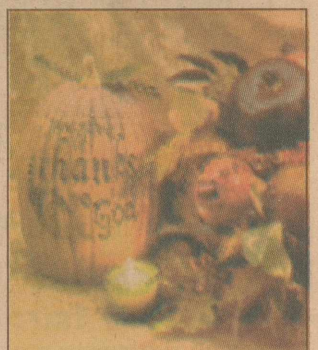
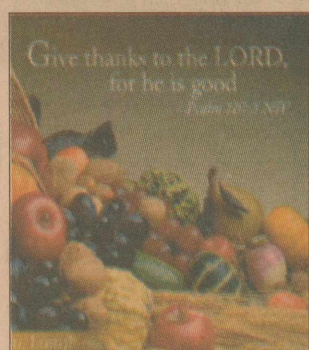
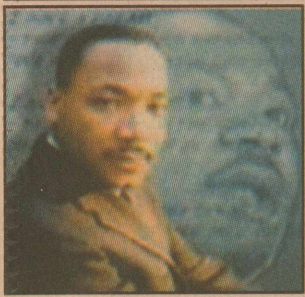




# Southwest Digest



## 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.
- \* The Lubbock Branch of The NAACP meets the 3rd Saturday of each month at Life Run, Inc, 8240 Boston Ave., at 11:am.
- \* 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 meets at 7:00 pm, at the New Jerusalem Baptist Church, 3524 East Broadway Avenue on Tuesday evenings..

- \* The Unified Juneteenth Commission of Lubbock meets every Tuesday evening at Bryon Martin Technology Center, 3401 Avenue Q, beginning at 5:30 p. m.
  - \* West Texas Chapter of 100 Black Men of West Texas meets 3rd Monday evenings at 7:00 pm at The Bridge 1401 Redbud Avenue
  - \* The Parkway & Cherry-Point Neighborhood Association meets the 3rd Tuesday evenings, 7:30 pm at 517 Zenith Avenue, Star Care Center
  - \* Chatman Hill Neighborhood Association meets 2nd Thursday of every month at 6:00 pm at 2301 Avenue A.
  - \* ROOTS meets every 2nd Saturday at 2:00 p. m. at 2301 Avenue A.
- \* If you have an announcement about your organization, please advise by calling (806) 762-3612 or e-mail swdigest@sbcglobal.net.

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(806) 762-3612 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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## Rose Wilson -- Housing Award Presentation Held In Austin, Texas

Dr. Martin Luther King said that the arc of the moral universe is long, but it bends towards justice. But that arc doesn't bend on its own. The arc bends because some people are willing to do the hard work of pulling it in the right direction. Perhaps no one has done more arc pulling in Lubbock, Texas than Rose Wilson.

Rose comes from a family of activists. Her mother, Annie Mae Jones, was part of several community action boards. Her father-in-law, Reverend A. W. Wilson, was the first African-American to run for City Council in Lubbock. Rose herself became active in the city in the 1950's, helping to organize the Young Progressive Club for Girls. She joined the League of Women Voters around that time as well, knocking doors for President Kennedy in the run up to his election. The experience of going door to door talking to people in her community about problems, injustice, and aspirations inspired Rose to more.

She joined the Lubbock Branch of the NAACP quickly climbing up the ranks and eventually becoming its President -- an office she held for over 30 years. In addition to community organizing, Rose worked closely



Rose Wilson



Rose Wilson  
Community Advocate, NAACP and  
Legal Aid of Northwest Texas

## Community Foundation of West Texas accepting applications for Woman-to-Woman Scholarship

The Community Foundation of West Texas is currently accepting scholarship applications for the Woman to Woman Scholarship, a scholarship for women 50 years or older seeking to attend a vocational training program or obtain an undergraduate degree. The application deadline is December 1.

The scholarship was established by Dr. Lou Diekemper in order to provide support for women 50 years of age or older and find themselves in need of additional education or vocational training in order to obtain employment or to make a

needed change in their current employment situation. The application is open to South Plains residents who will be attending a college or university in the South Plains area to seek an undergraduate degree or vocational training.

Each year the Community Foundation of West Texas awards dozens of scholarships to college-bound students. Last year, 76 students were awarded over \$296,000 in scholarships. Scholarship application, a snapshot of the 2017 scholarships awarded as well as additional information on all scholarships of-

fered can be found on the Foundation website (<http://cfwtx.org/scholarships>).

The Community Foundation of West Texas, formerly the Lubbock Area Foundation, Inc., is an independent, non-profit, publicly supported, tax-exempt organization whose purpose is to help donors meet the existing and future needs of the area's educational, health, cultural, civic and charitable organizations. The Foundation's mission goes beyond social service and welfare; our donors are improving the overall quality of life in the South Plains area.

## Winners of The Pool Tournament At Mae Simmons Senior Citizens Center



General Lee Sims & Joe Martinez

The winners of the Pool Tournament held at the Mae Simmons Senior Citizens Center on Friday afternoon, October 27, 2017, were Joe Martinez and General Lee Sims.

Martinez was first place winner with Sims was second place winner.

There were twelve players in the tournament which was a double elimination tournament. At the center, pool competition is a very popular activity. From time to time, members of the Mae Simmons Senior Citizens Center look forward to the tournaments. From time to time, women participate in the tournaments.



MILLINGTON, Tenn. (Nov. 3, 2017) Chief Warrant Officer (CWO) 5 Valencia Simmons-Fowler was promoted as the first African-American CWO 5 in the information warfare community on November 3rd. The CWO rank is a technical specialist who performs duties that directly related to their previous rating. They are accessed from the chief petty officer pay grades E-7 to E-9, and must have a minimum of 14 years of service. (U.S. Navy photo by Petty Officer 3rd Class Kyle Hafer/Released)

## First Female African American CWO-5 in the Information Warfare Community

MILLINGTON, Tenn -- Chief Warrant Officer (CWO) 5 Valencia Simmons-Fowler is the first African America woman to achieve the highest chief warrant officer rank in the information warfare community, November 3.

The Chicago, Illinois native started her Navy career at Recruit Training Command Orlando, Florida in March 1988.

From there she attended Cryptologic Technician Collection (CTR) "A" School where she achieved the notable accomplishment of honor graduate.

As her list of successes continued, Simmons-Fowler earned the title of chief petty officer in September 2001 while serving aboard USS Bataan (LHD 5). Later, during her tour at Naval

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## O.J. Simpson booted from a Vegas casino for drunken belligerence



A Disgusted O. J. Simpson



O. J. Simpson On Way Out of Casino!

The Juice got loose at a Las Vegas hotel -- getting booted after a scuffle at the bar late Wednesday, according to a report.

TMZ reports that O.J. Simpson got kicked out of the Cosmopolitan Hotel for good after allegedly getting boozed up and becoming unruly.

Staffers at the hotel told the website Simpson -- who has been hitting up bars since his re-

lease from prison last month after serving nine years -- broke glasses at the Clique bar inside the luxury hotel and casino beginning at about midnight.

Simpson, 70, got angry with the workers, prompting security guards to respond and remove him from the hotel. Simpson was cordial to security, but he has since been permanently banned from the hotel, sources

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**Save the Date**

**Monday, November 20**  
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A MEETING OF THE DISTRICT 2 RESIDENTS WILL BE HELD AT MAE SIMMONS COMMUNITY CENTER 2004 OAK AVENUE TIME: 6:00 P.M.

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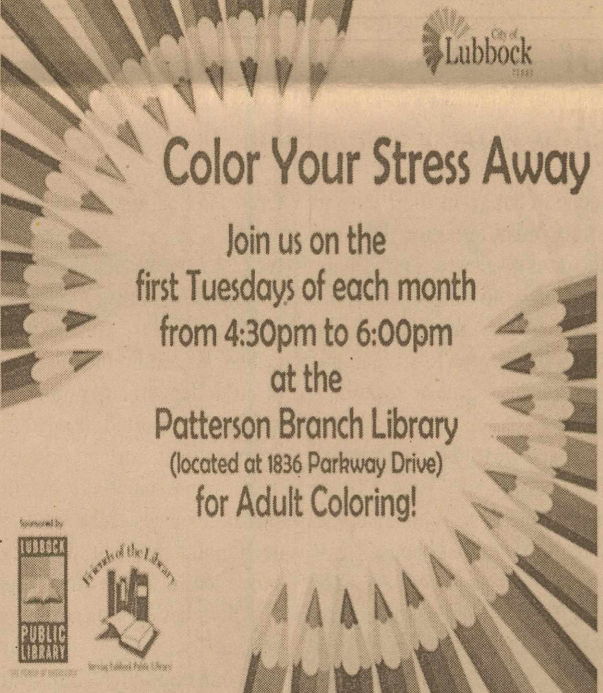
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# In Cinque

By Renetta Howard

## DEMONS GALORE

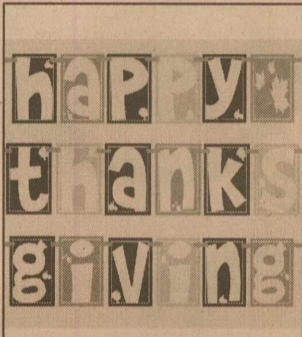
Growing up in a rural area where farming was the foremost industry, I heard many sayings by the local adults about how the moon had a tremendous effect upon crops and production. They often spoke of the 'right moon' to plant or harvest certain crops and spoke of how the moon had control over many things that happen to us in our daily living. They spoke of how the moon controls tides of the ocean; how it is best to cut hair and shoe horses at a certain moon time. I discovered in my attempt to plant a garden that my mustards never grew as I expected and my mother told me that I planted them on the wrong moon. They went to seed as soon as they sprouted.

It was not until I did Social Work in the Children's Protective Unit of Texas Department of Human Resources that I was introduced to the effects that the moon had over human actions. When the moon was full, many social workers, especially those on twenty-four hour call, burned candles during those nights. The police verified that more crime takes place during a full moon than any other time as well. Social workers also verified that more calls are received regarding child abuse during a full moon than any other time as well. The same holds true for elderly abuse. The calls for other adult abuse generally went to the police.

Halloween has passed and the full moon was five days later, but it seems that the demons which abode are still on the loose. Facebook friends are demonizing friends on the internet; people are still walking into churches during worship service and killing church members; parents are killing their children;

husbands are killing their wives; innocent people are dying in stores at the hands of gunmen while trying to shop; parents and referees are fighting at youth ball games; sexual assault is rampant and students are daring teachers to teach.

As quiet as it is kept, the moon was moving toward fullness when the people were killed at the Las Vegas festival in early October last month. It appears that nothing but awful things seems to be taking place since the beginning of this year. Donald Trump was inaugurated as the President of the United States in January, 2017 and one protest, mass murder, and political crime after another has taken place this year. The demons have been released all over this country and life as we knew it no longer exists. The moon may be responsible for some of the chaos, but there has to be some other factor or variable that is being missed in the reason so many horrendous acts are taking place. One thing I know to be a reason is the fact that GOD has been left out of too many of our actions. Some of us feel that we have evolved to the point where we are in control of us. It ain't so! We must get 'in cinque' and realize that we cannot beat God in any game. We must get back to the rules and religion.



## Beyond the Rhetoric By Harry C. Alford

### The Obama Years – Scandal and Corruption, Part II

I clearly remember election night 2008. America had just crossed a major milestone. The nation that oversaw the biggest legacy of human bondage since the days of the Egyptian Pharaohs was about to evolve into a first world nation with a Black elected president. My household was overjoyed. Tears were streaming down all our faces. That joy was emulated by people in almost every nation in the world. The joy lasted a few months. The feeling that "A Change is going to Come" like the lyrics of Sam Cooke's classic started to fade away.

Disappointment is an understatement about the following years. I know my heart was broken. The betrayal was more than immense. It was like a "bone crushing" vice upon what we expected to be hope and change. What would happen during the next eight years would be a virtual orgy of deceit, fraud, abuse, and betrayal of our trust. Not from some hideout or hidden place removed from sight of the human eye. It evolved from the highest semblance of power and government. The White House would become the think tank for scrupulous plans and delivery of malfeasance.

One of the biggest schemes concerned the everyday functions of the Internal Revenue Service. The very precious principle – Freedom of Speech – would be challenged. Organizations wishing to be managed under the tenants of nonprofit status would be put through a partisan test. Organizations with a conservative approach would be harassed, fined, and threatened with denial of their rights. Progressive organizations like the new Clinton Global Initiative

# THIS N' THAT

by T. J. Patterson

AS A PEOPLE, LET'S TELL OUR YOUNG CHILDREN OF WHERE WE COME FROM AND WHAT OUR ANCESTORS DID TO MAKE LIFE BETTER FOR US! ..... When ..... THIS N THAT ..... hear us complain about what we don't have as a ..... BLACK PEOPLE ..... THIS N THAT ..... gets upset ..... because our ..... BLACK ANCESTORS ..... worked real hard for us as a ..... BLACK PEOPLE ..... There is no doubt about it ..... it was ..... VERY HARD AND DIFFICULT ..... during those ..... SEGREGATION TIMES ..... but we as a ..... BLACK PEOPLE ..... we

survived .....and owned ..... BLACK BUSINESSES ..... which included ..... RESTAURANTS ..... GROCERY STORES ..... NEIGHBORHOOD BUSINESSES ..... BLACK CHURCHES ..... and any other kind of ..... BUSINESS..... BLACK FOLK ..... couldn't go to a bank or a financial institution ..... and borrow the monies they needed..... They knew that if we .....as a ..... BLACK PEOPLE WOULD PUT OUR RESOURCES TOGETHER ..... and with ..... HELP OF GOD ..... we could accomplish our various goals ..... no matter what they were..... You see ..... in those days ..... BLACK

PEOPLE KNEW THAT LITTLE THREADS OF COTTON MAKES MIGHTY ROPES!! Just think what we ..... as a ..... BLACK PEOPLE ..... could accomplish if we would utilize the ..... RESOURCES GOD HAS GIVEN US! ..... THIS N THAT ..... is ..... PRAYING THAT WE AS A BLACK PEOPLE ..... would come together and ..... QUIT COMPLAINING ABOUT WHAT WE DON'T HAVE!!! THIS N THAT ..... wants us to know ..... that we can make it really happen! ..... EAST LUBBOCK ..... can thrive like it can. QUIT COMPLAINING!

would have no problems in getting approved for their 501©-approved status. Organizations with names like "Tea Party", "Patriots" or making statements supporting conservative approaches to subjects such as education, taxes, religion, etc. would find themselves treated negatively by the IRS.

The conservative caucus of Congress began investigations, hearings, testimonies, etc. about the alleged abuses and discriminatory treatment by one of our largest federal agencies. The IRS was arrogant, in fact, cocky about the whole matter. Even President Obama would publicly deny any wrong doing. He said on national television on a Super Bowl Sunday during an interview with Bill O'Reilly that there was "not a scintilla of scandal or corruption with our IRS". It would be later proven that there was a massive effort by principals of the IRS management to oppress and bring harm to certain groups of conservative

thinking.

Groups began to fight for their freedom of speech. Lawsuits would amass and start the long court process. What ended was the TRUTH! Our US Department of Justice, under a new administration, has made its conclusion. Just last week, it was formally announced: "But it is now clear that during the last Administration, the IRS began using inappropriate criteria to screen applications for 501© statuses. These criteria included names such as "Tea Party", "Patriots" or "9/12" or policy positions concerning government spending or taxes, education of the public to "make America a better place to live" or statements criticizing how the country was being run. It is also clear these criteria disproportionately impacted conservative groups."

As a result of these criteria, the IRS transferred hundreds of applications to a specifically designated group of IRS agents for additional levels of review,

questioning and delay. In many instances, the IRS then requested highly sensitive information from applicants, such as donor information, that was not needed to make a determination of tax-exempt status."

This massive class action concerning at least 469 plaintiffs has finally been settled. The exact amount of damages was not publicly disclosed but it went into the many millions of American tax dollars. The biggest tragedy is that none of the guilty operators in this scheme have been prosecuted. But the truth is now known: It has been proven and documented in a federal court of law that the federal government agency, the IRS, violated the freedoms and rights of American citizens. It was illegal and damaging. Whether or not the vicious schemers and operators in this abuse will be punished remains to be seen.

Thus, one of the biggest scandals in the history of our nation  
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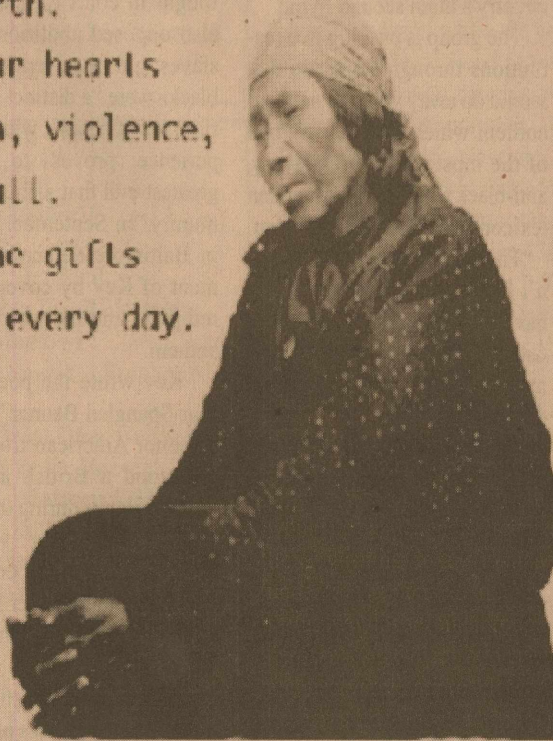
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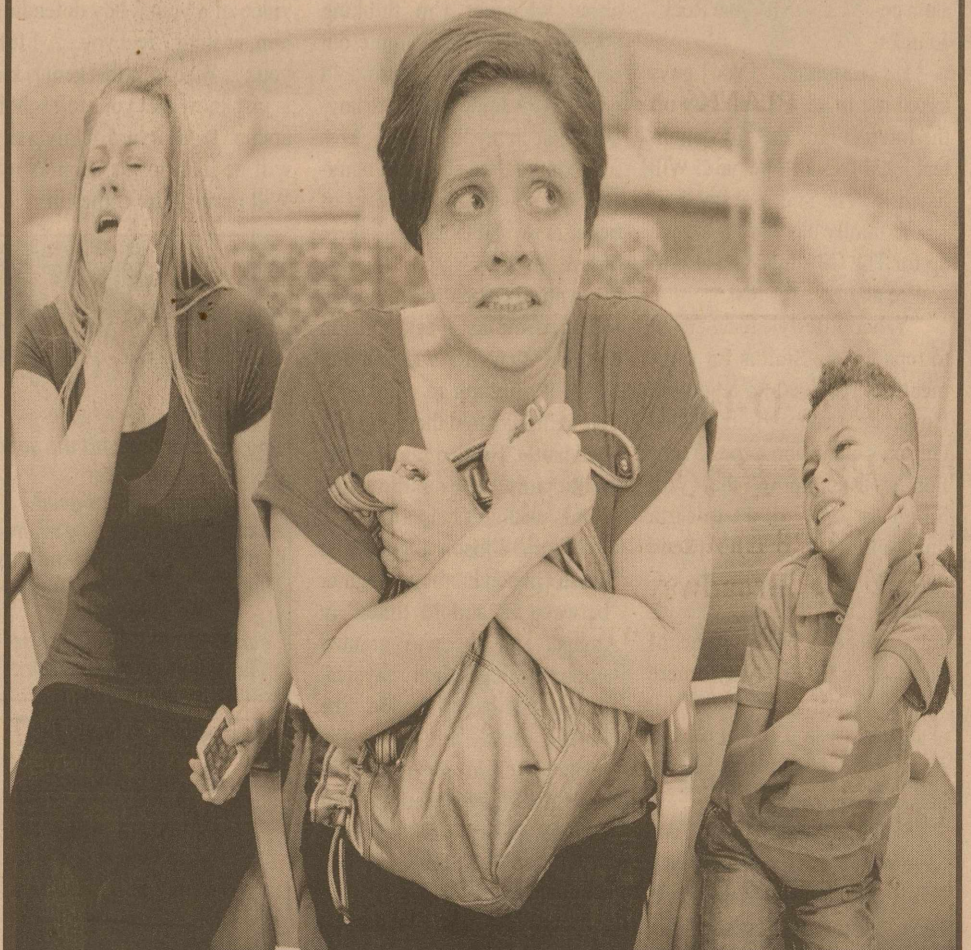


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**Matthew 21:33**— Jesus said, There was a certain householder, which planted a vineyard, and hedged it round about, and digged a wine press in it, and built a tower, and let it out to husbandmen, and went into a far country.

**\*\*\* SOUND LIKE AMERICA!!!\*\*\***

This reminds me of AMERICA; GOD BLESSED; WITH OIL, CORN, WATER, CATTLE AND WHEAT.

**GOD WANTED AMERICA ONLY TO PRAISE AND WORSHIP HIM; AND BE HUMBLE AT HIS FEET!!!**

**Isaiah 43:10,11**,— You are my witnesses, said the Lord, and my servant who I have chosen: that you may know and believe in me, and understand that I am he: before me there was no God formed, neither shall there be after me. I, even I, am the Lord; and beside me there is no savior.

**GOD WANTED AMERICA TO PREACH; JESUS CHRIST;— TO TELL A DYING WORLD: OF THE BLESSINGS; HE PUT IN OUR LIVES!!!**

**\*\*\*AMERICA HAS ROBBED GOD!!!\*\*\***

**Micah 6:3**, — The Lord said, O my people, what have I done unto you? And wherein have I wearied you? Testify against me.

**AMERICA GOT PROUD; and boasted, HER success was DONE ON HER OWN.**

**SHE SAID, I have built this GREAT COUNTRY; BUT SHE'S VERY WRONG!!!**

**2 Corinthians 4:4** — The god of this world has blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the Light of the glorious

gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, shine on them.

**AMERICA SAID, I AM A GOD; AND I DON'T NEED ANOTHER. —SHE CAN DO HEART TRANSPLANTS,**

**KIDNEY TRANSPLANTS; SHE CAN EVEN CLONE A MAN; TO MAKE HIS BROTHER!!!**

**1 Samuel 15:23a** — For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry.

**\*\*\* WHY DO WE TEACH OUR CHILDREN; TO LOVE SEENING BLOOD??\*\*\***

**AMERICA, SHE LOVE TO SHOW HER CHILDREN; THE SIGHT OF BLOOD.**

**THE KILLING OF 26 OF GOD CHILDREN IN THE CHURCH; IN IT THERE WAS NO LOVE!!!**

**Psalms 2:1,2** — **WHY** do the heathen rage, and the people imagine a vain thing? The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the Lord, and against his anointed.

**AMERICA TOLD HER PEOPLE; TAKE THE BIBLES OUT OF THE COURTHOUSES; AND THE SCHOOLS.**

**YOU HAVE OUR RIGHTS; TO DO WHATEVER SO EVER WE WANT TO!!!**

**Romans 1:18,22** — For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth (THE CHURCHES) in unrighteousness. Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools (THE CHURCHES).

**\*\*\*IN GOD AMERICA**

**DON'T TRUST; IT'S THE MONEY; AND THEY CAN'T GET ENOUGH!!!— THEN TURN BACK UNTO THE LORD!!!\*\*\***

**AMERICA IS A DRUG COUNTRY; IT'S ALCOHOL; THOUSANDS OF GOD'S CHILDREN IT KILLS.**

**SHE KEEP ON SELLING IT; FOR THE LOVE OF MONEY; SAYING, IT GIVES THEM A THRILL!!!**

**Isaiah 5:20** — The Lord said, Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter.

**AMERICA has open the door; to HOMOSEXUAL STYLE OF LIFE.—GOD SAID, A MAN AND A WOMAN; —WAS TO BE HUSBAND AND WIFE!!!**

**Isaiah 55:9**, The Lord said, For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.

**AMERICA IS LIKE A ROCK IN WATER; SHE IS SINKING FAST.—WHEN EVERYONE HAS THE RIGHT TO DO THAT WHICH IS WRONG;— SHE CAN'S LAST!!!**

**Jonah 3:8,9** — Let everyman and beast be covered with sackcloth, and cry mightily unto God: yes, let them turn everyone from his evil way, and from the violence that is in their hands. Who can tell if God will turn and repent, and turn away from his fierce anger, that we perish not?

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Again, we had a wonderful time in service on Sunday morning, November 5, 2017. Sunday School on Sunday morning was taught by our Pastor, Rev. Edward Canady who did a wonderful job! Praise the Lord!

Our subject for the morning lesson was "Unwavering Commitment. The scripture text was Numbers 25:10-13; I Samuel 2:30-36.

The Unifying Topic was: "Faithful God, Unfaithful People."

This service, again was very well attended. Praise God for the knowledge we receive during Sunday School!!

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The Sunday morning devotion was conducted by Rev. Tommy Parker and Sister Barbara Johnson. What a time it was for all in attendance!

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Pastor Canady entered the Church with the Choir and Congregation singing, "O' How I Love Jesus."

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The morning sermon was delivered by Rev. Canady. His

subject was "Yes, Lord!" The scripture text was John 11:23, 26-27. His sermon was very informative and well received by all who were in attendance. Praise the Lord for the Word delivered by Pastor Canady.

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The morning announcements were read and explained by Sister Shirley Canady, our First Lady, who always a splendid job.

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The important weekly meetings held at the St. Matthew Baptist Church are very important. Those important meetings are:

The Missionary Society meets every Wednesday afternoon at 2:00 p. m.

During this weekly meeting, each person present has an opportunity to sit down together and learn together. When members learn together, the Church will continue to grow and bring forth more programs.

If you are not attending regularly, you are missing some valuable information. Shall we look forward to seeing you on

Wednesday afternoon? Hope so!!

The next important session on Wednesdays is Choir Rehearsal which is held immediately after the Missionary Society concludes.

If you enjoy singing, we invite you to attend our Choir Rehearsal.

Remember your involvement in these important meetings will bring forth some positive growth to the St. Matthew Baptist Church.

Your involvement is very important to the St. Matthew Baptist Church!

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

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Our Thought For The Day: Only Jesus, the living water can satisfy our thirst for God."

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## LiAngelo Ball Gets Real Talk from Ex-Laker, 'I'm Scared for Him'

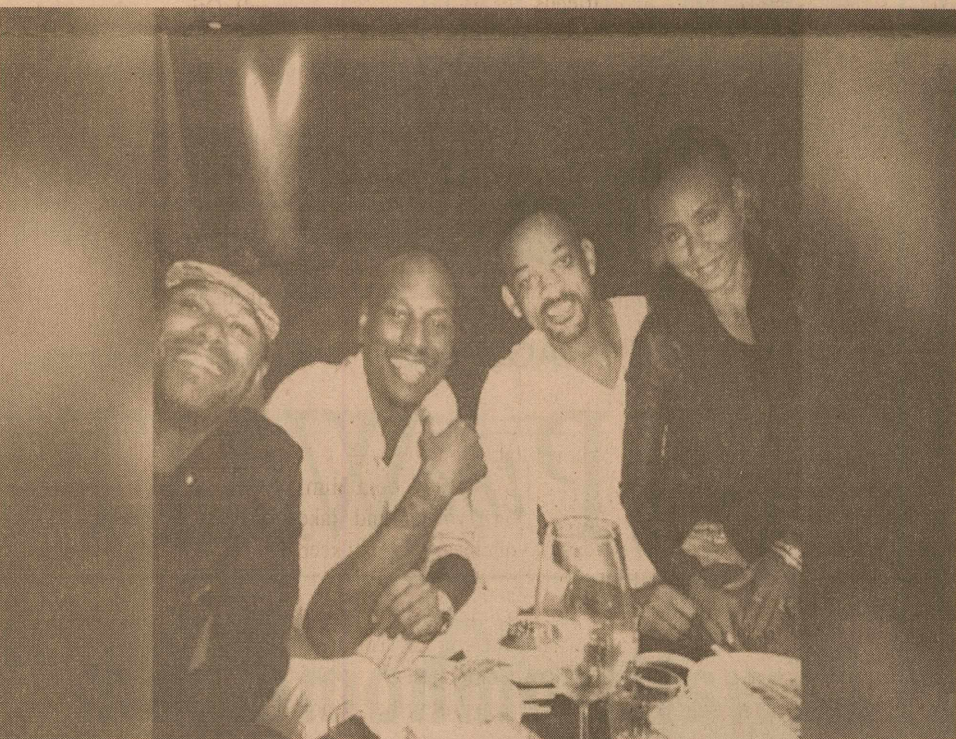


The LiAngelo Ball arrest is no joke — it's really scary — and ex-Lakers player Devean George says the entire Ball family better be taking the situation seriously. "I'm scared for him," George tells TMZ Sports ... "You gotta be real careful when you're doing stuff overseas."

Of course, George played 11 seasons in the NBA — won 3 rings with the Lakers — and says he's also concerned for Lonzo Ball ... because it's virtually impossible for Zo not to be distracted by his bro's legal situation.

George says he hopes LiAngelo is innocent ... but if not, c'mon bro — don't steal, take a loan from Lonzo!!

## Tyrese Gibson thanks Will and Jada Pinkett Smith for sending him \$5 million amid custody battle



Tyrese shares photos of Will and Jada Pinkett Smith on social media. (Photo: @tyrese/Instagram)

According to Gibson, the Smiths also requested that he stay off social media. Last week, the Fast 8 star made headlines for his emotional videos about Shayla and for continuing to slam co-star Dwayne "the Rock" Johnson.

He continued, "[You] guys asked me to get off and stay off the Internet now that my daughters legal fees will be paid! Will listen..... The Smiths's and their whole family has always shown up for The Gibson's. Uncle Will you're an uncle for real..."

"Yahoo Lifestyle reached out to reps for the Smiths for comment but received no response. However, a source tells E! that Gibson's claim about the \$5 million is true, noting that Will Smith is one "down-to-earth guy" willing to help his friend out. "Will and Tyrese are extremely close friends," the insider alleges. "Will is one of those guys that's always there for his friends and family. Will is a giver. Even if it was his last penny, he would give it away to help someone out."

Smith, 49, and Gibson, 38, have been close for many years. While promoting his self-help book, How to Get Out of Your

Own Way, in 2011, Gibson credited the actor with helping change his life.

"He is every bit my mentor and friend," the actor revealed. "He always makes time to talk about whatever I'm thinking about or what I can't figure out on my own," said Gibson. "I can't really compare him to anybody else in my life. He believes in me more than I believe in myself. It created another level of belief in myself that wasn't there before."

In an emotional video posted to Facebook last week, Gibson claimed that he was paying \$13,000 a month in child support to his ex amid their ongoing legal battle. He also said that his "millionaire and billionaire" friends wouldn't help him.

Norma Gibson alleged that Tyrese Gibson hit their daughter "between 12 and 16 times" in August, and she was granted temporary legal and physical custody. Gibson denied the "hurtful lies," and over the weekend, child services confirmed that they closed their investigation and would not be seeking criminal charges against the actor.

It doesn't appear that Gibson

is heeding the Smiths' advice and staying off social media.

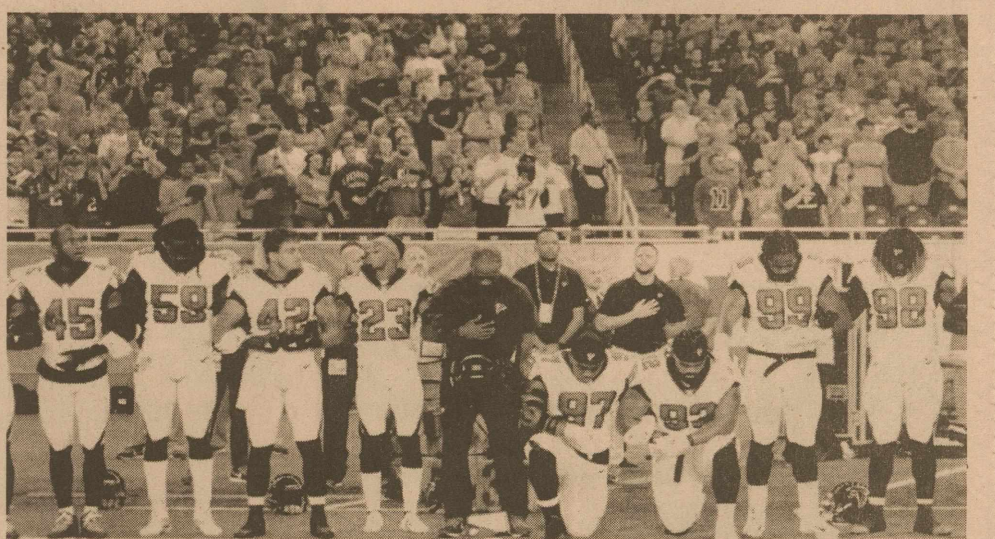
In one follow-up post, Gibson thanked his wife, Samantha Lee Gibson, for standing by his side. In another, he shared a video of a young boy defending him, writing, "feel you.....! feel you..... Who ever this genius kid is just know that your full scholarship to Harvard University will be paid for as soon as my Will Smith Wire comes in."

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## Is The National Anthem Racist? California NAACP Wants It Gone!



The California chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People is demanding that Congress get rid of the national anthem for lyrics it says are anti-black—the latest race-based dispute over the country's main secular hymn.

The group is pushing two resolutions through Congress that would do away with the national anthem which they say is "one of the most racist, pro-slavery, anti-black songs in the American lexicon" and find a replacement. "This song is wrong; it shouldn't have been there, we didn't have it till 1931, so it won't kill us if it goes away," Alice Huffman, the NAACP chapter president told CBS13.

At issue is a couplet in the full version of "The Star-Spangled Banner" that reads, "No refuge could save the hireling and slave/From the terror of flight or the gloom of the grave." Huffman said the lyrics celebrate the deaths of black slaves in their fight for freedom in the War of 1812. Historians have argued about the meaning of the couplet for years, with some

suggesting that the line refers to its author, Francis Scott Key, rejoicing in the massacre of former slaves who took the side of the British.

It is unclear if Key was making a racist reference. Key, who fought in court to help slaves, also opposed abolition, owned slaves and once remarked that blacks were "a distinct and inferior race of people, which all experience proves to be the greatest evil that afflicts a community." In September, vandals in Baltimore defaced a monument of Key by covering it in red paint and the words "racist anthem."

Key wrote the poem, "The Star-Spangled Banner," in 1814 to honor American troops who withstood a British attack on Fort McHenry during the War of 1812 ("their flag was still there"). The poem became the national anthem under President Herbert Hoover almost 117 years later.

The lyric in question is not part of the song that's played before sporting events, but that, of course, hasn't prevented the Na-

tional Anthem from being a symbol of racial prejudice. San Francisco 49ers quarterback Colin Kaepernick started a nationwide conversation on the anthem last year when he knelt to protest police brutality.

"We owe a lot of it to Kaepernick," Huffman said. "I think all this controversy about the knee will go away once the song is removed."

The NAACP has announced its support for Kaepernick in a separate resolution, which would condemn President Donald Trump, who has called for the NFL to fire the "son of a bitch" players who fail to stand for the anthem. He even encouraged fans to leave, like Vice President Mike Pence, when players kneel during the anthem. "I don't think you can disrespect our country, our flag, our national anthem," Trump said at a September press conference.

Over every mountain  
there is a path,  
although it may not  
be seen from the valley.  
Theodore Roethke

# Obsequies

## Erica Yvonne Hutchinson

Funeral services were held for Erica Yvonne Hutchinson on Wednesday afternoon, November 1, 2017, at the Monterey Church of Christ with Dr. Harry Stephens as Officiant, and Minister Deborah Hutchinson as Eulogist.

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

Erica, age 37 of Lubbock, Texas, passed away on Tuesday, October 24, 2017.

Erica was born to the parentage of Hillary S. Hutchinson, Jr. and Anna L. Henderson in Lubbock, Texas on February 11, 198. She was a graduate of Estacado High School where she participated in band and was a three time District Champion in the shotput and discus.

Erica learned experience in the work field during her High School years. She worked for several companies before relocating to the Dallas, Texas area. While in Dallas, she became employed by the Texas Department of Health & Human Services



where she worked for 1 1/2 years before being transferred to Lubbock. She was currently employed with TDH&HS until she passed away on Tuesday, October 24, 2017, at the Covenant Hospital here in Lubbock.

Erica attended the Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church along with her father, Hillary Hutchinson, Jr. She was a woman full of life and compassion, with a heart bigger than Texas. She loved and trusted God. She loved her family dearly and was an inspiration to

## Annie Ella Roberts

Funeral services were held for Annie Ella Roberts on Saturday afternoon, October 14, 2017, at the Dominion Holy Ghost Deliverance Tabernacle with Pastor Kenneth Lawrence as Officiant/Eulogist.

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

Annie, age 71, passed away on Monday, October 9, 2017. Annie was born January 20, 1946 to the late Jimmy and Edna Jones. Annie was a certified nurse assistant. Annie was an active member of Dominion H. G. Deliverance Tabernacle. Annie leaves to cherish her memory; her daughter, Toya Tennell



Roberts; son, Roy Lee Roberts, Jr.; two sisters, Mable Hunter (Lee) and Shirley Lawrence (Kenneth); one brother, Booker T. Polk; three grandchildren; one great grandchild; a host of other relatives and friends.

## Marquel DaJuan Thompson

Funeral services for Marquel DaJuan Thompson were held on Saturday morning, September 16, 2017, at the Community Baptist Church with Apostle Mark Culver as Officiant/Eulogist. Host Pastor was Pastor Larry Brooks.

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

Marquel, age 22 of Lubbock, Texas, passed away on Thursday 7, 2017.

Marquel was born November 12, 1994 to Jesse Thompson and Chandra Walker.

Marquel loved his family, friends, cooking, and singing. He joined Word of Truth where he sang on the Praise Team and in the choir.



Marquel leaves to cherish his memory: his mother and father, Chandra Walker and Jesse Thompson; three brothers, Jalen Thompson, Anference Thompson, and Marshawn Petties; two sisters, O'Shiana Thompson and Maleka Thompson; his grandparents, Portia Knox, Robert Walker, and Martha Thompson; great grandfather, LeRoy Haynes; a host of other relatives and friends.

## Anthony Quinn Pirtle

Funeral services were held for Anthony Quinn Pirtle at the Griffin Mortuary Chapel on Saturday afternoon, October 14, 2017, with Pastor Chris Moore as Officiant/Eulogist.

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

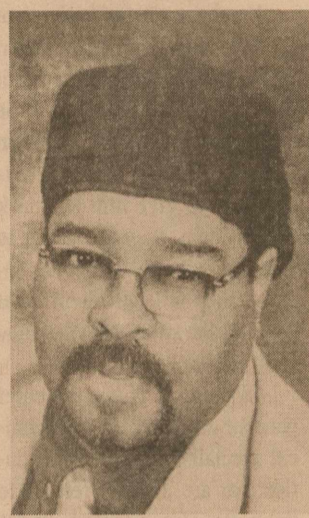
Anthony, age 59 of Lubbock, Texas, passed away on Wednesday, October 4, 2017.

Anthony was born to John Q. Pirtle and Sammie Batie on February 8, 1958 in Carlsbad, New Mexico. He attended Maryvale High School in Phoenix, Arizona. Anthony enjoyed listening to music and watching sports. His number one goal in life was to take care of his mother after moving to Lubbock.

He was joined by an uncle and aunt, Brenda and Fletcher Wiley. Later, his mother relocated to Lubbock, coming from Phoenix, Arizona. They enjoyed going out to eat, playing Yahtzee, taking turns cooking, and watching movies.

Anthony always had a smile on his face, he wasn't shy, but would converse with anyone and made friends easily. He loved family gatherings and reminiscing about the old days growing up in Carlsbad and Hobbs, New Mexico, then moving to Phoenix.

He is preceded in death by his grandparents, George and Jessie Mae Pirtle; grandfather, Sam Rogers; father, John

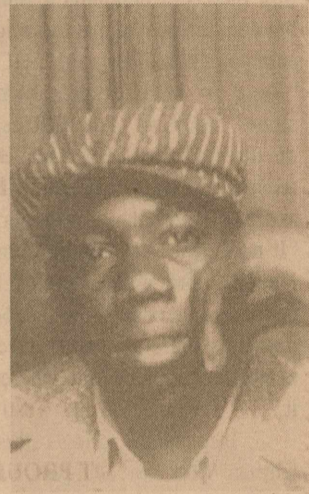


Quincy Pirtle; and sister, Karen L. Greathouse.

Anthony leaves to cherish his memory: his mother, Sammie Batie and step-father, James Batie; grandmother, Arvie Rogers; brothers: Steven Pirtle of Phoenix, Az., James King of San Francisco, Ca., Eric Pirtle of Carlsbad, N. M., and John Quincy Pirtle, III of San Francisco, Ca.; four sisters: Patricia and Cleo Haynes of Monroe, La., Yolanda and Larry Datson of Los Angeles, Ca., Robbie Pirtle of Carlsbad, N. M., and Joan Pirtle of Irving, Tx.; and a host of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins, and many friends.



## Wilbert Dee Deary



Funeral services were held for Wilbert Dee Deary on Saturday morning, November 4, 2017, at the Griffin Mortuary Chapel.

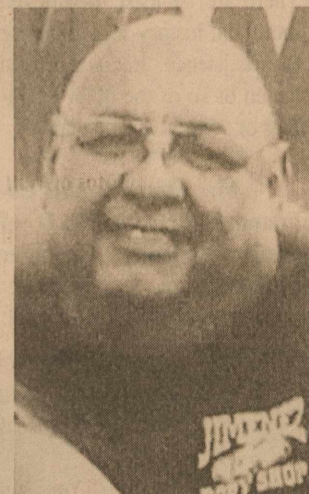
Private disposition was under the direction of Griffin Mortuary & Funeral Home of Lubbock.

Wilbert, age 74 of Lubbock, Texas, passed away Friday, October 27, 2017.

Wilbert was born January 8, 1943 to Charlie Mae Phylow and Otis Deary in Cameron, Texas.

Wilbert leaves to cherish his memory; two brothers, Tommy Williams and Melvin Deary; great aunt, Eulla Fay Holt; daughter, Cynthia Banks (Lusion) and Vida Penny; sons, Carl Shed, Prentiss Penny, Greg Shed, and Derrick Shed; sister, Jonnie Mae Stiggers-Deary (Napoleon); a host of grandchildren, great grandchildren, other relatives and friends.

## Polo "Bear" Jimenez



Funeral services were held for Polo "Bear" Jimenez were held on Friday morning, October 27, 2017, at the St. Patrick's Catholic.

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

Jimenez, age 57 of Lubbock, passed away Saturday, October 21, 2017.

He was born to the late Isaac Jimenez, Sr. and Miceala Jimenez. He graduated from Estacado High School.

Polo was the co-founder of Los Amigos Bajitos Car Club. Polo leaves to cherish his mother, Miceala; step son, Adrain; sister, Sandy Carrasco; three brothers, Johnny, Isaac, and Manuel; a host of other relatives and friends.

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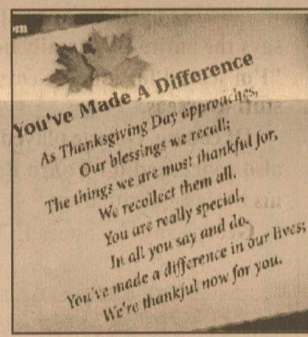
many children. Her Energy, Respectfulness, Integrity, Compassion, and Attitude will forever shine through her family, friends, and loved ones.

Erica is preceded in death by: her grandparents: Hillary S., Sr. & Elnora Hutchinson, and George Henry, Sr. & Roberta Henderson; Aunts: Bobbie Gean Patterson, Sarah D. Blocker, Sandra McKinzie, and Wanda Lewis; Uncles: Allen Henderson, William Henderson, Norvell Hutchinson, and Henry McKinzie, Sr.; Richard & Irene Cotton, and George, Jr. & Mildred Henderson, Uncles and Aunts of Carlsbad, New Mexico.

Erica leaves to cherish her memories: Hillary Hutchinson, Jr. (Deborah) Anna Henderson, Mother; Hillary "Trey" Hutchinson, III, Brother; and a special friend, Damien Johnson; and a great host of relatives and friends.

Active Pallbearers were: Calton Phillips, Damien Johnson, Darvell Dunn, Detwell Williams, Jonathan Lee, and Quincy Parks.

Honorary Pallbearers were: Sons of Allen and My Brothers Keepers.



## New Light Baptist Church News

3013 Idalou Road Rev. Kenneth O. Jackson, Pastor

On Sunday morning, October 29, 2017, at 10:00 a. m. church services begun with much praise at the New Light Baptist Church, 1301 Idalou Road, where the proud pastor is the Rev. Kenneth O. Jackson.

Church School on that day was taught by Pastor Jackson. The morning subject was "God's Covenant." The scripture text was Nehemiah 9:32-38.

It was a morning of inspiration for all in attendance.

The morning worship hour begun at 11:00 a. m. with the Praise Team leading the way. The testimony period was held for those members who wanted to reveal to others and know how good God has been to them.

The Altar call prayer was led by Rev. Jackson while the congregation sang "I Need Thee."

The morning offering was taken up by appointees. We Praise God for His blessings.

The melodious voices of the New Light Adult Choir sang: "This Little Light of Mine," and "I Love To Praise Him." The theme song of the church, "Amazing Grace," was sung before the morning sermon.

Pastor Jackson preached the morning sermon which was entitled "What Would You Do With Jesus?" His scripture text was Matthew 27:16-24.

Are you living for Christ, or just doing your own thing, and not thinking of what the consequences will be?

No one can raise their hand and say that they never done anything wrong, because all have sinned and have come

short of the glory of God!

Did you know whoever digs one ditch for a person, you dig two, because the other hole is for you too. They were upset with Jesus so they wanted him killed.

When something is getting ready to happen, a warning comes before destruction.

Isn't it amazing how as a Mother, they know things and what's going on in and around our lives.

Carry Christ every where you go. Don't be ashamed to let others

know that you have Christ within. Tell others about Him! He can turn you around, take care of you, bless you, and keep you.

It doesn't matter where you are or what you do. You need Jesus on a daily basis!!

The song after the sermon was "I Need Thee."

**Thought For The Week:**  
**"Live Like You Belong To God On A Daily Basis"**  
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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 Rev. Solomon Fields, pastor, officiating.

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

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

Reble Faye Bussey Coleman 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.

Reble leaves to cherish her memory; sons, Llewelyn Coleman (Drue), and Wendell Coleman (Vera); daughters, Waticia 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.



### Lubbock, Texas Black Americans Who Made Outstanding Contributions!

Black Americans who lived in Lubbock, Texas made valuable contributions to all of the war activities. What they contributed was valuable for all Americans.

Although we don't the names of all who contributed, we have chosen a few. There were several hundred African-Americans men and women who served in the Armed Forces and they have served in all parts of the world.

Here are a few, all from Lubbock, Tx.:



Dave Bailey, Jr.



Charlie Banks, Jr.



D.C. Fair, Jr.

### Texas Workforce Commission Announces Texas Operation Welcome Home and We Hire Vets Web Portal

Site Features Services for Military Veterans and Their Spouses Seeking Employment; Recognizes Texas Employers Hiring Veterans

AUSTIN □ The Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) recently launched its Texas Operation Welcome Home web portal to better meet the employment needs of transitioning service members and military spouses. The portal includes information and web links to several employment and training initiatives for veterans and employers.

"The service members transitioning back to the civilian workforce and our Texas veterans are an extremely valuable source of talent for Texas employers," said TWC Chairman Andres Alcantar. "We are proud to provide information and resources to Texas veterans seeking opportunities in industries across Texas, as well as to the employers who benefit from their unmatched leadership and skills."

"We Hire Vets" program can register online. Since the program's launch, 47 businesses have been nominated as "We Hire Vets" employers. JVIC Catalyst Services LLC is a "We Hire Vets" participant and recently extended 36 job offers to veterans. Starting wages for the jobs are \$23 an hour.

"With veterans, you don't have to worry about the little things. They are on time, where they are supposed to be, and bring all necessary tools ready to work," said JVIC Catalyst Services Health and Safety Member Kevin D. Palmer. "It's ingrained within them in the military, and you generally don't get that right off the bat with the civilian population."

"Our veterans are ready to work, and it's important to ensure their access to readily available employment information on our websites," said TWC Commissioner Representing Labor Julian Alvarez. "We're extremely grateful of our veterans and their service and welcome the opportunity to help them transfer their skills into the civilian workforce."

In addition to "We Hire Vets," other programs and initiatives for veteran employment featured on the rebranded web portal include:

Texas Skills to Work — Assists service members by translating military experience into civilian terms and skill sets. After translation, it matches the civilian skill set with online job postings requiring those same skills.

Skills for Transition — Provides training opportunities to transitioning military service members who are preparing to separate from service within 180 days who will remain in Texas

The web portal includes online registration for the "We Hire Vets" employer recognition program that recognizes Texas employers for their commitment to hiring veterans. Through the program, employers whose workforce is composed of at least 10 percent military veterans are eligible to receive a "We Hire Vets" employer recognition decal to display on the employer's storefront as well as an electronic decal to display on the employer's website.

"We've had tremendous response from employers inquiring about and registering for the We Hire Vets program," said TWC Commissioner Representing Employers Ruth R. Hughs. "With our Texas Operation Welcome Home webpage, we will continue our efforts to connect employers with veterans and their family members who are seeking employment."

Employers interested in the

### First Female African American CWO-5

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Security Group Activity in Norfolk, Virginia she was selected for the CWO program in 2003, beginning her life as a chief warrant officer.

"This was my goal since the beginning of my career," said Simmons-Fowler. "I have always strived for the next level, the pinnacle profession, and I earned it."

The historic promotion is the result of hard work and dedication that isn't achieved alone, but with the help of mentors and shipmates along the way.

"None of us ever gets here alone," said Capt. Alonza Ross, the director of enlisted distribution at Navy Personal Command and mentor to Simmons-Fowler. "It takes a lot of support from family, friends and shipmates. I certainly understand how significant this achievement is, and I knew she was capable of doing it."

Inspiration follows this woman who has achieved so much. The protégés that Simmons-Fowler mentors see that they also have the opportunity to achieve just as much, if not more.

"I am extremely proud of Chief Warrant Officer 5 Simmons-Fowler," said Yeoman 2nd Class Olivia Likely, a protégé of Simmons-Fowler. "Women are pillars of strength and support. To see Chief Warrant Officer 5 Simmons-Fowler achieve this extraordinary goal, I know I have confidence and a voice, to know that not only can I conquer

my goals, I can shoot far beyond that."

The newly appointed CWO 5 explains that being a chief warrant officer in the U.S. Navy requires a person to be more than just skillful in their field.

"You have a lot of leaders out there," said Simmons-Fowler. "When it comes to chief warrant officers, we are supposed to be the technical experts. So when the commanding officer needs someone to give him feedback on a system, they are going to find the warrant officers, because they will tell them what they need to know, not what they want to hear."

In the U.S. Navy, the chief warrant officer rank is a technical specialist who performs duties that are directly related to their previous enlisted rating. They are accessed from the chief petty officer pay grades E-7 through E-9, and must have a minimum of 14 years of service.

"With every successful leader there is always a great team of Sailors that are hard-working, hard-charging and dedicated to completing the mission," said Simmons-Fowler. "Those are the people doing the work to make sure we succeed as a team. To those people, I'd like (say) thank you from the bottom of my heart."

For more news from Commander, Navy Recruiting Command, visit us on the web, [www.navy.mil/local/cnrc/](http://www.navy.mil/local/cnrc/); on our Youtube channel, U.S. Navy Recruiter; on Facebook, [www.facebook.com/NavyRecruiting](http://www.facebook.com/NavyRecruiting); and on Twitter, @usnavyrecruiter.



Albert Bunton, Jr.



L.A. Bunton

### Rose Wilson Honored

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with West Texas Legal Services as the president of its client council, and served as a plaintiff in several lawsuits aiming to integrate Lubbock's political system and schools, further fair housing policy, ensure that Lubbock County only contracted with companies that offered equal employment opportunity for minority and women workers, and otherwise righting the wrongs caused by government-sanctioned racism and sexism.

Most notably, Mrs. Wilson was a plaintiff in Jones vs. Lubbock, a case filed in 1976 aiming to replace Lubbock's at large city council districts, which had been established in part to prevent minority representation, with single member districts. After eight long years, the Fifth Circuit Appellate Court ruled in favor of the plaintiffs. T. J. Patterson, the first African-American to serve on the Lubbock City Council, was elected that year as a result of this case. Patterson served for 20 years.

Rose is about to celebrate her 90th birthday. She's retired from her full time job as a housekeeper a few years ago, and is still part of the NAACP, the LANWT Client Council, and is on the board of the South Plains Food Bank. Today, we celebrate Rose for her tireless and ongoing dedication to Lubbock, social justice, and civil rights. It's an honor to present this housing award to you, Mrs. Rose Wilson. Thank you so much!!

### O. J. Simpson Kicked Out of Casino

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told TMZ.

A police dispatcher referred to Simpson by name — saying "Orenthal is here" — in an audio recording obtained by TMZ. The dispatcher apparently had thought Simpson was at a pizza shop inside the hotel, according to the tape.

"He's actually sitting inside the bar, he was asking about the pizza shop," the dispatcher said.

A witness, meanwhile, spotted Simpson inside the hotel shortly after midnight.

Simpson was released from prison shortly after midnight Oct. 1 after serving nine years of a 33-year sentence for robbing sports memorabilia dealers in a Las Vegas hotel room in 2007. He will remain under supervised parole for five years.

### Beyond the Rhetoric

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has just been documented. Our grandchildren will be reading about this in their civics classes just like we did concerning the infamous "Teapot Dome" scandal early in the 20th century.

This may be the biggest example of "Scandal and Corruption" that went on throughout the Obama Administrations. There are, at least, two dozen more and history will not erase their existence. Let us discuss a dozen or so of the other examples of scandal and corruption.

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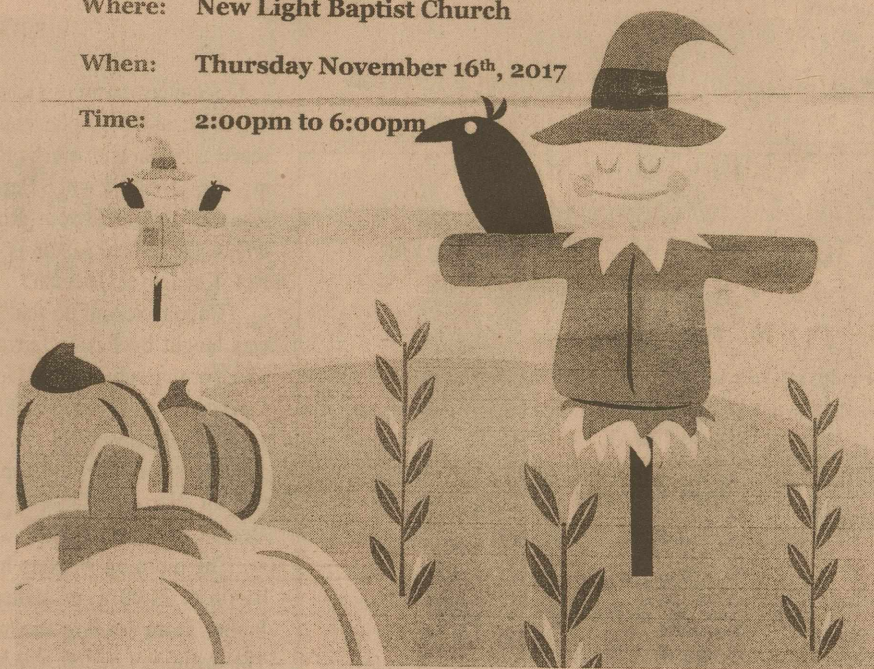
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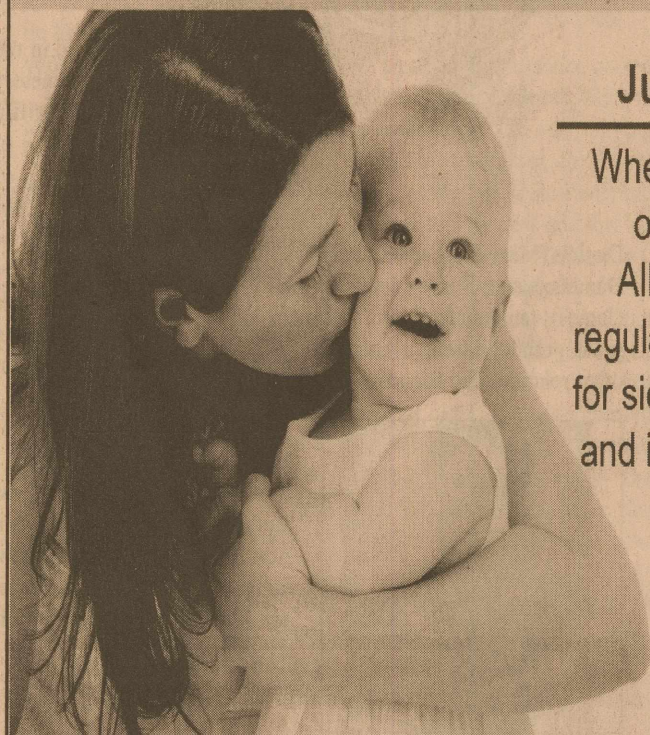


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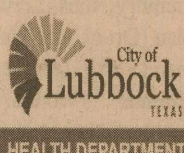
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### Texas Workforce Announces

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### Trump's US-Steel Pipeline Plan Puts America Last: Requiring U.S.-Made Steel in Pipelines Would Backfire

By Lawrence W. Reed and Drew Johnson

President Trump has a plan to revive the steel industry. He wants to mandate that oil and natural gas pipelines use only American-made steel. His Commerce Department is finalizing the plan right now.

No matter how well-intentioned, the president's plan would backfire -- destroying more jobs than it creates.

American steel companies don't even make the right-sized parts for most pipelines and their products cost more than steel from abroad. Forcing pipeline companies to use domestic steel would raise prices and delay projects for years, leading to layoffs and lost job opportunities for tens of thousands of Americans.

Currently, oil and natural gas companies import more than three-quarters of the steel

used in pipelines. They do so for the same reason America buys bananas from Honduras. American companies could technically grow bananas under glass in New York City, but they opt to get bananas from the most cost-efficient source and enjoy the savings.

The amount of steel we import is unlikely to change soon. Certain pipelines need pipes so thick that the U.S. steel industry can't make them at all.

Mandating the use of domestic steel for pipelines would require steel manufacturers to retool their factories. The renovation and refitting costs could more than double the price of pipeline parts and slow down production. That would be disastrous for everyday Americans. Pipelines create tens of thousands of U.S. jobs. The

Keystone XL pipeline project alone could put 40,000 Americans to work and generate more than \$2 billion for local workers. Trump recently approved that pipeline without requiring builders to use U.S. steel.

History shows protectionist policies hurt American workers. In 2002, the Bush administration imposed tariffs on imported steel. The resulting increase in steel prices spurred an economic slowdown that destroyed 200,000 jobs, more than the number of jobs supported by the entire steel industry. Oil and natural gas pipelines don't just benefit workers. They also save American consumers money. A proposed pipeline project in Eastern Pennsylvania and New Jersey could lower consumer utility bills by almost \$900 mil-



lion in a single winter. Thanks in part to cost-saving pipelines, the average American driver saves over \$500 per year at the pump. American reliance on domestic oil and natural gas is increasing. In June, demand for oil reached a 10-year high. But despite high demand, energy prices have remained low. That's because new pipelines have made it cheap for drillers to increase production and meet consumers' needs.

For instance, President Trump approved the Dakota Access Pipeline in February. With a stroke of his pen, he saved oil and natural gas drillers in North Dakota about \$540 million in shipping costs. The pipeline opened up

new markets for these drillers, enabling them to increase production by 50 percent -- and create many new jobs.

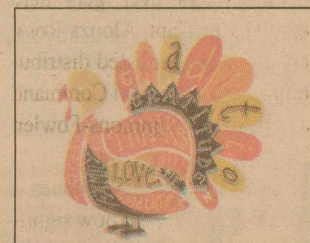
Impeding domestic pipelines would even endanger national security. Unable to produce and transport its own energy, America would depend on hostile regimes like Venezuela and Saudi Arabia. Today, America produces more oil than any other country -- an impossible feat without pipelines to transport crude to refineries.

The President's desire to boost U.S. steel sounds good on the surface -- but it shouldn't come at the expense of America's economic security. Laying off

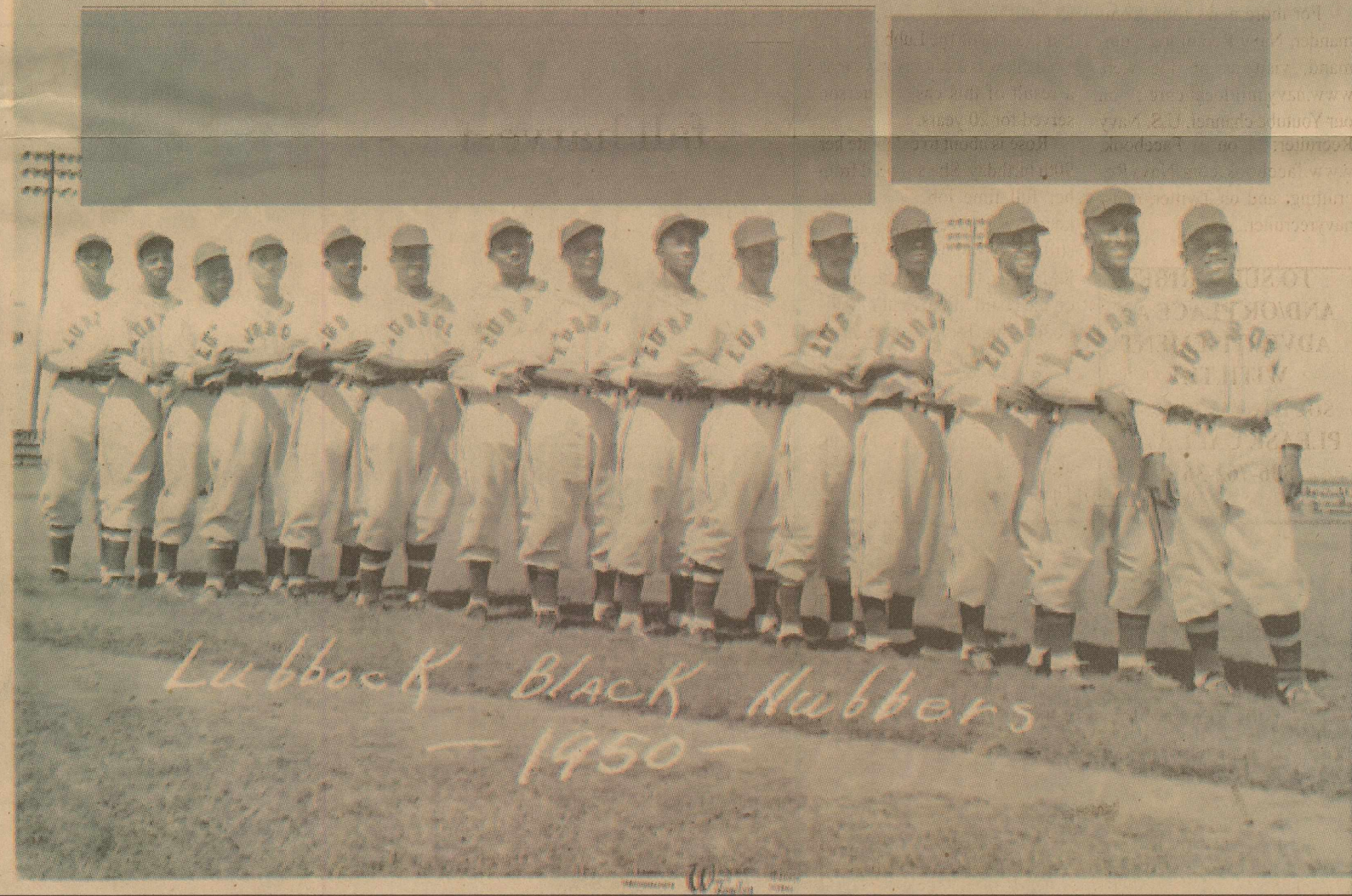
American workers and asking the impossible of U.S. steel is no way to put "America First."

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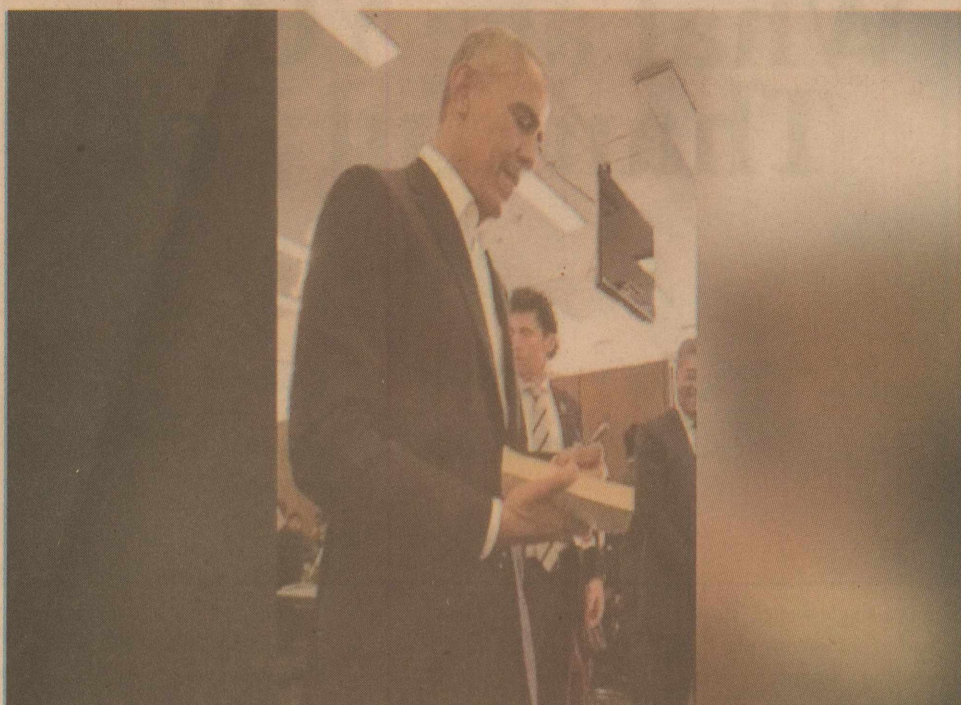
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# Obama signs book, shakes hands at Jury Duty



Former President Barack Obama reported for jury duty in Chicago Wednesday, November 8, 2017, fulfilling his role as both citizen and celebrity.

Cell phone video from a fellow juror shows a relaxed Obama signing in at the Richard J. Daley Center and then shaking hands with those seated around the jury pool waiting room.

The former president even signed one of his books that a fellow juror had brought.

"Did you know I was coming?" Obama asked the person with a smile. "You brought a book and everything!"

Obama was briefly selected for a jury panel but was sent home after 12 p.m. when Circuit Court Judge Tim Evans dismissed the group.

Obama's presence in Chicago's downtown county courthouse prompted extra security measures that meant delays and snaking lines to get through the building's entrance screening.

But some jurors were more impressed than inconvenienced by the fact that Obama showed up to perform his civic duty. It shows us all that I don't have a good excuse and it's an important duty for all of us," first-time juror Walter Palmer told ABC Chicago affiliate WLS.

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