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NEW YEAR WISHES FOR CLIENTS

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Purshia Gambles Graduates From Texas Tech Universoty

Purshia's achievements and accomplishments. May God guide her through her next journey.

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Nathan Williams & Layla Williams **Brother & Sister Wish Each** Of You, A Happy 2018 New Year!

This lovely duo was asked the following Interview Questions: What does New Years mean to you?

What is one thing you are really looking forward to? What is one thing that concerns you or you will be praying for? If you could tell the world one thing what would it be?

Nathan - I am going to do better, try new things and have more fun. The new year also means more people will believe in the Holy Spirit and more people will trust God. I believe 2018 will be a great year and everything will be good. I am looking forward to more people starting to believe in God, the Holy Spirit and truly believing God is real. Also I am really looking forward to having fun for my birthday. I will be praying for good grades and good obedience in my class. I would like to tell the world that I LOVE GOD!

Layla - For me the new year is great and I am so happy because I love my family. Also it means more opportunities to play more games with my family. I am looking forward to getting some new Legos and building some cool things with my brother. I am also really looking forward to family coming to visit us in Toledo and this is what I will be praying for in 2018. If there is one thing I could tell the world it would be that I would like to SEE ***** GOD.

every luesday evening at Bryon Martin Technology Center, 3401 Avenue Q, beginning at 5:30 p.m.

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Southwest Digest Community Meetings 902 East 28th Street Lubbock, Texas 79404 (806) 76 first to publicly release a workforce demographics report earlier this year. They were commended for doing so, and so far, experts say they are the most aggressive at addressing the issue.

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Purshia Gambles

Mrs. Cherry Gambles-Porter and family are proud to announce a big congratulations to Purshia Gambles who graduated from Texas Tech University on Friday, December 15, 2017, at 3:00 p. m. with a degree in History. After a two year internship at her Church, "Redeemer", Purshia will be going into the Women's Ministry.

Proud family includes: Ola Draper, Grandmother; her deceased Grandfather, Robert Draper; two Great-Grandmothers, Lorene Conaway of Lubbock, Texas and Junie Jones of Amarillo, Texas; and special guests were Purshia's sister and sister-in-law, Jocelyn and Terricka Clark of Irvin, Texas.

Our family is very proud of 6:00 p.m..

ter. The Individuals of Distinc-

at the Lubbock Memorial Cen-

tion Award Banquet will be held on Friday evening, January 13th, at 6:00 p.m. Tickets are: \$30.00 per person. Guest speaker will be Rev. Dr. Bill R. Odems.

On Saturday evening, January 13th, Youth Night will be held at 6:00 p. m. at the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center.

Sunday evening, January 14th, the Citywide Service will be held at 5:00 p.m. at the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center. The guest speaker will be Bishop James Wallace Dixon, II.

Gospel Night will be held Monday night, January '5th, at

Many Lubbockites Were In Attendance Of The **Book Signing Event At Patterson Branch Library**



BOOK SIGNING AT THE BOBBIE GEAN & T. J. PATTERSON BRANCH LIBRARY -- On Saturday afternoon, December 16, 2017, it was an exciting time for T. J. Patterson and his family as it was a book signing release. The book, "Equal Opportunity Hero, T. J. Patterson's Service To West Texas." It was written by Phil Price, with the Foreword written by Patterson. The book was published by the Texas Tech Press.

The Mildred Deo Community Room was filled to capacity. Many copies of the book were purchased by those in attendance.

Pictured above are: from left to right: Joanna Conrad of Texas Tech Press; T. J. Patterson, Sr., John Brock of Texas Tech Press, and Virginia and Phil Price.

"This was an outstanding and historical event, and I thank God for what has been done with this effort. Thanks to Phil and Virginia Price for all they did. A special thanks to all who have purchased this biography of my life. If you haven't purchased one, then do so," said Patterson.

Great Grandchildren of T.J. Patterson, Sr and the late Bobbie Gean Patterson.



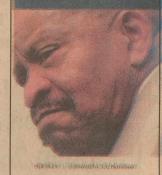
12 Months of Happiness Good Heath

Good Luck

To Purchase a Book, please contact Joanna Conrad or John Brock at:

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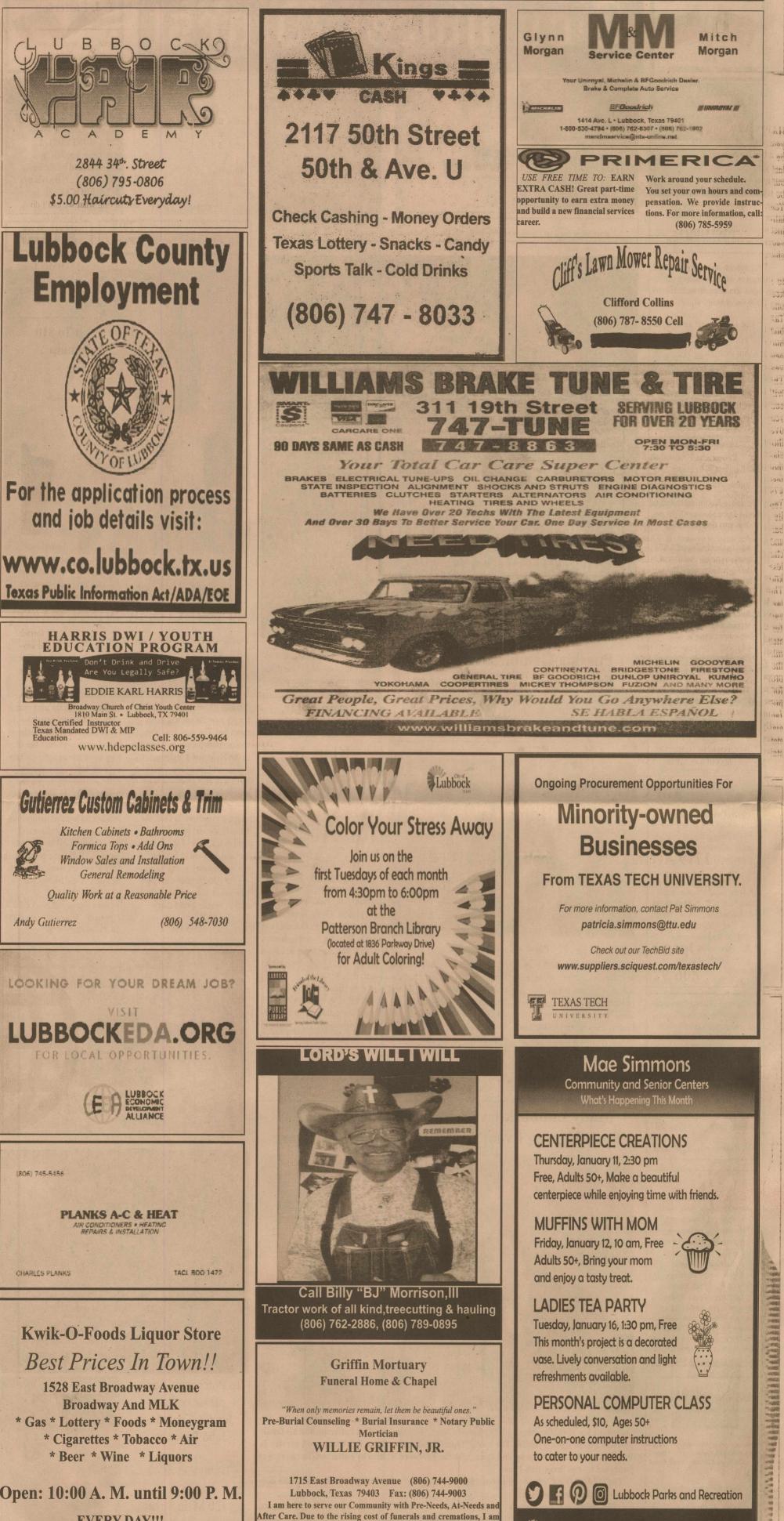
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LADIES TEA PARTY

Tuesday, January 16, 1:30 pm, Free This month's project is a decorated vase. Lively conversation and light refreshments available.



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Lubbock Parks and Recreation



In Cinque

By Renetta Howard

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

HAPPY NEW YEAR! HAPPY NEW YOU! Every year, most of us have vowed to be a better person than we were last year. Some of us will reach our goal and some of us will still be trying at the end of the New Year. Some of us have mountains to climb and some of us just need to dust out a few of the caverns in our lives to make our changes.

Whatever changes we wish to make for 2018, we need to keep Jesus in our plans because one thing is certain: The New Tax Law. Our President has boasted about how much our burdens will be lifted with the new law, but the truth will be revealed when it takes effect. There is mention of how much will be saved by the middle incomers who earn \$75,000.00 a year. The average American over forty years of age who thought that they were middle class certainly has another thought coming. Very few professional couples made \$75,000.00 a year in the past. Ten years ago, a beginning public school teacher in any state barely made \$30,000.00 a year and in many states, not much has changed. So, those of us earning less than \$75,000.00 per year know for sure that we are poor. That leads to the next part of the tax law wherein the poor will receive \$2,000 unearned income for their dependent children instead of \$1,000. That is optimistic. There is also hope that the funds for CHIP will be appropriated to insure health care for needy children because the present allocations expire on January 31, 2018. This is especially not good since many states, like Texas, are not welfare states. This needs to be fixed.

The next tax cut was not fa-

vorable for home owners. Taxes by as a deductible on our homes **Maurice Williams** have been one of the greatest incentives for owning a home in-Part 3 stead of renting or leasing one. That deduction has been reduced to \$10,000 with the new tax law. Homes where the taxes have been greater will be in dire

straits with higher payments. The standard deduction supposedly has been increased, almost doubled it is said, will help some of us who benefit because of a lack of deductibles for itemization. Most of these changes will expire in 2025, except for the tax cut for corporations. Now that sends up a red flag. Who owns the corporations; our President and most of his cabinet members and a number of legislative members? It makes us question who our government is working for; us or them? The answer is not difficult to see. We can use past legislation as a case in point.

Working people have a difficult time securing the Social Security Benefits that they earn. If one works and receives a pension from a job which one did not participate in Social Security, but have enough quarters to receive a Social security

Benefit, the Social Security Benefit is penalized by two thirds deductions because of the pension, but Congressmen receive a lifelong pension and so do their wives when they retire which makes Social Security Benefits look like welfare payments. Every bill which has been introduced to eliminate the WEP (Windfall Elimination Penalty) and the GEP

(Government Employee Penalty) never gets out of the Committee to be introduced in the House of Representatives. Petition on top of petition has

Letter To The Editor: **Many Dysfunctional Eastside Leaders Are Clueless And How Racism As APublic Health Crisis Could Change Everything!**

There was similar resistance to treating addiction like a disease instead of moralizing the problem. moreWith increased counseling and treatment, it's a completely manageable disease. Firstly, people have to believe it was a disease. That's where we are with racism. Like terrorism, more harsh approaches only seem to create more of the problem ot was to eradicate. Perspective is a powerful thing, changing it can open many fruitful doors. While staying in the same place only produces the same results. From a socioeco. Itnomics perspective, the loss of jobs opportunities, housing, transportation, and dream seeking are crushing and its unrelentingnature breaks, the epirit of too many. It kills too!!! Lack of medical service are

stressors no one should have to

not changed the way Congressman raises their salaries and receives pensions. They did eliminate the penalty for not having health insurance.

Hooray! The increase in Social Security Benefits was eaten up by the increase in the cost of Medicare and as a result some of us are a dollar short for 2018. May we get 'in cinque' and try to adjust to the positive aspects of the New Year, 2018 and make necessary changes to stay healthy, happy and enjoy our new selves.



THIS N'TH by T. J. Patterson

YEAR IN 2018, AND LET'S MAKE A DECISION TO WORK HARDER FOR THE EAST LUBBOCK AREA After more than 40 YEARS without missing a publication date THIS N THAT really we canTOGETHER in thecan come TO-**GETHER AND DO SOME-**FOR OUR THING CHILDREN...... During the year of 2017 THIS N THATwrote about the need for a BANK IN EAST LUBBOCK and we received positive comments on the need for aBANK

endure in the land of plenty. Organizations like the YWCA and the YMCA whose current mandate to end racism should partneith Lubbock County Health Department, Texas Tech University, NAACP, and the Legal Aid of Northwest Texas. Also glorified pimps also should join hands to come up wwith a viable plan to address racism as a public health in Lubbock, Texas USA

Little has changed in this city in the way of racism and the great divide in East Lubbock versus West, South and North localr of Lubbock.

In conclusion, it's not the big elephant in the room, it's the shark in the pond in which we wade!!!

If you want to respond to this 3 part letter by Maurice Williams, send your response to Letter to Editor, P. O. Box 2553, Lubbock, Texas 79408. Thanks for your reply!!

A VERY HAPPY NEW IN EAST LUBBOCK If you look at the population of the CITY OF LUBBOCK it will show that the population of Lubbock is 239,000 CITIZENS If you divide that number by six representing the SIX SINGLE MEMBER DIS-TRICTS that will come to approximately 40,000 LUBBOCK CITIZENS IN EACH DISTRICT..... Of course THIS N THAT is no financial personbut it could become a catalyst to make it possible for a BANK TO BECOME A RE-ALITY...... There are those that may say it can't happen..... But if you look where most of us

came from and all we had to go through You see if we COME TOGETHER AND ASK GOD TO BE WITH US THINGS WILL HAPPEN FOR US!! THIS N THAT believes there are young people who live in DISTRICT 2 who want to see something and that goal could be the establishment of a BANK IN EAST LUBBOCK...... Let's quit saying what we can't do in EAST LUBBOCK AND **BEGIN SAYING WHAT WE** CAN DO!!!! THIS N THAT is willing to help set up an AD HOC COMMITTEE to see what kind of opportunities are available No matter how many!!!

Omarosa Reported To Make Up To \$10 Million On Book Exposing Trump



We reported about two weeks ago that Omarosa Manigault Newman was fired from her White House gig as the Communications Director in The Office of Public Liaison. She still maintains that she resigned, but that is neither here nor there. This is Omarosa we are talking about, the duchess of spin. And now the duchess of spin is ready to take on the king of spin, President Donald Trump, in a tellall book that is sure to give us some interesting stories.

Omarosa is ready to reveal all the bad and ugly about her former boss and his family and, truthfully, I don't think Candyman has anything on Omarosa Manigault Newman. If you say her name five times, she appears, and no one is ever excited to see or hear from her.

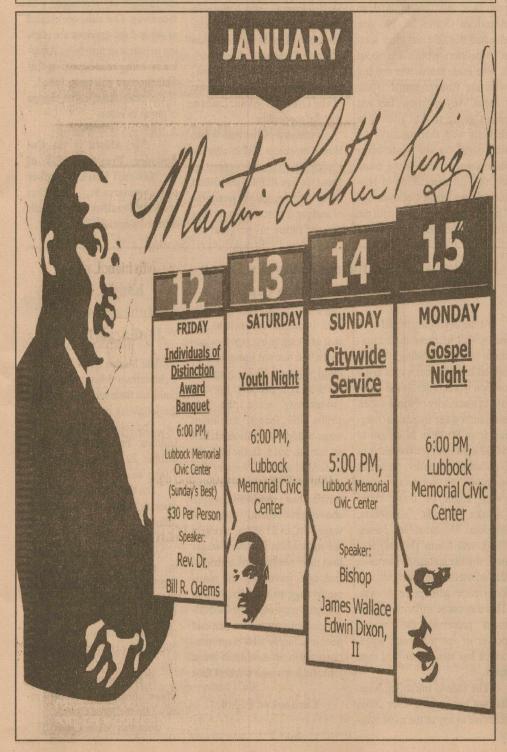
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Matthew 15:8-9 -- Jesus said, you hypocrites, well did Esai'as prophesy of you, saying, This people draw near unto me with their mouth, and honor me with their lips; but their heart is far from me. But in vain they do worship me, teaching the doctrines the commandments of men (WORLDLY).

As I watched; the CHRIST-MAS SEASON: AS ONLY THE NAME; IT WAS SO CALLED. I DID NOT SEE ANY THING: THAT PER-TAINED TO JESUS; WORLDLY THINGS; AND **THAT WAS ALL!!!**

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

I even saw some **CHURCHES**; WITH CHRISTMAS TREES; AND **TOYS: IN THEIR CHURCH.** IN MY DAY; CHURCH HAD BABY JESUS IN A MANGER; JOSEPH AND MARY; TREES ARE A CURSE!!!

Jeremiah 10:3-4 -- For the customs of the people are vain: for some cut a tree out of the forest, the work of the hands of the workman, with the axe. They deck it with silver and gold; they fasten it with nails and with hammers, that it move not.

*** YES A TREE WILL ROB GOD!!!***

WILL GOD LIGHTS HONOR; THE PREACHER'S OR THE PIMP'S. THE DEACON'S OF THE DEALER'S, THE **MISSIONARY'S OR THE MOLESTER'S???)**

John 8:12 - Jesus said, I am the light of the world: he that follow me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.

THE CHURCH LET THE WORLD TAKE LEAD; WITH LYING SANTAS; AND FLYING REINDEERS. ON **ROOF TOPS; IN CHIM-**NEYS; LIES THAT FILLS; OUR CHILDREN PRE-**CIOUS LITTLE EARS!!!**

Romans 1:16a,-1 -- , For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believe. For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith. For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness.

That SANTA SUIT; GOING **IN CHIMNEYS AND NEVER GETS DIRTY; AND KNOWS WHO'S NICE? ONLY GOD CAN DO THAT; HE KNOWS** ALL; BECAUSE HE IS **THAT WISE!!!**

Romans 1:20 -- For the invisible things of him (GOD) from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are (WHICH HOUSE WITH made, even his eternal power

and Godhead; so they (CHRISTIANS) are without excuse.

THE CHURCH LET THE WORLD: BRING LIES INTO THE BIRTH; OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST. THOSE LIES; MAKE THE BIRTH NONE EFFECT; WITH **IMAGINATIONS AND THE** WORLD'S LIES!!!

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

(Jesus did say, do something; in remembrance of him; but remembering his birth; is not one of them !!!--- IF WE PLAY LIKE WE LOVE CELE-BRATING JESUS'BIRTH: THEN WHY BE LUKE-WARM; ON THE LOVE OF **JESUS**³ **RESURREC-**TION???)----

*** THAT IS WHAT A **HYPOCRITES IS!!!*****

Revelation 3:13, 15-16 --, Jesus said, He that has an ear, let him hear what the spirit said unto the churches. I know your works, that you art neither cold nor hot: I would that you were cold or hot. So then because you are lukewarm, and neither cold or hot, I will spit you out of my mouth.

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St. Matthew Baptist Church

2020 East 14th Street

had in church services on Sun-

day morning, December 24,

Our subject for the morning

The Unifying Topic was en-

This service again was very

lesson was "Giving Gifts of

Honor. The scripture text was

titled, "Faithful Seekers of the

well attended. Praise God for the

knowledge we receive during

tion was conducted by Rev.

Tommy Parker and Sister Bar-

bara Johnson. What a time we

had for all who were in atten-

Church with the Choir and Con-

singing

delivered by Rev. Canady. His

subject was, "To You This Day

A Savior Was Born."His scrip-

Pastor Canady entered the

The morning sermon was

The Sunday morning devo-

ful job! Praise the Lord!!

Matthew 2:1-12.

our Sunday School.

King.'

dance.

gregation

Night."

Rev. Edward Canady, Pastor Lubbock, Texas 79403 (806) 744-7154

Luke 2:1-10.

2 "where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him.

3 When Herod the king had heard these things, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him."

Luke 2:8-9 --- And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the firld, keeping watch over their flock by night.

9 -- And, lo, the angel of afraid."

His sermon was very informative and well received by all who were in attendance. Praise God for the Word delivered by Pastor Canady! The morning announce-

Boom! White House Chief of

Staff General John Kelly gave

her the "boot". Word has it she

was escorted out of the White

House by the Secret Service.

The word spread like wildfire

throughout DC like the fire

flames in Southern California.

Before I could figure it out, I re-

ceived an email inviting the

NBCC to a meeting at the White

House concerning the Tax Re-

form legislation. The day after

that Kay received an invite. We

hadn't received invites like that

before in years. Something new

was happening. Something new

indeed - there was a change, a

Dozens of Black conserva-

substantial change.

Beyond The Rhetoric by Harry C. Alford

"Silent

Get Ready for Serious Black Economic Empowerm Something was taken for them, it all came to a "head".

granted with the Trump Transition Team. It was assumed that Omarosa Manigault was the point person for African Ameri-Just about everyone cans. thought that. As time went on it became apparent that she didn't know it. I remember the first transition meeting of Black national organizations the Trump campaign held. I was invited and felt it safe my charge would be to provide advice on Black development. It business shocked me to see that the Black chamber created by President Obama's administration, to oppose our National Black Chamber of Commerce (NBCC), was also invited. This was the group that propped up Obama's cabi- tive leaders received identical net to be pro-Black when it came

What a wonderful time we ture text was Matthew 2:1-2; and

> Matthew 2:1-3: "Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judaea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem.

the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them, and they were sore ments were read by Sister Shirley Canady, our First Lady, whjo always does an outstanding job.

During our weekly meetings, each person in attendance has an opportunity to sit down together and learn together. When we all learn together, the Church will continue to grow together.

The Missionary Society meets each Wednesday afternoon, beginning at 2:00 p.m. Come and learn together!

If you enjoy singing, we invite you to come and join our Choir. Choir rehearsal is held on Wednesday afternoons, following the Missionary Society. *****

St. Matthew Baptrist Church, 2020 East 14th Street, is asking if there is anyone who is interested in playing the piano for the St. Matthew Baptist Church to please call Rev. Edward Canady at (806) 744-2445. This is an opportunity for someone.

Thought For The Day: "The most treasured gift we can give to God is our Love!

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

tion. General Kelly made it very clear to us that the act was critical to the economic future of our great nation and that this "rising tide" was going to lift all boats.

He stated that diversity was very important. That is the bottom line to this legislation. It is going to take America to new heights and give us an economy that is robust and inclusive of all segments. Already Black home ownership is reaching the greatest heights in the history of the nation. President Trump will not stop until all segments of the nation are at its highest economic achievement. They made it clear to us that this is not poetic. It is the real deal and they are extremely serious about making it happen.

As with President Kennedy and President Reagan during their administrations, tax reform will be a signature event of this This time, administration. Blacks will certainly be included

President Obama warns against getting 'cocooned' in bias via social media



2017. Sunday School was taught by our dynamic pastor, Rev. Edward Canady who did a wonder-

Former President Barack Obama

Former President Barack Obama sat down with the UK's Prince Harry for an extended and far-ranging interview with the BBC this week, and their conversation touched on social media, the use thereof, and Obama's take on what the current state of social media means for human discourse.

The full interview is embedded above, but the breakouts regarding social media include an admonition against those "in leadership" using it in ways that prevent establishing "a common space on the intenret," which seems an oblique reference to Donald Trump and his use of Twitter, which is often divisive, and seemingly intentionally so.

"One of the dangers of the internet is that people can have entirely different realities," Obama told the Prince, according to the BBC. "They can be cocooned in information that reinforces their current biases."

Obama never overtly named Trump in his comments, but he did make reference to a need for us to "harness this technology in a way that allows a multiplicity of voices" without leading to "a Balkinisation of society," per the news agency's transcript.

The former U.S. President didn't go so far as to completely condemn social media -- in fact, he referenced it as a "really powerful tool for people of common interest to convene and get to know each other and connect." But, he also said that people should then take that further and meet and become familiar in public spaces, too, in order to deepen their mutual understandi.

to capitalistic items even though the progressive left was no proponent of capitalism let alone, Black capitalism. It was funded by Hillary Clinton cronies. How could someone make that mistake?

I didn't get insulted. It was clear to me that Ms. Manigault wasn't clear about the whole deal of left versus right. Her agenda, in the minds of everyone else, was about African American Outreach. No one else had that title and there wasn't a deliberate omission about it. She made snafus like arguing with the Congressional Black Caucus. Anyone knows that you aren't going to win friends in this city with that strategy. As time went on she made other false steps. When word came out that the association of Historical and Black Colleges and Universities were upset with the treatment she was dishing out to

18 states will raise their minimum wage on January 1 — here's what to expect

Congresswoman who 'bumped' passenger from flight plays the race card

Last week, 63-year-old lawyer and private school teacher, Jean-Marie Simon, accused United Airlines of giving away her first class seat that she paid for to Texas Representative Sheila Jackson Lee.

The flight was from Houston to Washington, D.C., and the airline is claiming Simon cancelled her ticket due to poor weather conditions. Simon denies she ever cancelled the ticket, and had to compromise with the airline to still board the flight.

When she was given a refunded \$500 voucher and a changed seating assignment to row 11, Simon noticed that Jackson Lee was now occupying her seat.



Congresswoman Lee

Simon managed to take a picture

of Jackson Lee, and after she

filed a complaint about the devi-

.Following widespread news coverage of the incident, Jack-

ous act, the airline officials pro-

ceeded to kick her off the flight

son Lee issued a statement on her Facebook page to tell her side of the story. She repeatedly references that she was targeted because she was African American.

Her full statement can be read below, as well as screenshots of Facebook comments in reaction to Jackson Lee's statement:

"I am disappointed in having to respond to this accusation, but I believe transparency is very important. Unfortunately, it looks like Grinch is trying to steal the spirit of the holiday.

At the beginning of 2018, 18 states will increase their minimum wage, providing over \$5 billion in additional wages to 4.5 million workers across the country. In a majority of these states, minimum wage increases (ranging from \$0.35 in Michigan to \$1.00 in Maine) are the result of legislation or ballot measures approved by voters in recent years. Eight of these states (Alaska, Florida, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, New Jersey, Ohio, and South Dakota) will have smaller automatic increases that adjust the minimum wage to keep pace with price growth. This automatic inflation adjustment preserves the buying power of the minimum wage, which has steadily eroded over time

The federal minimum wage has not been raised since 2009. Relative to any of the most com-

invites. The invites were ser out on Thursday and Friday for an urgent meeting to be held at the White House Monday afternoon. When we walked into the meeting we saw dozens of people of similar ilk. Black conservative business leaders such as Herman Cain filled the room. We received presentations about the upcoming legislation from White House Economic Council Director Gary Cohen, Chief of Staff, General John Kelly, US Treasury Secretary Steve Mnuchin, Senator Tim Scott and others. Stephen P. Munisteri, Deputy Assistant to the President, Principal Deputy Director

was the moderator. It was one of the best White House meetings I have ever attended. We were all pumped up about the Tax Reform legislation being voted on and the prospects of making it historical in success and the future of our great na-

mon benchmarks, such as the

cost of living or average produc-

tivity, the current federal mini-

mum wage of \$7.25 is simply

too low. If it had kept up with

productivity since the late

1960s, the federal minimum

wage would be worth about \$19

an hour in 2018. In the absence

of federal action, 29 states and

tionately hold minimum wage

jobs. As low-wage workers face

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at all segments. It is easy to see when the creators of it "throw it all down at the start and hold themselves accountable".

The stock market is already recording unprecedented levels just at the prospect of this tax reform. Corporations will be coming home to build new facilities and create new jobs by the millions. Our treasury is going to mushroom by the trillions and the thought of "recession" will fade away. Our allies are excited as we and our enemies are starting to retreat or turn nice. America is being made great again! This time we will be included.

Get ready America! A change is going to come. *****

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Martin Luther King Choir Rehearses Thru January 11, 2018

The Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebratiom Mass Choir will continue their rehearsal date on the following dates.

The following dates are as follows: Friday evening, December 29, 2017, beginning at 7:00 p.m.

The three rehearsal dates in January, 2018 are as follows: January 5, 8 & 11, 2018, beginning at 7:00 p.m.

All rehearsals are held at the St. Matthew Baptist Church, 1712 East 29th Street, Rev. Solomon Fields, pastor.

For more information, contact Sister Deborah Deary (806) 786-6317 or Brother Michael Horton, (806) 450-1950.

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the District of Columbia have raised their minimum wages above the federal minimum wage. Yet, in 21 states, workers are still paid at far lower wages than their counterparts a generation ago. Increasing the minimum wage is a crucial tool to help stop growing wage inequality, particularly for women and people of color who dispropor-

Obsequies

Jeremy Lee Johnson

Funeral services were held for Jeremy Lee Johnson on Tuesday morning, December 19, 2017, at the Difference Makers Fellowship.

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

Jeremy, age 46 of Lubbock, Texas, passed away on Tuesday, December 12, 2017.

Jeremy was born July 1, 1971 to JD and Gloria Johnson. Jeremy played football and ran track while attending Dunbar High School. Jeremy worked as a mechanic for over 25 years.

Jeremy is survived by his parents, JD and Gloria Johnson, wife Butunya Henderson-Johnson; six sons, Marquis Goodwin (Morgan), Jeremy Johnson, I, Jeremy Johnson, II, Ashton Baker, Brandon, and Xavier Ransom, four daughters, Jeanette Scarbrough (Vernon), Deja Goodwin, Akasha Ivery, and Jerney Johnson; three brothers, Jerry Morgan, Jeff Johnson, and Brian Johnson (Veronica); three sisters, Jackie Stewart (Ray), Marsha James (Mike),



and Yarnell Mgbenu (Charles); father and mother-in-law, Bufus and Joyce Lee; sister-in-law, Cynthia Henderson; brother-inlaw, Bartholew Henderson; eight grandchildren, a host of other relatives and friends.

My wish for you is that you continue to let gratitude be the pillow upon which you kneel to say your nightly prayer.

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Reble Faye Coleman

Funeral services for Reble Faye Coleman were held on Friday morning, November 3, 2017, at the St. John Baptist Church with Host Pastor, Rev. S., E. Fields as Officiant, Pastor Wooduronn Holman was the Eulogist.

Reble, age 83 of Lubbock, Texas, passed away on Friday, October 27, 2017.

Rebln was born to Mamie (Osby) Daniels and Robert Bussey on February 21, 1934 in Timpson, Texas.

She attended and later graduated from Dunbar High School. Reble worked at Covenant Hospital as a Licensed Vocational Nurse.

Preceding her in death are: her beloved husband, Wash Coleman; parents: Mamie B. and Calvin Daniels, and Robert Bussey; daughter, Carlene Middleton; grandsons, Shannon De-Wayne Coleman and Lee William Jackson; two siblings, Estelle Green and John Paul Daniels, Sr.; and her grandmother, Fannie Hill.

Reble leaves to cherish her memory; sons, Llewelyn Coleman (Drue), and Wendell Cole-

Bobbie Nell Gibbs

Funeral services were held for Bobbie Nell Gibbs on Wednesday afternoon, December 6, 2017, at the Greater St. Luke Missionary Baptist Church with Rev. Dr. J. H. Ford, pastor, Officiant/Eulogist.

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

Bobbie, age 69 of Lubbock, Texas, passed away on Thursday, November 9, 2017.

She was born December 17, 1947 to Christine Gibbs Burleson.

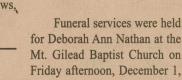
She worked the majority of her life as a cook and retired from the Lubbock State School.

She leaves behind her daughter Tammy Gibbs and son Russell Haynes, 3 grandchildren, 3 great grandchildren; ex-husband, Roosevelt Haynes; five sisters, Linda Burleson, Earnestine Frazier, Diane Burleson, and Shelia;



man (Vera); daughters, Watricia Holman (Wooduronn) and Latina Coleman; brothers, Jim Daniels, Sr. (Barbara), Milvin Daniels (Mary Ann), and Caston Daniels; sister, Shirley Johnson (James); ten grandchildren, five great grandchildren; a host of other relatives and friends.

Also, grandchildren: Jasmine, Darius, Christopher, Jarred, Cameron, Joi, Kiare, Kristian, Shannon, and Joshua; five greatgrandchildren: Justice, Kamtryn, Demi, Julius, and Nyla Rose. A host of loving nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.



for Deborah Ann Nathan at the Mt. Gilead Baptist Church on Friday afternoon, December 1, 2017, with Pastor J J. Johnson as Officiant/Eulogist.

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

Deborah, age 62 of Lubbock, Texas, passed away on Tuesday, November 21, 2017.

Deborah was born August 26, 1955 to Roosevelt Kinney, Sr. and Estelle Kinney.

She worked for over 25 years at Lubbock Supporting Living.

Deborah leaves to cherish her memory; daughter, LaRonda Nathan; son, Terry Nathan, Jr.; two sisters, Yvonne Kinney and Laura Kinney; four brothers, Jerry Kinney, Sr., Roosevelt Kinney, Jr., Robert Earl Kinney, and Gary Don Kinney; seven

Larry Washington "The Doctor"

services were held for Larry Washington, "The Doctor" on Saturday afternoon, December 16, 2017, at the First Baptist Church with Rev. Alfred Washington as the Officiant/Eulogist. Interment followed in the En-

glewood Cemetery of Slaton.

bock, Texas, passed away on Tuesday, December 12, 2017.

1954 in Lorenzo, Texas to Elizabeth Lewis and Alexander Washington.

Larry attended grade school and graduated from Slaton High School where he was known as a hometown basketball superstar.

Larry worked for South Plains Veterinary Clinic where he was the staple, the glue, and earned the nickname "The Doctor". Larry is survived by his

mother, Elizabeth Jefferson (Johnny); one daughter, Jordan



Caraway; one grandson, Javen Manahan; six sisters, Alice Doss, Josie Humphrey, Barbara Love, Glenda Wright, Florence Turner, and Ruthie Jones; eight brothers, John Washington, Billy Washington, Irvin Washington, Alfred Washington, Marvin Washington, Stonewall Washington Paul Jefferson, and Gabby Johnson; a host of other relatives and friends.

Deborah Ann Nathan



grandchildren; two great grandchildren; a host of other relatives and friends.

Pallbearers were: Danny Kinney, Jr., Marquis Kinney, LeeShawn Neals, Jerry Kinney, Jr., Gary Kinney, and Michael Kinney.

Honorary Pallbearers were: Terry Nathan, Jr.,. Robert Earl Kinney, Roosevelt Kinney, Jr., Gary Don Kinney, and Jerry Kinney.

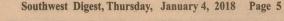
Julia Delgado Aguilar

Mass Service was held for

Washington, age 63 of Lub-

Larry was born February 15,

Slaton, Texas -- Funeral





two brothers, Emmitt Gibbs and Ricky Burleson; a host of other relatives and friends. Active Pallbearers were:

should not perish but have everlasting life.

Gary Howard, Michael G.

Williams, Sr., Kenneth W.

Gibbs, Darrion Howard, and An-

Russel Haynes, Emmitt Earl

For God so loved the world

that He gave His only

begotten Son,

that whoever believes in Him

Gibbs, and Andre L. Gibbs.

Honorary Pallbearers were:

thony Gibbs.

John 3:16

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

On Sunday morning, December 10, 2017, church members of the New Light Baptist Church, 3013 xIdalou Road, shouted loud and clear to the Lord. The proud pastor is the Rev. Kenneth O. Jackson.

Church School begun at 19:00 a. m. The subject of the morning lesson was "Faith To Discern." The scripture text was Acts 13:1-12. What a mighty lesson it was. Much knowledge was learned by all in attendance. *****

The morning worship started at 11:00 a.m. with Praise Team leading the way. There was a testimony period which was held during the morning devotion.

The responsive reading came from Psalm 118:1-8. The altar prayer was led by Pastor Jackson with the congregation singing 53, passed away Monday, November 20, 2017. Donald was born IN Lubbock on July 28, 1964 to Johnnie Lee and Jessie Mae Adkins. He attended Roosevelt High School and South Plains College and receiving his degree in Auto Body. Donald was employed at Red River Commodities. Donald is survived by his wife, Lisa Adkins; daughter, Ashley Adkins; son, Donald Adkins, Jr. (Mirelle); two sisters, Anita Russell (Reginald) and Vivian Adkins (Randy); three brothers, Johnnie Adkins (Denise), Eddie Adkins, and Christopher Adkins; grandson, Chance Adkins; a host of other relatives and friends. aul Moody, Mark Doss, Corey Williams, Dewaybe Young, and Jer"My Soul Loves Jesus." What a time in the Lord!

The morning announcements and all up coming events

were read by Sister Linda Green who does an outstanding job. The morning offering was taken up by an appointee.

The Choir sung several selections. They were: "Go Tell It Over The Mountain," "Silent Night," and "O' Come All Ye Faithful." The theme song of thechurch, "Amazing Grace," was sung before the morning sermon.

Pastor Jackson preached the morning sermon which was entitled, "You Are Not Alone." His printed scripture was Hebrews 12:1-2.

The wicked one is always looking for evil. Put on God's armor to withstand against satan.

You can tell by the expres-

Donald Wayne Adkins Sr.

God.

Funeral services were held for Donald Wayne Adkins, Sr. on Wednesday afternoon, at the St. John Baptist Church with Bishop W. L. Griffin of Friendship Holy Baptist Church as Eulogist.

Host Pastor/Officiant, Rev. S. E. Fields.

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

Donald, age 53 of Lubbock, Texas, passed away Monday, November 20, 2017.

Donald was born in Lubbock on July 28, 1964 to Johnnie Lee and Jessie Mae Adkins. He attended Roosevelt High

School and South Plains College and receiving his degree in Auto Body. Donald was employed at Red River Commodities.

Donald is survived by his

Julia Delgado Aguilar on Monday morning, December 18, 2017, at the St. Joseph Catholic Church.

sion a person presents when

they don't want to be bothered.

You are not alone ever in your

darkest hour. Every hour of the

day, you are surrounded by great

that makes us feel so alone and

things can come up that really

where you go, God is already

sion, confusion or anxiety.

Hod doesn't give us depres-

You are not alone. God is not

the author of confusion. Any-

thing negetative comes from the

devil.. One way aside every

weight that stop us. Without

faith it is impossible to please

Things come up in our life

Psalm 139: No matter

clouds of witness.

makes you think.

there!



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

Julia, age 64 of Lubbock, Texas, passed away on Friday, December 15, 2017.

She was born July 21, 1953 to Julio and Miquiela Delgado in Slaton, Texas..

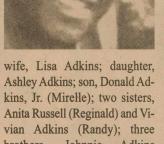
Julia was a beloved mother, grandmother, aunt, and sister. She loved spending time with her children and grandchildren.

Julia leaves to cherish her memory, her daughters, Yvonne Aguilar (Juan Castellon, Jr.) and Miranda Ruvalcaba (Bernabe) ex-husband, Roger Aguilar; four grandchildren; her siblings, Dionicia Ocanas, Lupe Delgado, Mike Delgado, Rudy Delgado, Connie Alvarez, Eppie Martinez, Angie Castro, Irene Rodriguez, and Oscar Delgado; a host of other relatives and friends.

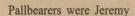
Williams, Paul Moody, Mark Doss, Corey Williams, Dewayne Young, and Wesley Whitfield.

Honorary Pallbearers were Donald Adkins, Jr., Eddie Adkins, Jimmy Doss, Johnnie Adkins, Sr., Christopher Adkins, Charles Dixon, and Edward Williams.

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brothers, Johnnie Adkins (Denise), Eddie Adkins, and Christopher Adkins; grandson, Chance Adkins: a host of other relatives and friends.



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KWANZAA

'Nguzo Saba' in Swahili the

national language of four

African countries in the

south central region of the

continent. These princi-

ples are used to shape a liv-

reflecting "the best of

African thought and prac-

tice in its reaffirmation of

the dignity, of the human

person in community and

Kwanzaa is a celebration of African heritage for people conscious of their African lineage. It is an effort to provide a culturally unifying base to persons of direct African lineage who ing cultural tradition are a part of the African diaspora which is the global collective of African descendants. All humans are believed by a number of leading archeologists to be descendants of sub-Sahara Africa.

1960s by professor and community bration from observations African continent. Its inithanks to the Creator for the first fruits of the harvest.

culture, the well-being of Ancestor acknowledgfamily and community, the ment is important within integrity of the environ-It was created in the ment and our kinship with the Kwanzaa celebration and is done at the top of the it, and the rich resource event each day. and meaning of a people's activist Kwanzaa is flexible Maulana Karenga. Dr. culture" (The Official Karenga crafted the cele- Kwanzaa Web Site). enough to incorporate those traditions already ex-Kwanzaa is not meant isting in a community of cultural celebrations to replace those traditions while emphasizing the which he observed on the already present in an power of unity across com-African American commumunities. tial focus was on giving nity, but to incorporate them within the worldwide community of African heritage manifested in the Kwanzaa is centered on African diaspora, and to 7 principles AKA, the recognize the commonality **New Year's Prayer KWANZAA** Dear Lord. AWARENESS WORKSHOP As this New Year is born I give it to Thy hand, **CAVIEL'S AFRICAN** Content to walk by **AMERICAN MUSEUM** faith what paths I cannot understand. **JANUARY 6TH, 2018** 1:00 P.M. to 2:00 P.M. Whatever coming days may bring **Taught by Leon Williams** Of bitter loss, or gain, All ages are welcome to attend! Or every crown of happiness; Should sorrow come, **SNACKS WILL BE PROVIDED!** or pain, Or, Lord, if all unknown to me Thine angel hovers near LUBBOCK ROOTS HISTORICAL ARTS To bear me to that **COUNCIL WILL SPONSOR:** farther shore MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. Before another year, **COMMUNITY DAY OF SERVICE JANUARY 15TH, 2018** It matters not-my hand in Thine, 10:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. Thy light upon my face, **SNACKS WILL BE PROVIDED** Thy boundless strength when I am weak, ALL AGES, ORGANIZATIONS and GROUPS are Thy love and welcome to VOLUNTEER saving grace!

within communities.

Kwanzaa is typically observed from December 26-January 1 with each principle of the Nguzo Saba being reflected daily by the spoken word, skits, dancing, musical performance and craftwork. Each principle is represented by lighting a candle and stating the meaning of the principle.



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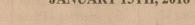
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a growing number of attacks on their ability get a fair return on their work, Congress should act to set, a higher wage floor for working people.



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> > Amen

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See the Chic Holiday Ensemble Michelle Obama Wore for the Family Christmas Card

It's been nearly a year since the Obamas left the White House, and while much has changed, the one thing that hasn't is Michelle Obama's killer sense of style. Like many celebs, Barack Obama unveiled his family's 2018 Christmas card this week, showcasing a smiling Sasha and a merry Malia, and, of course, an incredibly chic Michelle, whose holiday ensemble proved (yet again!) that she's every bit as fashionable as she was during her time in the White House.

For the adorable snap, which also featured a crew of little elves, the former FLOTUS donned what appeared to be an ivory-colored two-piece befitting a snow queen.

The top was emblazoned with silver embroidery in a modern take on a Demask pattern, equal parts elegant and cool, with a geometric cut, clean lines, chic cap sleeves (hello, toned arms!) and a classic boatneck at the top.



Michelle Ohama

The skirt portion of the matriarch's ensemble took a turn for the whimsical with stylish pleats peeking through cutouts at the bottom of her shirt. She kept her collarbone-length hair sim-

ple and sleek with a few strategically placed curls, while her makeup was kept both natural and radiant.

The overall effect was a beautiful family card ..

Winners In The 2017 Pool Tournament At The Mae Simmons Senior Citizens Center



Winners, from left to right, Scott Jones, Third Place; Earnest Peeples, Second Place; and Joe Martinez, First Place. Tournament was held Friday, December 15, 2017 at Mae Simmons Senior Citizen Center. Toys from event were presented to children in the community.

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