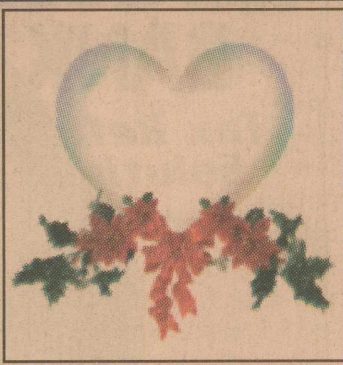
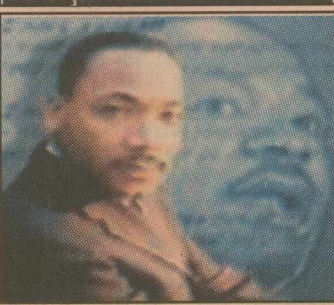
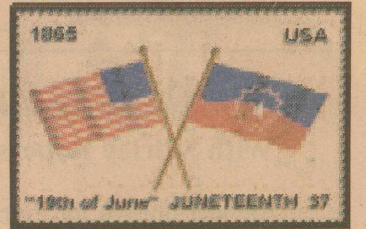


# Southwest Digest



## 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.

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

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Southwest Digest Community Meetings 902 East 28th Street Lubbock, Texas 79404 (806) 762-3612 first to publicly release a workforce demographics report earlier this year. They were commended for doing so, and so far, experts say they are the most aggressive at addressing the issue.

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During the Holiday Season more than ever, our thoughts turn gratefully to those who have made our progress possible. And in this spirit we sincerely say Thank You and Best Wishes for the holiday season and a Happy New Year!

With joy in our hearts, as we ponder the Love of God our Father, who was sent from above; Jesus is the reason for this festive and joyous season. We are so grateful for all the Lord has done for us and for sending us loving and supportive people like you.

\*\*\*\*\*EMMANUEL, GOD IS WITH US!\*\*\*\*\*

From all of us at the Southwest Digest, we say "Thank You" and wish you all a Blessed Christmas and A Very Happy New Year!

## State Official who Called Michelle Obama 'Ape in heels' Gets Job Back

The woman who called First Lady Michelle Obama an "ape in heels" on Facebook and subsequently lost her job will return to work later this month, the Charleston-Gazette Mail reported.

Pamela Taylor served as the director at the Clay County Development Corporation in Clay, a non-profit organization located in West Virginia that is funded by state and federal funds. After the election she posted on Facebook, "It will be so refreshing to have a classy, beautiful, dignified First Lady back in the White House. I'm tired of seeing a Ape in heels."

Taylor was removed from her job after the posting went viral, but the corporation announced that she will be returning to her position on December 23.

The Charleston-Gazette Mail reported that, according to a letter from Leslie McGlothlin, the organization's acting director, to the West Virginia Bureau of Senior Services, Taylor is currently on suspension but will return to work.

In a letter dated November 14 — around when the post became widespread on social media — Robert Roswall, the state bureau's commissioner, cautioned the organization that "any discrimination of staff or the customers [they] serve" could cost it its funding.

At the time, Taylor said the



Pamela Taylor (l) called the first lady an "ape in heels."

incident had become a "hate crime against me." She had been working on a lawsuit against the people who were slandering her. New reports have not indicated the status of the lawsuit. On the original Facebook post, which has since been deleted, Clay County Mayor Beverly Whaling commented and said, "Just made my day, Pam." Not long after the post became widespread, Whaling resigned as mayor.

Whaling initially reported to The Washington Post that her comment had been misconstrued.

"I was referring to my day being made for change in the White House! I am truly sorry for any hard feeling this may have caused!" she said.

As the Obamas prepare to exit the White House after eight years, the first lady and president cannot escape racism, particu-

larly over social media. About a week after news of Taylor's post broke, a Tennessee deputy director resigned after posting disturbing racist and violent messages on his Facebook, including one calling for the deaths of President Barack Obama and the first lady.

David Barber, former deputy director of the Shelby County Corrections Center, wrote numerous hateful posts, including, "The KKK is more American than the illegal president!"

In another post Barber shared an article in which Obama talked about being discriminated against while serving in the White House. The Free Patriot wrote on the post, "Hit LIKE if you're ready to see this smug loser out of the White House!"

Barber wrote his own comment: "Arrest convict hang and confiscate all assets."

## Touch From Heaven Sings At Mae Simmons Senior Citizens Christmas Party



The well known Touch From Heaven did an outstanding job singing at the Christmas Party for the Seniors who attended the Mae Simmons Senior Citizens on Friday evening, December 16, 2016. They are, from left to right: Lee Chavez, Billy Lawson, Bobby Taylor, and Harry Powell.

## Louisville quarterback Lamar Jackson wins 2016 Heisman Trophy



Louisville quarterback Lamar Jackson holds the Heisman Trophy during the award ceremony on December 10, 2016 in New York City. (Pool / Getty Images)

Lamar Jackson leapt over a loaded field of Heisman Trophy contenders early in the season and by the time he slowed down nobody could catch him.

The sensational sophomore quarterback became the first Louisville player to win the Heisman Trophy on Saturday night, beating out preseason favorite Deshaun Watson of Clemson despite some late-season struggles.

Baker Mayfield finished third and Oklahoma teammate and fellow finalist Dede Westbrook was fourth. Michigan's Jabrill Peppers was fifth.

Jackson, wearing a red velvet blazer with shiny black lapels, said he could feel his heart pounding in his chest right before his name was announced, and he barely held it together while giving his speech with the former Heisman winners standing behind him on stage.

"I almost cried," Jackson said. "I never get emotional, but to have my name called and see all those great players ..."

Watson, who finished third in Heisman voting last year, led a stacked group of contenders entering this season that included five of the top seven vote-getters in 2015.

Jackson outdid them all in his first season as Louisville's full-time starter, accounting for 51 touchdowns and averaging 410 yards per game in total offense. He ultimately won going away, with 2,144 points to Watson's 1,524. By percentage of possible points received, Jackson's victory was the seventh largest in Heisman history, and he became the youngest winner at 19 years, 352 days, a few days younger than 2013 winner Jameis Winston of Florida State.

Jackson is the first Heisman Trophy winner to play on a team that lost its last two games of the regular season since Tim Brown of Notre Dame in 1987. He's the first to enter the postseason

without a chance to win the national title since Johnny Manziel of Texas A&M in 2012.

No matter. Jackson did so much before November it was difficult to deny him the award because of a couple of missteps at the end.

He provided a signature moment against Syracuse, hurdling a defender on his way into the end zone, and then played his best against Louisville's toughest competition.

In a romp over Florida State and a close loss at Clemson, Jackson threw for 511 yards, ran for 308 and accounted for eight touchdowns. After ripping apart Florida State in September, he earned the stamp of approval from his idol, former Virginia Tech and NFL star Mike Vick.

"Each and every game should be a Heisman moment," Jackson said.

Jackson left that Oct. 1 game in Death Valley as a threat to run away with the Heisman, but losses to Houston and Kentucky, when he committed four turnovers, in late November provided an opportunity for others to sway voters.

Watson made the biggest surge, but ultimately fell short. Jackson continues a recent trend of breakout stars winning the Heisman. He is the sixth player to win the award as either a redshirt freshman or sophomore, all since 2007, joining Manziel (redshirt freshman), Jameis Winston (redshirt freshman), Mark Ingram (sophomore), Sam Bradford (sophomore) and Tim Tebow (sophomore).

Jackson came to Louisville as a three-star recruit from Boynton Beach High School in Florida. Some colleges were not sold on him as a quarterback, but Jackson was such a dynamic talented Louisville coach Bobby Petrino altered his offense to accommodate Jackson's speed and elusiveness.

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## All Youth MLK Choir Rehearsals Will Be Held At George Woods Star Care

All Youth Martin Luther King, Jr. Choir will practice at the George Woods Star Care, 517 North Zenith Avenue. Youth who are elementary, middle school, and high school are invited to participate.

The rehearsals will be held on

Fridays, December 23 and 30, 2016, beginning at 6:00 p. m.

Other practices will be: January 5th, Thursday and January 12, 2017, 6:00 p. m.; and Saturday, January 7, 2-17 at 11:00 a. m. Corey Godfrey is Director.

**FASHION FUN**

With Shirley Roberson The Sweater Dress

Sweater dresses for everybody's type. Sweater dresses are one of those pieces of clothing that's awesome in theory, but kind of intimidating to pull off. Let's explore a few hints on the right sweater dress for your body shape.

If you are petite, try a mini shift, too much fabric can overwhelm a small frame, so stick to shorter lengths, also the shorter sweater dresses looks great with tights. If you are tall, try a slim-fit midi. Tall ladies can pull off a little longer dress. Opt for a slim fit midi that hugs your body without constricting it. If it's cold try pairing it with mid calf boots for a little more coverage. Pear shaped ladies should try a fit and flare. This style highlights your narrowest part (your waist), while slimming over your hips and thighs.

If you have an hour glass figure a wrap sweater dress is the right one for you, with your perfect proportions you can pull off almost anything, but for the



Shirley Roberson

most flattering effect, choose a wrap dress that let you show off your curves.

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**Co-Ed Pool Tournament Set For Mae Simmons Senior Center**

The Mae Simmons Senior Citizens will sponsor a Co-Ed Pool Tournament on Friday afternoon, December 30, 2016, beginning at 1:00 p. m.

Participants in the tournament must register, which will begin at 12 noon. Registration fee is \$5.00 per person.

If you are age 55 and older, and have pool skills, then get you a partner and participate. Over the past months, women at the Mae Simmons Senior Citizens Center have been playing

pool. If you ask them, they will tell you they enjoy the game of pool.

If you have any questions about the Co-Ed Tournament, then call Joe Martinez at Mae Simmons Senior Citizens Center at (806) 767-2708

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**Emmett Till Unsolved Civil Rights Crimes Reauthorization Act Passed By Congress**

Washington, DC—During its final session of the 114th Congress, the Senate passed the Emmett Till Unsolved Civil Rights Crimes Reauthorization Act of 2016 (S.2854/H.R.5067). In the Senate, the bill was led by Sen. Richard Burr (R-NC), Sen. Patrick Leahy (D-VT), Sen. Claire McCaskill (D-MO), and Sen. Roy Blunt (R-MO). In the House, original sponsors were Rep. John Conyers, Jr. (D-MI), Rep. John Lewis (D-GA) and Rep. Jim Sensenbrenner (R-WI). The bill now heads to the President to be signed into law.

**Background:**

Before the passage of major civil rights legislation in the 1960s, hundreds of racially suspicious crimes were committed in this country, and few attempts to prosecute them were ever pursued. Tuskegee Institute once

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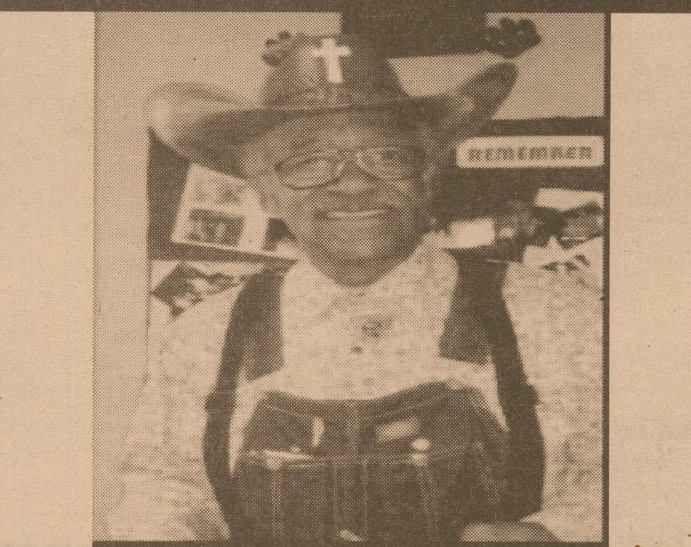
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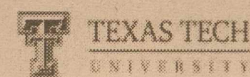
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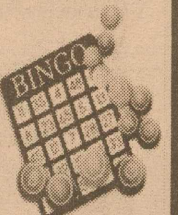
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*What's Happening This Month!*

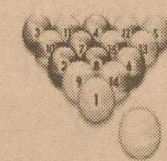
**BREAKFAST BINGO**

Wed, December 28, 9 am, \$2, Ages 50+  
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# In Cinque

By Renetta Howard



## A MERRY CHRISTMAS!

It is the time of the year when our greatest fears are spending too much money to make our Christmas holidays the biggest and best that we have ever had. Try as we may, but there is still a cloud hanging over our heads concerning the past national election for a President and the conduct of that individual whom was elected.

It is unsettling enough that too many Americans are upset about the result of the election, to the point of boycotting the inauguration physically and on the media, but the President Elect is taking on too much of international affairs, usurping his authority by injecting unnecessary and inappropriate comments through the media about affairs international, **NOW**: President Obama has only a few more weeks in office, **BUT**, he still is the President and it appears that Mr. Trump's verbal tirades are definitely out of order. There is fear of what they may cause.

We may sing merrily about the birth of Christ during this season; the birth of the baby Jesus, the **REASON FOR THE SEASON**, but we really need to pray for the New Year after the formal inauguration of the new President of the United States of America. This will be the birth of a new era; a new era in which the millionaires and billionaires of this country are being placed in the cabinet of the billionaire President Elect to run this country in which the majority of the population is barely keeping its heads above the water financially. Before the new Congress convenes there is already talk of cutting or eliminating all of the programs which promote the general welfare of the country. What kind of merry Christmas can we really have with notions of deficits and ruin dancing in

our heads instead of sugarplums and the like?

Finally, the interest rate is inching up but from the looks of it, it will not help those of us who were hoping for an increase on the interest that banks pay, but it will hurt those of us who were hoping for lower interest rate in home and auto purchases. Most will likely increase though some of it is connected to Treasury bond interest rather than the federal quote. Regardless to which road our economy takes, it does not look rosy right now. We still need a miracle. With that said, we need to get 'in cinque,' come together, work and pray for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



## Beyond the Rhetoric 5468 By Harry C. Alford We fought the Good Fight and Won!

December 1, 2016 was the 46th anniversary of the US Environmental Protection Agency. It started with a "whisper" by the embattled President Richard Nixon. He saw it as a tactical diversion from the uproar over the Vietnam War and the Civil Rights Movement. Prior to that it was a bureau within the Department of Interior. It was clear to most Americans that our air was not pristine and our water quality could use significant improvement. In reflection, a tremendous amount of improvement has been made. I can attest having grown up in the Los Angeles area which sits in a basin and receives poor quality air from Asia by way of the great westerly jet stream.

Our environment has come a long way and without little disruption to our industry sector. However, along the way a movement was started. A movement that exceeded President Nixon's imagination. Nixon's EPA started turning into a political monster during the 1980's. By the time, William Jefferson Clinton was elected President in 1992 the proponents of Environmental Justice and Global Warming were growing into an "army". The leading "general" was none other than Vice President Al Gore. The newly appointed Administrator of EPA was Carol Browner, a very close friend of the Vice President. Also, the Sierra Club was the leading advocate for cleaner air and fighting the effects of Global Warming. Not only were groups like Green Peace, Sierra Club and others becoming stronger through the funding by various billionaires. The Democratic Party joined in the mantra. Global Warming was put on the Democratic Platform and has never left.

The Global Warming Movement had one main strategy.

# THIS N' THAT

by T. J. Patterson

**FOR TWENTY-SEVEN YEARS, THIS N THAT AND MANY OTHERS HAVE VISITED THE LUBBOCK COUNTY JAIL!!!** ..... If you ask ..... **THIS N THAT** ..... what will he be doing on ..... **CHRISTMAS DAY** ..... he will be glad to tell you that he ..... along with ..... **MANY OTHERS OF THE LUBBOCK COMMUNITY** ..... will be ..... **VISITING INMATES IN THE LUBBOCK COUNTY DENTENTION CENTER**..... You see this begun on ..... **CHRISTMAS DAY** ..... on December 25, 1989 ..... at approximately 2:00

p. m. .... in the old ..... **LUBBOCK COUNTY JAIL** ..... on Main Street ..... in Downtown Lubbock..... **THIS N THAT** ..... has been asked many times as to why he does this each year..... He will tell you .... **THESE MEN AND WOMEN ARE HUMAN BEINGS** ..... **AND THEY CAN DO MUCH BETTER WITH THEIR LIVES. BUT THE FIRST THING IS THEY MUST SERVE THEIR TIME. OVER THE YEARS** ..... **HE AND THIS TEAM OF VOLUNTEERS HAVE SEEN MANY YOUNG PEOPLE WHO NEED SOME POSI-**

**TIVE ENCOURAGEMENT. HOPEFULLY, THIS N THAT** .....along with this team of Volunteers. .... There have been many stories from these visits..... One which stays with ..... **THIS N THAT** ..... when a young woman ..... told ..... **THIS N THAT** ..... this was the last time she will be seen by ..... **THIS N THAT** ..... and that was in 2013..... She hasn't been since then.... All these young people need is ..... **SOME POSITIVE ENCOURAGEMENT** ..... and that's what we will present to each of them on .... **SUNDAY, CHRISTMAS DAY!**

Force environmental laws through regulation. They started putting American Industry up against the "Wall". Onerous regulations and rule changes started effectively hurting our free market system. Mining, auto manufacturing, and industry in general absorbed or passed on increasing costs to the American consumer. Business associations became the natural enemy to environmental groups. One tool was to claim racism – good old American racism (whites against Blacks). There were claims that corporate leaders had a strategy of guiding the pollutants they produced to Black neighborhoods. It was like evil business leaders would sit in board rooms plotting the "final solutions" to ending the Black race – a form of genocide. They were even recruiting Black activists to consider it the new civil rights struggle.

Now, Black conservatives had

enough of this fraud. We organized to fight this dogma. The National Black Chamber of Commerce became a leader in the fight against this propaganda. Through the years there were hearings after hearings; speeches by the thousands; routine congressional testimony to fight off this movement (filled with unintended consequences). Due to the onslaught of costly changes coming out of the halls of the Environmental Protection Agency, over the last four decades we have lost trillions of dollars and millions of jobs have been killed due to this cancerous movement.

Please don't get me wrong! There has been great improvement in our environment especially due to the Clean Air Act and the Clean Water Act. The problem is the fanaticism that grew along with it. We, free enterprise groups, were starting to check the whole army of fanatics

during the Bush Administrations. Then something appeared like an artillery attack on our legislative process. Barack Hussein Obama became President. He, himself, appeared to be an environmental fanatic.

During his two administrations, Executive Orders and Rule Changes etc. were being used to skirt around real legislation as Congress would have defeated these extreme proposals. I am talking changes by the thousands. The economic damage was historic. Announcing things like, "I am going to kill coal"; "I will make gasoline so expensive people will stop using it". It was scary because he was truly serious.

He introduced the Cap and Trade Initiative. We defeated it through Congressional Testimony. Recently, he tried to deliver on his "Kill coal" promise. Supreme Court Justice Antonin

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## Estacado Booster Club Membership Drive

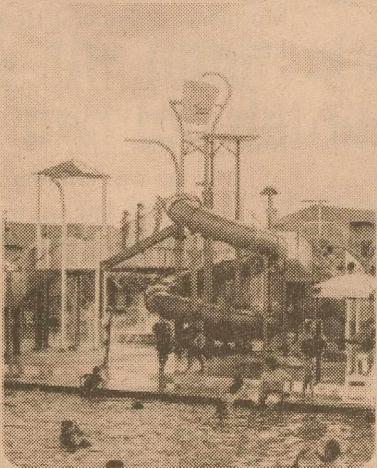
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**I Timothy 4:1** -- NOW the Spirit speaks expressly, that I the last times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seduction spirits, and doctrine of devils.

Jesus told his DISCIPLES TO GO INTO THE WORLD, AND LET THEIR LIGHT SHINE. But They want to FOLLOW THE UNGODLY; BLIND LEADING THE BLIND!!!

**Romans 1:21-22** -- Because when they knew God (CHRISTIANS), they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful, but became vain in their imaginations (DREAMERS), and their foolish heart was darkened, professing themselves to be wise, they became fools (CHRISTIANS).

The celebration of CHRIST BIRTHDAY; HAS LOST ITS INTENT. THERE IS NO MORE SPEAKING OF JESUS; ONLY OF GIFTS, AND WHERE AND HOW MUCH OF YOUR MONEY IS TO BE SPENT!!!

**I Corinthians 12:1-2** -- NOW concerning spiritual gifts, Brethren, I would not have you be ignorant. You know that you were Gentiles, carried away unto these dumb idols, even as you were led.

(CHRISTMAS STARTED OUT AS A CHRISTIAN FEAST, HELD ON DEC. 25TH WHICH WAS TO CELEBRATE THE BIRTH OF JESUS CHRIST. THE WORD MASS WAS PART OF THE RELIGIOUS SERVICE, PRAYING, SINGING, AND TEACHING. MASS WAS ADDED TO CHRIST'S NAME, MAKING IT CHRISTMAS. SO DROPPING ONE OF THE S'. SO WHEN I WRITE THE WORD CHRISTMAS, I'LL DROP THE CHRIST FROM MASS, MAKING IT X-MAS!!!!)

THE WORLD CELEBRATES X-MAS, WITH LYING SAINTS, TREES, LIGHTS, PARTIES, AND DRINKING. THIS IS MOCKING THE BIRTH OF GOD'S SON, AND THE CHURCHES ARE NOT THINKING!!!

**Romans 11:25a** -- For I would not, Brethren, that you should be ignorant of this mystery, lest you be wise in your own conceits. The world wants in on it: FOR GIFTS, PARTYING, STEALING, AND GIVING OF THINGS. IT'S NOT THE REASON FOR THE SEASON; SHAME, SHAME, SHAME!!!

**Galatians 6:7-8** -- Be not deceived; God is not mocked; for whatsoever a man sow, that shall he also reap. For he that sow to his flesh shall of the flesh corruption, but he that sow to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting.

(IN THE BOOK OF LUKE 1:26 TELLS US: GOD SENT GABRIEL UNTO MARY IN THE SIXTH MONTH; TELLING US IT WAS JUNE; NINE MONTHS FROM JUNE. JESUS WAS BORN, GIVING US TO KNOW IT WAS NOT IN THE WINTER. LUKE 2:8 TELLS US THE SHEPHERDS WERE IN THE FIELDS, WATCHING OVER THE FLOCK BY NIGHT. NOBODY SLEEPS IN THE FIELDS IN THE WINTER!!!)

**I Corinthians 14:38** -- But if any man be ignorant (CHRISTIANS), let him be ignorant. \*\*\* AND GOD DON'T WANT CHRISTIANS TO BE IGNORANT!!! \*\*\*

There is no JOY THIS TIME OF THE YEAR; HATE IS EVERYWHERE; THE DEVIL IS DOING HIS THING. LOOK CHRISTIANS, THE NAME HAS CHANGED; IT'S NOW THE HOLIDAY: SHAME, SHAME, SHAME!!!

JESUS MUST BE THE REASON FOR THE SEASON, BUT NOW IT'S SANTAS, REINDERS, SHOPLIFTING, DOPING, KILLINGS, ROBBINGS, THINGS OF THE DEVIL. IT MUST BE HIS SEASON!!!

\*\*\* ANYTIME THE WORLD: WANTS IN THE

## Minnesota players end boycott, resume practice for Holiday Bowl

Minnesota football players ended their boycott Saturday morning and will begin preparation for the Holiday Bowl on December 27, 2016.

The Gophers had been protesting the suspension of 10 players linked to a sexual assault allegation. The team was demanding the suspended players be reinstated immediately.

Senior wide receiver Drew Wolitarsky read a team statement Saturday morning:

"As a team, we understand that what has occurred these past few days, and playing football for the University of Minnesota, is larger than just us. ... We now ask that you, the members of the media, our fans, and the general public hold all of us accountable for ensuring that our teammates are treated fairly, along with any and all victims of sexual assault. We also ask that the public dialogue related to the apparent lack of due process in a university system is openly discussed and evaluated."

"Our thoughts and prayers are for the well-being of the woman involved in the original incident, and for our 10 teammates to ensure that they are treated fairly. We look forward to representing the University of Minnesota and the state of Minnesota in the Holiday Bowl in a way that makes all of you proud."

The 10 players were suspended by the school for their alleged roles in a reported gang rape that occurred on Sept. 2. A female Minnesota student told police several men sexually assaulted her at a football player's apartment. Five of the 10 accused players said they had consensual sex with the accuser.

No criminal charges were filed, but a school investigation determined the players had violated university policy. Following the suspensions, the Gophers said they would not participate in team activities until the suspended players were reinstated.

Minnesota is scheduled to face Washington State in the Holiday Bowl and the Gophers are scheduled to leave for the game on December 23.

"I'm thankful our football team came to a resolution and I'm happy we will be playing in Holiday Bowl vs. Washington State," athletic director Mark Coyle said.

Added university president Eric Kaler: "We will judge (the suspended players) very fairly. I'm grateful the student athletes ended the boycott."

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**\*\*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, December 4, 2016 service got started at New Light Baptist Church, 3013 Idalou Road, where Rev. Kenneth O. Jackson is the pastor.

Church School started at 10:00 a.m. with Sis. Ambra Jackson teaching the lesson.

Morning Worship started at 11:00 a.m. with the devoted Praise Team leading the way. Once again there was the testimony period which was done. The responsive reading came from 1 Corinthians 11:23-30.

Pastor Jackson led the altar call prayer with the congregation singing I NEED THEE.. Sis. Lacey Thompson read all of the morning announcements and told of all the up coming events that will be taking place. There was the offering that was taken up by an appointee.

The Choir sang two Christmas songs and the theme song of the Church, AMAZING GRACE was sung before the pastor got ready to preach.

Rev. Jackson preached the sermon title: EXPERINCING THE ABUNDANT OF LIFE. and its printed scripture came from JOHN 10: 10 & 11.

What is abundant Life? We are to be content with what God has given us. Our God will supply all of our needs according to his riches in glory. Silver and

Gold to our Lord and Savior When you sign up with the Lord you become heirs and Joint heirs of the Lord and he takes good care of us.

If you want to experience the abundant life in Christ We are to LIVE LIKE WE BELONG TO GOD.

John 13:34 & 35 tells what you are to do. That love has to be real. Your love has to be real you can't fake and shake it. If you love one another like God has asked you to do you can experience the abundant life. God is not going to endorse a life style that doesn't please him.

When the Lord loves you he disciplines you. In a moment or twinkling of an eye he can fix things for you all you have to do is let go and let God. Do unto others as you would have them to do unto you. Do the right thing. When people are unkind to you be kind anyway, do good anyway, be happy any way.

After the sermon a song was sung by the congregation and then COMMUNION was offered.

**HAVE A VERY BLESSED AND ENCOURAGED WEEK. GIVE GOD ALL THE GLORY AND PRAISE.**

### Funeral Services Held For Lubbock Man, Cedric D. McGraw On November 18th

Funeral services were held for Cedric D. McGraw on Friday morning, November 18, 2016, at Griffin Mortuary Chapel with Pastor Marvin Wynn as Eulogist.

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

Cedric, age 53 of Lubbock, passed away on Saturday, November 5, 2016.

He was born January 8, 1963 to Jodine Price and Mary J. McGraw in Lubbock, Texas.

He grew up in El Centro,



California. At the age of 16, he



### Maxine Fletcher's Funeral Services Held In Lubbock

Funeral services were held for Maxine Fletcher on Saturday afternoon, November 26, 2016, at the Griffin Mortuary Chapel with Rev. H. K. Thomas, Jr. as Eulogist.

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

Maxine, age 71 of Lubbock, Texas, passed away on Friday, November 18, 2016.

Maxine was born on April 30, 1945 to the late Curtis McDaniel and Ada William McDaniel in Dallas, Texas.

She moved to Sudan, Texas with her parents in 1947 where she grew up.

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## Miracles Christmas Parade

The theme of the 2016 Miracles Christmas Parade was "Lights Fantastic" and that is exactly what the estimated 30,000 spectators enjoyed Saturday, December 10th down 34th Street in Lubbock. The lighted units were definitely fantastic!

Wranglers, parade officials who plan, produce, and promote the annual free event for families in the entire South Plains, are terming the 12th Annual parade as one of the most lighted in the history of the parade. It was a pleasure to again have Santa on the final parade unit waving to the spectators and wishing all a Merry Christmas!

The winner in the category of Best Use of Lights went to Wild West Harley-Davidson whose 20-foot float contained 28,000 LED lights synchronized to music by computer. The float featured a 2017 HD Motorcycle and 12 Christmas trees ranging from two to 11 feet tall. This float required more than 300 man-hours to construct. This is the company's second year to participate in this parade and company officials report they are already planning their float for next year.

A team of judges viewed the parade and announced the following winners in their various categories: Best of Show - Vogue College of Cosmetology; Most Creative - Baker Family; Best Use of Lights - Wild West Harley-Davidson;

Honorable Mention - U S Marines Color Guard.

Category winners were: Family Entries - Baker Family; Horse Groups - AMBUC's & ABC Pro Rodeo; Beauty Queens - National Americas Miss Lubbock; Bands - Lubbock High School Westerner Marching Band; Churches - Calvary Chapel For Profit Floats - Wild West Harley-Davidson; Non-Profit Floats - Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals; Kid - Non-Band - West Texas

### Beyond the Rhetoric

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Scalia stopped this in its tracks (Clean Power Plan). One week later Justice Scalia suddenly died.

The best thing we did was to educate the American People on the tyranny that was taking place. Our message finally got through. So, when Hillary Clinton promised if she were elected the environmental aggression would remain the same, the people fought back. It was not surprising the coal producing states - Ohio, West Virginia, Pennsylvania, Kentucky, Michigan, Wisconsin, etc. rebuked her at the voting polls.

President Elect Donald Trump will be sworn in on January 21, 2017. His transition leader for the EPA is Myron Ebell (whom the environmental extremists call a "climate criminal") will turn the EPA upside down. We have finally done it! The tyranny will start to subside and a vibrant, competitive, and strong America will start to return.

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Cyclones; Higher Education - Vogue College of Cosmetology; Public Service - United States Marines / Santa Claus; Vehicles - South Plains Antique Tractor Association.

The purpose of the annual parade is to provide a free family friendly, fun event for the entire South Plains. Resident of many area towns and cities were in attendance cooking out and having fun.

A beneficiary of the parade for the past several years has been the U S Marines Toys for Tots campaign. The David Baker Family has collected toys from barrels in the many Dollar General Stores in this area for many years. This year, the Bakers collected 8,287 toys and batteries from Battery Joe's to donate to the Marines. Also, hundreds of additional unwrapped toys were handed to Marines during the parade itself.

Parade officials reported no problems whatsoever, with beautiful weather and a smiling, appreciative crowd of spectators down the entire two mile parade route.

Work, planning and preparation are already underway for the 2017 Miracles Christmas Parade. This event has become a growing Christmas tradition for thousands in our region. Parade information will be available throughout the year at [www.miraclesparade.com](http://www.miraclesparade.com)

For any additional information or photos of the groups and floats, contact: Spike Wideman, Wrangler-Publicity 806-787-9969 email: [spikewideman@gmail.com](mailto:spikewideman@gmail.com)


### Maxine Fletcher

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spending quality time with her family and friends.


Maxine is preceded in death by her parents, Curtis McDaniel and Ada William McDaniel; two sisters, Rebecca Ann Dixon and Beulah B. McDaniel; a set of twins; and a nephew, Tyrone McDaniel.

Maxine leaves to cherish her memories: her husband, Edward Williams; two daughters, Linda Harper (Willie) and Chrysla Fletcher; three sisters: Earnestine Johnson, Alice McDaniel, and Rita Adams; one brother, Curtis McDaniel; thirteen grandchildren; forty great-grandchildren; three



**CHRISTMAS PRAYER**

Child of Bethlehem,--  
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out limit or condition; in  
our greatness and in our  
misery, in our folly and in  
our virtue; may Your hand  
be always upon us and  
may Your heart be within  
us, so that we too may be-  
come bread and peace  
for one another.



### Thank God For Jesus

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**THINGS OF GOD; IT MUST NOT BE OF GOD!!!**

**II Corinthians 2:11** -- Lest Satan should get an advantage of us; for we are not ignorant of his devices.

### Cedric D. McCraw

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moved back to Lubbock. He worked at Attebury Grain.

On September 5, 2000, he married the love of his life, Donna Vaughn, who remained by his side until he was called home.

Cedric is preceded in death by his parents, Jodine Price and Mary McCraw-Hicks; grandmother, Doris D. Gibson; and Grandfather, John McGraw.

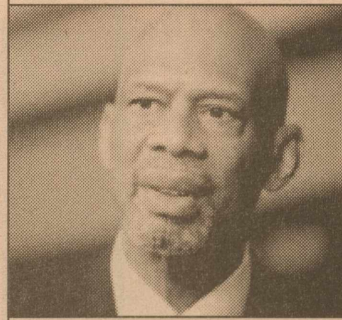
Cedric leaves to cherish his memories: his wife, Donna McGraw; step-mother, Myrtle Johnson; one daughter, Laresha Brown; two sons, Cedrick James Hawthorn and Levar Vaughn; four sisters: Erica Hicks, Michelle Shaw (Joe), Lisa Harris (Marcus), and Tina Johnson; one brother, Irving E. Crick; five nieces; seven nephews; one great-niece; one great-nephew; and a host of other relatives and friends.

great-great-grandchildren; twelve nieces; ten nephews; and a host of other relatives and friends.

## New Restrictions on Drug Coverage are a Threat to Patients

By Peter J. Pitts, President, Center for Medicine in the Public Interest

Article submitted by Amalia Hailias, Keybridge Communications



**Kareem Abdul-Jabbar's toughest fight wasn't on a basketball court.....**

In his early 60s, the six-time NBA champion was diagnosed with leukemia, the deadly blood cancer. Fortunately, Abdul-Jabbar had access to state-of-the-art medications, including the advanced drug Tasigna, which paralyzed his cancer cells and prevented further growth. Today, eight years after his initial diagnosis, Abdul-Jabbar is thriving and cancer-free.

Unfortunately, many of today's leukemia patients won't be so lucky. CVS Health, the nation's second largest pharmacy benefit manager that oversees 65 million Americans' drug plans, recently rescinded coverage for Tasigna -- and 130 other specialty drugs.

As a result, millions of people could be denied access to drugs that could save their lives. Instead of prescribing the medicines best-suited to patient needs, physicians will be forced to recommend lower-quality treatments. Pharmacy benefit managers, or "PBMs" for short, administer the prescription drug plans used by

health insurers and employers. In recent years, these organizations have gotten stingy about which drugs they cover.

Back in 2012, the nation's largest PBM, Express Scripts, excluded no medicines from its list of covered drugs, while CVS Health left off about 30. Today, they exclude over 200, including an array of popular treatments for arthritis, Hepatitis C, and various skin conditions.

PBMs have also stopped paying for cutting-edge cancer treatments. In addition to Tasigna, CVS won't cover the revolutionary prostate cancer treatment Xtandi. Meanwhile, Express Scripts just stopped covering Zyclara, a cream that can help prevent skin cancer.

PBMs are restricting drug access in other, more devious ways as well.

CVS is also steering patients away from ultra-complex "biologic" drugs, forcing them to switch to lower-cost treatments the company claims are medically equivalent. But in many cases these less expensive therapies, known as "biosimilars," aren't approved by the FDA to be interchangeable with their brand name alternatives.

Consider one study that compared the effectiveness of a Crohn's disease treatment and its biosimilar. An alarming eight in ten patients who took the

biosimilar required a hospital readmission for additional treatment, compared to only one in twenty who took the original drug.

Despite these disturbing results, PBMs are comfortable forcing patients to use biosimilars and generic medications. That's because their only concern is bringing down short-term drug spending -- even if those savings come at a cost to patients' well-being.

Ironically, this strategy will end up raising health-care costs in the long-run. If doctors can only prescribe less-effective treatments, folks will get sicker, be hospitalized more frequently, and require more expensive care. That demand will drive up overall healthcare costs and overwhelm doctors and hospitals with waves of new patients.

That doesn't matter to PBMs, though. A dollar saved by avoiding top-notch drugs is a dollar that goes into PBMs' pockets -- even if the patient becomes sicker on less effective treatments and racks up much larger hospital bills for insurers and patients to pay down the road. PBMs coverage denials are a deadly prescription for America's patients. By shrinking coverage for cutting-edge treatments, PBMs are forcing sick people to use substandard drugs. It's about time patients mount a full-court press against this callous behavior.

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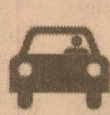
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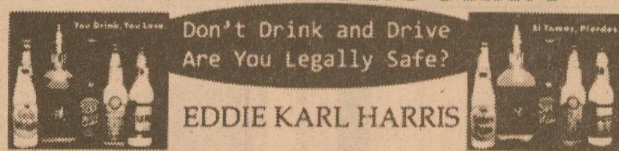
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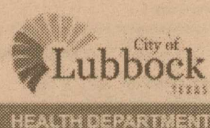
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### Emmett Bill

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kept a record of verified lynchings in the United States from 1877 to 1950. The institute documented that nearly 4000 mainly unprosecuted civil rights crimes occurred during that period. Many American families continue to pass down stories of loss and disappearance even today without knowing the truth about what actually happened to their loved ones.

#### Primary Goals of the Bill:

The Emmett Till Unsolved Civil Rights Crimes Reauthorization Act represents a critical opportunity to right these wrongs committed, primarily against African Americans, but also against people of diverse backgrounds. In some cases, individuals still remain who were witnesses to these crimes or who can help provide evidence regarding these incidents. This bill reauthorizes and updates the original legislation that was



signed into law in 2008. It seeks to respond to the concerns of victims' family members and strengthen collaboration between the Justice Department, the FBI, State and local law enforcement, and advocates to pursue these cold cases. There is a collective goal to seek the truth about this long-standing tragedies and hold the perpetrators and orchestrators of these atrocities accountable. This reauthorization also seeks to respond to the concerns of advocates regarding the implementation of the original legislation.



### Lamar Jackson Wins 2016 Heisman Trophy

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Jackson flashed brilliance as a freshman and showed what was to come in the Music City Bowl against Texas A&M. He had 453 total yards and led Louisville to a victory.

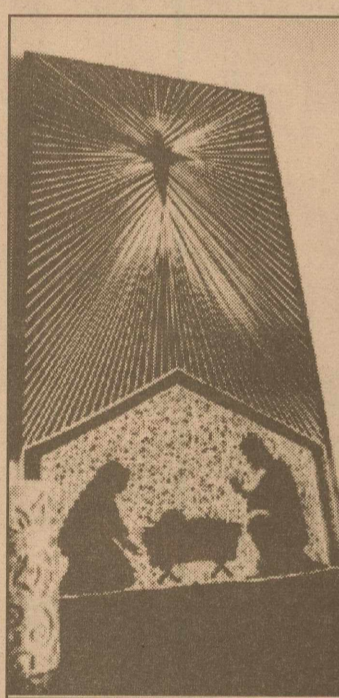
Still, with so many well-established stars from Watson and Mayfield to running backs Christian McCaffrey of Stanford, Dalvin Cook of Florida State and Leonard Fournette of LSU, Jackson entered the season without much fanfare.

Just the way he likes it. Jackson spent this season adjusting to newfound fame, growing into the role of face of the team and trying to stay out of the spotlight. He said he cut down on trips to the mall to avoid the inevitable crowds he drew.

He is about to become even more popular. Especially back in Louisville, where he has another year before he can even consider

his next big jump — to the NFL.

Associated Press



### Christmas Manger Prayer

O God, whose mighty Son was born in Bethlehem  
Lead us to that same poor place  
where Mary laid her tiny Child.  
And as we look on in wonder & praise,  
make us welcome Him in all new life,  
see Him in the poor,  
and care for His hands work the earth,  
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O God, hear us again in your great love.  
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# N. Carolina NAACP leader sues over being removed from flight

ALEXANDRIA, Va. (AP) — The leader of North Carolina's NAACP has filed a lawsuit against American Airlines, saying he was removed from a flight earlier this year because he is black.

The Rev. William Barber alleges in the lawsuit filed Wednesday, December 14, 2016, in U.S. District Court in Alexandria, Virginia, that he was unfairly removed from an American flight from Reagan National Airport to Raleigh-Durham International Airport in April.

Barber said he asked a flight attendant to ask two white passengers who were talking loudly in the row behind him to quiet down. The white passenger responded that he had a problem with "those people" and made fun of Barber for purchasing two seats, according to the lawsuit.

Barber alleges in the lawsuit that the confrontation had dissipated when police officers boarded the plane and had him removed at American's request. The white passenger was allowed to remain on board.

According to the lawsuit, a black American employee who rebooked Barber on a flight the next day told Barber that "this tends to happen a lot" and expressed frustration with the airline.

The lawsuit seeks unspecified monetary damages and changes



at the airline.

Barber, a pastor in Goldsboro, North Carolina, brought the crowd to its feet when he spoke at the 2016 Democratic National Convention. He is also the organizer of a progressive protest movement in North Carolina known as "Moral Mondays."

The airline declined comment

Thursday, citing the ongoing litigation, but said it does not tolerate discrimination.

When the incident was first reported in April, an American spokesman did not identify Barber by name but said a passenger who didn't follow crew instructions and grabbed a flight attendant was removed from a flight.



The Bridge of Lubbock will be hosting its annual Christmas meal on December 22<sup>nd</sup> from 12-1pm.

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