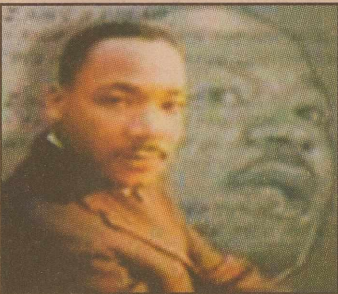


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Community Meetings

* 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 Tuesday evening at Bryon Martin Technology Center, 3401 Avenue Q, beginning at 5:30 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.

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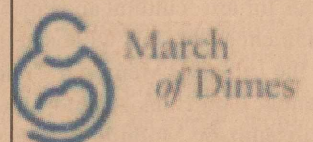
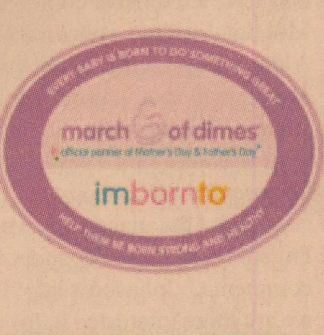
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Improving safety goal of Parkway Drive project Second Public Meeting Scheduled For Proposed US 82 Project

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) hosted a meeting to discuss and receive input from the public on a proposed project to make improvements to US 82 (Parkway Drive) in the city of Lubbock.

TxDOT Design Engineer Shelley Harris presented proposed project plan options to 26 citizens who attended the February 24, 2015 meeting held at Alderson Elementary Auditorium.

"Proposed improvements to Parkway Drive include removal of the frontage roads along the south side of Parkway Drive and on the north side between MLK and 2nd Street; which will eliminate conflict points and improve

safety along this segment of the roadway," Harris said. "Other changes include, cul-de-sac the frontage roads along the northern, residential frontage roads and permit both left and right turns onto Parkway from Walnut Avenue."

The proposed US 82 project limits begin at Martin Luther King, Jr. (MLK) Boulevard and extend east to Cherry Avenue, and has an estimated construction cost of \$2.2 million.

"TxDOT has secured the funding for this project. We anticipate taking construction bids in December 2015, with construction beginning in the spring of 2016," Harris said.

A second public meeting is

planned from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, March 24, 2015 at Alderson Elementary Auditorium, 219 Walnut Avenue in Lubbock, Texas 79403.

Citizens interested in attending who have special accommodation needs are encouraged to contact Dianah Ascencio, TxDOT Public Information Officer, (806) 748-4472, at least three days prior to the meeting. Requests for language interpreters or other special individual needs should also be made at least three days prior to public meeting. The department will make every reasonable effort to accommodate these needs.

The Southwest Digest highly supports this second meeting.



Michelle Obama

Michelle Obama: Education Is Today's Important Civil-Rights Issue

According to First Lady Michelle Obama, education in America should be viewed as a civil-rights issue.

On Friday, February 20, Mrs. Obama hosted "Celebrating Women of the Movement," a Black History Month panel discussion in the East Room of the White House.

"Like many of you, I believe that education is the single most important civil-rights issue that we face today," Mrs. Obama said.

Many students attend "crumbling schools" that don't have access to technologies or college preparation, and when children fall behind in school, they most likely fall behind in life, she explained. She also addressed the graduation rate of Black students.

"While we should be proud the high-school graduation rate for Black students is improving, it is still lower than just about any other group in this country," Mrs. Obama said.

She also offered that the rate of college graduation for Black males has "flatlined."

Mrs. Obama explained education could help solve issues like mass incarceration, poverty, racial profiling, voting rights and the "kinds of challenges that shocked so many of us over the past year," which appears to be a reference to the killings of Michael Brown and Eric Garner by police officers.

Leading up to her statement on education and civil rights, the First Lady described the struggles and triumphs of panelists who pursued education during the civil-rights era.

Award-winning journalist Charlayne Hunter-Gault was the first Black woman to attend the University of Georgia, and Carlotta Walls LaNier was one of the Little Rock Nine, the group of students who integrated Little Rock Central High School. Fed-

eral troops were eventually sent by President Dwight D. Eisenhower to escort them.

"Once these young people made it inside the building, they were bullied, spat on, physically abused by their classmates," Mrs. Obama said of the Little Rock Nine. "But Carlotta and the other students kept showing up, and kept studying and kept working hard."

After she graduated high school and college, LaNier started her own company. She is President of the Little Rock Foundation, which provides scholarships for young people.

"Her first night on campus, she heard a chant '2-4-6-8, we don't want to integrate,'" Mrs. Obama said of Hunter-Gault's experience at the University of Georgia.

She was suspended and sent home by the school out of concern for her safety, the First Lady explained. Hunter-Gault returned to complete her studies and graduate. She has had a successful career as a journalist.

"Those are just two of countless stories about how folks who came before us stayed hungry for their education and paved the way for those who came after them, including me and so many in this room," Mrs. Obama said. "And today, thanks to their sacrifice, there are no angry mobs gathering outside our schools. Nobody needs a military escort to get to class, but that doesn't mean that our children don't still face struggles when it comes to education."

The First Lady encouraged young people in the audience to learn from the victories of the panelists.

"That means going to class every day—every day," she said. "No matter what obstacle life may throw your way, go to school. Go to the bad school that you have. Go to school."

Texas Tech Awards Honorary Degree to Tim Cole

Tim Cole, the Texas Tech University student who was wrongfully convicted of raping a fellow student in 1985, has been awarded an honorary degree by the school.

Texas Tech University's Board of Regents voted Friday (March 6) to award Cole the honorary degree.

Following the rape accusation, Cole was expelled from Texas Tech University. In 1986, he was convicted of rape. Cole spent the next 13 years in prison, dying there in 1999.

In 2009, DNA evidence proved Cole was not the rapist thanks to work by the Innocence Project of Texas. Another man, Jerry Wayne Johnson, confessed to the rape while he was serving

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President Obama uses familiar rhetoric in his 'Bloody Sunday' speech



President Barack Obama on Saturday, March 7th, ran through a list of pioneers he feels exemplify the possibilities of the American spirit.

The commander in chief, speaking at the commemoration of "Bloody Sunday," sounded a bit like his 2008 self while talking about the men and women who fought for voting rights in

Selma, Ala., 50 years ago.

"The American instinct that led these young men and women to pick up the torch and cross this bridge, that's the same instinct that drove patriots to choose revolution over tyranny," he said from the foot of the Edmund Pettus Bridge.

Back in 1965, Alabama state troopers and local police beat a

crowd of about 600 peaceful protesters during a march from Selma to Montgomery in that spot.

Fast-forward to Jan. 8, 2008, in New Hampshire: Obama delivered his famous "Yes We Can" speech, in which he praised the slaves, abolitionists, immigrants, pio-

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Photo Shoot Set For Mae Simmons Senior Citizens Center Set For Today

There will be a photo shoot for Senior Citizens who attend the Mae Simmons Senior Citizens Center today, Thursday morning, March 19, 2015, beginning at 10:00 a. m.

This is a very important ef-

fort which will benefit the security and identification those Senior Citizens who attend this facility.

The Mae Simmons Senior Citizens Center is dedicated for those senior citizens who are 55

years of age or older.

All Senior Citizens are encouraged to participate in the many activities held at the center. At present time, an ad hoc committee has been meeting to bring some positive ideas to

those who attend the Mae Simmons Senior Citizens Center.

If there are any questions about the photo shoot, then call Mae Simmons Senior Citizens Center at 767-2708.

"We encourage you to call if you have any questions about the photo shoot," said Earlene Rogers.

"There are so many talented Senior Citizens in Lubbock, and

we need their assistance," concluded Ms. Rogers.

Also, if there are Senior Citizens who need transportation, please advise the Mae Simmons Senior Citizens Center by calling 767-2708.

The center is taking a survey on the number of Senior Citizens who need transportation. So if you need transportation, please advise.

Civic Lubbock Inc Now Accepting Grant Applications for 2015/16 Arts and Entertainment Events

Civic Lubbock, Inc. is now accepting Local Grant applications for arts, cultural and entertainment events that will be held in the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center, City Bank Auditorium-Coliseum or Moonlight Musicals Amphitheater during the 2015/2016 fiscal year (October 1, 2015 through September 30, 2016).

Civic Lubbock, Inc. is a non-profit organization whose mission includes fostering and promoting the presentation of arts, cultural, and entertainment events for the citizens of Lubbock. This grant program is funded through the revenues generated from the operation of concessions at the Civic Center, City Bank Auditorium/Coliseum, and Moonlight Musicals Amphitheater, catering fees, and the operation of Select-a-Seat.

The purpose of the Local Grant Program is to assist arts, cultural, and entertainment events held in the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center, City Bank Auditorium/Coliseum and/or Moonlight Musicals Amphitheater that are open and available to the public and presented by local non-profit organizations. Applying organizations must be a 501(c)(3) organization (or government equivalent).

The 2015/2016 Local Grant Program Guidelines and Applications Forms can be obtained by contacting the Civic Center Administrative Office (775-2242) between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. The deadline for submitting completed applications is Wednesday, April 1, 2015.

City Manager Honored with Airport Association Award

City Manager James Loomis A.A.E will receive the Distinguished Service Award from the American Association of Airport Executives (AAAE) Monday, March 9, 2015, in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

The AAAE Distinguished Service Award is one of the AAAE's highest levels of recognition and honors the exemplary work, both personally and professionally, of its winners. According to the AAAE's release, "Distinguished Service Award winners exemplify the best in airport management by continually bringing credit to the profession and the aviation community."

Prior to being named city manager in July of 2013, Mr. Loomis served as the city's air-

port director for more than nine years and previously served in managerial positions at the East Texas Regional Airport and airports in Illinois, Alabama, Kansas, and Houston.

The AAAE is the world's largest professional organization for airport executives representing some 850 airports.



"All the blacks" in town have food stamps, says Mississippi Rep.

JACKSON, Miss. — A DeSoto County lawmaker apologized Tuesday, March 11, 2015, for saying that in the town where he used to be mayor, "all the blacks are getting food stamps and what I call 'welfare crazy checks.'"

Rep. Gene Alday, R-Walls, delivered his apology in a 30-second speech to the Mississippi House of Representatives.

"I'm deeply sorry for my recent statements. I was wrong to say what I did, and there is no excuse for my behavior," Alday said. "I value the relationships I have made with everyone in this House. I am so sorry. I made a great mistake, and I appreciate every one of you."

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House members gave Alday polite applause after he spoke, and he then left the floor of the House.

The muted reaction contrasted to the backlash he received Monday, a day after The Clar-

ion-Ledger newspaper published the story with his comments about Walls, the town where Alday was police chief and mayor before being elected to the House in 2011.

"I come from a town where all the blacks are getting food stamps and what I call 'welfare crazy checks.' They don't work," Alday was quoted by the Jackson newspaper as saying.

In the same article, he said that once when he went to a hospital emergency room for pain, "I liked to died. I laid in there for hours because they (blacks) were in there being treated for gunshots."

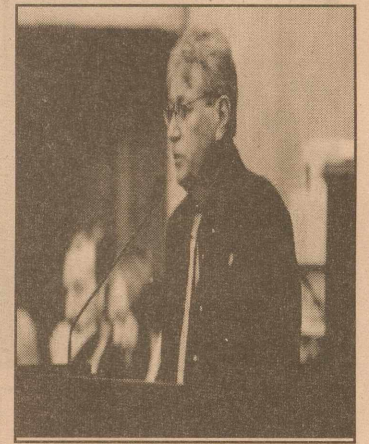
Gov. Phil Bryant and House Speaker Philip Gunn issued statements Monday condemning the remarks as racist. That same day, Alday said he had not intended the remarks to be published and bears no ill will toward any race, citing past actions he said he himself has taken to help black people. He said he will seek re-election and is rejecting calls for his resigna-

tion.

Robert Johnson III, D-Natchez, led a news conference Monday voicing concerns that Alday's comments could indicate racial motivations behind some policy decisions. Johnson, who is black, said Tuesday that he accepted the apology.

"I take the man at his word. I'm sure he's regretful about his comments," Johnson said. "But we are more interested in his actions. Our concern continues to be that Mr. Alday may have

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Rep. Gene Alday (R-Walls)

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In Cinque

By Renetta Howard



March came upon us with real madness; snow, sleet and freezing rain. It did not last long, but it caused enough chaos while it lasted. In addition to unpleasant weather, the month has a full moon during its first week and the Ides of March in the middle of the month.

There are a number of causes celebrated in March, many of them worthy and some are downright wacky, such as the 26th of March, "Make Up Your Own Holiday." March is a national month for Nutrition, the Red Cross, Social Workers, Irish Americans, Problem Gamblers Awareness, Music in Schools, World Day of Prayer, International Women's Day and the celebrations of Women History, or Herstory.

Women throughout the world have made history throughout the history of the world. We can begin with Eve in the Garden of Eden and trace the outstanding accomplishments of women on down to our current time. We can point out the women of the Bible who made great contributions to the history of Christendom and the development of civilization as we know it today; the Joan of Arcs, Florence Nightingales, Stagecoach Marys, Sojourner Truths, Rosa Parks, Dorothy Heights, Hillary Clintons, Vashti McKenzie, Christine Moss and many whose names are too numerous to call, who have played key roles in the making of America. Many stones have been turned and unethical cases overturned, but with all that has been said and done, there is still much to be done and women of America are really working to bring about the change that America needs to remain free, with options for improvements.

In this time and age, women can be found in every capacity in

which there were once only men who were permitted to do certain responsible jobs. Women today who are not in the forefront making decisions are standing firm behind a man to help him to make adequate decisions. It is true. That behind every good man, there is a good woman. There are, however, many women who are independent and making positive contributions to the American society as judges, lawyers, mayors, governors, college presidents, CEOs of multi-million dollar corporations, ministers and doctors. Historically, women were relegated to being mothers, housewives and school teachers.

Historically, women were relegated to being mothers, housewives and school teachers. Those are now secondary roles in today's society. Very few women are now stay at home Moms because as the standard of living increased, so did the need for Mom to get a job outside the home. Ironically, Mom has been able to conquer the quest for employment and maintain her home, too often without the help of Dad. Women have become more powerful and continue to rise above the daily obstacles encountered by the weaker sex. During this month of Women's History, we should get in cinque and pay tribute to the great women in our personal lives. We all have some!

Get out and about

Socially active seniors are happier and healthier, according to the Association of Mature American Citizens.

Harvard researchers led by investigator Karen Ertel conducted a massive study of some 17,000 elderly volunteers and concluded that those "who were most socially integrated had memory decline of less than half the rate compared with those

U.S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan's Statement on the 50th Anniversary of the Selma to Montgomery Marches

(Secretary Duncan issued the following statement on the 50th anniversary of the Selma to Montgomery marches.)

Fifty years ago, the marches from Selma to Montgomery, Alabama, were for voting rights. Today, the march for equal access and opportunity continues, especially in our classrooms. No matter students' race, gender, zip code, disability or first language, they deserve the opportunities that access to an excellent education can provide. The Edmund Pettus Bridge may exist in Selma, but the spirit of what that bridge represents today should live in each of us. That spirit should keep us working hard until every child who lives in an underprivileged community has access to the same educational opportunities as the child who lives across the tracks in an affluent suburb. That spirit should force us to put politics aside and do what is right for all children, not just a few. Equality is for every student—from rural Alabama and Mississippi to Philadelphia and Washington, D.C.—who believes that if they get a quality education and work hard, that the American dream is theirs—and that the bridge of hope has no barriers nor final destinations. The spirit of the Pettus Bridge reminds us of how far we've come and how far we still need to go.

who were the least socially integrated."

AMAC says the Harvard study and others that have been undertaken over the years proves the benefits of an active social life as we grow older. The association encourages elderly loners to get out and about more in their golden years; to meet old friends and make new friends.

THIS N' THAT

by T. J. Patterson

SECOND PUBLIC MEETING ABOUT PARKWAY DRIVE PROJECT WILL APPRECIATE YOUR ATTENDANCE!! THIS N THAT is encouraging as many of you who can to attend the **SECOND PUBLIC MEETING ABOUT THE PARKWAY DRIVE PROJECT**..... This meeting will be held on **TUESDAY EVENING** March 24, 2015 beginning at 6:00 p. m. at the Alderson Elementary School 219 Walnut A venue..... This meeting would put into motion of the redevelopment of the proposed US 82 project

(Parkway Drive) limits begin at Martin Luther King, Jr. (MLK) Boulevard and extend east to Cherry Avenue, and has an estimated construction cost of \$2.2 million..... When the proposed meeting got underway under the leadership of **ELDER TRENT COX** and meeting at the Bobbie Gean & T. J. Patterson Branch Library it was not determined where the funds were coming from..... but it was made known at the last meeting that the **TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (TxDOT)** that the funds have been

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Two Officers Shot Outside Ferguson Police Department During Protest

Two police officers were shot and injured outside of the Ferguson Police Department overnight during protests that followed the announcement of Ferguson Police Chief Thomas Jackson's resignation, according to authorities.

"At midnight the crowd was starting to break up, in fact several of the officers had left the area, and to the immediate north-northwest of the police department several shots were fired—at least three—and two officers were struck," St. Louis County Police Chief John Belmar said in a press conference hours after the shooting.

Both officers were conscious but in serious condition, according to Belmar. Neither officer is a member of the Ferguson PD. A 32-year-old officer from Webster Groves, Mo., was struck in the face, and a 41-year-old officer from the St. Louis County Police was hit in the shoulder.

Even given the rapid succession of changes in Ferguson during the past week with the resignations of six people—

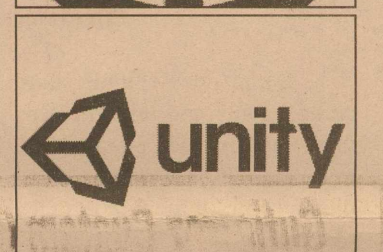
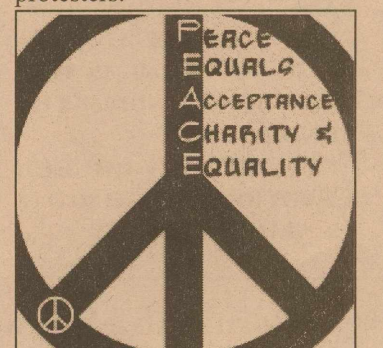
three of them high-profile city officials—who were named in the Justice Department investigation into racial bias in local law enforcement, tensions still remain. In video taken at the scene of the shooting, a voice can be heard stating, "Acknowledgement nine months ago would have kept that from happening."

Belmar acknowledged the resentment toward law-enforcement officials. "We have had an occasion to be involved in many of the events in Ferguson since Michael Brown was killed and I think we've been very fortunate as we've moved forward not to have similar instances like this happen to us," he said. "But I have said all along that we cannot sustain this forever without problems. That's not an indictment on everybody that's out there certainly expressing their First Amendment rights, but we have seen in law enforcement that this is a very, very, very dangerous environment for the officers to work in regarding the amount of gunfire that we've ex-

perienced up there."

Authorities were unable to provide a description of a suspect or suspects at this time, though Belmar did at one point say that "somehow they were embedded" among the protesters.

A video posted on Twitter provides another view of the shooting's immediate aftermath. The voices on the video can be heard stating that a police officer had been shot in the face, and that the shots had come from somewhere other than among protesters.



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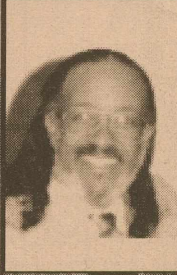
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John 14:6 -- Jesus said, I am the way, the truth, and the life; no man comes unto the **FATHER BUT BY ME.**

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ADDED AFTER THE FIRST THREE, IT STAYS THE SAME. AND IF I SAY NIGER, AND ADD A LETTER AFTER THE THIRD WHICH WOULD THE "G" -- MEANING NIGGER. WHEN YOU BUY A CAN OF BLACK PAINT. IS IT CALLED NEGRO? WHY???)

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Ephesians 5:15-16

St. Matthew Baptist Church

2020 East 14th Street Rev. Edward Canady, Pastor Lubbock, Texas 79403

Church services again were well attended on Sunday morning, March 15, 2015, at the St. Matthew Baptist Church, 2020 East 14th Street, where the dynamic pastor is the Reverend Edward Canady.

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

Superintendent Shirley Davis taught the lesson and what a wonderful job she did!

Our Sunday School's subject was "Sorrow Turn To Joy." The lesson passage was John 16:4-15. Our Pastor gave highlights of the morning lesson.

The Sunday morning devotion was conducted by Deacon Edward Williams and Deaconess Sister Ethel Williams.

Praise God for this team!

Pastor Canady entered the Church with the Choir singing "Because of Who You Are."

The morning sermon was delivered by Pastor Canady. His subject was "Pray For The Preacher." His scripture was Acts 12:5.

This was a very informative sermon.

The morning announcements were read by our First Lady, Sister Shirley Canady. Thanks, Sister Canady, for making your presentation so clear.

The weekly meetings scheduled to be held at the St. Matthew Baptist Church are:

The Missionary Society meets at St. Matthew Baptist Church on Wednesday evenings at 5:00 p. m.

If you are interested in working with the Missionary Society, then do come and join them.

Remember Bible Study is held on Wednesday evenings at 6:00 p. m. It's just great when Prayer Warriors come together. Will you join us? Hope so!

The Choir practices on Friday afternoons at 2:00 p. m. If you like to sing, then come and join our Choir.

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

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

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

Thought For The Week: "Knowing the Holy Bible helps us know the God of the Holy Bible."

If at first you don't succeed

It can be frustrating when you put your heart and soul into a new endeavor and things don't turn out the way you figured they would. But that didn't stop some of the most successful business figures in history, according to the Association of Mature American Citizens.

To paraphrase Thomas Edison: success is 10 percent inspiration and 90 percent determination. So, take a tip from these businessmen who made America great:

Henry Ford went broke five

times before he got it right and revolutionized the automobile industry and manufacturing practices, in general. R.H. Macy faced failure no less than seven times before he successfully created the Macy's brand.

And then there was Harland David Sanders, better known as Colonel Sanders. Sanders had the idea of setting up a chain of restaurants called Kentucky Roast Beef & Ham, but that didn't work out. He then got the notion of creating a chain of Colonel Sanders Inns, but that didn't work either. Nor did it stop him from dusting himself

off and starting all over again creating the world-renowned Kentucky Fried Chicken brand with his "secret" fried chicken recipe.

It is interesting to note that Sanders was 65 when he finally achieved success, making him the poster boy for persistence, says AMAC.

Kindness is for all times in all situations --not just when it suits you.

Audray Landrum

Born with a Screwdriver in My Hand

Dr. James L. Snyder

Some people understand compliments and take them as they come. Other people, like myself, wouldn't know a compliment if it hit them in the face like a pie.

For a long time I had been under the impression my wife was giving me compliments. It takes a husband a long time to understand his wife and by the time he understands her, she has morphed into the next level of womanhood. The man who thinks he knows his wife needs a psychiatrist, preferably a woman psychiatrist.

For a number of years my wife said to me, which I thought was a compliment, "You must've been born with a screwdriver in your hand."

I never thought of myself as a handyman, but these kinds of compliments gave me a little bit of confidence in my incompetence. Nothing is more dangerous than confident

incompetence.

I try to do a little bit of work around the house, like fixing things and improve things. However, every time I start to fix something, something happens to make it worse.

Last week, for instance, the front door latch came loose. Some screws had come loose and it was to the point that you could not shut the door. Well, being the bungling handyman that I am, I grabbed the nearest screwdriver I could find and tried to screw the screws back into the door and fix the problem. Usually, the first screwdriver I pick up does not fit the screw I am trying to screw in. I have come to discover that there is a screwdriver for every conceivable screw. Who knew?

I memorized a phrase to help me along that line; Lefty Loosey, Righty Tightly. Every time I use that phrase I need to think it through a little bit to un-

derstand or at least try to understand what it means. If I turn the screwdriver left, I am loosening it and if I turn it right, I am tightening it. What that means I have no idea.

I grabbed my screwdriver firmly in my right hand and used my left hand to guide it to the screw that needed to be tightened. However, the more I turned it to the right the looser it became. It is not supposed to work that way. Either, I do not know my right from my left or somebody has messed up this project. Thank goodness, there was no mirror handy.

Just as I was about ready to rip the door from its hinges and throw it across the street the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage appeared and said, "Another

proof that you were born with a screwdriver in your hand."

At the time, I was not in any frame of mind whatsoever to receive a compliment.

She simply said to me, "May I have the screwdriver and would you go in and see if there's any coffee left in the coffee pot?"

Since I had come to the end of my rope, I handed her the screwdriver and headed for the kitchen mumbling incoherently. By the time I got to the kitchen, I turned around and there she was following me.

"What about the door?" I said in a rather grumpy tone.

"Oh," she said rather cheerfully, "it's fixed."

Several other projects I started ended up the same way. My wife

would cheerfully come to me and say, "You must've been born with a screwdriver in your hand." Then she would laugh most heartily and I would smile not quite getting what she was saying.

One Christmas the truth of this really hit home. I was opening a Christmas present from someone named "Guess Who" and discovered a brand-new screwdriver with my name engraved on the handle. The note inside the card said, "Here's a screwdriver to help you in all the things you screw up."

I must confess it took several days for me to process this Christmas gift. Then, just before New Year's, the whole thing unfolded for me.

Whenever my wife says, "You must've been born with a screwdriver in your hand," she is not complimenting me as I originally thought, but rather in that secret code that all wives know was saying that I was a major screwup.

At first, I was a little upset by this. To think that my wife thought I was a screwup was a very hard to swallow. She did not say I was a screwup, but she laid all the groundwork for me to come to that awesome conclusion.

To know what you can do is important, but to know what you cannot do is more important. Every time I look at the screwdriver, I realize there are a whole

lot of things that I cannot do. I need to focus on what I can do. That is the message of the screwdriver.


We have now come to a basic understanding in our house that when there is ever a project that needs fixing I will always look at my wife and say, "Would you like to borrow my screwdriver?"

I think the apostle Paul understood this when he wrote, "Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall" (1 Corinthians 10:12).

I think the biggest compliment I could ever receive or give, for that matter, is what Paul is implying here. Simply put; think before you fall.

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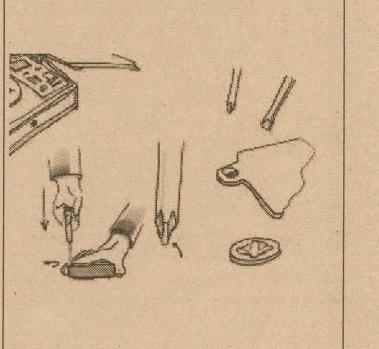
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Felton "Ray" Walton

Plano, Texas -- Funeral services were held for Felton "Ray" Walton on Saturday afternoon, January 10, 2015 at the Ted Dickey Chapel of Plano.

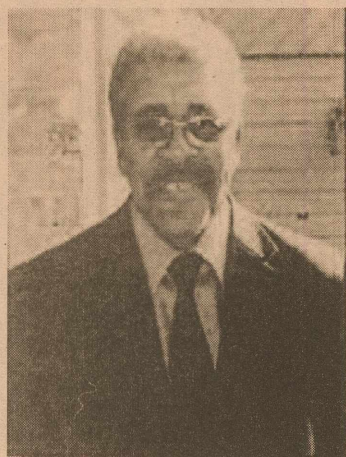
Interment was under the direction of the Ted Dickey Funeral Home of Plano.

Pallbearers were Benjamin Walton, John Walton, Michael Tarver, Felton Walton, Jr., Gerald Tarver, and Leon Walton.

Walton passed away on Tuesday, January 6, 2015.

He was born on December 3, 1940 to Louis and Bertha Walton in DeBerry, Texas.

Ray is survived by his loving wife of 24 years, Debra Walton; daughters: Felisa Renee Williams of Desoto, Texas, Mary Louise Walton, Patricia Gail Walton, and Stella Denise Walton, all of Lubbock, Texas, and Imani Rhea Walton of Plano, Texas; sons: Felton Ray Walton, Jr. of Midland, Texas, John Gregory Walton (Regina) of Lubbock, Texas, and Benjamin Louis Walton of Plano, Texas; brother, Leon Ray Walton



(Alee) of Phoenix, Arizona; and a host of grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his parents; brothers: Lu Henry Walton and Oliver Ray Walton; and sisters, Velma Walton Bradshaw and Berha Nell Walton.

He lived in Texas all of his life and loved to work. He worked for Price Realty in apartment maintenance and as a porter for 17 years.

All through his treatment

Arkansas' First Black Female Band Director Sylvia Jayne Clay Died In Arkansas December 9, 2014

North Little Rock, Arkansas -- Sylvia Moss Clay, age 77, of North Little Rock, Arkansas, passed away on Tuesday, December 9, 2014.

Funeral services with Rev. C. D. Edwards officiating at the St. John Missionary Baptist Church on Saturday morning, December 20, 2014.

A native of Lubbock, Texas, she was born June 9, 1937 to the late James and Ruth Moss. She was preceded in death by one sister.

Educated in the Lubbock Independent School District, at age 16, Mrs. Clay graduated from Dunbar High School and was awarded a four year scholarship to Langston University in Langston, Oklahoma. She received a double major Bachelor of Arts degree for Music Education in Instrumental Music and Concert Piano. She received a Master of Arts in Music Education from Texas Tech University in Lubbock, Texas.

Meeting her future husband, Curtis Clay, at Langston University,



they were wed on campus in 1957 before moving to North Little Rock. To this union were added two sons and one daughter.

Hired in the Little Rock School District in 1958, Mrs. Clay was the first Black female band director in the state of Arkansas. During her first years of teaching, she was able to add music to the curriculum of elementary students in the segregated Black institutions by traveling from school to school to offer foundational music training. Being one of the first teachers to be transferred into an integrated school, Mrs. Clay continued to excel and make an impact, musically and developmentally, in the lives of many students both Black and white. Many of her former music students have gone on to pursue professional music careers both nationally and internationally in secular and gospel genres.

Mrs. Clay served as Minister of Music at three churches in Central Arkansas over her 56 year residency here -- Eighth Street Baptist Church, serving twenty years; Eastern Star Baptist Church, serving four years; and St. John Missionary Baptist Church where she served for 27 years. During her music ministry, Mrs. Clay's endeavor was to serve God and uplift his name in song. She had the opportunity collaborate with national gospel music artist and personalities: James Cleveland, Albertina Walker, Dorothy Norwood, Chester D. T. Baldwin, Charles Fold, Margaret Pleasant Douroux, Rodena Preston, Steven Roberts, and many others.

Mrs. Clay organized, trained and directed some of the best choirs in the Central Arkansas area while contributing to the development and furtherance of gospel music through conducting music workshops across Arkansas, nationally, and internationally, in Bad Kissingen-Germany, Verona-Italy, and Okinawa-Japan. In 1982, Mrs. Clay founded the Central Arkansas Chapter of the Gospel Music Workshop of America (GMWA). She served as leader and national representative of this chapter for 15 years.

Mrs. Clay served as Minister of Music Emeritus at St. John

Rickie Lynn Graves

Tahoka, Texas -- Funeral services were held for Rickie Lynn Graves on Monday morning, March 9, 2015, at the First Baptist Church.

Interment followed in the Nevels Memorial Cemetery under the direction of Combest Family Funeral Homes of Lubbock.

Graves of Tahoka passed away on Wednesday, March 4, 2015, at the age of 51.

He was born January 17, 1964, in Tahoka to Tommy Lee and Shirley Gene (Brown) Graves.

Rickie graduated from Tahoka High School. He was married to Cathy Rannels. He was a self-employed carpet layer.

Those left to cherish his memory are his wife, Cathy of Tahoka; daughters, Kelia Madison of Colorado Springs, CO, Starlett Lopez of Post, Carissa Harris and Allison Graves of Lubbock; sons: David Kimble of Cleveland, Ohio, Jeffery El-



more of Odessa, Texas, Jarard Graves of Tahoka, Texas, Ridge Graves and Chase Graves of Post, Texas; brothers, Tony Graves and David Graves of Tahoka, Texas, Alton Graves of Houston, Texas, and Calvin Graves of Denver, Colorado; sister, Michelle Risher of Las Vegas, Nevada; and 17 grandchildren.

Rickie was preceded in death by his parents and one brother, Tommy Lewis Graves.

Herman Lang, Jr.

Funeral services were held for Herman Lang, Jr. on Thursday afternoon, March 12, 2015, at the Difference Makers Fellowship.

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

Herman, age 50 of Lubbock, passed away on Wednesday, March 4, 2015.

Herman was born on October 22, 1964 to Herman Lang, Sr. and Barbara Ann Lang.

He was later raised by his mother and step-father, Robert J. Moore. He graduated from Estacado High School in 1983.

Herman was raised to be a hard worker and took pride in

Missionary Baptist Church, Chapter Representative Emeritus of the Central Arkansas Chapter of the Gospel Music Workshop of America and was an active member of the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Trinity Chapter #24 Order of the Eastern Star, Arkansas Education Association, and the Little Rock Retired Teachers Association.

Mrs. Clay leaves to cherish her memory: two sons, Curtis Clay, Jr. of North Little Rock, Arkansas and Gregory Lamont (Gloria) Clay of Pensacola, Florida; one daughter, Denise Rochelle Clay of North Little Rock, Arkansas; two granddaughters: Tamaron Timanthis and Jasmine Clennon; one grandson, Justin Fowlkes; one sister, Peggy Rush; one nephew, Walter Lucious Moss; our beloved extended family, The Leon Thomas family, who have embraced her at their matriarch; many god-children/god-grandchildren; and a host of devoted caring friends.



his work. After high school, he eagerly worked for Frank Brown Pontiac, Alderson Cadillac, Grandy's, Luby's Cafeteria, and Popeyes. Herman enjoyed the restaurant field so much that he planned to attend college to further his career.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Herman Lang, Sr. and Barbara Moore; brother, Patrick D. Lang; step-brother, Leonard E. Owens; and step-mother, Jacquelyn Moore.

He leaves to cherish his memories: step-father, Robert Moore; sister, Roshanda Moore-Godfrey (Benjamin); step-brothers: Charles Woodruff and DeCedric Woodruff; nieces, Brylee and Braycee Godfrey; nephew, Bryce Godfrey; and a host of other relatives and friends.

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Lake Ridge Chapel & Memorial Designers was in charge of arrangements.

Crayton, age 90, passed away on Saturday, March 7, 2015.



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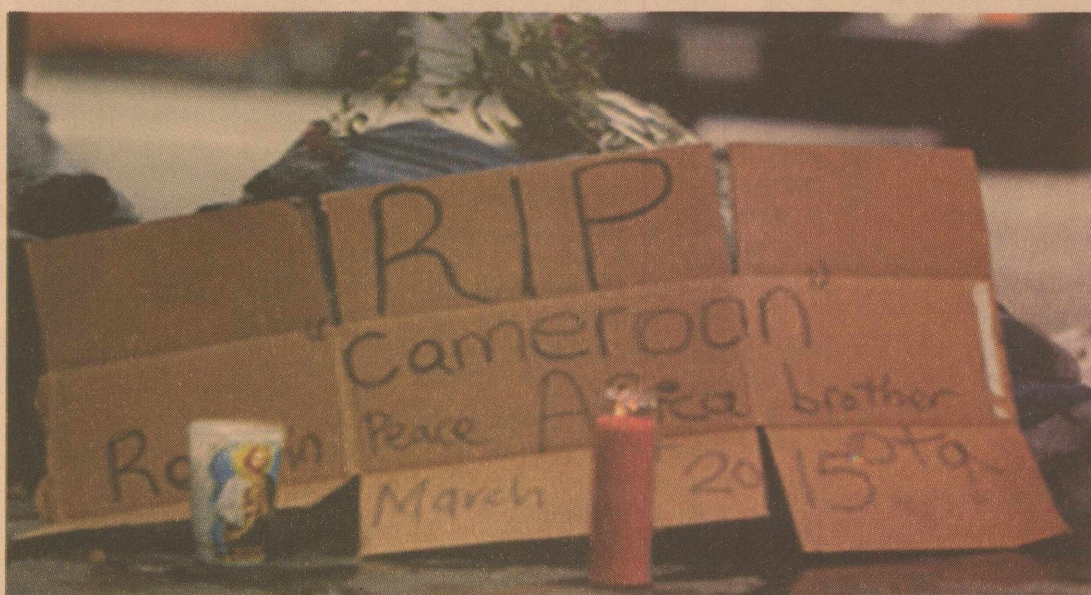
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Homeless, Mentally Ill, & Black: Decked Stacked Against L. A. Man Shot By Police



While the investigation continues into the high-profile shooting of an unarmed homeless man in Los Angeles that was caught on video, there are key issues surrounding the confrontation that go beyond the narrative of another police-related death. The deadly meeting between the man, known as "Africa," and the LAPD occurred in a Skid Row section of the city where approximately 3,500 homeless individuals, many with issues regarding mental health, reside. Africa and the police collided at an intersection of social ills facing the city, the state of California and the U.S.: homelessness, treatment of the mentally ill and race.

Los Angeles currently has the second-largest homeless population for a U.S. city (behind New York). The city has sought to abandon its Broken Windows approach. "Our success will lie in taking a more progressive approach," Los Angeles Police Department Captain John McMahon said to the Los Angeles Times in the summer of 2014.

While the city recognized the

need for a different approach to policing Skid Row in light of the depth of the issues involving mental illness in the population, critics pointed to an incident that same summer when a homeless man died falling off a roof after being hit with a Taser by police officers. Studies show the mentally ill are far more likely to be victims of violence rather than perpetrators, but despite efforts to reduce conflicts and to reach out to the population, Africa—who reportedly spent a decade in treatment just prior to this incident—was still killed during an attempt to enforce a local ordinance regarding tents on the street.

With racial profiling by police officers already a much-discussed topic, it is also important to note that about 38 percent of the homeless population in L.A. is Black, more than four times the Black representation in the city as a whole. In painting a picture of the man known as Africa, the image is that of a man with multiple characteristics that would result in his experiencing violence at the hands of authorities.

(A law-enforcement official told The Associated Press that Africa was identified as Charley Saturmin Robinet, 39, but that is an assumed name he reportedly stole years ago. Workers at a Skid Row shelter say he had lived outside their building for six to eight months.)

Despite video footage of this particular incident, there are still many questions regarding the treatment of homeless, mentally ill individuals of color, particularly in urban centers like Los Angeles. The police officer who shot an unarmed homeless man ultimately may be cleared of any legal responsibility, but why so many people like Africa end up in similar situations is a troubling issue for the city, and the nation, to grapple with.

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Where Were You 50 Years Ago?

"Not only would I not be here because our society wouldn't have changed as much as it has in 50 years," President Obama told CBS reporter Bill Plante, "but this is also the source of inspiration that got me involved in public service in the first place."

President Obama was just 4 years old on the day protesters marched across the Edmund Pettus Bridge in Selma, Ala.

"It was not a clash of armies, but a clash of wills; a contest to determine the true meaning of America," the President told the crowd gathered at the bridge on Saturday. "And because of men and women like John Lewis, Joseph Lowery, Hosea Williams, Amelia Boynton, Diane Nash, Ralph Abernathy, C.T. Vivian, Andrew Young, Fred Shuttlesworth, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and so many others, the idea of a just America and a fair America, an inclusive America, and a generous America—that idea ultimately triumphed."

Though he was just a boy growing up in Hawaii, Obama said the gravity of what happened thousands of miles away is not lost on him—in many places in the South, the interracial relationship between his parents would have been illegal.

The President went on to express to the veteran reporter, as

they walked through museum displays of the momentous civil-rights march, his admiration for the ordinary citizens who stood up to "some of the most powerful forces in our society."

Bill Plante himself was a 27-year-old journalist covering Selma a half-century ago. While much of the nation was less than mindful of the harsh realities of the Jim Crow South, Plante spoke to The Associated Press prior to the anniversary, recounting just how significant the civil-rights movement was.

Blacks were fearful 50 years ago and they needed somebody like a Dr. King to mobilize them," Plante said. "Now they're very much involved in the political life of the city and the county. Which is not to say there is no more racism—of course there is. That will probably always be the case everywhere. But it sure is a lot better than it was 50 years ago."

U.S. Representative John Lewis (D-Ga.) was only 25 years old when he took part in the march. He recapped the event, setting the scene of the peaceful march that became known as 'Bloody Sunday' after authorities attacked the protesters, and highlighted the changes in the intervening decades. Lewis introduced President

Obama: "If someone told me 50 years ago I'd be back on this bridge introducing a Black President of the United States, I'd have said, 'You're crazy.'"

Drawing across the generations, a daughter of a Selma marcher came to the anniversary to stand for her elderly father. Lavonia Perryman, of Detroit, told the local CBS station, "My dad is from Selma. ... My honor will be able to march across the bridge where the Perryman family, he's 90 years old and he's not able to march this time, but because of the movement I am able to march here in Selma, Alabama." She then went on, as many did during the commemoration, to speak of the work yet left to do.

The President himself echoed this sentiment in his speech from the Edmund Pettus Bridge.

"We know the march is not yet over, the race is not yet won, and that reaching that blessed destination where we are judged by the content of our character requires admitting as much."



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W. E. Rainwater Celebrates 89th Birthday In Lubbock



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Pictured are, from left to right standing: Rose Thompson, daughter; W. E. Rainwater, nephew; and Tania Benson, niece.

Sitting are: George Rainwater, brother; and Mary Tucker, sister.

The Rainwater family will tell you each member is part of a family of many blessings and are thankful to God. Each member of the Rainwater family will tell you 2014 was a blessed year. Each family member is looking forward to many more blessings in 2015.

One family member, W. E. Rainwater, formerly of Slaton, Texas, who now lives in Killeen, Texas celebrated his 89th birthday in Lubbock with many of his family members at friends at the Furr's Family Dining on Slide Road.

Each member of the Rainwater family enjoyed the family gathering. Each member present talked about many good things which has happened in their life.

This gathering of the Rainwater family took place on Saturday afternoon, January 31, 2015.

Although it was his birthday, he was blessed to have his brother and sister present.

His brother, George Rainwater, who is 93 years of age; and his sister, Mary Tucker, is 95

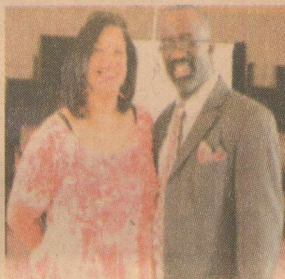
years of age.

"We are just a family full of blessings," said W. E. Rainwater.

"We're just thankful to God for being so good to each of us," continued W. E. Rainwater.

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Brother & Sister: George Rainwater & Mary Tucker -- Della Showers

Brother & Sister Celebrates Their Birthday In January

This brother and sister have celebrated another year.

They are George Rainwater and Mary Tucker. George celebrated his 94th birthday on Sunday, January 31, 2015. Mary, on the other hand, celebrated her 96th birthday on Friday, January

30, 2015.

They enjoyed their birthdays by having a delicious dinner at the Furr's Dining Center on Slide Road with several family members and friends.

George has a daughter, Helen Hamm, in Sant a Clara, Califor-

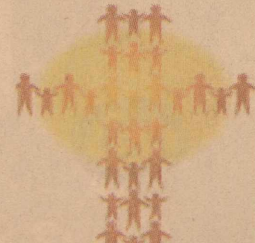
nia. Mary is the mother of Ruby Tucker Phenix of Lubbock, Texas, Billy Tucker of Dallas, Texas, and John "Sonny" Rainwater.

Della Shower is shown standing with couple.

UNITY MARCH FOR JESUS 2015



If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.



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President Speaks On Bloody Sunday

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neers, workers, and suffragists who helped shape the United States.

On Saturday, he employed similar rhetoric and even used some of the same phrases — such as “creed written into our founding documents” and “instinct that led women to reach for the ballot” — to connect the nonviolent marchers of Bloody Sunday with a larger narrative.

That’s the same instinct that drove immigrants from across oceans and the Rio Grande, the same instinct that led women to reach for the ballot,” he said, “workers to organize against an unjust status quo. The same instinct that led us to plant a flag at Iwo Jima, and on the surface of the moon.”

Obama said that Americans who understand that our nation is a “work in progress” whose status quo must be shaken up have cemented our reputation across the world as a beacon of opportunity.

“Look at our history. We are

Lewis and Clark and Sacagawea, pioneers who braved the unfamiliar.” Obama told the crowd, “followed by a stampede of miners and farmers and entrepreneurs and hucksters. That’s our spirit. That’s who we are!”

His list of American heroes included slaves, cowboys, laborers, firefighters, GIs, Tuskegee airmen, Navajo code talkers, and Japanese-American soldiers who were fighting for the same nation that interned their families.

“We’re Sojourner Truth and Fannie Lou Hamer, women who could do as much as any man and then some,” he said. “And we’re Susan B. Anthony, who shook the system until the law reflected that truth. That is our character.”

President Lyndon B. Johnson signed the Voting Rights Act into law on Aug. 6, 1965, largely thanks to the demonstrators who marched with Martin Luther King Jr. on Bloody Sunday.

Project: Prom 2015

The Bridge of Lubbock is seeking to clothe young people in the South Plains area. Project: Prom has been a successful event since 2011, and they do not plan on stopping any time soon. The success of this event, is largely due to the cooperation of the Lubbock community. The Bridge of Lubbock desires to help young men and women feel like Cinderella or Prince Charming on their big day. Since 2011, the Bridge of Lubbock has helped over 450 young men and women have their fairy tale prom night come true. This year will mark the 5th annual Project: Prom giveaway. They are still in need of business donations to offer shoes, jewelry, purses, hair, nails, etc. Project: Prom services low-income families to assist them in attending prom, which could merely seem like a dream to them. Not only do people use these dresses for prom but also pageants and banquets. Director of Operations Hillary Hilderbrand reiterated her feelings on this event, “this is one of my favorite events at The Bridge of Lubbock. The smiles that light up The Bridge on Project: Prom giveaway days is an eternal blessing. Through donations and the guidance of Jesus we are able to watch our young friends experience something they may not have otherwise been able to experience.” The Bridge of Lubbock is looking forward to giving away dresses and suits to young men and women who cannot afford it on March 28 th from 10AM-1PM. We are also eager to implement a special Project: Prom day specifically for LISD schools on April 18 th .more information to come in a press release post Spring Break. We are still looking for businesses to help donate any type of accessories to provide a variety to the students who come and receive their prom wear. “We appreciate all the donations from all business and surrounding areas that have helped our community. I truly enjoy seeing the smiles and tears of joy students display. It makes the Bridge staff and volunteers feel special,” said Tammie Stillwell, Clothing Co-

ordinator. Donations for Project: Prom will be accepted at The Bridge of Lubbock at 1301 E. Redbud Ave., Sew Lovely at 8004 Indiana Ave. Suite A11, and Women’s Curves at 1901 W Loop 289 Suite 8 thru April 6, 2015. Drop-off times are available the following days: The Bridge of Lubbock on Monday, Wednesday, Friday between the hours 10:00AM - 1:00PM. Sew Lovely on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 9:30AM - 5:30PM. Curves Women’s Fitness Center on Monday through Friday from 6:30AM-7:00PM and Saturday’s from 8:00AM-12:00PM. Young adults are invited to select their attire on March 28, 2015. For more information on donation drop-offs or distribution, you may contact The Bridge of Lubbock at 806-687-0772. www.bridgeoflubbock.org. www.facebook.com/bridgeoflubbock www.youtube.com/bridgeoflubbock

The Bridge of Lubbock was established in 2001 and is privately funded Christian non-profit organization in East Lubbock seeking to restore the foundation of hope in the community. The Bridge of Lubbock is not federally funded and does not receive funding from the local United Way. For more information about their outreach or to learn how you can become a Bridge 2 Hope donor, call 806-687-0772. e-mail hilderbrand@bridgeoflubbock.org or visit their website at www.bridgeoflubbock.org. Sew Lovely is a small business in Lubbock providing alterations and design. To learn more about the services that Charlotte Owen provides call 806-797-3332 or visit her website at www.sewlovelylubbock.com. Curves is a fitness facility for women to help reach their goals of weight loss. To gain more information about their services. Contact Pattie McMillan at (806) 795-2701 or visit the website at www.curveslubbock.com.

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Owners, Kelly Benning, (center left) & Kyle Farris (center right)..of the NEW HOT SPOT, The Shack BBQ, in Lubbock, Tx, appeared on KLBK, a Trends & Friends segment that televised in July of 2014. They are pictured above with two of KLBK’s news staff, along with a few samples from their restaurant which is located at 2309 N. Frankford. If you haven’t gone by The Shack, make sure you go by when you can and check out the spot that so many are now raving about.

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Cleaning House: Ferguson Police Chief to Resign

Multiple outlets including CNN and Fox News are reporting that the besieged top cop of Ferguson's police department will be stepping down. Two other named officials, Judge Ronald Brockmeyer and City

Manager John Shaw, resigned this week following the Justice Department's highly critical investigation of the Missouri town's police force and judiciary.

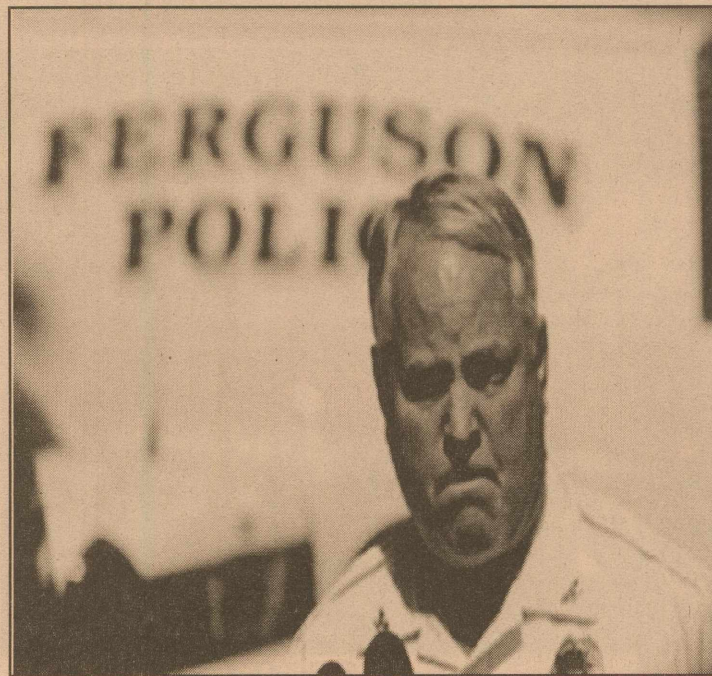
CNN had reported earlier

that the police chief had been looking for some guarantees before committing to a resignation.

Ferguson Police Chief Thomas Jackson has indicated he is willing to step down, but first he wants to ensure that the police department stays in place and is not dissolved, a source in the Ferguson, Missouri, City Hall says.

The Ferguson report paints a picture of a police chief largely ineffective at promoting institutional safeguards and fixes. The federal investigators found that "while Chief Jackson implemented new department policies when he joined FPD in 2010, including on use-of-force reporting and review, these policies are routinely ignored." They also state, "These recordkeeping problems also explain why Chief Jackson told us he could not remember ever imposing discipline for an improper use of force or ordering further training based on force problems."

The Justice Department concluded that the city's emphasis on revenue generation through policing mostly Black residents of Ferguson contributed to years of racial profiling. Aside from the lack of implementation of use-of-force, federal investigators noted that Jackson was routinely praised for adding to the city's income: "In March 2011, the Chief reported to the City Manager that court revenue in February was \$179,862.50, and



Police Chief Thomas Jackson

ATTORNEY GENERAL HOLDER STATEMENT ON THE SHOOTING OF TWO OFFICERS IN FERGUSON, MISSOURI

WASHINGTON – Attorney General Eric Holder released the following statement Thursday on the overnight shooting of two officers in Ferguson, Missouri:

"This heinous assault on two brave law enforcement officers was inexcusable and repugnant. I condemn violence against any public safety officials in the strongest terms, and the Department of Justice will never accept any threats or violence directed at those who serve and protect our communities—from this cowardly action, to the killing of an officer in Philadelphia last week while he was buying a game for his son, to the tragic loss of a Deputy U.S. Marshal in the line of duty in Louisiana earlier this week. Such senseless acts of violence threaten the very reforms that nonviolent protesters in Ferguson and around the country have been working towards for the past several months. We wish these injured officers a full and speedy recovery. We stand ready to offer any possible aid to an investigation into this incident, including the department's full range of investigative resources. And we will continue to stand unequivocally against all acts of violence against cops whenever and wherever they occur."

Tim Cole Awarded Honorary Law Degree

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a life sentence for an unrelated crime.

Cole was posthumously pardoned in 2010 by Gov. Rick Perry. The then-governor spoke at the unveiling of Cole's memorial statue this past September in Lubbock.

"This isn't a political issue, this is a Texas issue. This was an American issue; this is an issue about us as human beings," said Perry.

According to Texas Tech, a faculty member must nominate a potential recipient to be considered for an honorary degree. Honors College associate dean Aliza Wong and Ricky Sherfield, the lead coordinator for the Cross Cultural Academic Advancement Center, had nominated Cole at the end of 2014.

Texas Tech President M. Duane Nellis then made a recommendation to the chancellor, who recommended it to the Board of Regents.

"Through no fault of his own, Timothy Cole did not realize the joyous moment of graduation

and experience the rewards of earning a college degree," Nellis said in a statement. "In this bittersweet moment, we are proud to posthumously bestow this much deserved honorary law degree on Timothy and hope it lends to the long and difficult healing process the Cole family has endured."

Cory Session, Cole's younger brother and the policy director at the Innocence Project of Texas, thanked Texas Tech for the honor.

"We are grateful," he said. "It's been a quarter of a century, and we finally have justification for his education and his diploma. We are pleased."

A ceremony will be held in Lubbock May 15 at the Texas Tech School of Law to confer the honorary degree. Session's family will be present.

Read More: Texas Tech Awards Honorary Degree to Tim Cole | <http://kfyo.com/texas-tech-honorary-degree-tim-cole/?trackback=tsmclip>

Safety City Bike Rodeo

Safety City will be hosting their 2nd Annual Bike Rodeo on Saturday, March 21, 2015, from 2:00-4:00 p.m. as part of Brain Injury Awareness Month. Protect your brain and put your skills to the test with this fun, educational event. Youth ages 4-12 will learn how to care for their bikes and how to ride them safely through an amazing obstacle course. Kids can bring their own bikes or ride one of ours. This is a free community event.

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Blacks Receive Food Stamps

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that the total 'beat our next biggest month in the last four years by over \$17,000,' to which the City Manager responded: "Wonderful!"

Prior to becoming chief of Ferguson's police department, Thomas Jackson was fully invested in local law-enforcement culture, having served three decades with St. Louis police in a variety of capacities, including drug-task-force commander and airplane and helicopter pilot instructor.

After the resignation of Shaw, Mayor John Knowles III had responded to calls for the ouster of Chief Jackson. "Chief Jackson is still an employee of the City of Ferguson," Mayor James Knowles III told reporters. "That's an employee matter we may discuss at a later date." It remains to be seen if further changes to the municipality are in the works.

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Ferguson Mayor Says Race Not An Issue, Bill Introduced To Stop "Policing For Revenue"



Despite a damning Justice Department report that found African-Americans made up 93 percent of arrests even though they only represent 67 percent of the Ferguson, Mo. population, the mayor is claiming the city does not have a race problem.

In an interview Friday, Mayor James Knowles III rejected the scathing 102-page report, claiming police department practices are not racially biased, Think Progress reports.

"What they've shown is that it has happened. Now, how often has that happened? I don't know. Their assertion is it happens regularly. Based on what? I'm not sure yet," Knowles said. "Do they have a statistic that tells me that they've examined every arrest that we've made for the past four years and that half, or all, or 10 percent, or 5 percent are unconstitutional or without cause? They do not have that. They have not examined at that level that I know of at this point."

He also said there is "no proof" of gross civil rights violations, although the report thoroughly details a number of racist incidents along with statistics.

In many cases, officers approached African-Americans without probable cause. Black people made up 85 percent of

traffic stops and received 90 percent of tickets. And officers often arrested and held residents at the expense of individuals in order to increase revenue for the city.

Now, in response to creating what many deem "debtors' prisons," Rep. Emanuel Cleaver (D-Mo.) will introduce a bill that will make the racially biased police practice a federal civil rights violation, according to the Washington Post.

The Fair Justice Act would make it a civil rights violation punishable by up to five years in prison for a police officer, chief or department to enforce criminal or traffic laws for the purpose of raising revenue.

"The time has come to end

the practice of using law enforcement as a cash register, a practice that has impacted too many Americans and has disproportionately affected minority and low-income communities," Cleaver said in a statement provided to The Washington Post. "No American should have to face arbitrary police enforcement whose sole purpose is to raise revenue for a town, city, or state."

As the Post points out, the Democratic bill could face some trouble in the Republican-controlled House.

In the meantime, the city of Ferguson will likely enter an agreement with the Justice Department, or risk being sued in a federal lawsuit.

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