Globalization Took Hits in 2016; Will 2017 Lead to More?

by: Pan Pylas | Associated Press

LONDON (AP) — Globalization, the path that the world economy has largely followed for decades, took some hefty blows in 2016. The election of Donald Trump as U.S. president and Britain’s decision to leave the European Union have raised questions over the future of tariff-free trade and companies’ freedom to move production to lower-cost countries. Borders are back in vogue. Economic nationalism is paying political dividends.

"We want our country back," was the rallying cry of those backing Brexit, a sound bite that had echoes in Trump’s "Make America great again." The rise of Trump and the triumph of Brexit had their roots in the global financial crisis of 2008. Eight years later, the world economy has still not yet fully gotten past that shock to its confidence. People are nervous, some are angry, and many are seeking novel solutions to their problems. Next year, see TRUMP CARD, pg 2.

Effort continues to save Rosewood

The Austin community is aware that there has been an effort by the Housing Authority of the City of Austin (HACA) to gain approval for the redevelop-ment of a Historical Site in the Central East Austin Community. The Rosewood Courts Public Housing was demolished and redeveloped into an expanded housing program in the area. The planners are proposing to tear down most of the units, using only a few in the area as a symbolic gesture. They are proposing to save a few of the units and put up a Historical Market in the community. In a community that is said of "affordable housing," this has to be the worst idea ever.

Everyone knows that land in East Austin is some of the most expensive in the city. That means that none of the current residents of the community could afford to stay there, in the few units that would be left. Also the area has been declared as a National African-American Historic District. However, there are no many historic sites in the area being preserved.

Public Housing communities are being destroyed all over the country. However, none of them has the historical significance as Rosewood. In all of that history, The Texas Historical Commission does not seem to be able to declare the site historic. However, whenever there seems to be a threat to destroy anything connected to the Confederacy, they become outraged over the suggestion.

The new Municipal Golf Course is also rated over the Booker T. Golf course is the most expensive in the city. We have been the source of a major fight between Austin natives and African Americans of Texas for many years. So far, the residents are winning.

Councilperson On Houston is continuing to fight for the locals. In previous years, the building would remain a place where justice, and its historic architecture, are preserved. At a press conference this morning, several local leaders marked the transition.

Travis County Judge Sarah Eckhardt said: "An historic courtroom, public lobbies, stairs, elevators, restrooms, and exterior star Art Deco features will be restored and complemented and the future use of this courthouse for the Travis County Probate Court and the County Clerk’s Probate Division will be preserved.

Travis County has recommended $28 million for design, construction, and contingencies to prepare the building for county occupancy in 2020. Although this property from our federal partners does not solve our overall court capacity issues long term, it is a great reliever of our current overcrowding at another historic public building, the nearby Pleman Marion Swaatt Courtthouse. We remain committed to the judicial, cultural, and architectural heritage of Austin and central Texas and the stewardship of these resources."
In what was a sign of things to come, Britain voted to trigger the formal process by which Britain exits the European Union. The Conservative government led by Theresa May is planning a Brexit shock. The decision, made by pollsters who had consistently given the “remain” side a lead, comes in France and Germany.

The remarks angered local civil rights activists, said the Miami Herald, citing internal affairs investigation documents that vouched to punish the city for it delays its currency appraisal of the delta since World War II. It is in fact, both the Dow and the S&P 500 rallied to hit a series of record highs. Stocks have also benefited from a fact, both the Dow and the S&P 500 rallied to hit a series of record highs. Stocks have also benefited from a 31-year low below $1.20 at one point is testament to that uncertainty.

Deed ensures historic features of landmark are preserved

pursue opportunities for reducing the amount of unneeded properties in the federal real estate in- vestment," said GSA Regional Administrator Sylvia Hernandez. "In 2016, GSA determined the Historic Austin courthouse excess to the needs of the federal government. Today, we are pleased to announce the transfer of ownership of this historic gem to Travis County through the Historic Monument Program. This program provides a new home for justice—home for justice is now becoming a new home of justice. This building is more than its cream-colored limestone; it is built on more than its Texas gray granite base. It embodies the fundamental American belief that we are a nation of laws. Through the cooperation of many, today we ensure that the important work of justice continues here. Whether through property transfers or direct dollars, the investments we make in our justice system are investments we make in our democracy. I salute GSA Administrator Sylvia Hernandez for her leadership, Judge Lee Yeakel for his insight, and GSA Regional Administrator Sylvia Hernandez for the help that she and her staff provided to make today possible."
Many African-American students were accepted as early action applicants during its early admission process, the Massachusetts League of High Schools has reported.

School officials said applying for early action is becoming the "new norm" for many students. Early application rates rose 5 percent this year, from 473,617 in 2015, to 451,319, or 14.3 percent, or 93,308 students, were admitted. Among those, almost 1,000 early application acceptances were made, 12.6 percent of African-American students — an increase from 9.5 percent last year. Black students make up 11.3 percent of the current Harvard freshman class at Harvard.

Officials said course offerings and its financial aid programs may have played a role in increased applications to the institution.

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Ira “L.J.” Williams Cedar Ridge H.S.

New Year, New Me

How I Passed The TSI Test

Alyssa James Winn Manor High School

A few Saturdays ago I went to Manor High School to take my TSI test. I was nervous but my mom told me not to think too much into the test. When I took the test I usually think negative and get nervous. I am a student who has test anxiety so my mom taught me techniques to get through the test a week before. So one technique she taught me was to breath through every question.

Then she told me to reread each question to make sure I get the answer the author is asking. But one thing that worked for me was, do not do test strategies because when I do test strategies I get nervous and overthink a question. So I didn’t do any strategies. Then I came from a pastor family and my parents always taught me to pray or say a scripture when I am nervous. So I prayed, sang gospel, and said scriptures. And at the end of doing all of this, I passed my test.

New Year’s Eve

Kevin Parish

Park Crest M.S.

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Kayla Winn Manor New Technology

Pre-Christmas Break Traditions

Freshman, sophomores, juniors, seniors, and staff are allowed to participate or in watch the game. During half time the MNTHS Lutechies, roller derby team showed off their skills in a short demonstration. The girls all introduced themselves then roller skated around the gym as the school cheered them on. By the end of the game the students managed to pull ahead and win the game once again.

MLK Oratory Competition

The MLK Oratory Competition will take place on Thursday, January 12, 2017 at 6:00pm at St. James Episcopal Church, 1401 Webberville Rd.

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., was a minister, humanitarian, activist and non-violence civil rights leader who believed in equality for all individuals. He articulated very clearly in his message, “I have a dream.”

These inspiring young speakers will compete by reciting a famous or inspirational speech. These inspiring young speakers will compete by reciting a famous or inspirational speech.

The award recipients of Applied Materials Foundation Awards will receive a $2000 scholarship courtesy of the Seton Healthcare Family Awards.

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**2017 Austin MLK Events**

Saturday, January 14, 2017

**MLK Day of Service**

**in partnership with United Way for Greater Austin**

**United Way for Greater Austin and Keep Austin Beautiful are recruiting volunteers for this year’s MLK Day of Service. We hope you’ll consider honoring Dr. King’s legacy of service by volunteering for the MLK Boulevard Clean Up.**

With more than 3,000 Instagram and YouTube media sites including appearances on several social media platforms, the video has more than 3,000 likes.

Additional, **Little Helping Hands will host a family-friendly volunteer fair immediately following the kick off for families with young children. Sign up is required for that event.**

**The MLK Day of Service will begin with a kick-off breakfast at United Way for Greater Austin (2100 E MLK Blvd.) at 9 am. Volunteers will then disperse from the kick-off breakfast to www.handsontcentralexxs.org.**

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**Monday, January 16, 2017**

**Citywide March, Rally & Cultural Festival**

**Sponsored by the City of Austin, H.E.B., Randall’s Grocery, McDonald’s, Austin Community College, Greater Mt. Zion Church, and Ameriprise Financial Services**

**Beginning at the University of Texas, 21st and Speedway (near MLK Statue) and continuing on to the south steps of the State Capitol for a short program. From 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.**

**Festival begins at 11:00 a.m. and will run to 3:00 p.m. Open to the public.**

**For a detailed list of events see Pg. 8**

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**Trey Songz Kicked Out of MGM National Harbor**

by: Chelsea Burwell

Special to the AFRO

December seems like a terrible month for Trey Songz, after being kicked out a casino resort in Maryland and arrested in Detroit.

The end of 2016, spelled nothing but trouble for R&B singer Trey Songz. On Dec. 23, the Virginia native was kicked out of the MGM National Harbor Casino in Oxon Hill, Md. According to a video posted on the entertainer’s Snapchat account on Dec. 23, the 32-year-old, whose real name is Tremaine Neverson, said he was playing cards at a table when a man at another table started “talking trash to me.” He said security approached the man to settle the disturbance, the artist said and he and his crew were ejected from the casino for being “unruly.”

In his Snapchat video, Songz decreed, with profanities, the Prince George’s County Police, the MGM casino in both Prince George’s County and Las Vegas and its employees. The video has appeared on several social media sites including Instagram and YouTube with more than 3,000 views combined.

“**** The MGM, once more,” Songz said in a post on Twitter on Dec. 25. The post was liked by more than 3,000 people and reweeted more than 300 times.

Neither, MGM or Songz’ label commented on the incident. However, in the video, the artist said a MGM staff member offered to accommodate him if his social media posts relating to the incident were deleted.

Even though, the singer vocalizes his displeasure with law enforcement in the video posted to social media, the (Washington Post) reported that Jennifer Donelan, spokeswoman for the Prince George’s County Police Department, said that her department was not involved in Songz’ eviction from the resort.

In a separate incident, on Dec. 28, Songz was taken into custody in Detroit, Mich. for unruly behavior. He was charged Dec. 29 with aggravated assault and assaulting a police officer after he threw microphones and speakers from a stage, following his performance at Detroit’s Joe Louis Arena.

Songz was released from jail Dec. 29 after posting the $25,000 bail, according to (People Magazine). He is scheduled to appear in court on Jan. 5.

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**HTI TO COMMEMORATE THE LEGACY OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.**

**AUSTIN, Texas** – Huston-Tillotson University, in partnership with nine other Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) in the southeast region, will commemorate the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. through community service.

The colleges and universities will collaboratively engage in one of the nation’s largest service projects on Monday, January 16, 2017, reflecting King’s legacy to build capacity, invest in community solutions, create collaborations that value diversity, and improve the wellbeing and empowerment of our community.

This is the second year Huston-Tillotson students will participate in the national HBCU service initiative that will engage more than 60,000 students, faculty, staff, volunteers, stakeholders, and community members in service activities across the nation. With funding from the Corporation for National and Community Service, Huston-Tillotson University has partnered with Kealing Middle School, Blackshear Elementary, the Austin Area Heritage Council, ICJUSP, Peace through Pier, Blackshear Bridge, Six Square, Austin African-American Book Festival, and Keep Austin Beautiful to coordinate service activities that will positively impact our community.

The MLK service activities will take place during January 14-21, 2017. Huston-Tillotson students will not only serve, but create and lead projects that change their lives and the lives of others. The events include: collecting and donating canned food, cultivating community-school gardens at Blackshear and HT, landscaping at Kealing Middle School and Six Square, community clean-up, and a book drive /MLK Read-a-thon donation.

Last year, the students received honorable recognition for their participation in the service projects, and this year, they are dreaming bigger. This is a very exciting opportunity to partner with Austin’s African-American Book Festival and Blackshear Book Read-a-thon.

Each time a HT student reads a book to the students, the book is donated to their library. If you would like to donate books, please stop by our Hilltop location located at Kealing Middle School.

The Huston-Tillotson University 2017 MLK Spread the Service activities include:

- Jan. 14, 10 a.m.: Community Gardening at Blackshear Elem with Blackshear Bridge
- Jan. 16, 6 a.m.: MLK Festival set-up at Huston-Tillotson University
- Jan. 16, 9 a.m.: MLK March, festival, and canned food drive with the Austin Area Heritage Council
- Jan. 16, 10 a.m.: Peace through Pier Social at Blackshear Elementary
- Jan. 17, 10 a.m.: MLK Dream Big Read-a-thon at Blackshear Elementary
- Jan. 21, 12 p.m.: MLK Social at Kealing Middle School
- Community Gardening at Huston-Tillotson, Landscaping at Kealing Middle School, Landscaping at Six Square, and Blackshear/Kealing Neighborhood Clean-up

The HBCUs participating in the MLK Spread the Service Campaign include:

- Albany State University – Albany, GA
- American Baptist College – Nashville, TN
- Benedict College – Columbia, SC
- Clinton College – Rock Hill, SC
- Dillard University – New Orleans, LA
- Huston-Tillotson University – Austin, TX
- Jackson State University – Jackson, MS
- Morehouse College – Atlanta, GA
- Southern University and A&M College – Baton Rouge, LA
- Talladega College – Talladega, AL

If you are interested in learning more about the service projects and would like to participate, donate books, and/or canned foods, please check out our Huston-Tillotson University Facebook Events page and follow us on tag #HBCUSPREADTHESERVICE.

Huston-Tillotson University Alumni Austin Chapter to Host Inaugural MLK Unity Breakfast

**AUSTIN, Texas** – (1.3.17) The Huston-Tillotson University Alumni Austin Chapter will host its inaugural MLK Unity Breakfast “Keeping the Dream Alive”, on Saturday, January 14, 2017.

The speaker is the honorable Mayor of San Antonio, Ivy Taylor. Registration begins at 8 a.m., with breakfast at 8:30 a.m. The breakfast will be held at the Davage-Darden Student Union. Tickets are $5. To purchase tickets, please visit www.htu.edu, and click DONATE in the top right corner of the website, and type in “MLK Breakfast” in the comment/memo section. For more information, call Ashford at 512.914.5902.
Texas Legislature Is In Session
by Toske (Chuch) Adjavon | Villager Columnist

For the next 150 days, the Texas Legislature will be in session. The membership of the Texas Legislature who come from various parts of the state will meet in Austin to discuss and vote on issues that affect all Texans. Moreover, the Texas Legislature that is controlled by the Tea Party Republicans will push for more conservative social policies. Some of the issues that this legislature will try to push are for more “Police friendly” bills. In other words, they will seek to remove some of the wins made by various civil rights groups.

Although Senator Whitmire is a Democrat from Harris County, he has authored Senate Bill 273. Moreover, SB 273 calls for, “the various school districts to teach 9th graders on how to respect police officers.” According to Texas Senator Whitmire Democrat of Harris County, “the recent friction between officers and people of color is caused by the lack of respect coming from the community. However, according to Diaspora Vote, “The SB 273 seeks to be an escape goat to communities of color for the uptick in police brutality.”

On December 30th, the Austin Black Star Social Club (ABSS) hosted their End of Year Party in the heart of Austin. It was an opportunity for the members of the ABSS to come together with the rest of the community. According to Sampson, one of the organizers, “this year we purposely looked for a bigger venue to attract more people to the event and to show that we can put a good program together.” The ABSS is an organization that brings the African community together over the love of soccer. ABSS meets twice a week on Tuesdays and Fridays. According to Sampson, “it allows for good exercise which in turn helps them to stay healthy. Not only does it allow them to stay healthy, but it also serves as a way to bring the family together. The ABSS is rooted in family values. Our events are a way for families to come together and even enjoy each other.”

Moreover, the ABSS end of year party was a memorable night in the African community of Central Texas for the fact that it was very well attended by the community. For instance, there were Africans from various backgrounds from San Antonio, Cameroon, Democratic Republic of Congo, and Liberia of course, as well as organizers, about 200 people attended this event. Finally the ABSS used this night to recognize its members and other individuals who are making a difference in the African community of Central Texas.

African Businesses Booming in Pflugerville
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Over the years, business owners from the African Diaspora have made Pflugerville their business headquarters.

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Moreover, the ABSS end of year party was a memorable night in the African community of Central Texas for the fact that it was very well attended by the community. For instance, there were Africans from various backgrounds from San Antonio, Cameroon, Democratic Republic of Congo, and Liberia of course, as well as organizers, about 200 people attended this event. Finally the ABSS used this night to recognize its members and other individuals who are making a difference in the African community of Central Texas.

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According to the owner who has been in business for over 20 years, “there is a need to have an authentic African restaurant in Central Texas.” He also mentioned that “an Italian American restaurants or Tex-Mex restaurants, so why not have an authentic African restaurants too?” Moreover, Fabaceae will be a location in which the African community and other communities can experience some good African food prepared does not include cooking oil; there are a lot of fresh vegetable produces.” In addition, they serve a variety of foods that come from throughout West Africa along with some “American dishes.” For instance, some of the dishes that they have include Fufu with Egusi Soup, fried plantain; scotched eggs served with pancakes and maple syrup.

BizAid Business Orientation
January 10th 9:00 am | 10:30 am
Entrepreneur Center of Austin
Training Room 1
4029 South Capital of Texas Highway #110

Small Business Development
BizAid Business Orientation provides a general overview of opening a small business or re-evaluating an existing business during its growth. In this session, you will be informed of key questions to consider when developing your business and resources to take you to the next level.

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Trinity University will honor the late Martin Luther King Jr. with a public lecture and participation in a San Antonio march commemorating the slain civil rights leader. The University and the City of San Antonio MLK Jr. Commission’s annual MLK Jr. Commemorative Lecture will feature Dr. Marc Lamont Hill as the keynote speaker at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, January 12 in the Laurie Auditorium on the Trinity University campus.

Dr. Lamont Hill’s speech is titled “From Segregation to Social Justice: What Would King Say?” Dr. Lamont Hill is one of the leading intellectual voices in the country. He is currently the host of BET News and VH1 Live, as well as a political contributor for CNN. An award-winning journalist, Dr. Hill has received numerous prestigious awards from the National Association of Black Journalists, GLAAD, and the International Academy of Digital Arts and Sciences. Dr. Hill is Distinguished Professor of African American Studies at Morehouse College. Prior to that, he held positions at Columbia University and Temple University.

The lecture is free and open to the public. For more information on this lecture, please contact Student Involvement at 210-999-7547.
office workers. Bergenas, Valdes and Alcin were fired, but did not explain the reasons behind the dismissals.

In a statement Friday, Chief Rodolfo Llanes said an internal affairs investigation found the three officers’ actions ‘inconsistent with the mission and values of our department.’

Attorney Stephanie Lopez, who represents the officers, told The Associated Press that his clients were joking and teasing during the conversation that was taken out of context. He pointed out that Alcin is African-American and Valdes has a black grandad.

“They wanted to make an example out of this. But they made an example of the wrong group,” Lopez said.

“Guys didn’t shoot anybody. They were clearly joking around. They had not caused harm before. They terminated them the day before Christmas even though there was nothing wrong,” Lopez said.

According to documents obtained by the Herald, the gaveling also resulted in the firing of a third officer, but did not explain the specific cause.

Valdes suggested a particular intersection in the Overtown community—a specific location for a shooting range tryout.

It said the documents show Bergenas sarcastically suggested the friend looking for a shooting range tryout write to a Bank of America, adding “they’ll give you some cash.” He then suggested they could contact the police district that includes Liberty City and hand the address of the city’s shootings — as another location.

Valdes said he felt his firing was an example that officers could not say things even though she didn’t think they were racist. “You can’t say things unless you don’t think you’re wrong,” he added.

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## 2017 MLK Celebration of Events

**2017 Theme:**

**“LOVE = UNITY = POWER”**

Austin Area Heritage Council Presents Series of Events to Honor Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

### AUSTIN, Texas (January 2, 2017) –

The Austin Area Heritage Council encourages all Austinites to realize Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s dream of unity and equality by participating in the MLK Celebration. This year’s activities include:

- **MLK Oratory Competition**, the Youth Scholarship Awards, and the 2017 MLK Parade on Cameron Village, Rally and Community Festival.

### The festivities begin on Thursday, January 12, 2017 with the MLK Oratory Competition, which will be held at 6:00 p.m. at St. James’ Episcopal Church, located at 1941 Webberly in Northwest Austin.

### The Austin Area Heritage Council is proud to announce that the MLK Celebration will feature the following events:

- **Oratory Competition**
- **Youth Scholarship Awards**
- **MLK Parade on Cameron Village**
- **Rally and Community Festival**

### The MLK Celebration is sponsored by the Austin Area Heritage Council, the University of Texas at Austin, and the City of Austin. For more information, please visit www.austinheritagemlk.org.

### decorated by:

- **NAACP President Cornell William Brooks**
- **Hands on Central Texas**
- **Austin Area Heritage Council**
- **Mt. Olive Baptist Church (1800 E. 11th)**
- **Blackshear Elementary School (1800 E. 11th)**
- **Holy Cross Catholic Church (1610 E. 11th)**
- **Mt. Vernon Elementary School (1910 E. 11th)**
- **Blackshear Elementary School (1610 E. 11th)**
- **Mount Zion Baptist Church (1712 E. 11th)**
- **Guadalupe Catholic Church (1206 E. 9th)**
- **Mt. Olive Baptist Church (1800 E. 11th)**

### The 2016 MLK Celebration ends with the 24th Annual MLK Community March, Rally and Cultural Festival to commemorate the national MLK Day Holiday and celebrate Dr. King’s dream of unity and equality by participating in the MLK Celebration.

### The celebration begins at 11:00 a.m. and features a diversity of events, including:

- **Hands on Central Texas’s MLK Day of Service**
- **Community March, Rally and Cultural Festival**
- **MLK Celebration Awards**

### Hand on Central Texas is a day of service supporting your community. It is a day to change the course of Austin’s future, and it starts with self and with the possibilities of positive change.

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