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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 Iles Elementary Cafeteria.

ROOTS meets every 2nd Saturday at 2:00 p. m. at 20th & Birch Church of Christ, 2001 Birch Avenue. All Invited.

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Austin Carrizales Criticizes Lubbock County Judge Tom Head Over Raises



Austin Carrizales

The Southwest Digest learned more than two weeks ago, media became aware of the large pay increases that Lubbock County elected officials are granting themselves. At the time, according to Austin Carrizales, a candidate for Lubbock County Judge, said: "There was only limited coverage of the pay increase. Since then, Lubbock County voters, both conservative and liberal, have united to confront the outrageous pay in-

crease given to our public servants. In an online poll, less than 5% of people agreed with a more than \$32,000 pay increase (over 40% of his current salary) for the Lubbock County Judge."

Austin Carrizales, Democratic Party candidate for Lubbock County Judge, issues the following statement:

"We have a Lubbock County Judge who sat back and did nothing to prevent profiting from taxpayers' money. As I

stated previously, this is poor leadership on his part. Judge Head's signature was on the public agenda filed for record on August 22, 2014, three days before the meeting. Clearly he knew this unprecedented raise was coming; however, he stood back and did nothing to stop it."

"Judge Head owes it to the voters of Lubbock County to explain himself to the people and to face his opponent in a debate. I hereby challenge Judge Head to a public debate. It is time for him to explain his inaction and poor judgement in front of the tax payers who will be stuck with the bill for his enormous pay raise," concluded Carrizales.

Carrizales also stated: "Lubbock County Judge Tom Head previously embarrassed his constituents by: gaining international attention for his warning about civil unrest if President Obama won in 2012; promising to meet the UN invasion at the Lubbock County line; and posting a racist photo and insane political rants on the public notice board of the Courthouse."

Candidate Carrizales also challenges incumbent Judge Head to debate him over the recent high pay raises which he says embarrasses Lubbock County voters.

Although the Lubbock County Commissioners passed the raise for Lubbock County Judge and the Commissioners by a vote of 4 to 1, Judge Head voted against the measure.

"I'm waiting on his reply to debate," said Carrizales.

Molotov cocktail thrown in Cleaver's office

Kansas City, Missouri -- A Molotov cocktail was thrown through the window of Rep. Emanuel Cleaver's (D-Mo.) district office at around 3 a.m. Thursday morning, September 11, 2014.

Cleaver is a cousin of T. J. Patterson, Sr. of Lubbock, Texas.

The Kansas City Police and

Kansas City Bomb and Arson Squad responded to the scene and completed an initial survey. No one was in the office when the object or objects were thrown. The cocktail did not explode, according to local reports.

Congressional Black Caucus Chairwoman Marcia Fudge (D-Ohio) asked for a speedy inves-

tigation and said the people responsible need to be punished to the "fullest extent of the law."

"The Congressional Black Caucus strongly condemns this type of vandalism targeted at Congressman Cleaver, and denounces any act of violence towards Members of Congress," she said in a statement. "This type of abhorrent behavior is the

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minds and excellent character in our children.

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Little Master Mychael Arrece Moton-Fondren

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YES, HE LOVES TO SMILE! When you see thi/s little fellow, one thing will get your attention. You'll notice immediately he loves to smile. He is Little Master Mychael Arrece Moton-Fondren.

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ried here on Monday, August 4, 2014.

Little Mychael is the proud grandson of Pastor B. R. Moton and First Lady Margaret Moton of the New Hope Baptist Church. He is also the grandson of Mrs. Lessie Webb and Mr. Arrece Webb.

Just keep smiling, Mychael!!



Honorable Emanl Cleaver
United States Congressman

most ineffective means of voicing discontent or disagreement."

Cleaver is currently in Washington and all of his offices are open Thursday, including the Kansas City office where the incident took place.

His chief of staff said this is the second such incident in the last six years.

A Molotov cocktail is usually composed of a glass bottle filled with flammable liquid with a cloth used as a wick.

There is no indication the incident has anything to do with last month's unrest in Ferguson, Mo., which is about 240 miles away from Cleaver's district office. The congressman's office said it does not believe there is any connection.

Cleaver, among other lawmakers, was a vocal critic of police tactics there following the police killing of 18-year-old Michael Brown. The protests

were marked by clashes with heavily armored police and some reports of protesters using Molotov cocktails.

Cleaver advocated for calm as the protests escalated.

The congressman said he is not dwelling on the incident at his district office.

"Today, our thoughts should not dwell on a small incident that happened and hurt no one," he said. "Our thoughts and prayers should be with the families and friends of those killed on September 11, 2001, and all those who suffered in its aftermath."

Patterson talked to Congressman Cleaver on Friday afternoon, September 12th, and told him we were praying for him. He advised this kind of activity will happen, and he appreciates the prayers.

There's no doubt about it, God is able!

18th Annual Big Wheels Deliver Meals Promotion

It is that time of year again! On Friday, September 19th, Lubbock Meals on Wheels will have the Big Wheels Deliver Meals promotion. For the eighteenth year, Lubbock Meals on Wheels and Sonic Restaurants have teamed up for this event in an attempt to raise public awareness and involve local celebrities in the mission of Meals on Wheels. On this day, local "Big Wheels" volunteer their lunch hour to deliver a Meals on Wheels' route and are chauffeured on the routes in classic or unique cars generously supplied

and driven by area car club members and local individuals. Sonic Restaurants graciously donates more than 700 meals to feed all of the recipients, as well as, provide lunch for the celebrities and drivers. It is a treat for our recipients to be visited by these important people, see the various cars, and enjoy a special lunch of a "Sonic" hamburger and tater tots.

Lubbock Meals on Wheels serves meals to over 700 homebound, elderly, and disabled people each weekday. We have 50 routes with 10-15 stops on each route. The drivers and volunteers will leave from their assigned Sonic Restaurant location between 10:45 and 11:00 a.m. and each route requires about

one hour to deliver. After the delivery, all drivers and celebrities are invited to the Lubbock Meals on Wheels' office for a complimentary lunch also provided by Sonic Restaurants.

WHO: Lubbock Meals on Wheels

WHAT: Big Wheels Deliver Meals Promotion

WHEN: Friday, September 19th, 10:45a.m.-12:30p.m.

WHERE: 2304-34th and area Sonic Restaurants

If you have a classic or unique car and would like to participate or for more information, please call Mary at 792-7971.

Who Plays The Race Card? — The Trust Gap Between Blacks And Whites

By Kwame S. Salter



Kwame S. Salter

Nationwide — Robin Williams, the brilliant late actor/comedian, once remarked, "Reality! What a concept." When the discussion comes around to race relations in America, we seem to have a difficult time dealing with the reality of race. On both sides of the racial divide, opinions seem to be set in quick drying concrete. Many whites feel that any mention of race is an attempt by blacks to justify or excuse some action or reaction. On the other hand, too many blacks believe that no white person can be trusted to be fair and objective in encounters between the races. In reality, the

frivolous or a blatant attempt to obfuscate by playing the so-called "race card." And, in spite of the sordid history of social injustices, political disenfranchisement and state sponsored terrorism in the guise of the Klan and other white supremacist groups, many brave and courageous whites have stood up for both our civil and human rights.

The recent phenomenon of rewiring racial injustices to be viewed as something other than reality has been aided and abetted by the talking heads of Fox News, Rush Limbaugh et al. Some whites have a problem with Al Sharpton, Jesse Jackson and, even, President Obama injecting themselves into race issues. However, more blacks find the right wing rants of the Fox commentators both insulting and a gambit — as they, not so subtly, use race as both sword and shield to boost their ratings and line their pockets. Jon Stewart, the insightful and comic genius anchor for The Daily Show (<http://youtu.be/cfi-zzNzM>) assembled and dissected a block of videos from these media agitators. After viewing the Stewart video, I am sure you will agree that facts to these guys get in the way of their goal of whipping their fan base into frenzy. While

truth lies somewhere between these two extremes. Clearly, not every compliant by blacks is

11th Annual T. J. Patterson, Sr. Golf Tournament Set In Humble, Texas

Humble, Texas — The 11th Annual T. J. Patterson, Sr. Scholarship Golf Classic Tour 18 will be held on Tuesday, September 30, 2014, beginning at 1:00 p. m. with the Shotgun Start.

The golf course is located 3102 FM 1960 E. in Humble.

One may register online at www.tournament.com/tour18. For more information, contact Russ Cuss at (214) 533-1927.

This annual golf tournament is sponsored by Texas Association of Black City Council Members, TABCCM).

Patterson was the first Black elected as President of the Texas Municipal League, and first President of the TABCCM.

He served as city councilman of Lubbock for 20 years.

"It would be outstanding for some of Lubbock's golfers if they would participate in this tournament which brings some of the better golfers in Texas to play," said Patterson.

"Texas youth benefits from the proceeds of this tournament, and have been since 2002," said Patterson.

South Lubbock Sanitary Sewer Extension Project

As of Friday, September 12, 2014, the City of Lubbock with Utility Contractors of America, Inc. begun construction of a large diameter sanitary sewer main at two locations in Lubbock.

Construction started at East 38th Street and MLK Blvd. and headed east along East 38th Street to Southeast Drive. East 38th Street will be closed to through traffic, except local business and property owners, beginning on September 12 and lasting through approximately October 17, 2014.

Construction also started at MLK Blvd. and the U.S. 84 Frontage Road and head south

along MLK Blvd. to East 98th Street. MLK Blvd. between the frontage road and 98th St. will be closed to through traffic, except local business and property owners, beginning on September 12 and lasting through approximately November 14, 2014.

Access will be maintained for all local businesses and residents throughout the duration of construction. Drivers are encouraged to avoid construction areas if possible and are asked to use extreme caution if driving in the construction zones.

This construction work is part of the South Lubbock Sanitary Sewer Extension Phase 1 — Bid Package B project.

Lubbock Public Library Events

Teen Game Program at Groves Branch Library

Teens, come to the Groves Branch Library, 5520 19th Street, from 4 to 5 p.m. on Thursday, September 18 for a variety of board games and video games. For more information, please call 767-3733.

Friends of the Library Book Sale at Mahon Library

The Friends of the Library will hold their fall book sale in the basement of the Mahon Library from Friday, September 19 through Monday, September 22. Sale hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, 1 to 4 p.m. on Sunday, and 3 to 7 p.m. on Monday. Friday is for FOL members only. Memberships may be purchased at the door. Saturday, Sunday and Monday are free and open to the general public. For more information, please call 775-2835.

Book Discussion at Patterson Branch Library

The Left-to-Right book group

will meet at the Patterson Branch Library, 1836 Parkway Drive, at 2 p.m. on Saturday, September 20 to discuss The Choir Director II by Carl Weber. Copies of the book are available for checkout at the library. For more information, please call 767-3300.

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NAACP Wins Major Early Voting Victory in Ohio

COLUMBUS, Ohio — A federal judge ruled on Thursday a law that cuts early voting in Ohio is unconstitutional and cannot be enforced for the Nov. 2014 election. The ruling was in response to a lawsuit filed by the

NAACP Ohio State Conference, the American Civil Liberties Union, several black churches and other coalition partners. The law would have cut back the early voting period from 35 days before the election to 28 days, eliminated evening voting and voting on the Sunday before Election Day.

From Cornell William Brooks, President and CEO:

"Early voting is not a social luxury, it's a civic essential—particularly for citizens working long hours on the job or in the home. This ruling will restore access to the ballot box for thousands of Ohioans during the midterm election. If these cuts had been allowed to remain in place, many voters would have lost a critical opportunity to participate in our democratic process. Voting is the foundation of our democracy and it's imperative that citizens of every race, color and creed have unfettered access to the ballot box."

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By Renetta Howard



I have been watching the statistics regarding Obesity and Type 2 Diabetes. There seems to be a correlation between the two ailments. I am calling them ailments because it appears that they are two physical problems which could be prevented if the proper knowledge regarding nutrition had been available at an earlier time, as well as the generational possibility to fall prey to these ailments.

Finding out one's predisposition to having a certain ailment or disease is one of the good things about family reunions and keeping track of illnesses which seem to be common to every generation of a particular family. With this information, family members can start early making sure that a course of action is taken to ward off certain illnesses, ailments and diseases. The advent of DNA, deoxyribonucleic acid, (d(eoxyribo)n(ucleic) a(cid)), individuals have been able to discover who their relatives are as well as the possibility of inheriting certain diseases. Knowing this information could lead to a healthier lifestyle in some instances.

There are some inherited diseases which we may not be able to do anything about them, but try to get the best health care options available should it strike. Then there are those where we can choose the right diet which will keep certain ailments at bay, or in control. It appears that Obesity and Diabetes are two of those ailments which can be controlled. The diet which can prevent Obesity can also reduce the effects of Diabetes.

It is usually the individual who will eat just about anything which does not bite him first, who is usually obese. These same individual often have DNA which is conducive to acquiring Diabetes. Of course, all

diabetics are not obese, it just might be the DNA which is responsible for the ailment and a proper diet eliminating foods which agitate or aggravate the ailment should be what can keep it in control. Some form of medicinal drug may also be necessary.

On the other hand, the obese individual may not acquire diabetes, but a proper diet, one which is low in carbohydrates, fat and sugar, could turn the obesity around. The diet may also deter Diabetes, especially if the individual is not aware that it could be acquired because of one's DNA.

Family historians and record keepers should be kept up to date on family statistics wherein common illnesses in families and causes of death of family members are recorded for posterity, along with ideal diets to keep the family healthy. Such diets should be a part of the family picnics, luncheons and banquets. The old saying that 'Families stay together who pray together,' should get a notation that families should also dine together. Dinning together is rare these days unless it is something of a reunion, but families should get back 'in cinque' to having a meal together on a regular basis, eating nutritional foods that keep them healthy.

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Letter to the Editor Dead African-American Males & Force White Officers Shooting Black Males

Dear Editor:

This editorial comment is relevant to the one or two black male (s) shot and killed by local police officers in Lubbock and other cities in America. In an apathetic Lubbock, no peaceful protest occurred when Michael Brown was killed in Ferguson, Mo. African-American leaders of 'My Brother's Keeper', Lubbock of the NAACP, and the 100 Black Men of West Texas must have gone into a shell. As a matter of a fact, they didn't burst a grape with razor blade shoes, nor did they write expressive comments to any of Lubbock's local newspapers.

On Friday, August 22, 2014, Mike Cloud, a white American in Lubbock wrote a very negative letter accusing President Obama of being wrong about violence. He made several ugly comments about President Obama and Attorney General Eric Holder: "they and most of the media have implied this violence by police against blacks goes on all the time."

According to Mike Cloud, "This is a bold face lie." The Michael Brown killing and protest police outrage in Ferguson, Missouri should be a wake up call for Lubbock and other cities. The whole episode should spark a call for a vast reconsideration of the role that hyper militarize policing plays in our society!! As I see it, what we need is a more on the ground intimate form of policing -- not folks trolling around inside of high speed cars, tanks, armored

Refrain from anger and turn from wrath; do not fret - it leads only to evil.

Psalms 37:8

THIS N' THAT

by T. J. Patterson

SINGLE MEMBER DISTRICT BECAME A REALITY SATURDAY, APRIL 6, 1984 WHEN A MEXICAN-AMERICAN FEMALE & BLACK MALE WERE ELECTED TO LUBBOCK CITY COUNCIL! THIS N THAT and THOUSANDS OF LUBBOCK CITIZENS were elated over the election of a MEXICAN-AMERICAN FEMALE AND A BLACK MALE were elected to the LUBBOCK CITY COUNCIL Saturday evening APRIL 6, 1984..... The pair elected were

..... MAGGIE TREJO AND T. J. PATTERSON, SR. Trejo was elected to represent District one and Patterson was elected to represent District Two Patterson served for 20 YEARS making him the longest city councilman to serve in the HISTORY OF LUBBOCK, TEXAS..... both were most appreciative of this opportunity and wish more could have been accomplished in their districts..... But with TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY being located in DISTRICT ONE there has been some significant devel-

opment but Trejo wants to see more On the other hand in District Two as Patterson observes some of the SAME PROBLEMS still exists as was in 1984..... He's still concerned about the LACK OF BUSINESSES..... He'll make the case that with some population in each district there's a lack of economic development Patterson is on campaign to bring a 5 STAR BANK to District Two..... and the first step would be to develop an ECONOMIC SUMMIT!!! How about that LEDA???

personnel carriers, etc. with assault rifles, flash bing grenades, and teargas.

What we need is, as again, is community policing in Lubbock and other cities - an attempt to be truly responsive to the needs of people and communities of every kind and particularly in minority communities where policing has been rough, too often brutal, and where residence have born the brunt of America's failed 'War on

Drugs.'

Also, we need a forceful and rigorous examination of the role of lethal weapons in American policing and in what LPD does on a routine basis in Lubbock. Do cops need guns??? Yes, it's a radical question, but it is one that folks in other societies in Europe and elsewhere have confronted directly and often the answer has been -- NO!!!!

(To Be Continued)
Maurice Williams

Ferguson: A Painful Reminder of Black Angst and Anger

By Hakim Hazim

People call us loud and rightfully so. History teaches us that we must seize the opportunity to channel national attention toward the injustices we face. We are a loud people with voices that carry and at times we get caught in the emotion and don't demonstrate proper restraint (I'm not talking about looting and the destruction of property. I'll never give the criminal opportunists in our community the same standing as our sages and upstanding folks.). Wisdom pro-

vides restraint. This essay is an attempt to bring clarity to the events in Ferguson, Mo. It is an attempt to wrest the narrative away from all of the negative things perpetuated about our community and shine a light on how codified social stereotypes continue to be used against us in the media. The Black victim or the Black victimizer seems to be the only choice offered. I believe Black Angst and anger and how these cousins are handled by us and law enforcement

should be given equal time.

Angst is essentially the feeling of being told you are free to choose, but it's accompanied by a perpetual anxiety about the outcomes of your choices. You believe your options are restricted to limited, insignificant rewards or heavy consequences. Anger at the injustice limited access to the American dream is the internal response. Authority is external imposition; leadership is internal elicitation. Authority is the art and science of imposing limits upon people and their actions, whereas leadership is the art and science of eliciting or drawing out the best in people's decisions. Ferguson's initial reaction was authority and the militarization of the city after the event. Its second response was leadership—drawing out the internal elements of trust, justice and responsible advocacy from the citizenry through the appointment of Captain Ronald Brown.

Society has progressed for us as a people, but for many financially struggling or impoverished Blacks, they don't see it and are stuck. Ferguson has its own economic setting event.

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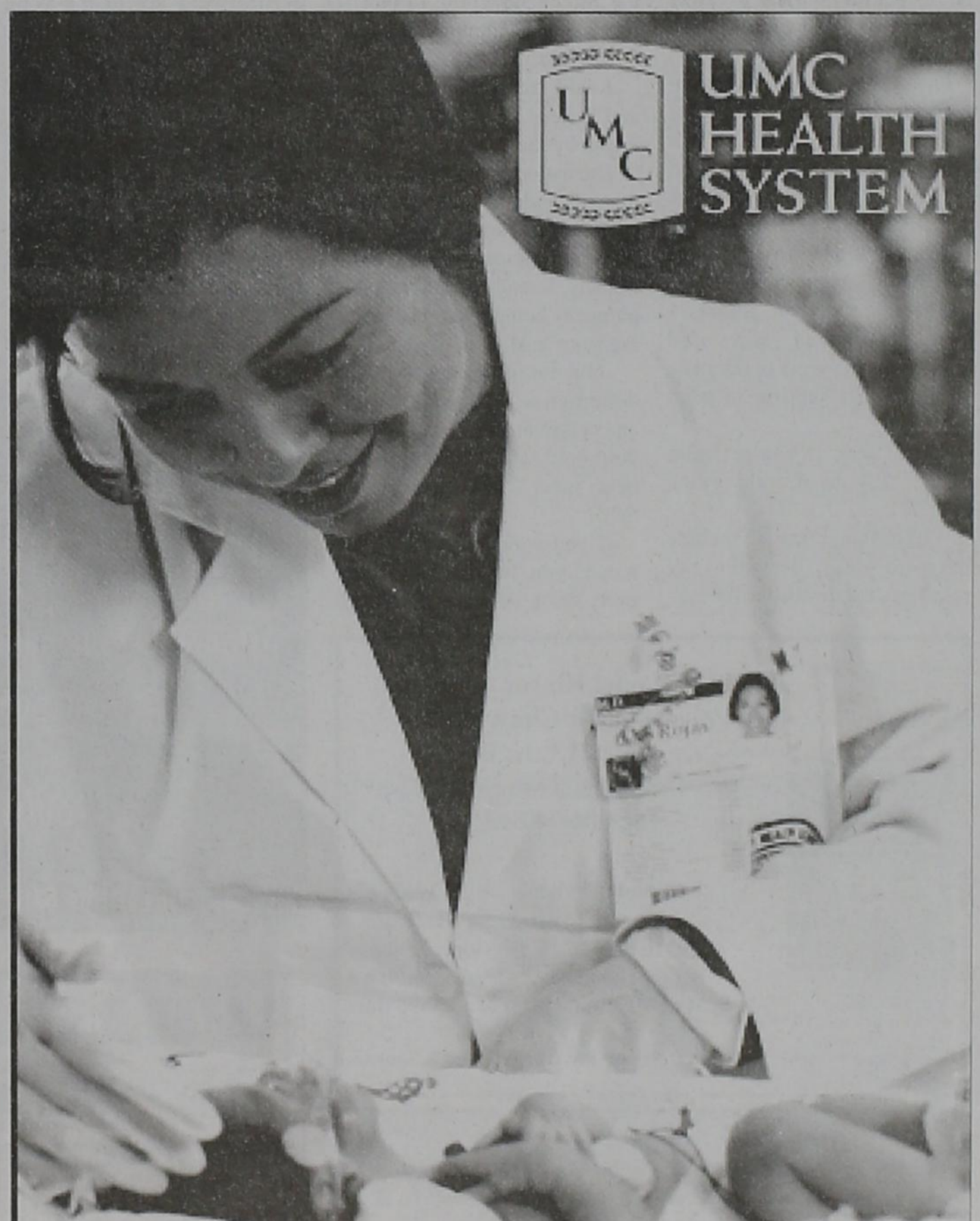
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"America, It's Praying Time"

Written by Evangelist Billy "BJ" Morrison, III

Matthew 15:8 -- Jesus said, This people draw near unto me with their mouth, and honour me with their lips, but their heart is far from me.

GOD BLESSED AMERICA: land, oil, cattle, wheat, and other riches **OF UNTOLD. BUT AMERICA LIKE ISREAL, LEFT GOD FOR IDOLS; EVEN MONEY AND GOLD!!!**

Malachi 3:5 -- I will come near to you to judgement, and I will be a swift witness against sorcerers, and against the adulterers, and against false swearers, and against those that oppress the hireling in his wages, the widow, and the fatherless, and that turn aside the stranger from his right, and fear not me, said the Lord.

YES, AMERICA WAS TREATED UNJUSTLY, and wanted to start over **IN THE NEW LAND. SHE'S SIN SICK NOW, AND GOD IS JUDGING HER SINS!!!**

Isaiah 1:21; 13a -- How is this faithful city become an harlot! It is full of judgement; righteousness lodged in it; but now murderers. Your silver is become dross, your wine is mixed with water. Your princes are rebellious, and companions of thieves: everyone loves gifts, and follows after rewards.

***** AMERICA, IT'S PRAYING TIME!!! *****

AMERICA LEFT GOD; she wanted to do her **OWN THING. NOW HER SINS BRING HER NOTHING BUT SHAME, SHAME, SHAME!!!**

I Timothy 6:10 -- For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.

***** AMERICA, IT'S PRAYING TIME!!! *****

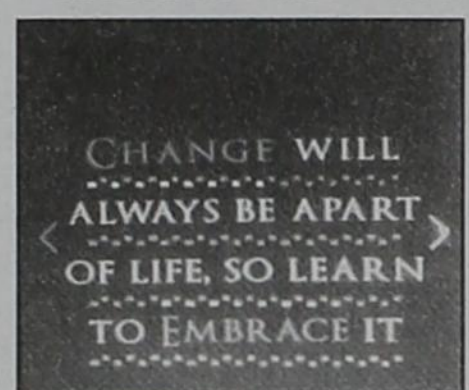
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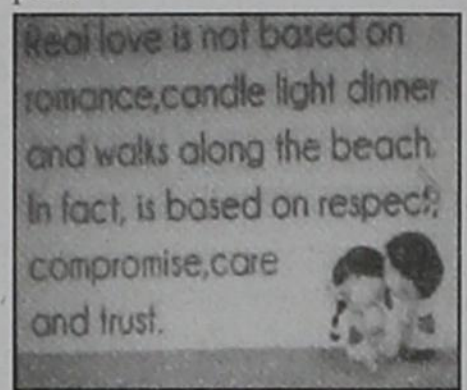
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St. Matthew Baptist Church News

Church services were well attended last Sunday morning, despite the inclement weather, at the St. Matthew Baptist Church, 2020 East 14th Street, where the proud pastor is Reverend Edward Canady. He's a Pastor who's always excited about God!

Sunday morning services begun at 10:00 a. m. with Sunday School. Sister Shirley Davis, our Superintendent, was in charge. She always presides with excitement.

Praise God for all the knowledge we receive during Sunday School. Pastor Canady did a wonderful job teaching the morning lesson as our teacher, Sister Susie Davis, remains ill. Let us continue to pray for Sister Susie Davis.

The Sunday School lesson was entitled "Hope For Tomorrow." The scripture text was Jeremiah 31:31-37. Again, it was a wonderful lesson. Information received can be utilized by all who were in attendance and took note to the teaching.

The Sunday morning devotion was conducted by Sister Arlene Jackson and Sister Shirley Canady. Both ladies did a splendid job.

Rev. Canady entered the Church with the Choir singing, "He Keeps On Blessing Me." What an outstanding job the Choir does.

The morning sermon was delivered by Pastor Canady. His subject was "How Thankful Are You?" His scripture text Luke 17:11-19. This was a personal question which should be answered by all in attendance.

It was a most informative sermon for all who were present. If you missed it, you missed some valuable information.

The morning announcements were read by Sister Gayla Austin. What a wonderful job she she did!

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

The Missionary Society meets on Wednesday evenings beginning at 6:00 p. m. We are having a wonderful time learning God's word together. Will you join us?

Bible Study is also held on Wednesday evenings, beginning at 6:00 p. m. We are having a wonderful time learning God's word together. Will you join us? Our wonderful Ushers meet on Friday evenings at 5:00 p. m. If you want to be a Doorkeeper in God's House, then come join us.

Choir rehearsal is held on Saturday afternoons at 3:00 p. m. Do come and make joyful noise to the Lord with us.

Let us continue to pray for our sick and shut-ins among us. Today it is them, and tomorrow it could be you or I.

Among them this week include: Sister Susie Davis, Brother Eugene Morris, and Brother Ricky Brown.

Thought For The Week:
"We can own up to our wrongs, because we can't hide them from God anyway."

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selected and isolated so-called facts are introduced with glaring graphics and amplified by angry guest commenters, the objective reality doesn't support their position. In their worldview, the only race that counts and should be acknowledged as legitimate is a NASCAR event. Yet still, they raise issues that must either be countered or addressed-- not

only by blacks, but also all of America.

Issues such as black on black crime and the scourge of vicious black criminal cartels loosely referred to, as gangs must be faced up to and discussed. Approximately 12%-13% of the American population is African-American, making up 40% of the almost 2.1 million male inmates in jail or prison (U.S. Department of Justice, 2009). Crime, whether committed by blacks or whites, has become pandemic in our large

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Cleaning up Messes, Parsonage Style

Dr. James L. Snyder

Throughout the glorious years of our marriage, the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage and Yours Truly has had few disagreements. I suppose I could count them all on my one hand, but I am not sure if it is my right hand or my left hand so I will just leave it at that.

I hear, of course, of many couples who do nothing but bicker and fight from morning till night. I have always wondered what the purpose of all that was and what it ever accomplished. I think there is a better way to live together.

There are several phrases I have memorized and used throughout the years of our marriage that has kept me in good standing.

"Yes, dear." "You're right, dear." "I'll do it right away, dear."

I have found that if I include the word "dear," with all of my responses it fares better for me.

Of course, I am the kind of person that does not have to be right all the time, which makes me the perfect husband. Admitting you are wrong, even if you do not think you are, is really not the end of the world. In fact, it may be the beginning of a bright new world.

I said "few disagreements," and I need to explain what I meant by that.

The major disagreements that my wife and I have had throughout the years can be boiled down into one phrase, "It's a mess." Usually, actually all the time this phrase is being used, it is coming from the lips of my wife.

Our disagreement is in the definition of "mess." She has one definition and I have another definition, and the twain shall never meet. Mark my words on that.

If you would come into our home, you will discover that every room in the house is well

organized and very neat. Well, not every room. The one room that does not come up to that criterion is the room in which I occupy. It is my space. My well-organized wife will walk by my room, pause, look in and say, "It's a mess."

It took me a long time to realize what she was talking about. Eventually, I got to the point where I understood that what she was referring to was "my space." Unfortunately, we did not share the same vision of my space. I am of the mindset that if I am working I need to have organized messes all around me.

I have tried explaining to my wife that I am a messologist. I had to explain to her that a messologist is someone who specializes in organizing intentional

messes. I am not sure I have convinced her yet of this.

I really think that one person's mess is another person's workspace. I cannot really work efficiently unless there are intentional messes around me, protecting me, giving me the incentive I need to pursue the job at hand. My basic philosophy is simply this, if I cannot find what I need when I need it, I probably do not really need it. It has worked for me most marvelously.

The real trick of a messologist is knowing where to find what you need when you need it.

My wife can walk into my space and look around and be utterly confused by what she calls "a mess." Of course, it looks like a mess to her. It is not her mess!

If it was her mess she would understand it and be comforted by it.

My wife is of the idea that organization has to do with numerical or alphabetical order. Now that works for some people, I suppose. But, as I keep telling her, that is not the only circus in town! I cannot tell how many times something new has developed in my thinking while I was searching for something I could not really find. That is the genius of a messologist.

Some people, like my wife, like to go from 1 to 2 to 3 to 4; or A to B to C to D all the way to Z. To a normal person, and I am guessing my wife is normal, that makes a lot of sense. But to a messologist, that kind of thinking is rather confusing.

What I want to know is, what do you do when you come to the end of the alphabet? Where do you go from there? Then, it is rather important that you have the alphabet in alphabetical order. If I would ever try to do

that I would end up being so confused, they would have to admit me in some rehab facility to clean my mind out.

So, the thing that makes our marriage so blissful is that we have an agreement and that she does things her way and I do things my way. This has been the recipe for blissfulness in our marriage. I do not make her do it my way and she cannot make me do it her way. We both have brains, but they tick after a different tock.

I then thought of a verse of Scripture that rather fit my situation. "There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death" (Proverbs 14:12).

My way has to be in complete harmony with His way or my life will be completely destroyed.

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Obsequies

Loyal & Devoted Servant of God Deacon L. D. "Bubba" Terrell, Sr. Succumbs In Crosbyton, Texas

Crosbyton, Texas -- With standing room only, from the back pew to the choir stand, family, friends and church members, were in attendance for the funeral services for Deacon L. D. "Bubba" Terrell, Sr. on Saturday morning, September 6, 2014, at the Greater Mt. Zion Baptist Church with Rev. A. D. Kelly, pastor of Pleasant Home Baptist Church of Post, Texas, delivering a dynamic eulogy.

Rev. C. C. Peoples, pastor of Mt. Olive Baptist Church of Slaton, Texas, was Master of Ceremonies. Rev. Gloria Moore, pastor of the Pleasant Grove Baptist Church of Tahoka, Texas, gave special remarks as Vice Moderator of the New Zeal District Association. Rev. Ruby Price, pastor of Greater Mt. Zion Baptist Church, gave special remarks.

Deacon Terrell, age 78, passed away Monday, September 1, 2014, in Lubbock, Texas.



He was born to W. T. and Rosie Jackson Terrell on July 23, 1936 in Coleman, Texas. "Bubba" grew up in Coleman County and began working at the age of 15 as a farm laborer. He moved to Crosbyton in the 1950's and farmed at Lynn T. Smith Farms for about 29 years, until an injury caused him to have to retire.

L. D. married Dorothy Williams-Foster on May 17, 1985, whom he referred to as "Honey." They loved the Lord,

Alvin Eugene White, Sr.

Funeral services were held for Alvin Eugene White, Sr. on Saturday morning, July 19, 2014, at the Greater St. Luke Missionary Baptist Church with Rev. J. H. Ford, pastor, officiating.

The Message of Comfort was given by Supt. David Haynes, pastor of Christ Temple COGIC. Interment was held in the City



family, and renovating their home.

He was a member of the Greater Mt. Zion Baptist Church where he served as Chairman Deacon, Sunday School Superintendent, and Treasurer. He was also a member of the choir and brotherhood department, and served diligently as treasurer of the New Zeal District Association until he passed. He was made an honorary member of the Mother Dorothy Mission Circle in 2009. He loved to fish, watch Westerns, barbecue, and singing Gospel songs. Not only did he attend his church in Crosbyton, but he was very active worshipping, praising and being a tireless servant in and around the community fellowshiping with others until the end.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Dorothy Terrell, in 2008; two sons, Bobby Lee Williams, Sr. and Vincent Terrell; three sisters: Helen Young, Mary Mack, and Esther Lee Stanfield.

"Bubba" is survived by six daughters: Mollie Thomas of Crosbyton, Texas, Deborah Hutchinson of Lubbock, Texas, Willie Faye Jackson of Crosbyton, Texas, Lori Jackson of Amarillo, Texas, Karen Johnson of Amarillo, Texas, and Tammie Coleman of Amarillo, Texas; and a very special, selfless and caring granddaughter, Shuntae M. Thomas; eight sons: Darrell Terrell of Amarillo, Texas, L. D. Terrell, Jr. of New Mexico, Billy Earl Terrell of San Antonio, Texas, Billy Joe Johnson of Marlin, Texas, Byron Johnson of Amarillo, Texas, LaVance Coppage of Crosbyton, Texas, Robert Coppage, Jr. of Crosbyton, Texas, and Ricky Turner of Lubbock, Texas; five siblings: Nancy Terrell of Brownwood, Texas, Willie Reed of Pampa, Texas, Isaiah Terrell of Midland, Texas, Daniel Terrell of Santa Anna, Texas, and Roy Terrell of Georgia; 41 grandchildren; 27 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; a special son, Willie D. Jackson of Crosbyton, Texas; and Special Friends: Eugene Brown of Pampa, Texas, Martha Mullins of Lubbock, Texas, Edward Coppage, Sr. of Crosbyton, Texas, and Jesse Johnson of Ralls, Texas.

Palbearers were: Charles Foster, Willie D. Jackson, Bennie Jones, Bud Davis, Trent Terrell, and Hillary Hutchinson, III.

Honorary Pallbearers were His Children and Grandchildren.

Interment was held in the City of Crosbyton Cemetery under the direction of Adams Funeral Home of Crosbyton, Texas.

of Lubbock Cemetery under the direction of Ossie Curry Funeral Home of Lubbock.

Pallbearers were Fredrick Burgess, Arrius Holleman, Andre Ross, Adrian Ross, Roshawn Mike, and Jeffery Davis.

Honorary Pallbearers were Justin Collins, Craig Moore, Richard Ross, Alvin E. White, III, and Ryan Dawn.

Flower Bearers were Ayanna White, Ze'Kiah Ross, Brendasia Harris, and Faith Anderson.

Alvin, also known as "Big Al" was born December 9, 1948 to the parentage of Mr. Fred White, Jr. and Mrs. Katherine Thomas-White in Lubbock, Texas.

Alvin attended Lubbock public schools, and graduated from Dunbar High School. He married his high school sweetheart, Pauline White, on November 22, 1968, and to that union four children were born. He was a great father and husband for his wife and children.

Alvin worked for the Plains Coop Oil Mill for twenty-five plus years. He also had an opportunity to work for Goodwill for six years before retiring.

He was a man of his word and never said "NO" to anyone, and this made him the world's greatest husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle and a loyal friend anyone could ask for.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Mr. & Mrs. Fred White, Jr.

He leaves to cherish his memories: his loving wife of forty-five years, Mrs. Pauline "Patty" White; two sons, Richard Ross, Sr. (Stacy) and Alvin E. White, Jr. (Michelle); two daughters, Deborah White and Alfie White; twelve grandchildren: Tauren McGowan, Dominique Wilson, Avery Thomas, Justin Collins, Richard Ross, Jr., Craig Moore, Brendasia Harris, Ayanna White, Ze'Kiah Ross, Alvin White, III, Faith Anderson, and Ryan Dawn; three brothers: Joe C. Pope (Paula), David White (Joann), and Jeff White (Yolanda); three sisters: Freddie Mae Johnson, Janice Ross, and Kathleen McCullough; and a host of nieces, nephews, and other relatives.

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Clarence James Lee, Sr.

A Celebration of Life for Clarence James Lee, Sr. was held on Monday afternoon, September 8, 2014, at the St. John Baptist Church with Pastor S. E. Fields officiating and giving the eulogy.

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

Active Pallbearers were Jeremy Harris, Bryan Harris, Damon Parrish, Darrell Wallace, Kevin McConic, and Cedrick Long.

Honorary Pallbearers were Harold Wallace, Joseph Benson, Bobby Price, Alvin T. Harris, Bill Dailey, and Jim Johnson.

He was born March 23, 1934 to Alberta Jacob and Charles Lee. Clarence graduated from Bastrop High School, in Bastrop, Texas, in 1952. He moved to Lubbock, Texas in 1954. He became a member of the New Hope Baptist Church under the leadership of the late Rev. A. L. Dunn.

Clarence met and married his wife, Florence Hobbs, February 17, 1957, and to this union five children were born. As an active member of New Hope, Clarence served as a Sunday School teacher, and choir member until 1974. He had a beautiful tenor voice. He moved his family membership to St. Luke Baptist Church in 1974, under the leadership of the late Rev. A. L. Davis.

While there, he continued his work in the Sunday School Department, Brotherhood and sung in the choir until his health failed.

Clarence was a wonderful provider for his family. He retired from the Southwestern



Public Service Company (SPS) in 1997. He really, enjoyed his retirement. He would travel back to his hometown of Bastrop, Texas to fish and play dominoes, where he was known affectionately as "Domino Charlie."

He was preceded in death by his parents, Alberta Jacob and Charles Lee; one sister, Julia Faye Leonard; and brothers, T. C. Clemons and James Lee.

Brother Lee passed away on Wednesday, September 3, 2014.

He leaves to cherish his memories: his devoted wife of 57 years Florence Lee; daughters: Carol Wallace (Harold, Nichelle and Darrell) of Rowlette, Texas, Barbara Ann Harris (Alvin T. Jeremy and Bryan), Alberta Nedd (Mi'ya) of Lubbock, Texas, and LaTonya Lee-Benson (Joseph, DeAundra, LaTyra, Jonathan) of Plano, Texas; one son, Clarence James Lee of Lubbock, Texas (Ke'Shon of Roundrock, Texas; 11 great-grandchildren; three sisters: Itasca Sampson of Bastrop, Texas, Addie Mae Stewart of Austin, Texas, and Ester Faye Chase of Dallas, Texas; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

A very special niece who never forgot "Uncle Clarence", Elaine Carter of Austin, Texas.

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urban centers. What are the contributing factors; why is our criminal justice system so efficient in the capture and incarceration of black offenders; and, how many are in prison due to being targeted in the putative War on Drugs? "Too many," as George Wallace was said to have quipped when asked, "how many blacks are there in America?" But, why are we so protective of so many of the truly bad guys who live in and terrorize our black communities? Is it that we don't trust the police? Many of the police patrolling these black communities are themselves black. Are these black officers quid pro quo better or fairer than their white counterparts? Some are and some aren't.

Just recently, a highly commended black Police Commander in Chicago was stripped of his badge and gun while facing two felony charges. This top cop allegedly put his gun in the mouth of a black suspect. DNA

test verified the presence of the gun in the suspect's mouth. By the way, this cop, over the years, had been the subject of many citizen complaints. What comes of the complaints from black citizens against these black cops? According to records, only two citizen complaints resulted in discipline. Is this behavior by a black cop surprising? No, not if you consider that during WWII the Nazi's used Jewish prisoners as "Kapos" or prisoner trustees to watch over and brutalize their fellow Jewish prisoners. The more brutal these Kapos the more rewarded by the SS Guards. As I pointed out in my piece of Ferguson, what we need is not, necessarily more black officers - but better officers. Attracting, developing and retaining better police officers is the key to tamping down some of the potential of violence by and against police. Having a close relative that was a police officer who was shot and blinded in the course of duty, I know their job is not an easy one. Every split second is over loaded with information and data that must be correctly deciphered - their life

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Oversight Discussing NFL Hearing



Discussing Business: Ranking Member Elijah Cummings, (D-Md.) (left) & Chairman Darrell Issa (R-Calif.) (right).

Leaders of the House Oversight Committee are discussing whether they should hold a hearing to examine the National Football League's handling of the Ray Rice assault case.

A public airing by the Oversight panel would significantly ramp up the scrutiny of how the NFL deals with cases of domestic abuse, even as women's rights groups are amplifying their calls for the resignation of league commissioner Roger Goodell.

The committee's hearings on steroid use in Major League Baseball, for instance, became media circuses that bruised the league's reputation.

Talk of the hearing came as Rice's former team, the Baltimore Ravens, prepared to take the field for a Thursday night game.

Rep. Jackie Speier (D-Calif.), who has requested a hearing from Chairman Darrell Issa (R-Calif.) and ranking member Elijah Cummings (D-Md.) into the NFL's handling of the Rice case, on Thursday said both lawmakers had agreed to stage such a probe.

Yet there was immediate disagreement about that claim.

Issa spokeswoman Becca Watkins said no such agreement had been reached.

"Chairman Issa had separate conversations today with both

Rep. Speier and Ranking Member Cummings about potential pathways for continuing the committee's oversight of ongoing issues in the National Football League," Watkins said in an email. "Reports of a decision or agreement to hold a hearing are inaccurate."

Cummings's office initially said such a hearing is forthcoming, but later walked that back a bit, saying a hearing was discussed but not agreed upon.

Speier's office, however, said Issa had agreed to a hearing during a conversation with Speier Wednesday on the House floor.

Rice, a 27-year-old star running back for the Baltimore Ravens, was promptly cut from the team Monday after the gossip website TMZ posted video footage of him punching then-fiancee Janay Palmer unconscious in an Atlantic City elevator.

Palmer and Rice have married since the incident.

The NFL, which had suspended Rice for two games earlier in the year based on separate video footage taken outside the elevator, quickly heightened its punishment by extending that suspension indefinitely.

There are lingering questions, however, about whether the NFL had the more graphic footage from inside the elevator before it handed down the shorter suspension, leading to

accusations that league officials had attempted to cover-up the most damning evidence to protect one of the NFL's stars.

The episode sparked an outcry from some members of Congress. At least one lawmaker, Sen. Heidi Heitkamp (D-N.D.), has joined women's groups in suggesting Goodell should step down.

Ramping up the pressure, 16 female senators sent a letter Thursday urging Goodell to institute a zero-tolerance policy for domestic violence in the league.

"We are deeply concerned that the NFL's new policy, announced last month, would allow a player to commit a violent act against a woman and return after a short suspension," they wrote. "If you violently assault a woman, you shouldn't get a second chance to play football in the NFL."

On Wednesday, September 10, 2014, the league announced it was backing an independent investigation into the incident that will be led by former FBI Director Robert Mueller.

But Speier said Thursday that Congress has a responsibility to conduct its own probe.

"The NFL's failure to appropriately respond to crimes and misconduct has harmed the prestige of the game and the millions of Americans who look up to these players as role models," she said in a statement. "The NFL's gross mishandling of the deplorable actions of Ray Rice is the latest example of how this insulated institution has incompetently dealt with serious issues."

Elder Abuse

America is growing older putting a new urgency on the issue of elder abuse, according to the Association of Mature American Citizens. Census statistics indicate a major increase in the numbers of people living well into their 80's and 90's in coming years. The government stats also reveal that the country's cadre of centenarians is growing in size as never before.

Happenings At Mae Simmons Senior Citizens Center

If you are a Senior Citizen, and you reside in District Two, or any single member district, you are invited to attend activities at the Mae Simmons Senior Citizen Center. This is your center, and your attendance is very important. There is so much you can learn and participate in programs you'll enjoy. Of course, there is no place like home, but to get out for a few hours daily and visit with your friends is great.

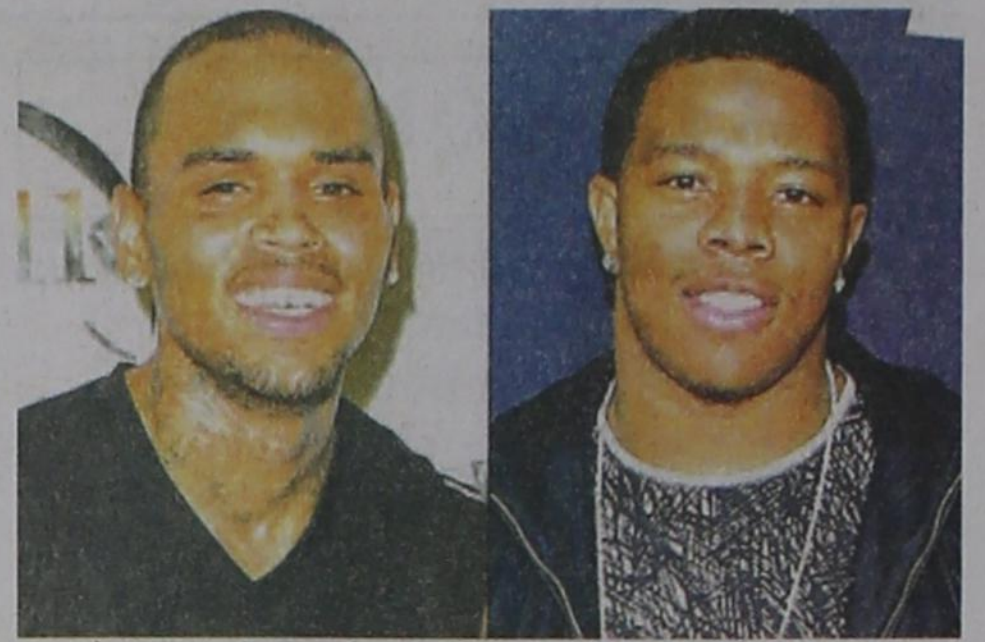
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Regularly, Senior Citizens who attend the Mae Simmons Senior Citizens Center are given fresh fruits and vegetables from the South Plains Food Bank. Seniors are really appreciative of these fruits and vegetables. Last week, for example, Seniors received apples, tomatoes and potatoes. What a blessing!

Who says Seniors can't 'cut a rug'? If you had been in attendance for the "Oldies Dance" on Friday evening, September 12, 2014, you'd seen for yourself, with your own eyes, Senior Citizens can 'cut a rug'. Dancing, regardless of one's age, is very good exercise.

The Pew Research Center reports that ten thousand Americans will turn 65 years of age each day for the next two decades and the Bureau of Justice Statistics reports that at least 10% of them will be victims of elder abuse.

For the most part, this malignant form of ageism was a dirty little secret until the sad facts came to light when Mickey Rooney testified before Con-



Chris Brown Shares Some Timely Advice With Ray Rice

Nationwide — International pop star Chris Brown recently shared some words of advice for NFL player Ray Rice, who was recently suspended after a video leaked showing him knock out his wife in an elevator.

During an interview with MTV's Sway Calloway, Brown openly discussed his anger issues and his domestic violence case when he infamously attacked his former girlfriend Rihanna in 2009.

Here's what Brown had to say to Rice:

"To Ray, or anybody else — because I'm not better than the next man — I can just say I've been down that road. I deal with situations and I've made my mistakes too, but it's all about how you push forward and how you control yourself..."

"I think it's all about the choices you make. With me, I

deal with a lot of anger issues from my past — not knowing how to express myself verbally, but at the same time not knowing how to cope with my emotions and deal with them and understand what they are..."

Then he added:

"So I think help is great. I still talk to my therapist twice a week, and it helps me to...if I'm frustrated and I'm dealing with something, to vent and say what I'm going through so I can hear from an actual clinical person, 'This is how you should react,' or 'It's good to feel this way because feelings, emotions and energy are supposed to come and go. It's not supposed to stay there, you're not supposed to keep it inside, because it'll just bottle up and you'll become a monster.'"

What do you think? Is it good advice?

gress. Rooney passed away at age 93 early in 2014, but in 2011 he testified that his stepson and his stepson's wife allegedly denied him food and medicine and robbed him of millions of dollars over a period of several years.

Visit the Web sites of the Centers for Disease Control and National Council on Aging to get more information.

Exert yourself

The older we get, the more likely we are to seek ways of avoiding activities that involve exertion. It's human nature, ac-

ording to the Association of Mature American Citizens. But, AMAC suggests that we need to overcome inertia and find ways of improving our heart rates and blood sugar levels by developing good exercise habits.

Of course, it is important to check with your doctor before beginning any regimen that involves strenuous activities. Perhaps he or she can offer specific "do's and don'ts" that will still let you indulge in an exercise program.

In fact, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
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Back To School: Why Our Kids Need Access and Accountability



Children participating in the Community Fitness and Education (CFE) program. Photo Credit: Darrin Widemon

Mableton, GA — Darnell Parker, Certified Fraud Expert and CEO of Community Fitness and Education (www.cfeinc.org) has been on a mission since 2004 to provide access and accountability for underserved minority boys and girls by providing fitness, nutrition and college preparatory courses. The objective of CFE is to break the cycle of chronic health problems, school retention, cyber-bullying and fiscal responsibility that is prevalent amongst underserved minority communities. "As a 501 (c) (3), our mission is to promote a healthy, active lifestyle among children in underserved communities through high quality youth fitness and after-school programs coupled with mentoring and workshops. Nutrition is a fundamental part of what CFE offers because, "I understand the importance of feeding the whole person from the inside out which allows young people to think effectively, strategically and long-term," says Darnell Parker.

According to the site Black-Demographics.com, African-American 8th grade students have made gains in bridging the Black-White gap in certain academic areas in the last thirty years; however, a disparity remains. When looking at 8th grade mathematics sealed scores

between 1990 and 2011 there is a 7-point decrease in the gap from 32 points to 25 points. A similar decrease is also seen with 8th grade reading scores between 1992 and 2009. The Black-White gap decrease was one point higher, changing from 32 points to 24 points.

Darnell Parker understands the difficulties faced by today's minority youth. He grew up in a middle-class household until his parents divorced and he experienced firsthand the disparity of education when he was assigned to a predominately black school. "I attended a school where the students looked like me, however the parents were disengaged with the teachers, resources were at a minimum and the students suffered from chronic issues like asthma and poor nutrition. When I received a transfer, in 5th grade, to a predominately Caucasian and affluent school, I saw a startling difference in the parent participation, the resources that were available to students, there were few students dealing with chronic health issues or lack of proper nutrition. Those experiences helped me to realize what I needed to do when I got older to break the cycle for my people."

Community Fitness Education is a privately held organization,

which relies on funding from donors, local organizations and Mr. Parker to provide complimentary services to the underserved minority community. Latisha Brown says, "CFE is a wonderful organization. My son is an endangered species as a young black male and the programs at this organization have provided a framework to help him and others build positive relationships, self-confidence, independence and the ability to handle adversity."

CFE also encourages parents to talk with their children, reduce time spent with video games, personal computers and television while promoting an active lifestyle. "Physically active children have a stronger self-image and more self-confidence, increased energy and fewer chronic health problems, so CFE encourages regular exercise and face-to-face conversations," says Darnell Parker.

If you would like to learn more information about Darnell Parker and Community Fitness Education, please visit the website at www.cfeinc.org. Also, if you are interested in volunteering and donating to saving our children, join the movement at www.cfeinc.org/how-to-contribute/, (404) 759-9993 and via email: info@cfeinc.org.

Top 10 Back-To-School Scholarships For African American and Minority Students



Nationwide — The summer is over and the 2014-2015 school year has already started; Students all over the country have returned back to the classroom.

To officially kick off the back-to-school celebration, here are the top 10 scholarships with upcoming deadlines for African American and other minority students:

#1 – The Coca-Cola Scholars Program is a very competitive program for high school seniors throughout the United States. Sponsored by The Coca-Cola Company, the largest soft drink company in the world, the program awards millions every year in college funding. The deadline is in October. For more details, visit www.scholarshipsonline.org/2012/04/coca-cola-scholars-program.html

#2 – The Xerox Technical Minority Scholarship Program is designed to help cultivate minority students for potential recruitment in the field of technology. The scholarship amount award depends on the student's tuition balance, academic excellence

and classification. The deadline is in September. For more details, visit www.scholarshipsonline.org/2012/03/xerox-technical-minority-scholarship.html

#3 – The "From Failure to Promise" Essay Scholarship Contest offers an opportunity for high school seniors, undergraduate, and graduate students to earn scholarship money by writing a 1,000 word essay. Students will be asked to describe the challenges they have faced in achieving academic success. For more details, visit www.scholarshipsonline.org/2013/02/from-failure-to-promise-essay.html

#4 – The Gates Millennium Scholars Program (also known as the Bill Gates Scholarship) awards scholarships each year to African American, American Indian/Alaska Native, Asian Pacific Islander American or Hispanic American students who plan to enroll full-time in a two-year or four-year college or university program. The deadline is in January. For more details, visit www.scholarshipsonline.org/2012/08/the-gates-millennium-scholars-program.html

#5 – The CIA Minority Undergraduate Scholarship Program was developed, in part, to assist minority and disabled students, but the opportunity is available to all students who meet the requirements. Sponsored by the U.S. government's Central Intelligence Agency (CIA), the program consists of an actual scholarship award and a full-time paid summer job in Washington, DC. For more details, visit www.scholarshipsonline.org/2012/05/cia-undergraduate-scholarship-program.html

#6 – LAGRANT Foundation Scholarships are targeted toward minority undergraduate and graduate students, offering scholarships for students interested in careers in advertising, marketing, public relations, anthropology, or art. Students must be American Indian/Alaska Native, Asian/Pacific Islander, Black (non-Hispanic) or Hispanic. For more details, visit www.scholarshipsonline.org/2013/02/lagrant-foundation-scholarships.html

#7 – The Go Red Multicultural Scholarship Program

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Pictured left to right in the attached photo are: Dr. Berhl Robertson, Jr., superintendent; Vernita Woods-Holmes, LISD Board of Trustees; John McNelly, Suddenlink Southwest Region Vice President for Marketing; Alona Beesinger, Regional Marketing Manager; Dave Gilles, Suddenlink Southwest Region Senior Vice President for Operations; Brian Borthwick, Southwest Region Vice President for Operations; Dan Pope, LISD Board of Trustees president.

Suddenlink announces \$800,000 naming rights sponsorship

Lubbock Independent School District Superintendent Berhl Robertson, Jr., Ed.D. formally announced an expanded partnership with Suddenlink Communications on Thursday, September 11, 2014, at a press event at Plains Capital Park-Lowrey Field. The \$800,000 Suddenlink sponsorship gives naming rights to Suddenlink for the Field House at Lowrey Field. The agreement provided new signage at Plains Capital Park-Lowrey Field, as well as LISD's four baseball and four softball fields.

LISD Board of Trustees President Dan Pope joined Superintendent Robertson in thanking the Suddenlink representatives for their long-standing partnership with the district. Robertson said, "Suddenlink has brought educational resources to LISD classrooms through their 'Cable in the Classroom' program for many, many years, and they have always been a strong supporter of initiatives in our district. The expansion of our partnership will help us increase the opportunities for students on LISD athletic fields and we are

grateful for their support."

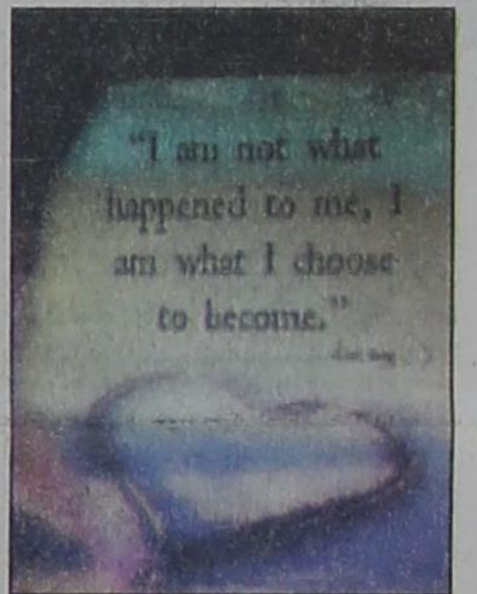
A longtime partner of Lubbock ISD, Suddenlink has provided television and internet connectivity in classrooms and has financially supported the annual senior celebrations following graduation and several campus events. In addition, senior staff at Suddenlink serves on the district career and technical education advisory committee and the LISD Foundation for Excellence Executive Board.

A new scoreboard was added at Lowrey Field to serve the north end of the stadium. In addition, scoreboards were updated at each of Lubbock ISD's four baseball fields and four softball fields. Lubbock ISD Athletic Director Mark Ball said, "We want to provide our students and fans improved amenities at our fields and Suddenlink has given us a way to make that happen." Other renovations included lighting for the signs on the east and west ends of the Suddenlink Field House and new signage for the field house. Suddenlink also sponsors the coaches' luncheon for media and guests, held weekly during

football season.

Suddenlink Southwest Region Senior Vice President of Operations Dave Gilles said, "As we look to make a positive difference in our community, it only makes sense to invest in our children. We have always enjoyed our relationship with LISD, and their commitment to the children of our community certainly meets their motto of 'every child every day'."

Other Suddenlink representatives included: John McNelly, Suddenlink regional vice president of marketing; Brian Borthwick, regional vice president of operations; Alona Beesinger, regional marketing manager.



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ease Control reports that the number of doctors recommending older adults engage in physical exercise as a means of disease prevention has doubled.

Social Security
Social Security is often called the "third rail" of politics, but it is a vital program that needs review and reform, according to

the Association of Mature American Citizens, which, since its founding, has been actively seeking Congressional intervention.

But, says AMAC, it is a true grass roots issue that requires each and every one of us to get up to date on the facts and then to lobby our lawmakers for attention. Social Security will become an even more important topic as time goes on and the population ages.

Top 10 Back To School Scholarships For Black And Minority Students

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champions greater inclusion of multicultural women in the nursing and medical industries, address important gaps in treatment, and ensure that all Americans have an opportunity to work with their healthcare providers to make the best choices that lead to good health. For more details, visit www.scholarshipsonline.org/2012/09/go-red-multicultural-scholarship-fund.html

#8 – The First Freedom Student Competition is a national essay and video contest open to high school students in the U.S. and U.S. territories. Students in grades 9-12 may participate. Two awards will be given, one essay award and one video award. For more details, visit www.scholarshipsonline.org/2014/08/first-freedom-student-competition.html

#9 – The Foot Locker Foundation/ United Negro College Fund (UNCF) Scholarship is funding a scholarship program for students attending or planning to attend a UNCF member college or university during the fall of 2014. All undergraduate classifications (freshman, sophomore, juniors and seniors) will be considered. For more details, visit www.scholarshipsonline.org/2014/08/foot-locker-foundation-uncf-scholarship.html

#10 – The Wendy's High School Heisman Award Program recognizes male and female high school seniors who excel not only in sports but also academics and leadership capabilities. Every student who applies has a chance to win at the school, state and national level. For more details, visit www.scholarshipsonline.org/2013/05/wendys-high-school-heisman-award-program.html

BONUS – The Center for Alcohol Policy Essay Contest is open to all persons over the age of 18. Applicants may enter the competition by submitting an essay on a topic related to prohi-

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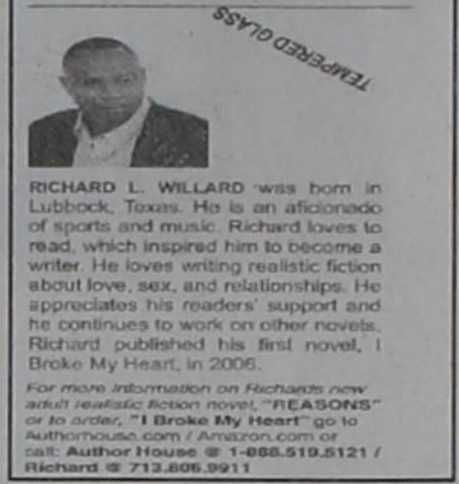
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Serena Williams Denies Being Drunk, Pregnant or on Drugs During Wimbledon Meltdown



Nationwide — In the latest issue of Sports Illustrated magazine, tennis champion Serena Williams addressed what happened in Wimbledon when she appeared disoriented and was forced to withdraw from a match.

In the article, she tells writer S.L. Price, "I have nothing to hide. No, I didn't take anything. If you want to ask me if I took drugs, I didn't take drugs. I'm not on drugs. I've heard it all. I'm not pregnant; I wasn't pregnant."

She adds, "Although I think a baby would be great, but there's a time and place for everything. But no, I don't do drugs. Never did 'em. I'm scared of 'em. I'm not on that stuff." She also mentions that she was drug tested the day after the incident and did not receive any notification of a positive result.

Regarding whether or not she was drunk, she commented, "God, no... I wish."

So what happened?

Ferguson: A Painful Reminder of Black Angst and Anger

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Alex Tabarrok is an internationally recognized economist and he has taken Ferguson to task based on his own research and a white paper by the ArchCity Defenders. What we are seeing is how cash-strapped local criminal justice systems in need of money use the law to secure resources. Citations of all types spiked. There are some glaring statistics.

Here's the data: Ferguson has 21,203 residents living in 8,192 homes. It's 67% black and has violent crime rates consistent with the national average. However, its second largest source of revenue is court fines and fees: \$2,635,400. That averages to three warrants and 1.5 case loads per home. Approximately 22% of the people are in poverty. If that's not a powder keg, I'm not sure what is.

Now for us to continue to be proactive we must remember there are four things you can do with Angst and Anger as a Black person when it comes to dealing with our government:

1. Stay passive and submit to injustice and grow bitter.
2. Fight for reform, constructively, to better your situation and others.
3. Seek an occupation with the government apparatus and fight for change.
4. Become a token and profit from a system entrenched in ostensible narratives.

We really only have two legitimate options and I have done both: number (3) as an educator and correction specialist, and (2) now as a consultant. I'm most concerned about the narratives taking place on both sides. People use ostensible language narratives and theories that appear to be true, but in reality simply act as a cover for furthering misinformation—to create plausibility and then push their agenda ahead. As Black folks, we still need to hear the facts before making up our minds. And as far as the people perpetually against us, they will continue to recruit and place their mouthpieces in our community. I'll also say this: we need to seek out new voices to address these crises that emerge in our community. We need nuanced, dexterous leaders who are focused on the future and securing the promises still afforded to us by a Creator who has not forgotten His covenant. Deal with the government, but put your faith in God folks. We know the epidemic of death among Black men through Black on Black crime and law enforcement sends the message

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that our lives have no value. I utterly reject this. Let's love them before and after tragedy.

Thank you,
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Who Plays The Race Card?

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and the suspect's depend on it. This is the reality of the situation.

Having discussions aimed at bringing about positive race relations appears to be a topic that America is not eager to put on the table. America, we have a problem. This is not a new problem; it is not even an isolable problem; still, it is a wicked problem. According to the Australian Public Commission, a wicked problem is one "that is difficult or impossible to solve because of incomplete, contradictory, and changing requirements that are often difficult to recognize. The term "wicked" is

What's Up With Serena Williams?

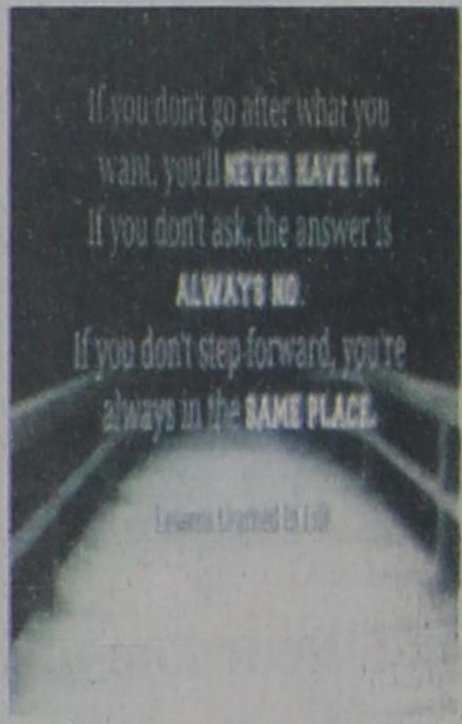
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According to Serena, she had some type of viral illness that made her dehydrated, dizzy and feverish.

Her sister Venus concurs and says the only reason why she let Serena play in that type of condition was because she didn't want to be bossy. "She tricked me into letting her try," she added.

Despite trying to set the record though about what really happened, the rumors continue to swirl.

But what do you think?



used to denote resistance to resolution, rather than evil." Improved race relations in America can be achieved by applying our unique American "can do" attitude. We have a blueprint. That blueprint is the Kerner Commission formed by President Lyndon Johnson in 1967 to understand the root causes of the urban riots that plagued our cities from starting in 1964. Johnson rejected the Commission's recommendations. Still, the Commission's findings, known as the Kerner Report were spot on and prescient. The Commission stated that the nation was "moving toward two societies, One Black, One White - Separate and Unequal." Moreover, the Report warned our country faced a "system of apartheid in its major cities."

Obviously, we have not heeded the warning. Today, the concentration of blacks in the inner cities remains more fixed than fluid; the predicted racial divide has widened; and, poverty is more structural than generational. We need President Obama to issue a call to action, much like President Johnson did over 40 years ago. Thus, my modest proposal is for the President to create the Biden Commission on race relations. Joe Biden, our straight shooting Vice-President has both the street cred and needed gravitas to lead such a Commission - his 2007 primary gaffe, notwithstanding, of describing Obama thusly: "I mean, you got the first mainstream African-American



who is articulate and bright and clean and a nice-looking guy," Biden said. "I mean, that's a storybook, man." I've heard worse and Biden has more than atoned for that politically incorrect statement.

Finally, I would also highly recommend that Sean Hannity, Bill O'Reilly and Rush Limbaugh be invited to join this august body. Why not? They always seem to have the right answers.

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Applicants can include students over the age of 18, as well as members of the general public. The topic changes every year but is always related to the subject of prohibition. For more details, visit www.scholarshipsonline.org/2014/07/center-for-alcohol-policy-essay-contest.html

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