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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 Chuch, 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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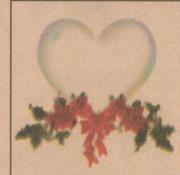
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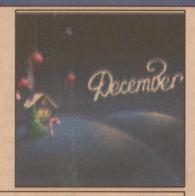
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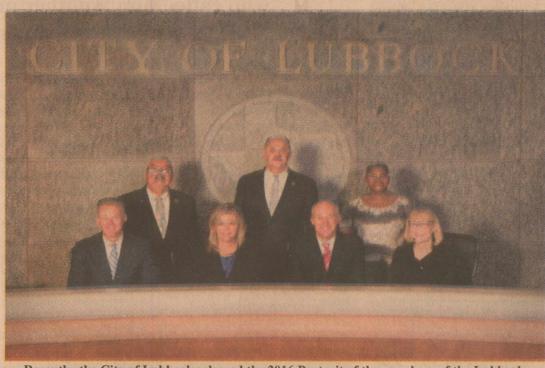






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2016 Official Picture of the **Lubbock Council Members**



Recently, the City of Lubbock released the 2016 Portrait of the members of the Lubbock

The members of the 2016 Lubbock City Council members are: front sitting, from left to right are: City Councilman Steve Massengale, District 4; City Councilwoman Karen Gibson, District 5; Mayor Dan Pope; and City Councilwoman Latrelle Joy, District 6.

Back Row Standing, left to right: City Councilman Juan Chadis, District 1; City Councilman Jeff Griffith, District 3; and City Councilwoman Shelia Patterson-Harris, District 2.

Jarrett Atkinson Appointed As City Manager

At the Thursday, November 17, 2016 meeting, the Lubbock City Council appointed Jarrett Atkinson to the position of City

"I'm very excited to be coming to Lubbock. This community is at a point of tremendous growth and has a bright future. I'm impressed by the leadership within the City of Lubbock, and I am humbled to be a part of it," Atkinson said. "My family and I are anxious to become part of Monday, December 12, 2016.

this community."

"We are happy to welcome Mr. Atkinson to the City of Lubbock," Mayor Dan Pope said. "I congratulate the City Council on completing this important and thorough process. We believe Mr. Atkinson is coming at a pivotal time, and we feel his experience, leadership and roots in West Texas will benefit our City for years to come."

Mr. Atkinson will start on



Jarrett Atkinson

Veterans, Thank You For Your Service!



The Mae Simmons Senior Citizens Center honored Veterans on Friday afternoon, November 11, 2016, with a program thanking all Veterans for their service.

Those Veterans in attendance at the program were, seated from left to right: T. J. Patterson, Sr., Floyd Dillard, and Randel Byrd.

Standing, from left to right: E. J. Donaldson, Kashod D. "KD" Kelly, and Charles Collins.

Happy Birthday, Granny Jeffothel Morrison!



God is good all the time, and all the time, God is Good and has blessed Jeffothel Morrison, center, to celebrate her 81st birthday on Thursday, November 3, 2016. Her husband, Billy "B. J." Morrison, took the opportunity when their grandchildren traveled

from San Antonio, Texas to be with her, and wished her a Happy Birthday! Pictured above are, from left to right: granddaughter, Shaneka Gray; great-grandchildren:

De'Vontae, Qua' Vondrick, Ty Neisha, Amari, De'Jhori, and Jailon Gray.

The ordinary dinner turned out to be a surprised birthday dinner. She is a strong and loving person. We love you, and God Bless You Always, Granny! (Photo Courtesy of Billy Morrison)



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Milton Lee

Milton Lee Named To The Ted Phea's Boys & Girls Club **Alumni Hall of Fame**

Milton Lee was honored on Friday afternoon, November 4, 2016, as a member of the Hall of Fame of the Ted Phea Boys and Girls Club.

As a young boy, Miltonstarted going to the Ted Phea Boys Club, playing basketball and playing games in the game

He graduated from Dunbar High School in 1968 and attended South Plain College in the 80's. He received his B.A. degree from Sunset International Bible Institute in 2014.

In 1968, Milton joined the U.S. Army and served active duty and reserves, for 27 years and retired in 1998 with an Honorable Discharge. He enjoyed his time in the Army.

In 1980, he went to work for the U.S. Postal Service as a Letter Carrier and retired in 2007. After retirement, he felt called to go into ministry. He has been active in his church for many years teaching Bible class and going on various Mission trips to Mexico.

Since receiving his B.A. degree in ministry, he is the former Minister of the Northside Church of Christ in Levelland, Texas. His calling is to teach and preach sound doctrine, for the purpose of equipping God's family to continually be faithful to his church.

Milton has been married to Delma Cox Lee for 45 years and their children include, a daughter, Trenia, and two sons, Michael and Jonathan.

Milton is a former Board President for the Lubbock Boys & Girls Club and has given many hours of volunteer time back to the Boys & Girls Club that gave him so much enjoyment as a child.

"Let There Be Light" **Assisted Living Facility Opened**



Pictured above, left to right, Linda Moore, Manager; T. J. Patterson, Sr.; owners, Glenda Mooney and Walter Hibbler.

Let There Be Light, an As- offer services to the community doors on Friday, November 4, 2016, with much excitement to serve and care for those individuals needing a little extra love and attention.

The facility provides longterm care, respite and assisted living services.

Let There Be Light is a place where country style love and personalized care are given in a home like environment.

G&W Enterprise co-owners, Glenda Mooney, RN and Walter Hibbler are eager and ready to

sisted Living Facility, opened its of Lubbock and surrounding

On the day of open house, the sun was shining and so were the co-owners and staff.

The facility is being managed by Linda Moore and is located at 3201 East Kent Street in Lubbock, Texas.

Allow Let There Be Light to take care of your love one with love by contacting: (806) 252-7631 moore.linda@yahoo.com. This is a new business in Lubbock to fill a need to help fami-

Black-White Earnings Gap Returns To 1950 Levels

Durham, N. C. -- After years of progress, the median earnings gap between black and white men has returned to what it was in 1950, according to new research by economists from Duke University and the University of Chicago.

The experience of African-American men is not uniform, though: The earnings gap between black men with a college education and those with less education is at an all-time high, the authors say.

The research appears online in the National Bureau of Economic Research working paper

The paper looks at earnings for working-age men across a span of 75 years, from 1940 to 2014. The earnings gap between black and white men narrowed during the civil rights era. Then, starting around 1970, the gap between black and white men's wages started widening once

"When it comes to the earnings gap between black and white men, we've gone all the way back to 1950," said Duke economist Patrick Bayer, who co-authored the paper with Kerwin Kofi Charles of the University of Chicago.

The picture for black men looks very different at the top of the economic ladder versus the bottom, the authors say. Since the 1960s, top black salaries have continued to climb. Those advances were fueled by more equal access to universities and high-skilled professions, the study finds.

Meanwhile, a starkly different story transpired at the bottom of the economic ladder. Massive increases in incarceration rates and the general decline of working-class jobs have devastated the labor market prospects of men with a high school degree or less, the authors say.

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The changing economy has been hard on all workers with less than a high school education, but especially devastating for black men, Bayer said.

"The broad economic changes we've seen since the 1970s have clearly helped people at the top of the ladder," Bayer said. "But the labor market for low-skilled workers has basically collapsed. "Back in 1940 there were plenty of jobs for men with less than a high school degree. Now education is more and more a determinant of who's working and who's not."

In fact, more and more working-age men in the United States aren't working at all. The number of nonworking white men grew from about 8 percent in 1960 to 17 percent in 2014. The numbers look still worse among black men: In 1960, 19 percent of black men were not working; in 2014, that number had grown to 35 percent of black men. That includes men who are incarcerated as well those who can't find

"The rate at which men are not working has been skyrocketing, and it's not simply the result of the Great Recession," Bayer said. "It's a big part of what's been happening to our economy over the past 40 years."

The situation would be even worse if not for educational gains among African-Americans over the past 75 years, Bayer

On average, black men today have many more years of schooling than black men of the past, and the education gap between white and black men has shrunk considerably. Nevertheless, a gap remains: These days, black men have about a year's less education than white men,

"In essence, the economic benefits that should have come from the substantial gains in ed-

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ucation for black men over the past 75 years have been completely undone by the changing economy, which exacts an ever steeper price for the differences that still remain," Bayer said.

The findings show the need for renewed focus on closing racial gaps in education and school quality, which have been stuck in place for several decades, according to the authors. They also suggest that any economic changes that improve prospects for all low-skilled workers will have the important side effect of reducing racial economic inequality.

"We clearly need to create better job opportunities for everyone in the lower rungs of the economic ladder, where work has become increasingly hard to come by," Bayer said.

CITATION: "Divergent Paths: Structural Change, Economic Rank, and the Evolution of Black-White Earnings Differences, 1940-2014," Patrick Bayer and Kerwin Kofi Charles. NBER Working Paper No. 2279, November 2016.

Federation of Choirs Will Meet Dec. 15th

The Federation of Choirs monthly meeting will be held on Sunday afternoon, December 15, 2016, at the St. Matthew Baptist Church where the host pastor is Rev. Edward Canady.

"Let's come out and celebrate with us during the Christmas Holidays," said Sister Janette Williams, President.

Services will begin at 2:30 p. m. Bring someone with you!!

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Unarmed black teenager fatally shot by white man who called him 'another piece of trash'

On Monday night, November 21, 2016, 15-year-old James Means was reportedly shot and killed by a man he "bumped into" outside of a Dollar General store in Charleston, West Virginia. Means, a black teenager, was said to be unarmed.

That same night, police arrested William Pulliam, 62, in connection with the shooting. Pulliam was white and carrying a gun, despite the fact that, as the Charleston Gazette-Mail reported, he was not permitted to own a firearm due to a previous conviction for domestic violence.

Pulliam reportedly "admitted" to fatally shooting Means, telling police, "The way I look at it, that's another piece of trash off the street."

Witnesses reported that Means and Pulliam physically "bumped into" one another outside the store as Pulliam was on his way in on Monday evening. When Pulliam emerged from the store, he walked past Means again. The two "argued" before Pulliam allegedly shot Means twice in the abdomen, as Means' friends looked on.

Means died shortly after being transported to a local hospital while Pulliam reportedly "went to dinner" and then visited "a female friend's home," according to the Gazette-Mail. He was taken into police custody later that night.

Pulliam, whose criminal history includes physical abuse of his wife and daughter, has a history of harassing teens in the area with racial epithets, according to Means' friend Teonno White, 14.

White said that Pulliam would "pick on" his little brother and, when confronted, called White a "nappy Latino."

"He's just a real bad guy," White told the Gazette-Mail. White said he had called police about Pulliam in the past and was told simply to avoid him.

Pulliam was arraigned on Tuesday morning. November 22, 2016. Steve Ruby, an Assistant United States Attorney in West Virginia, told the Gazette-Mail that authorities were investigating Means' murder as a hate crime.

"That review is in its early stages, and the fact that a review is being conducted should not be taken as any indication of what the review's outcome will be," Ruby said.

According to the New York Daily News, Means' family described him as the kind of young person who could "light up a room, even on the darkest of days."

Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone among you cheerful? James 5:13

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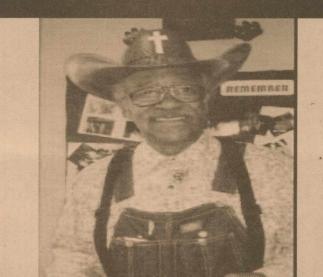
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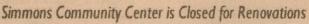


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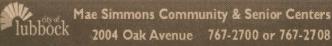
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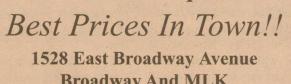
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In Cinque

By Renetta Howard



Coping in a New World

The change has come. Donald Trump has somehow been chosen the President of the United States of America. I did not say that he has been elected. I do not believe that he was legally elected. Mr. Trump used reverse psychology on the American public that the election was rigged and that he would not be able to win because of it. There had been innuendoes about Mr. Trumps Russian friend, Mr. Putin hacking the elections thereby helping Mr. Trump to win the election. There was a statement from Mr. Trump that he would only concede the results of the election unless he won. It does not take a rocket scientist to put these twos together to come up with a four. Then there is the matter of the Clinton e-mails coming to the fore during the last days of the campaign by the chief of the FBI when he was told by his superior not to say or do anything because of a rule in play about activity during the last phase of the campaign. What would cause an upstanding member of the government to do such a thing, not

Somehow, I have the feeling that fifty years after I am gone, history records will reveal that Mr. Donald Trump did not win the Presidential election of 2016. Protests across the country give rise to the fact that something is not right and will not be right until a bonafide citizen is elected President of this country in 2020. One would have expected protests from the racists of this country when Mr. Obama was elected President, and certainly

following orders from his supe-

rior, unless there was a great re-

ward in it for him which could

make him an independent citi-

zen for life? Mr. Trump has that

no expert on polls and elections expected him to win a second term, and there were no really outward protests because a wholesome American was elected to the office and had to be respected.

There is unrest across the country from all kinds of ethnic groups and a petition to the Electoral College to elect Hillary Clinton as the next President instead of Donald Trump as the polls supposedly showed that she had the most popular votes wherein Trump had the most electoral votes per state returns. Chances are very slim that this will occur, but one can hope.

Mr. Trump has summarily appointed people to his transition team who will help him to carry out his plans to deport immigrants, build a wall and/or fence on the Mexican border, and though not verbal, help all the haves to have and the have nots not to have, while continuing to make racists feel superior and Muslims and other religious groups feel disrespected along with women and the LBTG groups. Somewhere along the line, the courts will have to step in and put some order into our government, making checks and balances work again. In the meantime, American citizens will have to get 'in cinque' and formulate survival plans within the boundaries of our local and state governments and continue to pray to our Gods.

Be thankful for what you have; you'll end up having more. If you concentrate on what you don't have, you will never, ever have enough. **Oprah Winfrey**

Beyond the Rhetoric 546 By Harry C. Alford

Number 673 is Special

It was November 19, another Saturday night in Chicago, Illinois. That means one thing is certain. People will be murdered. It goes without saying. Chicago is one of the most fatalistic cities in our nation. A city that has some of the strictest gun possession laws but that doesn't matter to "Chi-Town". From sundown Friday to sunrise Monday there will be dozens of assaults leading to murder, manslaughter and miscellaneous savagery. During the evening of November 19, murder number 673 will occur. It is so cold to frame it this way. To the family and friends of number 673 it will be a devastation. The family and friends of number 673 will be in every regional newspaper in the nation, not just Chicago. Jovan Wilson is the name of this victim. Jovan, a 15-year-old, happens to be the grandson of the Honorable Danny Davis. Danny is the US Congressman for Chicago's 7th Congressional District. In Chicago and Washington, DC Danny is known as a very distinguished leader and well known to millions - including me and my family.

This is the nightmare that every Black family fears. Your Black teenage child out at night where he could be in danger like an antelope grazing the Masai Mara Plains in Kenya. Danger is around and it can be lethal. This wasn't your typical homicide. Jovan was arguing with two acquaintances over the possession of pants and tennis shoes. One thing led to another and fists were swinging and in the end a pistol came out and fired. So now Jovan is dead and two others may be spending the rest of their lives in prison. A tragedy for all involved. May God bless the three families especially the Davis family. Danny is such a caring leader and I know this is taking a very heavy toll on this compassionate

THISTNATHAY

by T. J. Patterson

LET'S BEAUTIFY DIS-TRICT TWO BY BEGIN-NING WITH PLANTING TREES IN THE LAKE SIX AREA!! THIS N THAT has an idea which may serve as aCATALYST IN BEAUTIFYING THE LAKE SIX AREA by asking for citizens or organizations of DISTRICT TWO to purchase TREES AND PLANT THEM under the direction and advisement of theLUBBOCK PARKS & RECREATION DEPART-MENT..... THIS N THAT had an opportunity of working with and learning from outstanding program for

the late GENE QUEST who worked hard to plant trees in the LAKE ONE AREA in DISTRICT ONE...... When Gene begun this special project the area was bare and very little vegetation..... But if you go to this area now it's amazing on what can be done with just ONE TREE AT A TIME!! GENE QUEST would plant a tree on ARBOR DAY which would be done in the month of April...... THIS N THAT believes this same kind of an effort would be an

LAKE SIX beginning in the area of the new bridge in the MAE SIMMONS PARK AREA which could be planted on the north side of LAKE SIX..... THIS N THAT will pledge the FIRST TREE to be PLANTED ON ARBOR DAY this coming APRIL, 2017! THIS N THAT is asking for FOUR OTHER INDIVIDU-**ALS OR ORGANIZATIONS** to join in this SPE-CIAL EFFORT!! Will there be any individuals or organizations who will join in this NEEDED EFFORT?

Not too long ago, Illinois State Senator Mattie Hunter, experienced a similar tragedy with her two nephews. They were out in Chicago on a Saturday night and were murdered. Is anyone exempt in Chicago and other urban areas throughout our nation? No, there is no guarantee for any of our families. When our leaders' families can suffer the same way as any of us can then it is time to come together and say "Stop the violence!" Even po-

lice officers become targets. It seems like common sense should help control this matter. But no that doesn't work. Making guns illegal will not work either. Like I said earlier there is something very mysterious about this issue. It is some kind of selection process. human being has no regard for others and will instantly kill another mother's child. How do we get so evil and callous? As the great songwriter, Maurice

White, would say: "A child is born with a heart of gold, the ways of the world will turn that heart stone cold".

Our churches and clergy should step up a little higher in preaching the gospel. Our school teachers and administrators must demand discipline amongst the students they oversee. Our police must be wise and prudent as they protect the "peace" in our communities and citizens. Our courts must have the wisdom of "Solomon" as they apply the law equally and for the benefit of all. Finally, our parents must give love and guidance for their children and grandchildren. There is no doubt in my mind that the Davis family provided such love and guidance. It appears impossible to uphold a smooth and abiding societal process; as simple as it sounds in the Ten Commandments. But somehow we collectively disregard the rule of God's law. My goodness people our Creator knew what he was doing when he had Moses deliver it to

Maybe this time we get serious. I mean more than reading at church next Sunday and then go spend the rest of the week absent of what you pledged on Sunday (do you?). There is just too much hate. We are too quick to throw pain at someone and too heartless to help another human being who may be hurt. May Chicago's number 673 be more than just a sad statistic. He was a child of God and it would be such a shame if we just walk on as if nothing happened. Right now, let's all give a deep prayer for the Davis family. These things don't have to happen if we begin to live "Pure of

Heart".

Mr. Alford is the co-founder, President/CEO, of the National Black Chamber of Com-R. merce Website: www.nationalbcc.org Email: halford@nationalbcc.org

Looking For Her Father

mation about a man named 4 beautiful grown children. She Thomas Ghaston. He has a daughter who is searching for heard rumors he might have

We are looking for any infor- him. She is married now and has is wanting to meet him. We have

passed away.

He would come to Morton, Texas in the 1960's with a lady named Betty Hardaway. He would also visit Morton with Continue on Page 7

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What Shall I Render To The Lord" Part 4 Evangelist Billy "BJ" Morrison, III

Proverb 1:7 -- The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge; but fools despise wisdom and instruction.

After the limb from the tree fell, COLD CHILLS CAME OVER ME, telling me to talk to my DAD AND HIS WIFE. (I CALLED IT MY BIG SWITCH). And when the horn blew, COLD CHILLS CAME OVER ME; TELLING ME IT WAS TIME TO GO TO DAL-LAS. I drove back to Hearne, Texas, paid my cousin, Melvin Potts, the money he loaned me at the auto store. Thinking everything was alright, My Dad and Miss Ophelia talked things over. My debt was paid. Now I'm going HOME IN PEACE. I gassed up my pick-up and got a six pack of beer for the road. As I was pulling off to Hearne, I got on my CB RADIO AND SAID, THIS IS DR. BLO-FLY. HOW'S IT LOOKING TO-WARD WACO?

A voice came back, peddle to the metal; it's clear my way. It said, can't help you. I'm just pulling out, have a good day.

(EVEN MY NAME CHANGED TO DR. BLO-FLY, THE WORLDLY NAME IN THE DEVIL'S GAME). I WAS RAISED IN A **CHRISTIAN HOME; BUT!!!** I turned on my tape player on my blues singers. I put my speed on 80 mph. (I WAS RAISED ON SPEED IN THE 60'S. IF

YOUR CAR COULDN'T DO 120 MPH YOU HAD A PIECE OF JUNK.) (MY DAMASCUS ROAD EXPE-RIENCE!!!)

***MANY CALLED, FEW **CHOSEN!!!** ***

Isaiah 1:19-20 -- If you be willing and obedient, you shall eat the good of the land. But if you refuse and rebel, you shall be devoured with the sword for the mouth of the Lord had spo-

As I reached into the sack and got a beer out, my finger under the snap ring, A VOICE SPOKE, DON'T OPEN THAT BEER!!! Now there was no one in the pick-up but me. The voice came again. DON'T **OPEN THAT BEER!!!**

PREACHER'S HORN OR GABRIEL'S HORN!!! thought to myself. I just told my Dad that a little while ago. BUT WHO'S SAYING IT NOW??? As I looked into the passenger's seat, then back on the road, I SAW MYSELF LAYING IN A FIELD. I HAD ROLLED MY PICK-UP. BLOOD WAS COMING OUT OF THE CORNERS OF MY MOUTH. I SAID, I'M GOING TO DIE TODAY, AND THE ICE COLD CHILLS CAME OVER ME AGAIN. MY FEET WERE ON THE FLOOR SHAKING HYS-TERICALLY. MY SPEED **BECAME 50 MPH, I KNOW**

I WAS GOING TO DIE. I PUT THE BEER IN THE HOLDER ON THE DASH; AND I BEGAN TO PRAY; O' GOD, PLEASE DON'T LET ME DIE. PLEASE GIVE ME ANOTHER CHANCE, BE-CAUSE IF I DIE TODAY, I'M GOING TO HELL. I KNOW THE LIFE I'VE BEEN LIV-ING. PLEASE DON'T LET ME DIE!!!

(THE LORD WORKS IN MYSTERIOUS WAYS TO WORK HIS WONDERS!!!)

Psalm 51:1 -- HAVE mercy on me, O' God, according to your loving kindness; according to the multitude of your tender mercies blot out my transgres-

I was going to turn around, and tell My Dad DEATH WAS ON ME. I knew where the turn around was but, TEARS WERE IN MY EYES, AND I DIDN'T SEE IT. As I drove 65 mph to Waco, Texas, before I knew where I was. I brought a 7-Up and an orange drink. I snapped the 7-Up and drunk it. NON-STOP! MY THROAT WAS DRY FROM PRAY-ING!!! This is how GOD'S GRACE AND MERCY WORKS!!!

I made it home safely. The next morning, the right front TIRE WAS FLAT. I kept the six pack for about a month. I DRUNK ORANGE, AND

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St. Matthew Baptist Church

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

Church Services at the St. Matthew Baptist Church were well attended!

All members had a wonderful time on Sunday morning, November 27, 2016. The Church address is 2020 East 14th Street where the proud Pastor is the Rev. Edward Canady.

Sunday morning services begun at 10:10 a.m. with the Superintendent, Barbara Johnson, in charge. The subject of the Sunday School lesson was "From Beginning To End." The scripture was Revelation 22:12-21. What a wonderful discussion it was during the teaching and discussion. Everyone enjoyed the lesson.

The Sunday morning devotion was conducted by Deacon Edward Williams and Rev. Tommy Parker.

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

The morning sermon was delivered by our Pastor, Rev. Edward Canady. His subject was "If God Be God, Serve Him." His scripture text was I King 18:21-24.

It was another dynamic sermon which had the congregation paying close attention.

Sister Shirley Canady, our First Lady, read the morning announcements. As always, she does an outstanding all announcements.

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

1. Missionary Society meets on Wednesday evenings at 5:00 p.m. All members are asked to continue making outstanding contributions. It's just amazing on what happens when members come together.

2. Choir Rehearsal is held on Friday afternoon at 2:00 p.m. If you are a singer, then come

and join our Choir. You will glad you did so. Shall we look to see you?

Let us continue to pray for our sick and shut-in members who reside in Lubbock, Texas and the United States of Amer-****

St. Matthew Baptist Church is still looking for a Pianist. If you are interested in this opportunity, please call Rev. Edward Canady at (806) 744-2445.

Thought For The Week: "When the world around us is crumbling, Christ is the solid Rock on which we stand."

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Our Pastor, Rev. Edward Canady, will be glad to visit with you!!

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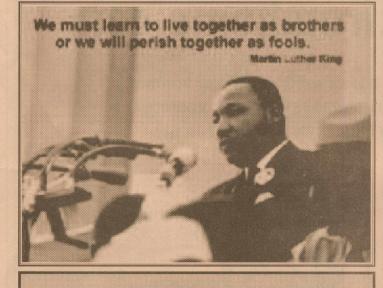
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New Light Baptist Church News

3013 Idalou Road Rev. Kenneth O. Jackson, Pastor

On Sunday morning, November 27, 2016, church service got started at New Light Baptist Church, 3013 Idalou Road, where Rev. Kenneth O. Jackson is the proud pastor.

Church School started at 10:00 a.m. with Rev. Menton teaching the lesson tittled: FIRST & LAST and it scripture coming from REVELATION 22:11-21.

Sis. Angela Mosley and Sis. Alvera Johnson led the morning devotion. There was the testimony period that was held. The responsive reading came from PSALM 27: 1-14. The altar call was led by Rev. Menton and the congregation sung THANK YOU, LORD. The offering was taken up by appointees. Sis. Linda Green read all the morning announcements and told of all the up coming events that would be taking place.

The Adult Choir sung O LORD HELP ME and SHINE ON ME. The theme song of the church AMAZING GRACE was sung before the sermon. Rev. Menton preached the sermon titled: SATAN MAY WIN THE BATTLE, BUT GOD WILL WIN THE WAR and its printed scripture came from JOB 1: 1 & 13 - 22. Living a Christian life consist of battle. God will win the war. Job had to fight many battles. Even though there are good people we are not exempt.

Put all your faith, trust and hope in Jesus he'll win the war. It may seem as if the devil is gonna win but God is in control. When God has done a work in your life that causes you to do know who he is.

Life is so complicated at times and if he'll get you out of one battle he'll bring you through another. If God never does anything else for us he has done enough by helping us to win the war. When going through battles continue to know and serve God. God will bring to your rememberous what he's already done for you. God doesn't bring us through our battles to leave us. He wants to be in our life always.

The devil wants us to forget what God has done for us. God wants to be in control in our lives if we let him. Don't let satan win the war. When your enemies come upon you to battle God is right there. When Jesus comes, keep fighting the good fight of faith. Stay in the race and keep fighting. When you have Jesus in your life you have nothing to worry about. God wants to encourage us to keep our eyes focused upon him at all times. Jesus defeated satan and

won the war. Praise God when you are doing bad. We come this far by faith leaning on the Lord. Keep your hand in God's hand and you will defeat satan and win all wars you come across. If you are on God's side your victory is in Jesus. God is in control and will bring you through it all and you will never forget where he has brought you

Song after sermon: HOLD ON A LITTLE WHILE LONGER.

THOUGHT FOR THE

"IN ALL THY WAYS AC-KNOWLEDGE HIM AND HE SHALL DIRECT THY PATH."

PRAISE GOD!!!

Former Lubbockite, Jo Lynette Cravin, Dies In Ft. Worth

Fort Worth, Texas -- Funeral services were held for Jo Lynette Cravin on Friday morning, November 18, 2016, at the Elm Grove Baptist Church with Pastor T. J. Patterson, Jr. officiating.

Interment followed in Cedar Hill Memorial Park in Arlington,

Jo Lynette, age 54 of Fort Worth, passed away on Wednesday, November 9, 2016.

Cravin, who was affectionally known as "Jo", was born September 3, 1962 to the paretage of Sarah Lee and Harrison Hymond in Lubbock, Texas. Her parents preceded her in death.

After residing in Lubbock for 20 years, in 1985, Jo moved to Fort Worth, Texas in 1985 where she began to broaden her horizons and rearing her children. Jo was a phenomenal, hard work-



ing woman who will truly be missed.

Jo was blessed with five children and each one gave her joy in their own way. They were: DeShaune, Courtney, LaQuita, Shirnifa, and Miesha.

Jo Lynette Cravin was preceded in death by: her parents, Continue on Page 6



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Dorothy Mae Gonzales

Lorenzo, Texas -- Funeral services for Dorothy Mae Gonzales were held on Tuesday afternoon, November 15, 2016, at the Mount Pleasant Baptist Church in Lorenzo.

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

Gonzales, 81 of Lorenzo, passed away Tuesday, November 8, 2016.

She was born December 18, 1934, in Lorenzo, Texas, to the parentage of Hugh Bouldin and Bessie Mae Bouldin-Byers and stepfather, Joe Willie Byers.

Dorothy worked at the Lubbock State School for 25 years until she retired.

She was a longtime member of Mount Pleasant Baptist Church where she worked with the Youth Choir and was a member of the Senior Choir.

Dorothy is preceded in death by her husband, Joe; daughter, Patricia Gonzales; and three brothers, Robert Byers, Willie Joe Byers, and Gene Byers.

Dorothy leaves to cherish her memories: six sons, Joe Gonza-



les, Jerry Gonzales, Danny Gonzales, Charles Gonzales, and Manuel Gonzales; three daughters, Stella Farwell (Lee), Mae Clay (Willie), and Carla Gonzales; four sisters, Charlene Watson, Betty Jones, Joanne Hearn, and France Eddins; two brothers, Rayford Byers (Arneshia) and James Byers (JoAnn); and a host of grandchildren, greatgrandchildren, nieces, nephews, other relatives, and friends.

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What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me? Psalm 116:12





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Dorothy Faye Bishop

Funeral services were held for Dorothy Faye Bishop on Monday afternoon, November 14, 2016, at the Mt. Gilead Baptist Church with Bishop Samuel King delivering a Message of Comfort.

Host Pastor is Pastor J. Jerome Johnson, Jr.

Bishop, age 79 of Lubbock, passed away on Tuesday, November 8, 2016.

She was born on March 23, 1937, to Raymond Bishop and Frankie Jackson in Dawson, Texas.

She moved to Lubbock at an early age with her parents. Dorothy attended Lubbock ISD and graduated from Dunbar High School.

She was a member of Praise Center Ministries.

Dorothy leaves to cherish her memories: six daughters, Carolyn Brigham, Sandra Bishop, Janet Jackson Johnson, LeeAnn Smith, Stacy Smith and Marsha Lewis; two sons, Dewitt Donnell Bailey and Vernon Ray Bishop; two sisters, Christine Jackson and Dorothy Nell Jackson; one brother, Ben Jackson, Jr.; 22



grandchildren; 27 great-grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives, and friends.

Active Pallbearers were: Darren Taylor, Robert Green, James Langston, LaCarl Richardson, Gerald Clay, Donald McNeal, and Larry Alexander.

Honorary Pallbearers were: Mark Johnson, Faraji Abdalla, KeShaun Brigham, Malcolm Bibbs, James Bishop, Ahmad Jackson, Dewitt Bailey, Jr., Taurrus DeShone, and Oshea Kinidy.

Angelina Dixon

Slaton, Texas -- Funeral services for Angelina Dixon were held on Tuesday morning, November 1, 2016, at the Bible Baptist Church in Slaton with Brother David officiating and was Eulogist.

Interment followed in the Englewood Cemetery in Slaton under the direction of Griffin Mortuary & Funeral Home of

Dixon passed away on Wednesday, October 26, 2016, at Covenant Heart Hospital.

She was born January 5, 1947 to the late Modesta and Ambrosia Navarrette.

She married Lester Dixon on June 28, 1973.

Angelina was a homemaker and was loved by many. She was an avid basketball fan, and loved watching her grandchildren and great-grandchildren playing

Angelina is preceded in death by her parents, one sister, Margaret Gonzales; and one grandson, Toby Ward.

Angelina leaves to cherish her memories: her husband, Lester Dixon; two sons, Moses



Navarrette and Ronnie Navarrette; three daughters: JoAnn Mallory, Crystal Navarrette, and Cathy Zavala; three brothers: Modesto Navarrette, Pete Navarrette, and Fred Navarrette; two sisters, Sally Roberts and Gloria Navarrette; and a host of grandchildren, great-grandchildren; other relatives and friends.

Thousands of candles can be lit from a single candle, and the life of that candle will not be shortened. Angelina Dixon was a light to so many, and will be deeply missed.

Nataile LaTreece Russell

Funeral services for Nataile LaTreece Russell were held on Saturday morning, November 12, 2016, at the St. James Baptist Church.

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

Russell, age 42 of Lubbock, passed away on Friday, November 4, 2016.

She was born on November 27, 1973 to Lincoln Louis, Jr. and Annie Barber and adopted father, Paul Russell.

Nataile graduated from Monterey High School in 1992 and she later attended Concord Nursing School where she received her LVN license in 2007.

Nataile is preceded in death by: two grandmothers, Esteil Russell and Emma Frances Louis; two great-grandmothers, Esteila Alexander and Tressie Morrison; nephew, Michael Brisco; great-grandfather, Jack Morrison; and granddaughter, KlViyann Russell.

Natalie leaves to cherish her memories: her mother, Annie Russell; her father, Paul Russell; two sons, Kivaiier Russell and Kimaje Russell; grandparents, Overseer Willie and Jessie Bar-



ber, and Charles Russell; one sister, Marshuna Louis; two brothers, Reginald Russell, Sr. and Lincoln Louis, Jr.; and godbrother, Aubrey Young; and a host of other relatives and

John Henry Reed, Jr.

Brownfield, Texas -- Funeral services were held for John Henry Reed, Jr. on Saturday afternoon, November 12, 2016, at the Greater New Hope Baptist Church in Brownfield.

Interment followed in the Mt. Zion Cemetery in Brownfield, Texas under the direction of Griffin Mortuary & Funeral Home of Lubbock

Reed, age 69 of Brownfield, passed away on Friday, November 4, 2016.

He was born February 19, 1947, to the late John H. Reed, Sr. and Sammie L. Reed in Belton. Texas.

His family relocated to West Texas in 1960 where his first job was farming with his father. He owned his own business New Homer Movers

He dedicated his life and became a minister in the year

John is preceded in death by his parents; one sister, Rosie M. Wright; five brothers, Larry, Weldon Roy, Leon Reed, Paul Reed, and Sam Reed; daughter, Priscilla Elaine Reed; granddaughters, Courtnee Stell, and Makaily Stell; and one grandson, Machali Stell.

John leaves to cherish his memories, his wife, Betty Sue Reed; four sons, John H. III (Sheila), Danny (Mary), Tyrone Reed, and Shaun Reed; three sisters, Betty Toliver, Darlene Nolan (Willie L.), and Kathy Fininen; four brothers, Floyd, Mike, Bruce (Mary Jane), and Charles Reed; 24 grandchildren, 27 great- grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives, and friends.

Kenvatta Barnes

Funeral services were held for Kenyatta Barnes on Tuesday afternoon, November 22, 2016, at the Church of The Nations with Pastor Roy Davis officiat-

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

Lubbock.

Barnes, age 68 of Lubbock, passed away on Saturday, November 12, 2016.

She was born on August 6, 1948, to James Emma Thompson and Elonzy Knighten, Sr. Kenyatta graduated from Dunbar High School in 1969.

Shortly after high school Kenyatta moved to Denver, Colorado. Kenyatta enlisted into the U.S. Navy and was stationed in Orlando, Florida from December 1982-1985 and was then stationed at the Siam Naval Station in San Diego, California until December 1988.

Kenyatta lived in Lubbock after the Navy until she moved to Riverdale, Georgia, she then later returned home to Lubbock.

by her father, Elonzy Knighten,

Sr. and her twin sister, Tara Glenda Forward.

Kenyatta leaves to cherish her memory; her mother, Emma Jackson; son, Bryan Knighten; daughter, Bridge White; five sisters, Renie Knighten, Pam Knighten, Rhonda Griggs, Janquilla Knighten, and Shelia Knighten; eight brothers, Elonzy Knighten, Jr., Zachary Knighten, Rhonald Knighten, Knighten, Mervin Knighten, Todd Knighten, Anthony Knighten, and D'Aun Knighten; two grandchildren, Brandon White (Brittany) and Maya Washington; two great-granddaughters, Kendall and Kailyn White; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other rela-

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Gwen Ifill

A low key, but solid strain of references to current affairs was heard in the eulogies for much loved and respected journalist Gwen Ifill at her funeral on Saturday, November 19, 2016.

The name of the next president of the United States was never spoken, but the subtext of her death six days before the end of an unstable political season was a repeated refrain. Several eulogists noted that her passing was the end of a career featuring clarity and objective reason, qualities that journalism is desperately in need of at this mo-

Ifill was a former reporter for "The New York Times" and "The Washington Post" before joining NBC News and then PBS in 1999 as host of "Washington Week" and the "NewsHour."

Ifill's co-anchor on the PBS "NewsHour," Judy Woodruff, said her on-air partner was needed "more than ever" in light of current events. Her cousin NAACP Legal Defense Fund President Sherrilyn Ifill, mentioned the importance of the immigrant experience. Gwen Ifill was the daughter of immigrants from Barbados. After Sherrilyn Ifill spoke the words, "she was the daughter of immigrants" the crowd in the packed church delivered a standing ovation.

Before those words former Attorney General Eric Holder told the crowd full of journalists of the importance to live in the also eulogized by the first principles Gwen Ifill demon-

Jo Lynette Cravin Continued from Page 4

Sarah Lee and Harrison Hymond; sisters: Helen Hymond, Barbara Baker (Baker (Linwood), Gwendolyn Weathered (Roy), Lula Roberts, and Shirley Johnson; and brothers:Harrison Hymond, Jr. (Annette) and Walter hymond.

She leaves to cherish her memories: her children:De-Shaune McGraw, Courtney Mc-LaQuita (Danita), Langston (Eric), Shirnifa Cravin, and Miesha Cravin; 23 grandchildren; 4 great-grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Pallbearers were: James Rashaw, Michael Roberts, Karry Hymond, Eric Langston, Richard Roberts, and Anthony Langston.

Honorary Pallbearers were: De'Shaune McGraw, Courtney McGraw, Cortney Cravin, Datavion McGraw, Kinte Johnson, and De' Shaune McGraw, strated in her journalistic career. Warning against losing principles and avoiding asking tough questions and instead choosing to sell out those principles for "access maintenance."

Ifill died at age of 61 on November 14, 2016, at a hospice in Washington, D.C. after battling endometrial cancer for a year. The faces and themes of her funeral were a tribute to a wellconnected, busy life full of shared experiences with close

Ifill's jarring death was another substantial loss in the African American journalistic community just 86 days after the sudden death of former NNPA Editor in Chief George Curry on August 20. Many of Ifill's friends and co-workers were seen crying during and after the sometimes sober but often jovial service and the historic Metropolitan A.M.E church a few blocks from the White House.

The funeral was the second part of a series of tribute events for Gwen Ifill. The veteran journalist was a member of Metropolitan A.M.E. since 1989. Leaders of the historic church honored her by announcing the dedication of a pew in the seventh row of the church.

Ifill was eulogized by her friends including Woodruff, Holder and former New York Times senior editor Richard and hugged marking the end of Berke and "Face the Nation" host John Dickerson. She was African American woman to be hired as a reporter at "The Washington Post," Dorothy Gilliam.

First Lady Michelle Obama, Mayor Muriel Bowser, Attorney

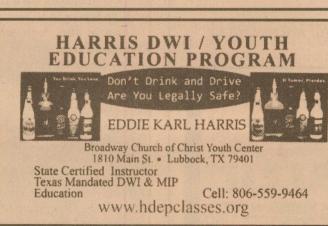
General Loretta Lynch, Homeland Security Secretary Jeh Johnson, White House Senior Advisor Valerie Jarrett and Assistant to the President Broderick Johnson also attended.

Also in attendance during the memorial on November 18 and at her funeral the next day, were interim DNC Chair Donna Brazile, journalist Charlayne Hunter-Gault, Vernon Jordan, New York Times columnist David Brooks, Federal Housing Finance Association Director and former Congressman Mel Watt, Rep. Marcia Fudge (D-OH), NBC News' Chuck Todd, Ifill's close friend Michelle Norris and Michele Martin, former CNN anchor Bernard Shaw, former ABC News producers Lynne Adrine, Rocci Fisch and Karen DeWitt, FCC Board member Mignon Clyburn, Omorosa Manigault, journalist Roland Martin, former NPR executive Madhulika Sikka, journalist Richard Prince, Children's Defense Fund President Marian Wright Edelman and PBS correspondent Jeffrey Brown.

The funeral ceremony ended with a "ceremony of the sistahood." The ceremony was a silent prayer circle of seven of Ifill's female friends who held hands around an urn containing Ifill's ashes. At the end of the ceremony, the participants cried the almost three-hour service.

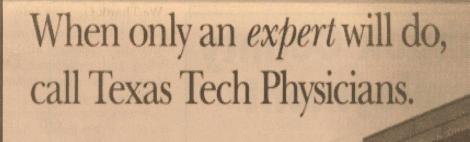
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Psalm 51:10-1 -- Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right Spirit in me. Cast me not away from your presence; and take not your Holy Spirit from me.



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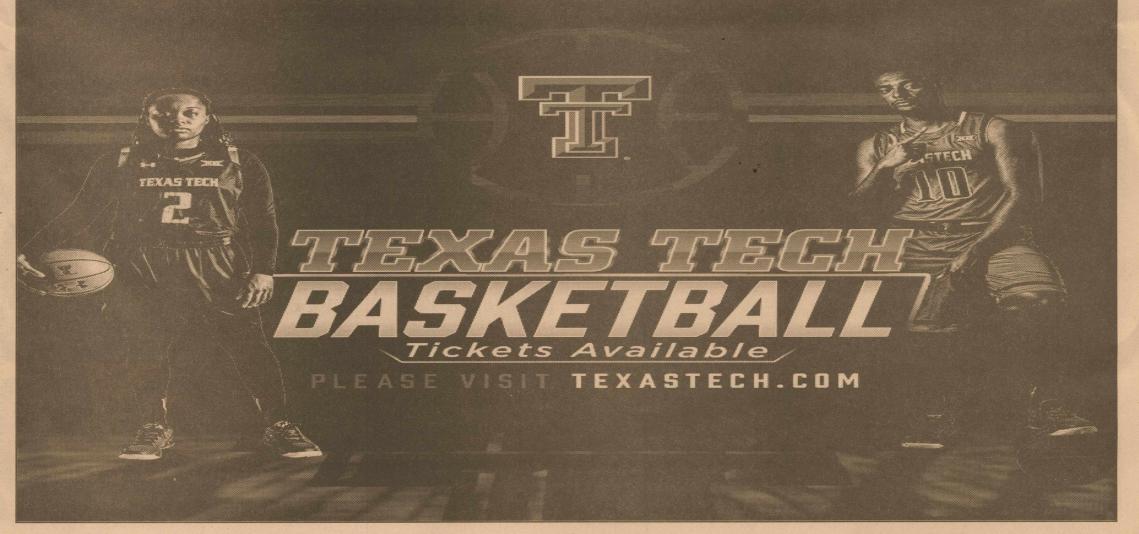




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Looks like we know where the Obamas will be headed after the President leaves office, and it's definitely a big change!



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— well, the outgoing presidential update that is. It looks like we finally know where the Obamas will be headed after President Barack Obama leaves office once and for all, and it's very different than their current location.

We know you've all been focused on the most recent election, and what it means for America, but what's next for our current President. A new home in a far off land, that's what?

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but it is cross country move, so that's pretty major.

According to The New York Post, the Obama family is moving to California once his duties in the White House are done.

The Obamas have reportedly purchased a house in Rancho Mirage, which is a city just outside Palm Springs — aka prime Coachella and Stagecoach real estate.

The publication revealed that although the family has purchased the land in sunny California, they aren't ready to leave their current home just yet. Instead, they will stay put until their daughter Sasha graduates from high school.

Great-Granddaughter 1st Time Visit to The Bobbie Gean & T.J. Patterson Library

This year "THIS NTHAT" had the pleasure of spending Thanksgiving with one of his great-grandkids, Princess Zaya Grace Patterson. She was accompanied by her parents, Rev. Zairreus & Chimere Patterson.

This was little Miss Zaya's first time visiting the city of Lubbock, Tx USA. She had a wonderful time as she also had a chance to visit several locations while here in Lubbock.

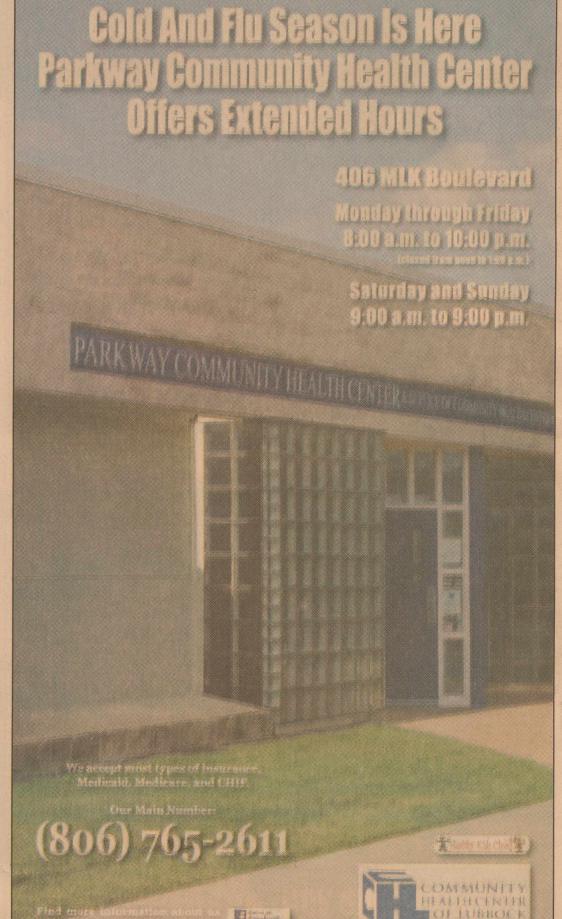
Zaya was full of energy and curiosity as you can see to the left, 1st) Pictured with excitement as she arrived in a "play room area" full of choices to explore. 2nd) Photo of Zaya and her father as she embraces history and a portrait her late Great-Grandma & Grandpa.

What a great time the family had as they watched her make her presence known here.

THIS N THAT is looking forward to Zaya's (age 1) return, along with the opportunity to enjoy all 3 of his great grandkids together, Nathan (age 6) & Layla (age 3) Williams.

Zaya had enough energy for everyone, even her Grandma, City Councilwoman, Shelia Patterson-Harris, Grandpa Shaun Harris and Auntie Asya Harris. Her excitement and energy brought joy and laughter to all that were able to be in her presence, especially to her Pawpaw.

Now THIS N THAT has been able to enjoy the company of each of his great grandkids during a Thanksgiving Holiday. Even though he is awaiting that day, THIS N THAT isn't sure if he can handle all 3 of them together, especially the 2 sugar & spice/everything nice (the girls).



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