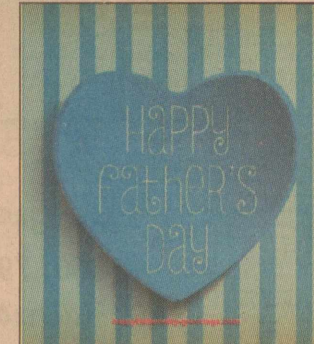
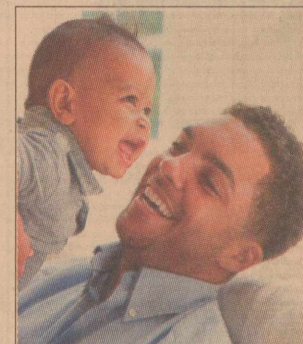
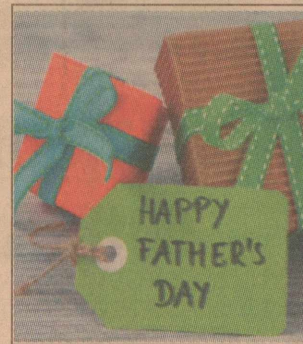
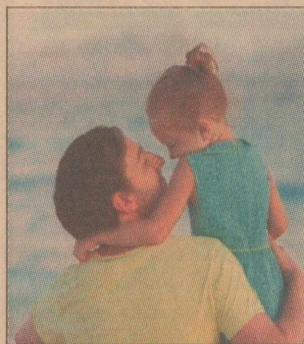
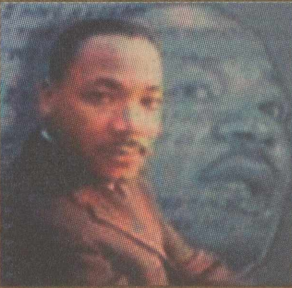




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## Community Meetings

\* 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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76first 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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Twelve Scholarships Awarded To High School Texas Graduates

## Texas Association of Black City Council Members Hold Quarterly Meeting In Lubbock



Pictured above are some of the members of the Texas Association of Black City Council Members who were in attendance at their Quarterly meeting on Saturday, May 19, 2018, at the Bobbie Gean and T. J. Patterson Branch Library Lubbock, Texas.

The Texas Association of Black City Council Members, TABCCM, held their quarterly meeting at the Bobbie Gean & T. J. Patterson Branch Library, 1836 Parkway Drive which was the first time held in Lubbock, Texas on Saturday, May 19, 2018.

After the invocation by Rev. T. J. Patterson, Jr. of Mansfield, Texas, the meeting was called to order by Kelly Allen Gray, President of the Texas Association of Black City Council Members, who serves as a City Council Member in Fort Worth, Texas.

She expressed her appreciation for having this quarterly meeting in Lubbock. "This is a great opportunity to travel around the state of Texas and I will know what you are about and the importance of an organization as TABCCM," she said. At this time, President Gray introduced the City Manager of Lubbock, Jarrett Arkinson who expressed his appreciation for TABCCM choosing Lubbock as the location of this quarterly meeting.

"Lubbock is always open for TABCCM to hold their quarterly meetings," said Arkinson.

Lubbock City Councilwoman Shelia Renee Patterson-Harris, District 2, gave brief remarks about this quarterly meeting. She also made a Special Recognition to TABCCM on their involvement with the

Texas Municipal League, TML. She made it known to those in attendance to really understand the importance of TML and associations as TABCCM.

Also speaking to those who were in attendance was T. J. Patterson, Sr., who is also a former President of the Texas Municipal League, who told those in attendance that there were those who didn't believe it would become a reality. "Of course, there will be those who will challenge what you are beginning, but if you ask God to be with you and do His will, then things will happen."

"There are two individuals I'd like to mention. They are Nell Webber and Don Boyd as they really did their part," Patterson.

"I can't forget the assistance of Mayor Henry Cisneros of San Antonio, Texas who allowed us to hold the initial meeting in 1988."

President Gray called for the approval of the March 8, 2018. They were approved by the body. Also, the Financial report was approved.

The 15th Annual T. J. Patterson, Sr. Scholarship Golf Classic benefiting the "Eugene McCray Scholarship Fund" will be held at the Whiskey Ranch, 2601 Whiskey Ranch Road in Fort Worth, Texas. Tee off time is 1:00 p. m.

President Gray reminded those in attendance of the quar-

terly meeting of the TABCCM President's Luncheon on Tuesday afternoon, October 10, 2018, at the TCC Trinity River Campus, 300 Trinity Campus Circle, Fort Worth, Texas. The luncheon is from 12:30 to 2:30 p. m.

During the quarterly meeting in Lubbock, Larry Jones, Business Development Manager, talked about Performance Service.

Jackie Levingston, Scholarship Chairwoman, who was the second Black to serve as President of TML, gave a very positive report on the Eugene McCray Scholarship. Those in attendance agreed with the update by Ms. Levingston.

TABCCM awarded twelve scholarships with a value of \$25,000.00. Also, monies were voted for those attending college or university who needs some assistance. The names of those receiving scholarships and the college receiving assistance will be published once the recipients have been notified by TABCCM.

Guest speaker for the quarterly meeting was Edena Atmore, Director Financial Services of Missouri City, Texas. Her topic was "Understanding And Managing Your City Budget."

The August TABCCM Quarterly meeting will be held in August in Prairie View, Texas.



## Happy Sixteenth Birthday, Lauren Elise Patterson!

Fort Worth, Texas -- Sunday afternoon, May 27, 2018, should be a date remembered in the mind of Lauren Elise Patterson as she was given a surprise Sixteenth Birthday meal at the very popular Pappadeaux in Fort Worth on THAT SUNDAY AFTERNOON.

Not only was she surprised by her family members, but her game in golf has become very positive.

She will be a junior at Mansfield, High School fall, and has begun to do well in the game of golf.

Family members have observed her practicing on the golf course and have observed her driving more than 200 yards. Her chipping to the green is be-

coming very positive.

It's positive when you observe young people doing positive. You see, it wasn't just her Sixteenth Birthday, but a gathering of Family Members talking about family and learning about some of the positive contributions they made.

Those Patterson Family members who were present at the meal were: Rev. T. J. Patterson, Jr., her father; Ursula Patterson; her mother; Shelia Patterson-Harris, her aunt; Thomas J. Patterson, III, her brother; Asya Harris, her cousin; and T.J. Patterson, Sr., better known as PaPa.

There's no doubt it, Sunday afternoon, May 27, 2018, will not only be remembered by her, but all who were in attendance!

## Congratulations to Nathan E. Williams "Character of Excellence Award"



Nathan E. Williams attends Toledo Christian School in Toledo, Oh., where he received the characteristic award of Excellence. He is the son of Marcus & Emmnaella Williams and grandson of Avis Patterson, and great-grandson of T.J. Patterson, Sr. Continue Page 6

## Double Elimination Eight Ball Pool Winners On April 27, 2018 At Mae Simmons Senior Citizens Center



DOUBLE ELIMINATION WINNERS: If you ask these young men, who were recent winners in a Double Elimination Pool Tournament, who are the best pool shooters, they would say they are!

This trio of members of the Mae Simmons Senior Citizens Center. Without hesitation, they'd say they are. They would challenge any pool shooter who attends any of the Senior Citizens Centers in Lubbock.

The winners of the Friday, April 27, 2018, were Joe Gonzales, first place; Donnell Smith, second place; and Richard Rollison, third place.

If you are age 55 and above and you think you can shoot pool, then come to the Mae Simmons Senior Citizens Center.

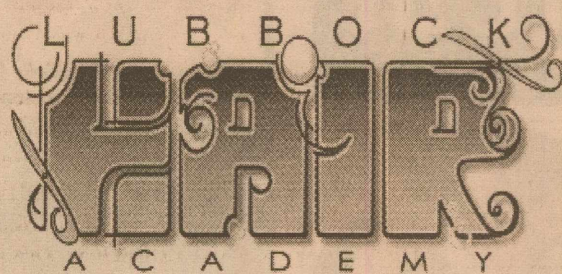
## Cathy Pope Accepts "Lighting The Way" Award

The South Central Region of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. honored the East Lubbock Community Alliance for Outstanding Community Service at their 2018 Public Luncheon in Albuquerque, NM on Thursday, March 22, 2018. The award category was "Environmental Ownership and Social Justice." Eta Delta Omega Chapter submitted the extensive application to recognize and honor the highly visible, outstanding impact the Alliance has made to provide "healthy environments and improve the quality of life in underserved communities."

The Alliance is a voluntary collaboration of organizations and individuals who live, work or worship in East Lubbock. With a current membership of over 500 individuals and eighty-four organizations and busiting



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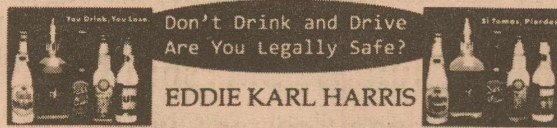


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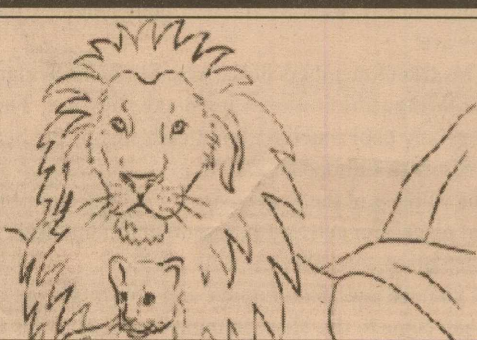
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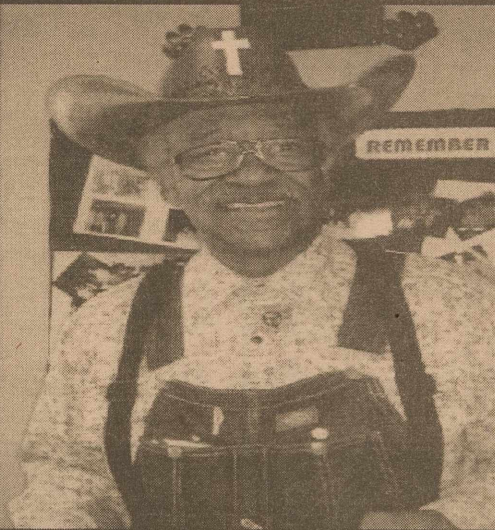
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# In Cinque

By Renetta Howard

## THE FRANCHISE: VOTING

America has been embroiled in the royal wedding of Prince Harry and Meghan Markle for the past six months and therefore has not paid as much attention to the issues at hand in this country, in this state that is needed to get people elected in the various offices who will serve the people and not themselves.

May 22, 2018 was Election Day and there are some run-offs for some offices to be resolved because of the primaries where some candidates were not clear winners. Those of us who did not vote in the primary elections early in this month had another chance to vote or take advantage of the franchise; the right to vote on the 22nd. Many of us fail to vote because we fail to register to vote. Every able-bodied individual should register to vote as soon as they reach the youngest age in their state to vote. Voting is a privilege given to every citizen which has no bearing on whether or not one pays taxes. There was a time when there was a poll tax in use which prevented some people from voting. Poll taxes were abolished and therefore there is no excuse for not voting, guaranteed by the equal protection clause in the 14th Amendment in the U. S. Constitution.

It is true that some convicts, especially felons and severe mental patients, lose their right to vote when they spend time in prison and until they are able to secure their civil rights upon release from an institution, mental or criminal; they do not possess the right to vote. The franchise is lost with the loss of civil rights. Restoration of the franchise varies in the United States, one of the most punitive countries in the world. There are about eleven states in the union at this time where it is difficult to have civil rights restored. The

various states have their own laws about the restoration of the franchise upon release from an institution where disenfranchisement is practiced and it is constitutional as long as there is no racial discrimination.

This is such a precious gift and we should use it wisely, especially when there are so many Americans who do not enjoy this privilege. Individuals whom have been disenfranchised should look into gaining these rights again by finding out what they need to do to secure their rights. Individuals, whom have completed their terms of confinement and/or parole, should seek to have their rights restored and become active citizens and use their right to vote. Many of our political disasters could be averted if all citizens have the right to participate in deciding what the outcomes should be. We need to get 'in cinque' and realize the potential of our vote and practice it without ceasing, just as we pray **WITHOUT CEASING.**

### AKA's Recognizes Continued from Page 1

The Alliance is passionate in their advocacy for East Lubbock, engaging and supporting community needs, listening to the people, and implementing the changes the community defines as important. The vision is that people in East Lubbock will have equal opportunities.

Cathy Pope, visionary, enthusiastic, determined co-founder of the Alliance is seen accepting the "Lighting the Way" Award from Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority's International President, Ms. Dorothy Buchanan Wilson (left) and South Central Regional Director, Ms. Katina M. Semien. (right) Eta Delta Omega Chapter is very proud of the East Lubbock Community Alliance!

## Beyond the Rhetoric

By Harry C. Alford

### Opportunity Zone Program has Much Potential

Over the last three decades there has been little significant legislation come out of our congressional small business committees. When the late, great Parren J. Mitchell retired from the House Small Business Committee as Chairperson, it kind of marked the end of great legislation relative to small and minority business procurement and investment. Fortunately, the Honorable Tim Scott, Black Republican senator from South Carolina had a vision and has made it a reality. The Opportunity Zone Program, officially the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act is now law and quite active.

The Clinton Administrations had similar programs such as the Enterprise Zones and Empowerment Zones. However, those lacked some transparency and promoted gentrification more than economic empowerment.

The federal agency in charge of overseeing the program is the Internal Revenue Service. The following is a great description of what the law is all about:

Q. What is an Opportunity Zone?

A. An Opportunity Zone is an economically-distressed community where new investments, under certain conditions, may be eligible for preferential tax treatment. Localities qualify as Opportunity Zones if they have been nominated for that designation by the state and that nomination has been certified by the Secretary of the U.S. Treasury via his delegation authority to the Internal Revenue Service.

Q. Who created Opportunity Zones?

A. Opportunity Zones were added to the tax code by the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act on December 22, 2017.

Q. Have Opportunity Zones

# THIS N' THAT

by T. J. Patterson

LET'S QUIT SAYING WHAT WE CAN'T DO AS A PERSON, AND REMEMBER THAT WITH ALMIGHTY GOD WE AS A PEOPLE CAN DO ANYTHING!!

THIS N THAT ..... GETS VERY UPSET WHEN HE HEARS OUR ..... BROTHERS AND SISTERS ..... who happen to be Black and live in ..... EAST LUBBOCK ..... and say what we don't have..... As a people ..... WE ARE GOD'S CHILDREN ..... and if we began to ..... COME TOGETHER ..... can you really imagine what would begin to happen in ..... EAST LUBBOCK ..... but the ..... RIPPLE EFFECT ..... could serve as a catalyst for all parts of

Lubbock! ..... but it is a must that ..... WE AS BLACK PEOPLE ..... must immediately stop saying what we can't do..... Looking back over Black history when our fore fathers knew it was difficult to survive .....but they had the common sense to ..... JUST COME TOGETHER ..... and things did begin to happen for them and their family..... THIS N THAT ..... was not here in East Lubbock ..... but did see the evidence of what these fore fathers developed..... They were not afforded the opportunity to borrow monies for their economic development..... but they knew that when we come together ..... then things will happen..... When ..... THIS N THAT .....

arrived in .....LUBBOCK, TEXAS ..... it was evident of the vision that BLACK PEOPLE ..... had to develop their community..... Upon arrival ..... it was great to see the number of .....BLACK OWNED BUSINESSES IN EAST LUBBOCK, TEXAS..... It was just amazing to see what businesses ..... BLACK PEOPLE OWNED ..... These Black businesses were businesses as ..... RESTAURANTS ..... CAFES ..... HOTELS, CLOTHING STORES, AND OTHER KINDS OF BLACK OWNED BUSINESSES! ..... Now we are just complaining what we don't have. LET'S QUIT COMPLAINING!!!!

been around a long time?

A. No, they are new. The first set of Opportunity Zones, covering parts of 18 states, were designated on April 9, 2018.

Q. What is the purpose of Opportunity Zones?

A. Opportunity Zones are an economic development tool—that is, they are designed to spur economic development and job creation in distressed communities.

Q. How do Opportunity Zones spur economic development?

A. Opportunity Zones are designed to spur economic development by providing tax benefits to investors. First, investors can defer tax on any prior gains until the earlier of the date on which an investment is sold or exchanged, or December 31, 2026, so long as the gain is reinvested in a Qualified Opportunity Fund. Second, if the investor holds the investment in the Opportunity Fund for at least

ten years, the investor would be eligible for an increase in basis equal to the reasonable value of the investment on the date that the investment is sold or exchanged.

Q. What is a Qualified Opportunity Fund

A. Qualified Opportunity Fund is an investment vehicle that is set up as either a partnership or corporation for investing in eligible property that is located in an Opportunity Zone and that utilizes the investor's gains from a prior investment for funding the Opportunity Fund.

Q. Do I need to live in an Opportunity Zone to take advantage of the tax benefits?

A. No. You can get the tax benefits, even if you don't live, work or have a business in an Opportunity Zone. All you need to do is invest in a Qualified Opportunity Fund.

Q. I am interested in investing in an Opportunity Zone. Is

there a list of Opportunity Zones available?

A. Yes. The current list of approved Opportunity Zones can be found at Opportunity Zones Resources. This list will continue to be updated as more Opportunity Zones are approved. A complete list of approved Opportunity Zones will be published later this spring after all Opportunity Zones have been nominated, certified and designated.

Q. How does a taxpayer become certified as a Qualified Opportunity Fund?

A. To become a Qualified Opportunity Fund, an eligible taxpayer self-certifies. (Thus, no approval or action by the IRS is required.) To self-certify, a taxpayer merely completes a form (which will be released in the summer of 2018) and attaches that form to the taxpayer's federal income tax return for the taxable year. (The return must

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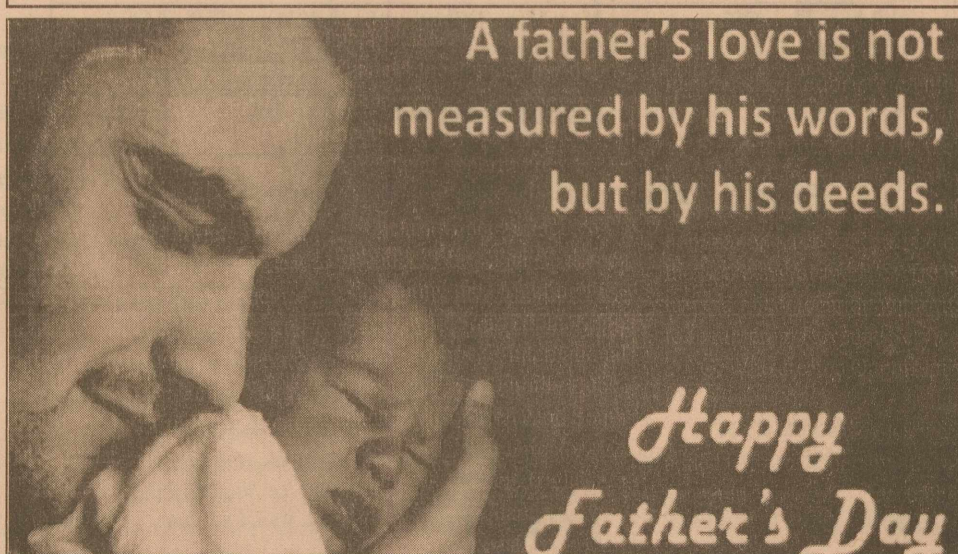
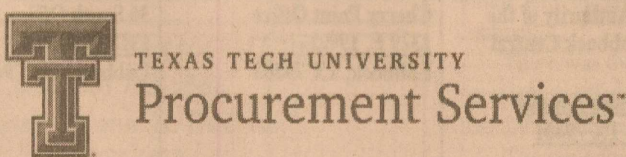
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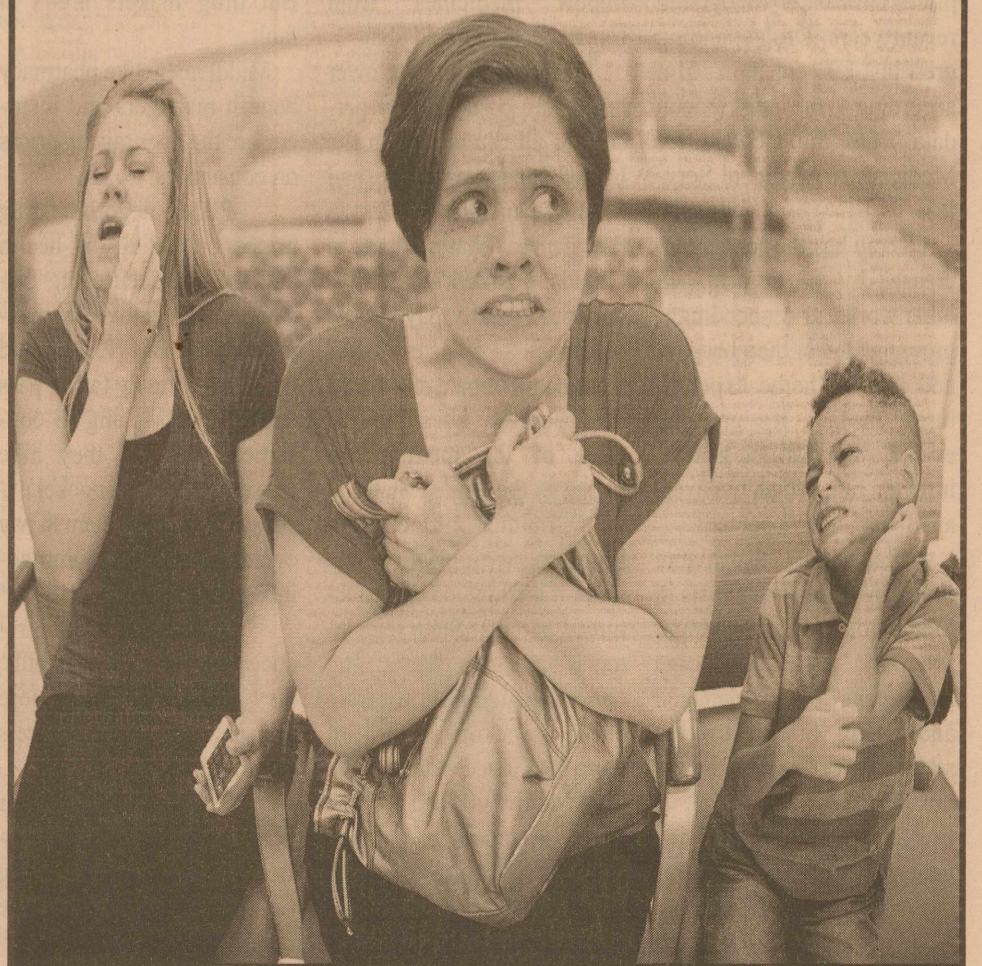


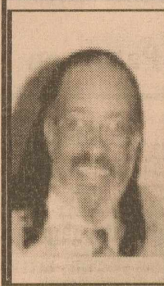
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**Jonah 1:2** -- The Lord said, Arise, go to Nin-e-veh, that great city, and cry against it; for their wickedness is come up before me. (JUST AS AMERICA'S!!!)

God told Jonah, go **PREACH THE GOOD NEWS OF REPENTENCE; TO THE PEOPLES. CHRISTIANS OF TODAY; DOING OTHER THINGS; WANT BIG CHURCHES WITH BIG STEPS!!!**

**\*\*\* THE CHRISTIANS ARE ROBING GOD????\*\***

Jesus told the Christians; **GO INTO ALL THE WORLD;----- AND PREACH THE GOOD NEWS; TO EVERY MAN, WOMAN, BOY AND GIRL!!!**

**Matthew 28:19** -- Jesus said, Go you therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.

Jonah didn't go; to where he was sent; he is like the **CHRISTIANS OF TODAY.**

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**TING GOD'S BUSINESS ON THE BACK BURNER; --- FAR BEHIND!!!**

**Isaiah 56:10,11** -- The Lord said, His watchmen are blind: they are all ignorant, they are all dumb dogs, they cannot bark; sleeping, lying down, loving to slumber. Yes, they are greedy dogs which can never have enough, they are shepherds that cannot understand: they all look to their own way, everyone for his own gain, from his quarter (4 QUARTERS EQUALS TO AN ANNIVERSARY).

Jonah went to sleep; and the **LORD HAD TO SEND A STORM;-----TO SHAKE UP THE SEA AND ROCK THAT BOAT; TO GET HIM TO SOUND THE ALARM!!! (CHRISTIANS OF TODAY; GOD HAS SENT THE SIGNS.----- SCHOOL SHOOTINGS, MALL SHOOTINGS, RESTAURANT SHOOTINGS, CHURCH SHOOTINGS, VEGAS SHOOTING. THESE ARE THE SIGNS OF A HATEFUL HEARTS; WHERE'S THE CHURCHES??? THEY'RE SO BUSY; CAKE SALES, CARWASHES, YARD SALES, FISH FRIES; THINGS OF MONEY; THEY DON'T SEE THE SIGNS.**

**\*\*\* GOD'S BUSINESS IS SAVING SOULS; NOT COLLECTING GOLD\*\*\***

**Luke 12:54-56** -- Jesus said, When you see a cloud rise

out of the west, straightway you say, There comes a shower; and so it is. And when you see the south wind blow, you say, There will be heat; and it come to pass. You hypocrites, you can discern the face of the sky and of the earth; but how is it that you do not discern the times?

**\*\*\* ALL LIVES MATTER TO GOD; RED, YELLOW, BLACK, OR WHITE; WE'RE ALL ARE PRECIOUS IN GOD'S EYE SIGHT!!! MANY CITY GANGS; KILLS 400 & 500 A YEAR!!!!\*\***

**(IF THE CHRISTIANS; WOULD HAVE BEEN ABOUT GOD'S BUSINESS; THE SCHOOLS SHOOTING WOULD NOT BE.--- NEW GUN LAWS; WON'T WORK; HATE IS THE HEART OF MANKIND.--- CAIN KILLED ABLE; WITHOUT A GUN;--- HE HAD HATE IN HIS HEART!!!) BUT IF CHRISTIANS; DON'T REPENT; AS JONAH DID TO SURVIVE. THEY PRAY LITTLE WHILE; AFTER THE SHOOTINGS OVER; THEY'RE ALL SMILES!!!**

**2 Chronicles 7:14** -- The Lord said, If my people which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sins, and will heal their land.

## To Cut Drug Prices, Start with the Facts

**Peter J. Pitts**

Article Submitted by Amy Martin, Keybridge Communications

State lawmakers believe that prescription drug prices are skyrocketing. They're not. Below, former FDA Associate Commissioner Peter Pitts demonstrates that drug spending is growing slower than the inflation rate, and lawmakers are looking in the wrong places to cut spending.

Pitts explains the dangerous implications of recent proposals, such as drug importation. He argues that these proposals would limit patients' access to medications, increase state healthcare costs, and expose patients to dangerous drugs. If lawmakers really want to reduce patients' pharmacy bills, they should target insurers and pharmacy benefit managers -- the greedy middlemen who hog patient savings.

Americans are paying too much for prescription medicines. State lawmakers are fed up with Washington's apathy towards high pharmacy bills. So they're taking matters into their own hands and pushing forward with several bills.

Their proposals are well-intentioned -- but they're doomed to backfire and hurt patients. Why? The bills are based on false assumptions.

Many lawmakers believe that prescription drug prices are skyrocketing. They're not. In fact, after accounting for all the rebates and discounts manufacturers offer, drug prices have barely budged in recent years. Drug spending grew just 1.3 percent in 2016, according to the latest federal data from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services.

Overall health spending increased by 4.3 percent. In other words, drug spending is growing slower than hospital and nursing home expenditures. In fact, it's growing even slower than the general inflation rate, which has averaged just under 2 percent.

Legislators also blame drug prices for rising costs in Medicaid, the entitlement program for low-income Americans that is managed and partly funded by the states. Once again, they're mistaken.

Drug companies provide generous discounts and rebates back to Medicaid to

curb its overall prescription drug spending. Medicaid's statistics rarely reflect these discounts. In 2014, the program reported that its gross spending on drugs reached \$21 billion. But after factoring in discounts, the program actually spent only \$8 billion on medicines.

Federal law guarantees Medicaid the lowest drug prices on the market.

Nevertheless, state lawmakers insist that drug companies are charging too much. So they're calling for a variety of price controls.

One measure floated in Utah would allow patients to import medicines from Canada. That's a bad idea.

The policy wouldn't lower healthcare costs. Ninety percent of all drugs sold in the United States are generic, and generics generally cost less in the United States than in Canada. A patient's co-pay -- what he actually pays at the pharmacy -- is often lower than the price paid at a Canadian pharmacy, even if the list price of the medicine is higher in the United States.

Another proposal in Louisiana, would allow the state to infringe on manufacturers' patents. State legislators want to give generic drug companies the right to make cheap knockoff copies of hepatitis C medicines, which are heavily utilized by the state's Medicaid and prison populations.

This move simply isn't necessary. In 2017, Medicaid spending on hepatitis C drugs fell by 28 percent -- the biggest drop for any class of medicines.

If states start weakening patent protections, it will have a chilling effect on scientific research. Drug companies won't plow billions in to developing new medicines if the government can break their patents on a whim. Patients would miss out on future treatments and cures as a result of this drop in research.

This isn't to say that patients aren't paying high prices for drugs. They are. But drug makers aren't at fault.

Middlemen, like pharmacy benefit managers and insurers, are the ones raising prices on consumers.

PBMs negotiate drug prices on behalf of health plans. They secure big discounts and rebates from manufacturers. But PBMs and insurers routinely fail to pass these savings along to consumers. Instead, they hike consumers' out-of-pocket expenses by forcing them to pay ever-higher co-pays and co-insurance.

If lawmakers want to reduce peoples' pharmacy bills, they should demand more transparency from insurers and PBMs.

Peter J. Pitts, a former FDA Associate Commissioner, is President of the Center for Medicine in the Public Interest.

## St. Matthew Baptist Church

2020 East 14th Street Rev. Edward Canady, Pastor Lubbock, Texas 79403 (806) 744-7154

The St. Matthew Baptist Church is located at 2020 East 14th Street where the dynamic pastor is the Rev. Edward Canady.

Again, we must say, what a wonderful time we had at the St. Matthew Baptist Church on Sunday morning, May 27, 2018, where the spirit was very high in the Lord.

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Sunday morning services begun at 10:10 a. m. with our dedicated Superintendent of the Sunday School, Sister Barbara Johnson, presiding.

The subject of the Sunday School lesson was entitled "More Than Good." The scripture text was Psalm 34:1-10.

The Sunday School lesson was taught by Rev. Michael Menton. What a wonderful job he did with his presentation. Praise God for the Word!

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The Sunday morning devotion was conducted by Sister Annie Menton and Sister Barbara Johnson.

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Pastor Canady entered the Church with the Choir singing "Because of Who You Are."

The morning sermon was delivered by Pastor Canady. His subject was "A Man Called Jesus." His scripture text was John 9:24-25.

**John 9:24 - 25: "Then again called they the man that was blind, and said unto him, Give God the praise; we know that this man is a sinner."**

**"He answered and said: Whether he be a sinner or not, I know not; one thing I know, that, whereas I was blind, now I see."**

This was a very informative message, and it was well received by those in the congregation. Praise God for the Word!

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The morning announcements were read by our First Lady, Sister Shirley Canady, who always does an outstanding job. She is very informative.

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The weekly meetings which are held at the St. Matthew Baptist Church are very important as well as very beneficial to all members. Those important meetings are as follows:

The Missionary Society meets each Wednesday evening, beginning at 5:00 p. m.

If you are not attending these Missionary Society meetings, you are really missing a lot of valuable information.

Shall we see you on Wednesday evening? If you are coming, then bring someone with you.

Another important meeting is Bible Study which is held on every Wednesday evening, beginning at 6:00 p. m.

So if you can, then come out on Wednesday evenings. Your input is very valuable.

God loves all of us! We will be looking forward to seeing you!!

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If you are looking for a Church Home, then come and visit the St. Matthew Baptist Church. Our pastor, Rev. Edward Canady, would enjoy visiting with you. Not only Pastor Canady would be glad to visit with you, but our Members.

Our sick and shut-in includes, Sister Ethel Williams, as well as others in the community

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**Our Thought For The Week: "There is a longing in every heart that only Jesus can satisfy!"**

Praise God!

## NAACP Commends ABC for Cancellation of Roseanne

**BALTIMORE** -- The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), the nation's premier civil rights organization issued the following statement regarding ABC's decision to cancel the Roseanne television show due to the star's racist comments on Twitter.

"Roseanne Barr's comments were appalling and reminiscent of horrific time in our history when racism was not only acceptable but promoted by Hollywood. We applaud ABC for taking a stand against racism by canceling Roseanne today. We

commend the network and its president Channing Dungey for placing the values of diversity, inclusion and respect for humanity above ratings," said NAACP President and CEO Derrick Johnson.

NAACP Hollywood Bureau Director Robin Harrison believes this move by ABC sends a strong message that's in line with the Bureau's continued work to expand diversity in front of the camera and behind the camera.

"This is a strong and decisive move by ABC to refuse to continue business as usual," said

Harrison. "It's important that Hollywood understands the power of inclusion and continues to take a clear stand against racism and bias within the industry."

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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.

## SUMMER CAMP REGISTRATION

Come for a week or the whole summer! Your kids will never be bored at any of Parks and Recreation's summer day camps with our weekly themes, field trips, swimming and outdoor activities. Register in person at our camp locations during open hours. Camps begin on Tuesday, May 29 and will run through Friday, August 10. Camp times are Monday-Friday from 7:30 am-5:30 pm. Pricing for all camps is \$85 per week.

For families that income qualify, the scholarship rate per week is \$42.50. Weekly fees include field trips, swimming and snacks. Parents should register in person at least one week in advance and will be required to pay the first week's camp fee and a one-time registration fee at the time of registration. In order to determine eligibility for the scholarship rate, applicants must be able to provide information

on all sources of income. Space is limited, so register early. For more information, contact one of our camp locations:

- Camp Imagination - Rawlings Community Center, 213 40th Street, 767-2704
- Galaxy Camp - Simmons Community Center, 2004 Oak Avenue, 767-2700
- Kidventure Camp - Trejo Supercenter, 3200 Amherst, 767-2705.

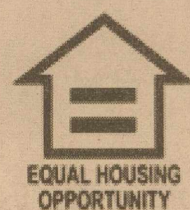
## HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF LUBBOCK ANNOUNCES A PUBLIC HEARING

DATE: June 18, 2018  
 TIME: 5:00 p. m.  
 PLACE: 1708 Crickets Ave. Lubbock, TX 79401

The purpose of the hearing is to obtain input from the city residents in reference to the Annual Plan Submission and the Capital Fund Program Five-Year Action Plan being submitted to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for fiscal year beginning October 1 2018. Total funds being allocated for the year are estimated at \$1,087,254 for Operating Funds and \$658,789 for Capital Funds. The Annual Plan includes proposed changes to the Admissions and Continued Occupancy Policy (ACOP) and the Section 8 Administrative Plan. Those changes are outlined in the Annual Plan and will be a part of the Public Hearing. All residents are encouraged to attend this hearing. The Plan will be available for review beginning April 30, 2018 during regular business hours prior to the public hearing at the addresses below. Persons can also submit written comments prior to the public hearing to:

Housing Authority of the City of Lubbock Central Office 1708 Crickets Avenue Lubbock, TX 79401	Cherry Point Office 1329 E. 19 <sup>th</sup> Lubbock, TX 79403	36 South Office 1318 52 <sup>nd</sup> C Lubbock, TX 79412
Behner Place Office 4215 36 <sup>th</sup> Lubbock, TX 79413	Mary Myers Office 5421 Utica Lubbock, TX 79413	96 West Office 2410 Frankford Lubbock, TX 79407
Lubbock Housing Authority website: <a href="http://lubbockha.org">lubbockha.org</a>		

For further information please call Mike Chapman, Executive Director at (806)762-1191



# Obsequies

## Hillary Samuel Hutchinson, Jr.

Funeral services for Hillary Samuel Hutchinson, Jr. were held on Thursday afternoon, May 17, 2018, at the Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church where the pastor is Rev. Edna Bean. Rev. Eddie Williams was the Officiant/Eulogist.

Two selections were sung by Debra Barnes, a national recording artist.

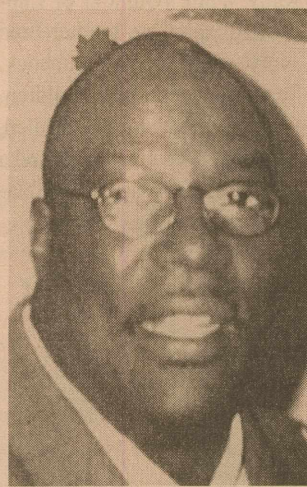
Interment followed in the City of Lubbock Cemetery under the direction of Griffin Mortuary & Funeral Home of Lubbock.

Hillary, age 63 of Lubbock, Texas, passed away Saturday, May 12, 2018.

Hillary was born July 28, 1954 to Hillary Sr. and Elnora Thomas-Hutchinson in Lubbock, Texas.

He began his education at Mary & Mac Private School. He attended Lubbock ISD. He was "true" to the Blue/Gray, Estacado High School as a Matador and graduated in the Class of 1973. "Once a Matador, always a Matador."

He attended Texas Southern University in Houston, Texas for



a year, and later enlisted in the United States Army where he devoted himself to serve his country for almost three years and later received an Honorable Discharge.

Hillary worked at Gandy's (Bell Dairy). He was a member of Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church where he served as a Steward for many years.

Hillary is survived by his wife, Rev. Deborah Hutchinson; one son, Hillary S. Hutchinson; four grandchildren; a host of other relatives and friends.

## Lee Ethel Brown

Funeral services were held for Lee Ethel Brown on Saturday morning, April 28, 2018, at the Alexander Chapel Church of God in Christ with Bishop Watson as Officiant/Eulogist.

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

Lee Ethel, age 73 of Lubbock, Texas, passed away Wednesday, April 18, 2018.

Lee Ethel was born September 8, 1944 to the parentage of Leana and Ray Thomas in Palmer, Texas.

She spent many years of her life in childcare, her love for her children made her the devoted mother and grandmother that she was.

She leaves to cherish her memory; daughter, Tamara Brown; son, Christopher Brown; sister, Fannie Hicks (Melvin); brothers, Robert Thomas (Barbara); sister-in-law, Evona Thomas; brother-in-law, Vernon



Campbell; four grandchildren; seven great grandchildren; a host of other relatives and friends.

Active pallbearers were: Stephon Jones, Demetric Hall, Craig Williams, Demarcus Hall, Larry Williams, and Anthony Thomas.

Honorary pallbearers were: Jerry Williams, Greg Joy, and Robert Joy.

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## Tommie Jean Burse

Brownfield, Texas -- Funeral services were held for Tommie Jean Burse on Tuesday afternoon, May 22, 2018, at the Brownfield Church of Christ.

Interment followed in the Mt. Zion Cemetery in Brownfield, Texas under the direction of Griffin Mortuary & Funeral Home of Lubbock.

Tommie, age 84 of Brownfield, Texas, passed away Thursday, May 17, 2018.

Tommie was born April 9, 1934 in Nacogdoches, Texas to Augusta and J.B. Flournoy.

She was employed by South Plains Nursing Home for 31 years.

Tommie leaves to cherish her memory; two daughters, Doris Jean Burse and Mary Helen Burse; four sons, Dewayne



Burse (Debbie), Charles Burse, J.B. Burse, and D.C. Burse, Jr.; one sister, Lorine Fuller; one brother, Tommy Lee Flournoy; 26 grandchildren, 45 great grandchildren, a host of other relatives, and friends.

## Derwin Ray Knighten

Funeral services were held for Derwin Ray Knighten on Monday morning, May 21, 2018, at Griffin Mortuary Chapel.

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

Derwin, age 54 of Lubbock, Texas, passed away Tuesday, May 15, 2018.

Derwin was born February 13, 1964 in Lubbock, Texas to Glenda Knighten. Derwin will truly be missed.

Derwin is survived by his son, Ray Brown; brother, Dorcas Forward; grandmother, Emma



Jackson; companion, Angie Wilson; a host of other relatives and friends.

## Dorothy Allene Nash

Funeral services for Dorothy Allene Nash, a longtime Lubbock resident, were held on Wednesday morning, May 23, 2018, at the Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church with Pastor Adna Bean as Officiant/Eulogist.

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

Dorothy, age 94 of Lubbock, Texas, passed away on Wednesday, May 16, 2018.

Dorothy was born in Marlin,



Texas on June 14, 1923 to William and Laura Baldwin. She was a loving and devoted mother and wife. Dorothy was baptized at an early age, and was a devoted Christian. Dorothy always advised everyone she came in contact with to trust in and depend on God.

Dorothy married Sanco Nash, Jr., and to this union, eight children were born.

She is preceded in death by her: parents, William and Laura Baldwin; her husband, Sanco Nash, Jr.; three brothers: William Baldwin, Jr., Speedy Baldwin, and Wilson Baldwin; two sisters, Olivia Baldwin and Alberta Baldwin; three sons: Carl Nash, Dean Nash, and Sanco Nash, III; and one daughter, Elaine Nash.

Dorothy leaves to cherish her memory: children: Gary Nash, Eldon Nash, Dorothy Jean Nash, and Linda Robinson; two brothers, Elgin Baldwin (Alberta) and Brady Baldwin (Maureen); a host of grandchildren, great-grandchildren, great-great grandchildren, nieces, nephews, other relatives, and friends.

Pallbearers were: Demetrius Robinson, Sr., Demetrius Robinson, II, Mykeen Nash, Robert Robinson, II, and Carl Nash, Jr.

Honorary Pallbearer was Eldon Nash.

## Mickie Sifuentes

Crosbyton, Texas -- Funeral services for Mickie Sifuentes were held on Wednesday morning, April 11, 2018, at the San Jose Catholic Church.

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

Mickie, age 57 of Crosbyton, Texas, passed away Wednesday, March 28, 2018.

Mickie was born January 7, 1961 to Prudencio Sifuentes Sneed and Dolores Sifuentes.

She enjoyed playing pool, bingo, and watching the Dallas Cowboys.

Mickie leaves to cherish her memory; her parents, Prudencio Sifuentes Sneed and Dolores Sifuentes; longtime friend, James; one son, Juan Jose Zuniga (JJ); stepson, Pete Chavez, Jr.; three



sisters, Mary Clevenger, Christy Garcia, and Delores Sifuentes; four brothers, Jr. Sifuentes, Jimmy Sifuentes, Tommy Sifuentes, and Roy Gorostiza; two grandchildren, four great grandchildren; a host of other relatives and friends

**God knows our needs before we ask and guides us through each trial or task. For more than we may begin to conceive will God do for us, if we only believe.**

## New Light Baptist Church

3013 Idalou Road Rev. Kenneth O. Jackson, Pastor  
Lubbock, Texas 79403

On Sunday morning, May 13, 2018, church services got started at the New Light Baptist Church, 3013 Idalou Road, with great excitement talking about God, where Rev. Kenneth O. Jackson is the proud pastor.

Church School started at 10:10 a. m. where Superintendent, Sister Alvera Johnson, taught the morning lesson entitled "Bringing First Fruit", and its scripture text was Leviticus 2:14, 23-29.

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The morning worship hour started at 11:00 a.m. with the Praise Team leading the way. There was the testimony period which was held. The response reading came from Psalm 67:1-7. The altar call was led by Pastor Jackson with the congregation singing "O'How I Love Jesus."

The morning announcements were read by Sister Lena Green. She told of all the events which will be taking place in Lubbock.

There was the receiving of the morning offering which was done by appointees.

The melodious voice of the Choir sung the following selections: "I Love To Praise Him," "Sign Me Up," "The Blood That Jesus Shed," "When I See Jesus," and "Shine On Me." Our theme song, "Amazing Grace" was sung before the sermon.

Pastor Jackson preached the sermon entitled "A Mother's Love" with its printed scripture text coming from Exodus 2:1-10.

There's nothing like a Mother's love toward her children.

People will turn their back

on you, but a mother never will no matter what!

A Mother knows a child's cry and what it means even when they do it.

Regardless of the size of the family, a mother knows of the pain of every individual child.

God gives a woman the ability and knows the personality of every child.

When a child cries over in the dark hours of the night, a mother knows its' cry.

How is it that when a mother does all she can for a child and they raise their voices or talk ugly to them.

A mother takes care of a child when they didn't know when they need care. She knows when a child is angry of etc....

Amazing mothers sacrifice for her child to make sure they are taken care of.

Honor thy mother and father always. God gives maternal insight to mothers.

A child knows where it can get grocery and basis needs such as having their head because a mother never will turn her back

on a child.

God is amazing and awe-some in amazing ways.

You can't harm a child of God!

There's nothing like the love of mother when she sets her mind to do something. She makes it happen.

**A MOTHER'S LOVE!!**

It doesn't matter where you go or what you do, you are never too big for your Mother.

Love, support, take care of and do for your mother, because when a mother is gone, things change.

If you love her, support and take care of your mother. There's nothing like a Mother's Love.

A mother denies herself just to take care of her child.

After the sermon, a Praise Dance was done by Sister Angela Mosley and Sister Lacey Thompson which was entitled "The Battle Is The Lord."

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**HAVE A BLESSED AND PROSPER WEEK!!!**

Smile. God loves you and I do too!!!

## Cora M. Morris

Funeral services for Cora M. Morris were held on Friday morning, May 25, 2018, at the Lyons Chapel Baptist Church with Pastor Wendell Davis as Originant/Eulogist.

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

Cora, age 72 of Lubbock, Texas, passed away Saturday, May 19, 2018.

Cora was born March 7, 1946 to Tommie and Johnnie



Mae Essix. She worked for Caprock and Phoenix Health Care for 17 years.

Cora leaves to cherish her memory; three daughters, Stephanie Carson, Shelia Thomas, and Amber Brown (Rick); one son, Lionel Essix; six grandchildren, four great grandchildren; three sisters, Susie Essix, Brenda Thomas, and Kimmulyn Westbrooks (Lawrence); two brothers, Ricky Essix (Denise) and Bobby Miles; a host of other relatives and friends.

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Bible Class-9:00 a.m All Have Sinned - Romans 6:23  
Worship-10:15 a.m  
Evening Worship - 5:00 p. m. We Must Obey God's Will  
Wednesday: To Enter Heaven!  
Bible Class/ Devotional Matthew 7:21  
7:00p. m. How Do We Obey Him?

Hear The Gospel - Romans 10:17  
Believe - Hebrews 11:6  
Repent of Our Sins - Acts 2:38  
Confess that Jesus is the Son Of God - Act-8:37  
Be Baptized- Mark 16:15-16  
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## James Emma Thompson Jackson Celebrating 90 Years Of Living, And Contributing Much To Lubbock, Texas

**(Editor's Note -- From time, the Southwest will feature African-Americans, 90 years of age and older who have contributed outstanding efforts to the City of Lubbock, Texas. Our outstanding Lubbock citizen this week is James Emma Thompson-Jackson. This is Part 2 on this dedicated lady.)**

Another favorite pastime for Ms. Jackson was the continuation of the President Lincoln and Frederick Douglass "Teas", originally started by her mother, Roberta Thompson many years ago. These Teas events were held commemorating an unusual friendship of mutual respect between President Lincoln and a black man, Fredrick Douglass in 1863. With such respect and diplomacy within the White House, they were able to discuss how black prisoners of war were being mistreated at the hands of Confederate soldiers. President Lincoln had issued the Emancipation Proclamation on January 1, 1863 that freed many slaves, yet many lives were still in jeopardy under those who did not accept the Presidential Executive Order. The Lincoln/Douglass Teas evolved into live performances with actual visiting actors playing the parts written for them to share with guests, youth, and the community at large. This was part of black history the



James Emma Jackson

Lubbock youth could take part and understand outside of the classroom. According to her friend, Sara McLarty, all proceeds from ticket sales of the Lincoln/Douglass Tea went to funding a scholarship for students.

In September, 2000, the **Lubbock Avalanche-Journal (Lubbock AJ)** through Brian Williams, Editor, published an article recognizing Ms. Jackson, as President of Dunbar-Manhattan Heights Neighborhood Association, and alluded to a mural called the **Wall of Inspiration** created for the neighborhood honoring past African-Americans. Ms. Jackson hoped the youth would see the mural as an inspiration while honoring their

forefather's challenging work in various professions.

Brian Williams quoted her saying the following words

**"We want to get it implanted into our children's minds that there is something else that they can do besides looking forward to professional sports and singing and dancing. They have to back to where our fore parents came from before they can see what reality is all about."** (Williams, 2000).

In 2005, Ms. Jackson put together a family Book of Recipes that some of the family still uses fondly. On December 4, 2010, Goodwill Industries of Lubbock recognized her as a Board Member.

In conclusion, the family is honoring and celebrating publicly the great works of a genuine person, mother, mother-in-law, and grandmother in Ms. Jackson as she turns 90 years young. Her life-long attempts to serve others in many ways only the beginning of her legacy. She leaves an imprint in our lives through her beautiful ceramics, her famous recipes, and other prominent works. In return for her unselfishness to share her creative skills, time, experiential capability, and dedication to her family, and the entire community.

## More Obituaries

### Lula Mae Toler Phillips



Funeral services for Lula Mae Toler Phillips on Friday morning, May 25, 2018, at the Parkway Church of Christ.

Interment followed in the Resthaven Cemetery in Lubbock, Texas under the direction of Ossie Curry Funeral Home of Lubbock.

Lula Mae, age 87 of Lubbock, Texas, passed away Friday, May 18, 2018.

Lula Mae Toler Phillips was born to Earlena Wilkins and O.C. Toler on August 28, 1930 in Quitaque, Texas.

She worked at Methodist Hospital (Covenant), as a nurse's aide in recovery where she retired after twenty-three years. After retirement she moved to Dallas, Texas.

In 2003 she moved back to Lubbock where she resided until death.

She leaves to cherish her memory, three children, Jerry Phillips (Christine) of Dallas, Texas, Don Nell Phillips and Ruby White (Quincy) of Lubbock, Texas. One brother Fred Ivory (Patricia) of Lubbock, Texas, eleven grandchildren, twenty-four great-grandchildren, one great great grandchild, and a host of nieces, nephews, relatives, and friends.

Jeremy attended and graduated from Estacado High School and later attended Western Texas where he graduated.

Jeremy is survived by his parents, Elvert and Pamela Gaither; two daughters, JaKaylynn Gaither and Brittany Evans; one son, Tray'jion Culver; three sisters, Erica Whaley, LaKendrea Gaither, and Ashanti Gaither; three brothers, Dwight Gaither (Anita), Steve Gaither, and Jermain Gaither; special lady friend, Anna Hawthorne; a host of other relatives and friends.

### Jeremy D. Gaither



Funeral services were held for Jeremy D. Gaither on Friday afternoon, May 25, 2018, in the First United Methodist Church.

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

Jeremy, age 39 of Lubbock, Texas, passed away Friday, May 18, 2018.

Jeremy was born on February 17, 1979 to Elvert and Pamela Gaither.

### Nathan Williams "Excellence Award" Continued from Page 1

Awards were presented to the 1st-3rd grade students on May 24th. The students in each class received some type of characteristic award that best fitted their personality and conduct.

Nathan will be advancing to the 3rd grade. He is very active in school. He had his first opportunity to participate in a school play entitled, "Danny and the Shacks": where his character was Meshach (Shack 2) from the bible. Several months ago, Nathan also received the highest honor in a reading competition.

Nathan is looking forward to next year and is continuing to set higher goals for himself.

On behalf of your family and the Southwest Digest,

"Great Job Nathan and Keep your eye on the Prize"!!!

### Beyond the Rhetoric

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be filed timely, taking extensions into account.)

Q. How can I get more information about Opportunity Zones?

A. Over the next few months, the Treasury Department and the Internal Revenue Service will be providing further details, including additional legal guidance, on this new incentive. More information will be available at Treasury.gov and IRS.gov."

The National Black Chamber of Commerce will be working with Senator Scott to ensure that all states take advantage of this program. For instance, Governor Bruce Rauner of Illinois, has already secured 325 neighborhoods eligible for investors. Check with your congressional representative for the latest news for your area. Make sure they are aware that you have a personal stake. Realtors, developers, contractors, architects, engineers, retailers, etc. should stay on top of the opportunities as they unfold.

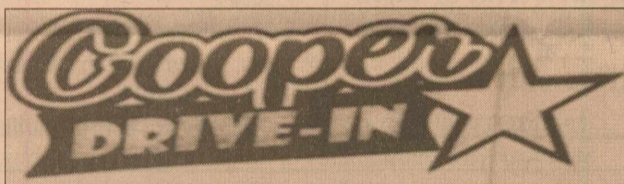
Let us all give the Honorable Senator Tim Scott a well-deserved "salute".

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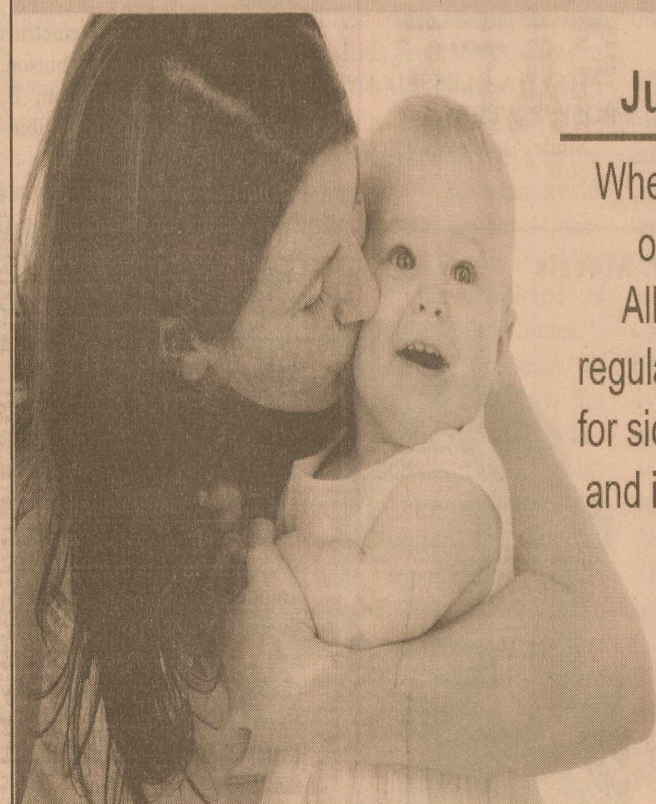
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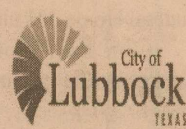
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Attendees received medical services including Diabetes, BP screening & dietary information.



Covenant Lifestyle Center volunteers shared several tasty and healthy recipes.




The kiddos enjoyed several activities. Here are a few kiddos anxiously waiting at the face painting station.



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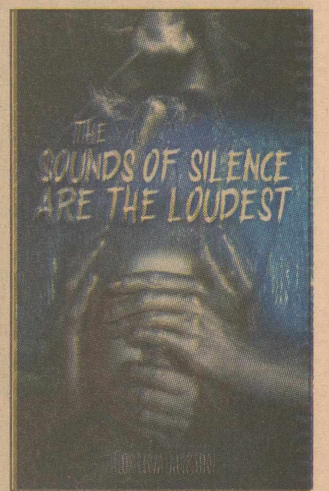
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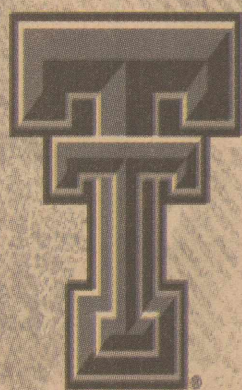
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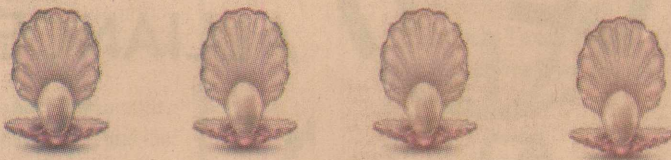
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**2018 JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION**

This year Juneteenth Celebration will kick off June 14th with the Juneteenth Rise Up 2018 Reception at Standard Sales Company at 7pm honoring the King and Godfrey Family for their 7 years of service to the Juneteenth Celebration and our community.

June 15th we will be hosting the McNeal basketball game, raising money for seniors who were in our mentor program at EHS and will be attending college next semester. This Game will also Honor Coach Tony Wagner for his 18 years of service to the Estacado Basketball Program and all of his accomplishments. We will ask the community to wear shirts of fallen family members in our community as we want to honor family members who have

passed throughout our community. Tickets will be \$10 for Adults and \$5 for students and be held at Estacado High School at 2:30pm. At the Game we will also announce our Housing Symposium.

June 15th- Housing Symposium will be put on by Tiger Pratt at Estacado High school, bringing awareness and education on the importance of home ownership, as well as education about better housing for our community.

June 16th will kick off with the Juneteenth Parade at 10am, the parade will begin at 10th Street and Ave A with Lubbock Chamber of Commerce Cory Powell as the Grand Marshall along with the East Lubbock School Principals, also as Grand Marshalls for their service.

June 16th Saturday Stage will be hosted by AJ McCleod and will be showcasing local talent with performances from a variety of artist and groups. Adrian Lewis and Adrian Richardson will be emceeing Staurday's stage. And Kenneth Castillo will be hosting the In the know Bowl to help educate our community and young people on why we celebrate Juneteenth. The Ted Phea Boys & Girls Club and the Guadalupe Parkway Neighborhood center students will compete for this year's In The Know Bowl Trophy.

June 17th Que Johnson will be hosting the Gospel Stage with a host of talent from our vast array of churches throughout our community.

Contact AJ McCleod for more information at: (806)335-5159

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