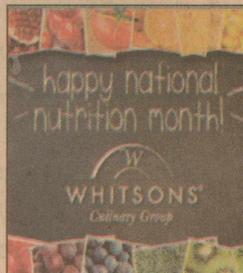
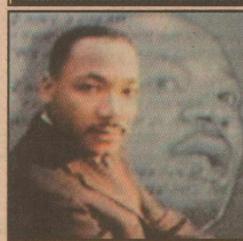




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Community Meetings

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

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

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

* 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.

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Vista College 2018 Graduating Nurses Graduation Date - February 16, 2018



A Celebration of Success - 2018 Vocational Nursing Graduating Candidates

Vista College of Lubbock, Texas had its Commencement on Friday afternoon, February 16, 2018, beginning with its Pinning Ceremony for the Vocational Nursing Graduating Candidates at the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center at 3:30 p. m.

With the theme, "A Celebration of Success," a welcome was given by Desiree Freeze, MSN, RN, Director of Nursing. Opening Prayer was offered by Barbara Bratcher, MSN, RN. The Nightingale Award and Adwards Presentation was done by Donna Robert-

son, BSN, RN. The Student Introduction and Pinning were done by Donna Robertson, Desiree Freeze, and Ami Freeman, MSN, RN.

Those graduates presented were: Sauntae Banks, Amelia Casarez, Jordan Dodson, Janey Espinoza, Ashley Eubank, Ali-coa Flores, Asya Harris, Joshua James, Brenda Josey, Shatondra Josey, Allison Kemp, Seditr Lakey, Gilberto Marquez, Martha Mewborn, Anna Neufeld, and Samantha Orozco.

Also, Lyric Pervis, Leslie Rivera, Marina Rodriguez, Ade-ola Salako, LeAnna Salazar,

Rushondra Watson, Patti White, and Surrency Willard.

A Graduate Reception was held for the Vocational Nursing graduates following the Pinning Ceremony.

The Vista College Lubbock Commencement begun at 6:00 p. m. with 86 graduates receiving their diplomas.

Introduction of the Commencement Speaker was done by Gulrez Khan, Director of Career Services.

The Commencement Address was delivered by Anthony Brocato.



Karen Boykin-Towns

Karen Boykin-Towns Elected Vice Chair of NAACP National Board

BALTIMORE — The NAACP elected Karen Boykin-Towns as the Vice-Chairman of the Board of Directors at its annual board meeting on February 17, in New York. She replaces former board Vice-Chair Derrick Johnson, who was named NAACP President and CEO last October.

"Karen Boykin-Towns is an amazing talent that the NAACP is honored to have as its Board Vice-Chair," said Leon W. Rus-

sell, NAACP Board Chairman. "She brings a level of accomplishment in the public and private sector, breaking glass ceilings and serving as a model for women of color everywhere," added Russell.

An NAACP life member, Mrs. Boykin-Towns was the Chair of the Board's National Health Committee and President Emeritus of the Brooklyn, NY Branch.

Currently Vice President of Corporate Affairs for Pfizer Innovative Health, her career spans 20 years and she served as the company's first Chief Diversity Officer. In that role, she was instrumental in implementing a global strategy that resulted in Pfizer being recognized as a leader in including diversity and inclusion as a competitive advantage in its operations in over 100 countries. In 2016, she was named by Savoy Magazine as one of the "Top Influential Women in Corporate America."

Prior to joining Pfizer, Mrs. Boykin-Towns served as Deputy Director of the New York State Senate Democratic Conference. She also served as Legislative Director and later Chief of Staff for Senator David Paterson—Paterson went on to become the 55th Governor of the State of New York.

Mrs. Boykin-Towns holds a MBA degree from Baruch College/Zicklin School of Business of the City University of New York (CUNY) as well as a Bachelor of Arts degree from the College of Mount Saint Vincent where she graduated with honors.

Mrs. Boykin-Towns is married to Darryl C. Towns and they reside in Brooklyn, NY with their two daughters Jasmine and Trinity.

Founded in 1909, the NAACP is the nation's oldest and largest nonpartisan civil rights organization. Its members throughout the United States and the world are the premier advocates for civil rights in their communities. You can read more about the NAACP's work and our six "Game Changer" issue areas here.

Concerned Citizens Closed Out 2017 With Energy To Do More Helping Others In 2018!!

The Concerned Citizen 2017 Holiday ended with several events, starting with a complete Thanksgiving Dinner to Lamica Austin and her family. Ms. Austin was selected for the dinner by Joan Ervin Elementary School. She was very surprised and thankful.

Following that event, over

\$100.00 worth of toys were donated to the Toys For Tots campaign.

Also in December, we paid a visit to the residents of the Windmill Nursing & Rehabilitation Center on MLK Blvd, and presented Christmas cards and cookies to the residents and staff.

Closing out 2017 could not have a better ending than presenting Ka'Lynn Nickerson-Texas Tech University freshman with the \$750.00 Clarence and Gwen Denson Scholarship.

Additionally, Micah Manahan, a freshman at South Plains College, was presented a \$250.00 Concerned Citizens' Higher Ed-

ucation Assistance Award.

We are most appreciative to all who purchased our of our 2018 Beauty of the Calendars! Your Support enables us to do more in the Community of Lubbock!

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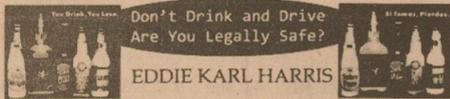


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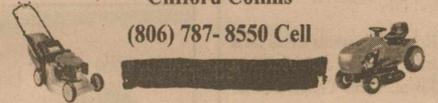
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In Cinque

By Renetta Howard

LOVE AND HATE

All conscience people in the world are now witnessing the effects of love and hate in our country, in the world. As many religious organizations and churches that there are in the world, one would expect more love and peace than we have now. It seems that the more intelligent that man becomes the more hate he stores toward his fellow man. He seems to find new ways to make his life happier at the expense of his fellowman. Love is powerful but it appears that hate has an upper hand these days.

Everyone is petrified and in a state of shock at the violence which has taken place in this country in the last seven weeks. There has been an average of two school shootings each week of this year, 2018, and it has culminated the first year of the Trump Administration. There was a time when mass shooting were characterized as 'going postal' as so many shootings had occurred at U. S. Post Offices. That is going to change to 'going academic' if the school shootings do not cease.

Congress has got to do something about the 2nd Amendment to the Constitution. The National Rifle Association and all of the other individuals and groups who hide behind the Article II of the amendments to the U. S. Constitution need to take a thorough look at the amendment and realize that it was written when this country was just beginning to come together as a nation and each state had to be prepared to take care of itself. It has been interpreted as an individual right when in essence it referred to the state militia which was made up of individuals who would have their firearms ready and available should the need of the militia become a reality. The 'right

of the people' in this amendment refers to the people in general, **NOT INDIVIDUALS!** The state was not buying the arms; the individuals were. The federal government did not have a drafting system at this point in time and going into warfare had basically been voluntary out of a feeling of obligation to the state. Some semblance of civility was in place. Some laws were respected. Only in the 'wild, wild, west' was the gun the law.

Today, we have provisions for militias in our governments that are state sponsored and financially supported. There is **NO NEED** for individuals to bear arms unless they **PLAN TO KILL SOMEONE!** Really, killing dogs is a crime punishable by law, so the only reason people kill is because of **HATE**. Children listen to their racist parents and fantasize about how to make their parents happy by ridding the world of the people they hate. The hate builds up until the children spring into action, often without their parents having any idea of what their plans are because they had no idea of the hate which they had instilled in their children until they kill their classmates and anyone else in their path of destruction. These are not the acts of sane people! **MOST RACISTS ARE NOT SANE.** If we do not love each other, we need to learn to **LIKE** each other, enough to be able to live in some degree of harmony in our communities, in the state, in the world. Most of these mass killings do not have African Americans as the perpetrators, instead victims, in the wrong place at the right time.

With all of the national confusion, we must learn to cultivate more **LOVE** and get 'in cinque' and put the animosity

Beyond the Rhetoric By Harry C. Alford

Just How Corrupt were the Obama Regimes

"There is not a scintilla of corruption in my administration" said Barack Obama. "I am not a crook" said Richard Nixon. Such were the claims of two American presidents who history will score in very low and despicable terms. There are plenty of books and movies about "Tricky Dick" but the stories of the troubled times during the Obama years probably have yet to be written and portrayed in the movies.

According to writer Alex Newman who has written on the corruption within the Obama administrations: "The president himself made the infamous 'Ten Most Wanted Corrupt Politicians' list due to a series of scandals and broken promises that have plagued virtually his entire time occupying the White House. Lawless behavior, regular violations of the U.S. Constitution, unprecedented secrecy, and abuse of so-called 'executive privilege' to protect his senior officials all contributed to Obama's designation as one of the most crooked politicians in the capital today."

Like most corrupt leaders, he appointed cabinet members who were just as crooked as he was and relished the role of pushing the "envelope" when it came to controversy and deceit. Eric Holder became his Attorney General. He fought Congress from the beginning with his "Fast and Furious" illegal gun running disgrace. In the end, he was found to be in "Contempt of Congress". Quite ironic for the designated top "law official". He could have investigated the

behind us. We **MUST TEACH TOLERANCE**, even if we do not teach **LOVE!** **WE NEED LOVE, BROTHERLY LOVE, FOR EACH OTHER.**

THIS N' THAT by T. J. Patterson

BLACK HISTORY MONTH HAS COME AND GONE AS OF FEBRUARY 28, 2018, BUT LET'S NOT FORGET WHY THIS MONTH HAS BEEN SET ASIDE!!! THIS N THAT very aware that the **ANNUAL CELEBRATION OF BLACK HISTORY MONTH HAS COME AND GONE** But let's not forget why this month long activity was set up. Now **THIS N THAT** would like to ask you one question? When did **BLACK HISTORY MONTH** become a very important month and who made it possible..... Well **BLACK HISTORY MONTH** was established by **DR. CARTER G. WOODSON**

in **FEBRUARY, 1926.** But it was only called **BLACK HISTORY WEEK** which was chosen the second week of February between the birthdays between of **FREDRICK DOUGLASS AND ABRAHAM LINCOLN** and it didn't become **BLACK HISTORY MONTH** in the year of **1976** which was **50 years later**..... All of this was done by **DR. WOODSON** who was known for writing the contributions of Black Americans into the national spotlight, received a Ph.D at Harvard University....He also founded the Association for the Study of Afro-American Life and History in 1915, founded the Journal of

Negro History in 1916... who also became the Author of the book, "The Miseducation of the Negro", published in 1933..... **THIS N THAT** is hoping that our young **BLACK STUDENTS** as well as other students will know why this was a reality..... **THIS N THAT** encourages all students to have knowledge of their family's history.....Of course **BLACK HISTORY MONTH** is gone for **2018** but our students can learn each and every day..... These young **BLACK STUDENTS** need to know and understand from which we have come.Each should feel proud about their history and willing to share it. **THIS N THAT** says heads up, be proud!

numerous scandals I am about to reference. But instead, he complied with the illegal behavior - duplicity, in fact. One of the most heartbreaking acts of Eric Holder was his noncompliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act. Under the law, the only person to fully enforce Title VI is the Attorney General. Of course, he laughed at my formal Title VI complaints (he and his minion Tom Perez - now head of the DNC). His "Fast and Furious" caper caused the murder of hundreds of Mexican citizens and some US border patrol officers with weapons supplied by the US government. He lost no sleep.

Probably the most corrupt Cabinet Secretary was the disgraceful Hillary Clinton. This person would corrupt a "Hop Scotch Contest". Where do we begin with this one? Let's start with the personal server used to keep illegal correspondence from the people and authorities.

The number of hidden emails approaches 100,000 - each one a felony under a legally run government. Hillary seized control of the Democratic National Committee which used Pakistani programmers of low ilk who are now being prosecuted. Wikileaks had a field day with the classified information that was exposed to our rivals, i.e. Russians, Chinese, North Koreans, Iranians, etc.

Let's not forget "Benghazi gate" where she callously left our troops and ambassador under danger and eventual death. She ran home and hid during the attack. Then she lied about what happened. She showed no remorse about the loss of life of our fallen veterans.

Hillary should have been indicted for numerous offenses. But Obama protected her. Instead of going to jail under the veil of public disgrace, this gangster ran for President. With the support of Obama and his

extensive gang of crooks they almost pulled it off. Being unable to accept Donald Trump as the duly elected President, the Hillary camp created and paid for the infamous fictitious "Steele Dossier" which claims that President Trump committed collusion with the Russian government. This classic frame-up is still going on as she smiles at her accusers. This amounts to high-tech treason, a capital offense worthy of the death penalty. The fake news press continues to cover for her. Corrupt FBI officials and others did unbelievable things covering for Hillary. They worked under the assumption that she would become our next president. That did not happen and now they are going to have to pay for their egregious illegal acts.

Let's not overlook the Green Energy Scams. One example is that of Solyndra which was a phony solar energy scheme

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*** PAPA BILL AND MAMA SUSIE MORRISON; --THEY'RE MY HEROS!!!!

(The Lord Blessed Papa Rev. Bill and Mama Susie Morrison with 7 children: Dessie Mae, Clinton, Corine, Billy 11, Mason, Henry, Watherford, and Puny May. They took 350 acres of the worse timber land, and two old black mules; AND WITH THEIR BACKS; AND WENT TO WORK).

THE Lord Blessed them: to cut trees, dig roots, and burn roots out. THEN PLANTED COTTON, WHEAT, HAY, POTATOES, TOMATOES, FRUIT TREES AND OTHER THINGS FROM THE GROUND!!!

Philippians 4:13 -- I can do all things through Christ which strengthens me.

(YOU SEE TODAY'S GERENATION; ALWAYS ASKING THE WHITE MAN; GIVE ME THIS AND GIVE ME THAT; GOD GAVE EVERYONE A MIND AND A BACK!!!-- USING THEM IS WHERE THE BLISSING'S ARE. PAPA BILL AND MAMA SUSIE DIDN'T WAIT AROUND FOR THE WHITE MAN'S 40 ACRES AND A MULE. THEY ONLY WANTED OF THE AMERICA'S DREAM; A PEACE OF THE AMERICA'S PIE!!!

SAYING; LORD; IF YOU'LL OPEN THAT DOOR; WE'LL GET IT OUR SELVES!!!)

The Lord Blessed that land with Cows, Hogs, Chickens, Horses, Mules, and many Turkeys.

THEY KEPT GOD'S WORD; KNOWING HE WAS THE ONE; WHO WILL PLEASE!!!

Psalm 37:4,5 -- Delight yourself in the Lord; and he shall give you the desires of your heart. Commit you're your way unto the Lord; trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass.

Deuteronomy 6:6, 7 -- The Lord said, these words, which I command you this day, shall be your heart; and You shall teach them diligently unto your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise up.

(Papa Rev. Bill would say, people say, THAT I WAS A VERY HARD MAN; BUT I THANK GOD; THAT THERE WERE NO ROBBERS, THEIVES, JAIL-BIRDS; NOR THE SHEDDING BLOOD OF ANOTHER MAN!!!)

Proverb 23:13,14 -- Withhold not correction from the child: for if you beat him (HIS ASS) with the rod, he shall not die. You shall beat him (HIS ASS) with the rod, and shall deliver his soul from hell.

EVEN DURING THE GREAT DEPRESSION; THE LORD BLESSED THEM TO BRING TO THE GIN: A BAIL OF COTTON A DAY. THEY KEPT THE FAITH;

AND THE GLORY IN THE LORD; DIDN'T GO AWAY!!! (IN PAPA'S OWN WRITING HE SAID, IN 1928, THE LAND BROUGHT IN 28 BAILS THAT YEAR.)

Psalm 23:5,6 -- You have prepared a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: you anointest my head with oil; my cup runs over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.---

***TO GOD BE THE GLORY!!!!

THE LORD BLESSED; PAPA BILL AND MAMA SUSIE TO BUILD A DEARY, AND HAD ABOUT 60 GOOD MILKING COWS. ONLY BLACK MAN I KNOW OF; TO SELL MILK TO THE CITY OF BRYAN, TEXAS. IN 1935 THEY PUT IN A FILLING STATION: ONTO THE FRONT OF THE HOUSE, THERE WAS 2 SEE THROUGH 5 GALLONS GAS PUMPS. THREE OIL WELLS; FOUR GOOD FISHING TANKS!!!

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THE COUNTRY SIDE CAME TO SHOP; AND THEY WERE WELL PLEASED!!!

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

PRaise GOD FOR ALL HE HAS DONE FOR ALL!!

Mo'Nique Tried To Explain Netflix Boycott To Ladies Of "The View" And Her "Sweet Sista" Whoopi Wasn't Feeling It



While visiting New York, Mo'Nique stopped by The View on Thursday to talk with the hosts about her Netflix boycott and being blackballed in the industry. One of the most interesting moments in the conversation was when Joy Behar asked Mo'Nique to plainly explain what it was about her behavior when she worked on Precious that has since impacted her career in Hollywood, and in turn, possibly played a part in Netflix feeling as though she wasn't worth the millions she was expecting for a comedy special. She said she was asked to promote the independent film at the Cannes Film Festival after it came out, and when she said she couldn't do it, those involved in the project weren't happy. "Eight years ...

During an interview on The View, actress and comedian Mo'Nique discussed her claims of pay disparity with Netflix. The Academy Award winner said that Netflix offered her \$500,000 for a comedy special, compared to Chris Rock and Dave Chappelle, who each received \$20 million, and Amy Schumer, who received \$13 million. Mo'Nique said that she didn't begrudge paychecks of the other comedy legends but added, "When the vice president of Netflix says to my husband and our attorney, By the way, Mo'Nique is a legend, too, well, if I'm a legend, why wouldn't I get what the legends are getting?"

How Black Panther Crafted Erik Killmonger's Compelling Arc



The best villains are the ones who have a point of view you can relate to," says Joe Robert Cole, the co-writer of Marvel's massive new movie Black Panther. To judge from the reception given to Michael B. Jordan's Erik Killmonger, who vies with chosen one T'Challa (Chadwick Boseman) to rule the Afro-futurist country of Wakanda, Cole and director Ryan Coogler have crafted one of Marvel's greatest screen adversaries. Jordan plays the hell out of the role, bringing pain and swagger in equal measure, but the crucial ingredient here is that Killmonger is rooted in more provocative real-world

issues than any Marvel villain thus far, and many viewers are finding his plan all too persuasive.

An antagonist hell-bent on arming all the black people in the world, Killmonger's rage and rashness are more coherent than T'Challa's rote Edenic promises," wrote The New Yorker's Doreen St. Félix. Cole likens the characters to X-Men adversaries Professor X and Magneto, who were themselves based on civil-rights leaders Martin Luther King, Jr. and Malcolm X. Like Professor X, T'Challa is the peace-keeper who is concerned for the welfare

of his people and only relies on his superpowers when traditional diplomacy has stalled. Killmonger, by contrast, is a firebrand who growls the truths that soft-spoken T'Challa dare not say, and is unafraid to hasten violent revolution. Orphaned as a child in Oakland, then sent as an adult on bloody military missions to reshape the world, Killmonger has never known paradise, and he can barely believe that a black utopia like Wakanda will not intercede on the behalf of its oppressed brothers and sisters the world over.

Serena Williams 'almost died after giving birth' and urges people to support charities to improve care



Serena Williams has revealed she nearly "died after giving birth to my daughter."

The 23-time grand slam champion's dramatic labour was already known following a fascinating interview with Vogue earlier this year. Williams had said she endured a series of operations just days after her daughter Olympia was delivered via an emergency c-section.

Yet now the 36-year-old has opened up further on her traumatic experience.

"I almost died after giving birth to my daughter, Olympia," she writes.

"First my C-section wound popped open due to the intense coughing I endured as a result of the embolism. I returned to surgery, where the doctors found a large hematoma, a swelling of clotted blood, in my abdomen. And then I returned to the operating room for a procedure that prevents clots from traveling to my lungs."

While Williams was lucky to receive lifesaving medical care, she went on to say how unfortunate other Americans are: "According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, black women in the United States are over three times more likely to die from pregnancy or childbirth-related causes.

"But this is not just a challenge in the United States. Around the world, thousands of

women struggle to give birth in the poorest countries. When they have complications like mine, there are often no drugs, health facilities or doctors to save them. If they don't want to give birth at home, they have to travel great distances at the height of pregnancy."

If anyone is at risk of depression then our life is going to

amplify it for sure!

Williams went on to urge people to donate to charities such as UNICEF to support new mothers and babies.

"Every mother, everywhere, regardless of race or background deserves to have a healthy pregnancy and birth. And you can help make this a reality," she added.

Hunter using animal caller is mistaken for coyote and killed



A hunter in North Carolina who was using an electronic animal caller was fatally shot by a man with an AR-15 who said he mistook the sounds for coyotes roaming near his home, police and relatives said. Michael Seth Marsh, 26, was killed late Monday in a wooded area in Taylorsville, about 60 miles northwest of Charlotte, as he was hunting coyotes with a 12-gauge shotgun, a rifle and an electronic coyote call, the Taylorsville Times reports. Marsh, who served as pastor of Russell Gap Baptist Church, was shot several times in the chest with an AR-15 by a man who told police he heard coyotes screaming nearby and believed the animals had trapped something in a tree. The man, whose identity was not ...

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Donald "Donnie" Britt

Funeral services were held for Donald "Donnie" Britt on Friday morning, February 16, 2018, at the City of Lubbock under the direction of Griffin Mortuary & Funeral Home of Lubbock.

Donald, age 61 of Lubbock, Texas, passed away Monday, February 12, 2018.

Donald was born on March 8, 1956 in Ozark, Alabama to the late William Henry Britt and Annie L. Martin Britt.

Donald was a devoted member of First Progressive Baptist Church where he served as choir member. He graduated from Dunbar High School.

He worked many years for Texas Instruments and Goodwill Industries.

Donald is survived by his daughter, LaToya Walker; grandson, Tyson Gatewood, Jr.;



mother, Annie L. Britt; sister, Kimberly Moore; nephew, Zackery Moore; niece, Angela Morton; great nephew, D.J. McKinzie; two aunts, Mildred Justice and Mary Franklin; a host of other relatives and friends.

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Michael Bernard Proctor

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Michael, age 60 of Lubbock, Texas, passed away Friday, February 9, 2018.

Michael was born to Audrey and Frank Proctor on April 21, 1957 in Dallas, TX.

He attended elementary schools and graduated from Lincoln High School in Dallas.

Michael received his food service Management Certification form El Centro College in Dallas. Michael was a true cowboy, he loved outdoors, a campfire, and cooking.

Michael is survived by his wife, Robbie "Ms. Penny" Proctor; daughters, Brenden and Khrystal; step daughters, Louie Scott (Jeremy) and Mitcholet Davis; step son, Adryelle Hast-



ings; four sisters, Carol Webber (Aaron), Cynthia Carpenter (Clyde), Linda Chapple (Anthony), and Tonya Trimble (Melvin); four brothers, Ronald Carpenter, Charles Carpenter, Jr. (Deloris), Ricky Griffin, and Mark Griffin; three grandchildren; five step grandchildren; one step grandchild; a host of other relatives and friends.

Paul H. Vidaurre, Jr.

Funeral services were held for Paul H. Vidaurre, Jr. on Monday morning, February 12, 2018, at the Griffin Mortuary & Funeral Home Chapel.

Paul, age 25 of Lubbock, Texas, passed away Monday, February 5, 2018.

Paul was born to Mary Helen Herrera on July 31, 1992.

Paul had a great interest in video games and restoring is Monte Carlo SS and his side-step Chevy pickup. His daughter and sons were his everything.

Paul leaves to cherish his memory; his wife, Jennifer Viarquez; mother, Mary Helen Herrera; one daughter; two sons; two sisters, Victoria Vidaurre and Vanessa Vidaurre; one



brother, Sergio Vidaurre (Mia Garcia-Vidaurre); four nieces, four nephews, a host of other relatives, and friends.

Ruby Jewel Brown

Funeral services for Ruby Jewel Brown were held on Saturday morning, February 17, 2018, at the Unity Baptist Church.

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

Ruby, age 63 of Lubbock,

Texas, passed away Wednesday, February 7, 2018.

Ruby was born March 7, 1954 to the parentage of Albert and Dorothy Wilson in Vernon, Texas.

She graduated from Estacado High School. Ruby retired from T. I. and became a foster parent.

Ruby leaves to cherish her memory; daughter, Susan Rus-

Damien "Obed" Cortez

Funeral services for Damien "Obed" Cortez were held with prayer and open remarks by Poppy Beard. Memories were shared by Alma Garcia, sister; and Andrea Salinas, aunt. A video was shown. Closing remarks and prayer were offered by Poppy Beard.

Interment was held in the City of Lubbock Cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Nathaniel Solis, David Martinez, Matthew Pena, Laziah Farmer, Marcus Acosta, Danzon Espinoza, David Martinez, Jr., and Paul Trevino, Jr.

Damien was born on November 30, 2005 to Toby Garcia and Sandra Cortez.

He met Jesus face to face on Thursday, February 8, 2018.

He was loved by his grandparents, Sigfredo and Mariselda



Pardo and Frank and Donna Garcia.

He is survived by his parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles, and multiple siblings.

He was preceded in death by his father's mother, Dora Garcia.

Donnie Ray Trotter

Slaton, Texas -- Funeral services were held for Donnie Ray Trotter on Monday morning, February 19, 2018, at the Mt. Olive Baptist Church with Rev. C. C. Peoples as Officiant/Eulogist.

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

Donnie, age 64 of Ft. Worth, Texas and formally of Slaton, was called to rest on Tuesday, February 13, 2018.

Donnie was born in Slaton, Texas to Shirley Trotty and C. C. Young on March 9, 1952.

Donnie attended school in Slaton, Texas. He moved to Ft. Worth where he finished school.

Donnie Ray Trotter leaves to cherish his memory his wife,



Mary Rodgers; one son, Donnie, Jr.; one daughter, Danyel Jordan (Marcus); five grandchildren; four sisters, Bennie Devroe (Charles), Bessie and Shirley Rodgers, Demerise Nixon; three step sisters, Freda, Lisa, and Michelle, five step brothers, Sean, Charles, Mark George (Priscilla), Lynn Earl (Mary), and Kermon (Kelly); a host of other relatives and friends.

and Randy Hall; two sisters, Betty Johnson and Almeater Turner; two brothers, O. C. Wilson and Leroy Wilson; two sisters-in-law, Oliva Thompson and Angie Wilson; four grandchildren; special cousin, Earlene Rosemond; a host of other relatives and friends.



sell; two sons, Michael Russell

New Light Baptist Church

3013 Idalou Road Rev. Kenneth O. Jackson, Pastor
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Church services begun with a very strong spirit at the New Light Baptist Church, 3013 Idalou Road, on Sunday morning, February 4, 2018, where the proud pastor is the Rev. Kenneth O. Jackson is the proud pastor.

Church School begun at 10:05 a. m. with Sister Alvura Johnson teaching the lesson which was entitled, "Faith Without Works Are Dead." The scripture text was James 2:14-26.

The morning devotion begun at 11:00 a. m. with our devoted Praise Team leading the way. There was the testimony period where members participated. The congregation sang "O I Want To See Him." This was followed by the response reading which came from I Corinthians 11:23-30 which was read.

The altar call was led by Pastor Jackson with the congregation singing "O How I Love Jesus."

Sister Linda Green read all of the morning announcements and advised of all the upcoming events which will coming to the Lubbock community.

Since February was Black History Month, the Missionary Department did a special presentation pertaining to Black History. Sister Johnson read three poems.

The Choir sang several selections which were: "Hush," "Down By The Riverside," and "Soon And Very Soon." The theme song of the Church, "Amazing Grace," was sung. A special song was dedicated to Pastor Jackson by Sister Angela Mosley, "Let It Rain."

Pastor Jackson preached the sermon entitled "Obey Him. The

choice Is Yours."

The choice in choosing to serve the Lord resides in us.

God has given us all free will so we can do whatever we want.

We all have Free Will. If we are really experiencing God in 2018, God has given us some instructions. First, we need to exercise our faith. Second, love one another. Third, obey Him.

Be mindful in being obedient. God holds us responsible in everything we do.

Everyone wants to be blessed and experience God in this new year.

God wants us to obey Him and do His Will.

If we are serving and obeying the Lord then God will make sure. We have what we

need to exercise faith and love.

People who are miserable love to have company. Just cause they won't everyone else to be miserable.

Jesus didn't quit on us. He had a choice. He died as a criminal and rose as a King.

If you want to experience God, obey Him and you will be blessed.

God will take care of you. Obey Him and wait to see what God will do.

Sung after the sermon was "God Will Take Care Of You."

A Thought To Remember: "Never Look Down On Another Individual Unless You Are Helping That Person Up!"

Robert Lee McGee

Funeral services were held for Robert Lee McGee on Tuesday morning, February 13, 2018, at the Ossie Curry Funeral Home Chapel with Bishop William H. Watson, III officiating.

Interment was under the direction of Ossie Funeral Home.

Robert, age 86 of Lubbock, Texas, passed away on Saturday 10, 2018.

Robert was born November 15, 1930 in Falls County, Texas to George McGee and Irene Wright.

Robert accepted Christ and always claimed, "If it is the good Lord's will, "for every challenge that he faced; especially as his health began to fail.

Robert is preceded in death by his parents, his wife, Bennie Gregory McGee; three brothers



and five sisters.

He leaves to cherish his memories: four sisters: Catherine Govam, Mattie Johnson, and Martha Watkins, all of Lubbock, Texas, and Clarice Sanders of Dallas, Texas; two

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Dottie Marie Johnson



Funeral services were held for Dottie Marie Johnson on Friday afternoon, February 16, 2018, at the House of Prayer with Brother Roosevelt Benson officiating. Pastor Bernice McLin was the Eulogist.

Interment followed under the direction by Ossie Curry Funeral Home.

Dottie, age 66 of Lubbock, Texas, passed away on Tuesday, February 6, 2018.

Dottie was born February 12, 1951 to the parents of Emma Louis and Lincoln Louis, both of Lubbock.

Dottie attended and graduated from the Mary & Mac Private School.

She was employed by the Lubbock Independent School District. Later, Dottie was employed by Wal-Mart.

Dottie was preceded in death by her parents, Lincoln Louis and Emma Louis, both of Lubbock, Texas.

She leaves to cherish her memories: seven children: Ira Horton, Tomika Horton, Rachel Horton, Chandra Horton, Lydia Govam, Mattie Johnson, and Martha Watkins, all of Lubbock, Texas; a host of grandchildren; lots of family and friends; two

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Rodney DeWayne Castilow

Funeral services were held for Rodney DeWayne Castilow on Friday afternoon, February 23, 2018, at the St. Mark Baptist Church.

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

Rodney, age 49 of Lubbock, Texas, passed away on Tuesday, February 13, 2018.

Rodney was born August 20, 1968 to Blanche and Isaac Castilow, Sr. in Compton, CA.

He graduated from Compton High School.

Rodney was employed for sixteen years at IFCO.

Rodney leaves to cherish his memory; his wife, TroyLisa Castilow; grandmother, Margie Castilow; step daughters, Khadijah, Muhammed and Akilah Muhammed; step sons, Ja'Quan Brady and Lamonte Ragsdale; two sisters, Alicia Castilow and Tammie Castilow; one brother, Shawn Castilow; two grandchil-



dren; a host of other relatives and friends.

Robert Lee McGee
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brothers, Alvin McGee of Lubbock, Texas and R. D. Legan of Dallas, Texas; a special friend, Toni Locke; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Our memories build a special bridge!

NYU accused of serving 'racially insensitive' meal in honor of Black History Month

NYU and the people who cater its dining facilities are apologizing after a student called them out on a "racially insensitive" lunch they served up during Black History Month.

Nia Ashari Harris, a sophomore at the university's College of Arts and Sciences, took to Facebook on Tuesday to say she was shocked and saddened by the Black History Month-themed menu at the Weinstein Passport Dining Hall, which included such items as ribs, collard greens, cornbread, Kool-Aid and watermelon-flavored water.

"Not only was this racially insensitive, this was just ignorant," wrote Harris in a letter to university officials. "In 2018, there's no excuse for intentional and deliberate disrespect." Harris said she found the dining hall's beverage choices to be the most egregious of the offerings, citing the "negative racial connotations and history of Koolaid and watermelon."



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which cost out tax payers \$500 million. According to the magazine The New American: "the administration funneled billions of taxpayer dollars into the pockets of wealthy Democrats and Obama supporters, who in turn gave some of the cash back via campaign contributions. More than 75 percent of the over \$20 billion went to Obama financial backers, according to Department of Energy figures analyzed by researchers."

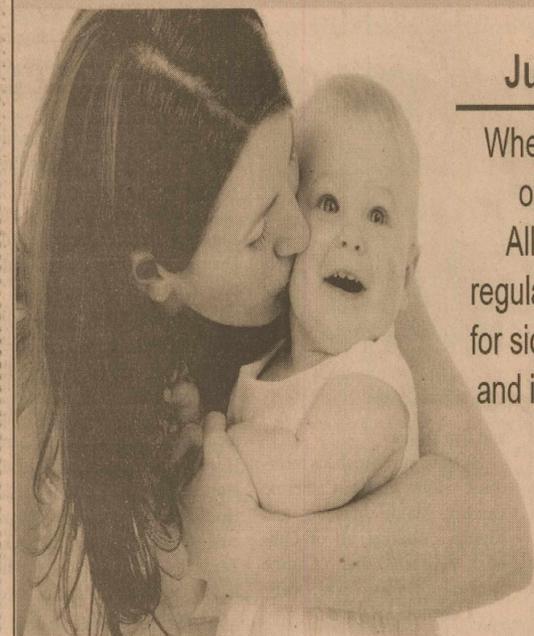
Even Secretary of Health and Human Services, Kathleen Sebelius was determined to be guilty of violating the Hatch Act by campaigning for the president in her official capacity. I can go on and on about the stench and funk of the worst eight years in American politics. But I think you get the picture. May God save us from the above sins and transgressions.

Mr. Alford is the Co-Founder, President/CEO of the National Black Chamber of Commerce @. Website: www.nationalbcc.org Email: halford@nationalbcc.org

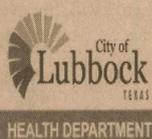
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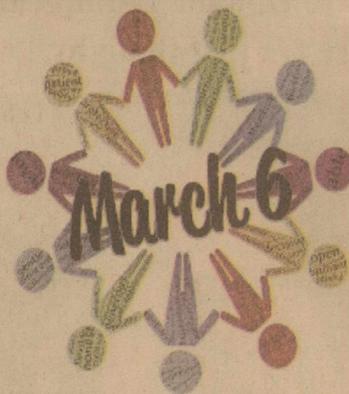
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The theme will be: "Finding The Me That's Locked Inside," Matthew 10:39.

Musical night will be held on Friday evening, March 9th, beginning at 6:30 p.m.

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Oprah responds to Donald Trump calling her 'insecure': 'I just thought...'



Oprah Winfrey is revealing how she responded to Donald Trump calling her insecure.

Oprah Winfrey is revealing how she responded to Donald Trump calling her "insecure."

During an appearance on "The Ellen DeGeneres Show," which airs on Thursday, February 15, 2018. Winfrey opened up about Trump's attack on her panel discussion with 14 pro- and anti-Trump voters on Sunday's episode of "60 Minutes."

"Just watched a very insecure Oprah Winfrey, who at one point I knew very well, interview a panel of people on '60 Minutes,'" Trump tweeted. "The questions were biased and slanted, the facts incorrect. Hope Oprah runs so she can be exposed and defeated just like all of the others!"

When DeGeneres asked about what she thought of the president's comments, Winfrey was almost dumbfounded.

"I woke up and I just thought," Winfrey said as she raised her hair in the air. "I don't like giving negativity power, so I just thought, 'What?'"

The "Wrinkle In Time" star revealed that she actually "went back and looked at the [episode] to see if there was any place that, that could be true" after reading Trump's tweets about her questions.

"I went back and looked at every tape, I called the produc-

ers," Winfrey revealed. "Because what actually happened was when you do '60 Minutes,' you sit in a room with at least seven other people who critique the piece before you air it, before you do the introduction to it, and then they give you the critique. So, they critique every word and is this fair -- you have this whole panel of people looking at whether it was fair."

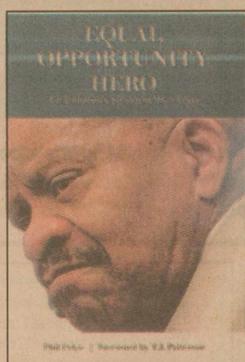
Oprah went on to reveal that she had a hand in the editing of the piece and went so far as to request that particular comments from her sit-down be added back into the final version of the segment.

"I had actually, the first time I saw it, I said there's something missing here from the conversation," Winfrey added. "When I had asked the question of 'Do you think, do you care about what other people think about America?' and they only used the Democratic side. And I said, I remembered the guy Matt had said, 'No, we're the only people that are worried what other countries are thinking of us.' And I said, 'I think you should go back and put that in because it makes it more balanced.'"

"I was working very hard to do the opposite of what I was hate tweeted about so, it's okay,"

she finished.

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