



Southwest Digest



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.

* If you have an announcement about your organization, please advise by calling (806) 762-3612 or e-mail swdigest@sbcglobal.net.

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Pastor M. Jewel Armstead Appointed Chaplain At Covenant Medical Center



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Pastor M. Jewel Armstead has been appointed a Chaplain at Covenant Medical Center.

Pastor M. Jewel Armstead, PhD, a Lubbock, Texas native, is a daughter of the late Rev. Dr. Leon and Belzora Armstead. In 2002, upon hearing the voice of God calling her to ministry, Pastor Jewel humbly accepted the call. During her licensing and ordination ceremony at Greater St. Mark Baptist Church under the pastorate of her late father, Dr. Leon Armstead, he proudly declared "It's Time To Take The Shackles Off". And taking the shackles off is exactly what the ordination seemed like. Pastor Jewel went on to launch out into deep waters to compel souls to God. In 2005, she founded 1-On-1 With The Holy Ghost Ministries, Inc. In addition to her preaching father, she hails from a background of ministers including one sister, Sr. Pastor V.

M. Smitherman (who serves in place of their late father), one brother and a host of aunts, uncles and ancestors even throughout the slave records.

Although she has attended institutions of higher learning, including Howard University, Dr. Leon Wright Seminary and Delta College & High Tech Institute, Pastor Jewel Armstead testifies that so much of her wisdom came from the University of "Hard Knocks". A single mother for 10 years, she says raising 3 sons while moving at least 7 times throughout the country was not easy. Professors didn't equip her for this life, God did.

Diagnosed with cervical cancer after the birth of her fourth son, Pastor Jewel celebrates her 11 year bout against cancer with a testimony of being over 12 years cancer free! She shares her testimony of divine healing

at every opportunity believing God performs miracles everyday. While serving as an Administrative Assistant at Union Temple Baptist Church in Washington, D.C. for 11 years, Pastor Jewel has also managed to complete a number of ministry opportunities. She served as a media personality in the Washington D.C. Metropolitan area on WYCB 1340 a.m. Radio One for over 5 years with Kathy Hughes and also co-hosted the "Road 2 Recovery" TV show focusing on journeys of victory over a variety of life's challenges.

In addition to ministering God's Word, her music ministry has given her platforms overseas in such places as Okinawa and Tokyo, Japan where she sang and briefly modeled. Her first missionary journey was to Israel where she was baptized in the Jordan River. She also had the privilege of singing on the very mountain top where Jesus taught the Beatitudes to His disciples. For 3 years, during the Obama Administration, she's ministered in song on our nation's White House lawn for the National Day of Prayer.

While producing videos and recording, she signed with Anointed Records in 2010, forging on to become an award winning vocalist on Morning Glory TV. In 2013, Pastor Jewel was endowed with an Honorary Doctorate of Divinity by the Abundant Life Bible College and Theological Seminary in Charleston, WV. She currently serves as Pastor of Evangelism and Outreach at Gr. St. Mark, while also serving as one of the Chaplains for University Medical Center in Lubbock, Texas. Pastor Jewel Armstead is in the processing of completing her upcoming book, "I AM MORE THAN A CONQUEROR", filled with her miraculous journey of struggle, heartbreak, fail-

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Morrisons Wishes Grandson Well

Lord Bless Brother and Sister B. J. Morrison as they traveled to Dallas, Texas on Friday, August 15, 2014, where they attended a 'going away party' for their grandson, Kenard Morrison, who volunteered for the U. S. Army.

Kenard left for basic training on Tuesday, September 2, 2014. Morrisons are praying he will make it his career.



Brother B.J., Kenard & Sister Morrison

Eddie McBride Celebrates 15 Years at the Lubbock Chamber

The Lubbock Chamber of Commerce is proud to recognize President and CEO Eddie McBride for his 15 years of service to the Lubbock Chamber.

McBride has the longest current tenure at the Chamber as he celebrated his 15-year anniversary on September 1.

Under McBride's direction, the Chamber has received numerous awards and recognitions. The Chamber has twice been awarded the prestigious 5-Star accreditation recognition by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce and twice been named the Chamber of the Year by the Association of Chamber of Commerce Executives. Chamber membership has grown to over 2,100 members



Eddie McBride

during McBride's tenure and he was instrumental in creating the employer health care plan as an added value benefit to Chamber members. He also received the

Texas Chamber of Commerce Executives Distinguished Service Award in 2011.

McBride earned the U.S. Chamber of Commerce Institute of Organizational Management professional designation in 2012 and currently serves on the boards of the Association of Chamber of Commerce Executives (ACCE) and Texas Chamber of Commerce Executives (TCCE) and is past President of the Greater Southwest Lubbock Rotary club. He has also served on the boards of numerous local and state organizations.

McBride cites his longevity is due to his joy of serving Lubbock's best business leaders and volunteers and having one of the best Chamber staffs in America is on the South Plains with their \$900 million in economic impact to West Texas.



Max R. Tarbox

Democratic Party Names Max R. Tarbox As Nominee For Texas House District 83

The Democratic chairmen for Texas House District 83 met late Friday afternoon, August 22, 2014, and selected Lubbock attorney, Max R. Tarbox, as their nominee to appear on the November ballot to replace Charles Perry. A formal announcement of his candidacy was made Monday, August 25, 2014, at the Law Offices of Max Tarbox located at 2301 Broadway in Lubbock. Kenny Ketner, the Lubbock County Democratic Chair, said, "We are pleased to announce that Mr. Tarbox will be our candidate in this important race for the Texas legislature. Max comes from deep West Texas roots, and has a distinguished record in business and as a local attorney."

Max Tarbox was born in Lubbock, Texas. His father was the first All American football player for Texas Tech who later went on to become a World War II hero as a pilot with Doolittle's Flying Tigers, and later served as a Member of the Texas House of Representatives from Lubbock in the 1960's.

Mr. Tarbox graduated from Coronado High School in 1966, then attended college and received his degree from the University of Texas where he was a member of the Naval Reserve-Officer Training Corps. After graduating from college, he was commissioned as a Naval Officer and served on a destroyer. Afterwards, he was sent to foreign language training where he became fluent in Vietnamese. He later served a tour of duty in Vietnam as a Lieutenant in the Navy. Following his service in the military, Mr. Tarbox received his law degree from Texas Tech and a Masters in Business Administration from the Thunderbird School of Global Management in Arizona where

he received a degree in International Finance and was trained to speak Chinese. After working international business he moved home to Lubbock to manage and own Elmer's Weights which manufactured sporting goods in Wolfforth, Texas.

In 1986, he sold the company, and Max has been practicing law since that time specializing in the area of business reorganizations. Max is married to the former Carol Griffin and has two children, James, who is an M.D., and Lizzy, who lives in the Dallas/Fort Worth area. Carol and Max have 4 grandkids.

In accepting the Democratic nomination, Mr. Tarbox said, "I am humbled and pleased by this nomination, and pledge to run a vigorous campaign for the House seat. I have been active in the Lubbock community for many years, and look forward to making sure the needs of West Texas are heard in Austin."

The theme for Tarbox's election is "Invest in Texas." Tarbox announced his priorities for the next legislative session:

a. He will make sure our infrastructure is properly restored, maintained and improved.

b. He will fight to ensure that funds lost from budget cuts in our public school systems are restored and that future funding is increased.

c. He will support the institutions of higher learning in our district to make sure they receive proper treatment, funding and respect by our state legislature.

d. He will participate in efforts by our state government to ensure that our farm and manufactured products find foreign markets.

The election for House District 83 will be held on Tuesday, November 4, 2014.

Jones remains in critical condition

A candidate for the Senate District 28 special election race was in critical condition Monday morning, September 1, 2014, at Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock.

A Covenant spokeswoman



Delwin Jones

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Free and Reduced Meals For The 2014 School Year In The Lubbock Independent School District

The Lubbock Independent School District announced its policy today for providing free and reduced-price meals for children served under the attached current income eligibility guidelines. Each school/site or the central office has a copy of the policy, which may be reviewed by anyone on request. The Lubbock ISD campuses participating in the free and reduced program are: Coronado, Estacado, Lubbock High, Talkington SYWL, Evans, Irons,

Hutchinson, Honey, Miller, Roscoe Wilson, Smith, Waters and Whiteside.

Recently, the Lubbock ISD began distributing letters to the households of the children in the district about eligibility benefits and any actions households need to take to apply for these benefits. Applications also are available at 2010 Cesar E. Chavez Drive or your student's campus.

Criteria for Free and Reduced-Price Meal Benefits
The following criteria will be used to determine a child's eligibility for free or reduced-price meal benefits:

Income

1. Household income that is at or below the income eligibility levels

Categorical or Automatic Eligibility

2. Household receiving Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF); or Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR).

3. Child's status as a foster child, homeless, runaway, migrant, or displaced by a declared disaster.

4. Child's enrollment in Head Start or Even Start.

Income Eligibility

For those households that qualify for free or reduced-price meals based on income, an adult in the household must fill out free and reduced-price meal application and return it to Lori Torres, Free and Reduced Clerk, (806)219-0717. Those individuals filling out the application will need to provide the following information:

1. Names of all household members.
2. Amount, frequency, and source of current income for each household member
3. Last 4 digits of the Social

Security number of the adult household member who signs the application or, if the adult does not have a social security number, check the box for "I do not have a Social Security number"

4. Signature of an adult household member attesting that the information provided is correct.

Categorical or Program Eligibility

The Lubbock Independent School District is working with local agencies to identify all children who are categorically and program eligible. Lubbock ISD will notify the households of these children that they do not need to complete an application. Any household that does not receive a letter and feels it should have should contact Lori Torres, Free and Reduced Clerk, (806)219-0717.

Any household that wishes to decline benefits should contact Lori Torres, Free and Reduced Clerk, (806)219-0717.

Applications may be submitted anytime during the school year. The information households provide on the application will be used for the purpose of determining eligibility. Applications may also be verified by the school officials at any time during the school year.

Determining Eligibility

Under the provisions of the free and reduced-price meal policy, Free and Reduced Clerk, Lori Torres will review applications and determine eligibility. Households or guardians dissatisfied with the Reviewing Official's eligibility determination may wish to discuss the decision with the Reviewing Official on an informal basis. Households wishing to make a formal appeal for a hearing on the decision may make a request either orally or in writing to Traci Robertson, Executive Director of Purchasing and Contract Services, 1628 19th Street, Lubbock, Texas 79401, (806) 219-0260.

Unexpected Circumstances

If a household member becomes unemployed or if the household size increases, the household should contact the school. Such changes may make the children of the household eligible for benefits if the household's income falls at or below the attached current income eligibility guidelines.

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Lubbock Children's Health Clinic receives \$80,000 Grant from Covenant Community Outreach Wellness and Prevention Initiative

Lubbock Children's Health Clinic received an \$80,000 grant from Covenant Community Health Outreach to assist with medical services for underserved pediatric patients.

Lubbock Children's Health Clinic is a nonprofit organization that has been operating for 75 years in the Lubbock community to meet the health care needs of the underserved children of Lubbock and the surrounding counties.

"Our mission is to provide quality, comprehensive primary health care to the medically underserved children of Lubbock and surrounding communities

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without regard to race, color, sex, national origin, or parent's ability to pay," according to Sue Hill, Executive Director for Lubbock Children's Health Clinic.

Over the years, the scope of services has expanded to meet the changing needs of our patients. Yet, one thing has remained constant throughout the years, LCHC's dedication to the children of Lubbock and the surrounding communities.

The Covenant Community Outreach Grant will be used to assist with operational support for providing acute and preventive health services for children ages newborn to age 19.

"As a clinic that sees all children regardless of a parent's ability to pay, this funding will enable us to continue to provide a medical home for any child. This funding will help us continue to be a presence in North Lubbock at 302 N. University and in East Lubbock at 1801 E.

14th Street. Without community support, we would have to limit services to meet the needs of our unfunded children" according to Sue Hill, Executive Director, for Lubbock Children's Health Clinic.

Covenant Community Outreach Wellness & Prevention Initiative Grants support the efforts of community agencies that reach out to the underserved and vulnerable in our community. Through these agencies they are able to expand the services for the community and assist agencies providing these services on a daily basis.

Lubbock Children's Health Clinic is accepting patients at its two pediatric clinics located in North and East Lubbock. For more information on Lubbock Children's Health Clinic or how you can support our community efforts please call Sue Hill at 749-3803 or visit our web site at www.lubbockchildrenshealth-clinic.org.

The NFL Announces Harsher Penalties for Domestic Violence Offenses

By

Michelle Mar

On August 28, 2014 NFL Commissioner Roger Goodwell announced harsher penalties for NFL players who violate the Personal Conduct Policy regarding assault, battery, domestic violence, or sexual assault. First time offenders will receive a six-game suspension and second time offenders will receive a lifetime ban. The NFL's decision to increase sanctions for domestic violence offenses came as a response to the two-game sus-

pension of Baltimore Raven's Ray Rice. Last month Rice was indicted for aggravated assault after a video surfaced of Rice dragging his fiancé's unconscious body out of an Atlantic City casino elevator.

Commissioner Goodwell made this announcement in a letter sent to team owners. In his letter Goodwell admitted to mishandling the Ray Rice case. "My disciplinary decision led the

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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.

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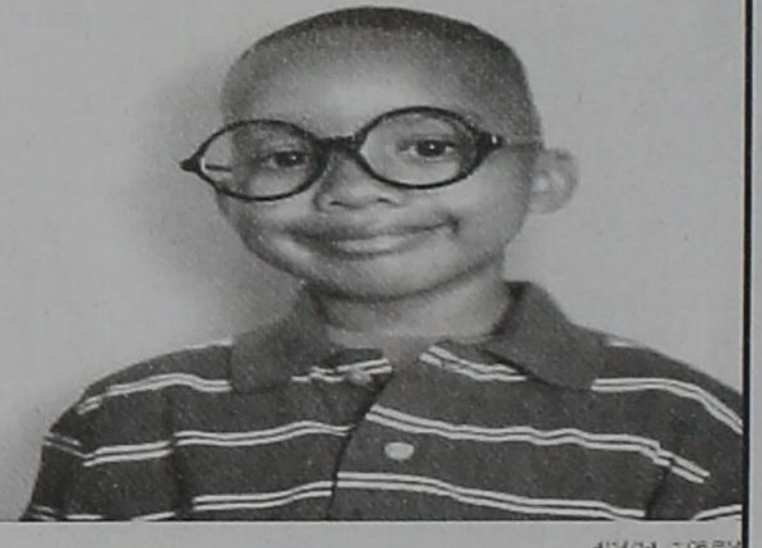
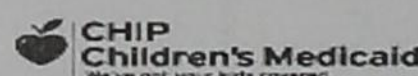
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In Cinque

By Renetta Howard



The conversation that you see on the television, written media, internet, and with individuals that you may not even know, is about the problems in Ferguson, Missouri. Back in 2009, the subject was Oscar Grant who was shot on New Year's Day by an officer in Oakland. That incident spawned the movie "Fruitvale Station" in 2013, the year in which Trayvon Martin's murderer was acquitted for murder and manslaughter. Trayvon was killed in 2012. Now, there is Michael Brown, unarmed, just as Oscar and Trayvon which has brought forth he latest protest about racial injustice. The families of Brown and Martin are expected to join the Brown family today in an effort to quell the unrest.

Americans, regardless of their color or kind, have lived with some form of racial injustice since the beginning of this great nation. Ethnic groups have been protesting for ages to gain equality. The Jewish community, the German community, the Polish community, the Black community, the Hispanic community and most recently, the Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender community is struggling for equality. History has recorded its moments of protest and victories for all of these groups. The ongoing problem lies in the existence for many years of that "peculiar institution," slavery, which keeps raising its ugly head, one way or the other when it comes to Black equality.

Over the years, even with the liberation of the Black man and the rights he has secured through protest after protest, there is still something about that slave mentality, which makes it a major, major issue when a Black person is killed by a White person, especially if it is a young, unarmed Black male. Black Rage is the result of such actions. Of all the

books that I feel everyone should read is the one written by William H. Grier (Father of comedian David Allen Grier) and Price M. Cobb by that same name, Black Rage. These two Black psychiatrists published this book in 1968, and when I was in the classroom, all of my Sociology students had to read this book. Black Rage gives an in depths look into the nature of Black rage as a result of their studies into the effects that history has had on the American Black man. If you can wrap your head around the essence of this work and internalize it, then we may be able to move forward and examine why Blacks kill Blacks.

It is wrong for anyone to kill anyone. This is especially true when the victim is unarmed as they have been the case of the several Black youths murdered in the past five years which have garnered national public attention and rightly so, but it seems that no one is keeping track of the young Black males and females that are being killed each year by a Black person, youth or otherwise. There was no national protest when the young girl from Chicago was killed shortly after her return from White House honors. Who is protesting the nine year old killed on the street in Chicago recently? Young Blacks are killed every day in large cities like Dallas, Texas, New York City, Baltimore, Maryland, Los Angeles, California, New Orleans, Louisiana, Chicago, Illinois, Detroit, Michigan and others not mentioned. We talk about saving our youth, but for the most part, talk is what we do. It is time to get 'in cinque' and put into play the necessary tools to cut out the Black on Black crime. Protest that.

Statement on the school funding lawsuit

Lubbock ISD is one of more than 600 school districts across Texas that entered into the lawsuit against the State of Texas. We joined the Texas Taxpayer and Student Fairness Coalition lawsuit because we believe the school finance system in Texas is inadequate and unconstitutional. We anticipated Judge Dietz would rule in favor of Texas school children, and we are pleased that the Court issued that ruling today, Thursday, August 28, 2014. This case is far from over, with an appeal to the Texas Supreme Court anticipated. We believe the pressure of the lawsuit was a factor in the Legislature restoring some of our funding last session, and we will continue to work with our legislative delegation to create more equity in the school finance system.

For more information, contact Nancy Sharp Executive Director, Communications and Community Relations, Lubbock ISD (806) 219-0010 Office, (806) 766-1241 FAX, (806) 786-1363 Mobile, www.LubbockISD.org.

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by T. J. Patterson

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reality..... As mentioned several weeks ago in this column there are 28 financial institutions in Lubbock with deposits of **6.4 BILLION DOLLARS IN 2013** Oh, yes the financial resources are here and with **PRAYER** it can happen.....Yes there will need to be some hard work done but it can happen..... Getting into this will mean all who believe as **THIS N THAT** with **FAITH** it will happen..... As it is written in the..... **HOLY BIBLE** **"NOW FAITH IS BEING SURE OF WHAT WE HOPE FOR AND CERTAIN OF**

WHAT WE DO NOT SEE."
Hebrews 11:1
HAPPY BIRTHDAY, SISTER KATHERINE MCCORMICK!! THIS N THAT is happy to wish a very good friend **SISTER KATHERINE MCCORMICK** a belated birthday as she became **102 YEARS YOUNG** Thursday August 28th!! **THIS N THAT** learned that many of her friends and church members came and visited Also her nurses and other medical personalities as well as her nurse... **GOD BLESS HER!!!**

NAACP Legal Defense Fund Challenges Discriminatory Texas Photo ID Law in Trial This Week

New York -- This week, beginning on Tuesday, September 2nd, LDF's political participation team started trial in Corpus Christi, Texas challenging the state's discriminatory voter ID law (SB 14). In 2013, LDF intervened in this lawsuit, *United States v. Texas*, now consolidated with *Veasey v. Perry*, to strike Texas's discriminatory photo ID law under Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act and the U.S. Constitution.

Under Texas's photo ID law, concealed handgun licenses are acceptable forms of photo ID to vote in-person, but student IDs are not. Texas's photo ID law is a solution in search of a problem, as a person is more likely to be struck by lightning than to see someone attempt to vote fraudulently at the polls.

What is known, however, is that hundreds of thousands of registered voters in Texas lack the kind of photo ID required by SB 14, a disproportionate number of whom are people of color. Nationally, only 8% of white voting age citizens lack a gov-

ernment-issued photo ID compared to 25% of African-American voting age citizens.

Despite the fact that another federal court in 2012 determined that Texas's photo ID law was the most discriminatory in the country under Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act, Texas immediately implemented that law following the U.S. Supreme Court's devastating decision in *Shelby County, Alabama v. Holder*, which effectively dismantled Section 5's protections.

Below are more updates about LDF's work to preserve and expand voting rights:

•In a letter to Alabama's Secretary of State, LDF has expressed grave concerns about the State's failure to count at least 286 ballots from the June 3, 2014 election due to Alabama's recently implemented photo ID law. LDF's letter also points out that, while large numbers of ballots in majority-black counties were discarded, election officials are not even applying the law in some majority-white counties.

•LDF filed an amicus brief in

the Arkansas Supreme Court in support of a lawsuit challenging the constitutionality of the state's voter ID law. The brief describes the significant burdens that the law places on thousands of Arkansans without photo ID, such as requiring poor Black people without cars to drive as far as sixty (60) miles round trip or go on bus trips that can take all day to reach voting sites.

•Any day now, the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals will hand down a decision in *Scott v. Schedler*, LDF's successful lawsuit against Louisiana agencies for their failure to comply with their obligations under the National Voter Registration Act (the "Motor Voter Act"). LDF won a federal court decision finding that in contravention of the Act, Louisiana has failed to fulfill its federal obligations to provide voter registration services to individuals receiving public assistance, leaving countless Louisiana citizens effectively disenfranchised.

•In Terrebonne Parish Branch

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We Thank God for Jesus

"Christians Will Rob God"

Written by Evangelist Billy "BJ" Morrison, III

Malachi 3:8b -- The Lord said, Yet you have robbed me. But you say, wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offering.

Jesus told his **DISCIPLES**: to go into the world; and preach the **GOSPEL. BUT THE CHURCH MARCHED AGAINST THE LAW; THIS WE CAN TELL!!!**

Matthew 28:19-20 -- Jesus said, Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you; and, look I am with you always, even unto the end of the world.

But the **CHURCH OF TODAY; IS DOING THEIR OWN THING. TO THE KINGDOM OF GOD, IT IS NOTHING BUT SHAME, SHAME, SHAME!!!**

***** THAT IS HOW YOU ROB GOD -- BY OMISSION!!! *****

Even in **THE GARDEN: ADAM DISOBEYED GOD -- HE OBEYED THE VOICE OF THE DEVIL; TO DO WHAT WAS IN HIS HEART!!!**

Life is a **RE-RUN THE CHRISTIANS LED A MOB IN THE EARLY 60'S**. Today, they're doing the **SAME OLD THING; WHICH SHOULD NOT BE!!!**

Isaiah 55:8-9 -- for my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, said the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts are higher than your thoughts.

When the young man **DIED IN THE STREETS; DISOBEYING A POLICEMAN. MOTHER AND FATHER, PLEASE TEACH YOUR CHILDREN TO OBEY COMMANDS!!!**

I Peter 3:13-14 -- Submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake; whether it be to the King (**PRESIDENT**) as supreme or unto governors, as unto them that are sent by him for the punishment of evildoers, and for the praise of them that do well...

***** CURSED ARE THE TROUBLE MAKERS!!! *****

But **THE CHRISTIANS MARCHING AND RIOTING -- LIKE THE UNGODLY MAN. IT'S BLIND LEADING THE BLIND; CHRISTIANS SHOULD OBEY GOD'S COMMAND!!!**

Romans 13:3a-4 -- For the rulers are not a terror to good works, but to the evil. For he is a minister of God to thee for good, but if you do that which is evil. Be afraid, for he carries not the sword (**GUN**) in vain; for he is a minister of God. A revenger to execute wrath upon him that do evil.

Matthew 15:9 -- Jesus said, In vain they do worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men.

A Prayer and Healing Service For Michael Brown Family Held At Mt. Vernon UMC

With the theme, "The Time Is Now," the members of the Mount Vernon United Methodist Church held a Prayer and Healing Service for the Micheal Brown Family, and the Ferguson Community as well as other Communities in the United States of America, including our own community on Sunday evening, August 24, 2014.

A welcome was offered by

Pastor Eugene Cochran, which everone in attendance glad they came.

After the opening by Pastor Cochran, a song, "Ain't Gonna Let Nobody Turn Us Around" by the congregation.

Remarks were given by the following Lubbock citizens: T. J. Patterson, Sr., former Lubbock City Councilman; Floyd Price, Lubbock City Councilman;

Church services were well attended at the St. Matthew Baptist Church, 2020 East 14th Street, on Sunday morning, August 31, 2014, where the proud pastor is Reverend Edward Canady.

Sunday morning services begun at 10:00 a. m. with Sunday School. Sister Annie Onasanya, our Assistant Superintendent, was in charge. Praise God for all the knowledge we receive during Sunday School.

Pastor Canady did a splendid job teaching the lesson as our teacher, Sister Susie Davis, was ill.

The Sunday School lesson was "Giving To Others." The scripture text was II Corinthians 8:1-14. What a wonderful lesson it was.

The Sunday devotion was conducted by Sister Arlene Jack-

son and Sister Annie Onasanya. Both did a wonderful job.

Pastor Canady entered the Church with the Choir singing again out of their hearts. What an outstanding gesture to see at the St. Matthew Baptist Church. God is awesome!

The morning sermon was delivered by Pastor Canady. His subject was "Praise Ye The Lord." His scripture text was Revelation 19:4-6.

It was a most informative sermon for all in attendance.

The morning announcements were read by Sister Shirley Canady, our First Lady. Praise God for all she does for the St. Matthew Baptist Church.

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. Come and take part. You'll be glad you did.

**** Bible Study** is held on Wednesday evenings at 6:00 p. m. We are having a wonderful time learning together.

**** Ushers** meet on Friday evenings at 5:00 p. m.

**** Choir Rehearsal** is held on Saturday afternoons at 3:00 p. m.

Let us continue to pray for our sick and shut-ins. Among them include: Sister Shirley Davis, Sister Susie Davis, Brother Eugene Morris, Sister Ethyl Williams, and Brother Ricky Brown.

The Canadys had guest over the weekend. They were relative. **Continue on Page 8**

What did the bugs do before I came?

Dr. James L. Snyder

The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage and Yours Truly finally exercised our right to a vacation and planned for a whole week to spend with our son and his family. Preparing for a week vacation takes about six weeks prior to the vacation and then six weeks after the vacation to get caught up. I do not know how people take vacations all the time.

It was to be a great week of relaxing and spending time with our son and his family in the state of Ohio. Ohio is remarkable for a lot of things but when my wife and I think of Ohio we think of one thing: our grandchildren.

Someone once remarked that grandchildren was God's way of apologizing for our children. Maybe that is so, I do not know. If so, I gladly accept His apology. All I know is it is wonderful to spend time with grandchildren. The important thing about

being a grandparent is discovering the skills necessary to adequately spoil your grandchildren within a week's time frame. Secretly, my plan is to get back at my children for their childhood in my home by spoiling my grandchildren in their home.

Revenge is sweet and wonderful.

It was about the middle of the week and my wife and I were sitting outside enjoying the cool weather. All of the grandchildren had been snuggled down into their beds for the night. It certainly is tiring to spend the day with grandchildren who have no shortage of energy and whose tongue is a well oiled machine and does not know how to be quiet.

Our ears were still tingling from the day's childish verbiage extravaganza.

We were sitting in the backyard sipping some hot coffee, enjoying the quiet evening when

I heard this buzzing sound on the left side of my head. Automatically my hand swatted in that area and I went on drinking my coffee as though nothing had happened. I thought perhaps the kids were still up or maybe it was a flashback from the afternoon.

My wife looked at me as though something weird happened, but we continued enjoying the evening atmosphere with only the soothing sounds of sipping coffee.

Then I heard the buzzing sound again. This time it was on the other side of my head and as I swatted I began to realize what was happening. All of the bugs in the state of Ohio had received a memo that I was vacationing in the state. In well organized shifts

they began the welcoming process. Within a short time I was swatting bugs with both hands which did not seem to change the situation at hand.

I know I am a sweet person, but this was becoming ridiculous. I would like to retain my sweetness for something other than bugs.

I am not quite sure how many bug bites I received that night, I stopped counting at 2,973,442 bites. I am not quite certain, but it was feeling more like it had exceeded 3 million bites. If I had a penny for every bug bite I would buy some very expensive bug repellent.

It seemed like they were working in shifts and it got to the point where my mind shifted into a murder scenario. Is it a

crime to murder a bug who has bitten me so many times? Of course the real question is, is it really murder? Could it be considered a mercy killing?

And if it is murder, what is the penalty for murdering a bug? I was at the point that I would gladly have paid handsomely for the privilege of putting some bugs to rest.

As a spiritually minded person, I wondered if bugs go to heaven when they die? If they go to heaven, do they continue to bite? And, would it be proper for an angel to swat a bug in heaven?

The mood I was in, after being bitten so many times by these lousy bugs, I had an opposite destination in mind. Since they like fire so much and are attracted to it, I would be glad to accommodate them. I know a place that would fit the situation quite well.

After two hours of fighting these stinking bugs, my sanity, as fragile as it is, was on the brink of collapsing. Once my

sanity collapses I am not responsible for what I will do or say. It was hard to find a place on my body one finger wide where a bug had not tasted the delicacy of my sweet skin.

One question I reflected on was simply, what did the bugs do before I arrived? Did they save up all their energy for when I would come and visit? This is not the kind of celebrity status I am seeking. My preference is to be anonymous to all the bugs in Ohio.

All of these insects, whatever they were, were simply bugging me to death.

When I regained some composure, I thought about what it must have been like for Jesus to come into this world. The writer of Hebrews puts it this way, "So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation" (Hebrews 9:28).

So many things in this world bug me, but I have something greater to look forward to, a place called heaven.

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Obsequies

Ester Lee Davis Sweargin

Funeral services were held for Ester Lee Davis Sweargin on Saturday afternoon, August 23, 2014, at First Progressive Baptist Church with Rev. Shaun Avery, pastor, officiating.

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

Sweargin, age 79 of Lubbock, passed Wednesday, August 13, 2014.

She was born September 11, 1934 to the parentage of Mary Marshall and Lester Davis.

Ester accepted Christ in her life at an early age and always had a loving and caring personality. She enjoyed spending time with her family and close friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Mary Marshall and Lester Davis; her husband, Tommy Sweargin; two sisters, Lela Picket and Evelen Louis; and great-grandmother, Latasia "TaTa" Foster.

She leaves to cherish her precious memories: her sisters:



Hedy Johnson of Madisonville, Texas, and Epherene "Duce" Powers of Houston; daughters, Mary Neil McMarion (Cleo), Tommie Joyce Harris (Steve), all of Austin, Texas, Lorraine Simpson (Jimmie), and Jackie Sweargin of Lubbock, Texas; her sons: John Larry Davis of Houston, Texas, James Henry Johnson (Joyce Ann Gilbert-Johnson) of Madisonville, Texas; 13 grandchildren; and a host nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

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Doris Evelyn Mosley

Brownfield, Texas -- Funeral services were held for Doris Evelyn Mosley on Saturday morning, August 23, 2014, at the New Hope Baptist Church in Brownfield, Texas.

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

Mosley passed away on Friday, August 15, 2014.

Doris was born in Mexia, Texas to the late John and Pauleta Williams. She graduated from Dunbar High School in Mexia and attended Prairie View A&M University in Prairie View, Texas. She later transferred to Paul Quinn College in Waco, Texas and earned her B. A. degree in Home Economics.

After graduating, Doris taught school in Plainview and Memphis, Texas. The spirit of adventure presented itself and Doris headed to the Indian reservation where she spent 30 years teaching Indian children to read, write, and speak in English. Doris worked with Navajo children in Taba City and Dennehotso, Arizona.

Doris met and married George Mosley in 1961. He had retired from 30 years of service in the military. To this union, three children were born: Larry George Mosley, Randy Mosley, and Lonnie Wayne Allen.



Doris was a dedicated woman of God and a faithful member of New Life House of Prayer Church. She served in numerous capacities such as church and mission secretary, choir and Sunday School. Her acts of love and kindness will truly be missed.

She leaves to cherish her memories: sons: Randy Mosley (Cynthia) of Austin, Texas, Lonnie Wayne Allen of Dallas, Texas; sister, Biva L. Byrd (James) of Madisonville, Texas; brother, John E. Williams, Jr. of Madisonville, Texas; sister-in-law, Gloria Williams of Columbia, Maryland; seven grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and a host of nieces, news, other relatives and friends.

Lula Mae Gentry

A well known Lubbock citizen, Lula Mae Gentry, passed away here Tuesday, August 12, 2014.

Her funeral services were held Friday morning, August 22, 2014, at the Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church with Rev. Darrell Willie, pastor, officiating.

Burial was held Saturday afternoon, August 23, 2014, in the Oakland Cemetery in Navasto, Texas under the direction of Ossie Curry Funeral Home of Lubbock.

She was born March 23, 1924 in Navasto, Texas, and moved to Lubbock, Texas in 1945.

She was preceded in death by her husband, David Gentry, Sr., granddaughter, NaCreasha Hereford, and parents, Joe and Mae Emma McGowen.

Mrs. Gentry was a longtime and dedicated member of Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church. While a member, Mrs. Gentry worked as an Usher. She devoted countless hours to the Dunbar High School and Estacado High School Athletic Booster Clubs.



Mrs. Gentry was employed by Dr. & Mrs. J. T. Kruger, and then Mr. & Mrs. Bobby Layne.

She leaves to cherish her precious memories: her son, David Gentry, Jr. (Lola); grandchildren: David per, Derrick Gentry, Josh Gentry (Carnellia), Natalie Gentry, and Mark Gentry; two great-grand-daughters: Brieyanah Session and Carmen Gentry; and a host of other relatives friends.

Husband and Wife, Scottie & Monica McCoy Funeralized Together

Funeral services for husband and wife, Scottie "Scott" and Monica McCoy, on Friday morning, August 22, 2014, at the First Baptist Church with Pastor Billy Wiley officiating.

Interment was held at Peaceful Gardens Memorial Park under the direction of Broadway Funeral Home.

Casket Bearers for Scottie were Scott Walters, Bobby Fira, J. J. McCoy, Billy Wiley, Jr., Marlen Davis, and Tony Coleman.

Casket Bearers for Monica were: Joe Ovalle, John Sndoval, Roy Moreno, D. J. Upchurch, Joseph Kemp, and Frankie Navarro.

Scottie McCoy, 44, and Monica, 36, passed away Thursday, August 14, 2014.

Scottie was born November 29, 1969 in Crosbyton, Texas to Mark and Nellie McCoy. He married Monica Granado in April, 2000 in Lubbock. He worked in maintenance at University Medical Center for many years and enjoyed low-riders, watching the Green Bay Packers, and spending time with his family and grandchildren.

Monica was born October 16, 1976 in Floydada, Texas to



Scottie & Monica McCoy

James Menefee and Maria Zuniga. She received her GED and married Scottie McCoy in April, 2000 in Lubbock. She worked as a home healthcare provider for many years and enjoyed working on crafts. She was a good mother, grandmother evidenced by the time she enjoyed spending time with her family and grandchildren.

Scottie was preceded in death by his parents; a sister, Willie Ruth Blue; and two brothers, Tommy and Larry. Monica was preceded in death by her fathers, James Menefee and Dionicio Granado.

They leave to cherish their memories: three daughters: Morgan McCoy, Amber McCoy, and Jayda McCoy, all of Lubbock; two grandchildren; Monica had two other children, Raven Williams and Jonathan Granado, both of Sweetwater, Texas; and four grandchildren. Scottie had six brothers: Kenneth Wayne, Continue on Page 9

Katie Mourine Harris

Funeral services were held for Katie Mourine Harris on Friday morning, August 22, 2014, at the St. James Baptist Church with Rev. Johnny Barnes, pastor, officiating.

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

Mrs. Harris, age 86, passed away Sunday, August 17, 2014.

Mrs. Harris was born in Clarksville, Texas, but resided in Lubbock for more than 50 years.

She leaves to cherish her memories: her husband, Joseph Harris; four daughters: Patricia Smith; Patsy (Billy) Pritchett,



Paula (Joe) Pope, and Shelia Ross; two sons: David Boyd and Tony Boyd.

Della Lockhart

Funeral services were held for Della Lockhart on Friday afternoon, August 22, 2014, at the Greater St. Mark Baptist Church with Rev. Venus Smitherman, pastor, officiating.

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

Ms. Lockhart, age 54, of Post, Texas, passed away Saturday, August 16, 2014.

Della was born April 28, 1960, to the parentage of Floyd B. Whitehead and Della Mae Lockhart in Post, Texas.

She attended Estacado High School, and was a proud and faithful member of the Greater St. Mark Baptist Church. She enjoyed spending time with her family, especially her beloved



grandchildren.

She loved to sing and elcomed and shared spiritual encouragement.

Della was preceded in death by her parents: Floyd B. Whitehead and Della Mae Lockhart.

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Sean Foley No Longer Tiger's Coach



Tiger Woods

(ESPN.com)—Tiger Woods said on his website Monday that he has parted ways with Sean Foley, his swing coach for the past four years.

"I'd like to thank Sean for his help as my coach and for his friendship," Woods said on tigerwoods.com. "Sean is one of the outstanding coaches in golf today, and I know he will continue to be successful with the players working with him. With my next tournament not until my World Challenge event at Isleworth in Orlando [in December], this is the right time to end our professional relationship."

Woods, who is sidelined with

a back injury, said he doesn't have a timetable for hiring a new coach. He began working with Foley at the 2010 PGA Championship.

Foley was the third coach Woods hired as a professional. He left Butch Harmon in 2003 and began working with Hank Haney a year later. He parted with Haney in the spring of 2010 when Woods returned from the scandal in his personal life.

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More and More African Americans Are Being Diagnosed With Glaucoma

Glaucoma is an eye disease that affects the optic nerve. It is caused by pressure from buildup of eye fluid that causes damage to the optic nerve. If glaucoma goes untreated, it can lead to blindness.

Who can get Glaucoma?

More than 2.7 million Americans aged 40 and older are affected by glaucoma. African Americans have the highest rates of glaucoma among minority groups. According to National Eye Institute, more than 520,000

African Americans have glaucoma, and the number is expected to increase 66 percent by 2030 to 865,000. Glaucoma is the leading cause of blindness in African Americans.

Symptom

Glaucoma has no symptoms during the early stages, so many people who are developing the disease are not even aware that they have it. As the disease progresses, however, peripheral or side vision may begin to decrease. Eventually, all vision

Happenings At Mae Simmons Senior Citizens Center

If you are a Senior Citizen, and think you can still dance or swing as you once did, then come out and "Dance to the Oldies." This exciting event will take place on Friday evening, September 12, 2014, beginning at 7:00 p. m. This dance will take place at the Mae Simmons Senior Citizens Center. So come on out and cut a rug like you use to do. Keep in mind is a good means of getting some positive exercise and keeps our blood flowing. Shall we count on you cutting the rug? By the way, bring someone with you!

Ladies, your help to keep the 'Ladies Tea' going! It will be held Tuesday, September 16, 2014, at Mae Simmons Senior Citizens Center, beginning at 2:00 p. m. Come, Ladies and enjoy this event.

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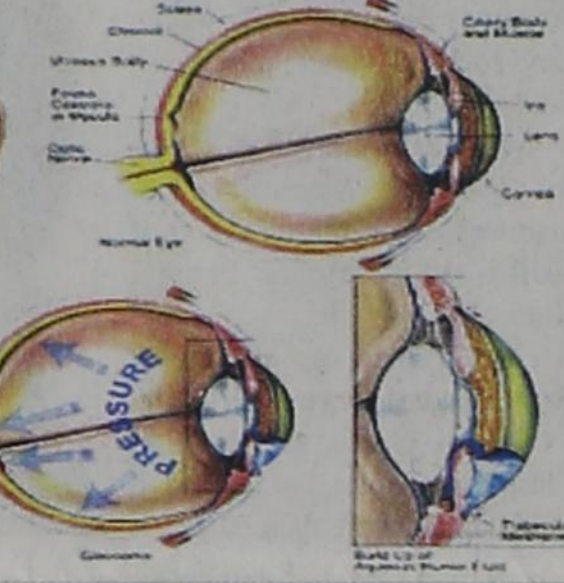
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will begin to narrow and eventually lead to blindness.

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New Study Says Sagging Pants Causes Sexual Dysfunction



Yes, it's true that wearing your pants too low can cause sexual dysfunction and a number of other serious health problems. This was the conclusion of the National American Medical Association following a two-year study.

According to doctors who did the study, 70 percent of men who wore their pants extremely low were more likely to prematurely ejaculate during intercourse. In addition, 75-82 percent develop some type of sexual dysfunction. The cause

seems to be the way in which the wearing of sagging pants changes the way they walk and move.

The body is meant to move freely from the hips down to the legs. Inhibiting normal movement can actually mis-align the hips and the torso if the pants are continuously worn very low. Other damage can include problems with the bladder, kidneys and prostrate due to constricting the flow of blood and oxygen to the lower extremities.

If this isn't bad enough, pres-

sure on the legs caused by jeans that are worn too low affect a nerve in your thigh called the lateral femoral cutaneous (LFC). If this nerve is compressed, it can cause damage to the nerve, leg pain, and even prevent normal tissue growth in the leg along with sensitivity to heat.

This is one style that needs to disappear as quickly as possible. It's not a cool look, and the health risks are definitely not cool.

St. Matthew Baptist Church's Thought for the Week

"Live in such a way that when people think of honesty and integrity, they will think of you!"

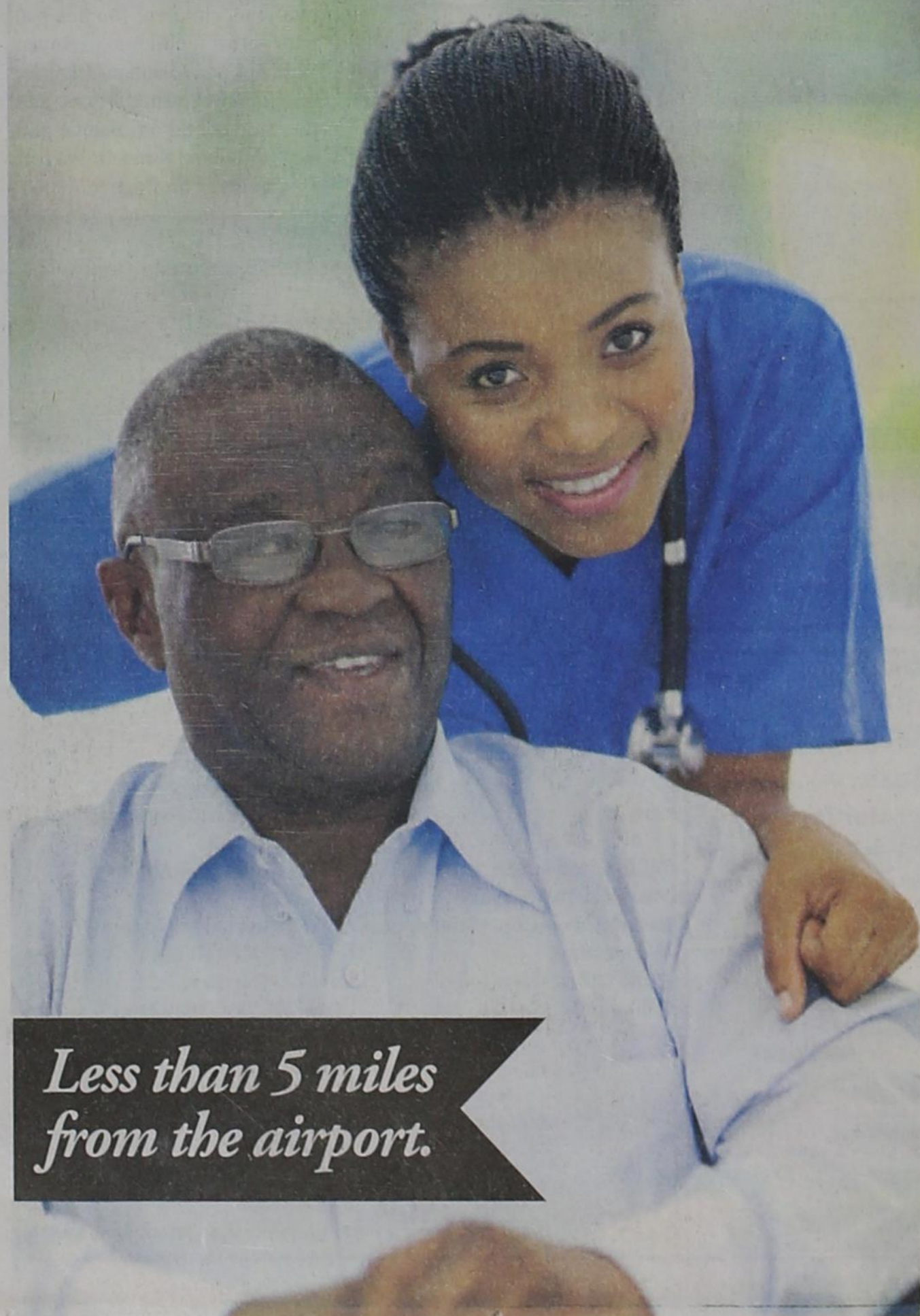
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Twitter. "Godspeed for a prompt recovery."

Jones' wife of 67 years, Reta, died March 20 at 90 years old.

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Beverly Hills Police Mistake Black TV Producer For Bank Robber And Arrest Him



As countless police officers continue to negatively objectify Black men, the case of prominent Hollywood producer Charles Belk (pictured) is a shining example of how out of control the situation has become. Belk was reportedly leaving an L.A. eatery last Friday, when he was suddenly swarmed by six Beverly Hills police cruisers and the then reportedly handcuffed without explanation for six hours because he allegedly "matched the physical characteristics of the second suspect and was in the area of the bank shortly after the robbery," a police press release stated according to KTLA.

The 51-year-old Harvard grad and award-winning executive claims he was not told why he was arrested, denied a phone call, and barred from speaking to his attorney at length.

Belk, who posted a Facebook picture of himself, handcuffed and sitting on a concrete curb in the hot blazing sun with two White officers standing guard over him, was booked on a \$100,000 bail. He says that the officers treated him contemptibly and only released him when they realized he looked nothing like the accused robber.

The photo of Belk, which has been shared via the social network some 30,000 times, is also accompanied by his written outrage at the way he was targeted:

"I get that the Beverly Hills Police Department didn't know that I was a well-educated American citizen that had received a B.S. in electrical engineering from the University of Southern California, an MBA from Indiana University ... and an executive leadership certificate from Harvard Business School," Belk's statement read. "Hey, I was 'tall,' 'bald,' a 'male' and 'black,' so I fit the description." "Within an hour, I was transported to the Beverly Hills Police Headquarters, photographed and put under a \$100,000 bail and accused of armed bank robbery and accessory to robbery of a Citibank."

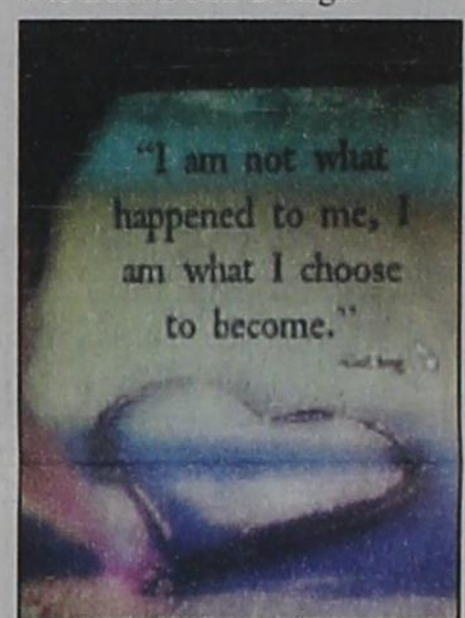
"What I don't get ... is why, during the 45 minutes that they had me on the curb, handcuffed in the sun, before they locked me up and took away my civil rights, that they could not simply review the ATM and bank's HD video footage to clearly see that the 'tall, bald-headed, black male' ... did not fit MY description."

What did the Beverly Hills police department have to say about their faux pas?

The department reportedly referred to the Belk incident as "regrettable," according to KTLA, and released the following statement:

"The Beverly Hills Police Department regrets the inconvenience to Mr. Belk, but was under obligation to thoroughly verify that he was not the suspect before releasing him."

There were two alleged robbers involved in the bank heist, Brianna Kloutse, 47, who is suspected in 11 recent bank robberies in the Los Angeles area was placed into custody last Friday. The other robbery suspect whom police mistakenly thought was Belk is still at large.



Police officer accused of sexually assaulting women on duty

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — Residents of a neighborhood where an Oklahoma City officer is accused of sexually assaulting women said Saturday, August 23, 2014, the allegations make them distrust police.

Investigators say Daniel Ken Holtzclaw raped one woman and either fondled others or forced them to expose themselves. They say he made others perform sex acts on him.

The women were all black and between the ages of 34 and 58, but it's not clear if race played a role in the alleged crimes. Police documents show that some were picked up off the street, while others were assaulted after being pulled over for traffic stops.

Formal charges against the police officer could come by Friday, August 29th.

"I'm already scared of them anyway," 34-year-old Seantah Graham said of police.

She pushed her 1-year-old daughter across a lightly traveled boulevard in the racially mixed, working-class neighborhood of modest brick homes and



This August 21, 2014 photo made available by the Oklahoma County Sheriff's Office shows Daniel K. Holtzclaw. The 27-year-old Oklahoma City police officer was arrested Thursday, August 21, 2014 and is being held in lieu of \$5 million bond after being accused of committing a series of sexual assaults against at least six women while on duty. (AP Photo/Oklahoma County Sheriff's Office)

small, mostly well-maintained yards.

"They've pretty much got power in the palm of their hand. And it's your word against theirs," Graham added.

Another resident, Tammy Bell, 45, said the officer was "taking advantage of his shield"

when he allegedly assaulted the women. Bell said she and others in the neighborhood on the city's northeast side had heard rumors about the alleged crimes weeks before Holtzclaw was arrested.

Police were slow to react, she said.

"They didn't want to think it was the police doing all this. They kind of laid it to the side," Bell said.

The investigation began — and Holtzclaw was immediately placed on leave — when police said a woman complained in June that Holtzclaw had sexually assaulted her during a traffic stop on a boulevard about two miles north of the state Capitol. The alleged incident prompted police to check other contacts Holtzclaw had with the public since beginning street patrols about 18 months ago.

Officers identified seven victims and eight incidents before accusing Holtzclaw of crimes including rape, sexual battery and indecent exposure.

District Attorney David Prater has said formal charges could be

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Training will be 6-10 p.m. September 5; 8a.m. - 4p.m. September 6; and 1-5p.m. September 7. All classes will be held at the Hospice of Lubbock Conference Room, 3702 21st St. on the northwest corner of 21st Street and Louisville Avenue in the Louisville Place Building. All 16

NFL's Decision On Domestic Violence

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public to question our sincerity, our commitment and whether we understood the toll that domestic violence inflicts on so many families," wrote Goodwell, "I take responsibility both for the decision and for ensuring that our actions in the future properly reflect our values. I didn't get it right. Simply put, we have to do better. And we will."

Goodwell provided a list of actions that would reinforce and enhance their policies against domestic violence. This in-

Dr. Jewel Armstead

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ure, restoration, victory and favor. A mother, preacher, motivational speaker, author and producer, please receive this gift.

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Potential volunteers are encouraged to contact Hospice of Lubbock at 795-2751.

cluded providing education and training for NFL players and personnel to help them better understand the risk factors and impacts of domestic violence. Confidential resources and support will also be available for NFL members and their family members whether they are victims or potential perpetrators of sexual assault or domestic violence.

Goodwell acknowledged the NFL's responsibility to be a role model and to set the example on how to prevent and handle domestic violence cases in the future. "Much of the criticism stemmed from a fundamental recognition that the NFL is a leader, that we do stand for important values, and that we can project those values in ways that have a positive impact beyond professional football," wrote Goodwell.

This change in perspective reflects the NFL's progress towards taking domestic violence more seriously. According to "The NFL and Domestic Violence" by Jeremy Bamidele, Goodwell was initially criticized for handing down a lenient penalty for Rice's behavior. Now the NFL is sending a very

Funding an Unfunded Funeral

by

Tracey Renee Lee, FDIC

Unfortunately as a funeral director, I often see families who have lost a loved one without the necessary funds to provide for his or her final expenses. The problem is that there is a dead body and something must be done within a short period of time, to properly accomplish final disposition with kindness, dignity and respect.

What are survivors finding themselves in this very undesirable situation supposed to do for funds? If the funeral home accepts credit cards, the survivor can utilize his or her pre-established credit and then make the necessary payments to the credit card carrier. For some reason, I find that survivors do not like this option. It is possible that most of them think the interest is too high, or they do not carry enough space on their credit cards to be able to afford such a substantial expense.

The funeral funds, however, must be provided before services can be rendered. If the next of kin is unable to raise the necessary funds through his or her own credit, they may choose to ask additional family members and friends to contribute. This can be embarrassing and many survivors do not care for this option either.

Some families are under the misconception that if they refuse or cannot provide the necessary funds, the government will cover their loved one's funeral expenses. While it may be true

different message loud and clear. "Domestic violence and sexual assault are wrong," wrote Goodwell. "They are illegal. They are never acceptable and have no place in the NFL under any circumstances."

Michelle Mar is a California certified Sexual Assault Crisis Counselor and Domestic Violence Crisis Counselor from Southern California. She can be reached at sbmm27@gmail.com

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that some counties have funds for paupers, these funds are reserved for indigents. If a decedent has family members or relatives, he or she does not qualify for the funds. Loved ones are not considered paupers, they are considered family members and as such, they have family that will be called upon to carry their financial burdens.

Unfortunately, funds that must be quickly obtained usually end up carrying extremely high fees. Whoever loves the decedent enough to step up to his or her deserted plate, usually ends up paying a far greater price and burden than the decedent would have if he or she had just taken care of this issue before his or her inevitable death.

The easiest and most cost effective way to provide funds for one's funeral expenses is called pre-need insurance, and it is purchased prior to one's death. Paying for a decedent's funeral after his or her death is called an expensive burden. If you are setting your loved ones up for this very unfair situation, they will be suffering the burden of your debt for a very long and laborious time.

My name is Tracy Renee Lee. I am a funeral director, author and freelance writer. I write books, weekly articles and brief tips on understanding and coping with grief. It is my life's work to comfort the bereaved and help them live on.

Please follow my blog at <http://pushin-up-daisies.blogspot.com/>, follow me on Twitter @PushUpDaisies and visit my website for additional encouragement and information at www.QueenCityFuneralHome.com.

St. Matthew News

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ves of Sister Canady from Houston, Texas, Mr. & Mrs. Curtis Jackson and Mrs. Donnie Johnson. They are members of the Mt. Ararat Baptist Church, Rev. Michael Rutledge, pastor.



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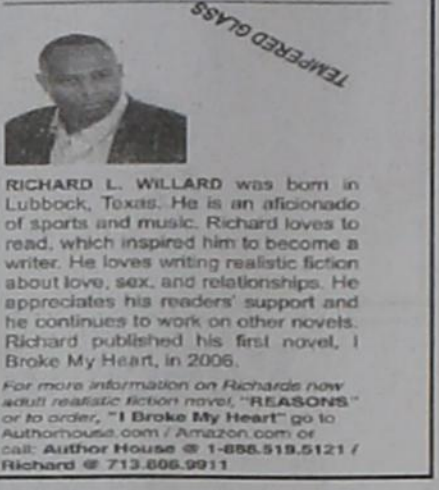
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Ferguson Protesters Hope To Transform Anger Into Change

FERGUSON, Mo. — Hundreds of demonstrators tracked through pouring rain and blistering heat on Saturday, calling for accountability for the officer who gunned down an unarmed 18-year-old here three weeks ago and for broader policing reform.

The death of Michael Brown

Police Officer Accused

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lodged by Friday. Holtzclaw had not been previously disciplined in his three years with the department.

Holtzclaw remained at the Oklahoma County Jail on Saturday in lieu of \$5 million bond, according to jail records. No attorney was listed for him.

Holtzclaw joined the police force after graduating with a criminal justice degree from Eastern Michigan University. He was also a standout football player and tried out for the Detroit Lions after he was not taken in the NFL draft. He was cut from the team, though.

Ashfaq Baig, 67, said Holtzclaw used to come into the Checkers Convenience Store where he works looking for a snack or a cold drink but was not a regular customer. The store is located on Oklahoma City's northeast side near the Oklahoma Health Center, a network of hospitals, medical clinics and physicians' offices.

Baig said other customers had told him about rumors that a police officer was abusing residents in the neighborhood. He said Holtzclaw's arrest has eroded people's trust of the police force.

"When you need directions, you go to a police officer. Now, we can't trust anybody," Baig said. "It's very hard."

Scottie & Monica's Funeral

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Marlen, Michael, and Jamie -- all of Lubbock; Charles of Crosbyton, Texas, and Jamie of Sweetwater, Texas; and one sister, Peggy Williams of Lubbock. Monica had three brothers: Jeremy Acosta of Tahoka, Texas, Bobby Acosta of Amarillo, Texas, and Joseph Kmp of Lubbock; seven sisters: Cynthia Zuniga of Sweetwater, Texas, Tonya Henandez, Lori Acosta, and Shelia Velasquez, all of Lubbock, Lana Garza of Houston, Texas, and Nancy Martinez and Rosemary Navarro, both of Crosbyton, Texas; and mothers: Maria Sandoval and Rosa Granada.

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and the aggressive police response to the demonstrations that followed have sparked a national conversation about race and law enforcement. Now that much of the national media has moved on -- a point that was repeatedly made by speaker after speaker at a rally in a nearby park on Saturday -- activists are working on channeling the anger exposed in the wake of Brown's death into concrete changes to policing tactics in the St. Louis region.

Some of the most recognizable faces from the past three weeks of protests were out on the scene on Saturday, including Brown's family members, Missouri state Sen. Maria Chappelle-Nadal, St. Louis Alderman Antonio French, Ferguson Democratic committeewoman Patricia Byner and Edward

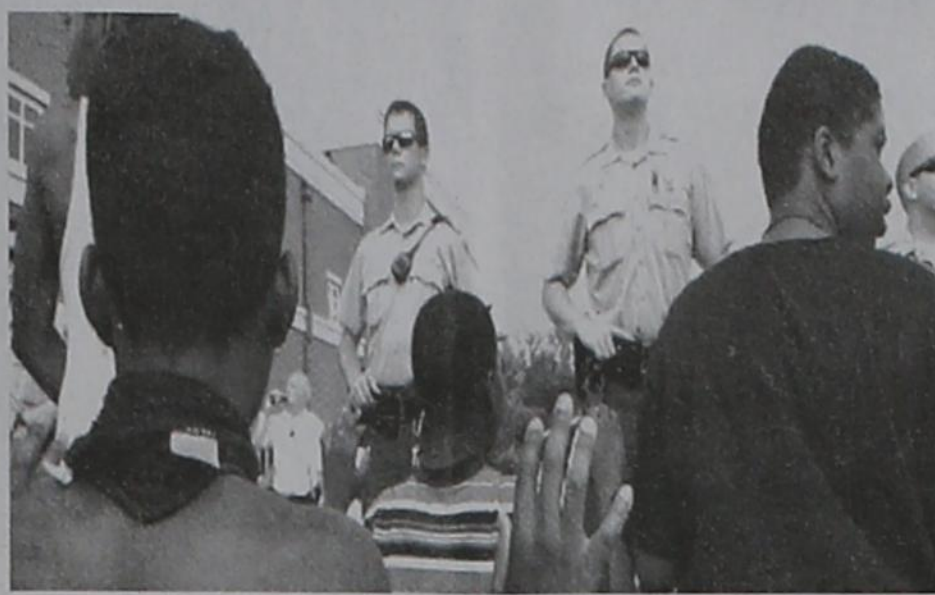
Jesse Hill, 55, said many women in the neighborhood did not go out at night because of concerns about being assaulted. Hill said she does not think race was a factor in the alleged crimes.

"It's about power now," said Hill, who is black. "When you see a cop, you don't know whether to stop or not. There's no service like there used to be. They don't care."

Holtzclaw was one of four police officers named in a wrongful death lawsuit in January. It was filed by the mother of Cliff Armstrong, an Oklahoma City man who died in police custody.

Armstrong died at a hospital in May 2013 after scuffling with officers. A medical examiner's report said his death was accidental, caused by a methamphetamine overdose, but that the altercation with police may have been a contributing factor.

The case is pending in federal court, but Holtzclaw and the officers were cleared of criminal wrongdoing



Crawford, the 25-year-old captured in a now-iconic photo hurling a flaming tear gas canister back at police officers while wearing an American flag T-shirt.

Brown's mother, Lesley McSpadden, wore a T-shirt bearing an image of her son that read, "A Bond Never Broken." She was protected by suited-up members of the Nation of Islam as she and Brown's father, Michael Brown Sr., made their way across town. Spread out across the route were tables stacked with shirts with slogans like "I survived the Ferguson riots" and "I am Mike Brown." There were also booths where protesters could register to vote and petitions calling for the indictment of Darren Wilson, the Ferguson police who shot Brown dead on Aug. 9.

The crowd, which numbered over 1,000 people, made its way from the Canfield Green apartment complex, where Brown died, to West Florissant Avenue, the epicenter of the protests and the home of businesses that were looted. Then the protesters marched up Ferguson Avenue, in the direction of the police station. As rain poured down, they headed to Forestwood Park, where a massive tent and a stage on loan from the St. Louis County Parks Department were set up.

The crowd was mostly black, but it included plenty of white demonstrators as well. One of them was Michael Maresco, 50,

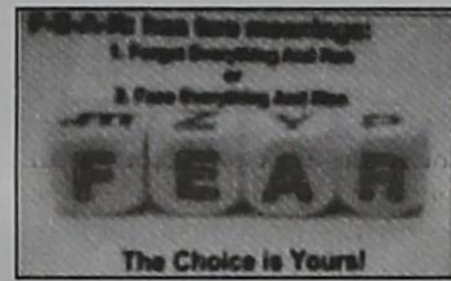
a Ron Paul supporter from Richmond Heights, Missouri, who was carrying a massive rainbow

Photo ID Law On Trial This Week In Texas

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NAACP, et al. v. Jindal, et al., LDF is litigating a challenge under the Voting Rights Act and the U. S. Constitution to Terrebonne Parish, Louisiana's at-large method of electing members for the 32nd Judicial District Court. A Black candidate has never been elected as a judge on this parish court. A sitting judge on the court has been suspended for wearing blackface, an orange prison jumpsuit, handcuffs, and an afro wig to a Halloween party as part of his offensive parody of a Black prison inmate.

In South Carolina, LDF is providing assistance to the Burton-Dale-Beaufort Branch of the NAACP who has strongly urged the Beaufort City Council to end the current discriminatory at-large based system of voting and put up for voter referendum a district-based voting map that will ensure that all of Beaufort's residents have an equal say in the political process.



Lesley McSpadden, Michael Brown's mother, looks at the spot where her son was killed three weeks ago.

ton Post. Indeed, speakers on the stage called on both Jackson and Ferguson Mayor James Knowles III to resign their positions.

Anthony Shahid, an older gentleman who has been out in the streets wearing chains during the protests and who marched next to Brown's mother on Saturday, called on the crowd to stop their cars along the highway on Monday as an act of civil disobedience. He said people should stop at 4:30 p.m. for four and a half minutes, meant to represent the four and a half hours Brown's body lay in the street after his death.

Silver Moore, an activist with

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Guest speaker will be Dr. Justin Lawrence, pastor of the Faith First Baptist Church.

Other celebratory events will take place at the First Progressive Baptist Church on Sunday afternoon, September 21st, beginning at 3:30 p. m.; Friday evening, September 26th, beginning at 7:00 p. m.; and Sunday afternoon, September 28th, beginning at 3:30 p. m.



Pastor Deshun Avery & First Lady Mary Avery

First Progressive Baptist Church is located at 4201 East 63rd Street.

For further information, contact Sister Thelma Avery (806) 747-8384 or (806) 577-5963.

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The Detroit chapter of the group Black Lives Matter, said she came to get across a message. "We matter enough not to be

gunned down by police," she said. "We matter enough not to have our bodies left in the street for four hours."

Black police officers came under particular scrutiny from

that small number of demonstrators, and attempts by others -- including French -- to calm them down were unsuccessful.

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Praising The Lord. With this, there were snacks of hot dogs, chips, cookies, and cold drinks.

There were approximately twenty-two children and six parents in attendance which proves the young and old can get

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