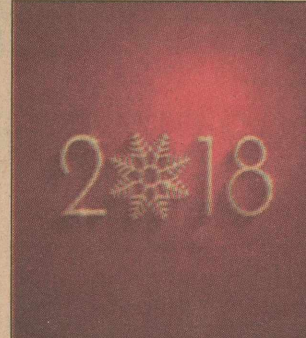
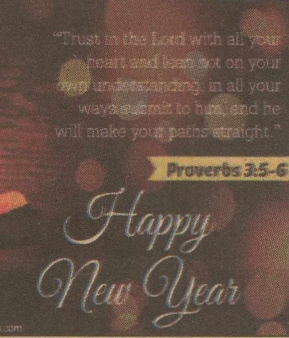


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# Southwest Digest



## 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: a.m.

\* 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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Community Meetings  
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(806) 761 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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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. \*\*\*\*\*

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



## Purshia Gambles Graduates From Texas Tech University

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

## Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Set Here

The Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration will be held January 12 thru 15, 2017 at the Lubbock Memorial Center.

The Individuals of Distinction 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 15th, at 6:00 p. m..



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.

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

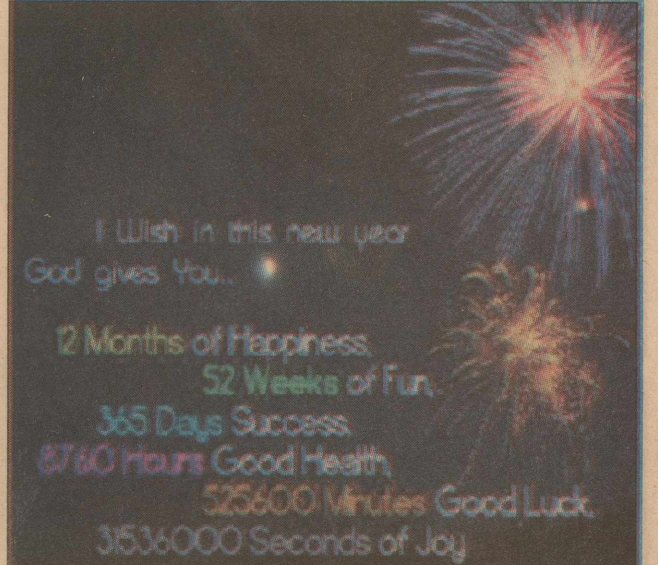


**BOOK SIGNING AT THE BOBBIE GEAN & T. J. PATTERSON BRANCH LIBRARY** -- On Saturday afternoon, December 16, 2017, it was an exciting time for T. J. Patterson and his family as it was a book signing release. The book, "Equal Opportunity Hero, T. J. Patterson's Service To West Texas." It was written by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

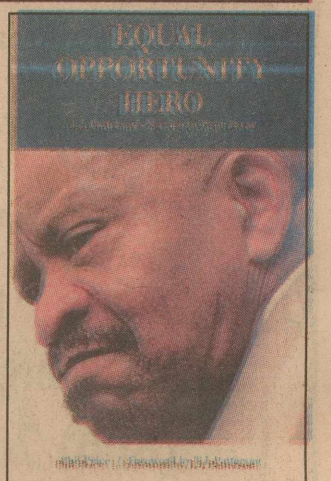
Pictured above are: from left to right: Joanna Conrad of Texas Tech Press; T. J. Patterson, Sr., John Brock of Texas Tech Press, and Virginia and Phil Price.

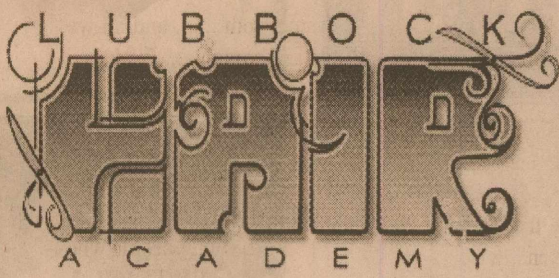
"This was an outstanding and historical event, and I thank God for what has been done with this effort. Thanks to Phil and Virginia Price for all they did. A special thanks to all who have purchased this biography of my life. If you haven't purchased one, then do so," said Patterson.



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

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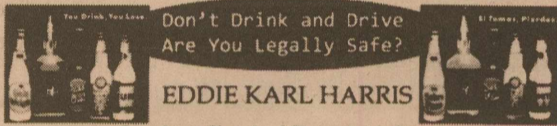


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Friday, January 12, 10 am, Free  
Adults 50+, Bring your mom and enjoy a tasty treat.



#### LADIES TEA PARTY

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



#### PERSONAL COMPUTER CLASS

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# 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 as a deductible on our homes have been one of the greatest incentives for owning a home instead 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 A Public Health Crisis Could Change Everything!

by Maurice Williams

### Part 3

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' THAT

by T. J. Patterson

A VERY HAPPY NEW 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 can .....TOGETHER ..... in the ..... YEAR OF 2018 .....can come ..... TOGETHER AND DO SOMETHING FOR OUR CHILDREN..... During the year of 2017 ..... THIS N THAT .....wrote about the need for a ..... BANK IN EAST LUBBOCK ..... and we received positive comments on the need for a .....BANK

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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!!!

endure in the land of plenty. Organizations like the YWCA and the YMCA whose current mandate to end racism should partner 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.

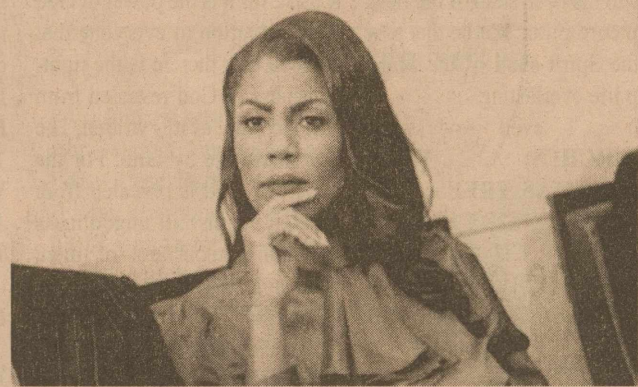
Little has changed in this city in the way of racism and the great divide in East Lubbock versus West, South and North local of Lubbock.

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

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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!!

## 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 tell-all 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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6:00 PM, Lubbock Memorial Civic Center (Sunday's Best) \$30 Per Person Speaker: Rev. Dr. Bill R. Odems	6:00 PM, Lubbock Memorial Civic Center	5:00 PM, Lubbock Memorial Civic Center Speaker: Bishop James Wallace Edwin Dixon, II	6:00 PM, Lubbock Memorial Civic Center



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## KWANZAA

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It was created in the 1960s by professor and community activist Maulana Karenga. Dr. Karenga crafted the celebration from observations of cultural celebrations which he observed on the African continent. Its initial focus was on giving thanks to the Creator for the first fruits of the harvest.

Kwanzaa is centered on 7 principles AKA, the

'Nguzo Saba' in Swahili the national language of four African countries in the south central region of the continent. These principles are used to shape a living cultural tradition reflecting "the best of African thought and practice in its reaffirmation of the dignity, of the human person in community and culture, the well-being of family and community, the integrity of the environment and our kinship with it, and the rich resource and meaning of a people's culture" (The Official Kwanzaa Web Site).

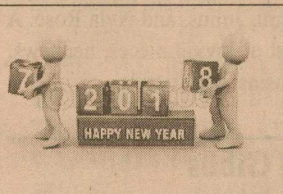
Kwanzaa is not meant to replace those traditions already present in an African American community, but to incorporate them within the worldwide community of African heritage manifested in the African diaspora, and to recognize the commonality

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.

Ancestor acknowledgment is important within the Kwanzaa celebration and is done at the top of the event each day.


Kwanzaa is flexible enough to incorporate those traditions already existing in a community while emphasizing the power of unity across communities.



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I cannot understand.*

*Whatever coming days  
may bring  
Of bitter loss, or gain,  
Or every crown of  
happiness;  
Should sorrow come,  
or pain,*

*Or, Lord, if all unknown  
to me  
Thine angel hovers near  
To bear me to that  
farther shore  
Before another year,*

*It matters not—my hand  
in Thine,  
Thy light upon my face,  
Thy boundless strength  
when I am weak,  
Thy love and  
saving grace!*

*I only ask, loose not  
my hand,  
Grip fast my soul, and be  
My guiding light  
upon the path  
Till, blind no more, I see!*

### 18 States Raise Minimum Raise

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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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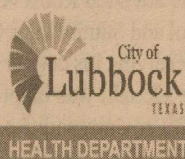
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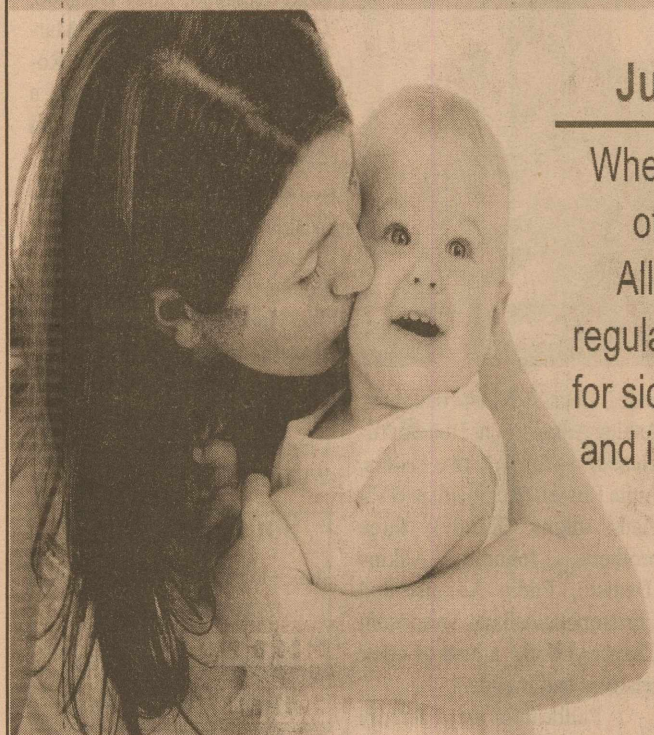
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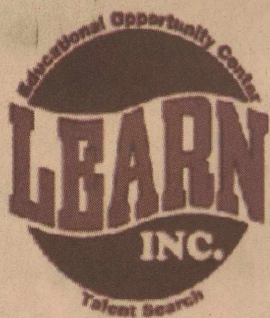
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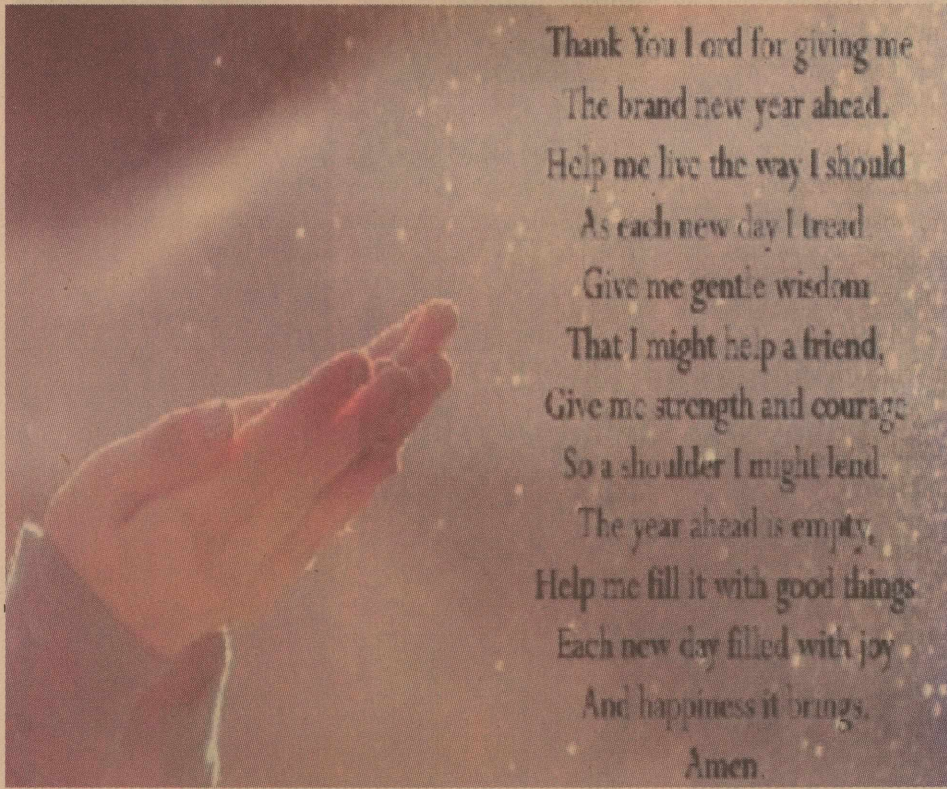
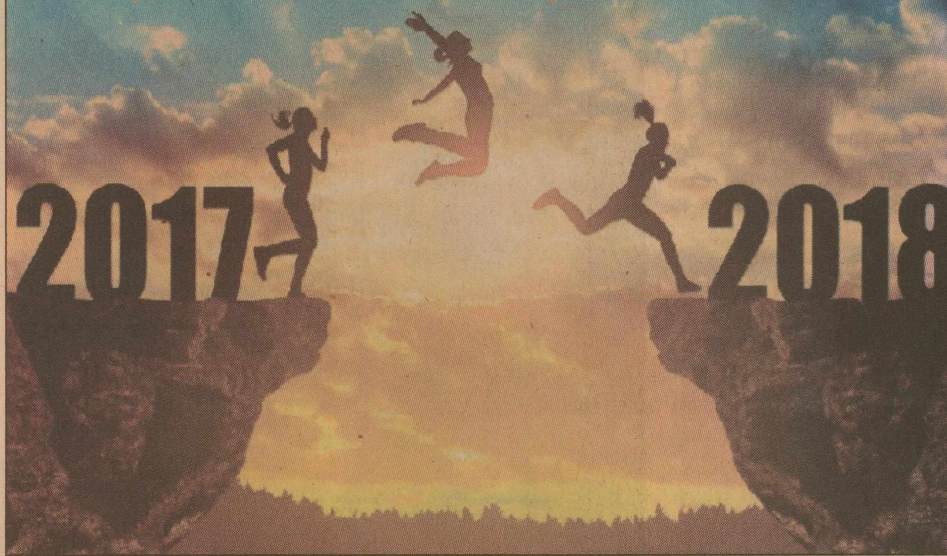
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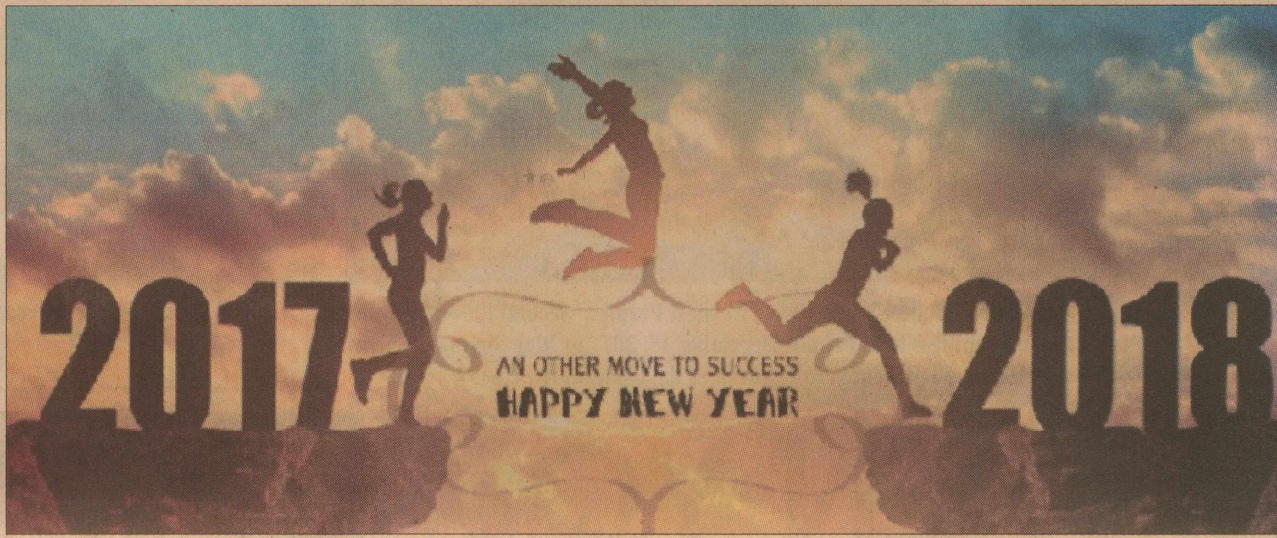


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The brand new year ahead.  
Help me live the way I should  
As each new day I tread  
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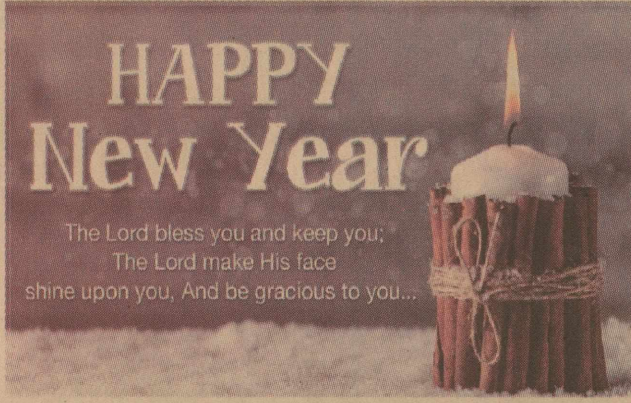
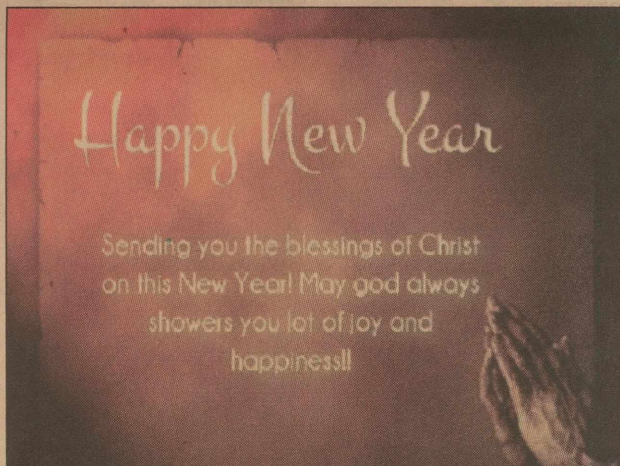


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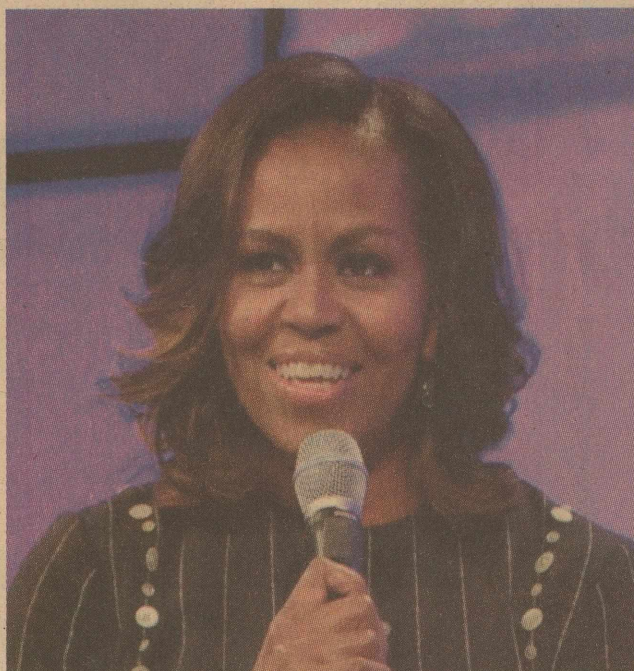
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## See the Chic Holiday Ensemble Michelle Obama Wore for the Family Christmas Card

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.



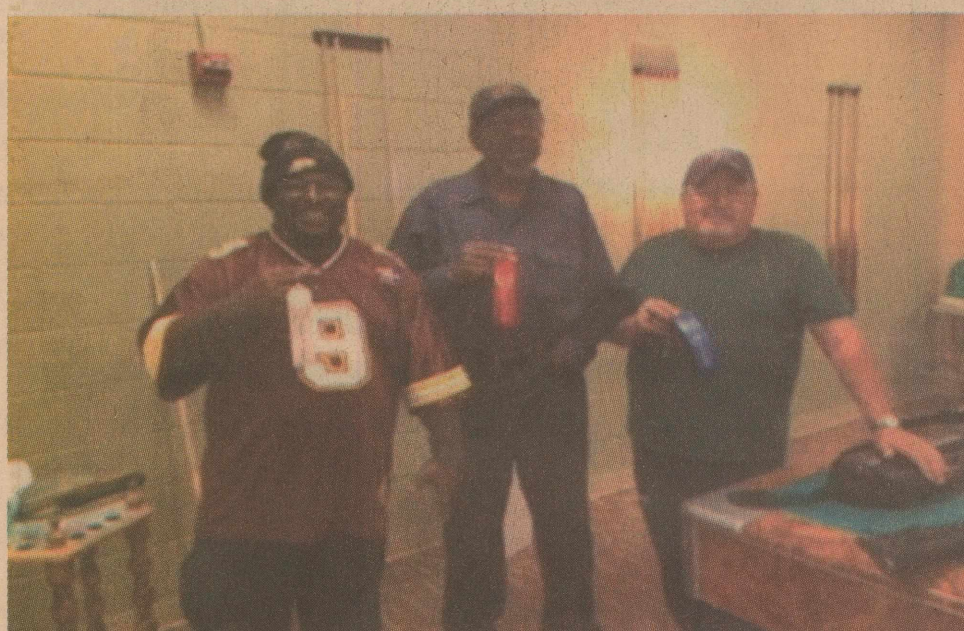
Michelle Obama

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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