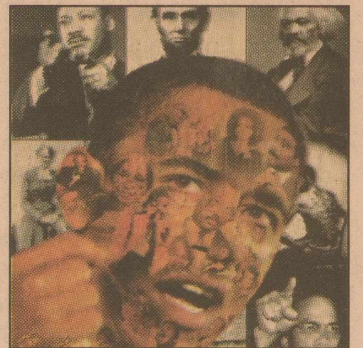
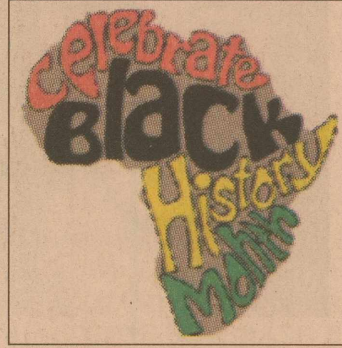
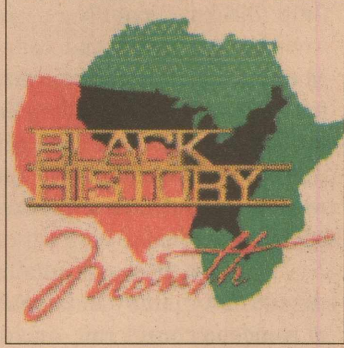
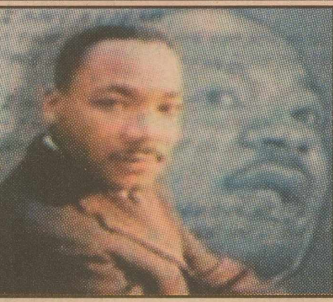




# Southwest Digest



## 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](mailto:swdigest@sbcglobal.net).

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902 East 28th Street  
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(806) 761-1111 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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## LeVar Burton, Wes Moore to Speak for African-American History Lecture Series

The Texas Tech University Division of Institutional Diversity, Equity and Community Engagement welcomes actor, author and literacy advocate LeVar Burton and acclaimed author and entrepreneur Wes Moore as part of the 2017 African-American History Month Lecture Series.

Burton will deliver his lecture, "The Value of Diversity," on Tuesday, February 7. Moore's speech, "A Call to Action," will take place Thursday, February 16. Both lectures will begin at 7 p.m. in the Student Union Building's Allen Theatre.

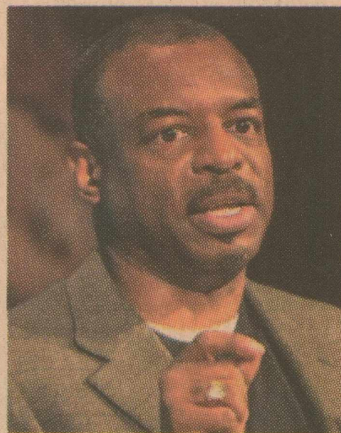
"Each speaker will use his life's stories and experiences to address the cultural significance of African-Americans to society and to inspire those in attendance to use their gifts, their skills and their talents to make a positive impact on the world," said Cory Powell, director of Mentor Tech.

The events are free and open to the public, but space is limited. Tickets can be picked up prior to the lecture, are limited to two per person and are available in Doak Hall, Room 101 on a first-come, first-serve basis. Any unclaimed seats on the day of the lecture will be made available to others at 6:45 p.m.

Burton began his career at age 19 when he was cast in the groundbreaking role of Kunta Kinte in the landmark television series "Roots." In 1986, he began portraying chief engineer Geordi La Forge in the iconic "Star Trek: The Next Generation" television series and feature films.

"Mr. Burton's lecture will include references to his television experience across several decades," Powell said. "He will address the important contributions African-Americans have made to communities around the world."

From 1983 to 2009, Burton



Lavar Burton



Wes Moore

served as host and executive producer of one of the longest-running and most acclaimed children's television shows in history. "Reading Rainbow," a PBS series, ran for 23 seasons and earned more than 200 awards, including 26 Emmy Awards and a Peabody Award. Burton also received 12 Emmy Awards for his work on the show.

Since 2012, Burton has spearheaded what he refers to as "Reading Rainbow 2.0." He and business partner Mark Wolfe have launched the No. 1 educational iPad app and the online educational services Reading Rainbow Skybrary School and Skybrary Family with the intent of raising American literacy rates.

Moore, a veteran and former Rhodes Scholar and White House Fellow, has dedicated his life to social justice. He has written three books, two of which have gone on to become New York Times Bestsellers – "The Other Wes Moore" and "The Work" – and a young adult novel, "This Way Home."

"The Other Wes Moore" also has been adapted into a young adult novel and tells the story of how the mentors and support system in his life kept him from the trap of crime and drugs. "The Work" is his most recent book and focuses on the experiences that have led Moore to his

passions and purposes and the ways to use those to change the world.

"Mr. Moore will share his life experiences and the power of choice," Powell said. "He'll also deliver a call to action for everyone in attendance to do their part to make an impact on society."

Moore is the founder and CEO of BridgeEdU, a program aimed at reinventing the freshman year to engage students. In addition to sharing his story with live audiences around the world, Moore has been featured in USA Today, Time and People magazines, and on Meet the Press, The Colbert Report, MSNBC, NPR and many other outlets. He is currently the host of Beyond Belief on the Oprah Winfrey Network and serves as executive producer and host of PBS's Coming Back with Wes Moore.

The African-American History Month Lecture Series is sponsored by the Office of the President, the Office of the Provost and the Division of Institutional Diversity, Equity and Community Engagement. Burton's lecture is co-sponsored by the J.T. & Margaret Talkington College of Visual & Performing Arts.

CONTACT: Cory Powell, director, Mentor Tech, Division of Institutional Diversity, Equity & Community Engagement, Texas Tech University, (806) 834-0991 or [cory.powell@ttu.edu](mailto:cory.powell@ttu.edu)

## The Bridge Will Host Lip Sync Battle Fundraiser

Whitney Owen, director of The Bridge of Lubbock, has announced a Lip Sync Battle as a

fundraiser from 7:00 p. m. 9:00 p. m. on Friday, February 24, 2017, at its facility, 1301 Red-

bud Avenue. According to Owen, the or-

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## Young People Volunteered On Dr. King's Birthday



**YOUNG PEOPLE VOLUNTEERING** -- Pictured above some of the 100 volunteers who participated on Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s National Day of Service on Monday, January 16, 2017, the National Holiday for the slain Civil Rights leader. He was killed on April 4, 1968 in Memphis, Tennessee.

The volunteers in Lubbock, Texas planted more than 100 trees on Avenue A., between 1900 and 2300 blocks. Residents in District 2, especially members of the Dunbar Neighborhood Association are very proud of this productive effort on behalf of these young people.



## Eddie Karl Harris Named Paul Harris Fellow

Eddie Karl Harris, left above, with Lubbock Mayor Pro Tem Loretta Joy, right, received the Paul Harris Fellow, the Rotary Foundation of Rotary International, during Lubbock Rotary Club meeting on Wednesday afternoon, January 25, 2017.

The award was presented to Harris in appreciation of tangible and significant assistance given for the furtherance of better understanding and friendly relations among peoples of the world.

After receiving such an honor, Harris said, "I am very humble and grateful to receive such an honor of recognition. Service above self in our country, state, community is a great cause to eradicate and address polio and serve one another."

## Mae Simmons Senior Citizens Have A Dialogue With Mayor Pope

There were twenty-two Mae Simmons Senior Citizens who had a very exciting dialogue with Mayor Dan Pope on Thursday morning, January 25, 2017.

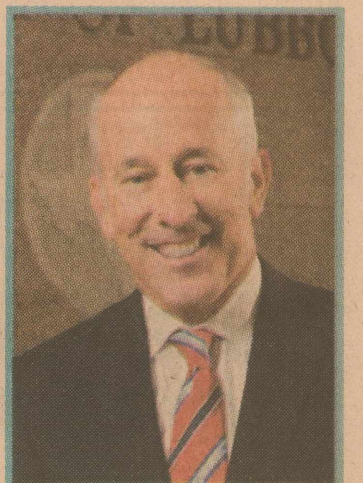
Mayor Pope gave some opening remarks and expressed his appreciation for this meeting. "It is always a positive opportunity when you can meet and discuss positive issues," Mayor Pope made known.

During the hour meeting at the Mae Simmons Senior Citizens Center, which was the same for Lubbock City Council meeting, much was discussed by the group.

Among the issues discussed were: taxation, bad streets which need to be repaired, more businesses needed in District 2, with special emphasis on East Lubbock; and the need for more beautification.

Those Seniors present are willing to participate by giving resources for beautifying District 2.

Those in attendance are proud of the facility they attend daily, Monday through Friday, and will do all they can to keep it



Mayor Dan Pope

safe and clean for all who attend.

Mayor Pope expressed how he appreciated being present for such a dialogue. He has agreed to attend another session on Thursday morning, March 24, 2017.

Minister Trent Cox opened the meeting with prayer. Prayer was also offered by Billy "B.J." Morrison as the dialogue concluded.

In a word, the dialogue was good!! Mae Simmons Senior Citizens are very excited!!

## Travel - Associated Zika Virus Infection has Been Identified in the City of Lubbock

The City of Lubbock Health Department (COLHD) has confirmed the Zika virus in a resident who recently returned from travel outside of the United States. The individual developed symptoms that are often associated with the Zika virus, which include: fever, rash and joint pain. This is a travel-associated case and there is no increased risk of Zika to area residents.

The COLHD urges everyone to continue to protect themselves

from mosquito bites when visiting areas where mosquito activity continues throughout the winter months. This is especially important when traveling to areas with active Zika transmission such as Central and South America, Mexico and the Caribbean. Pregnant women should not travel to areas with Zika virus transmission. Personal precautions to avoid mosquito bites include:

- Wear an EPA registered

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### Travel – Associated Zika Virus Infection has Been Identified in the City of Lubbock

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insect repellent

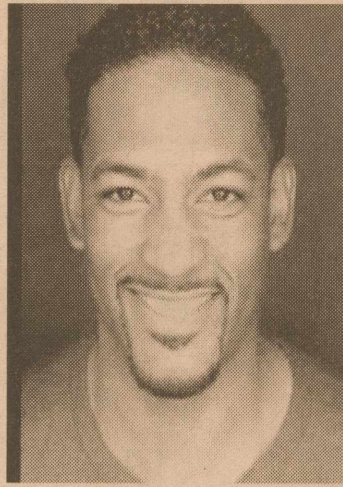
- Cover up with long-sleeved shirts and long pants
- Keep mosquitoes out of living areas by using air conditioning or intact window screens
- Limit outdoor activities during peak mosquito times.

This is the first Zika case within the City of Lubbock. A case in Lubbock County, outside the city limits, was reported in 2016. It is anticipated that additional individuals who travel to areas with active Zika transmission will be identified. Individuals returning from Zika-affected areas that feel sick upon return should see their

health care provider and report that they have traveled.

Zika is a mosquito-borne virus that can cause fever, rash, muscle and joint aches, and red eyes (conjunctivitis). Symptoms are usually mild, and most people exposed to Zika virus won't develop any symptoms at all. Zika has also been linked to a birth defect called microcephaly and other poor pregnancy outcomes in babies of mothers who were infected with the virus while pregnant.

For more information on Zika visit the CDC website at: [www.cdc.gov/zika/](http://www.cdc.gov/zika/) or [www.ZikaTexas.org](http://www.ZikaTexas.org)



Frederick Jay Bowdy

An aspiring actor who this week broadcast his suicide on Facebook Live has been identified as Frederick Jay Bowdy, 33, authorities said Wednesday, January 25, 2017.

Bowdy lived in the community of Canyon Country, in northwestern Los Angeles County, according to Craig Harvey, spokesman for the Los Angeles County Department of Medical Examiner-Coroner.

The coroner's office received a call from the Los Angeles Police Department at 6:33 a.m.

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ganization, has eliminated the entry fee, and it is free for teams to sign up. Entrants can perform solo or in a group not to exceed eight individuals. Prizes are \$500.00 for first, \$200.00 for second, and \$200.00 for third place.

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### Actor Kills Himself On Facebook Live

Monday about Bowdy being found in a car parked on a North Hollywood street, Harvey said.

Bowdy had alerted his Facebook followers of his plans, prompting his family in Texas to contact the LAPD, according to published reports. Police could not find him in time to prevent his death.

He shot himself in the head, streaming the act in real time on Facebook Live, according to published reports.

The LAPD would not discuss the matter, said Officer Mike Lopez of the department's Media Relations division.

In a similar incident over the weekend, a 14-year-old girl broadcast her death live from the bathroom of her Miami-area foster home. She made a noose from her scarf and attached it to the shower door frame to hang

herself, authorities said.

One of the girl's friends told the Miami Herald (<http://hrl.d.us/2jpabPN>) she saw the livestream and called Miami-Dade police. They went to two homes before finding the foster home address. The girl was found non-responsive and was declared dead a short time later at a hospital.

Help for those considering suicide or for family and friends of someone considering suicide is available by calling 1-800-SUICIDE or texting 1-800-799-4889.

In the Southern California case, Bowdy was arrested Friday, January 20, 2017, at his Canyon Country apartment complex after his female companion went to the Santa Clarita Sheriff's Station and filed a domestic violence complaint, said

Sgt. Brian Shreeves, one of the arresting officers. He would not release the woman's name.

Authorities were also looking into a possible sexual assault, he said.

Shreeves said he learned Monday, January 23, 2017, that Bowdy had posted \$100,000 bail and then killed himself.

Bowdy had nine screen credits, according to the Internet Movie Data Base website. He worked under the name Jay Bowdy.

According to his IMDB biography, Bowdy was born in San Antonio and attended Southwestern Christian College and University of West Georgia, receiving associate's and bachelor's degrees from the respective schools. He also received a master's degree from the University of Texas in Arlington.

### Black History Month Banquet Set For February 4, 2017

The Black History Month Opening Banquet has been set at 5:30 p. m. on Saturday, February 4, 2017, at the Lubbock Women's Club, 2020 Broadway Avenue.

The guest speaker will be Jean Braxton Robinson, executive director of 01-Loreece Foundation, Inc. The theme of this year's banquet is "Putting Our Heart Health First; Mobilizing For Strong Black Men, Women, Communities, And Justice."

General admission tickets are \$12.00 and \$6.00 for students. Table sponsors from \$200.00 for

a Bronze Level, to \$1,200 for a Platinum Level. Reservations and additional information are available by email to [aretha.marbley@ttu.edu](mailto:aretha.marbley@ttu.edu) or by phone at (806) 834-5541.

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Thy will be done,  
and those to whom  
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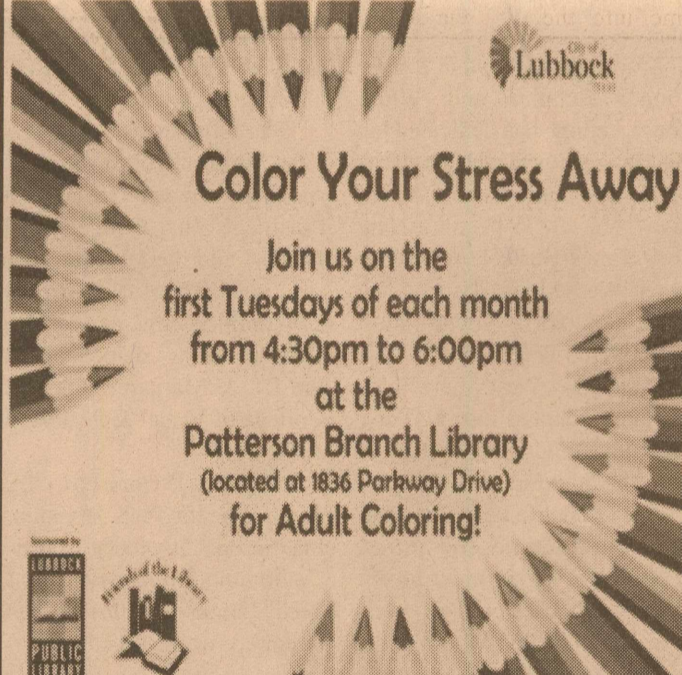
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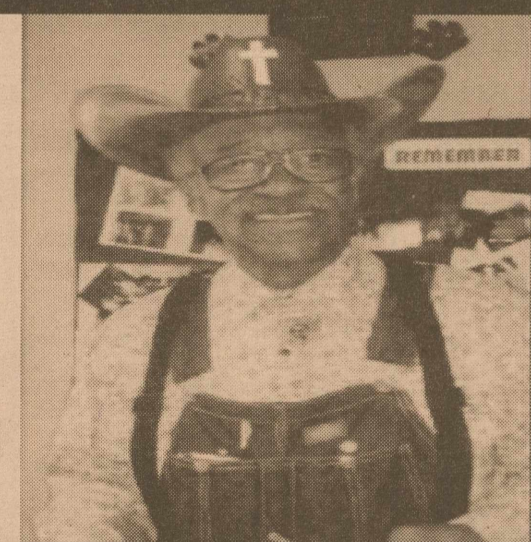


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Wednesday, February 8 at Noon, Ages 50+  
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**SWEETHEART'S DANCE**  
Friday, February 10 from 7-9 pm  
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# In Cinque

By Renetta Howard



## WHAT IS THE CROWING ABOUT?

In China, this is the 'Year of the Rooster.' We often think of the rooster as an animal known for making us aware that the sun has risen and a new day has dawned. The year 2017 may just fall into that category, not only for China but for the United States as well. We can hope and pray that the dawning will be a positive and profitable one.

We must take into consideration that our new President-Elect has not made a very positive impact on China and future activities will forecast what either country has to crow about. We must also look at the future of our country with Russia.

Former President Obama has expelled a number of Russian diplomats after confirmation that the Russians were indeed spies and did indeed hack into the United States election in various ways. In spite of briefings and proof that the Russian hacking occurred, which helped Mr. Trump to be elected as President, he has consistently denied that it happened. As American citizens, we need to take a long hard look at this kind of stance.

The Russian diplomats were expelled from this country and sanctions were put in place against the Russians. Mr. Putin, the Russian President is not concerned because he is sure that Mr. Trump will reverse Mr. Obama's actions. As a matter of fact, it appears that Mr. Trump intends to obliterate Mr. Obama's entire presidential legacy. Even though the Republicans are in charge of both house of Congress, it is going to take a bit of time, perhaps more than one presidential term to completely eliminate the programs entered into during the Obama administration.

Should all things or even a few things go Mr. Trump's way,

it is going to be interesting to see where the crowing will be coming from and who will be doing it. There are some things in place now which are conducive to the growth and well-being of a great number of Americans who do not wish to see changes which Mr. Trump intends to make. If perchance, changes are not what the American people want, we can look forward to a new kind of protest which will put checks and balances of our government into sharp action. A government by the rich and privileged is not exactly what the Constitution of the United States of America dictates. Most of us are aware that the majority of Mr. Trump's cabinet appointees come from the ranks of the rich and privileged. We need to get 'in cinque' and be active citizens who observe and participate in the affairs of our government to help it grow and prosper regardless to our economic status.



## Beyond the Rhetoric

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By

Harry C. Alford

## Just what was the Women's March About?

First, they called it "Women's March on Washington" but that was a very big understatement or misnomer. There were millions of women marching in DC, Los Angeles, Chicago, Boston, Sydney Australia, Denver, London, and various other cities throughout the free world. It was very orchestrated and successfully caught the attention of everyone. The day before was the Inauguration ceremonies of our 45th President, Donald J. Trump. There was an attempt to break up the marching ceremony by a pack of about 1000 goons. 216 of them were arrested for "Felony Rioting" which carries a sentence of 10 years. They didn't achieve their goal and I certainly appreciated the way the DC police department handled the situation.

The size of the DC venue was the largest of the marches and rivaled the size of the Inauguration. Regardless of which venue, all the marches by the Million Women March (correct description) were impressive and well-coordinated. Many of the marchers, which were about 90% female and perhaps 10% Black, carried descriptive and sometimes vulgar signs which they dropped in front of the new Trump Tower Hotel after the march. The overall theme was rotating: Abortion, abusive behavior by males, racism, misogyny, civil rights, rape, and immigration to name a few.

Most of the speakers were celebrities. Most were passionate and some were vulgar. The most extreme was Madonna who suggested "blowing up the White House" which will probably get her an interview with the Secret Service. I think the best and most convincing was Alicia Keys. The DC marches came into the city via 1800

# THIS N' THAT

by T. J. Patterson

## WHEN NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATIONS COME TOGETHER, THINGS WILL CHANGE!!!

..... THIS N THAT ..... attended the ..... INDIVIDUALS OF DISTINCTION AWARD BANQUET ..... which was sponsored by the ..... MARTIN LUTHER KING COMMEMORATIVE COUNCIL OF LUBBOCK, TEXAS ..... on Friday evening ..... January 13, 2017..... Speaking to a large attended banquet ..... at the Clarion Hotel ..... ERIC EMERSON STRONG ..... who was one of the ..... 2017

AWARD RECIPIENTS FOR COMMUNITY ..... when he received his award ..... told of a set-back his program was having. Strong is the ..... DIRECTOR OF THE ROOTS HISTORICAL ARTS COUNCIL ..... which is located at 2301 Avenue A..... He made it known that ..... UNKNOWN PERSONS HAD CUT A HOLE IN THE WIRED FENCE ..... on the eastside of the property ..... and took more than ..... \$4,000.00 WORTH OF ITEMS..... He was advised on the same evening that there was the ..... DUNBAR NEIGHBOR-

HOOD ASSOCIATION ..... who had information about the apparent situation..... The items were apparently left on the property of a church. The information was passed on to ..... STRONG ..... about this situation..... After receiving the information ..... STRONG ..... was able to contact several members of the ..... DUNBAR NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION ..... who retrieved the items and took it back to its original location..... This Neighborhood Association members remember that when you come together ..... THINGS WILL HAPPEN!!!

buses. That go me to wondering. Just who is paying for all of this? There must be millions of dollars involved.

I assume that the bank roller must be that culprit named George Soros who has supported unrest and rebellion in the past. I was right! This guy funded 50 various groups to participate in this massive and multi-venue event. One of them was our traditional NAACP. The cost is at least \$90 million dollars per Fox News. This must be his biggest campaign since Move On.org. Some are saying that this is the birth of "The Tea Party of the Left". I disagree with that. The Tea Party was orderly and pushed very conservative issues in an orderly manner. These guys border on extremism. The filmmaker, Michael Moore stated that they were going to chase out "old school and weak democrats and create a new bolder party." Now that

is threatening.

Soros will be the biggest threat. This guy is a cold-hearted disrupter who loves to muddle in political arenas – the size of nations. He carries the nick name "The man who broke the Bank of England". He got that by "short selling" \$10 billion worth of Pound Sterling and caused a panic. In the end, he pocketed a profit of over \$1 billion. This is how he makes his money – Currency Speculation. He has replicated that in Southeast Asia. Malaysia is still cringing for a similar act done there by Mr. Soros. In 2005, he was convicted in France of Insider Trading and was fined over a million dollars. He paid it and kept on going. He wants to present an image of civil rights, women's rights, Black Lives Matter and so on. The essential point is he wants unrest and division in America and anywhere else. He has the Hollywood

celebrities duped into thinking he is quite a Democratic supporter. It is far worst and creepier.

This is starting to remind me of the 1960's. This "new, bolder democratic party" is going to cause trouble for both democrats and republicans. I pray that we do not have to go through riots, burnings, and deaths. What we need are leaders who can unite and set examples of peaceful progress and a healthier society. I worry about assassinations and war. If that happens Soros would probably figure out how to stir it up and make some money – like Ferguson, Baltimore, etc.

The next big march in DC is from the conservative "bent". It will be the Pro-Life March. It is expected to be another huge event. I wonder if the NAACP will attend this. After all, a very huge portion of abortions come

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## Estacado Booster Club Membership Drive

Please join Estacado Booster Club:

Membership fee: \$10.00

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

Article submitted by Michsel K. Frisby, President Frisby & Associates, Inc.  
Continued from 01/19/17

### Dr. Gail C. Christopher, America's Wire Writers Group:

It appears Dylann Roof, the convicted murderer of nine worshippers at the Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church in Charleston, SC, was motivated by a belief that he was somehow superior to blacks and others. Friends said Roof complained that "blacks were taking over the world" and he vowed to start a race war.

Dr. King understood that the belief in racial hierarchy created barriers to our country's capacity to fulfill the promise of our democratic ideals. It is time for us to fully eliminate this hierarchy of human value and jettison the antiquated concept. Only then can all of our children be embraced not because of the color of their skin or other physical characteristics, but by their innate essence, their humanity.

Our country needs racial healing and a sustained effort to avert the racism that influences public and private systems, practices and policies. The racial healing can move us toward one another in a spirit of wholeness and love. A transformative, positive change can come from this shift in our individual and collective consciousness and the resulting actions we take on behalf of ourselves, our children and future generations of our human family.

After decades of funding diverse communities to help improve the lives of vulnerable children, the W.K. Kellogg Foundation (WKKF) leadership recognizes the need for racial healing and eliminating racism, and replacing it with the affirmation of our equal and shared humanity. The hierarchy of human value is deeply embedded consciously, systematically, structurally and unconsciously by the people and systems adhering to it.

Removing it from our society will require a concerted effort over time. The Truth, Racial Healing, and Transformation (TRHT) enterprise created by WKKF and a broad coalition of organizations from all sectors of society is working to end the belief and facilitate racial healing. TRHT is a community-driven vehicle for transformative change. The TRHT approach examines how the belief system became embedded in our society, both its culture, and structures, and then works with communities to design and implement effective actions that will permanently uproot it. We are marshaling individual, local, public and private resources to dismantle systemic, structurally-based patterns of discrimination at the municipal, county, state, Tribal and federal levels.

At a recent summit, 570 people representing the 130 TRHT partner organizations issued a call to action to designate January 17, 2017 as the inaugural National Day of Racial Healing in America.

Communities, organizations and individuals will acknowledge that deep, racial divides still exist and must be overcome and healed. They will commit to engaging representatives from all racial, ethnic, religious, gender, and identity groups in genuine efforts to increase understanding, improve communications, caring and respect for one another and the perceived other.

These actions will help create a new narrative that refutes the belief in a hierarchy of human value and replaces it with the scientifically proven assertion that we're all descendants of one human ancestry and guided by an inalienable right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

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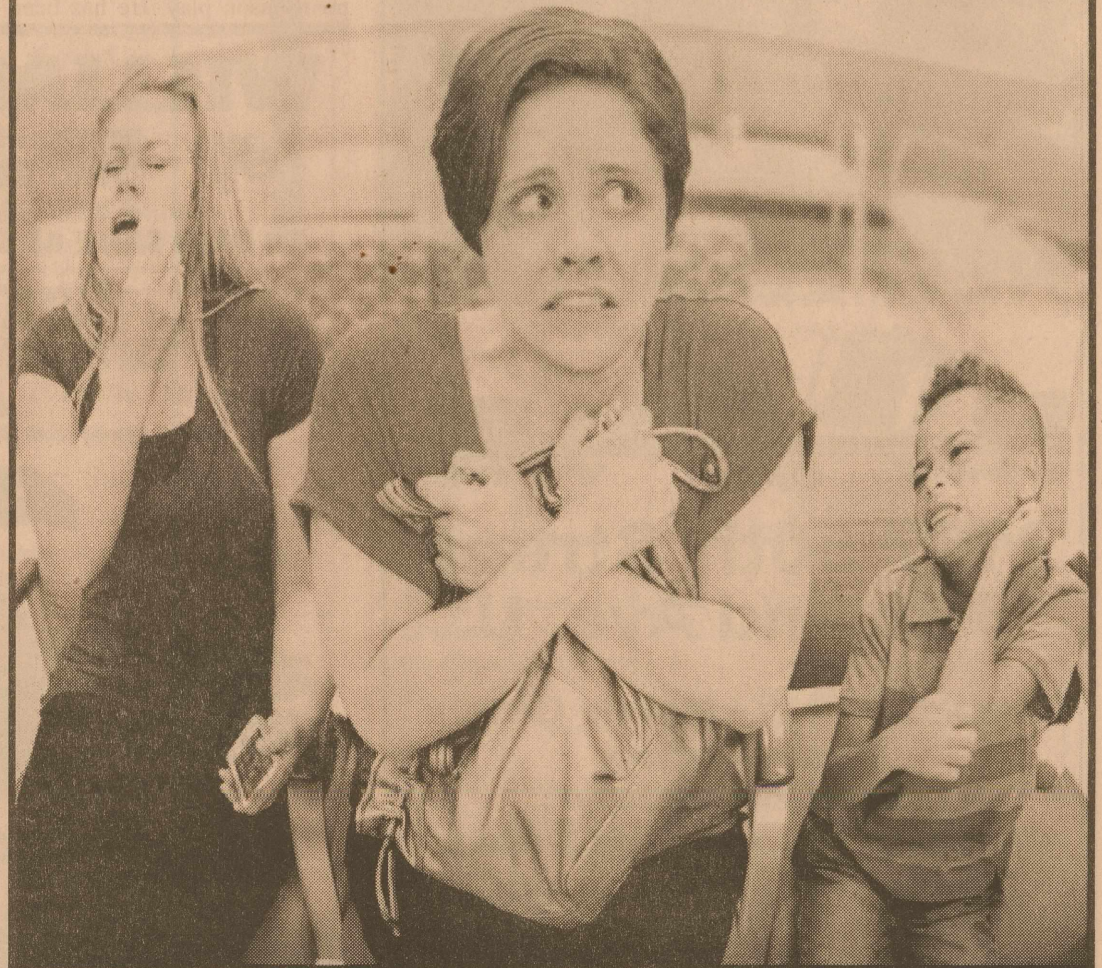


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**Matthew 1:18** -- Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: When as His Mother, Mary, was expoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost.

You and I was BORN IN A SEXUAL ACT; ONLY TO FIND OUT; IT WAS HER PERIOD SHE HAD LOST, JESUS WAS PROPHECY IN THE BOOK OF GENESIS 3:15, AND IT CAME TO PASS ON THE CROSS!!!

**Genesis 3:15** -- God said to the devil, I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed; it shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his head.

When we were born in sin, we were LOST TO GOD; UNFIT TO STAND IN HIS PRESENCE. JESUS CAME AND DIED ON THE CROSS; SO WE CAN NOW COME INTO GOD'S PRESENCE!!!

**Matthew 28:18b-19** -- Jesus said, All power is given unto me in heaven and on earth.

Go you, therefore; and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. --- (AND IF WE'RE NOT DOING THAT, THAT'S HOW YOU ROB GOD!!!)

MANY PREACHERS AND TEACHERS ARE TEACHING, BUT IT'S NOT THE WORDS OF GOD. MANY ARE TEACHING EQUAL RIGHTS, AND THAT'S A LIE, FROM THEIR OWN HEART.

**Jeremiah 23:16; 25-28** -- The Lord said, Hearken not unto the words of the prophets that prophesy unto you; they make you vain; they speak a vision of their own heart, and not out of the mouth of the Lord. I have heard what the prophets said, that prophesy lies in my name, saying, I have dreamed, I have dreamed. How long shall this be in the heart of the prophets that prophesy lies? Yes, they are prophets of the deceit of their own heart. Which think to cause my people to forget my name by their dreams which they tell every man to his neighbor, as their fathers have forgotten my name for Ba'al. The prophet that has a dream, let him tell a dream; and he that has my word, let him speak my word faithfully. What is the chaff to the wheat? said the Lord.

(Many preachers preached EQUAL RIGHTS TO THE

REST ROOMS, WATER FOUNTAINS, FRONT OF THE BUS, AND EATING IN RESTAURANTS. THESE ARE IDOLS CALLED BA'ALS. THEY ARE NOTHING!!!)

**I Corinthians 8:4b** -- We know that an idol is nothing in the world, and that there is none other God but one, -- (THE BLACK MAN WANTED THE WHITE MAN'S IDOLS, AND THEY CAME TO NOTHING!!!)

FOR BILLY "B. J." DIDN'T NOBODY HAVE TO GIVE UP THEIR SEAT; ON THE CITY BUS. MY FREEDOM CAME FROM ABOVE; GOD SAID THAT WAS ENOUGH. DIDN'T NOBODY HAVE TO GET HIT WITH THE POLICEMAN'S BILLY CLUB. MY FREEDOM CAME IN THE NAME OF GOD'S OWN LOVE.

**John 3:16** -- Jesus said, For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believe in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. -- DIDN'T NOBODY HAVE TO GET BIT BY THE POLICE DOGS; MY FREEDOM CAME OUT ON CALVARY'S CROSS. DIDN'T NOBODY HAVE TO GET SPRAYED WITH FIRE-MAN'S WATER HOSE. MY FREEDOM CAME ONE

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## St. Matthew Baptist Church

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

All members had a wonderful time on Sunday morning, January 15, 2017. The Church address is 2020 East 14th Street, where the proud and dedicated Pastor is the Rev. Edward Canady.

Sunday morning, services began at 10:10 a. m. with Pastor Canady in charge. The subject of the Sunday School lesson was "Good And Plenty." The scripture text was Psalm 65:1-2; 9-13.

Our Superintendent was ill and unable to attend. Let us pray for Sister Barbara Johnson.

A wonderful discussion on the lesson was very well done. All in attendance enjoyed the lesson.

The Sunday morning devotion was conducted by Rev. Tommy Parker and First Lady,

Sister Shirley Canady.

Pastor Canady entered the Church with the Choir and Congregation singing.

The morning sermon was delivered by Pastor Canady. His subject was "The Price We Pay His scripture text was 1st Samuel 15:4-7.

Again, it was a dynamic sermon, and had the Church paying very close attention. It was a wonderful presentation.

Sister Shirley Canady, our First Lady, read the morning announcements. She always does an outstanding job making everything clear.

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.

All members are asked to

continue making contributions.

It's just amazing on what happens when Church Members come together! We thank God for all they do.

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

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Looking for a Church Home? If you are, then come and visit the St. Matthew Baptist Church, 2020 East 14th Street. Our Pastor, Rev. Edward Canady, would love to visit with and your family.

**Thought For The Week:**  
"Give thanks to God, our Creator, who gives us the breath of life."

If you'd like to visit with Pastor Canady or you have any questions, then feel free to call him at (806) 744-2445.

### \*SOUTHWEST DIGEST 2017 PUBLICATION DATES\*

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

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April 6th & 20th	August 3rd & 17th	December 7th & 21st

## Lubbock ISD Board of Trustee Meeting

The Lubbock ISD Board of Trustees extended the contract of Superintendent Berhl Robertson, Jr. to 2020, named two assistant athletic directors and approved the 2017-18 school calendar, among other items of business at their meeting today. Jim Garfield and J. J. Johnson will fill vacancies created when Mike Meeks was promoted to Executive Director of Athletics in the fall and Jennifer Roland left the district for a position with a San Antonio school district during the summer.

J. J. Johnson's legendary softball program has made him well-known in athletic circles. With an overall record of 525-117-4, Johnson has taken his girls softball teams at Coronado High School to 18 district and bi-district championships, 13 area championships, 9 regional quarterfinal championships, two appearances at the regional tournament, and one state semifinal championship. His entire coaching career has been within Lubbock ISD, including Coronado and Estacado High Schools, Irons Middle School and Hutchinson Middle School. Coach Johnson will complete the year at Coronado High School where he teaches math and will lead the CHS softball team as they strive to make their 22nd consecutive appearance in post-season play. He has been

named Coach of the Year twelve times.

Jim Garfield joins Lubbock ISD from Elgin ISD where he currently serves as head football coach and athletic director, a post he also held in Flour Bluff ISD. While head coach and campus athletic coordinator in Wichita Falls ISD, Garfield was twice named Red River Coach of the Year. He coached Wichita Falls Ryder to multiple post-season football playoffs and also won a state soccer championship as an assistant coach at Ryder. Garfield also brings experience at the collegiate level in his 31 years of coaching. He was the offensive line coach at Eastern New Mexico University and the defensive coordinator at Midwestern State University. He has a remarkable record of developing student athletes to their maximum potential, with numerous post-season playoff appearances. He has a proven track record of developing players to athletic success.

In other business, trustees approved a calendar for the 2017-18 school year. Stakeholder feedback from more than 2,500 respondents preferred the calendar adopted by the board by an almost 3:1 margin. The school year will begin on Monday, August 28, as prescribed by state law, and conclude on Friday, May 25, just prior to the Memo-

rial Day holiday. The calendar includes a week-long holiday at Thanksgiving, with December classes concluding on December 22 and resuming on January 8. The 2017-18 calendar is posted at www.LubbockISD.org.

Trustees unanimously voted to extend the contract of Superintendent Berhl Robertson, Jr. until 2020. Board President

Melissa Collier was authorized to execute the superintendent's contract on behalf of the board. The new contract will not go into effect until July 1, 2017.

The board voted 7-0 to sign onto a resolution supporting the repeal of the A-F Accountability Rating System for Texas Public Schools. The board discussed flaws in the accountability system and expressed a desire to drastically modify or scrap the system altogether.

## Another Obituary

Clarence Edward Fulson, Sr.

Funeral services were held on Wednesday afternoon, January 25, 2017, for Clarence Edward Fulson, Sr. at the Lyons Chapel Baptist Church with Pastor Wendell Davis officiating.

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

Clarence, age 87 of Lubbock, passed away on Tuesday, January 17, 2017.

He was born to Clarence Cloudy and Pauline Fulson on December 6, 1929, in Poteau, Oklahoma.

Clarence received his formal education from Douglass High School. After graduation, he joined the United States Army and served his country honorably as a veteran of the Korean



War. In 1956, Clarence moved to Lubbock, Texas. He worked for Lubbock Independent School District for over twenty years. He also became a dedicated member of the Lyons Chapel

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# Obsequies

## James Howard Hall

Funeral services were held on Saturday afternoon, January 21, 2017, at the St. John Baptist Church with Elder Jarvis Moore as Officiating and Eulogist.

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

Howard, age 56 of San Antonio, Texas and formerly of Lubbock, Texas, passed away on Wednesday, January 11, 2017.

He was born on January 19, 1961, to J.B. Mason and Minnie Lee Baxter.

James was the owner of Snappy Shine Parlor after the passing of his father which was one of the oldest small businesses in Lubbock. James was known as Shoe Shine Man.

James is preceded in death by his parents; J. B. Mason and Minnie Lee Baxter; one sister, Vanessa Hall; one brother, Victor Baxter; and two nephews, Martrion Washington and Leonard Hasting.

James leaves to cherish his memories: his wife, Mary Hall; his daughter, Jerimisha Ross; three sisters, Sarah Harris (Fred-



die), Yvonne Moore (Darrel), and Yvette Moore; four brothers, Melvin Lee Mason, Lee Hall, William Hall (Darlene), and Elder Jarvis Moore (Dorothy); one aunt, Iris Margaret Murry; three grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives, and friends.

Pallbearers were Tremaine Saunders, Brian Smith, Marcus Washington, Shaun Moore, Marvin Washington, Alvin Harris, Fredrick Harris, and Marvin Levington.

Honorary Pallbearers were Cotandra Harris, Latasha Harris, Clerea Harris, Keasia Bogus,

## Brenda Renee Nichols

Funeral services for Brenda Renee Nichols were held on Saturday morning, January 21, 2017, at the Church of The Nations with Patrick Hunter officiating. Bishop Leonard Chatham was the Eulogist.

Nichols, age 50 of Lubbock, Texas, passed away on Monday, January 16, 2017.

She was born April 18, 1967, to Clifton Lee and Shirley Faye Reed Johnson in Lubbock, Texas.

Brenda attended Wheatly Elementary and graduated from Dunbar High School in 1985. She received an Associate and Bachelor's degree from The University of Phoenix.

Brenda worked 22 years as a foster parent with StarCare; worked one year as a community health worker under Texas Tech Health Science Center. She was also employed by Adult Protective Services.

Brenda united with Lyons Chapel Baptist Church at an early age under the Rev. W.D. Davis. She was an active member of Full Armor Ministries under the leadership of Bishop Leonard Chatham.

Brenda is preceded in death by her mother, Shirley; maternal grandmother, Roxie Reed; paternal grandmother, Annie Mae



Johnson; four aunts, Lula Spence, Annie Ruth Overstreet, Earnestine Reed, and Minnie Reed; and two uncles, Robert and Johnnie Johnson.

Brenda leaves to cherish her memories: her loving and devoted husband, Hezzie of 25 years; two daughters, Marquisha Moody (David III) and Zezzie Nichols; three grandchildren, Zeniyah, Zyren, and Keyziyah; father, Clifton Johnson (CaSandra); two sisters, Michelle Hunter (Patrick) and Sandra Phillips (Fred); one brother, L.C. Johnson; special aunts, Bettye Willis (Jimmy), Paulette Frazier (David), Celestine Mosley (Oscar), and Suzette Gibson (Douglas); special in-laws, Rayford Nichols, Rayford Nichols, Jr., Lonnie, Raynell, Bobbie, Carl Ray, Sabrina Jessica, Shawn Ray; a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives, and friends.

Tilfany Payne, NaTisha Turner, Nikki Stevenson, Crystal Young, Monique Murry, and Shernika Thompson.

## Aline "Nurse" Green

Funeral services were held for Aline "Nurse" Green at the First Progressive Baptist Church on Friday morning, January 20, 2017, with Pastor D. Avery officiating and Eulogist.

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

Green, age 57 of Lubbock, passed away on Friday, January 13, 2017.

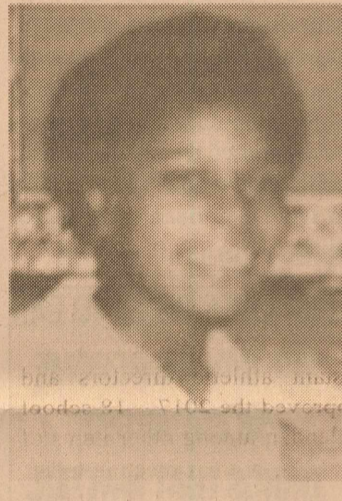
She was born on October 20, 1959, to Matthew and Maude Green in Lubbock, Texas.

Aline attended Lubbock ISD and graduated from Dunbar High School.

She always had a smile on her face and made the people around her feel loved. She had a favorite saying "Hey Now." She will truly be missed.

Aline is preceded in death by her parents, Matthew and Maude Green.

Aline leaves to cherish her memories, one daughter, Christina Green; six sisters, Mary Jackson, Mary Bunton, Patsy Lewis, Ethel Hardaway, Peggy Green, and Bertha Tina



Green; one brother, Randy Green; sister-in-law, Mary Mitchell; four grandchildren; two great grandchildren; and a host of other relatives and friends.

Active Pallbearers were Robert Green, Bryon Bunton, Enute' Dee Humphery, O'Brien Green, Lamar Manahan, and Brandon Green.

Honorary Pallbearers were Robert Foutain, LeRoy Hardaway, Chris Jolly, Edmond Turner, Grady Mitchell, Lonnie Mondine, Jaquan Brown, and Keith Manahan.

## California Student Sued And Won Case

A Southern California classroom was filled with high school freshmen when one of them realized that she needed to run to the restroom. Patrick Henry High School in San Diego, how-

ever, had a policy at the time stipulating that students were not permitted to take bathroom breaks during class — and the teacher took a strict interpretation of it. The gossip reportedly spread through the school, then hit the news media, leading to the girl's anxiety, depression and

## Leroy Demps

Brownfield, Texas -- Funeral services were held for Leroy Demps on Monday afternoon, January 23, 2017, at the New Hope Baptist Church of Brownfield, Texas.

Services were also held on Friday morning, January 27, 2017, at the Southside Church of Christ.

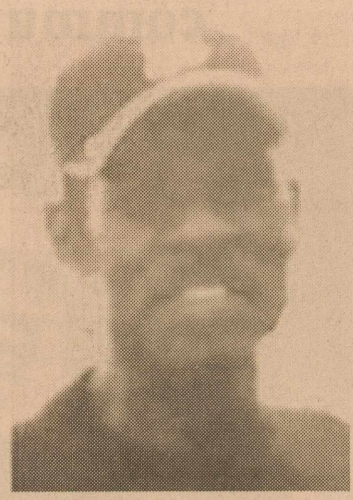
Interment followed at the City of Taylor Cemetery under the direction of Griffin Mortuary & Funeral Home of Lubbock.

Leroy, age 74 of Brownfield, passed away on Monday, January 16, 2017.

Demps was born July 26, 1942, in Taylor, Texas, to Harold and Ruthie Mae Demps.

Leroy moved to Brownfield in 1970 where he became a farmer and a county worker. He retired in 2008. On his own time he loved to have gatherings with family and friends to cookout and play dominoes. He also liked fishing.

He loved traveling in his van from Brownfield to Taylor and Austin to visit his family. For Leroy Demps everything about him was priceless and he was well known by many people. He was such a loving and caring man may he rest in peace



he is in a better place now.

Leroy leaves to cherish his memories: his three daughters, Patrica Demps and Sandra Demps, both of Austin, Texas, and Shelia Demps of Brownfield, Texas; three sons, Ronald Jackson of Sherman, Texas, Richard Demps and Robert Demps, both of Brownfield, Texas; six sisters, Barbara Brown, Ardia Hardeman, Laverne Patterson, Wesley Griffin, Nora Brown, and Lovie Demps, all of Houston, Texas; 13 grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; a host of other relatives and friends

## LaKeshia Michelle Williams

Funeral services were held for LaKeshia Michelle Williams at the Greater Faith Baptist Church with Rev. Coleman Godfrey as Officiate/Eulogist.

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

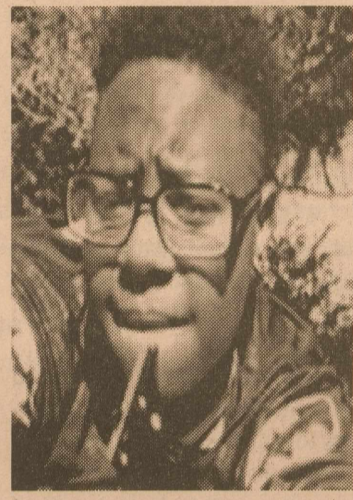
LaKeshia, age 23 of Lubbock, passed away on Tuesday, January 10, 2017.

She was born on November 18, 1994 and raised by her mothers, Cherie Williams and Angela Beavers. She attended Frenship High School where she graduated in 2013.

She enrolled in South Plains College to pursue her dream of becoming a Marine Biologist. LaKeshia was a very hard worker as she held positions with Pizza Hut, Freddie's, and Burger King. She always did everything with grace and to her perfection. She knew she was beautiful and her life was lived with smile and laughter.

Living, laughing, and loving were always done completely and with her whole heart. She succeeded in doing so with a smile and crazy silly faces, and taking those ever so perfect selfie poses.

LaKeshia is preceded in death by her grandmother, Dorothy Thomas; two grandfathers, Alfred Guess and Charlie Thomas; one cousin, Aa-Gecria



Thomas; two aunts; and one uncle.

LaKeshia leaves to cherish her memories: her mothers, Cherie Williams and Angela Beavers of Lubbock, Texas; a step-father, Marcos Beavers; Civil Partner, Rayna "Nae" Hollis; grandparents, Bootsy and Mark Adams; grandmother, Christ Guess; two brothers, Zailine and TyShawn Fillmore; one niece, RyLee Adams; one nephew, Ridge Adams; and a host of other relatives and friends.

In lieu of flowers, the family respects that donations be made in her honor to the Lubbock Suicide Hotline. If you or anyone you know who is struggling with suicide, please call 1-800-273-8255 or text the number 741741. There is always someone there who cares.

an attempted suicide. Now five years later, the San Diego Unified School District was ordered Wednesday to pay the student, who is now 19, more than \$1.25 million in damages and \$41,000 to cover medical bills, according to the San Diego Union-Tribune



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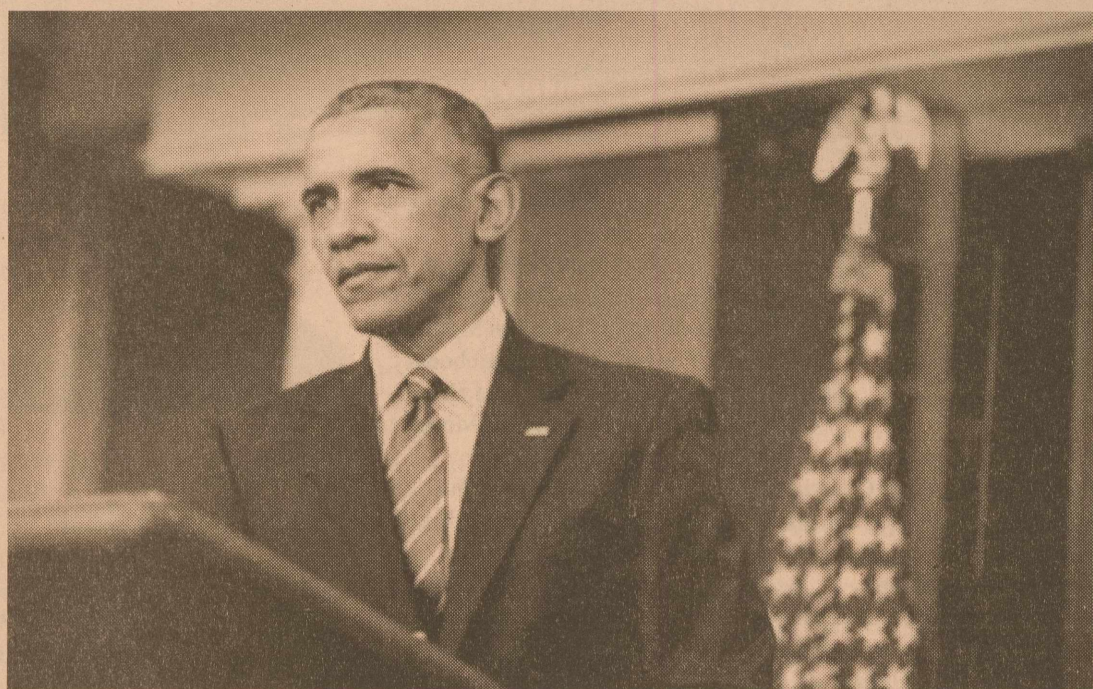
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## Police: Man whose drug sentence commuted by Obama is slain



**SAGINAW, Mich. (AP)** — A man whose drug-related prison sentence was commuted in November by President Barack Obama has been fatally shot at a federal halfway house in Michigan after two men with assault-style rifles sought him out, police said. Two men wearing masks went into Bannum Place in Saginaw on Monday night with plans to kill 31-year-old Damarlon Thomas, a former Saginaw gang member. Lt. David Kaiser said Thomas was shot several times by one of the men as some of the roughly two dozen people at the home were held at gunpoint. "One person watched over a group of them while another subject located the victim and executed him," Kaiser told The Saginaw News. "They were looking for this person." ...

## Obama Commutes 209 Prison Sentences, Issues 64 Pardons

**(Reuters)** — Former President Barack Obama shortened the sentences of 209 prisoners and pardoned 64 individuals on Tuesday, January 17, 2017, the White House said.

With his term in office set to end on Friday, January 20, 2017, Obama has now commuted the sentences of 1,385 people and granted a total of 212 pardons.

In 2014, Obama announced he would use his clemency powers to reduce sentences he saw as overly harsh. That came after criminal justice bills aimed at non-violent drug offenders stalled in Congress.

White House Counsel Neil Eggleston previously said the people who were pardoned were people who led "productive and law-abiding" lives and contributed to their communities after being convicted.

Eggleston had said in a blog post released by the White House last month that he expected Obama would issue more commutations and pardons before leaving office in January but that only Congress could make broader changes to the criminal justice system.

Also in December, the Obama

administration issued long-awaited rules aimed at ending state policies that can leave prisoners saddled with crippling child support debts.

The regulations crafted by the Administration for Children and Families would require that prisoners be allowed to seek to lower the amount of child support they pay while in prison. The move aims to avoid inmates struggling to repay large debts after their release that can lead to reincarceration.

"By ensuring states set their orders based on actual circumstances in the family, we believe the rule will result in more reliable child support payments, and children will benefit," Assistant Secretary for Children and Families Mark Greenberg said in a statement at the time.

Under the new regulations, states would not be allowed to treat incarceration as "voluntary unemployment," a policy that effectively blocked prisoners from modifying existing child support orders. States would

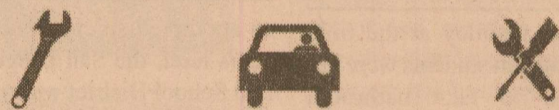
also be required to notify both parents of the right to seek changes to child support payments if one of the parents is incarcerated for more than six months.

It is unclear whether the overhaul will face pushback from incoming Republican President Donald Trump's administration. Some Republicans lawmakers have opposed the regulations, arguing they would allow parents to avoid their financial responsibilities.

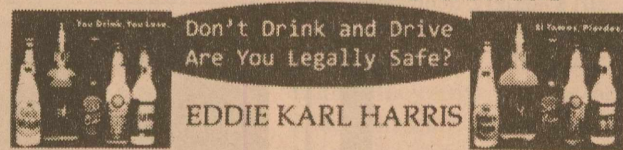
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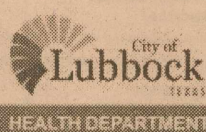


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## Black Women Die of Cervical Cancer at 77 Percent Higher Rate Than Previously Thought

Black women are dying at "twice the rate as white women in the United States," says Johns Hopkins study.



By Sheryl Estrada

A new study conducted by Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health indicates more clearly the racial disparity in cervical cancer deaths.

A disease more prominent in countries with less medical advancement, cervical cancer kills Black women in the United States at a rate 77 percent higher than previously thought, and white women are dying at a rate 47 percent higher, according to Johns Hopkins researchers.

Previous research that calculated cervical cancer mortality rates included data on women who've had hysterectomies. And, researchers state "one in five women in the United States have had a hysterectomy, with the number slightly higher in Black women than white women."

When removing from national death certificate data the proportion of women who had a hysterectomy, the cervical cancer mortality rate among Black women over the age of 20 jumped from 5.7 to 10.1 deaths per 100,000 individuals per year — a rate similar to less developed nations. The rate for white women increased from 3.2 to 4.7 deaths per 100,000 individuals per year.

The new research, which was published in the journal "Cancer" on Monday, doesn't mean that more women are dying from cervical cancer in the U.S. But it shows that previous studies underestimated the racial disparity in death rates between Black and white women by 44 percent.

In addition, researchers found that many women who are dying of cervical cancer are over the age of 65 — the age that is a cut-off point where guidelines no longer recommend women with cervixes be screened for that form of cancer.

### Cancer Screenings, Racial Disparity in Healthcare

Cervical cancer is preventable with routine screenings. Physicians can detect changes in the cervix before cancer develops with a routine Pap smear. They also can spot the cancer early when it's still in its most curable stage. The HPV vaccine is available for girls ages 9 to 13 to

combat two of the most common cancer-causing strains.

This is a preventable disease, and women should not be getting it, let alone dying from it," Anne Rositch, the lead author of the study and an assistant professor of epidemiology at the Johns Hopkins, said in a statement.

"Since the goal of a screening program is to ultimately reduce mortality from cervical cancer, then you must have accurate estimates within the population targeted by those programs — adult women with a cervix."

Cervical cancer is rare in the U.S., where there are 12,000 cases each year and around 4,000 deaths. It is a disease that is more common in the developing world.

"Worldwide, more than 500,000 women are diagnosed each year and more than 200,000 die," according to researchers.

Despite the modern medical technology in the U.S., older and Black women are still dying from cervical cancer. The study does not indicate a specific reason why but does discuss racial disparity in healthcare.

"While trends over time show that the racial disparities gap has been closing somewhat, these data emphasize that it should remain a priority area," Rositch said. "Black women are dying of cervical cancer at twice the rate as white women in the United States and we need to put in place measures to reverse the trend."

According to previous research, Black women are more likely to have their cervical cancer caught at a later stage of diagnosis and may receive different treatment than white women.

"One study found that Black women had 50-percent lower odds of receiving surgery and 50-percent higher odds of receiving radiation compared to white women with the same stage and insurance," researchers stated.

Black women and older women who endure economic hardship don't have access to basic health screening because of cost, their location or the necessary health insurance, which

the Affordable Care Act (ACA) aimed to make accessible.

During his first day in office on Friday, January 20, 2017, President Donald Trump signed an executive order that the Department of Health and Human Services and other federal agencies must "waive, defer, grant exemptions from, or delay" any portions of the ACA deemed to create financial burden on states, individuals or healthcare providers.

It's the first sign of the Trump administration scaling back former President Barack Obama's administration's healthcare regulations.

The Johns Hopkins study also discusses that because Black women are more susceptible to uterine fibroids, which can cause symptoms requiring surgery, they are more likely to have hysterectomies, and at younger ages, compared to white women.

A report released by the Environmental Working Group in December found that approximately 1,177 beauty products marketed to Black women contain more potentially harmful ingredients than products promoted to the general public. Potential hazards linked to product ingredients include cancer.

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.

### Thank God For Jesus

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**BLACK HISTORY MONTH**

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Our country's make-up has changed significantly since its founding, and the demographic changes are continual. Immigration and birth rates, among other contributing factors, are altering the face of communities. Already, children of color represent the majority of children in the country, and far too many are in poverty.

For these new challenges, America needs a new reality, grounded in racial healing so that the work of ending racial disparities can boldly move forward and all children have opportunities to succeed. It is time to focus our energy,

resources and discourse on eliminating the false ideology of a hierarchy of human value so we can cultivate and grow what must be valued most: our common humanity.

(Dr. Gail C. Christopher is a WKKF senior advisor and vice president for TRHT. To schedule print or broadcast interviews with Dr. Christopher, please contact Michael K. Frisby at [mike@frisbyassociates.com](mailto:mike@frisbyassociates.com) or 202-625-4328. The America's Wire is an independent new service sponsored by the Maynard Institute for Journalism Education.)

### Clarence Edward Fulsom, Sr.

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Church. At Lyon's Chapel, he served faithfully as a chairman of the deacon board and drove the church bus for twenty-five years.

Clarence is preceded in death by his parents; grandmother, Pearlie Fulsom; brother, Alex Fulsom; and mother-in-law, Fannie Bracy.

Clarence leaves to cherish his memories: his wife, Grace; four daughters, Teresa Armstrong (Herbert), Yvonda White, Shelia Alexander, and Pauline Fulsom; three sons, Clarence Fulsom, Jr., Freddy Fulsom, and Jerome Fulsom; and a host of grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.



### Opportunity to Comment on the Lubbock Metropolitan Planning Organization's

**Proposed Amendment No. 1 to the FY 17/20 Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP), the Proposed Amendment No. 6 to the 2012-2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP), and the proposed 10 year transportation plan, all relating to street and roadway projects.**

Residents of the Cities of Lubbock and Wolfforth and Lubbock County citizens living within the Metropolitan Area boundary of the Lubbock Metropolitan Planning Organization (LMPO) are encouraged to review and comment on or offer additional projects to the development and implementation of a proposed 10 year transportation plan to satisfy the transportation planning requirements set out in House Bill 20 approved by the 84th Texas Legislature and proposed Amendment No. 1 to the FY 17/20 Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) with Amendment No. 6 to the 2012-2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) both effecting the implementation of the 10 year plan.

#### Public Forums will be held as follows:

February 7, 2017 Lubbock County Conference Room 916 Main St, 2nd Floor Lubbock, Texas 2:00 p.m.	February 9, 2017 Citibus Downtown Transfer Center 801 Broadway Lubbock Texas 4:30 – 6:00 p.m.	February 21, 2017 LubbockCity Hall 1625 13th Street Room 103 Lubbock, Texas 8:30 – 9:30 a.m.
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A preliminary list of suggested projects for the 10 year plan, the proposed Amendment No. 1 to the 17/20 TIP, and the proposed Amendment No. 6 to the 2012-2040 MTP and the proposed financial plan may be viewed on the Lubbock MPO's website at [www.lubbockmpo.org](http://www.lubbockmpo.org). Comments may be sent to the Lubbock Metropolitan Planning Organization, 916 Main Street, Suite 531, Lubbock, Texas 79401 or via email to [twalker@mylubbock.us](mailto:twalker@mylubbock.us) or [djones@mylubbock.us](mailto:djones@mylubbock.us). Written comments will be received from January 28, 2017 through February 16, 2017.

Plans and proposed projects may also be viewed in person at the:

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

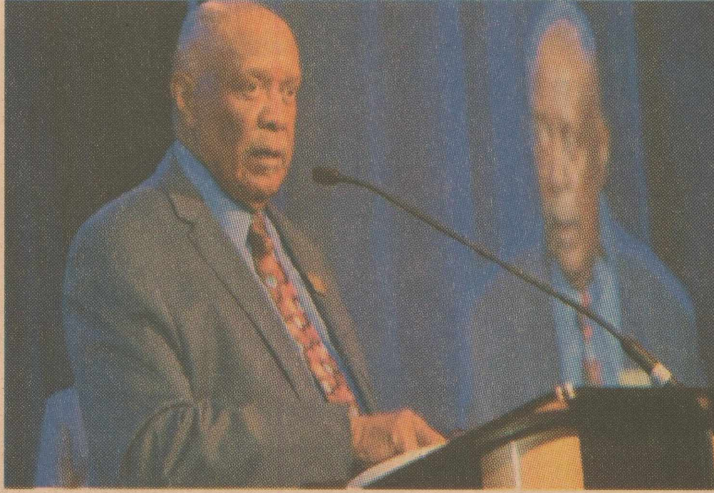
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"Without Charles' efforts and passion for the sport, without his work, along with the Slippers-N-Sliders Club and the National Brotherhood of Skiers, it's hard to say how large a percentage of the annual skiers and snowboarders in Colorado would come from the minority community," said John Dakin, vice president communications for the museum. "It was in recognition of a lifelong dedication to the sport; dedication to African-American athletes, or to the ski and snowboard industry throughout the state of Colorado, bringing National Brotherhood Summits and many summits here - all of it really dovetails into a very deserving candidate for induction into the Hall of Fame."

Crady Towns, who nominated Smith, noted his accomplishments in his letter. In 2013, he attended an award ceremony at the Ski Museum in Vail where Smith accepted a 'Top of the Hill Award' on behalf of the Slippers-N-Sliders. "So it was there that I said, 'Oh well, here is an avenue that maybe is a way I can get Charles selected to the Hall of Fame' And I proceeded from there." Towns first nominated Smith in 2014, after which he was one of 14 finalists and could be put forward in 2015 and 2016.

"I am just particularly pleased and thankful to the Hall of Fame and the museum for inducting Charles into the Hall of Fame. It is just heart-warming to see that. I can't think of anyone who is more deserving of that honor," Towns said. Smith is both honored and humbled for the selection, but is quick to give others credit who have also buoyed Slippers-N-Sliders and the activities of Black skiers.

"There are some people that don't participate anymore that need to be recognized. They've



Charles Smith, 1959 Lubbock Dunbar High School Graduate

done some initial things, but they quit early. I stayed. I think especially the ones that are still living. I think they need some credit -- Val Tanaka, Rodney Williams. Some credit goes to the Black ski instructors, we have about 16 or 17. There's been a lot done that nobody knows about. We've got people there that have been up 30 years or more. Fred Norman, he's my age, and he has been up at Keystone, 30 some years. Rodney Williams and Mac Holland have been there 30 years. And we are still certified. Four of us are fully certified. Level III.

Smith's level of commitment to introducing African-Americans to the sport is longstanding and brought new experiences and challenges to the community. "I wiped noses, helped kids get dressed, made sure the kids had shoes on the right foot and a little bit of everything," Smith said. "We got snowed in one time and I remember spending the night in the parking lot in Dillon, and you won't believe the reception we got. It was unbelievable the people that took care of us," said Smith who has also been an advocate for Black ski racers at established programs like Burke Mountain Academy and Crested Butte

Academy.

Last year, the Ski for Kids program, which Smith directed for 25 years, introduced another 40 urban youth to skiing. The same number of youth participants that are members of Slipper-N-Sliders who were taken to the slopes on Saturday, January 7, 2017. Curtis Whitman, the club's president, was very excited about this new effort. The cost of \$550 per student is reasonable for five weeks of ski trips and lessons.

Whitman is grateful for Smith's continuing contributions to Slipper-N-Sliders. "He has been instrumental in keeping the club alive. He and his wife, both are active participants. He's also a ski instructor at Loveland. He has done a lot for the club, and because he is an expert skier, and will take different groups to ski. He videotapes everybody and does a lot of things for the club and to help promote it."

Preparation informs our success which elevates our joy and enjoyment. Smith has reached a pinnacle of recognition, and now he's ready to hit the slopes again and enjoy his lifelong passions.

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