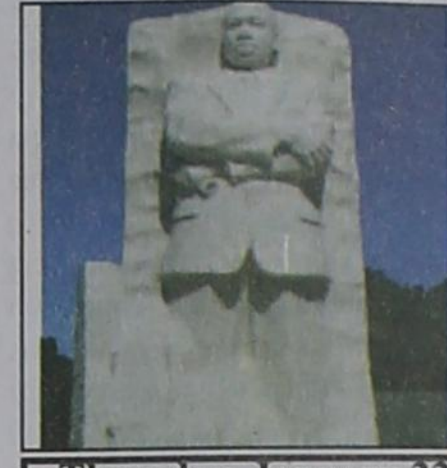




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Community Meetings

- * 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., Mt. Vernon UMC, East 23rd & Cedar Avenue
- * Dunbar Alumni Association meets 2nd Saturdays, 4:00 pm.
- * Booker T. W Washington American Legion, Post 808, meets every 2nd Tuesday at 7:30 pm, American Legion Building in Yellowhouse Canyon.
- * 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 Pot Luck Supper meets on alternating months prior to meeting, meetings held on 2nd Saturdays of each month at 7:00 pm, Educational presentations and demonstrations.
- * The Unified Juneteenth Commission of Lubbock meets every Monday evening at Bryon Martin Technology Center, 3401 Avenue Q, beginning at 6:00 p. m.
- * West Texas Chapter of 100 Black Men of West Texas meets 3rd Monday evenings at 7:00 pm at Lanier Center, 2nd Floor, TTU Law Center.
- * The Parkway & Cherry-Point Neighborhood Association meets the 3rd Tuesday evenings, 7:30 pm at Hunt Elementary School.
- * Chatman Hill Neighborhood Association meets 2nd Thursday of every month at 6:00 pm at 2301 Avenue A.
- * ROOTS meets every 2nd Saturday at 2:00 p. m. at 2301 Avenue A.
- * If you have an announcement about your organization, please advise by calling (806) 762-3612 or e-mail swdigest@sbcglobal.net.

Martin Luther King Commemorative Council: Individuals of Distinction Named At Banquet

The Martin Luther King Commemorative Council of Lubbock named their Individuals of Distinction Awards during their annual banquet at the MCM Elegante Hotel & Suites, 801 Avenue Q, on Friday evening, January 16, 2015.

Those individuals who were honored are as follows: David Anderson, Educator of the Year; Pastor Oscar Deshun Avery, "Pastoral/Leadership of the Year"; Elnora Brooks Jones, "Community Service of the Year"; Coach Mark Llanas, "Coach of the Year"; Corporal John Gonzales, "Law Enforcement Officer of the Year"; and Karen Brown Peoples, "Martin Luther King Board Member of the Year."

Ms. Yolanda Jeffery served as Chairperson of this annual event. She introduced the Master of Ceremony, Mr. George Love. Ms. Staci Brown gave a very informative address about the occasion. Mrs. Vernita Holmes, LISD Board of Trustee, District Two, gave greetings. Lubbock City Councilman Floyd Price, District Two, presented a special recognition on the late Dr. Martin Luther King. Scripture was read by Supt. David Haynes, pastor of Christ Temple COGIC, and prayer was offered by Pastor Kenneth O. Jackson of the New Light Baptist Church.

Mr. Brian Duncan of KLBK-TV delivered a motivating speech. He was introduced by Ms. Jeffery. Special music was given by Mr. Michael Connor and Ms. Joy Harris. The Awards were presented by Ms. Deborah Deary, Ms. Tracey Snell-Jackson, and Ms. Jeffery. Mr. L. V. Andrews, President, gave brief remarks, and invited the public to continue to support this annual event celebrating the life of Dr. King.



The Late Ms. R. G. Thompson

Annual R. B. Thompson Lincoln/Douglass Tea Set

The Annual R. B. Thompson Scholarship Dinner and Entertainment will be held Sunday afternoon, February 8, 2015, beginning at 4:00 p. m. at The Legacy Event Center, 1401 14th Street. This event is sponsored by the Lincoln/Douglass Scholarship Committee.

For information about purchasing a table which seats eight persons, the cost is \$200.00 per table, call (806) 762-3350. Tickets are \$20.00 each, and \$15.00 for students with a valid ID. For additional information, interested may write to: Lincoln/Douglass Committee, P. O. Box 3542, Lubbock, Texas 79452.

Photos of MLK Celebration



MLK YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT PROGRAM -- Pictured above are some of the participants in the Martin Luther King Youth Night held at the Dunbar College Preparatory Academy on Saturday evening, January 17, 2015. After an opening prayer, Mrs. Tracey Snell-Jackson, Chairperson, gave a welcome before a packed auditorium of youth, parents and friends.

The participants in the program were: MLK Youth Choir, Team Flawless, a dance group; MLK Praise Dance, Adyson Alexander, who presented a piano solo; Hub City Divas, a dance group; and Rise Academy, who gave a spoken word and a song and dance.

Also, the B.B.D. Dolls, a dance group; Michael Connor, who gave Mimes with a testimony; and the Texas Tech University Visions of Light who sang a song.

Mr. L. V. Andrews, President of MLK Commemorate Council, gave remarks.

24-Year Old Michigan Man Sent Home From Hospital Without a Human Heart

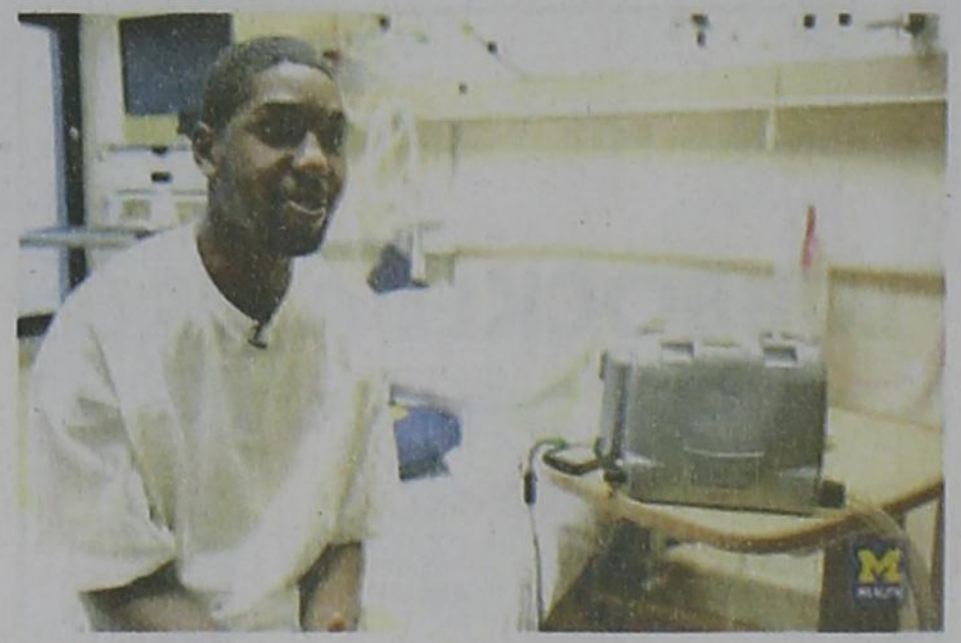


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Detroit, MI — Stan Larkin, a 24-year-old man from the Detroit area, was recently sent home from a local hospital with a completely artificial heart, and doctors say he is in great condition. Larkin is the first person in the state of Michigan to walk out of a hospital with such a medical device.

It's called the Total Artificial Heart (TAH) made by SynCardia, and it is connected to two tubes in his chest that snake out from under his ribs. Those two tubes are connected to a compressor that he carries his backpack. It weighs about 13 pounds. According to USA Today, the technology is extremely revolutionary as it provides him an "ever-present, rhythmic gallop as pulses of precisely calibrated, compressed oxygen are forced into the pneumatic ticker."

But why does he need it? At the young age of just 16, Larkin blacked out while playing basketball and was later diagnosed with Arrhythmogenic Right Ventricular Dysplasia (ARVD), a dangerous heart condition that causes irregular heart rhythm. ARVD is one of several causes of sudden cardiac death among young adults.

Because of his diagnosis, he had to have a defibrillator implanted into his chest that delivered electrical impulses when ever necessary to keep his heart going. But this only lasted a few years, and soon Larkin's heart was working at just a 15% capacity.

After being admitted to the University of Michigan Frankel Cardiovascular Center, doctors had to resort to one of the only options left; They implanted the Total Artificial Heart.

How's it going so far? So far, doctors say all is great. Larkin has been going to the mall, going to church, and even visiting his brother in this hospital, who also has a Total Artificial Heart.

The only disadvantage, Larkin says, is that the compressor he carries around in his backpack

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(806) 761-2121 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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20th Annual Scholarship Gala & Fundraiser

On Saturday evening, January 31, 2015, The 100 Black Men of West Texas, Inc., a 501 (c)3 non-profit organization with a primary mission of mentoring youth and providing scholarship opportunities for high school and college students, will host its 20th Annual Scholarship Gala as we celebrate 20 years of service to the Lubbock Community. This extraordinary event will take place at the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center (1501 Mac Davis Lane) from 6:30 pm – until midnight with dinner served by Honey Child's Catering and will feature a brief awards program. The theme of this year's event is the Roaring 20's and guests will be able to dance all night to the musical

sounds of the Don Caldwell Band. This event is a tremendous opportunity for the community to give back to the youth of West Texas. Last year, the chapter was able to issue over \$25,000 in scholarship support. Continuing that vision through education and leadership is most appropriate and reflects the rich history of the West Texas chapter of 100 Black Men. Sponsorship opportunities and tickets are on sale now. Event tickets are available through Select-A-Seat www.selectaseatlubbock.com (806-770-2000). For further information or questions, please contact Reggie Dial at (806) 438-8464.

16th Annual Mardi Gras For Lubbock Meals on Wheels

Lubbock Meals on Wheels is presenting the 16th annual Mardi Gras Celebration. The event will take place on Tuesday, March 3, 2015 from 5:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. at the Civic Center Exhibit Hall. This spectacular event will include more than 37 food booths (with selections from your favorite local restaurants), live jazz music by the Shinn/Turner Dixieland Band, a large silent auction, cash bars plus a variety of activities and prizes. Colorful masks and beads will be available to make the evening even more festive. Everyone will also enjoy entertainment such as dancers, clowns, magicians, jugglers and flamboyant decorations in the official colors of purple, green and gold. The expanded Children's Area includes bouncers, climbers and face & hair painting to keep the kids entertained. Event tickets are \$35 for adults, \$10 for children 17 and under, and can be purchased in

advance at Lubbock Meals on Wheels, any Select-A-Seat location (service charge applies) or for \$40 at the door. We accept cash, checks or credit cards and will be happy to mail tickets. Benefit drawing will feature Southwest Airlines tickets (only 1000 chances to be sold - \$5 each). Please join us for a fantastic and fun evening and support a great program that feeds the homebound community. In 2014, over 1,600 people were in attendance. For more information call Lubbock Meals on Wheels at 792-7971.

Lubbock Meals on Wheels is a private, non-profit organization, dedicated to preparing and delivering hot, nutritious meals to those who are homebound, elderly, or disabled. With the help of over 1,200 volunteers, over 180,000 meals were delivered in 2014. We receive no government, nor United Way funding.

NEW GODEKE BRANCH TO OPEN JANUARY 26

The new Godeke branch library will be open for business at 12:00 p.m. on Monday, January 26. The new location is approximately 12,000 square feet and includes a children's area and an i-bar which will allow library visitors to sit and charge their laptop or mobile device and utilize the library's online features.

The city spent approximately \$592,000 in construction costs to renovate the building. Among the renovations are new air conditioning units and new bathrooms. The total cost of moving Godeke including but not limited to construction costs, moving library furniture, shelving and books, and storing those items was approximately \$866,000.

The city currently has a five year lease on the building with a monthly base rental charge of \$6,315 for the first two years and a base rent of \$9,472 for the final three. After five years, the city has several options includ-

ing possibly purchasing the building or renewing the lease. Godeke, located at 5034 Frankford Avenue across the street from Lowe's home improvement store, will be open during the following hours:

12 p.m. - 9 p.m. Monday-Tuesday
9 a.m. - 6 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday

Closed on Sundays

The location will also have a new phone number, (806) 775-3362.

"We are very excited to open this new Godeke location, and we think library visitors are really going to enjoy its amenities," said Library Director Jane Clausen. "We appreciate the public's patience using the other library locations while Godeke was closed."

The previous Godeke location at 6707 Slide Road closed in May of 2014.

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is kind of noisy and it draws attention to him. But its a small price to pay, he says. "I'm happy to explain it to curious passersby."

For more details about the Total Artificial Heart, visit www.syncardia.com/total-facts/html

Men, for years now, have been talking about war, about peace. But now, no longer can they just talk about it. It is no longer a choice, between violence and nonviolence in this world: it's nonviolence or nonexistence.

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Former Cosby Show Stars, Keshia Knight-Pulliam and Phylicia Rashad, Defend Bill Cosby



Nationwide — First Keshia Knight-Pulliam, and now Phylicia Rashad is defending their former co-star Bill Cosby on recent rape allegations by more than 15 women.

In an interview on the Today show, Pulliam, who played Rudy on the Cosby Show said, "Honestly, that's not the man I

know... All I can speak to is the man I know and I love the fact that he has been such an example [and] you can't take away from the great that he has done, the millions and millions of dollars he has given back to colleges and education, and just what he did with The Cosby

COMMUNITY WIDE

prayer fasting
2015

A group of churches in the Community have been led to join together for a time of prayer and fasting. The purpose of the Fast is to pray and fast for our Nation, City and Community as we enter into this New Year. We believe that we are stronger and better together than we are by ourselves. (Psalm 133, Ecclesiastes 4:9-12) Jesus said in Matthew 17:21 "This kind goeth not out but by prayer and fasting".

We are inviting the whole Community to join us as we meet our Lord together in cooperate prayer as the church did in Acts 2:1,2 "they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly....."

The Locations for The Community Wide Prayer Gatherings includes the following churches:

Community Baptist	220 MLK Blvd	January 7, @ 7:00-8:00 PM
New Hope Baptist	2002 Birch	January 14, @ 7:00-8:00 PM
Rising Star Baptist	2420 E. Cornell	January 21, @ 7:00-8:00PM
St. John Baptist	1712 E. 29 th	January 28, @ 7:00-8:00 PM
Christ Temple COGIC	2411 Fir Ave	February 4, @ 7:00-8:00 PM
First Progressive Bapt.	4203 East 63 rd	February 11, @ 7:00-8:00 PM
Lyons Chapel Baptist	1704 East 24 th	February 18, @ 7:00-8:00 PM

Please put this prayer times into your schedule as we pray and fast as a Community for the needs of our families, churches, schools, and businesses. We will be asking God to heal our Nation, homes and physical bodies according to II Chronicles 7:14.

Please bring your personal request to be prayed for. Everyone is invited!!

* Life's most persistent and urgent question is, **what are you doing for others?**

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**BLACK HISTORY MONTH
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Mondays at 2 pm in February

Presentation, Discussion and Refreshments

February 2: Paul Laurence Dunbar

Led by Dr. Heenan Thompson

February 9: Maggie Lena Walker

Led by Jean Richardson

February 16: President Barack Obama

Led by Former City Councilman T. J. Patterson

February 23: Booker T. Washington

Led by Student Council Members from
Dunbar College Preparatory Academy



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In Cinque

By Renetta Howard



We have made our resolutions and are heartily working on our plans to bring all of our resolutions to fruition. For me, this is a very serious time of the year as I was given a Five Year Diary as a Christmas present by my college roommate during my senior year. It was then that I began to keep notes of my daily activities. Of course, the Five Year Diary only had about four or five lines for each day's recording, so I only wrote the most significant activity or event of the day in that diary. Some days, I did not write anything. As a matter of fact, there were some weeks that I did not write anything. I was young and free and footloose and had not made any concrete resolutions or set any concrete goals for myself, except to graduate and get out of college and into the adult world of work.

I soon found that graduating from college under the age of 21 was not really an asset. I was considered too young to drive a car as a part of a job and of course, I could not vote and many governments, especially the city and county jobs would not hire people under age 21 for an adult job. This meant that I had to accept secretarial or clerk positions to earn a living until I was old enough to be accepted as an adult. Some of my diary entries were definitely significant. Imagine being in a wedding after party and not allowed to enter a night club to hear Dianah Washington sing because I was not 21 years of age. How devastating! I needed more than five lines for that entry.

I continued to get the Five Year Diaries until adult life took on more momentum and I graduated to a One Year Diary which allowed a page per year, the size of the normal week's entries. I could write more with a few details but I could not make any comparisons of any previous

year. I also became the "go to" person in our family when someone wanted to know about some specific incident or family statistic.

Realizing the importance of my diary keeping, I decided a few years ago to acquire a journal sized book with more than 360 pages and convert it to the kind of diary that I really wanted. My love for butterflies led me to buy books with butterflies on them somewhere. I devote the first couple pages of my book to reviewing the past year and then I list my goals for the year before I record anything. I date stamp each day by name and date. In the middle of the book, I allow a couple of pages for a midyear review and at the end of the year, a couple of pages for the year in review. In addition, I provide space for the year's census by month and my connection to the deceased. There is also a space to review and calculate my finances.

Any goals which I do not complete in a given year are carried over to the next year and as I complete one, it is taken off the list with a notation of completion. Should a new, necessary goal come into play, it is added to my list. I have found this system very rewarding. It may be something you would like to try to help you to keep your lifetime resolutions. Let us get 'in cinque' and make 2015 a positively eventful year.

Gotcha!

Most bad guys haven't a clue that police now have access to technology that can provide a "Snapshot" of those who commit crimes even if there were no witnesses, according to the Association of Mature American Citizens

Parabon Nanolabs located in Reston, VA developed the "Snapshot" process, which is al-

Letter to the Editor

"An Ignorant Man"

by Maurice Williams

(Editor's Note: This is the continuation of the article which appeared in Thursday, January 8, 2015, issue. This letter was written by Maurice Williams, and he will appreciate your input, via letters. Ye Ed)

In the recent airing of ABC's Meet The Press, Giuliani repeated one of the rustiest, most offensive racist arguments one can find. What the former mayor failed to mention is this true of almost every "tribe" in America. One of the key social ecology facets of killing is pretty straightforward. It is overwhelmingly done in groups. It is helpful to note, for example, 83% of white murderers, kill white people. Domestic killings, you see, is done among intimatos, spouses, friends, and family; these are the primary victims of killers. They share many socio-economic and racial characteristics with their typical victims. The other really is that we continue to live and hang in largely segregated neighborhoods, churches, clubs, solidarities of every kind; it is not really surprising, therefore; that killing would be "sioted."

That is why and diversity pro Michael Eric Dyson -- who confronted Mr. Giuliani on "Meet The Press" was right. We need more diversity in cop shops, it is a key or one of the keys to reducing cultural confusions and misapprehensions, especially ones that occurs in the midst of a violence situation. Also, it might keep some white cops from killing unarmed blacks.

by Maurice Williams

ready in use by several police departments in the U.S. and abroad. The police provide a DNA sample found at a crime scene and the company puts it through a process known as phenotyping.

"Snapshot translates this raw genetic code into predictions of

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THIS N' THAT

by T. J. Patterson

THE 44TH MARTIN LUTHER KING CELEBRATION WAS OUTSTANDING! THIS N THAT along with hundreds of Lubbockites were in attendance of the **44TH ANNUAL CELEBRATION OF THE DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING CELEBRATION** and it very informative..... THIS N THAT hope our young people really understand and know who the late **DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING** really was and why his life was taken by a person in Memphis, Tennessee at the age of 39.

THIS N THAT is hoping as young people as can will take time to see the motion picture **SELMA** which is being shown in Lubbock..... This movie will give you an idea of who this man **DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING** really was..... Just think for 44 years **THE MARTIN LUTHER KING COMMEMORATIVE COUNCIL** has been telling this story and **THIS N THAT** is glad to see this continue..... **THIS N THAT** remembers the first celebration which was held at the

BETHEL AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH when the pastor was **REV. STEPHEN PIERSON**.

JUST AN IDEA! THIS N THAT would as the **MARTIN LUTHER KING COMMEMORATIVE COUNCIL** to look into an opportunity to add two items to their annual celebration. They are: **DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING BREAKFAST** and **A DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING PARADE**..... What about these two items? Please advise.

Beyond the Rhetoric

By Harry C. Alford

Mr. President, This Denial Game isn't working!

President Barack Obama has been catching hell from all sides lately because of his refusal to utter the words "Islamic Extremism". All of the unrest, tyranny, mayhem and atrocities that are being performed by jihadists or Muslim zealots are definitely based on Islamic Extremism. Women and children are dying by the thousands and the White House seems to be more worried of the mainstream image of Islam than the health and welfare of innocent people from every continent on this earth. It seems so juvenile how spokespersons for this administration dodge the use of "Islamic Extremism" when pressured by the press. Some reporters have shouted at them "say it! Say Islamic Extremism" but they hold to their naïve position. This denial strategy is feeding the evil doers and helping them to recruit young and impressionable youth

Why is the President of the United States so soft on Islamic

terrorism? Why didn't he go to Paris for the Leadership Summit? I believe this is the result of a long process. President Obama has a strong affinity to Islam which started forming almost from his birth. His father was a multi-generational Muslim. His subsequent step-father was a life-long Muslim. He spent years in Indonesia living as an Indonesian. His formative years had three prongs of influence: 1. Islam from Kenya 2. Islam from Indonesia and 3. No emphasis on any particular religion. Islam is in his "bones". His brothers, sisters and step siblings are all Muslims. In his early adulthood he took voluntary vacations to Pakistan and India to visit his Muslim buddies. His most trusted adviser, Valerie Jarrett, was born in the Shiite Islamic nation of Iran and spoke Farsi as a child. Her parents were committed to service in this Islamic nation. The affinity is there = "cut and dried" = documented.

We have a growing and fearsome enemy right now. It is Islamic Extremism. A strong leader must first recognize who the enemy is. A great example of strong leadership is General Colin Powell. As we were about to invade Iraq for the first time, he gave a full blown press conference. "The enemy is called the Iraqi Republican Guards. We will move them to the north-east. After we have them cut off - we will kill it!" That is just what he did - all 80,000 of them. The rest of the Iraqi military turned around and started running away. That is how you handle physical conflict. You don't try to ignore it or explain it away. You don't call a murderous army such as ISIS a JV team and expect them to get their feelings hurt and turn around. We control the strongest military on earth and he is acting like some silly boy trying psychology on the school yard bully. That is cruising for a bruising.

There is a growing problem very lethal to the well-being of everyone on this earth. We can't get along with the head chopping, blood dripping Islamic

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Written by Evangelist Billy "BJ" Morrison, III

I John 2:15 -- Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world.

GOD WARNED US IN HIS WORD; WHAT WOULD HAPPEN IN THE LAST DAYS. And the CHURCH SEES these things; AND THEY LOOK THE OTHER WAY!!!

Ecclesiastes 3:1, 2a, 7b -- To everything there is a season, and a time to be very purpose under heaven. A time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up that is planted; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak.

The CHURCHES SEE THE SIGNS, and they know it's HARVEST TIME!!! But the CHURCHES HAVE ONE THING ON THEIR MONEY HUNGRY MINDS!!!

**** WILL THE CHURCHES ROB GOD??? YES, THEY WILL!!!! ****

Yes, the CHURCHES WILL ROB GOD; they'll open their doors to WORSHIP M.L.K. DAY: JESUS SAID, WORSHIP ONLY ME, BECAUSE I'M THE WAY!!!

John 14: -- Jesus said, I am the way, the truth, and the life; no man cometh unto the Father

but by me. (WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE IN O'LU-CIFER; THE BRIGHT AND MORNING STAR; JUDAS ISCARIOT, JIM JONES, AL SHARPTON, AND MARTIN LUTHER KING??? THEY ALL DESERTED THE CAUSE OF GOD TO DO THEIR OWN THING -- TO SERVE THEIR FLESH, WHICH IS OF THE DEVIL!!!)

Galatians 16:8 -- I marvel that you are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another Gospel. Though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other Gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed.

Matthew 7:22-23 -- Jesus said, many shall say to me in that day, Lord, Lord have we not prophesied in thy name? And in thy name have cast out devils? And in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never know you; depart from me, you that work iniquity. -- "WE'RE TO PREACH JESUS' DEATH, BURIAL AND RESURRECTION."

I Corinthians 10:21 -- You cannot drink the cup of the Lord, and the cup of the devils; you cannot be partakers of the Lord's table, and the table of devils.

Isaiah 1:4a -- Ah sinful nation, a people laden with iniquity, a seed of evildoers, children who are corrupters: they have forsaken the Lord.

**** THE HEATHEN'S CHILDREN ARE CURSED!!!! ****

AMERICA'S HEATHENS, AND THE TROUBLE MAKER ARE RIOTING IN THE STREETS. JESUS TOLD JUDAS ISCARIOT, M.L.K., JIM JONES, AND AL SHARPTON, SALVATION IS WHAT YOU'RE TO PREACH!!!

Isaiah 55:8 -- For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, said the Lord.

**** GOD'S FOLLOWERS ARE ROBBING HIM!!!! ****

(HEATHERNS ARE PREACHING: "SAYING: WHAT DO WE WANT? DEAD COPS, WHEN? NOW!!!) AMERICAN CHILDREN HAVE KILLED THE POLICEMEN, AND RUNNING CRAZY IN HER STREETS. NEED TO STOP PLAYING VIGILANTE; IT'S TIME TO GET DOWN ON OUR KNEES!!!

Phillippians 2:5 -- Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus.

II Chronicles 7:14 -- Jehovah said, if my people (CHRISTIANS) which are called by name, shall humble themselves (CHRISTIANS),

St. Matthew Baptist Church News

Rev. Edward Canady, Pastor 2020 East 14th Street Lubbock, Texas

Church services again was well attended Sunday morning, January 18, 2015, at the St. Matthew Baptist Church, 2020 East 14th Street, where the proud pastor is Rev. Edward Canady.

Sunday morning services begun at 10:10 a. m. with Sunday School Superintendent, Sister Shirley Davis, in charge of the Sunday School services. Praise God for all the knowledge we receive during Sunday School.

Our teacher, Sister Susie Davis, was well and back at her post of duty last Sunday morning. She taught such a wonderful lesson.

Our Sunday School's subject was "Someones On My Side." The lesson passage was Hebrews 4:44 & 5:10.

**** The Sunday morning devo-

tion was conducted by Deacon Edward Williams and Rev. Phenix.

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 "If It's Not One Thing, It's Another." His scripture was Job 1:13-19.

What an informative sermon it was for all in attendance to hear.

**** The morning announcements were read by our First Lady, Sister Shirley Canady.

**** The weekly meetings held at the St. Matthew Baptist Church are as follows:

The Missionary Society meets on Wednesday evenings at 5:00 p. m.

Bible Study is held on

Wednesday evenings at 6:00 p. m.

The Choir practices on Saturday afternoon at 3:00 p. m. If you like to sing, then come and join our Choir.

Remember, your involvement in any of these important meetings is key to our growth.

**** St. Matthew Baptist Church is asking anyone interesting in playing for the St. Matthew Baptist Church, then contact Rev. Edward Canady at (806) 744-2445.

**** Let us continue to pray for our sick and shut-in.

**** **Thought For The Week:** "God bears the world's weight on his shoulder; yet holds His children in the palm of His hand."

**** **God Bless Each of You!**

Former Cosby Stars Comments

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Show and how groundbreaking that was."

On the The Wendy Williams Show, she said, "The Cosbys, we were the first family that no matter what race, religion, you saw yourself in. ... At the end of the day they are allegations. ... I

and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways (CHRISTIANS), then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.

don't have that story to tell."


Rashad, who played Claire Huxtable on the hit show, reiterated the same message.

She told a reporter from Showbiz 411 that she thinks the controversy is a well-coordinated smear campaign. She commented, "Forget these women. What you're seeing is the destruction of a legacy. And I think it's orchestrated. I don't know why or who's doing it, but it's the legacy. And it's a legacy that is so important to the culture... Someone is determined to keep Bill Cosby off TV, and it's worked. All his contracts have been canceled."

Defending the integrity of Cosby's wife, Camille, Rashad

added, "This is a tough woman, a smart woman. She's no pushover."

And regarding Cosby not yet making a public statement about the allegations, she said, "If he spoke now, what do you think the media would do with it?"



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Whatever Happened to an Old-Fashioned Handshake?

Dr. James L. Snyder

I must confess I do have some old-fashioned biases. I would be the first to admit I'm not up to date on the latest fad or trend.

I come from that era that believed the well-dressed man is one that doesn't stand out from everybody else. I've tried to keep to that all these years. I certainly don't want to stand out and have people recognize me or point their finger at me and whispered to each other.

For years, I've been very careful about that. Now, it seems that because I try to dress like a well-dressed man and not stand out I am in fact standing out. Nobody, except me and two other people, really care about being well-dressed.

This has never been an issue with me and it even now is not an issue. But reflecting on the past year and looking forward to the year before me, I have to

take some calculations. According to my calculation, I no longer fit into that "well-dressed man" category, because the term "well-dressed man" does not mean what it used to mean.

I hate it when something outlasts its definition.

To be a well-dressed man today, according to the latest fads and trends I have noticed, I need to throw away my belt and let my trousers drop all the way down to my knees.

Let me go on record as saying, never in a million years will that happen.

Then there is the issue about a necktie. Am I the last person on planet earth wearing a necktie?

Very few people today know how to tie a necktie. Well, I do and I will until they put me in a casket and then I hope I'm still wearing a tie. So if you come to

my funeral and look at me in the casket and I'm not wearing a tie, complain to someone for me.

The latest trends and fads have no interest to me whatsoever.

This came to my attention recently when I had to sign some legal papers for something to do with the church. I had to sign here, initial there, sign the next page, initial three pages and it went on and on until I ran out of ink.

I'm one of those old-fashioned guys that use a fountain pen and all that signing and initialing drained all of the ink out of my fountain pen. Before I finished, I was on the verge of carpal tunnel.

I sighed rather deeply, looked

at the gentleman (I think he was a gentleman because he was dressed like a gentleman), and said kind of sarcastically, "Do you remember the old-fashioned handshake?"

He looked at me without smiling and then said, "Here are some more papers for you to sign."

I thought I was signing my life away, but in reality, I was just signing my ink away.

I do remember when a handshake really meant something. Just about everything was sealed with a handshake and both parties were as good as their word. It would take a lot of undoing to undo that handshake. Now, you're only as good as the word on a piece of paper over your

signature. Then, some lawyer can finagle it around to mean something other than what you really meant it in the first place. So what's the purpose of all this?

I know you're not supposed to say this, but I will, I sure long for the good old days when a handshake was all you needed. I get tired of the rigmarole passing as business these days. I get tired of paperwork that's piled higher than the tallest tree in the forest.

Of course, if we go back to that handshake scenario, it will put many lawyers out of business. What would these people do for a living? I have some ideas, but I'm going to keep that to myself.

Trust has gone out of our culture today because everybody is only after what they can get for themselves and they don't care how they get it.

A handshake met something in "the day." In fact, I believe it was more binding than all of the paperwork and signed documents and legalese we have today. It's hard to sue a handshake!

What I want to know is simply this. When we replaced the good old-fashioned handshake with all of this legalese stuff, are we better off? Have we simplified everything and covered all of the bases?

The answer is a loud no. A man's word used to be his bond and something he would never go back on.

The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage and I have lived on that marital philosophy all of our married life. I know in the marriage ceremony there is no "handshake." But the philosophy of that handshake is right there. When I said "I do," and she responded by another "I do," we were shaking hands and saying to everybody around us but particularly to one another, "We do."


I think James shook the right hand when he wrote, "But above all things, my brethren, swear not, neither by heaven, neither by the earth, neither by any other oath: but let your yea be yea; and your nay, nay; lest ye fall into condemnation" (James 5:12).

I'm all for getting back to the good old days when a handshake was all you needed.

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Obsequies

Retha Williams

Brownfield, Texas -- Funeral services were held for Retha Williams on Saturday afternoon, January 10, 2015, at the First United Methodist Church.

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

Williams, 95, of Lubbock, Texas, passed away on Tuesday, December 30, 2014.

Retha was born on August 2, 1929 to the parent age of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph and Elizabeth Carston in Oberlin, La.

Retha was preceded in death by her parents, Joseph and Elizabeth Carston; her husband, Harvey Williams; three daughters: Betty Sue Phelps, Mildred Marie and Diann; three sisters; four brothers and one grandson.

She leaves to cherish her memories: four daughters: Shaniel Dawson (C.C.), Terry Brooks (James), Ella Williams, and Amanda Williams; four sons: Harvey Williams (Mary), Donnie Williams (Pamela), Jerry Williams (Crystal), and Ralph



Williams; 34 grandchildren; 53 great-grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

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Sad News — ESPN Anchor Stuart Scott Dies From Cancer at 49-Years Old



Stuart Scott

Nationwide — Longtime ESPN anchor Stuart Scott died recently from cancer. He was only 49 years old.

Scott, who was diagnosed with cancer back in 2007, battled recurring bouts of the disease but continued in his career as an award-winning sports journalist. Just last year, he delivered an epic speech about his fight with cancer at the ESPYS, when accepting the Jimmy V Award for Perseverance.

During his acceptance speech, he said, "When you die, it does not mean that you lose to cancer. You beat cancer by how you live, why you live, and in the manner in which you live."

Scott was particularly known

for his NBA, NFL and MLB commentary, and his signature phrases such as "Boo-Yah!" and "As cool as the other side of the pillow." Other phrases included: "Just call him butter cause he's on a roll!" and "Call him carwash cause he's automatic!" He also is credited for infusing hip-hop culture in his commentary.

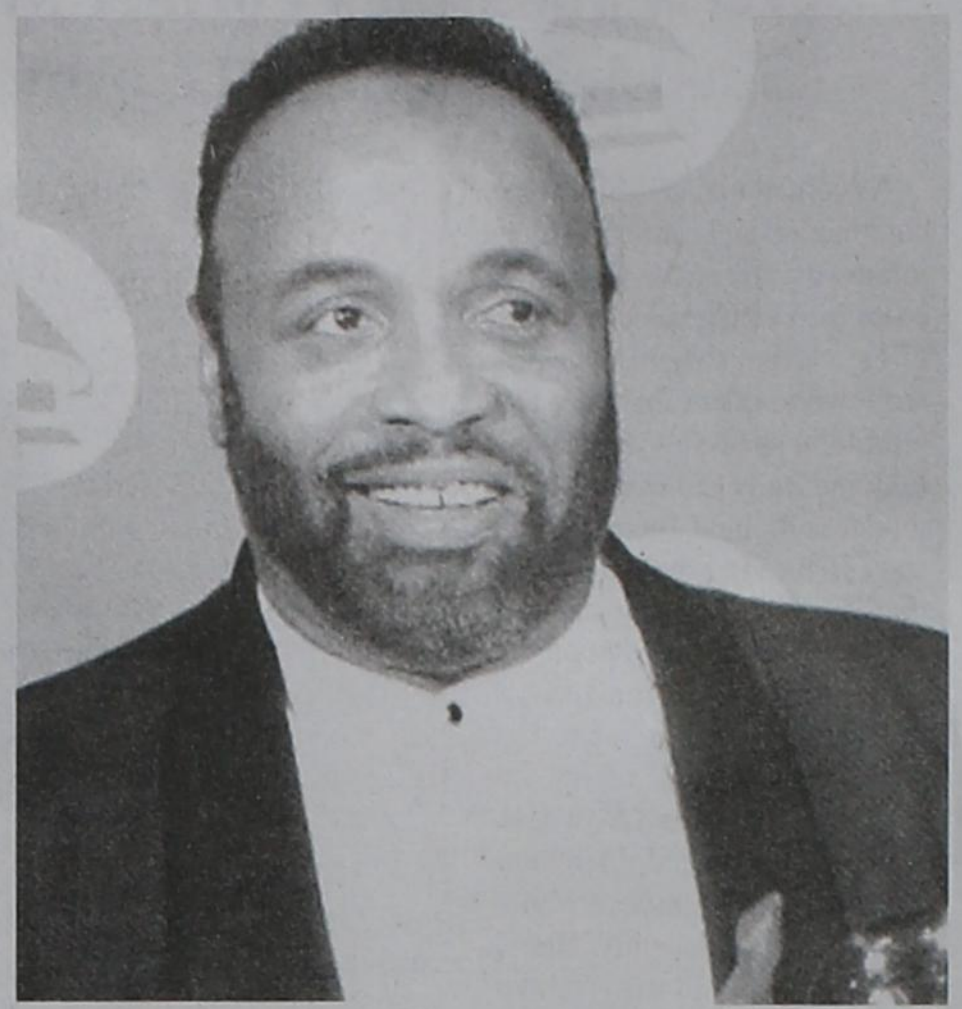
"He didn't just push the envelope," said former ESPN anchor and current radio host, Dan Patrick. "He bulldozed it."

ESPN personality Jemele Hill, commented, "I can never put into words what an incredible person Stuart Scott was. Truly one of the best people I've ever met in my life."

President Obama, who played a few minutes of one-on-one basketball with Scott during his 2008 campaign, commented, "Stu helped usher in a new way to talk about our favorite teams and the day's best plays."

Scott was born in Chicago, but grew up in Winston-Salem, N.C. where he graduated from the University of North Carolina with a bachelor's degree in speech communications. He went on to work at TV stations in South Carolina, North Carolina, and Florida before joining the ESPN in 1993.

He is survived by his girlfriend Kristin Spodobalski, and two daughters — Taelor, 19, and Sydni, 15.



Andrae Crouch

Gospel music legend Andrae Crouch Dies

Andrae Crouch, a seven-time Grammy winner and gospel music legend, died Thursday at a Los Angeles-area hospital, his publicist said on his website.

Crouch was 72 and had been hospitalized at Northridge Hospital Medical Center since Saturday.

While Crouch was well-known for his gospel work with his choir, the Disciples, he also produced and arranged songs for pop artists such as Michael Jackson.

No cause of death was given. Crouch revolutionized gospel music in the 1970s, giving it a power and verve that propelled him out of the church and into the mainstream, although he rarely never left the church either. "Crouch was an innovator, a path-finder, a precursor in an industry noted for its conservative, often derivative approach to popular music," Robert Darden

wrote for Christianity Today. "He combined gospel and rock, flavored it with jazz and calypso as the mood struck him and the song called for it."

Some of Crouch's best-known songs are "My Tribute," "The Blood Will Never Lose Its Power" and "Soon and Very Soon."

Often called "the father of modern gospel music," Crouch was inducted into the Gospel Music Association Hall of Fame in 1998 and his songs have been covered by artists as varied as Bob Dylan, Elton John, Barbara Mandrell, Paul Simon, Elvis Presley and Little Richard.

And if you needed to give your song a gospel feel, he was the go-to guy. Crouch directed the choirs that sang on Madonna's "Like a Prayer" and Michael Jackson's "Man in the Mirror."

Publisher Les Kimber dies at the age of 80

FRESNO, CA -- Local icon legend Lesly (Les) Howard Kimber, passed away on Saturday, January 10, 2015. Les was surrounded by family and friends. He was 80 years old.

Kimber was the first black elected city councilman from West Fresno. He was co-founder of the California Advocate Newspaper, Fresno's only African-American media outlet and founder of Fresno's annual Martin Luther King holiday celebration. Details of his celebration service will be forthcoming.

The family thanks the community for their support and



Lesly (Les) Howard

continued prayers.

ice, Smith Recreation Center, and Smith Vending Service before retiring. Smith was an astute business man and was very giving to his community.

He professed his love for Christ and was a faithful member of Mt. Olive Baptist Church. He will be missed.

Howard, Sr. was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Eloise; two brothers; four sisters; and a daughter.

He leaves to cherish his memories: four sons: Howard Smith, Jr. a wife, Joyce of Synder, Texas, Herman Smith of Synder, Continue on Page 9

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Howard Smith, Sr. Succumbs In Snyder

Snyder, Texas -- Funeral services were held for Howard Smith, Sr. on Saturday afternoon, January 10, 2015, at the Bell-Cypert-Seale Chapel with Rev. Shannon Harrison officiating.

Interment was held in the Hillside Memorial Gardens in Snyder.

Smith passed away on Sunday, January 4, 2015.

He was born September 26, 1931 in Moscow, Arkansas to Joe and Mattie (Donnellson) Smith.

He married Eloise Newsome on December 5, 1963 in Snyder. She preceded him in death on May 20, 2011.

Howard became a member of the Snyder Community in 1949.



He began working at the Conoco Service Station, but moved to Universal Oil Well Service where he worked for 35 years. At the same time, he owned and operated Smith Janitorial Serv-

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Beverly Johnson's Former Manager Claims She Lied About Bill Cosby Accusations

As comedy legend Bill Cosby continues to sink further in to the infamy of allegations from 30 or so women who are accusing him of past sexual atrocities, veteran Hollywood talent manager Don Gibble is speaking out. Gibble told The Daily Caller that former model and client Beverly Johnson (pictured), who also claims that Cosby allegedly drugged and assaulted her, lied about her meeting with the media tycoon.

Johnson, who was the first African-American model to grace the cover of Vogue, recounted her allegedly frightening Cosby encounter in Vanity Fair Magazine recently, stating that she met Cosby at his brownstone in New York City after landing a gig on his highly rated "The Cosby Show."

After chatting a bit, Johnson claims Cosby offered her a cappuccino that was spiked, and after she called Cosby everything but a child of God, he allegedly picked her up, dragged her outside, and flung her in to a cab.

According to Johnson, she is only coming forward now because she wants to encourage other victims to come forward and to tell their stories.

Gibble, who reportedly goes back 20-something years with the striking beauty, claims, however, that he heard the famous Cosby meeting story told several times over by her and not once did she ever mention how Cosby had ever tried to drug her. As a matter of fact, Gibble contends Johnson told him that Camille, Cosby's wife of 50-plus years, was present at the non-eventful brunch meeting.

"She said she had brunch with him and his wife, and it was a great experience. And then on 'The View,' it flip-flopped," Gibble said, referring to Johnson's recent appearance on the popular ABC-TV daytime chat-



Beverly Johnson

fest. "It was odd to me that she changed her story. She said [she was] drugged and raped. I just remember that was not the conversation we had. And we had it repeatedly. It was brunch. It was just one time. It was a typical nice pleasant experience. It can be easily proven that Camille Cosby was at that brunch, so it was kind of dumb for her to lie."

Gibble told the news outlet that her personal meeting with Cosby had actually taken place only once.

Johnson also told the former

manager that she and Cosby would only run in to each other at functions, such as NAACP affairs. According to Gibble, Johnson even listed Cosby as one of the Hollywood producers that she had a good relationship with and hoped to work with again. "Basically, she only had a good experience with him, so if he had been producing something at that time, I could have easily called that office and gotten her an appointment."

Hmm, the plot thickens!

Don't Sleep On Nap Time. Here's Why It's Crucial To Memory In Babies



A recent study suggests that regular naps are critical to memory retention in younger children, BBC News reports.

In University Of Sheffield trials, 216 babies as old as 12

Georgia Mom Horrified Upon Seeing Surveillance Video Of 11-Year-Old Son's Teacher Choking Him

Imagine Chiquita Hanley's (pictured) horror at seeing a surveillance video of her 11-year-old son, Ravon, being choked by one of his teachers in the cafeteria of his DeKalb County, Ga., elementary school. Hanley's nightmarish incident, which took place on May 22, reportedly occurred because the teacher, Stephanie Fleet, claims she was defending herself

months failed to remember new tasks if they didn't get extended sleep soon after.

The team conducting the study concluded that infants learn best when new information is followed by sleep. They also noted that reading to young ones before bedtime is imperative for boosting their literacy.

Babies in the program learned tasks by interacting with hand puppets. Half of those babies napped within four hours of learning the tasks; the rest experienced no sleep or under 30 minutes of it.

The following day, the babies were encouraged to repeat what they'd learned. Findings showed that one-and-a-half tasks could be repeated in the first group, none in the latter.

"Those who sleep after learning learn well, those not sleeping don't learn at all," commented Dr. Jane Herbert, from Sheffield's department of psychology.

Previously, experts assumed that wide-awake babies are better learners. However, it "may be the events just before sleep that are most important," Herbert added.

The results lend credence to the idea that sleep is important in general. Though scientists have yet to discover why people sleep, another study by the University of Harvard suggests it can assist memory and learning in people of all ages.

against the child who had allegedly struck and cursed at her, according to WXIA-TV.

Hanley, who was informed about the incident, filed a request with the school district to view the incident involving her son, which was captured on a surveillance camera in the school's cafeteria. When the Mom reportedly began watching the video, she was reportedly not prepared emotionally for what she was about to witness:

Ravon is seen sitting at a table when Fleet grabs, then chokes, him from behind. The child is lifted out of the chair in the chokehold and dragged across the cafeteria with his feet barely touching the floor.

Fleet is then met in the hallway by two other teachers, who in turn, take him to the principal's office.

The video does not depict the child causing a disruption of any kind before the chokehold.

According to Fleet, who stands by her actions, she resorted to "an acceptable defensive hold"



Chiquita Hanley

for Ravon because he allegedly tried to hit her.

The school district placed Fleet on a three-day suspension sans pay, given a letter of reprimand, and put on a professional development plan.

Meanwhile, Hanley says Fleet's actions are unacceptable, "She choked somebody's child, and she's able to get back in to the same building and teach."

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George Zimmerman Arrested Again

George Zimmerman is in the news again after yet another encounter with police.

This time, Trayvon Martin's killer was arrested on suspicion of aggravated assault and domestic violence with a weapon. After being arrested in Lake Mary, Fla., at a home owned by his parents, he was booked into John E. Polk Correctional Facility in nearby Sanford at about 9:45 p.m. Friday night.

His lawyer, Don West, says that Zimmerman allegedly threw a wine bottle at his girlfriend earlier in the week. "Whatever happened took place several days ago," West told reporters. "And, as far as I know, they have not been together for some time, certainly not since then."

The arresting officer first learned of the incident after stopping Zimmerman's girlfriend last Monday night in a routine traffic stop, shortly after the fight. He could not reach Zimmerman on Monday or Tuesday and was off on Wednesday and Thursday, which explains the delay in the arrest.

The alleged victim has not been identified, although a police spokesperson said she is not the same girlfriend whom Zimmerman was arrested for allegedly assaulting in 2013.

"It's clear he hasn't been very lucky with the ladies the last few months," West said of his client.

Zimmerman appeared in court on Saturday and was ordered not to contact the girlfriend. He was also told to surrender any firearms that he owns. He was released after posting \$5,000 bail. He is due back in court on February 17.

Since he was acquitted of the 2012 shooting death of unarmed Black teen Trayvon Martin, Zimmerman has found himself back in the spotlight on a regular basis.

Shortly after the July 2013 verdict, Zimmerman was pulled over for speeding in Texas. That September, his ex-wife accused him of threatening her and her father with a gun, but ultimately



decided against filing a complaint. Two months later, he was arrested for a domestic-violence incident, but his then girlfriend asked that charges be dropped. Last September, a man claimed that Zimmerman threatened to kill him in a road-rage incident; Zimmerman was not arrested

and has not been charged in that incident.

In a rare public appearance at, of all things, a gun show in March 2014, Zimmerman stumbled when asked whether he feels any remorse for the death of Martin.

100 Black Men To Be Honored During Black History Banquet

The Black Faculty and Staff Association will be honoring The 100 Black Men of West Texas (Community), and Dr. Ralph Ferguson of Texas Tech University at their kick-off event for Black History Month. The banquet will begin at 5:30 p.m. on Saturday evening, February 7, 2015, at The Lubbock Women's Club, 2020 Broadway.

There is limited seating. Tickets for the banquet are \$12 per person and \$6 for students with

valid I.D. (Texas Tech or High School). Table sponsorships are also available. You must RSVP in advance to Dr. Aretha Marbley at aretha.marbley@ttu.edu, or 834-5541 by 5 pm Monday, February 2, 2015.

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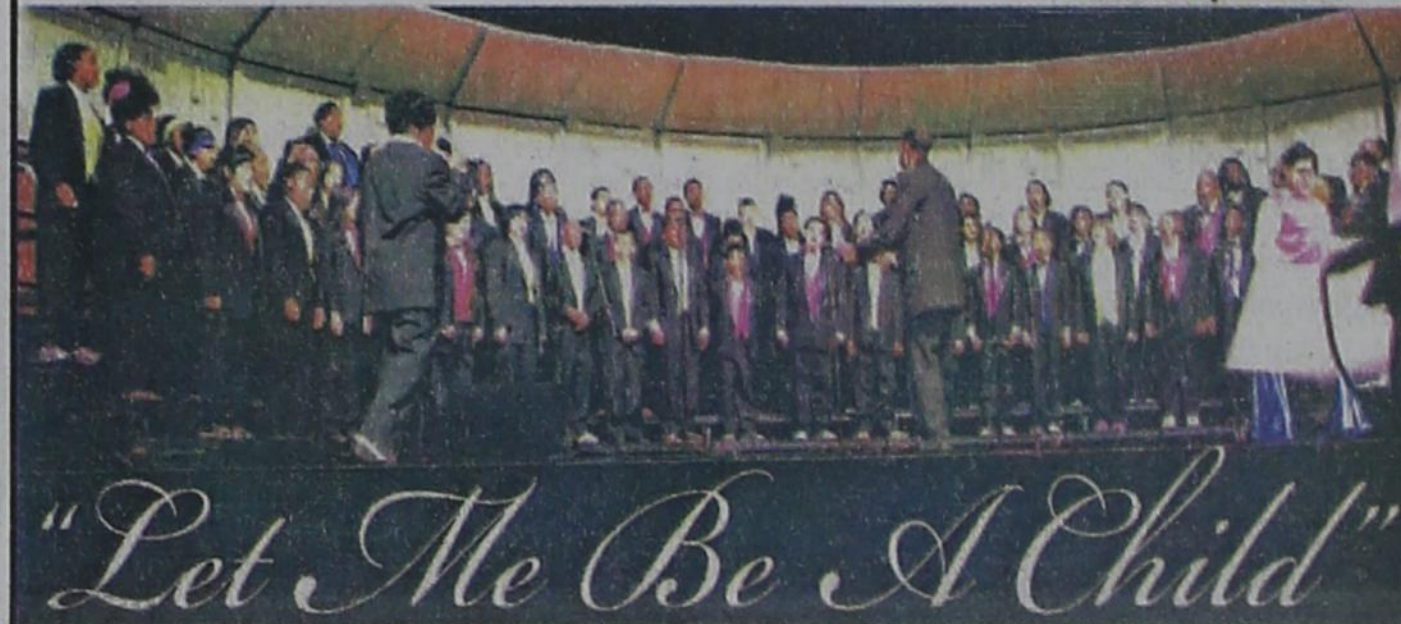
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Oscars Snubs Selma

By Julissa Catalan



Many were shocked Thursday morning, January 15, 2015, when the nominations for the 2015 Academy Awards were announced and the critically acclaimed film Selma was shut out of almost every anticipated category. The snub helped make this year's Oscars the "whitest" since 1998, with not one Black person nominated for an acting award.

While Selma—the film set in 1965 about Martin Luther King Jr.'s march from Selma to Montgomery, Ala., at the peak of the civil-rights movement—was nominated for Best Picture, Ava DuVernay was notably missing from the Best Director category, while David Oyelowo was not nominated for Best Actor for his portrayal of Martin Luther King Jr.

Had DuVernay been nominated, she would have made history by becoming the first Black woman ever nominated for Best Director.

She also would have become the fifth woman to be nominated

Georgia Mom

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she said. "If it was me choking my own child caught on tape, there's no way that my two kids would still be in the house with me. She should not be teaching."

The miffed Mom plans on seeking the advice of legal counsel regarding Fleet's behavior.

for Best Director—the only one to win was Kathryn Bigelow in 2010 for The Hurt Locker.

It's not just a woman thing. Black men have not done well at the Oscars either when it comes to the Best Director category. Only three Black men have ever been nominated—John Singleton for Boyz n the Hood (1991), Lee Daniels for Precious (2009) and Steve McQueen for 12 Years a Slave just last year—and none of them won.

This year's Oscars are a big contrast compared with last year's ceremony, which was applauded for the diversity of its nominees and winners. To recap:

Lupita Nyong'o won Best Supporting Actress for 12 Years a Slave, becoming the sixth Black woman to win in this category. She followed Hattie McDaniel (Gone with the Wind), Whoopi Goldberg (Ghost), Jennifer Hudson (Dreamgirls), Mo'Nique (Precious) and Octavia Spencer (The Help).

Meanwhile, 12 Years a Slave became the first Best Picture winner with a Black director, McQueen, who dedicated his award to "all the people who have endured slavery and the 21 million people who still suffer

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slavery today."

Jared Leto won Best Supporting Actor for his portrayal of Rayon, a character who was both HIV positive and transgender, in the film Dallas Buyers Club.

According to the Los Angeles Times, out of 6,028 Academy award voters, 93 percent are white, while 76 percent are male.

Ironically, the Academy's President, Cheryl Boone Isaacs, is a Black woman who has openly advocated for more diversity.

"We're in the second decade of the 21st century, and it's a whole new environment for entertainment," Boone Isaacs told Variety.

"I think part of this is a recognition that there are different voices that need to be heard—and that there are audiences for these different voices. We at the Academy want to be a place where these voices can be recognized."

The only other category for which Selma received an Oscar nomination was Best Song, for "Glory" by Common and John Legend.

The two accepted the Golden Globe for Best Original Song last week, leading to the most inspirational and moving speech of the night.

"The first day I stepped on the set of Selma, I began to feel this was bigger than a movie," Com-

Rapper Ludacris Gets Engaged and Married on the Same Day — Says, "Why Wait?"



Atlanta, GA — 37-year old Ludacris is now a married man after he reportedly proposed and got married on the very same day! The multi-platinum rapper/actor, whose real name is Christopher Brian Bridges, is now officially (and legally) the husband of his longtime love Eudoxie Mbouguengue.

According to TMZ, he proposed during the day, took Eudoxie to dinner that evening, went and got the gown his mom had picked out, and by that night — the two were already married.

The news was revealed on both of their Instagram accounts, where they also shared beautiful pictures of the wedding.

He captioned the picture: "Why wait? Did the thing before 2015." And, he used the hashtag "#mrandmrsbridges."

She captioned her pictures: "Great way to go into the new year!"

In the pictures, Eudoxie can be seen wearing a floor-length white dress and holding a small bouquet of white and lavender

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mon said. "As I got to know the people of the civil-rights movement, I realized, I am the hopeful Black woman who was denied her right to vote. I am the caring white supporter killed on the front lines of freedom. I am the unarmed Black kid who maybe needed a hand, but instead was given a bullet.

"I am the two fallen police officers murdered in the line of duty," he added, referencing last month's murder of two NYPD officers.

It was the only Golden Globe Selma took home that evening.



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The road hasn't been easy, but because of his unwavering love of God, Wess is certainly on the right path. "God put something special in me and He was going to get it out of me regardless. I love my time before audiences because I know what God has put inside of me is life changing. That's why I love being on stage because I see the people being blessed and there's nothing that can compare to it."

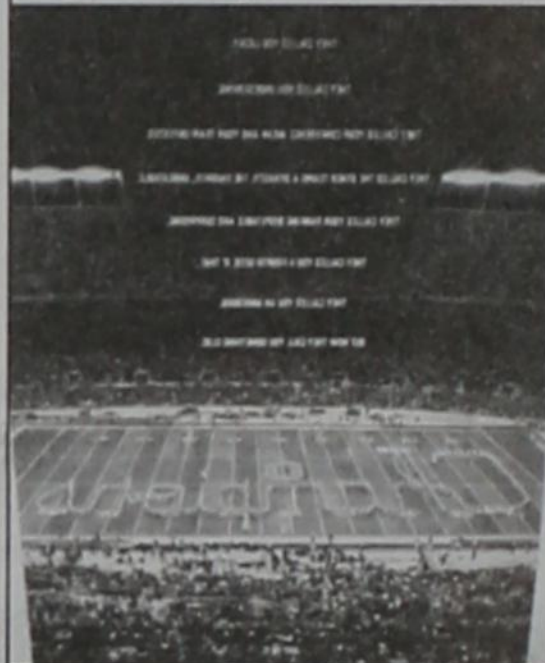
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Extremists. The only option is to kill enough of them until they stop their evil ways. In some places it will take "boots on the ground". Other venues may just need a good dose of carpet bombing. Whatever the need it will be deathly and must be permanent.

He should seek counsel from the top religious leaders around the world. The Pope and his equivalents from all major bona-fide religions should provide moral input. Maybe he can get an understanding of what real Islam is. This jihad mess that is popping up in so many nations because he refuses to address it head on needs to end immediately.

No, the Underwear Bomber was not a misguided kid. He was formally trained in Yemen in the same terrorist school that trained the recent Paris shooters. Call him a terrorist! Everyone coming out of that Al Qaeda produced school is a terrorist. Treat them like it - kill or imprison them forever.

Mr. President, please don't think that Iraq and Afghanistan are done with. The Islamic Extremists are coming back exponentially and that is your fault. History will show that. Sooner or later true leaders of the world will have to go in and exterminate the bad guys.

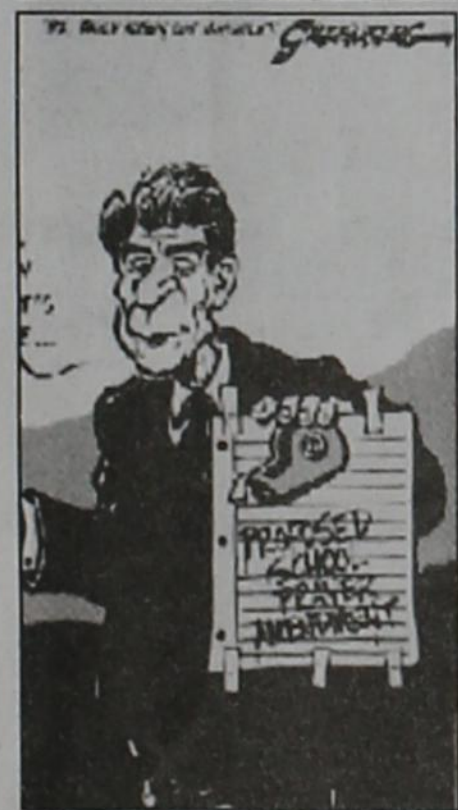
Oh yes, there is a place known as Nigeria. It is the largest Black population in the world. It is slowly bleeding with no end in sight. That end won't come until you rise up like a true leader and do what is good for our brothers and sisters. If not you, then who? If not now, then when?

If you pray please request strength, courage and the faith of David. Yes, David was Jewish but there are many great leaders who are or have been Jewish. It is all right.

Mr. President, the longer you wait the more innocents will be murdered. Also, the more Islamic Extremists you will have to kill. Happy Hunting!

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

May you have warm words on a cold evening,
A full moon on a dark night,
And the road downhill all the way to your door
- Mary Engelbreit



More Obituaries

Marjorie Ann Harris-Allen

Funeral services were held for Majorie Ann Harris-Allen on Saturday afternoon, January 17, 2015, at the 20th & Birch Street Church of Christ, with Gerald P. Jackson giving the message of comfort. Tyrone Dubose is minister.

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

Marjorie passed away on Tuesday, January 13, 2015.

She was the youngest child born to Arlene and Paul Harris on February 17, 1942 in Lubbock, Texas.



She was preceded in death by her parents, Arlene and Paul Harris; a brother, Dillard Harris; and a sister, Alma Faye Rainwater.

She leaves to cherish her memories: her husband, Don Allen; a sister, Parilee Smith; a daughter, Carmen Davis (J.T.); sons: Levin Harris, Shaun Harris (Shelia), and Booker T. Spencer; six grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and a host of other relatives and friends.

Pallbearers were: Sidney Hall, Robert Rivers, Brian Jackson, Adrian Rainwater, Scott Jackson, and Kirby Childers.

Honorary Pallbearers were: David Patton, James Young, James Taylor, Larry Paton, Steve Worthy, and Jaye Johnson.

Marjorie Ann Harris-Allen will be missed by her family!!!



Eula Faye Johnson

Slaton, Texas -- Funeral services for Eula Faye Johnson were held Saturday afternoon, January 17, 2015, at Mt. Olive Baptist Church where Rev. C. C. Peoples is pastor.

Interment was held in the Englewood Cemetery in Slaton under the direction of Ossie Curry Funeral Home of Lubbock.

Johnson, age 93, passed away Thursday, January 8, 2015, at Covenant Hospital.

Eula was born on June 4, 1921, in Buffalo, Texas, (Leon County) to Ollie Greer and Annie Lee Henderson-Greer. She was the fifth of six girls. Mrs. Johnson worked as a housekeeper in various private

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LaTasha Donell Portee



Funeral services for LaTasha Portee were held Saturday morning, January 17, 2015, with Rev. Johnny L. Barnes, pastor, officiating.

Burial was held in Peaceful Gardens Memorial Park under the direction of Griffin Mortuary & Funeral Home of Lubbock.

Portee, age 41, passed away Saturday, January 10, 2015.

LaTasha was born on November 19, 1973, to the union of Martha Mae Portee and Sidney Evans. She attended Floydada High School. LaTasha gave her

homes.

She was also employed at Mrs. Baird's Bakery. She retired from Lubbock State School.

She is survived by six children, James E. Johnson, Edward J. Johnson, both of Lubbock, Joe E. Johnson, of Slaton, Margie J. Johnson, of Plano, Texas, Alvin B. Johnson and Jessie L. Johnson of Houston.

Eula is preceded in death by her husband, Elton Johnson; sons, Ray Johnson, Douglas Johnson, and Clyde Johnson; and daughter, Shirley Johnson-Davis.

Funeral Services Pending For Alfred "Al" Caviel, Longtime Resident

Funeral services are pending for a longtime businessman and civic leader, Alfred "Al" Caviel who passed away on Saturday evening, January 17, 2015 at Covenant Medical Center.

For many years, he has been the Commander of the American Legion, Post #808.

He also has been the unofficial treasurer for many non-profit organizations in East Lubbock.

"He was the treasurer of all my campaigns for 20 years," said T. J. Patterson.

life to the Lord under the leadership of Dr. Robert McKenzie.

She later moved her membership to Victory in Praise under the leadership of Pastor Chris and Melody Moore. She was a faithful member and usher for two years until her departure.

LaTasha was blessed with three loving daughters. Her life and legacy will live through her family and close friends.

She is preceded in death by her mother, Martha Mae Portee; grandfather, Joel Henderson; and uncle, Carl Henderson.

She leaves to cherish her memories: her father, Sidney Evans; three daughters, Desmine Jones, Desiree Lyles and Destiny Harper; three stepsons, Kendall Roberson, Christopher Roberson and Quinin Roberson; one god-daughter, Kimberley Roberson; two godsons, Zakariah Skief and Jerimiah Love; one brother, Frederick Portee (Brandie); and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

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5 Reasons Why "Selma" Should Win the Best Picture Oscar — Despite the Snubs For Best Director and Best Actor



Nationwide — Selma, the hit film directed by Ava DuVernay, has been nominated for Best Picture at the upcoming Academy Awards. Starring David Oyelowo, who portrays Martin Luther King Jr., the film has also been nominated for Best Original Song for the track "Glory" — written and performed by Common and John Legend.

For the Best Picture award, the civil rights drama will compete against films like Boyhood, The Imitation Game and others.

But the controversy is that director Ava DuVernay and actor David Oyelowo were both snubbed for the Best Director and Best Actor awards. In fact, no Black director, actor or actress has been nominated this year for these Oscar awards.

Ava DuVernay, commented, "For the film to be, I think, reduced—reduced is really what all this is—to one talking point of a small contingent of people who don't like one thing, I think is unfortunate."

Even Common spoke out, saying, "I was definitely disappointed. I was definitely wishing that Ava had received an Oscar nomination for best director and wishing David had received an Oscar nomination for best actor.

It's a disappointment. But I found some victory and happiness in the fact that the movie is nominated for best picture. That says a lot about Ava, because she is the director of the movie. She created the film to be best picture. I hope she at least feels great about that."

Regardless, the film still has a chance to win the Best Picture award for these 5 reasons:

#1 – Great casting: The casting alone for actor David Oyelowo as Martin Luther King was perfect, as he mastered the look and mannerisms of the late civil rights king. Even actress Carmen Ejogo was a great choice to play Coretta Scott King.

#2 – Great acting: Across the board, the acting in the film was genuine and real, and very believable. Even the extras played

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flowers tied together with a purple and white ribbon. Both look very happy.

Ludacris, an Atlanta native who got his start as a radio DJ, has had a successful career both as an actor and rapper. He has sold millions of records, and has

the parts well.

#3 – Great script: The script is amazing, even though King's original speeches had to be rewritten because of legal reasons. The speeches, although not as good as the originals, still reflected the way King would have delivered him

#4 – Original: Although it seems like this is a re-do of another film, this is actually the first ever major film that follows the story of Martin Luther King. It is 100% original, and there is no film like it!

#5 – Star Power: Having the right people can definitely add a different touch. Not only does Oprah Winfrey co-star in the film, she and actor Brad Pitt also came on board as producers.

For more details about the film, visit www.selmamovie.com

won many Screen Actors Guild awards, Critic's Choice awards, MTV awards, and three Grammy Awards during his career.

His wife, Eudoxie, a native of the West African country of Gabon, runs a non-profit called Unspoken Angels that aims to support women of the United States and West Africa.



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