its previous position. If a nation like ours is not prepared for war and its leadership is unmotivated then war is certainly what we will get. It appears that Congress is going to renew its commitment to our military via more funding and recruitment. The sooner this is done; the better America will be.

The public is becoming increasingly optimistic. I could tell from most people this season saying "Merry Christmas" as opposed to "Happy Holidays". It is so nice to see. People proud of their religion as opposed to being politically correct. If you love Christ, shout it out!

Once again jobs are available big time in the federal government work place. This happens every 4 or 8 years as the new administration pushes out the po-

litical hires from the previous administration and fills those positions with their new crew. This is no secret! If any of you want to look or try it, go on the Internet, and apply for a good paying government job with 30 days sick leave and 30 days vacation - that's sixty days off with pay! Here is the website: [HTTPS://APPLY.PTT.GOV/](https://apply.ptt.gov/).

These jobs aren't just in Washington, DC. Every city has a noticeable amount of federal jobs. Many of the new bosses will be looking for Republicans. There aren't too many Black republicans and that could be a good thing. For Blacks that means there is a shorter "line". Opportunities will be exponentially greater. Consider that. There are 9 - 11 regions in the federal government structure (depending on the agency or department). Within each region are various district offices located throughout the nation. Zero in on the district you want to apply

for work. Indicate that on your resume or the online application. These job opportunities will fill up within the next 3 - 5 months. Get busy!

Section 3 of the HUD Act has been in existence since 1968. This is a job training program for residents of public housing or people living under the poverty level. It is the best job training program the federal government has put on the "books". However, no administration has ever implemented it. Something tells me that this administration will be the first one to implement this law. Go Google "Section 3 of the HUD Act" and learn about this. Any project with HUD funding is supposed to follow this program. They aren't now but that is about to change.

Yes! Indeed, the times are changing for the better. Those who believe should go for it and enjoy this 'new ride'. 2017 is

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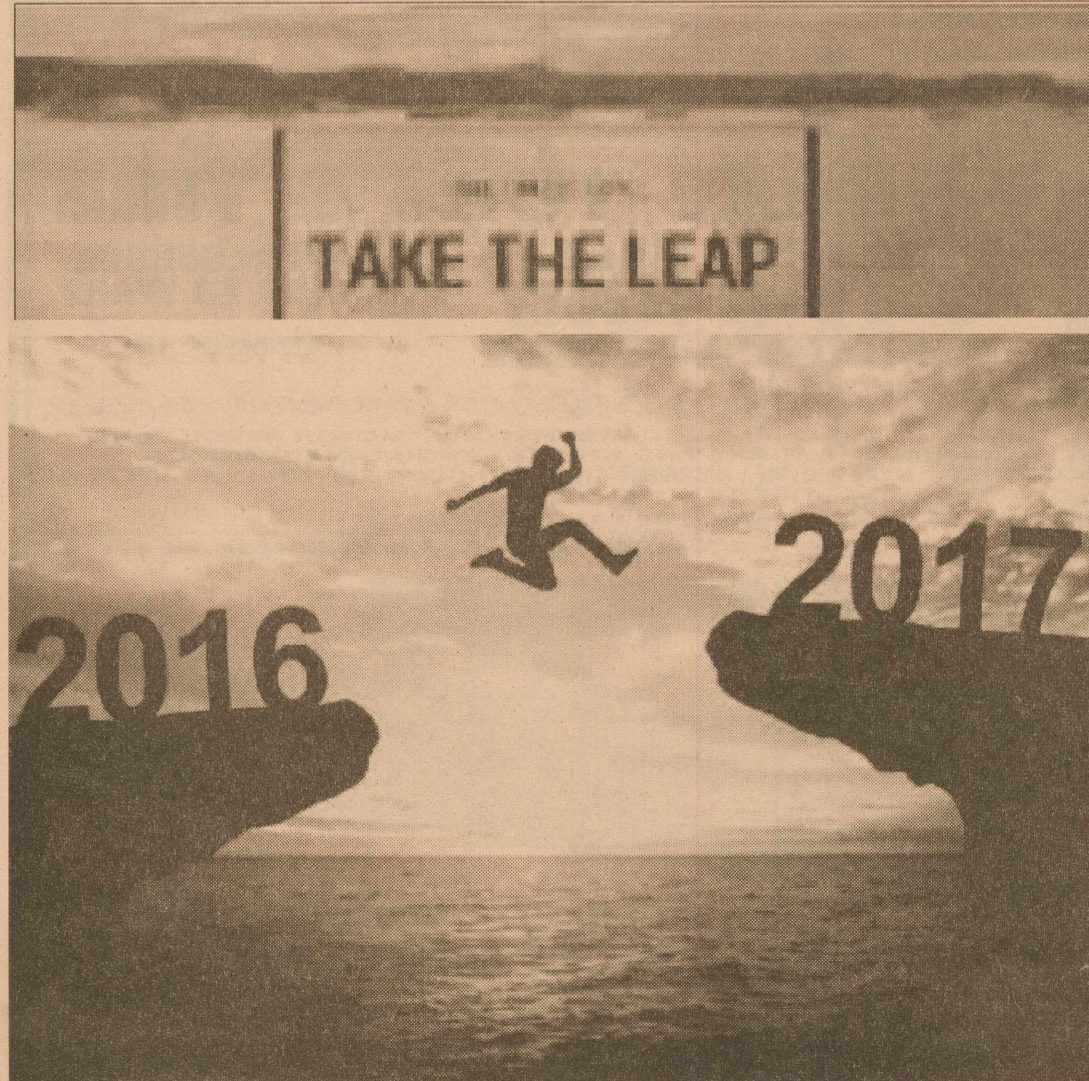
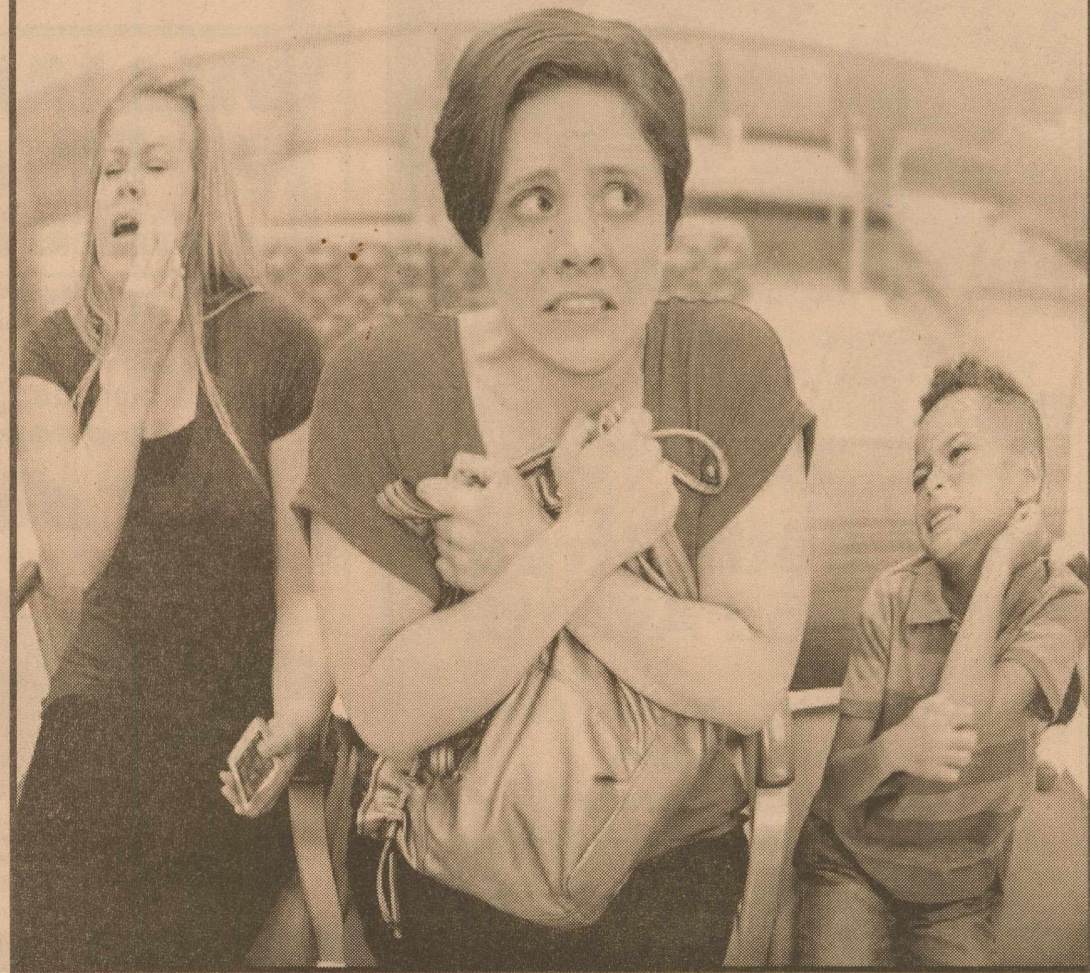



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GOD WARNED US IN HIS WORD; WHAT WOULD HAPPEN IN THE LAST DAYS. And the CHURCH SEES these things, AND THEY LOOK THE OTHER WAY!!!

Ecclesiastes 3:1, 2a, 7b -- To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under heaven. A time to be born, and a time to plant, and a time to pluck up that is planted, a time to keep silence, and a time to speak.

The CHURCHES SEE THE SIGNS, and they know it's PRAYING TIME!!! But the CHURCHES HAVE ONE THING; ON THEIR MONEY HUNGRY MINDS!!!

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Yes, the CHURCHES WILL ROB GOD; they'll open their doors to WORSHIP M.L.K. DAY. JESUS SAID, WORSHIP ONLY HIM, BECAUSE HE IS THE WAY!!!

John 14:6 -- Jesus Said, I am the way, the truth, and the life; no man cometh unto the Father but by me. -- (WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE IN O'

LUCIFER: THE BRIGHT AND MORNING STAR, JUDAS ISCARIOT, JIM JONES, AL SHARPSTON, AND MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.??? -- THEY ALL DESERTED THE CAUSE OF GOD TO DO THEIR OWN THING. -- TO SERVE THEIR FLESH; WHICH IS OF THE DEVIL!!!) -- THEY DIDN'T REMEMBER: MATTHEW 28:18-20, WHAT JESUS SAID.

Galatians 1:6-8 -- I marvel that you are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another Gospel. Though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other Gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed.

CHURCH: WHEN A MAN KILLS HIS CHILDREN, AND KILLS HIS WIFE, AND TURNS THE GUN UPON HIMSELF AND TAKES HIS OWN LIFE. -- THAT'S A SIGN; THAT IT'S PRAYING TIME!!!

Matthew 7:22-23 -- Jesus Said, Many shall say to me that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? And in thy name have cast out devils? And in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you; depart from me, you that work iniquity. -- "WE'RE TO PREACH JESUS'

DEATH, BURIAL, AND RESURRECTION!!! -- NO SALVATION IN FRONT OF THE BUS, RESTROOMS, AND SO ON!!!

I Corinthians 10:22 -- You cannot drink the of the Lord, and the cup of the devils; you cannot be partakers of the Lord's table, and the table of devils.

(AS I HEAR OF THE SO CALLED CHRISTIANS, BAD MOUTHING OUR PRESIDENT, DONALD J. TRUMP. YOU NOT KNOWING GOD PUT HIM IN THAT SEAT. SO JUST PRAY FOR HIM, AS YOU WOULD THE CHURCH!!!)

Romans 13:1, 2a -- LET every soul be subject unto the higher power. For there is no power but of God; the power that be are ordained of God. Whosoever therefore resist the power, resist the ordinance of God.

John 19:11a -- Jesus told Pilate the king: You could not have no power at all against me, except it was given you from above.

AMERICA'S PREACHERS AND TROUBLE MAKERS, ARE RIOTING THE STREETS. JESUS TOLD JUDAS ISCARIOT, M.L.K., JIM JONES: SALVATION IS WHAT YOU'RE TO PREACH!!! -- MATTHEW 15:14. Jesus Said, Let them Continue on Page 8

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Church services at the St. Matthew Baptist Church were well attended by all who were in attendance.

Again, all members had a wonderful time on Sunday morning, January 8, 2017. The Church address is 2020 East 14th Street where the proud pastor is the Rev. Edward Canady.

Our Sunday morning services begun at 10:10 a. m. with Sunday School opening with our Superintendent in charge. We are so thankful for the knowledge we receive.

The subject of the Sunday School lesson was entitled "Sing A New Song." The scripture text was Psalms 96:1-6, 1'-13. The Sunday School lesson was taught by Rev. Edward Canady, and reviewed by Rev. Tommy Parker and Sister Barbara Johnson. What a wonderful lesson it was.

The Sunday morning devotion was conducted by Rev.

Tommy Parker and Sister Arlee Jackson.

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

The morning sermon was delivered by Rev. Edward Canady. His subject was "Do You Want To Be Healed?" His scripture text was John 5:1-6.

The morning announcements were read by Sister Shirley Canady, Our First Lady. Sister Canady always does an outstanding job. We thank God for she does for the St. Matthew Baptist Church.

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

1. -- The Missionary Society meets on Wednesday evenings at 5:00 p. m.

It's amazing on what can be accomplished when Church Members come together and share very important informa-

tion with each in attendance.

The Missionary Society at the St. Matthew Baptist Church continues to move in the right direction.

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

If you love to sing Gospel music, then do come and sing with Choir Members.

Shall we look to seeing you at our next rehearsal?

Let us continue to pray for sick and shut-in citizens today. Today, it is them and tomorrow it could be you or this writer.

Thought For The Week: "The growth we gain from waiting on God is often greater than the answer or result we desire."

If you are looking for a Church Home, then come and visit the St. Matthew Baptist Church. You'll be glad you did!

SOUTHWEST DIGEST 2017 PUBLICATION DATES

****From the desk of the Southwest Digest****

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New Light Baptist Church News
3013 Idalou Road Rev. Kenneth O. Jackson, Pastor

On Sunday morning, January 8, 2017, service got started at New Light Baptist Church, 3013 Idalou Road, where Rev. Kenneth O. Jackson is the pastor.

Morning worship started at 11:00 a.m. with the Praise Team leading the way. There was testimony period and afterwards, the song **O I WANT TO SEE HIM** was sung. The responsive reading came from **Psalm 1:1-6**. Rev. Jackson led the altar prayer with the congregation singing **LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE**.

Sister Linda Green read all the morning announcements and told of all the up coming events that will be taking place. The offering was taken up by appointees. The Melodies Voices of New Light sung **BEULAH LAND** which was led by First Lady Sister Ambra Jackson and Sister Alvera Johnson. **NOW BEHOLD THE LAMB** was sung and then the theme song of the church was sung, **AMAZING GRACE**.

Rev. Jackson preached the sermon titled: **KEEP YOUR HOUSE IN ORDER** and its printed text came from 2 Kings 20:1-6. 2016 had its concerns and issues but we persevered through to 2017.

The wicked one did all that

he could to knock us down but God brought us through. The ups and downs we had in 2016 but God brought us through. Some folks we know that are no longer here but God brought us.

We encountered people that troubled us and tried to knock us down but God brought us.

Jesus is a doctor that has never lost a case, a lawyer in the courtroom, a teacher at the schools, a mother when you are motherless and a father when you are fatherless but God brought us. God owns cattles of a thousand hills, everything and he brought us through it all.

Some days you may have felt like throwing your hands up but you kept focus with the help of God and he brought us. **KEEP YOUR HOUSE IN ORDER**.

Jesus took a bad Friday and turned it into a good Friday. Won't he do it? God keeps us, sustains us, takes care of us, and etc... so **KEEP YOUR HOUSE IN ORDER**.

Sung after sermon: **I'LL FLY AWAY**.

The closing out of our Pastor & Wife 10th Anniversary was held at New Light at 3:30 p.m. There were several churches who were in attendance and the spirit was felt by all. Rev. Edward Canady from St. Matthews

Baptist Church preached the evening message.

ENCOURAGEMENT FOR WEEK: NEVER LOOK

DOWN ON ANOTHER INDIVIDUAL UNLESS YOU ARE HELPING THAT PERSON UP.

DON'T FORGET TO PRAY. LIVE LIKE YOU BELONG TO GOD.

Another Obituary

Hazel Marie Taylor



Funeral services were held for Hazel Marie Taylor on Friday afternoon, December 23, 2016, at the Griffin Mortuary Chapel with Pastor D. Avery officiating.

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

Baby Hazel passed away on Friday, December 16, 2016.

She was born to Jacolvia Clark and step-dad Deverick Parks in Lubbock, Texas on Monday, August 24, 2015, at University Medical Center.

Her family was blessed to enjoy her warm smile and joyful heart which enlightened everyone she encountered. In her short time on this earth, she has inspired growth, determination, peace, and so much love.

Hazel is preceded in death by her grandmother, Linda Brady; and great-grandfather, Charles E. Clark, II.

Hazel leaves to cherish her

parents, Charles Taylor and Jacolvia Clark; grandparents, Jerrique Clark and Shacolby Brady; one brother, Itan Taylor; and a host of other relatives and friends.

Pallbearers were: Deverick Parks, Billy Hill, Jacolby Swearingen, and Danny Boyd.

Honorary Pallbearers were LaCharles Jones and David Moorning.

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Obsequies

Ronald DeWayne "Bubba" Davis

Funeral services were held for Ronald DeWayne "Bubba" Davis on Monday morning, December 30, 2016, at the Greater St. Luke Missionary Baptist Church with Rev. Dr. J. H. Ford, pastor, officiating.

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

Davis, age 62 of Lubbock, passed away on Sunday, December 25, 2016.

He was born in Lubbock, Texas on November 24, 1954 to Rush and Helen Davis.

He attended Mary & Mac Private School and Phyllis Wheatley Elementary School.

He was a member of the first 7th grade class to attend E. C. Struggs Junior High School.

Davis graduated from Dunbar High School in 1973.

As a young child, he united with the Greater St. Luke Missionary Baptist Church and served as a member of Usher Unit #1 under the late Rev. A. L. Davis and Rev. Dr. J. H. Ford.

He worked for Clark Equip-



ment, Eagle Pitcher, and Mike Klein Corporation.

While attending Upward Bound at Texas Tech University, he met Debra McLin. They later married and continued their friendship until his death.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Rush and Helen Davis; and grandparents, Cornell and Nancy Seody.

He leaves to cherish his memories: two daughters, Rhonda Davis Love and Rushalyn Denise Davis; six grandchildren; and three siblings, Brenda, J. B., and J. D. Davis.

Gerald Foster

Funeral services were held for Gerald Foster on Thursday afternoon, December 15, 2016, at the Griffin Mortuary Chapel with Minister Cecil Eddington as Officiate/Eulogist.

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

Foster, age 52 of Lubbock, passed away on Saturday, November 19, 2016.

Gerald was born July 20, 1964 to the proud parents of Robert Foster and Darlene Hardaway. He was the oldest of three children.

Gerald grew up and attended Estacado High School before moving to Houston, Texas where he enrolled in computer school.

He also worked as the manager at Sound Warehouse.

Gerald moved back to Lubbock to be with his family and friends. He will be dearly missed.

Gerald is preceded in death by his mother, Darlene Hardaway; father, Robert Foster; and



one sister, Nedra Hardaway.

He leaves to cherish his memories: one sister, Tiernee Hardaway of Houston, Texas; two uncles, Sammy Miller (Barbara) and Larry Miller (Dora); nephew, Eddie Wiggins, Jr.; and a host of other relatives and friends.

Honorary Pallbearers were: Donovan Miller, Bennie Dunn, Royce Harris, Milik Lewis, Tramon Miller, Frankie Baucham, Todrick Miller, Tac Harris, Brandon Christian, and Kyshon Harris.

Lee L. Jones

Funeral services were held for Lee L. Jones on Tuesday afternoon, January 10, 2017, at Griffin Mortuary Chapel.

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

Jones, 64, of Houston, formerly of Lubbock, passed away Monday, January 2, 2017.

He was born on February 29, 1952, to Lee Roy and Eleanor Jones in Lubbock, Texas.

Lee worked as a railway builder for Southern Pacific Railroad. Lee was a dedicated father, brother, grandfather, and friend.

Lee is preceded in death by his parents, two brothers, Billy Wayne Jones and Roy Lee Jones; one sister, Betty Wynn.

Lee leaves to cherish his memories, one daughter, Alice Jones; one son, Allen Wayne



Jones (Shawna); eight grandchildren; six sisters, Margie Jefferson, Bobby Gambler, Clemmie Williams, Peggy Jones, Helen Jones, and Tracey Oduor; three brothers, DeWayne Jones, Victor Jones, and Kenneth Jones; a host of other relatives and friends.

Bettie J. Jordan

Funeral services were held for Bettie J. Jordan on Thursday morning, January 12, 2017, at the New Hope Baptist Church with Pastor Larry Polk officiating.

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

Jordan, age 77 of Lubbock, Texas, passed away on Sunday, January 8, 2017.

She was born November 22, 1939, in Dallas, Texas, to the late Arthur McCuen, Sr. and Adell Eldridge Nichols.

Bettie accepted Christ at an early age.

Bettie attended Lubbock Public Schools and later attended cooking school. Bettie was employed with the Airport Security at Lubbock International Airport until she retired.

Bettie is preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Chester Jordan; two sisters, Bobbie Maden and Barbara Garrett; one brother, Thomas Nichols; and stepfather, Henry Nichols.

Bettie leaves to cherish her



memories: one son, Williams Nichols; one brother, Arthur McCuen, Jr.; three grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and a host of other relatives and friends.

Active Pallbearers were: Benny Dunn, Derrick Thomas, Brandon McCuen, Darrell Thomas, Vernon Maden, and Bryson McCuen.

Honorary Pallbearers were: Clinton Hobdy, Eddie Maden, Lee Maden, Albert Maden, Fred Maden, Van Ray McCuen, and Michael Peoples.

David Olivarez

Funeral services were held for David Olivarez on Monday afternoon, December 19, 2016, at the Griffin Mortuary Chapel.

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

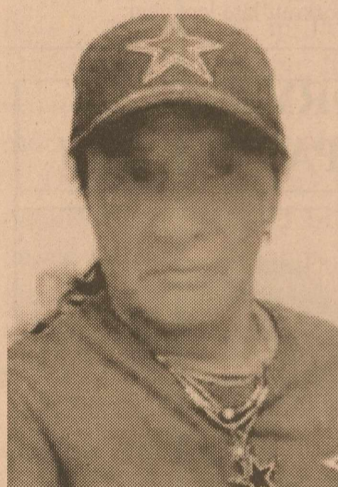
Olivarez passed away on Wednesday, December 14, 2016.

He was born to Alfredo Olivarez and Evelyn Gomez on January 3, 1956.

David was a true and dedicated Dallas Cowboy Fan. David enjoyed being with his family and friends.

He will truly be missed by many who knew and loved him.

David leaves to cherish his memories: a son, David Clemons; a daughter-in-law,



Elizabeth Clemons; his father, Alfredo Olivarez; four brothers; seven sisters; and grandchildren: Mackenzie, Clemons, Jayden Clemons, and Nicole Clemons.

Anthony Johnson

Funeral services were held for Anthony Johnson on Thursday afternoon, January 12, 2017, at the Rock City Church.

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

Johnson, age 50 of Lubbock, Texas, passed away on Sunday, January 8, 2017.

He was born January 20, 1966, to Bennie Jordan and Linda Pollard in Plainview, Texas.

He loved football especially the Dallas Cowboys. Family and friends will truly miss him.

Anthony is preceded in death by his mother, Linda Pollard; uncle, Leonard Pollard; and grandparents, Rosie Lee Pollard and Robert Pollard.

Anthony leaves to cherish his memories: his wife, Tina Johnson; father, Bennie Jordan;



one daughter, Fallon Stancell; three sons, Ryan Foster, Jordan Pollard, and Jaden Johnson; one brother, Dennis Pollard (Heather); one niece; three nephews; and a host of other relatives and friends.

You have only one life to live, and this is no dress rehearsal
Anonymous

Remonica Johnson

Funeral services were held for Remonica Johnson on Friday morning, January 13, 2017, at the Griffin Mortuary Chapel.

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

Remonica, age 46 of Lubbock, Texas, passed away on Sunday, January 8, 2017.

She was born May 26, 1970, to Barbara Flowers and Freddie Flowers.

She was a very outgoing, loving, and will be missed by all those she touched.

Remonica leaves to cherish her memories: her parents, Barbara Flowers and Freddie Flowers; companion, Ken Beard; two daughters, LaQuisha Johnson and Malexis McAdoo; one son, Sir Xaviour McAdoo; one



granddaughter, Keshyra Gorman; one sister, Gernisha Flowers; three nephews, Jimmy Smith, Jr., Ja'Marion Stewart, and Jermaine Lewis, Jr.; and a host of other relatives and friends.

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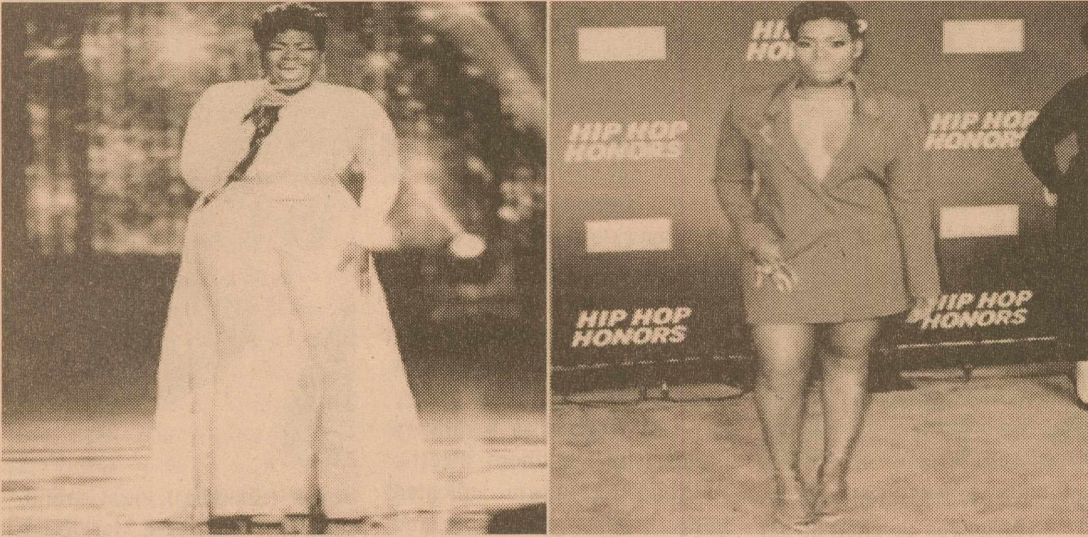
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Fantasia's 20-Lb. Weight Loss Was Inspired by Losing Her Grandmother to a Heart Attack



In recent months, Fantasia has begun documenting her intense fitness regimen (and sleek new physique!) on social media. But her transformation is much more than a cosmetic shift — it was inspired by personal loss.

"I lost my grandmother untimely from a massive heart attack, after which I began to take notice of my habits, such as what I was eating and allowing

to enter my body, and monitoring stress — as well as the fact that I want to look and feel my best each and every day," Fantasia, 32, tells PEOPLE exclusively.

For more on Fantasia and more celeb slim-downs, pick up the new issue of PEOPLE, on newsstands everywhere today. So far, the American Idol alum — who's up for the Best Traditional R&B Performance Grammy next month for her hit song "Sleeping with the One I Love" — has lost 20 lbs., thanks to modifications to her diet and workout routine.

"I do consistent variations of

cardio, performance training and yoga," Fantasia says, adding of her diet: "I have turned toward leaner meats, seafood, more vegetables, and cutting back or eliminating salts and sugars." Related Video: How Oprah Finally Found a Diet That Suits Her Lifestyle

For the past few months, Fantasia has shared her body transformation on social media, highlighting the ups and downs online.

"This Body is my Temple and I choose to take care of it so I choose LIFE," she captioned an Instagram video of an intense workout late last year.

'Session Has Not Changed' Says Woman

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"He never said, 'I'm sorry Miss Turner I put you through that. That it was my job,'" Turner said. "He hasn't told me that. Then why should I forgive him? But I know in order for me to get to heaven, I know I'm gonna have to forgive him, but I'll never forget as long as I stay black. I will not forget."

Evelyn and Albert Turner Sr.'s son, Albert Turner Jr., does not share the same sentiments as his mother. Albert Turner Jr. replaced his father on the Perry County Commission after his death in 2000 and does not believe Sessions is racist.

"In my opinion, he's not a racist," Turner said. "In my dealings with him, I have not seen racist tendencies or biases from Sen. Sessions."

According to Turner's son, the case against his parents was the result of certain Black officials and a white district attorney.

"You had Blacks who didn't like my father, who you know, felt that he was too influential in this community when it came to politics and other aspects of Perry County's life, and they sought to make sure his influence was diminished by putting him in jail," he said.

According to Sarah Isgur Flores, a spokeswoman for Sessions, Sessions was "bringing this case on behalf of officials in his state who thought that an election wasn't fair."

"So he went forward and a majority of the jury, their peers, found them innocent," Flores said. "The system worked."

Beyond The Rhetoric

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Bobbie Gean Bailey Patterson on May 1, 1938. She worked hard for more than 40 years, beginning teaching in Ralls, Texas. She also taught school in Plainview, Texas, driving daily back and forth.

She concluded her work in education by working in the Lubbock Independent School District. She worked in various schools, including the following schools: Wheatly Elementary School, Jackson

Elementary School, Bozeman Elementary School, Alderson Junior High School, and Estacado High School.

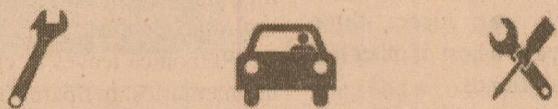
She also served as a Counselor in the College of Business Administration at Texas Tech University as Sophomore Counselor.

Aside from the mentioned information, she was always available to help young people.

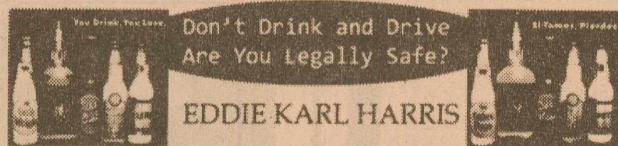
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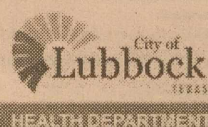
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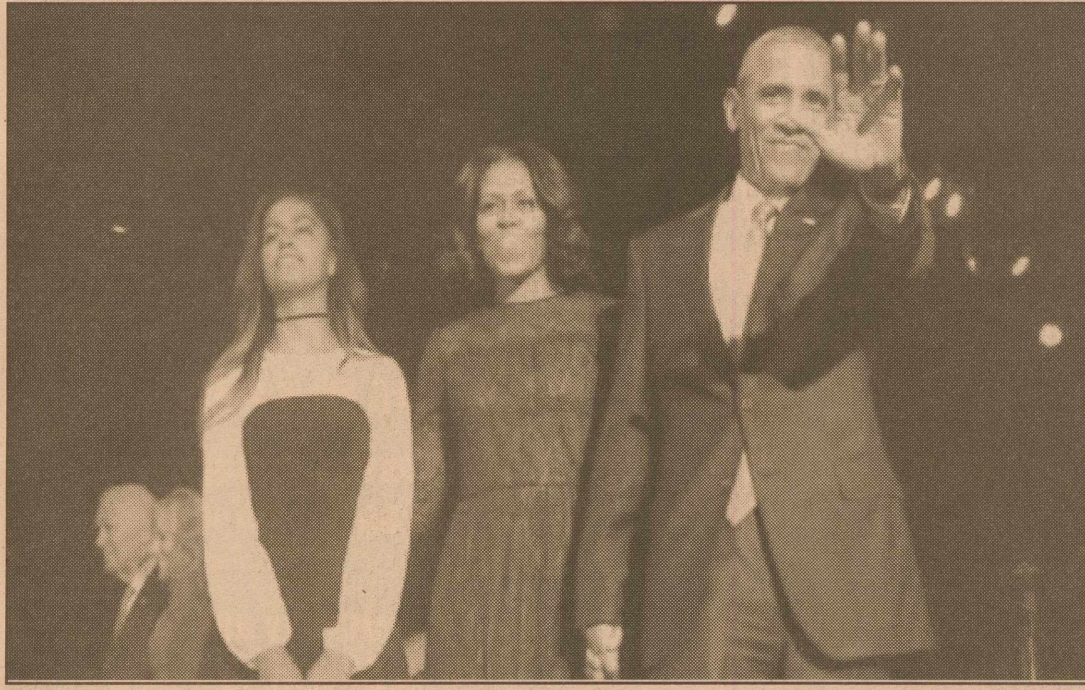
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President Obama: Talk of a Post-Racial America Not Realistic



The hashtag #ObamaFarewell trended on Twitter Tuesday night as the first African American president of the United States, Barack Obama, gave his final speech to the country. Obama pressed Americans to reject discrimination and stand up for U.S. values during the presidency of Donald Trump.

Coming full circle to his hometown of Chicago, where he announced his candidacy and celebrated his election in 2008, Obama spoke about the state of race relations in America.

Race Remains Divisive Force

"After my election there was talk of a post-racial America. And such a vision, however well intended, was never realistic," Obama said before an audience of 18,000 and millions more watching at home. "Race re-

mains a potent and often divisive force in our society.

"Now I've lived long enough to know that race relations are better than they were 10 or 20 or 30 years ago, no matter what some folks say.

"You can see it not just in statistics. You see it in the attitudes of young Americans across the political spectrum. But we're not where we need to be. And all of us have more work to do.

"If every economic issue is framed as a struggle between a hardworking white middle class and an undeserving minority, then workers of all shades are going to be left fighting for scraps while the wealthy withdraw further into their private enclaves.

"So if we're going to be serious about race going forward, we need to uphold laws against

discrimination — in hiring, and in housing, and in education, and in the criminal justice system."

Obama made criminal justice reform a major platform during his presidency. He has commuted the sentences of 1,176 federal prisoners, the White House said, as part of a push to reduce the number of people serving long sentences for non-violent drug offenses.

"Jim Crow didn't suddenly vanish in the '60s"

"But laws alone won't be enough," the president said. "Hearts must change."

He continued, "For Blacks and other minority groups, that means tying our own very real struggles for justice to the chal-

Maria Thomas-Jones Named LANWT CEO

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lenges that a lot of people in this country face. "Not only the refugee or the immigrant or the rural poor or the transgender American, but also the middle-aged white guy who from the outside may seem like he's got all the advantages, but has seen his world upended by economic, and cultural, and technological change."

In the November election, president-elect Trump won in part by appealing to working-class white men. Obama continued, "For white Americans, it means acknowledging that the effects of slavery and Jim Crow didn't suddenly vanish in the '60s; that when minority groups voice discontent, they're not just engaging in reverse racism or practicing political correctness; when they wage peaceful protest, they're not demanding special treatment, but the equal treatment that our founders promised."

Ms. Thomas-Jones, who joined LANWT in 1999, is a graduate of Case Western Reserve University School of Law. During her tenure with LANWT, she has served as a staff attorney, the Supervising Attorney of Family Law Unit in Dallas, Deputy Director, and Interim CEO. *****
Legal Aid of NorthWest Texas (LANWT) is a nonprofit organization that strives to meet the legal needs of more than 1.5 million eligible clients in its 114-county service area. The fifth-largest Legal Aid program in the United States, LANWT provides a wide variety of broad-based legal services to low-income and disadvantaged clients including family law, wills and estates, landlord/tenant cases, public benefits, real property, foreclosure prevention, and community revitalization matters.

He then addressed stereotypes regarding immigrants.

"For native-born Americans, it means reminding ourselves that the stereotypes about immigrants today were said, almost word for word, about the Irish, and Italians, and Poles, who it was said were going to destroy the fundamental character of America," he said.

"And as it turned out, America wasn't weakened by the presence of these newcomers; these newcomers embraced this nation's creed, and this nation was strengthened."

The president, who recently said he "absolutely" experienced racism while in office, has received both praise and criticism for his approach to addressing issues of race in the U.S. Though his approval rating among Blacks has been exceedingly high throughout his presidency, some Blacks think he has not been supportive enough of

the Black community.

Writer Ta-neshi Coates, who penned the essay "My President Was Black," argues Obama's presidency became a symbol of "extraordinary Americanness."

"Against the specter of Black pathology, against the narrow images of welfare moms and deadbeat dads, his time in the White House had been an eight-year showcase of a healthy and successful Black family spanning three generations, with two dogs to boot. In short, he became a symbol of Black people's everyday, extraordinary Americanness," Coates wrote.

But what cannot be argued is no one else in the U.S. has ever walked the path Obama has taken, an African American man chosen to lead a nation where less than 200 years ago he would have been enslaved. He had an unprecedented presidency, and a task to unite all citizens in a

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Initiated by the W.K. Kellogg Foundation's Truth, Racial Healing & Transformation enterprise, a National Day of Racial Healing was held on January 17 to Help Americans Heal and Overcome Deep Racial Divisions

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WASHINGTON - Just 1 day before inauguration of Donald Trump as the country's 45th President, millions of Americans on January 15 celebrated the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. For many, memories of the civil rights icon revolve around his momentous "I Have a Dream" speech from the steps of the Lincoln Memorial, calling for an end to racism and to the expansion of economic opportunities.

Dr. King's brilliance - strategic leadership of the Civil Rights Movement to unparalleled courage and integrity - is often over shadowed by the speech that scholars hailed as the 20th century's top public address in the U.S. Unfortunately, Dr. King's dream of equality articulated in 1963 remains unfulfilled in many communities today - a reality affirming the continued structural inequities and bias spurring widespread disparities in social conditions and opportunities for people of color.

Think about Dr. King's powerful vision. "I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin, but by the content of their character." That's the America many of us strive to create, but clearly, despite progress in some areas, we are still seeking to realize.

Furthermore, the vitriolic, divisive rhetoric and raw emotions raging throughout the past year pulled the scab off a persistent wound in the American psyche, bringing the issue of race front and center and exposing the divides in our society. What does the nation do about it? How do we move forward on a path toward racial equity that facilitates racial healing, dismantles structural racism and lifts vulnerable children on a path to success?

To-be-sure, America has made progress over the decades. Government and the courts enacted statutes and rulings ranging from Brown v. Board of Education to the Civil Rights Act of 1964 to the Fair Housing Act of 1968 that outlawed public discrimination, while purportedly providing equal opportunities. Yet, these actions only addressed the effects of racism, not its core foundation. Time has demonstrated that government and courts can enact and uphold laws, but they don't change hearts, minds and souls or address the root cause of racism.

Racism is rooted in the false belief in a human hierarchy, an antiquated taxonomy of the human family, which has fueled structural racism and conscious and unconscious bias throughout U.S. culture with a perception of inferiority or superiority based on race, physical characteristics or place of origin. Whites are placed at the top and all other racial groups in descending order. This absurd notion, which science has soundly discredited, was used to justify colonization and enslavement for centuries. And the false ideology fuels white supremacist movements and other overt expressions of racial and ethnic hatred and bigotry.

The United States has witnessed how the belief manifests in many ways. From coast to coast, communities experience disparities for people of color in health, education, employment and housing.

Furthermore, high profile police shootings involving people of color have fueled the perception that the criminal justice system is unfair and bias. In fact, a study by University of California, Davis anthropologist Cody Ross found "evidence of a significant bias in the killing of unarmed black Americans relative to unarmed white Americans, in that the probability of being black, unarmed, and shot by police is about 3.49 times the probability of being white, unarmed, and shot by police on average."

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around. And they did a pretty good job of telling us what to expect. We ended up at the top of the mountain at the end of the day, and that is when the real fun started, getting down."

Yet the Lubbock, Texas native was hooked. The modern technology of quick release bindings didn't exist, and on this first outing Smith twisted his knee. He visited Dr. Ted Hunt, a Denver orthopedic surgeon who told him he had sprain and to stay off of it and he would be fine. Two weeks later he was back on the hill, a place where he found a home for the rest of his life.

On that day, Smith didn't see any other African-Americans skiing. His late brother, Odell Smith, became his #1 skiing partner. He skied for six years before he was introduced to the Slippers-N-Sliders Ski Club where he and his brother were in a restaurant on Colfax and Colorado. Dr. William Bowers, a Denver podiatrist, approached them about the club. Smith was surprised to find that there were a good number of African-American skiers, among them, Val Tanaka, Floyd Cole, and

Bryce Parks, who also had significant roles in growing the club and its reach.

In his new home of Colorado, Smith married and started a family of skiers. He and his wife are still active in Slippers-N-Sliders, where he has served as the president for eight non-consecutive years, and has served on the of the National Brotherhood of Skiers (NBS) for five years as a regional vice president. Thousands of Black skiers from all over the country have made their way west to the mountains for the NBS Ski Summits, which will be in Keystone this year from February 25 to March 4, 2017. Twenty-five summit events have been in Colorado in the 40 plus-year history of the NBS. Locally, 1,500 youth have been introduced to the sport through the Ski-For Kids Program, and Smith says it's hard to determine how many have stayed with the sport. But it is because of his impact in bringing minorities to the sport on all different levels that Smith was inducted into the Colorado Ski and Snowboard Hall of Fame.

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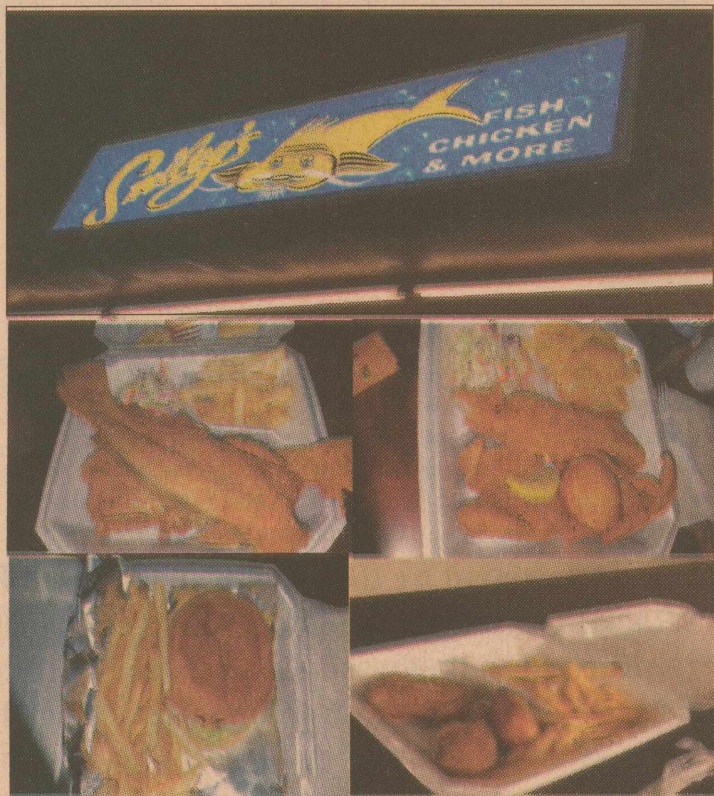
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country with an extensive history of racism.

Tribute to the First Lady, Sasha and Malia

During his speech, Obama wiped his eyes as he addressed his wife.

"Michelle LaVaughn Robinson of the South Side," he began, "for the past 25 years you have not only been my wife and mother of my children, you have been my best friend."

The Obama's eldest daughter, Malia, wiped away tears with a tissue as she listened to her father.

"Malia and Sasha, under the strangest of circumstances, you have become two amazing young women, smart and beautiful, but more importantly, kind and thoughtful and full of passion," Obama said. "You wore the burden of years in the spotlight so easily. Of all that I've done in my life, I'm most proud to be your dad."

Sasha was not present during the speech as she stayed back in Washington, D.C., due to a school exam in the morning, a White House official told reporters.

along. They be blind leaders of the blind. And if the blind leads the blind, both shall fall into the ditch.

*****AND THEY DID FALL INTO THAT DITCH??? --- IT'S PRAYING TIME!!! *****

Isaiah 55:8 -- For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, said the Lord.

***** YES, THE CHURCHES ARE ROBBING GOD!!! *****

II Chronicles 7:14 -- Jehovah Said, If my people (CHRISTIANS) which are called by my name (CHRISTIANS) shall humble themselves (CHRISTIANS),

and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways (CHRISTIANS), then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.

CHILDREN ARE KILLING THEIR PARENTS, AND NOT EVEN IN BLINKING AN EYE; IT'S THE HATE IN THEIR HEARTS, AND THE CHURCH NEEDS TO PLANT THE SEED OF LOVE; THAT IS OUR MISSION, AND THAT'S NO LIE!!!

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