



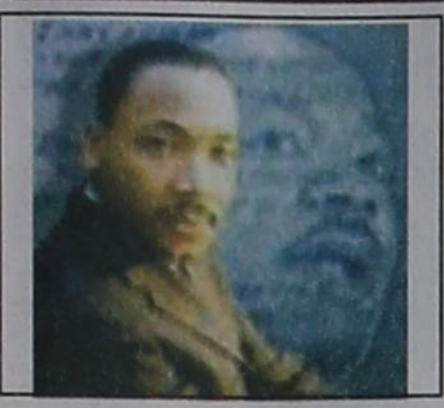
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Community Meetings

* Lubbock Area Client Council meets on the 2nd Saturday, 1:00 pm at the Patterson Branch Library, 1836 Parkway Drive.

* Hub City Kiwanis meets 1st & 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7 p. m., Mt. Vernon UMC, East 23rd & Cedar Avenue

* Dunbar Alumni Association meets 2nd Saturdays, 4:00 pm.

* Booker T. W Washington American Legion, Post 808, meets every 2nd Tuesday at 7:30 pm, American Legion Building in Yellowhouse Canyon.

* Forgotten West Riders meets on the 1st & 3rd Mondays, 7:00 pm, Patterson Branch Library.

* East Lubbock Chapter AARP meets every 1st Thursday at 1:00 pm, Great Saint Luke Missionary Baptist Church.

* Lubbock Chapter of Black Alumni meets every 3rd Tuesday, 5:30 pm, TTU Market Alumni Center.

* Dunbar Manhattan Heights Neighborhood Association meets every 1st Thursday at 7:00 pm and every 4th Thursday at 7:00 pm at the Dunbar Manhattan Heights Neighborhood Outreach Center, 1301 E. 24th Street.

* West Texas Native American Association Pot Luck Supper meets on alternating months prior to meeting, meetings held on 2nd Saturdays of each month at 7:00 pm, Educational presentations and demonstrations.

* The Unified Juneteenth Commission of Lubbock meets every Monday evening at Bryon Martin Technology Center, 3401 Avenue Q, beginning at 6:00 p. m.

* West Texas Chapter of 100 Black Men of West Texas meets 3rd Monday evenings at 7:00 pm at Lanier Center, 2nd Floor, TTU Law Center.

* The Parkway & Cherry-Point Neighborhood Association meets the 3rd Tuesday evenings, 7:30 pm at Hunt Elementary School.

* Chatman Hill Neighborhood Association meets 2nd Thursday of every month at 6:00 pm at 2301 Avenue A.

* ROOTS meets every 2nd Saturday at 2:00 p. m. at 2301 Avenue A.

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

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(806) 761st to publicly release a workforce demographics report earlier this year. They were commended for doing so, and so far, experts say they are the most aggressive at addressing the issue.

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Celestine Hatchett Kyle Named One Of Eight In 2015 Hall of Honor Class

One of the eight persons to be inducted into the Lubbock ISD Athletic Hall of Honor in its Hall of Honor Class of 2015 in June will be Celestine Hatchett Kyle.

The LISD Athletic Hall of Honor will recognize eight Lubbock ISD athletic greats to be included in their fifth ever class. The class of three LISD athletes, a coach and a local business community contributor to athletics, plus three championship teams, will receive the ultimate accolade by being inducted into the LISD's Athletic Hall of Honor in Lubbock in 2015.

The eight-member group that comprises the 2015 Hall of Honor class is a nice mix of players and coaches from various sports as well as three state championship teams. The induction will include former Coronado baseball stand out Brad Ralston, former Monterey diamond hero Gary Ashby, former Lubbock High football star Pat Hartsfield and former Dunbar and LISD coach and teacher Celestine Hatchett Kyle, as well as local businessman and radio personality David Thetford.

The state teams from the 1963 Dunbar High School Panther football team, the 1972 Monterey baseball title team, and the 1983 Estacado Matador track



Celestine Hatchett Kyle

and field champs will also be recognized.

Pioneers in the field of sports are historically some of the most revered people in the world that we live in. For the female athlete on the high school level in the Lubbock ISD there was perhaps no more of a "pioneer spirit" than that of Celestine Hatchett Kyle, who was the Dunbar High School Girl's Coach from 1950 to 1966. She was also a science and health teacher at Dunbar High School in 1950. She later taught physical education at the school, but she is most remembered for her influence on the young women of Dunbar High School for what she introduced

to them in the way of opportunities.

While serving in her role as an educator, Ms. Kyle introduced and organized girl's athletics to the scene at Dunbar High School. She coached basketball, volleyball, and tennis, while also contributing her many talents to hold the pep squad, flag team, cheerleaders and band majorettes. In addition to those various efforts she made for the school, she also helped Dunbar High School band director, the late Roy Roberts, with the half-time performances at football games. At the time when she was helping to get girls involved, there were actually no

after-school activities for girls to take part in, basically because there were no organized sports or programs for young ladies.

Ms. Kyle was a 32-year member of the Lubbock ISD faculty, serving stints at four separate schools during that time: she was a teacher and coach for 16 years at Dunbar High School, seven years at Lubbock High School, nine years at Atkins Junior High School, and was a faculty member at Arnett Elementary School.

During her entire career, she was never hired, nor paid, for her many hours of performing her coaching duties. She used her own money to purchase basketballs. None of that, however, deterred her from a distinguished career as she led the Dunbar High School girls to District Championships for seven years from the mid 1960's to 1971 -- apparently the only thing keeping that success to the local level was that there was not

state participation for girls during those early years.

To say that Celestine Hatchett Kyle was an unselfish and devoted "giver" to the Lubbock ISD and to the girls that she taught and coached would be somewhat of a soft-sell approach to her distinguished career.

A former standout tennis player on the college level, Ms. Kyle retired from the Lubbock ISD in 1981.

It's quite an honorable list of people who were involved in Lubbock high school athletics, highlighted by Lubbock's first ever state championship team in baseball, the state efforts of Dunbar High School Panthers in football, and those Estacado High School Matadors in track, as well as athletes ad coaches with different accolades earned during their careers.

The location for the June induction, time and place will be made available when they have been confirmed.

New Stormwater Rates Took Effect On Thursday, January 1st

New stormwater rates for residential and non-residential properties in Lubbock took effect Thursday, January 1, 2015. The City Council passed the new rates during its October 23, 2014 meeting. The new rates were established to provide a more equitable way of assessing

the Stormwater Utility Fee. The old fee structure was based on the number of water meters on the property. The new fee is based on the property's impervious surface area (hard surfaces that reduce rainfall's ability to soak into the ground).

What A Joyous Time For Young People Living In The Coronado Apartments!



WHAT A WONDERFUL PARTY!!! Pictured above are some of more than 100 people, young and old, who were in attendance of the Annual Christmas party sponsored by the Coronado Apartments, 1001 East 28th Street. "It was a wonderful event for all in attendance," said Kasey Sexton, Apartment Manager of the Coronado Apartments.

Among those in attendance were approximately 50 volunteers who were responsible for working for the success. There was delicious food and gifts for all the guest. It was held at the Southwest Digest, 902 East 28th Street. Frank Morrison, owner of Coronado Apartments, says: "It was great, and this is only the beginning!" Also, Pancho Clos stopped by for the event and posed for photos. (Photos courtesy of Totsey Bass)

Lubbock Public Library Events

Bluebonnet Book Club at the Mahon Library

Children in grades 3 through 6 are invited to the Bluebonnet Book Club at the Mahon Library, 1306 9th Street, at 3:30 p.m. on Thursday, January 8. We will read this year's nominees for the Texas Bluebonnet Award and have a book-related activity. For more information, please call 775-2838.

Teen Game Day at Groves Branch Library

Teens come to the Groves Branch Library, 5520 19th Street, at 4 p.m. on Thursday, January 8 for a variety of board games and video games. For more information, please call 767-3733.

Book Discussion at Groves Branch Library

The Reel Books book discussion group will meet at the Groves Branch Library, 5520 19th Street, at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, January 8 to discuss Still Alice by Lisa Genova. Refreshments inspired by the book will be served. For more information, please call 767-3733.

Coffee, Donuts & a Movie at the Mahon Library

Come to the Mahon Library, 1306 9th Street, at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, January 10 for a classic movie starring Jack Lemmon and Shirley MacLaine. Refreshments will be served. For more information, please call 775-2835.

Lubbock Chess Club at Mahon Library

The Lubbock Chess Club will meet at the Mahon Library, 1306 9th Street, on Sunday, January 11 from 2 to 4:45 p.m. All ages and skill levels are welcome. Call 775-2835 for more information.

Knitting, Crochet & Spinning Yarn at Groves Branch Library

Learn to knit, crochet, and even spin your own yarn at the Groves Branch Library, 5520 19th Street, at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, January 13. For more information, please call 767-3733.

Tiny Tots Storytime at Groves Branch Library

Each family will receive a free book to take home at this storytime presented by Literacy Lubbock at the Groves Branch Library, 5520 19th Street, at 12:30 p.m. on Wednesday, January 14. For more information, please call 767-3733.

And all these, having gained approval through their faith, did not receive what was promised, because God had provided something better for us, so that apart from us they would not be made perfect.

Hebrews 11:39-40

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"In the light of the events surrounding Eric Garner, Mike Brown in Ferguson, Missouri, and far too many others, African Americans are looking for more sustainable ways to strengthen the community long term" says founder Brian Williams. "Supporting our businesses is one important step, and PurchaseBlack.com makes it easier than ever to do online."

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\$89 Billion dollars will be spent online this holiday season, a 13% growth over this time last year according to research from Forrester. PurchaseBlack.com is positioned to make sure Black companies are participating in this massive online spending.

PurchaseBlack has appeared in places like NewsOne Now, BET.com, BlackEnterprise.com, TheRoot.com, Texas Enterprise, UrbanCusp.com, and many others. The site has a growing selection of items from businesses across America. Although businesses can start their shops for free, each one must apply to get one. "We only accept businesses that have good prices, customer service, solid policies, and quality product presentation," says Williams. "We know that our customers want a certain quality of business to support, and we work hard to give it to them."

Williams has his engineering degree from Purdue University, and an MBA from The University of Texas - McCombs where he was inspired to start his business. He studied African American business success, and has been a panelist and speaker on the subject since graduation. "We understand that our target market wants to know if a product is from a Black owned company or not, so we place a 'Black Owned Business' badge above each product that is Black owned. This makes it easy for



every customer, Black or not, to make clear decisions to support the Black community."

PurchaseBlack.com is the 2014 winner of the National Black MBA Whiteboard Innovation Challenge. The business plans to expand into services and to offer products internationally in the coming year.

"We are progressing, making a positive difference, and accelerating in the right direction. We've just rebranded with new logos, and added more products. It's a great time for our company!"

Businesses are encouraged to visit www.purchaseblack.com/become-a-seller for more information about selling their products (not services) in their own website.

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

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.



Man Gets Fired, Becomes Successful... Then Comes Back to Buy the Building

The story of Raymond Hill, the founder and owner of New Jersey-based Sequin City, is like reading a good book that has a happy ending. In the middle are all the ups and downs that keep you guessing how it's all going to turn out. But for Raymond Hill, it turned out very well. Basically, he was fired from his sales job--get this--for making too many sales, then started out on his own and eventually bought the same building where he worked before.

Raymond's Success Story: Raymond owns the only sequin manufacturer in the country. But ten years ago, he was actually fired from his sales job because the owner didn't want to pay Raymond his commissions.

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COMMUNITY WIDE

prayer fasting
2015

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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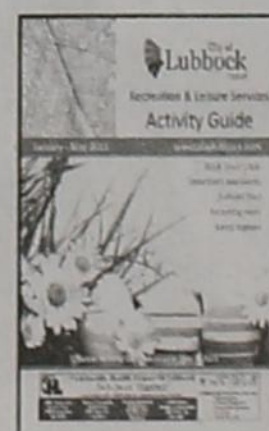
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In Cinque

By Renetta Howard



2014 has come to an end and it makes us stop and think and pray and be thankful that we have safely made it through another year. This has been a year of great gains and turmoil and yet we are still alive and ready to tackle the upcoming year with great joy and anticipation for love and happiness.

We have seen many of our friends and family members go on to the great beyond and some of us are still struggling with their absences. This past Christmas may have been the last one that we shared with a loved one and we will always be thankful that we had it and will remember the essence of love which it characterized. This New Year, 2015 will hold many surprises and disappointments for us all, but we will get through them all with the help of God.

For some of us, 2015 will be the beginning of the best years of our lives, especially if we are senior citizens because so many new and good things have taken place to help us to live a worry free independent or semi-independent life that is fun-filled.

The younger generations have clear-cut paths that they can choose from to make their lives and their futures whatever they want them to be. Of course,

these paths will encounter some patience and hard work on their part as well as their parents. But it will all be good in the long run. Often, sacrifices are necessary to attain goals.

Young or old, it will not hurt to set goals for the coming year and stride to perfect them. We must admit that life is much simpler now than in the days of yore, but too often we take on more than we can handle. To avoid frustrations, we need to take a long hard look at reality and set goals which are attainable. As carefree as some of us may be, we always need a plan for carrying out our everyday activities in order to get the maximum benefits from whatever we choose to do.

Of all of the choices that we have in this life, it is hoped that during this New Year, that we put forth effort to spread love for our fellow men and women, accept others as our brothers and sisters, pray for peace in our homes, our state, our country and the world and conduct ourselves according to our beliefs in the Word of God. May we all, get 'in cinque' and have a wonderful, bountiful **NEW YEAR, 2015!!!**

Looking forward to writing in 2015!

160,000 Kids Stay Home From School Every Day Because Of Bullying

For years, bullying was considered just part of growing up. Everyone knew who the bullies were at school and tried to avoid them. But things have changed. Bullies can harass children not only at school but through technology, such as cell phones and other electronic forms of communication. Today's bullying is serious and has led to teen suicide.

Bullying is serious

Consider these alarming statistics:

- ABC news reported recently on statistics that showed 160,000 school children in the U.S. stay home from school because they are afraid of bullying.

- The same report stated that about 30 percent of students are either being bullied or are bullies themselves.

- According to the Centers For Disease Control (CDC), suicide is the third leading cause of death among young people, resulting in about 4,400 deaths per year.

- Bully victims are about 5 times more likely to consider suicide, according to Yale University studies.

- A British study reported 44 percent of suicides occurring in children age 10 to 14 was caused by bullying.

What to do

Bullying should never be tolerated, and talk or threats about suicide should always be taken seriously. Here are tips for students and parents to help prevent bullying and its potential for causing teen suicide.

Bullying should never be tolerated, and talk or threats about

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GABCF Collegiate Scholarship Program, please contact Natalie Cofield, President & CEO at 512-459-1181, nmc@austin-bcc.org or click below to donate.

THIS N' THAT

by T. J. Patterson

LET'S NOT GIVE UP ON A 5 STAR BANK FOR EAST LUBBOCK..... DO YOU BELIEVE? THIS N THAT is hoping there are **MANY OF YOU** who realize this can become a **REALITY** that is if we only believe and willing to utilize our resources to make something really happen.... Just think we are in a **BRAND NEW YEAR** and this could be the year for this **5 STAR BANK IN EAST LUBBOCK.....** True it really takes roof tops to make things happen in any community but with this **5 STAR**

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dents more than 40,000 residents..... Now if there are those who want to see something really happen then it **REALLY WILL -- IF YOU BELIEVE AND ARE WILLING TO DO YOUR PART!!! THIS N THAT** believes this can become a reality in **2015!!!**

THIS N THAT wishes each of you **A HAPPY NEW YEAR** and may each of you do well in **2015!! THIS N THAT** says just think **5 STAR BANK IN EAST LUBBOCK!**

Letter to the Editor

"An Ignorant Man"
by Maurice Williams

Many thanks for publishing my letters in a two part series. I am not being critical of the writer who published my letters, but the second series contained clarity errors. This time, I will comb this letter thoroughly for clarity and sentence structure.

Thanks for making it known to your avid readers they were welcomed to rebut or agree with these letters. It comes as no surprise that we have some apiaristic people who don't want to rock the boat.

I see why the Avalanche-Journal chose two of Lubbock's so-called spokespersons to babble about racial and police issues that are better here than in Ferguson, Missouri. How can these two individuals spout on such issues that may truly be false?? I am so glad that they didn't get comments from our current NAACP president of the local chapter, MBK, and 100 Black Men's officer (s).

I did have the opportunity to speak with the MBK president

about my letters and his pulse on Ferguson. His "no comment" came as no surprise. His attempt came as no surprise. He attempted to engage me in a negative conversation about Timothy Cole. He must have had a senior moment. What came out of his incoherent bubbling mouth concerning the unveiling of his statue almost elevated my blood pressure. This goat roper ignorantly, incoherently babbled: "That monumental unveiling was for white folks!"

Brother President, and leader of a group of men in East Lubbock, I am praying for you and others like you daily. You are perishing from a lack of knowledge. I hope you hadn't been smoking or drinking that day!!

Stupidity sometimes has strange apostles appalling acolytes. Former New York City Mayor Rudy Giuliani faced immediate web backlash Sunday morning, December 7, 2014, after he asked why people protest the killing of unarmed Ferguson, Missouri teenager Michael Brown, but not black on black crime. He said: "Ninety-three percent of blacks are killed by other blacks." This triggered a heated argument on NBC's

"Meet The Press." "I would like to see attention to that -- that you are paying in to this."

"White officers would not be there if you weren't killing each other."

Mayor Rudy Giuliani, once presided over one of the most diverse cosmopolitan cities in all of America: a giant "city state" that has a population well in excess of every American state, except for three or four. At one time, he was a credible candidate for President of the United States of America.

He presided over one of the largest police forces in America with over 35,000 cops and associated staffers. He insisted things would be much better for everyone if black folks, especially advocates, focused on "black on black crime" since 93% of the victims of black assailants are themselves black it is way more than trivial staff, he opened, like white cops shooting black youth and black adults.

To be continued:

If you have any questions, write: Southwest Digest, P. O. Box 2553, Lubbock, Texas 79408

Don't forget to apply for the GABCF Scholarship Program

The Greater Austin Black Chamber of Commerce Foundation (GABCF) Scholarship Program is aimed to reward scholastic achievements of minority and need-based students majoring in business, among other fields of study.

If you or someone you know, would qualify for the GABCF scholarship, we encourage you to submit an application prior to the January 16, 2015 deadline.

More information about the GABCF Scholarship Program can be found here.

The scholarship award fund is administered by the Greater Austin Black Chamber Foundation (formerly the Capital City Chamber Foundation) and will award its first class of scholars in spring 2015.

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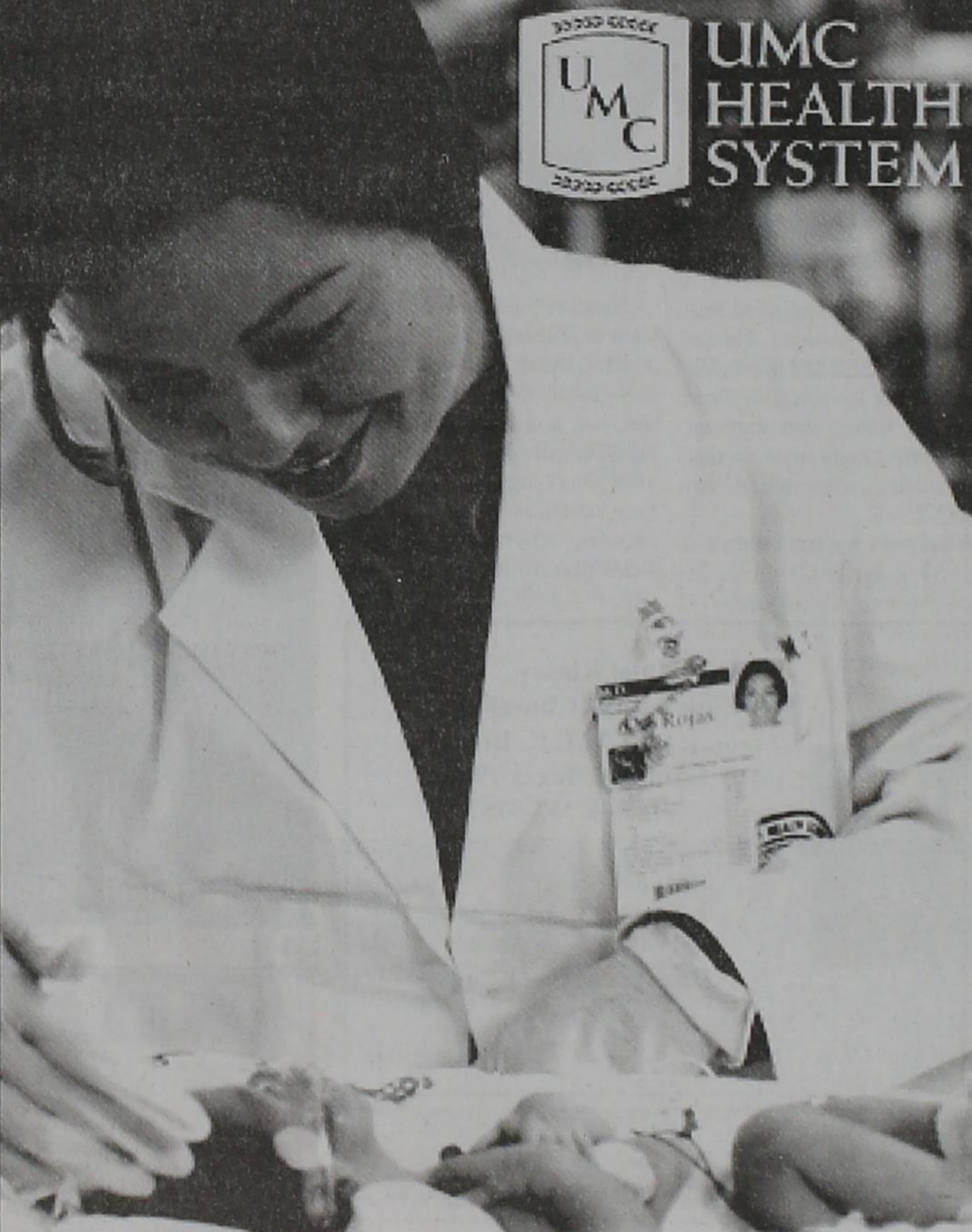

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"It's Praying Time -- And Now!!!"
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II Timothy 3:1-2 -- Know this also that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholly, without natural affection, truce-breakers, false accusers, incontinent fierce, despisers of those that are good. Traitors, heady, high minded, lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God, having a form of godliness, but denying the powder thereof; from such turn away.

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

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

The CHURCHES SEE THE SIGNS, and they know it's HARVEST TIME!!!

But the CHURCHES HAVE ONE THING; ON THEIR MONEY HUNGRY MINDS!!!

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

Yes, the CHURCHES WILL ROB GOD; they'll open their doors to WORSHIP

M.L.K. JESUS SAID, WORSHIP ONLY ME, BECAUSE I'M THE WAY!!!

John 14:6 -- Jesus said, I am the way, the truth, and the life; no man cometh unto the Father but by me -- (WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE IN JUDAS ISCARIOT, AL SHARPTON, AND MARTIN LUTHER KING???) THEY ALL DESERTED THE CAUSE OF CHRIST JESUS TO DO THE DEVIL'S THING!!!

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

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

WHILE THE CHURCHES ARE PLAYING CHURCH; AMERICA IS GOING WILD. HER CHILDREN ARE GOING CRAZY. SHE DIDN'T RAISE THAT LIT-

TLE CHILD!!!

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

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

AMERICA'S HEATHENS, THE TROUBLEMAKERS ARE RIOTING THE STREETS. JESUS TOLD JUDAS, M. L. K., AND AL SHARPTON: SALVATION IS WHAT YOU'RE TO PREACH!!!

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

*** YES, THE PREACHERS ARE ROBBING GOD!!! ***

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

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

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St. Matthew Baptist Church News

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

Church services again were well attended Sunday morning, January 4, 2015, at the St. Matthew Baptist Church, 2020 East 14th Street, where the dynamic pastor is Rev. Edward Canady.

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

Our teacher is Sister Susie Davis, who was ill, and Rev. Phenix taught the lesson. He did a wonderful job.

Our Sunday School subject was "Finding The Right Words." Luke 11:1-13.

The Sunday morning devotion was conducted by Deacon

Edward Williams and Rev. Phenix.

Pastor Canady entered the Church with the Choir singing.

The morning sermon was delivered by Pastor Canady. His subject was: "It's Good To Know The Lord." His scripture text was Acts 4:13-20.

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

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

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

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

Bible Study is held on Wednesday evenings, beginning at 6:00 p. m. Come and learn with those who are in attendance.

Choir Rehearsal is held on Saturday afternoons, beginning at 3:00 p. m. If you like singing, then come join our Choir.

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

Let us continue to pray for our sick and shut-in who reside in Lubbock, and the United States of America.

Thought for the Week: "The powers of evil around you are no match for the power of Jesus within you!"

Happy New Year!!!

Raymond Hill Purchases His Own Building After Being Fired

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Guess he didn't think Raymond was going to be so very good at his job to reach over \$1 million that entitled him to commissions. In fact, Raymond was so good that when his boss fired him, Raymond called all his customers to let them know he was going out on his own, and they followed him.

Ten years after the firing in-

cident, the company Raymond had worked for went out of business and Raymond bought the building to house his own business, Sequin City. Not only that, Raymond is now sitting at the very same desk he used when he worked for the previous company. Now that is sweet!

Raymond's advice to others

Raymond commented that the timing could not have been worse for him when he lost his job, but he is glad it happened because it led to him doing what he always wanted to do and that is own his own business. But even though Raymond had excellent credit, he could not get a

business loan. So he wrote a letter to the Governor of the state and eventually got a reply from the Governor's office, directing him to the New Jersey Economic Development Authority where he was able to get a \$225,000 loan under the Small Business Fund. On top of that, he registered as a minority business owner and got a special rate as a supplier for a major theme park customer.

Raymond recommends to others to be ready for hard work and never give up. As he looks back at his own situation, he reflects "Even the difficult situations served a purpose. Had I not had those difficult situations I can't say that we would have been as successful as we are."

Way to go Raymond!!

5 Things Your Momma Told You To Do -- That You Should NOT Do!



We've all learned good lessons from our mothers. Things like saying please and thank you are good life lessons. But there are other things that momma might have taught us to do that really aren't such good advice. What???

What your momma didn't know....

Here are 5 lessons you might want to re-think:

#1 - Brush your teeth after every meal - this is not a bad lesson, just a misunderstood one. Dentists will agree that brushing after every meal is good, but they advise to wait at least 30 minutes. Why? Because many foods like citrus fruits are high

in acidity and can actually soften the enamel. So, wait 30 minutes so you don't damage your enamel.

#2 - Clean up your plate - unfortunately, most Americans eat way too much. They are addicted to large portions, and often eat the wrong foods. Cleaning up your plate is fine, if the food on it consists of smaller portions, and more fruits and vegetables. Most Americans eat about 500 more calories than they should, so cutting portions is a good way to control calories. Don't load your plate and then force yourself to eat every morsel. Your mother will understand.

#3 - Sit up straight - good posture is a fine accomplishment. But it doesn't necessarily

mean you have to always sit in a straight chair. In fact, this is not good for your lower back. Too much sitting can lead to heart disease. Reclining takes the pressure off the lower back. If you do a lot of computer work sitting upright, it is best to take breaks often, get up and stretch or walk around.

#4 - Don't sit on public toilet seats - this is probably a good idea, but squatting is not the way to avoid public toilets. It can lead to urinary tract infections in women and cause incomplete evacuation. Use toilet liners, if available, or cover the seats with tissue.

#5 - Drink Water - yes, it is good to drink 8-10 glasses of water a day. Today's modern mother may insist on giving

their children bottled water, thinking it is better for them. Think again. Plastic bottles can absorb the chemicals in plastic.

It is better to buy your own filters and use your own non-plastic water bottle.

160,000 Kids Stay Home From School Every Day Because Of Bullying

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suicide should always be taken seriously. Here are tips for students and parents to help prevent bullying and its potential for causing teen suicide.

- Children should feel free to discuss bullying with their parents and report it to school officials.

- If your child is being bullied at school, they should encourage their teen to talk about it, and parents should immediately talk to school authorities if the problem persists.

- Parents need to know who

is talking to their children on social networking sites, and what they are saying.

- Create an atmosphere of open communication at home without judgment.

- Listen to what your children are saying.

- If your child talks about suicide, don't hesitate; get them immediate medical attention.

Don't be fooled into thinking that bullying is child's play. The link between bullying and suicide among teens is real.

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Obsequies

Sandra Pratt Lee

Funeral services were held for Sandra Pratt Lee on Monday morning, December 15, 2014, at the Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church with Apostle Mark Culver officiating. Pastor Chris Moore, Victory In Praise Church, was the eulogist.

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

Active pallbearers were: Herman Ray Grant, Jermaine Walker, Joe Allen Jenkins, Barrice Walker, Johnny Ray, and Derrick Jackson.

Honorary Pallbearers were: Peter Ray Kinney, Tiger Pratt, Harold Pratt, Patrick Williams, and Payton Williams.

Sandra was born on April 13, 1958 to the parentage of Louise Brown and Woodrow Pratt. She was 55 years of age and passed away on Monday, December 8, 2014 in Lubbock.

Sandra accepted Christ at an early age.

She attended Lubbock Public Schools where she attended Es-



tacado High School.

Sandra was a hard worker and a loving mother. All those who had the opportunity to know her will miss her.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Louise Brown and Woodrow Pratt; two brothers, Maurice Pratt and Donald Ray Pratt; and a sister, Patricia Ann.

She leaves to cherish her memories: daughters: Chasity Mayes (Danny), Chaka Hicks (Isaac), Chrystal McCutcheon (Ray), Celeishia Chiles (Cedrick), and LaQuinta Thomas (Peter Ray); sisters: Janice Williams, Barbara

Amanda N. Anderson

Graveside funeral services were held for Amanda N. Anderson on Tuesday morning, December 16, 2014, with Pastor Roy Davis, Church of Nations, officiating.

She was born on January 13, 1973 in Lubbock, Texas to E. Troy Howard and the late Belinda Ragsdale-Walker.

Amanda passed away on Thursday, December 4, 2014 in Lubbock.

She is preceded in death by her mother, Belinda Ragsdale-Walker; grandmother, Anna Jean Ragsdale; and three aunts: Miranda Washington, Teresa Ragsdale, and Sherry Ragsdale.

Amanda leaves to cherish her memories: her grandfathers, Charles Ragsdale and R. J. Lincoln; three daughters: Jeronda Hodge, Teretra Henderson, and Mi'kayla Anderson; three sisters: Troylisa Castilow, Courtney Howard, and Shanika Hayes; two brothers: Kelvin

Seyrkles, Connie Franklin, and Pauline Carrell; a brother, Harold Pratt; grandchildren: Lakin Wilson, Jeremiah Johnson, Shakira Mayes, Artavia Johnson, ZaMarion Thomas, ZaMaya Thomas, Kaya Johnson, and JaMarcus Mayes; nephews: Barrice Walker, Jermaine Walker, Marquise Thomas, DaQuise Thomas, Harold Quinton Pratt, Jr., and Jasmine Thomas, and a host of other relatives and friends.



Ragsdale and E. Troy Howard, Jr.; three lovely grandchildren: Jay'Rin Hodge-Ragsdale, Cha'kole Norris, and X'Zayvin Henderson; and a host of relatives and friends.

Pallbearers were: Jerry Ragsdale, Chris Adams, Rodney Castilow, Jerry Traylor, Jimmie Bell, and Mercedes Ragsdale.

Clintell Titues

Funeral services were held for Clintell Titues on Friday morning, December 19, 2014, at the St. Matthew Baptist Church with Rev. Edward Canady, pastor, officiating.

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

Titues, 56, passed away on Monday, December 15, 2014.

Clintell was born on November 9, 1958, to the parentage of Earnest Titues and Betty Titues.

Clintell accepted Christ at an early age and was a loving son, father, brother and friend to many. His life will truly be missed, but his legacy will live forever through his family.

He leaves to cherish his memories: his parents, Earnest and Betty Titues; daughters, LaShonda Wilson and Tayna Taylor; sons, Carey Wilson; Sandra McCullough; brothers,



Eric Titues and Jimmy Childress; three grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Larry Don Rollison Dies In Ft. Worth



Fort Worth, Texas -- Funeral services for a former longtime resident of Lubbock, Larry Don Rollison, were held Saturday afternoon, December 27, 2014, at the Bethel African Methodist Church of Lubbock, with Pastor Darrell Willie officiating. The eulogist was given by Rev. Maverick Gayden, pastor of Pilgrim Valley Baptist Church of Fort Worth.

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

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Gary Crawford

Funeral services for Gary Crawford were held on Friday afternoon, December 19, 2014, at St. James Baptist Church with Pastor Johnny Barnes officiating.

Services were under the direction of Griffin Mortuary & Funeral Home of Lubbock.

Crawford, 60, of Lubbock, Texas, passed away on Tuesday, December 9, 2014.

Gary was born on September 11, 1954, to the parentage of William Crawford Sr. and Maureen I. Crawford.

Gary graduated from Dunbar High School. Known by many as Pac Rat, Gary was a caring individual who loved to make people laugh. All those who had the opportunity to know him will truly miss him.

Gary was preceded in death by: his parents, William Sr. and Maureen Crawford; one brother, William Jr.; one sister, Virginia



Horton.

He leaves to cherish his memories: two sisters, Camellia Pearson (Terry) and Carolyn Sims (Carlton); two brothers, Larry Crawford (Ann) and James Crawford (Chelese); one uncle, Ben Martin; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

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Lamesa Pastor, Cora Cassie Brown, Dies

Lamesa, Texas -- Funeral services for Cora Cassie Brown were held on Saturday, December 20, 2014, at the First Baptist Church of Lamesa with Rev. Jackie Jerome Johnson, Jr. officiating.

Rev. Willie R. Bolton, pastor of Bethel Baptist Church of Abernathy, Texas, gave the eulogy.

Interment was held in Lamesa Memorial Cemetery in Lamesa under the direction of Gonzales Funeral Home.

Active pallbearers were: Charles Wallace, Stanley Harrison, Khaki Edwards, Ronnie Taylor, James Bolton, Hezeki Edwards, Chance Britt, and Joe Scott.

Honorary Pallbearers were: Jerry "Tap" Mason and her Nephews.

Cora passed away on Sunday,



Pastor Cora Cassie Brown

December 14, 2014.

Since 2001, she has served as pastor of Mt. Olive Baptist Church, and was a pillar in the Lamesa community where she served the people.

Cora was born May 14, 1950

in Plainview, Texas to the late Henry Richard and Willie Mae (Walker) Ivory. Cora moved to Lamesa in 1975 where she met and married Charles Brown on July 10, 1975.

She graduated from Wayland Baptist University with a degree in Criminal Justice, and later became a graduate of the Bill Blackwood Law Enforcement Management Institute.

She was employed by the Plainview Police Department; Lamesa Police Department for 10 years as a patrolman/sergeant; 106th Judicial District Attorney's Office for 10 years as Chief Investigator; and the Dawson County Senior Citizens Center for 17 years where she served as the Director.

Pastor Brown served 27 years as a member of the Lamesa Independent School District Board.

She was preceded in death by both parents; her son, Geoffrey

Lynn Ivory; and three brothers: Wesley Joe Ivory, Henry Willie Ivory, and John Wayne "Shadestree" Ivory.

She is survived by her loving husband, Charlie Brown; daughters, Ebony Benton (Al) of Pecos, Texas and Pamela McDonald of Arlington, Texas; brother, Joe Williams of Atlanta, Georgia; granddaughter, Elizabeth Newsome of Lamesa, Texas; one great-grandson, Cameron Newsome of Lamesa, Texas; 6 grandchildren; her sisters: Ella Oliver of Fort Worth, Texas, Nellie Polley (Oliver Roberts) of Casa Grande, Arizona, Katherine Davis (Charles) of Quinlan, Texas, Dixie Clark (Jerry) of Olympia, Washington, and Henrietta Scoggins (Finies) of Quitaque, Texas; her brothers: Joshua Ivory of Minneapolis, Minnesota, Billy Ivory (Linda) of Fort Worth, Texas, Phineas Ivory (Marguerite) and Clarence Ivory, both of Amarillo, Texas; a host of nieces, nephews, and other relatives.

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Was This Black Teen Lynched for Relationship With White Woman?

Lennon Lacy was an athletic, outgoing young man.

At 5'9", 207 pounds, the 17-year-old was a lineman on his high-school football team. Around 10:30 p.m. on August 28, Lacy left his Bladenboro, N.C., home in his size-12 Nike Air Jordans to go for a walk, choosing to exercise in the lower heat and humidity at night due to his asthma. His team had a game the next day.

But at around 7:30 the next morning, his body was found hanging from the top bar of a swing set, belts around his neck and size-10.5 Nike Air Force sneakers—minus the laces—on his feet. Fire ants reportedly covered his body.

"It was unreal. It was like a dream. It was like I was not seeing what I was seeing," his mother, Claudia Lacy, said of arriving at the scene after her son had been placed in a body bag.

North Carolina Chief Medical Examiner Dr. Deborah Radisch ruled Lacy's death a suicide.

But Claudia Lacy refuses to believe that. She believes her son was lynched, and now the FBI has opened an investigation into Lennon Lacy's death.

Both Claudia Lacy and Pierre Lacy, Lennon's older brother, point to the shoes found on the teen's body.

"He's going to walk a quarter mile from his house in a pair of shoes that's two sizes too small after he takes off his new pair of shoes? And this is a 17-year-old Black kid with a brand new pair of Jordans on. He's going to take those Jordans off and just get rid of them and put on some shoes that's not his—we don't know where he got them from, no laces in them—and continue to walk down this dirt road late at night to a swing set in the middle of the trailer park and hang him-



Lennon Lacy

self?" Claudia Lacy questioned. "How can I believe that?"

Claudia Lacy said that the belts her son was hanging from were also not his.

"I know every piece and every stitch of clothes this child has—I buy them, I know. Those were not his belts," Lacy said.

Hubert Kinlaw, the Bladen County Coroner and Medical Examiner, thinks the belts might have been dog leashes. Radisch wrote in her review that "some portion must be missing because there was no secondary cut in either belt. The cut would have been necessary to bring down Lennon's body."

When investigators asked Claudia Lacy whether or not her son was depressed at the time of his death, she said yes. But she says that he was simply mourning a relative's death, and was not suffering from depression.

"When you just lose someone close to you, you're going to be depressed, upset, in mourning," Lacy says.

Instead, the family thinks Lennon Lacy was lynched, murdered because of his relationship with an older white woman.

"I was shocked, disappointed.

I also, initially told him how I felt, that I did not approve of it," Claudia Lacy said of her son's relationship with Michelle Brimhall, a 31-year-old neighbor who has struggled with drug addiction and who has gone into hiding since Lacy's death.

Pierre Lacy said that his little brother had been called the N-word, and subjected to threats and racial slurs because of the relationship.

"She was seeing other people and prostituting herself to pay her bills and to afford her habit," Pierre Lacy said. "She would just get angry with [Lennon] for questioning her."

Lennon Lacy's body was hanging from the top bar of the swing set, which sits seven-and-a-half feet off the ground. Independent pathologist Dr. Christena Roberts doesn't see how Lacy would have been able to hang himself.

"There was no item present at the scene that Lennon could have stood on, applied the noose and then kicked away," she wrote in her report.

"He may have either been strangled somewhere else or been placed there or he was

20th Annual Scholarship Gala & Fundraiser

On January 31, 2015, The 100 Black Men of West Texas, Inc., a 501 (c)3 non-profit organization with a primary mission of mentoring youth and providing scholarship opportunities for high school and college students, will host its 20th Annual Scholarship Gala as they celebrate 20 years of service to the Lubbock Community.

This extraordinary event will take place at the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center, 1501 Mac Davis Lane, from 6:30 pm – until midnight with dinner

served by Honey Child's Catering and will feature a brief awards program.

The theme of this year's event is the "Roaring 20's" and guests will be able to dance all night to the musical sounds of the Dan Caldwell Band.

This event is a tremendous opportunity for the community to give back to the youth of West Texas. Last year, the chapter was able to issue over \$25,000 in scholarship support. Continuing that vision through education and leadership is most appropri-

ate and reflects the rich history of the West Texas chapter of 100 Black Men.

Sponsorship opportunities and tickets are on sale now. Event tickets are available through Select-A-Seat. For further information or questions, please contact Reggie Dial at the number or email below:

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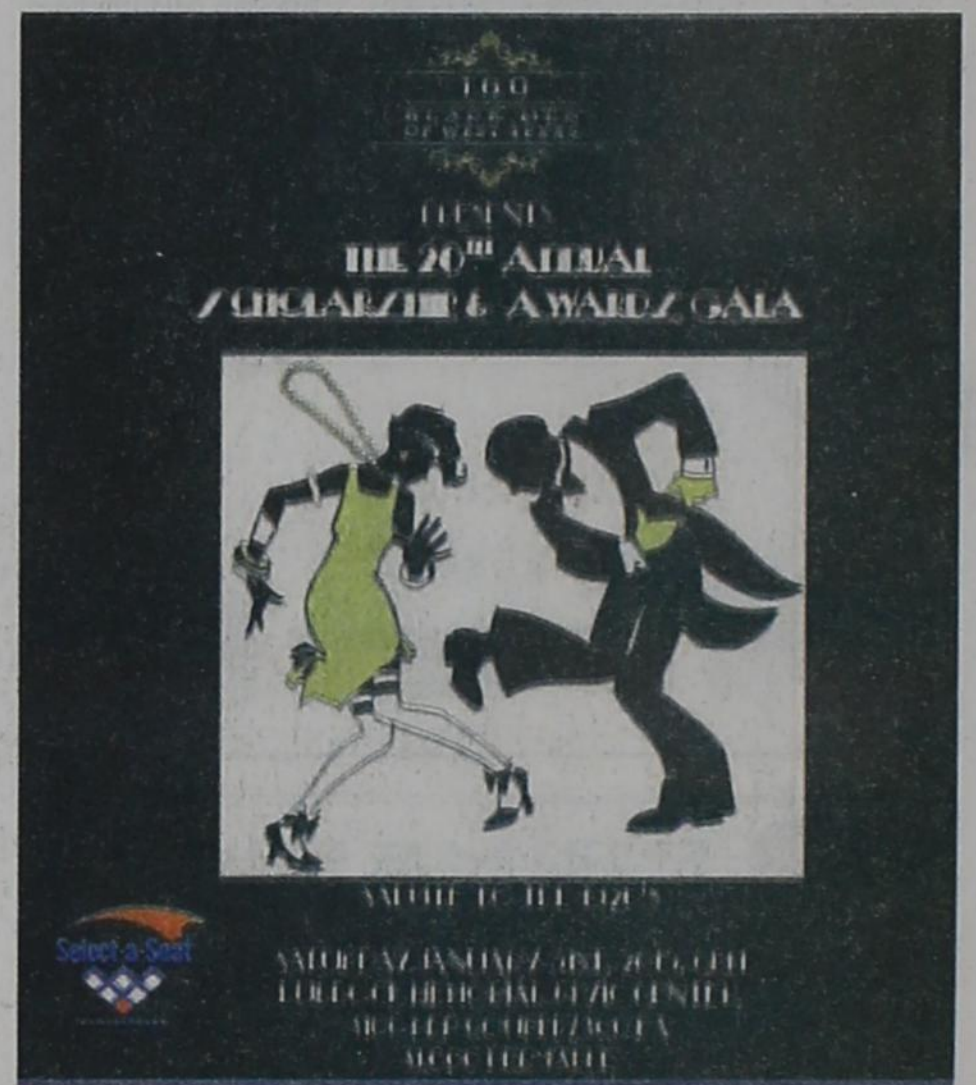
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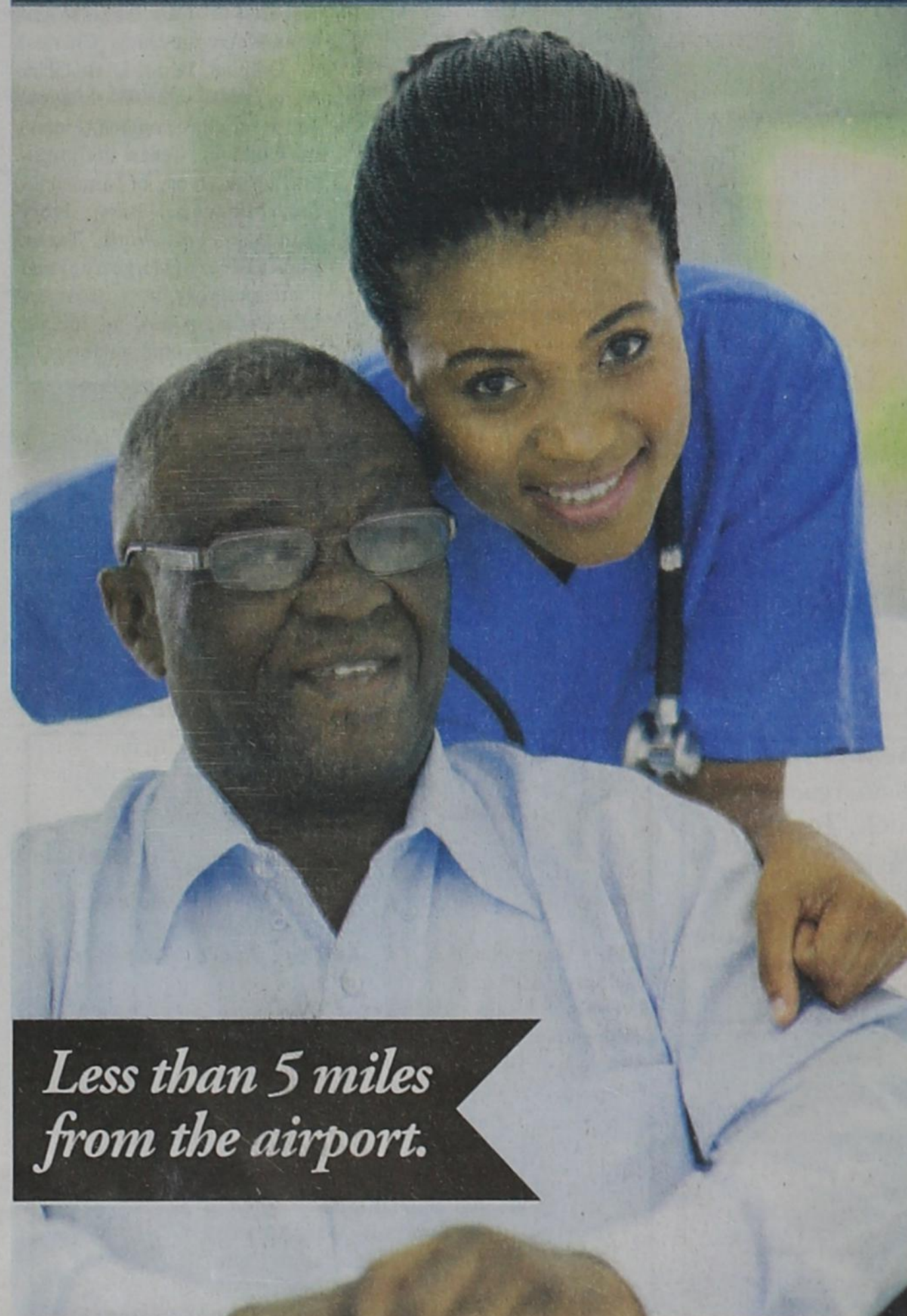
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One Fired, Doug Wilson; Three Sent Home as 21CT Fallout Widens



Former HHSC Inspector General Doug Wilson, left, and his former second-in-command, Jack Stick

Austin, Texas -- Gov. Rick Perry on Friday, December 19, 2014, fired Doug Wilson, inspector general of the Texas Health and Human Services Commission, following the removal of Wilson's former deputy after questions arose over the selection of a relatively unknown company for a \$110 million Medicaid fraud software contract.

Perry asked for Wilson's resignation and received it, according to Lucy Nashed, the governor's spokeswoman.

"Ongoing questions regarding the awarding of contracts at the Texas Health and Human Services Commission have caused the governor to lose confidence in Wilson's ability to carry out the important oversight responsibilities of this office," Nashed said in a statement.

The action came one day after a series of explosive moves. On Thursday, December 18, 2014, state Sen. John Whitmire, D-Houston, asked the state's public integrity unit to investigate how 21 Century Technologies Inc. came to receive the \$110 million contract. HHSC Commissioner Kyle Janek asked the state auditor's office to review the inspector general office's contracting procedures, including how 21CT

received the first piece of that contract - \$20 million - without going through a competitive HHSC bidding process. Also on Thursday, Wilson's former deputy, Jack Stick, who was promoted to HHSC's chief legal counsel last March, was taken off the agency payroll. Stick had resigned a week ago, but was permitted to stay on to finish projects. After the governor's announcement, Janek announced that HHSC would suspend pur-

chases from the Texas Department of Information Services, or DIR, catalog until the review of contracting practices is completed.

"Agencies are required by state law to buy off the DIR contract when possible, and we want to ensure we have high standards in place for the development and review of those contracts," Janek said. "I hope to have new policies in place soon for those contracts."

Janek also announced he was placing two HHSC employees and one Department of Family and Protective Services staffer on paid administrative leave to guard against any conflict of interest during the state auditor's review.

Those two employees were Janek's own chief of staff Erica Stick, wife of Jack Stick, and Cody Cazares, Jack Stick's former chief of staff.

Wilson's wife Franita Wilson, who works in purchasing at the Department of Family and Protective Services, was also placed on indefinite leave.

Minority-owned businesses still underrepresented in state procurement

By NICOLE JAMES SCOTT
Texas Publishers Association

After conducting a disparity study in 2009, the Texas Comptroller's office concluded special programs to secure procurement for Historically Underutilized Businesses are still necessary. It went on to affirm its commitment to ensure state agencies make a concerted effort to utilize HUBs for contracts in construction, professional and consulting services and commodities purchases. All state agencies, medical and health facilities, and institutions of higher learning were included in the study.

The following primary points highlighted in the study to confirm disparity were as such:

- Statistical disparities by race, ethnicity and gender classification in current HUB utilization, particularly in prime contracting;
- Statistical disparities by race,

ethnicity and gender classification in the private marketplace, particularly in the area of utilization of women and minority-owned firms in commercial construction;

- Statistical disparities in firm earnings by race, ethnicity and gender classification, even after controlling for capacity-related factors; and
- Anecdotal testimony of disparate treatment as presented by business owners in interviews, surveys, public hearings and focus groups.

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Minority-owned businesses still under-represented in state procurement

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ies and institutions of higher education have a cumulative multi-billion dollar annual budget. A great source of that revenue is generated from 60 different taxes and fees. Taxes and fees such as property tax, sales tax, cigarette, tax, alcohol tax, hotel tax, various motor vehicle taxes that all citizens of the state pay.

For the fiscal year of 2013, the comptroller's office collected close to \$48 billion in taxes alone. So what is the connection and what does this have to do with state agencies? If you drive a car, buy alcohol, smoke cigarettes, own property or patronize hotels, then you are contributing to that whopping \$48 billion the state collects to fund various state agencies such as the Department of Transportation, and Public Utility Commission and institutions like Sam Houston State, Texas A&M and University of Texas just to name a few.

In essence, these agencies and institutions belong to the communities and should in kind serve those communities. So when the Department of Health and Human Services advertises in the medical journals and fails to do so in African American newspapers, it is a great disservice. It is the Black Press that is the pipeline of communication into the African American community where the prevalence of diseases such as diabetes and strokes are twice that of Whites. African Americans have the highest age-adjusted heart disease death rate and African Americans have the highest hospitalization rate of all ethnicities. In the interest of serving the African American community the Department of Health and Human Services is remiss in bypassing Black newspapers.

But it's not just the Black Press that is underrepresented when it comes to state procurement and contracting. According to the 2014 annual HUB report, \$15,113,071,094 was awarded to non-HUBs, compared to \$2,060,862,969 awarded to HUBs. Asian Pacific, Black,

Hispanic, Native American, woman-owned and service-disabled veterans constitute HUBs.

All state agencies and institutions are required to keep annual reporting of their expenditures. There is a special report generated specifically to detail how much funding and bids are awarded to HUBs. Just to provide a few examples of the inequality that exists, the University of Texas Health and Science Center's 2013 report listed 42 out of 559 bids/proposals that were awarded to HUBs, 25 of which went to women. In fiscal year 2013, the Department of Transportation contracted a paltry 4.82 percent of its construction contracts with HUBs. The same year, the Public Utility Commission awarded 250 contracts of which 90 went to HUBs. Of those 90, 26 went to Asian males, two African American males, seven Hispanic males, one Hispanic female and one Native American male. The remaining 53 were awarded to women. The Alcoholic Beverage Commission awarded 1,600 contracts. The breakdown of those contracts were as follows: one Asian male, one Asian female, six African American males, 49 Hispanic males, one Hispanic female, two Native American males and 246 women. These are just four examples but the pattern is consistent among the majority of agencies and institutions. Moreover, most often many of the contracts that are awarded primarily go to women who are neither Asian, African American, Hispanic or members of any ethnic group.

The issue at hand is not about set asides, diversity or even affirmative action; albeit groups that have been historically excluded should receive special consideration. However,

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The highly anticipated event, which will kick off a year-long celebration of the publication's 45th anniversary, will be held on Thursday, February 5, 2015. There will be several featured performances representing music from the 70's, 80's, and 90's.

Vanessa K. DeLuca, Essence editor-in-chief, comments, "Jill Scott is the quintessential Essence woman. Like many of the female artists who inspired her, she has touched the collective soul of women across generations.

Michelle Ebanks, president of Essence, comments, "Essence was groundbreaking in its founding 45 years ago, as is Jill Scott in her impact on music and the arts. She is a fearless innovator, and it is our honor to continue to build community by bringing together music industry influencers and fans during

HUBs contribute and put into the collective pot, so to speak, just as much as other businesses. Any procurement HUBs receive from state agencies are not only deserved but also earned. We are not talking about handouts or charitable contributions. In viewing the above chart, suffice it to say HUBs are clearly not receiving their fair slice of the pie. Not by a long shot.

Grammy Week for an epic celebration."

Bill Gates Offers Scholarships

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a grade point average of 3.3 and have a strong interest in leadership and community service. Students may attend any college or university they choose.

Established in 1999, the Gates Millennium Scholars Program aims to promote academic excellence and to provide an opportunity for outstanding minority students with significant financial need to reach their highest potential. The program reduces financial barriers for African American, American Indian/Alaska Native, Asian Pacific Islander American and Hispanic American students with high academic and leadership promise who have significant financial need.

The program also increases the representation of these target groups in the disciplines of computer science, education, engineering, library science, mathematics, public health and the sciences, where these groups are severely underrepresented; and develops a diversified cadre of future leaders for America by facilitating successful completion of bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees.

The deadline to apply for the scholarship is January 15, 2015.

For more details and/or to apply, visit:
www.scholarshipsonline.org/2012/08/the-gates-millennium-scholars-program.html.



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

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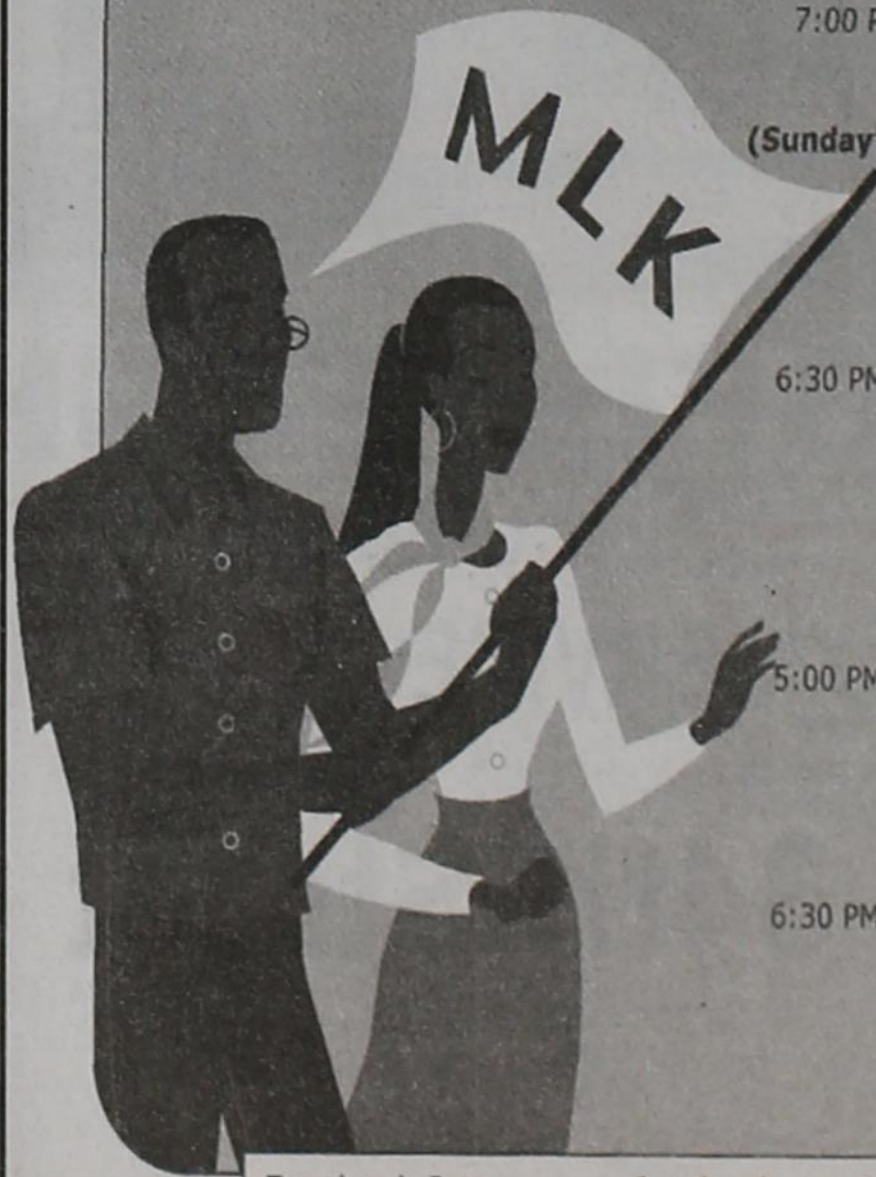
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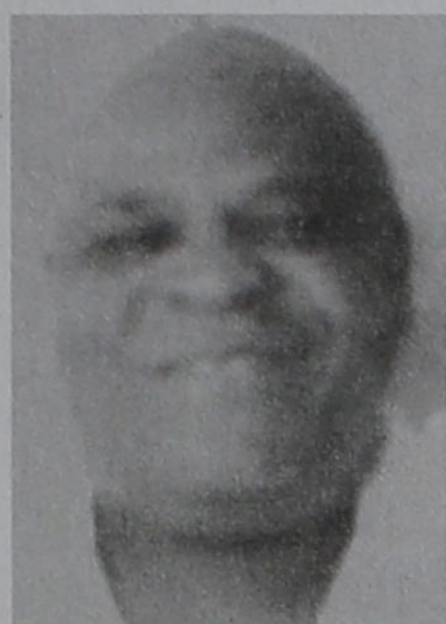
Claude Leon Jeffery

Funeral services were held Saturday afternoon, December 27, 2014, for Claude Leon Jeffery at the St. John Baptist Church with Pastor S. E. Fields officiating.

Graveside service was held on Monday afternoon, December 29, 2014, in the Crane Cemetery, Crane, Texas, under the direction of Griffin Mortuary & Funeral Home of Lubbock.

Jeffery, 61, of Lubbock, passed away on Thursday, December 18, 2014.

Leon was born on November 19, 1953, to the parentage of Richard and Charlie Mae Jeffery. Leon was a high-spirited, athletic student of Crane High School. Leon was featured in Sports Illustrated magazine as an outstanding high school Golden Gloves boxer. After graduating in 1972, he attended Sul Ross



State University and played football.

In 1974, Leon was united in holy matrimony to Ethel Marie Hill of Southland, Texas.

Leon was employed with the Lubbock State School. He accepted the call to Christ and was a member of St. John Baptist Church.

He was a devoted family man to his four children and a mentor to many children throughout Lubbock; as well as a coach for the Oilers of Lubbock, a Youth Football League.

Leon was preceded in death by his parents, Richard and Charlie Mae Jeffery; and two brothers, Donald and Curtis Jeffery.

He leaves to cherish his memories: four children, Claude Leon Jeffery Jr., Richard Andrew Jeffery (Tiffany Brown), Charlie D'Shawn Jeffery (Jamie), and Ryan Michael Jeffery (Cecely); three brothers,

Juanita Price

Funeral services for Juanita Price were held Monday afternoon, December 29, 2014, at the Pilgrim Baptist Church with Pastor W. Tanner as the Officiate and Eulogist.

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

Pallbearers were Joey Davis, Billy Coleman, Glenn Campbell, Kevin Davis, Thomas Campbell, and Martin Samuels.

Honorary Pallbearers were Jonathan Coleman, Cannon Black, and Jacob Bunkley.

She was born March 10, 1931 in Wheelock, Texas to the parentage of Lee Andrew Campbell and Gertie White Campbell.

Later in life, the family relocated and to Floydada, Texas where met and married her first husband, Luther Robinson.

Juanita was preceded in death by: her parents, Lee Andrew Campbell and Gertie Campbell; her firsthusband, Luther Robin-



son; her second husband, Willie Price; one son; two sisters; and two brothers.

She leaves to cherish her memories: eight sons and one daughter: Troy Robinson of Corpus Christi, Texas, Michael Robinson, Luther Robinson, Mark Price, Willie Lee Price, and Willy Roy Price, all of Lubbock, Texas, Bobby Price of Cleveland, Ohio, and Lenon Price of Wichita, Kansas, and Rita Robinson of Atlanta, Georgia; four sisters: Mildred Black of Fort Worth, Texas, Carrie Davis of Floydada, Texas, Stella Campbell and Clarissa Wells, both of Denver, Colorado; John Campbell of Floydada, and James Campbell of Lubbock, Texas; several grandchildren; several great-grandchildren, and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Glenn Jeffery, Jackie Jeffery and Ronald Jeffery; eight sisters, Gala Melton, Virginia Jones, Ernestine Vaden, Lois Johnson, Mary Doss, Beatrice Henry, Patricia Jeffery and Yolanda Jeffery; three grandchildren, Jasmine Brellynn Jeffery, Aleonna Marie Jeffery and Quentavon DeMarkius Jeffery; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Actor/Comedian Chris Rock Files For Divorce — Says Their Prenuptial Agreement Has Expired



Nationwide — After nearly two decades of marriage, Chris Rock and his wife Malaak Compton-Rock are breaking up. The two married in 1996, and have two daughters, Lola Simone, 12, and Zahra Savannah, 10. Rock acknowledges they had a prenup when they first married, but says it has already expired because they've been together for just over 18 years.

The 49-year old actor and comedian issued a statement via his publicist, saying: "Chris Rock has filed for divorce from his wife, Malaak. This is a personal matter and Chris requests privacy as he and Malaak work through this process and focus on their family.

His wife, 45, also issued a statement saying: "After much contemplation and 19 years of marriage, Chris and I have decided to go our separate ways. While recognizing that this is a significant change, my children remain at the center of my life and their well-being is my top priority.

Larry Don Rollison
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Rollison, 60, of Lubbock, Texas, passed away on Sunday, December 21, 2014.

Larry was born on March 7, 1954, to Mr. Richard and Katie Lee Young Rollison in Lubbock, Texas. Larry attended Lubbock Public Schools graduating from Dunbar-Struggs High School in 1972, where he was active in sports and was well known for his dancing and singing abilities.

He accepted Christ at an early age at Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church where he was active in the Youth Department and Choir.

Larry united in matrimony with Miss Mae Sneed and to this union one son, Tashumbe Laleman Rollison was born.

He moved to Dallas, Texas where he met and fell in love with his wife, Paula Johnson and to this union two daughters were born.

Larry was a faithful employee of Dallas Area Rapid Transit. Larry found a church home at Pilgrim Valley Baptist Church where he was a member of the Male Chorus.

Larry is preceded in death by his parents, Richard and Katie; a sister, Pamela Sue and his son, Tashumbe Laleman.

Larry leaves to cherish his memory, his wife, Paula and their daughters, Timethia Larrie and Taylor Renee; and granddaughter, Tamiyah; his sister, Carolyn Kaye; brother, Richard III; nieces, Lesa and Ashley Rollison and LaTrisha Rollison; nephews, Micheal and Richard, (IV) Rollison and Rodrick Rollison; great-nieces, Aaliyah and Aarielle Andrews, Alyssabeth Pinkard, A'Lexus, Shawntavia, A'hnomie, A'Lexis, Tyrrah Rollison and Antjuanique Overstreet; great-nephews, Tyshawn and Reno Rollison, Ayden Overstreet and Jordan Rollison; aunts, Mary Cofield, Ethel Young, Helen Young and Rosie Mullins; one uncle, Simon Young; as well as a host of relatives and friends.

Active Pallbearers were: Gary Howard, LaCarl Richardson, Alexander Johns, Donnell Bailey, Billy Pride, Donnell Hooper, and Charles Hobndy.

Honorary Pallbearers were: Winford Mullins, Michael Matthews, Richard Rollison, IV, Ted Mullins, Roy Gene Toler, and Roderick Rollison.

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Selma” Movie Is a Long Overdue Tribute To MLK and Other Unsung Foot Soldiers — A Must See Film!



A Scene From The Movie

Nationwide — I was born in the early Fifties, which means the Civil Rights Movement unfolded over the course of my formative years. And like the average black kid growing up in that tumultuous era, I can distinctly recall having a very visceral reaction to the nightly news coverage, since I had such a personal stake in the outcome of the events.

One of the most consequential flashpoints in memory was when a trio of voting rights marches were staged in Selma, Alabama in 1965. Launched by locals with the help of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee, the first demonstration came to be known as Bloody Sunday because of the way the police viciously attacked the 500+ participants with teargas and billy clubs, all at the direction of a racist Sheriff named Jim Clark (Stan Houston).

Fallout from the shocking media coverage garnered the attention of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. (David Oyelowo) who agreed to get involved. And after

an aborted second attempt to cross the Edmund Pettus Bridge, the controversy blossomed into a nationwide cause célèbre with 25,000 people willing to risk their life and limb descending upon tiny Selma, including cultural icons like Harry Belafonte, Nina Simone, Joan Baez, Sammy Davis, Jr. and Peter, Paul and Mary.

Three times proved a charm as the third march went off without a hitch, although participant Viola Liuzzo (Tara Ochs), a mother of five from Detroit, was murdered by a quartet of cowardly Ku Klux Klansmen just a few hours later. A couple of other martyrs also made the ultimate sacrifice in Selma, Jimmie Lee Jackson (Keith Stanfield) and Reverend James Reeb (Jeremy Strong). Fortunately, none of them died in vain because, in August, President Johnson (Tom Wilkinson) signed historic voting rights legislation into law.

All of the above has been evocatively reenacted in Selma, a gut-wrenching civil rights saga directed by Ava DuVernay (Mid-

dle of Nowhere). The picture's release has proven to be oh so timely, given the resurgence of political activism all across the U.S. in the wake of the failure of grand juries to indict the police officers for the recent deaths of Michael Brown and Eric Garner.

Believe it or not, this moving biopic is the first, full-length feature ever made revolving around Dr. Martin Luther King. That oversight is only apt to further enhance the film's stock value when it goes wide in theaters right before Dr. King's birthday and the eagerly-anticipated awards season.

An overdue tribute to a revered icon and to some unsung foot soldiers who played a critical role at a seminal moment in the courageous African-American struggle for freedom and equality.

The film opened on Christmas day in New York, Los Angeles, Atlanta, and Washington, DC. It opens everywhere else on January 9, 2015.

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