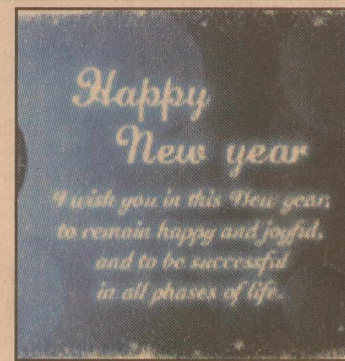
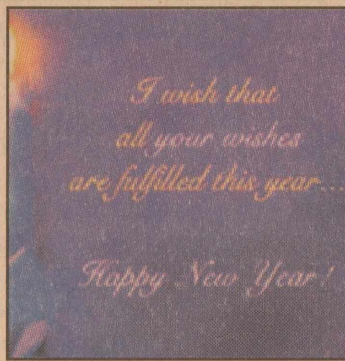
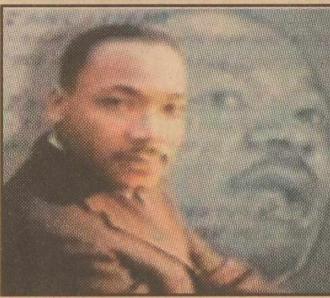




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Community Meetings

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

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

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

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

* Forgotten West Riders meets on the 1st & 3rd Mondays, 7:00 pm, Patterson Branch Library.

* East Lubbock Chapter AARP meets every 1st Thursday at 1:00 pm, Great Saint Luke Missionary Baptist Church.

* Lubbock Chapter of Black Alumni meets every 3rd Tuesday, 5:30 pm, TTU Market Alumni Center.

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

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

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

* West Texas Chapter of 100 Black Men of West Texas meets 3rd Monday evenings at 7:00 pm at The Bridge 1401 Redub 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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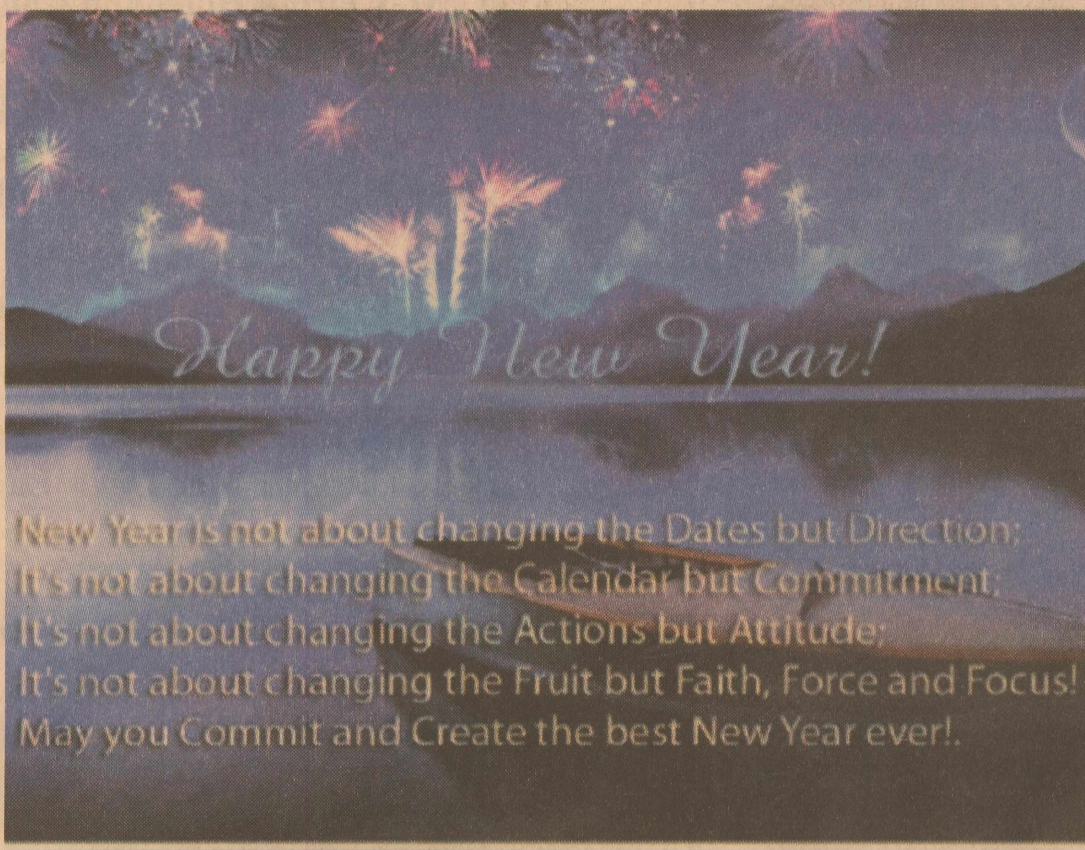
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Rev. John McCormick, Esq Will Deliver The Annual Address For The Annual Dr. Martin Luther King Celebration

The Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemorative Council of Lubbock, Texas will present its annual celebration of the late Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. January 13 -16, 2017.

On Friday 13th, the Individuals of Distinction will be held at the Clarion Hotel and Conference Center, 3201 S. Loop 289, beginning at 6:30 p. m. It is a semi-formal attire and is \$30.00 a person.

The guest speaker will be Dr. Bob Brescia of the University of Texas Permian-B Basin, Odessa, Texas.

On Saturday evening, January 14th, beginning at 6:00 p. m. will be Youth Night at the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center, 1501 Mac Davis Lane.

The Citywide Service will be held on Sunday evening, January 15th, beginning at the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center, 1501 Mac Davis Lane.

Guest speaker will be Rev. John F. McCormick, Esq. who is pastor of the CrossWork Christian Center in Round Rock, Texas.

McCormick is a native of Lubbock, Texas, where he graduated with honors from Dunbar-Struggs High School. He attended the University of Texas at Austin, Texas with a Bachelor



Rev. John McCormick, Esq.

of Arts degree in Government in 1987. In 1990, he received his Doctor of Jurisprudence from the University of Texas School of Law. He was admitted to the State Bar of Texas in November, 1990.

Rev. McCormick has a long history of serving the public. While attending the University of Texas at Austin, he served as legislative aide for State Representative Ron D. Givens (R-Lubbock) assisting with constituent relations, bill analysis, and drafting legislation. While in school, he clerked at the Travis County Attorney Office. After graduation from law school, he was hired as an Assistant Travis County Attorney in

the Civil Division. During his five-year tenure with the office, Rev. McCormick was involved; in a variety of areas including personnel injury defense, ad valorem tax collection in the state and bankruptcy courts, commercial litigation, and civil rights litigation. He would later return to the office of the Criminal Intake Division.

In 1996, John entered the private sector as an associate with the law firm of Wilson, Grosenheider & Burns, L.L.P. where he concentrated on personal injury defense, worker's compensation defense, and insurance subrogation. In 1998, Rev. McCormick continued in private practice with the law firm of Brim, Arnett & Robinett, P. C. where he practiced school law, representing school district employees in employment and teacher certification matters. He also maintained a practice in the areas of general employment, personal injury, and probate law. In 2006, Rev. McCormick became a shareholder in the law firm of Brim, Arnett, Robinett, Hanner, Connors & McCormick P. C. His areas of practice included school law, employment law, wills and probate, and criminal defense.

Rev. McCormick opened a
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2016 Caprock Jazz Festival Was An Outstanding And Exciting Program



These smiling Lubbockites are smiling because they were among those who were in attendance of the Second Lubbock Jazz Fest at the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center on October 28 & 29, 2016. This exciting Fest proceeds benefited the Cavil Museum of African American History. Organizers officially initiated a petition drive to have 97-year-old J. T. Braxton and his son, Tom, simultaneously inducted into the 2017 Buddy Holly Walk of Fame.

ARLEE Steps Down, NOE Steps Up!



Noe Reynolds

After 16 years on the Lubbock Central Appraisal District Board of Directors, Arlee Jackson's former position on the board has been filled by Noe Reynolds.

Mr. Jackson has been a faithful and dedicated member of the board for 16 years; many of those as a board officer, said Chief Appraiser/Administrator Tim Radloff. Mr. Reynolds has some huge shoes to fill. We did not check 16 years of board attendance, but several people who've been with the district all those years, could not remember Arlee ever missing a board meeting. Mr. Jackson didn't just attend, he was always an active participant and contributor in all board responsibilities; added Chief Radloff.

Mr. Reynolds was nominated to serve on the appraisal district board by both the City of Lub-

bock and Lubbock Independent School Board. The appraisal district board voted unanimously to select Mr. Reynolds as their newest board member. Mr. Reynolds has been an active and contributing member of the community for many years. He has owned and operated Noe's Automotive since 1998, which is currently located at 3409 King Avenue in Lubbock. Mr. Reynolds is a Navy Veteran, Deacon of United Baptist Church on East Broadway, and a contributor to the Make a Wish Foundation.

Lubbock County property owners are very fortunate to have had Mr. Jackson on the board all those many years. And now, we are excited about the future with a person with Mr. Reynolds' talents and dedication to service joining the board, said Chief Radloff.

Brandon Duke Holmes Graduates On December 17th

Congratulations to Brandon Duke Holmes on his graduation from Nicholls State University in Thibodaux, Louisiana.

Brandon graduated with honors on Saturday, December 17, 2016. His major was Interdisciplinary Studies with an emphasis in Business Management.

Brandon is the son of Duke Holmes and Esther Martinez. There were 15 family members in attendance including his proud grandmother, Vernita Woods Holmes.

Congratulations, Brandon Duke Holmes!!



Brandon Duke Holmes

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

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

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

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

Financial planning assistance from Wells Fargo Bank and Learn Inc.

There will be an opportunity to speak with the military branches of the Army and Navy. Community support groups that work with students on a daily basis will be on hand to answer resource questions for families.

We would love to see all young people interested in learning about this opportunity at the Phea Boys and Girls Club, 1801 E. 24th St., Thursday, February 2, 2017 from 6pm to 8pm.

If there are those who are interested, please contact LaTina Knighten for additional information at 806-928-1907.

Parents should be advised this is an outstanding opportunity. This will enhance an outstanding opportunity.

California Dad Stabbed to Death While Shopping for Daughter on Christmas Eve

Police say a California dad shopping for last-minute gifts on Christmas Eve was stabbed to death in front of his young son in the toy section of a Target.

According to authorities and witness statements, Tyrone Griffin Jr. was fatally injured after he got into a confrontation with two men. Griffin's girlfriend reportedly said that the 36-year-old father was stabbed after he asked the men to turn down the loud music they were playing on a cell phone, which included explicit lyrics.

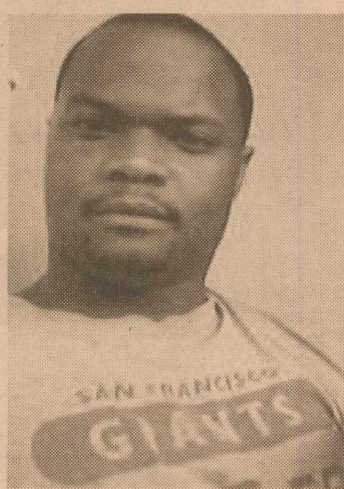
The confrontation grew heated and one of the men stabbed Griffin, according to a police report obtained by PEOPLE. He was rushed to a nearby hospital where he later died.

Last-Minute Shopping

Griffin was raising four children with his girlfriend, Nicole Simmons. She said they were doing an inventory of their Christmas gifts on Saturday night when he realized that his daughter, Jade, had one fewer gift than the other children. The family headed to Target.

Simmons told The East Bay Times that she had been told all went well until Griffin asked the men to turn down the music, which was inappropriate for children. A fight ensued. The couple's 4-year-old son witnessed the entire altercation.

Police tell PEOPLE they don't yet know what led up to the confrontation, but they say



Tyrone Griffin, Jr.

that there is nothing in their investigation that is inconsistent with the family's account.

"What type of person would take a life in front of a child?" Simmons wrote on the family's GoFundMe page. "My children are fatherless because of a thoughtless act of rage. Something that could have been totally avoided just by walking away."

Two Arrests

The Hayward Police Department confirms that two suspects have been arrested in connection with the homicide. The two men are brothers and have been identified as 22-year-old Frankie Archuleta and 25-year-old Jesse Archuleta.

They were booked into Hayward City Jail and are being held without bond on suspicion of

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Commemorative Council

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solo law practice in 2013. The McCormick Law Firm continues to practice in the areas of employment law, with an emphasis on school law, wills and probate, and criminal defense. John provides legal representation to members of teaching organizations such as the Association of Texas Professional Educators and the Texas Classroom Teachers Association. Additionally, he has represented educators in matters related to ethics and alleged educator misconduct before the State Board for Educator Certification.

Rev. McCormick has co-authored papers on civil rights in school law and employee retaliation. He served as a member of the Executive Council for the State Bar of Texas School Law Section and currently serves as a special master for mental health cases filed in the Travis County Probate Court.

In 2002, he acknowledged his call to the ministry, and received his license to preach at Grant African Methodist Episcopal Church. He served as pastor at Wesley Chapel A.M.E. Church in Georgetown, Texas. Currently, he serves as the founding pastor at CrossWork Center in Round Rock, Texas.

He has been married to Erica A. McCormick since 1990, and they have one daughter, Erin Janae.

The annual evening of activities will be Gospel Night on Monday evening, January 16th, beginning at 6:00 p. m. at the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center, 1501 Mac Davis Lane.

The public is invited to attend all activities.

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6:30 PM, Clarion Hotel and Conference Center
3201 S. Loop 289, Lubbock
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Sat, January 7, 10:30 am, Free, Ages 6-18
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SPRING ACTIVITY GUIDE
Sun, January 8 in the Lubbock AJ or online
at www.playlubbock.com. See all of our
spring activities, classes and special events!

DECORATIVE FLOWER VASE
Tuesday, January 17, 10 am, Free, Ages 50+
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In Cinque

By Renetta Howard



2017: A NEW YEAR!

HAPPY NEW YEAR! It has finally arrived, the new year in which we have looked forward to; a fresh new start; the beginning of the rest of our lives. It is a time when we can put our moments of sadness, disappointments, failures and regrets behind us and vow to put our best foot forward on making 2017 the best year of our lives so far.

We can first thank our friends, family, associates and God for the successful arrival of our being, healthy and happy at this juncture of our lives. Sadly, and oddly enough, someone we knew and/or loved did not make it to 2017. We can make new efforts in the new year to be a more loving person; a more patient person and attempt to understand how others feel as we intermingle with them, without making judgments.

Being optimistic will be our first call of the day. We must not allow the unwholesome, unhealthy and illegal occurrences of each day to cloud our minds or our memories. We can keep sacred those things that are sa-

cred to us in our hearts without the clutter of the day.

Our lives do not have to be haphazard. We can plan the road that we take in our daily lives. All we need is the desire to live a happy life and work toward that end. Some of us have a host of priorities which get in the way of our happiness. Because of the priorities, we never reach our goal. Life can be very simple and stress free when we really know what it takes to make us happy.

We all need some quiet time in our lives to reflect on what we want and what we need to be wholesome and happy. We need to be able to be alone with a higher being to help us to be able to sort out exactly what we want and see a way to make our dreams come true. Some of us practice exercises which help us to find our inner selves. Some of us just sit and think or dream, but whatever means we have of finding ourselves and what we want for ourselves, is what we need to get "in cinque" and do in 2017 and make it the greatest year ever.



Beyond the Rhetoric

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By

Harry C. Alford

The Democratic Party is falling Apart

I guess you can say that the Clintons have lost their mojo. Their swagger, charisma and charm do not work on the common folk. But celebrities still idolize them. Donald Trump appealed to the common folk. It was clear that he felt their pain and related to the daily struggles. He didn't run for the money and power. He already has that. His message was clear and believable - America is broken and he is going to fix it. The slogan "Make America Great Again" became contagious. No one has ever filled up arenas and stadiums like he did - not even Obama. Hillary Clinton has proven over the last decade that she was just about the money and removed from any empathy towards the middle and lower classes.

She claimed that she would emulate the Obama Administration "like a third term". That was not a promise, it was a threat. Like Obama she claimed she would rid the country of coal production. She would say it in states like West Virginia and Pennsylvania - states who lost over 60,000 jobs. Trump said he will open the closed mines and rehire the fired miners. Hillary was a very poor candidate but the establishment Republicans were going to make her their candidate no matter what happened. She was so cocky that she only campaigned in 33 of the 50 states. Three of those were Wisconsin, Michigan and Pennsylvania which were supposed to be her states per the polls. Guess what? She lost them big time. The biased media had her thinking it was going to be a cakewalk.

She would raise well over a billion dollars from her very rich and out of touch minions. She would use her foundation, The

THIS N' THAT

by T. J. Patterson

THERE ARE TWO PROGRAMS WHICH WILL BE HELD IN EAST LUBBOCK IN A FEW WEEKS. ONE WILL BE AN IMPORTANT MEETING ON THE REVITALIZATION IN THE AREA OF PARKWAY/CHERRY POINT AND A MEETING WITH REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE HISTORICAL BLACK COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES..... THIS N THAT highly encourages as many as possible to attend and get involved..... The presentation on the **REVITALIZATION OF THE PARKWAY/CHERRY POINT**

AREA is very important as there will be a **MEETING TO BE HELD** **TUESDAY MORNING** January 10, 2017 beginning at 11:00 a. m. until 2:00 p. m. at the **TTU INNOVATION HUB** which is located at **3911 4TH STREET**..... At this important meeting There will be discussion on a **NEW STRATEGY AND PLAN** for a revitalization program **WHICH IS CALLED ADOPT-A-SPOT! YOUR ATTENDANCE IS VERY IMPORTANT!**

THE SECOND IMPORTANT MEETING is the

..... **3RD ANNUAL HISTORICAL BLACK COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES (HBCU) EXPO**..... This event is showcasing information from various HBCU's including applications, financial aid, and housing information..... Information will be available from the following schools: **XAVIER OF LOUISIANA** **HUSTON-TILLOTSON OF AUSTIN** **JARVIS CHRISTIAN COLLEGE AND LANGSTON UNIVERSITY**..... This important meeting will be held on Thursday February 2, 2017 at 6 p.m. at Phea Boys and Girls Club.

Clinton Foundation, like it was here multimillion dollar piggy bank. Her daughter, Chelsea, took \$3 million from it for her own wedding (according to dailymail.co.uk 11/6/16). Life was just a "bowl of cherries" for the Clintons. Winning the election and becoming President was her due. Who cares about the fraud investigations? They can't hurt Hillary Clinton. Who cares about vote rigging against her opponent Bernie Sanders? Hillary will not be denied! But there is a God and he does not like "ugly".

On voting night, the phony media kept claiming she was in the lead. They kept that lie going all the way to 2:00 AM. Then as we started to conclude the tallies the truth came out and hit the Democratic Party like a ton of bricks. Donald Trump and the middle and lower classes would not be denied. The electoral vote totals showed that

Donald Trump won easily, in fact, it was a landslide. Hillary, Bill and the well - off established Democrats were nearly in catatonic shock. Oh, they cried like newborn babies. The leaders of the DNC went into denial. Many of them still think they can find a way of bumping Trump off his new throne. But the American People have spoken and there is nothing they can concoct to change that.

Fortunately, the misery index that the Democrats created via the Obama approach is starting to fade away even before Trump is inaugurated. Companies who were thinking of shutting down their American plants are turning those decisions around. They are buying into making "America great again". The stock markets are heading towards record levels. The middle and lower class families are starting to see real hope. It looks like we are finally going to turn the misery

index around. All this and Trump has yet to be sworn in. He is still filling up arenas, anticipation is of joy and optimism.

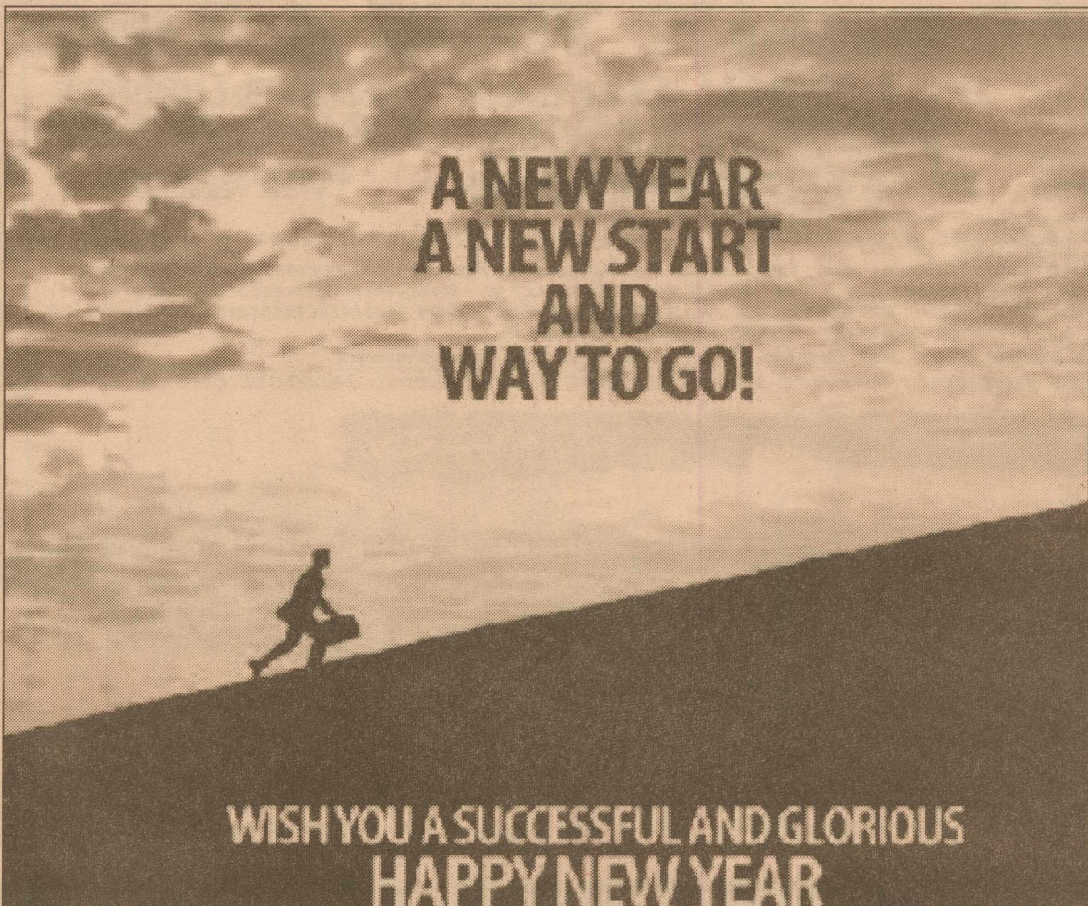
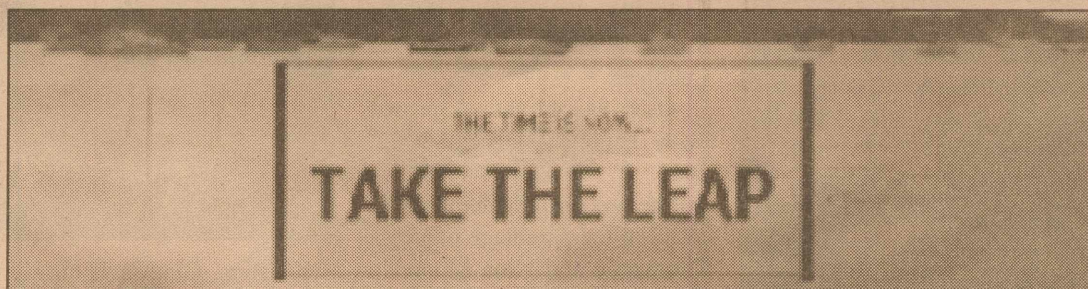
Meanwhile, the Democratic leadership is going "bonkers". They are still in denial. Democrats still want to demonize the person who is going to make "America great again". It is like they are the Romans and Trump is a gift from Heaven. It appears that he is not a "racist" or a "misogynist" and all the rest of those nasty things the Democratic elite would call him.

Listen Democrats, our military is about to get stronger with our troops paid properly. They will become the **BEST PAID, BEST EQUIPPED AND BEST TRAINED** military in the history of the world. That, alone, ensures our future and economy. Our 45th President is walking into a mess created by

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James 1:17 --- Every good gift and every perfect gift are from above, and comes from the Father of lights, and who there is no variability, neither shadow of turning.

Now that X-MAS IS OVER, LIGHTS ARE OUT AND BACK IN THE BOX. JESUS IS THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD; HE NEVER GOES OUT; DID YOU GET HIM OR NOT???

John 9:5 -- Jesus said, As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world. --- (WHO HAD THE MOST LIGHTS ON THEIR HOUSE; THE PIMPS OR THE PREACHERS? THE MISFITS OR THE MISSIONARIES? THE DOPE DEALERS OR THE DEACONS? WHICH ONE PLAYED THE GAME???)

That X-MAS TREE MUST COME DOWN, AND TAKEN TO THE LANDFILL. JESUS IS THE TREE OF LIFE, AND EVERLASTING LIFE, AND THAT IS WHAT HE GIVES!

John 15:1-2 -- Jesus said, I AM the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman. Every branch in me that bears no fruit he takes away, and every branch that bears fruit, that it may bring forth more fruit.

*** ARE YOU IN THE TRUE VINE???

THE GIFTS THAT COST BIG MONEY; YOU SPENT IT; TILL IT'S ALL GONE.

JESUS IS THE GIFT OF LIFE, AND KEEPS ON GIVING -- ON, AND ON AND ON!!!

Mark 8:36 -- Jesus said, For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?

That big X-MAS DINNER; IT WAS DIGESTED, AND PASSED ON THROUGH. JESUS IS THE BREAD OF LIFE AND WATER, AND EVERYDAY HE WILL BE WITHIN YOU!!! (AND SOME CHURCHES HAD NOT THE LOVE OF CHRIST, ON CHRIST'S BIRTHDAY, THEY HAD HATE, AND THEIR DOORS WERE CLOSED. IT'S LIKE THE WORLD HAVING X-MAS WITH THE REINDEERS AND THE FAT MAN!!!)

John 6:35 -- Jesus said, I am the bread of life. He that comes to me shall never hunger; and he that believes in me shall never thirst.

*** ARE YOU FULL OF JESUS???

Those new clothes you received for X-MAS WILL BECOME OLD RAGS, AND CASTED AWAY. JESUS WILL CLOTH YOU IN YOUR RIGHT MIND; EACH AND EVERYDAY!!!

Isaiah 26:3-4 -- The Lord

said, I will keep him in perfect peace, who's mind is stayed on thee, because he trusted in thee. Trust in the Lord forever; for the Lord JEHOVAH is everlasting strength.

O' LYING SANTA CLAUS MUST LEAVE, AND RETURN TO LIE AGAIN NEXT YEAR. JESUS IS THE WAY TO GOD, AND THE ONLY WAY, SO DON'T WAIT TILL NEXT YEAR!!!

II Corinthians 6:2b -- In the day of salvation have I succored (HELPEd) you; behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation. (YOUR DAY: TOMORROW MAY NOT COME!!!)

Everyone thinks they deserve, A GIFT OF GREAT VALUE, AND THAT'S TRUE. GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD; HE GAVE HIS GREATEST GIFT; JESUS CHRIST TO ME AND YOU!!!

John 3:17 -- Jesus said, For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through him might be saved.

*** ARE YOU SAVED???

THERE WAS A LOT OF MONEY ON X-MAS, AND IT WAS ALL IN VAIN. MANY PEOPLE ARE SO MUCH IN DEBT NOW. THEY'RE READY TO GO INSANE!!!

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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, January 1, 2017. 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 Sunday School opening with Sister Barbara Johnson, Superintendent, in charge. Praise God for all the knowledge we receive during Sunday School.

The subject of the Sunday School lesson was entitled "Word And Works." The scripture text was Psalm 33:1-9. The Sunday School lesson was taught by Sister Johnson, and was reviewed by Pastor Canady. It was another wonderful lesson.

The Sunday morning devotion was conducted by Deacon Edward Williams and

Rev. Tommy Parker.

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

The morning sermon was delivered by Rev. Edward Canady, our exciting Pastor. His subject was "If You Want To Be Successful, You Must Be Obedient." His scripture text was Joshua 1:4-5.

The morning announcements were read by Sister Shirley Canady, our First Lady, who does an outstanding job.

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

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

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

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Mattie Mae Denson

Funeral services were held for Mattie Mae Denson on Friday afternoon, December 30, 2016, at the Greater St. Luke Missionary Baptist Church with the Rev. Dr. J. H. Ford, pastor, officiating.

Interment followed in the City of Lubbock Cemetery under the direction of Ossie Curry Funeral Home.

Denson, age 94 of Lubbock, Texas, passed away on Monday, December 26, 2016.

She was born to the parentage of Douglas Hurd and Florida Giddens Hurd on August 29, 1922 in Red River County, Texas.

She attended public schools in Rede River County, Texas.

She was married to Clarence Denson on November 6, 1936, and to this union 2 children were born, Doris Jean Merriweather and Clarence Denson.

Sister Denson moved to Lubbock in March, 1946. She worked for the Finnell family for many years.

Sister Denson was a member of the Greater St. Luke Missionary Baptist Church where she was a charter member for over 65 years. She also served in the Missionary Ministry as Vice President of Mission II.

She was very proud of the



motto, "I would rather be a door keeper in the house of the Lord, than to dwell in the tents of the wicked."

She worked faithfully and lovingly on Usher Board 1.

Mattie Denson was a member of the American Legion and the Disable Veterans.

She loved her Family, her Pastor, and Church Family, and was visible in all of the Church services until her health failed.

She leaves to cherish her daughter: Doris Merriweather; one son, Clarence Denson, who preceded her in death; 4 grandchildren, and a host of other relatives and friends.

She will be truly missed by many who knew her.

Earnestine Osby

Funeral services for Earnestine Osby were held on Friday afternoon, December 30, 2016, at the St. John Baptist Church with Rev. S. E. Fields, pastor, officiating.

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

Osby, 84, of Lubbock, passed away Thursday, December 22, 2016.

She was born September 19, 1932, to the parentage of Virgil Thompson and Nina Moore in Timpson Texas. She attended school in Timpson, Texas.

She moved to Lubbock with her family where she received a CNA license at St Mary Hospital where she worked for 30 plus years and retired.

She became a member of St John Baptist Church in late 1950's where she served as a Sunday school teacher, president of the Youth Usher Board, President of Pastors Aide, and she was a Deaconess. She was a faithful member until her health began to fail and she could no longer serve.

She leaves six devoted children to cherish her memory: Ellis Ray Osby (Marilyn), Charles Earl Osby (Denise), Evelyn Whiteside, David Osby (Kasey), Christine Gilliard (Leonard), and Carolyn Osby;



two sisters, Gladys Thompson and Glory Thompson; 27 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; and one God-granddaughter, DaKiyah.

North & East Lubbock Revitalization Set

North & East Lubbock Revitalization Initiative meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 10, 2017 from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm at TTU Innovation Hub located at 3911 4th St. We will be discussing our new strategy and plan for our revitalization program (Adopt-A-Spot). We would like to get as many residents, organizations, churches, businesses that live/work in Parkway Cherry-Point and Jackson-Mahon areas.

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Obsequies

Larry Don Burgess, Jr.

Petersburg, Texas -- Funeral services were held for Larry Don Burgess, Jr. on Friday morning, December 2, 2016, at the First Baptist Church in Petersburg, Texas with Pastor Eugene Gentry as Officiate and Eulogist.

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

Burgess, 81, of Lubbock passed away Thursday, November 25, 2016.

He was born August 8, 1935, to the parentage of Larry Don, Sr. and Amelia Burgess in Calvert, Texas.

He was a member of Hopewell Baptist Church under the pastorage of Oscar Gentry. He later became under the watch care of Holy Trinity Praise & Worship Apostle and Prophets until his passing.

He was the owner of a gas station in Lubbock. He moved to Petersburg, Texas, where he owned a restaurant and farmed until 1981. Larry later moved back to Lubbock and began



working for Eagle Pitcher until he retired.

Larry is preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Letha Burgess; one son, Eddie Burgess; one brother, Eugene Burgess; and one sister, Irma Jean Burgess.

Larry leaves to cherish his memories: his children, Onnie Hood (Larry), Angie McDonald, Tracy Burgess, Vivian Olebe (Felix), Vanessa Burgess, Yelonda Shedd, Darrell Burgess (Jackie) and Gerald Burgess (Janet); 14 grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; three sis-

Funeral services for Janet Lee Fulcher were held on Friday morning, December 2, 2016, at the New Millenium Baptist Church with Pastor Gleen Samuels as the Officiate and Eulogist.

Burial was held in Peaceful Gardens Cemetery in Woodrow, Texas under the direction of Griffin Mortuary & Funeral Home of Lubbock.

Fulcher, age 52, of Lubbock, passed away Tuesday, November 22, 2016.

She was born on October 13, 1964, to the late Beulah Mae and George Fulcher.

She graduated from Estacado High School. Janet worked on various jobs and she was also the neighborhood "Mom" to all the people who needed a mom. Janet loved to cook for people.

Janet leaves to cherish her memories: two daughters, Victoria McNeal (Broderic) and Tre-

ters, Elsie Clark, Lillian Moore, and Jimmie Lang; two brothers, Ocie Burgess and Bill Burgess; and a host of other relatives and friends.



shanna Quigley; one son, D'Vondrick Chew (Somalia Danford); two sisters, Barbara Ann Fulcher and Linda Sinchez; one brother, Norman Fulcher; four grandchildren; one great-grandchild; and a host of other relatives and friends.

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Oprah Winfrey

Henry Ray Williams

Funeral services were held for Henry Ray Williams at the Mt. Gilead Baptist Church with Pastor James Clark as Conductor. Supt. W. David Haynes was the Eulogist.

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

Williams passed away on Saturday, November 26, 2016.

He was born May 28, 1957 to Gorla Williams and James Price Williams as the sixth child in Lubbock, Texas.

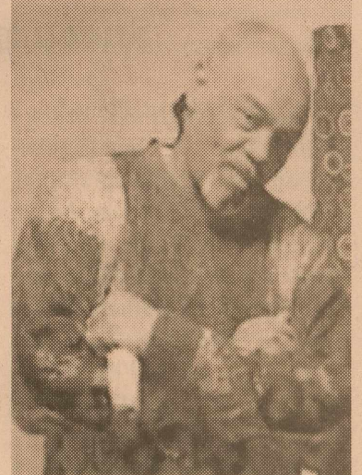
Prior to his demise, he dedicated his life to Christ and was a member of Christ Temple Church of God in Christ.

He graduated from Lubbock High School. He was a man of unconditional love and many talents. Because of his ability to demonstrate these characteristics, he was loved and respected throughout the community.

Williams was self-employed for over 30 years; his many talents ranged from automotive work, home renovation, lawn care, and commercial infrastructure.

He met his life long love of 40 years, Virginia Williams, at Casa Blanca, where their relationship thrived from their love for dancing and participating in many dance competitions, which later resulted in their marriage on July 1, 1976. From this union, children were born: Jessica of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, Sabrina of Dallas, Texas, and Ulysses Ray Williams (Janie H. Williams) of Lubbock, Texas.

Prior to this union, he has



two twin daughters, Yvonne Valdez of Lubbock, Texas and Yvetta Valdez-Barajas of Austin, Texas. (Joe Barajas).

In 2008, Henry and Virginia relocated to Bedford, Texas where he was so happy of his accomplishments his past 10 years.

In 2016, Henry and Virginia again relocated to Del City, Oklahoma to spend more quality time with their two other grandchildren. What brought him great joy was spending time with family cooking, dancing, conversations with people and, most importantly, quiet time with Jesus.

Henry was preceded in death by his parents; one sister, Gladys Fitzhugh; two brothers, Ulasee and Charles Williams.

He leaves to cherish his life: wife, daughters, son, and 6 sisters: Doris Kinney, Nell, Betty, Joyce, Janice and Linda Williams, all of Lubbock, Texas; 3 brothers: James, Johnnie, and Earl Williams, all of Lubbock, Texas; 11 grandchildren, nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

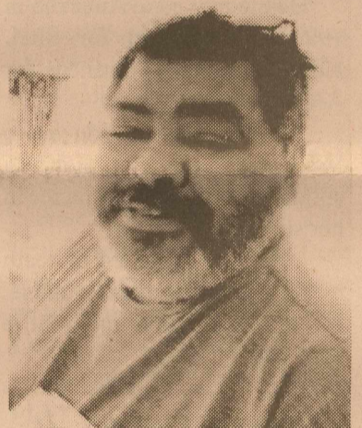
Ernesto Garcia, Jr.

Funeral services were held for Ernesto Garcia, Jr. on Monday morning, December 12, 2016, at the Griffin Mortuary Chapel with Ana Chavira officiating.

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

Ernesto, age 49 of Lubbock, Texas, passed away on Wednesday, December 7, 2016.

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She was born June 15, 1952 in Waco, Texas. She was the eldest child of six to the parentage of Plas "Todd" McGee and Alpha "Jewell" Norwood.

Menthia was preceded in death by her mother, Alpha Jewell Norwood in 1995.

Menthia graduated from Estacado High School and attended some college.

She married Pete Edward Brown in October of 1969, whom she chose because he was handsome, very charming, and athletic.

Menthia moved to California in 1978 where she continued to live until her untimely death.

She later divorced after 14 years in March 1984 to Pete Brown.

Menthia worked with San Andreas Regional Center for 20 years, and was particularly known for her advocacy and commitment in making a difference in the lives of people with developmental disabilities. She also served the Board of Directors for Capital Manor where she lived for 20 years, and later served as the Board President.

She enjoyed serving on the Board where she would help in serving others to not only ensure that everyone was treated equally, but the betterment of her community. She stepped down as Board President in 2015 due to her health.

Menthia was a very strong woman of God; her faith is what allowed her to continue her fight with her illness. At the time of her death, she was a member of Milpitas Seventh Day Adventist Church.

Menthia is survived by her only child, LaSonia Brown of Phoenix Arizona; her granddaughter, LaKersha Alexander; of San Jose, California; grandsons, DJ and Devante of Phoenix, Arizona; great-grandson, Darron of Phoenix, Arizona; four brothers: Bennard McGee and Kelvin Hall, both of Waco, Texas, Anthony Hall of Lubbock, Texas, and David Earl McGee of Moquino, New Mexico; a sister, Sandra McGee; Aunt Rosena Evans; Uncle Floyd Lee Norwood; and a host nieces, nephews; other relatives and friends.

Janet Lee Fulcher

Detrick DeMarcus Flowers

Funeral services were held for Detrick DeMarcus Flowers on Friday afternoon, December 2, 2016, at The Living Word with Pastor Solomon Fields as Officiate. Pastor Dickerson was the Eulogist.

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

Flowers, 19, of Fort Worth, passed away Saturday, November 19, 2016.

He was born January 14, 1997, to Lisa Flowers-White. He lived in Fort Worth, Texas. Detrick received his high school education from Polytechnical High School and graduating from Cassata High School on May 21, 2016.

Detrick worked various jobs. He was loved and will be missed by many.

Detrick is preceded in death by his grandparents, Billy Mack and Ruthie Mae Harris.

Detrick leaves to cherish his memories his son, Roman-Zachary Appollo Chavez; his



mother, Lisa Flowers-White (Jerdell); two brothers, Garron Flowers and Davieon Flowers; and a host of other relatives and friends.

Active Pallbearers were: DeMonte Washington, Jerdell White, Stephen Harris, and DeAndre Harris.

Honorary Pallbearers were Billy Harris, Jr., Dan Harris, Tommy Lethridge, Todd Harris, Willie Rogers, and RAY rober-son.

Menthia Louise Fowers "Ment"

Funeral services were held for Menthia Louise "Ment" Brown on Saturday afternoon, December 17, 2016, at Griffin Mortuary Chapel with Pastor Raymond Foster as Officiate and Eulogist.

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

Brown, age 64, died peacefully after a long battle with carcinoid cancer at El Camino Hospital in Mountain View, California on Monday, December 5,



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Longtime Resident, Johnnie Mae Williams Henderson, Succumbs Here

Funeral services were held for Johnnie Mae Williams Henderson on Wednesday afternoon, December 28, 2016, at the St. Mark Baptist Church with Rev. Venus Smitherman as Eulogist.

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

Henderson, age 69 of Lubbock, passed away on Monday, December 19, 2016.

Johnnie was born April 8, 1947, to the parentage of Sarah Jordan and Horace Williams. Johnnie accepted Christ at a young age.

She graduated from Dunbar High School. She was employed with Aramark Food Service for ten years with the Lubbock Independent School District from which she retired.

Johnnie loved cooking and being with her family. She will be truly missed.

Johnnie is preceded in death by: her father, Horace Williams; daughter, Shelia Angela Henderson; and three brothers: Billy Williams, Leon Armstead, Jr.,



and Clarence Armstead.

Johnnie's memories will forever be cherished by her mother, Sarah Armstead; her husband, Thomas Deshone, Sr.; three sons: Mack Henderson, III, Javad Deshone (Angela), and Thomas Deshone, Jr.; three daughters: Lucy Upshaw, Ashley Deshone, and Felicia; ten grandchildren; a host of other relatives and friends.

Pallbearers were: LaCarl Richardson, Kenneth Williams, Larry Alexander, Jerrell Floyd, Dale Richardson, Donnell

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Jeremiah 9:24a -- The Lord said, Let him that glory, glory in this, that he understands and knows me, that I am the Lord which exercise lovingkindness, judgement, and righteousness.

Hooper, and Gerald Lewis.

Honorary Pallbearers were Travis English, Jr., Javad Kareem Deshone, Billy Williams, Jr., Mark Charles Henderson, III, and Thomas Houston Deshone, Jr.

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of Lubbock, Texas and Kenneth Simpson of Elgin, Texas; three grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives, and friends.

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Dessie Lavern Simpson

Amarillo, Texas -- Funeral services were held for Dessie Lavern Simpson on Saturday afternoon, December 17, 2016, at Divine Love Temple with Rev. Charlie Love as Eulogist.

Dessie, age 47 of Amarillo, Texas, passed away on Thursday, December 8, 2016, in Amarillo.

She was born on October 19, 1969 in Lubbock, Texas. She graduated from Dunbar High School.

Dessie moved to Amarillo in 1994. She worked for Sitel, Advo, and most recently for AIG.

Dessie was introduced to Jesus at an early age. Her two children were a driving factor in her success.

She was preceded in death by her parents, and two brothers, David Earl Judie and Willie Judie, Jr.



Survivors include one daughter, Jasmine Patterson of Amarillo, Texas; one son, Javon Cravin of Amarillo, Texas; 9 sisters: Idella Jackson (Michael), Debra Wiseman, Debbie Smith (Michael), all of Amarillo, Texas, Nellie Thomas, Rita Judie, Shawonekia Thomas, Gloria Judie, all of Lubbock, Texas, Lola Lethridge of Sanger, Texas, and Lois Price (Theophilus) of Houston, Texas; two brothers, Kenneth Thomas

Ernesto Garcia, Jr.

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Ernesto was born on May 25, 1967 in Littlefield, Texas to Ernesto Garcia, Sr. and Ruby Sierra.

He retired from the United States Army where he served in Iraq War.

He married Deangela Smith on November 22, 1989 in Lake Worth, Texas.

Ernesto is preceded in death by his wife, Denagela; uncles, Raymond Siera, Jr. and Thomas E. Gipson; and grandfather, Ramon Sierra.

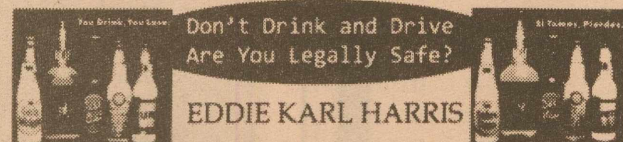
Ernesto leaves to cherish his memories: his mother, Ruby Sierra; daughter, Presslee Garcia; siblings: Elisa Garcia, James Pacheco, and Enrique Garcia; step-son, Curtis Smith; two grandchildren, Isabella Mendoza and London Jimenez; nieces: Ana Chavira, Nicole Wilson, Gabriella Garcia, and Celina Pacheco; nephews: Louis Garcia, Patrick Garcia, and Frank Pacheco; a host of other relatives and friends.

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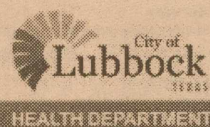
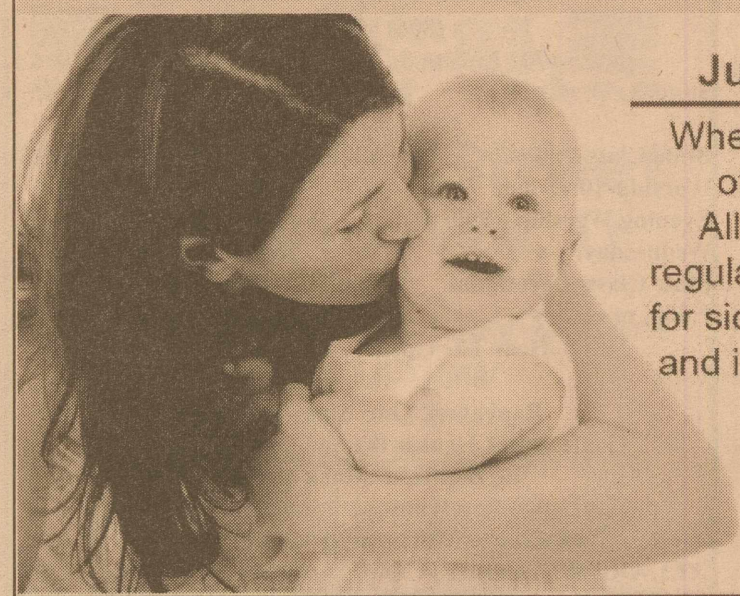
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Future of STEM Initiatives at HBCUs Uncertain Under Trump's Administration

By
Sheryl Estrada

Administrators at Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) are concerned about whether STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) education advocacy will continue under President-elect Donald Trump's administration.

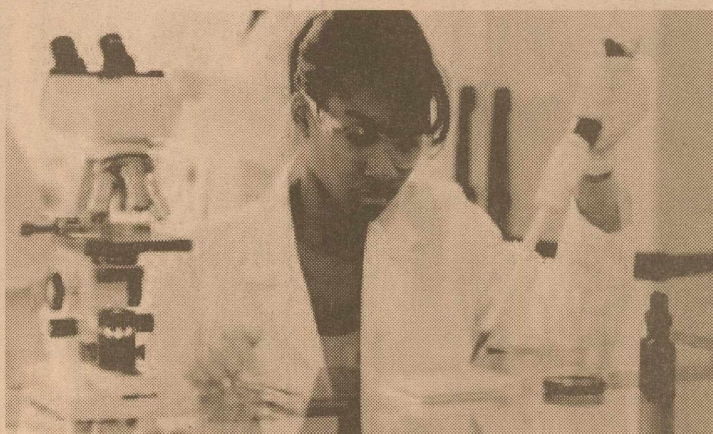
Trump has not disclosed any policy positions on HBCUs. In regard to STEM, early education and exposure are key for students to pursue a career in the sciences. With his cabinet picks, such as school-choice advocate Betsy DeVos for secretary of education, it remains to be seen if students of color around the country will have increased access to schools equipped with science and computer labs and trained STEM teachers.

HBCUs make up just 3 percent of colleges and universities in the United States yet produce 27 percent of Black students with bachelor's degrees in STEM fields, according to U.S. Department of Education (DOE) data.

A recent National Science Foundation report found that HBCUs are 21 of the top 50 institutions for educating African American graduates who go on to receive their doctorates in science and engineering.

The DOE specifically created an Office of STEM to help coordinate programs throughout the department and across its federal partners. To meet the nation's evolving workforce needs, the DOE has stated the U.S. will need to add 1 million more STEM professionals by 2022.

I think at this time, we are entering an era of unpredictability," Tashni-Ann Dubroy, president of Shaw University, told



DiversityInc. "We are unsure of what the outcomes will be. But I think we have the opportunity to manage those outcomes."



Dr. Tashni-Ann Dubroy

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Shaw University is a private, coed college located in Raleigh, N.C., with an undergraduate population of just under 1,700 students. Founded in 1865, it is the oldest HBCU in the south, whose current president, at age 36, is one of the youngest college presidents in the country.

Dubroy, a chemist, is a reflection of the STEM students she serves. She earned her bachelor's degree in chemistry at Shaw, a doctorate in physical organic chemistry from North Carolina State University and an MBA from Rutgers University.

"What I can tell from President-elect Donald Trump's narrative is that he is a 'bottom line' guy," Dubroy explained. "And he is interested in looking at return on investment."

"If the dollars and cents add up, he's more than likely to invest in it. What I'm looking forward to doing, along with my colleagues, is presenting proposals that highlight the value of HBCUs, and highlight how it is that we can create centers of innovation, STEM innovation in particular. And, how it is that we can impact students all across the United States in order to increase the volume of students that pursue the STEM fields."

In his acceptance speech, Trump said that his administration would put "millions of our people to work" by rebuilding infrastructure including bridges, highways and tunnels. But the \$1 trillion price tag is not sitting well with Senate Majority Leader Senator Mius military could carry out first execution in over 50 yearstch McConnell, who told reporters on Capitol

Hill on Monday, "It will be interesting to see how this is put together. I hope we avoid a trillion-dollar stimulus."

When there is a tangible infrastructure plan, Dubroy said HBCU presidents "should look at it as an opportunity."

Major tech companies understand the type of return on investment Dubroy thinks may convince Trump's administration on the importance of STEM education at HBCUs.

In February, Shaw became the first private HBCU in North Carolina to receive a \$50,000 grant from Apple and the Thurgood Marshall College Fund (TMCF) aimed at increasing the number of highly trained minority technology professionals at the company.

Dubroy herself was identified as a high-potential employee when beginning her career as a research scientist at BASF (No. 24 on the DiversityInc 2016 Top 50 Companies for Diversity list), a chemical manufacturing corporation. She was eventually appointed to serve as chemical procurement manager at the company, where she managed a strategic sourcing budget of \$35 million.

"I had a few mentors [at BASF] and sponsors, some of whom did not look like me," Dubroy said. "But they were outstanding in their ability to assist me in the next phase of my career goals."

Dubroy left the company to pursue an entrepreneurial career, opening two businesses. She eventually returned to her alma mater, Shaw, becoming its 17th president in June 2015.

Keeping the Current Investment in HBCUs

Secretary of Education John B. King Jr. wrote a column in October about the Obama ad-

ministration's investment in HBCUs.

"Each year, at the Department of Education, we invest over \$4 billion in HBCUs, so they can offer college degrees that are accessible and affordable, and so that campuses are providing the kind of supports that drive student success," he said. "We have also fought hard to strengthen the Pell Grant programs, and have seen Pell Grant funding for HBCU students rise from \$523 million in 2007 to \$824 million in 2014 — amounting to more than a 150-percent increase."

In a March statement, the DOE called HBCUs "particularly critical to meeting the STEM challenge" and said that the Obama administration "has instituted policies that provide \$850 million over the next

decade to renew, reform, and expand programs to ensure students have the opportunity for educational and career success at HBCUs."

Dr. Julianne Malveaux is an economist and President Emerita of Bennett College, an HBCU for women in Greensboro, N.C. In an opinion piece, Malveaux suggested that it may be up to President Obama to ensure the federal commitment to HBCUs continues.

"In these last days of his administration, the president can use his executive orders to bring money to HBCUs, to mandate federal contracting with HBCUs, to curtail strict enforcement of Parent Plus loan qualifications, to provide additional scholarships for our outstanding students," she said.

Federal Court Rules Police Can Shoot a Barking or Moving Dog While Entering a Home



A federal court in Grand Rapids, Michigan, ruled that police can shoot a dog while entering a home if the animal "moves or barks" in the officer's presence.

The decision is the final step in a case brought to court by Mark and Cheryl Brown of Battle Creek, whose pit bull was killed while officers were executing a search warrant on their home in 2013.

The couple claimed that officers "unlawfully seized their property in violation of the Fourth Amendment when officers shot and killed two dogs while executing a search warrant."

An officer testified that he shot

the first dog when it appeared to move "a few inches" and lunged at him. The dog fled to the basement, where the officer shot and killed it. Court documents reveal that another officer killed the second dog after it too ran to the basement and barked at the officers.

Judge Eric Clay's decision ruled that the Browns failed to provide evidence that the first dog did not lunge at police and that the second dog did not bark.

"Given the totality of the circumstances and viewed from the perspective of an objectively reasonable officer, the dog poses an imminent threat to the officer's safety," the ruling reads.

Report: Beauty Products for Black Women Have More Health Hazards

An analysis of hair and beauty products marketed to Black women found that approximately 1,177 products contain more potentially harmful ingredients than products promoted to the general public.

Last week, the Environmental Working Group (EWG), a Washington-based nonprofit and non-partisan environmental organization specializing in research and advocacy, released the report "Big Market For Black Cosmetics, But Less-Hazardous Choices Limited."

An author of the report, Deputy Director of Research at EWG Nneka Leiba, said products specifically targeted toward Black women are less healthy.

"As a Black woman myself, I was disheartened that Black women have fewer options for healthier products when they are choosing from products specifically targeted to them," she told



TIME magazine.

Leiba and co-authors of the report — Paul Pestano, senior database analyst, and Brit'ny Hawkins, EWG consultant — state that about one in 12 of the 1,177 products tested was ranked highly hazardous on EWG's Skin Deep Cosmetics Database scoring system, which now rates more than 64,000

products.

The cosmetic database compares product ingredients to more than 60 toxicity and regulatory databases and scientific studies. Products are rated from 1 (lowest hazard) to 10 (highest hazard).

The EWR report indicates that less than 25 percent of the products marketed to Black

women scored low in potentially hazardous ingredients, compared to about 40 percent of the items in the Skin Deep Database, which are marketed to the general public.

The report states:

"The percentage of products scored as 'high hazard' was about the same for both market segments, but the disparity in products scored as 'low hazard' suggests that there may be a narrower range of choices for safer-scoring products specifically marketed to Black women."

None of the products marketed to Black women received a "low hazard" score in the categories of hair relaxers, hair colors and bleaching products, lipsticks, concealers, foundations and sun-protective makeup.

Potential hazards linked to product ingredients include cancer, hormone disruption, developmental and reproductive damage, allergies and other adverse health effects.

Products with the highest potential hazard are hair colors,

bleaching products and hair relaxers. The 15 hair relaxers evaluated scored an average of 8.1. For example, Organics by Africa's Best Touch Up Plus Organic Conditioning Relaxer System received a 10 (highest hazard). It is indicated the product is likely to perpetuate allergies and immunotoxicity.

The authors state, "We assess the ingredients listed on the labels of personal care products based on data in toxicity and regulatory databases, government and health agency assessments and the open scientific literature."

Prior research has also indicated the chemical hazards of hair relaxers. The American Journal of Epidemiology released a study in 2012, "Hair Relaxer Use and Risk of Uterine Leiomyomata in African-American Women," which linked the product to uterine fibroids, as well as early puberty in young girls.

From 1997 to 2009, researchers followed 23,580 premenopausal African American

women. They assessed that chemical exposure through scalp lesions and burns resulting from relaxers may have resulted in a two- to three-times higher rate of fibroids among Black women.

Straight Hair in the Workplace

Hair texture has no connection to talent or ability. Yet some companies negatively judge Black women on the basis of their choice of a natural hairstyle.

"There's no doubt in my mind that Black people have been overlooked for promotions because of natural hair or darker skin color," DiversityInc CEO Luke Visconti wrote in a column "Ask the White Guy: Do Blacks Need to Relax Their Natural Hair to Get Promoted."

"Companies that manage past bias and hire, mentor and promote equitably have better talent. They are also better prepared for the future as our country becomes more diverse.

Article Was Written By Sheryl Estrada.

Winners Of The Co-Ed Pool Tournament Named At Mae Simmons Senior Citizens Center



The 2016 Mae Simmons Senior Citizens Center's Co-Ed Pool Tournament was held Friday afternoon, December 30, 2016.

The winners are as follows: from left to right, Third Place, Doris Williams and Guy Manges; Second Place, Joe Martinez and Patricia Neil; and First Place, Merry Walker and Ernest Peoples.

Each team received ribbons for their effort. Each team member will tell you it was a very exciting afternoon of skill and fun!



Pictured above are some of the players and spectators who were in attendance of the 2016 Co-Ed Pool Tournament at Mae Simmons Senior Citizens

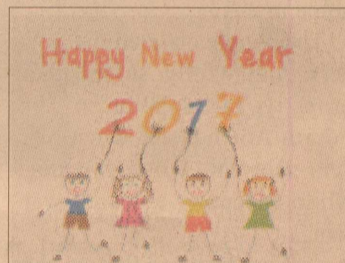
Center. Participants in the tournament were excited about this event for the Senior Citizens. They promise you, there will be more!

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murder. They have not yet entered a plea and it was not immediately clear if they have retained attorneys.

They are expected to appear in court later this week. Griffin's family could not be reached.

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