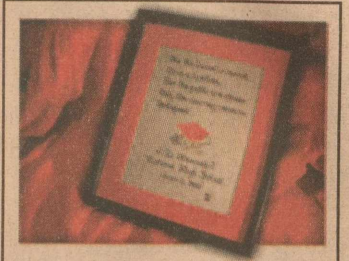
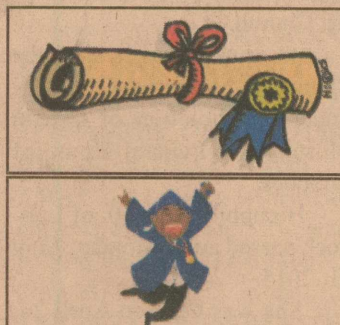
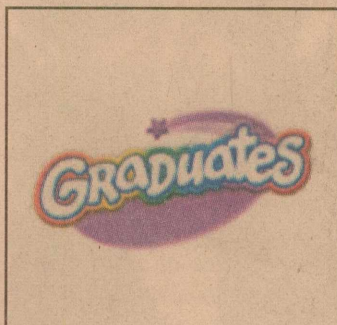
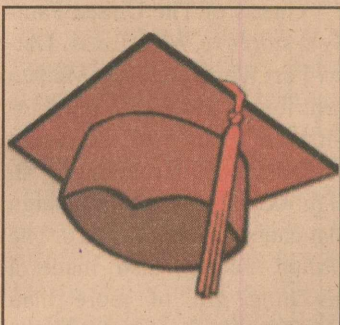




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Community Meetings

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* 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.

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

60 Black Graduates At Texas Tech University



HERE THEY ARE, THE 2015 BLACK GRADUATES OF TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY: Pictured above are the sixty 2015 Black Graduates. They were presented on Friday evening, May 1, 2015, at the Auditorium of the International Cultural Center before a well attended program.

This was the second year of the Texas Tech Black Graduation which was sponsored by the Black Graduate Student Association and the Black Student Association.

Keynote speaker for the program was T. J. Patterson, Sr., editor of the Southwest Digest, who delivered a strong message about the many opportunities available to each of them. "We know each of you may leave Lubbock, but keep in mind, Lubbock needs your talents and abilities," said Patterson.

These Black Graduates are graduating during 2015, in the following positions: 28 graduates in May, 2015; 9 August, 2015; and 23 in December, 2015.

The special program included the following: a welcome by Miss Benita Llesanmi; a special presentation by the Ted Phea Boys and Girls Club; and the Senior Address by Miss Helen Hailu. Mr. Patterson was introduced by Miss Jordan Garrett.

Each Black Graduate received their Stoles.

Missionaries Working On The Washington Park Community Garden of Chatman Hill



Missionaries from the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints are shown here helping at

the Washington Park Community Garden of Chatman Hill. The garden is located in the

2100 block of Cedar Avenue, just across the street from
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Lubbock Juneteenth Committee Making Ready 2015 Celebration

This is the 150th Anniversary of the Juneteenth Celebration in Texas. This year's celebration will have its theme, "Opening Doors To Opportunity."

The Celebration will be partnered with Starcare, and will be held June 18 thru 21, 2015.

The Kick-Off Celebration will be held Thursday evening, June 18th, beginning at 7:00 p. m. at the Standard Sales Company. Tickets are \$7.00 each, and will include: Live Music, a Raffle and food.

Friday evening, June 19th, a program called "In The Know Bowl," which is a competition for Youth to show their knowledge of Juneteenth History, will be held at the Rise Academy Gymnasium, beginning at 7:00 p. m.

Saturday, June 20th, is a giant day in Mae Simmons Park. The day's activities will get under way with a Senior Breakfast at the Mae Simmons Senior Citi-



**Latrice Godfrey
President
Lubbock Unified
Juneteenth Committee**

zens Center for Seniors. The Senior Breakfast will begin at 8:00 a. m. at Mae Simmons Senior Citizens Center. All Senior Citizens are welcome to attend. The Annual Juneteenth Parade will begin at 10:00 a. m., starting at Avenue A & Broadway Avenue. It will travel east to the Mae Simmons Park where many activities will take place.

Special Guest will be Bluff City. There will also be dance competition, food, and many activities.

The 2015 Juneteenth Celebration will conclude on Sunday afternoon, June 21st, with the Gospel Stage beginning at 6:00 p. m. Special Guest will be Brandon Gaines.

Latrice Godfrey, President, says, "We are looking forward for another exciting celebration, and we look forward to seeing you in the park and attending all of the activities."

The 2015 officers of the Lubbock Unified Juneteenth Committee are as follows: President, Latrice Godfrey; Vice President, Sarenda Godfrey; Secretary, Darlene McCormick; Assistant Secretary, Perissea Harris; Treasurer, Craig Godfrey; and Legal Advisor, Justin Lawrence.

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Five Generations of the Tommy White Family

Pictured above are members of the Tommy White family. The Southwest Digest takes this time and opportunity to salute this family.

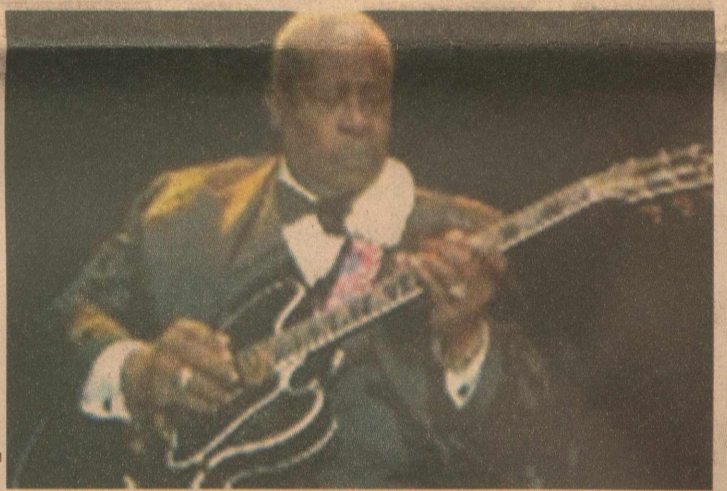
Those family members are: Tommy White, sitting; back row: his daughter, Irion Ross, second from left; granddaughter, Demetria Ross; great-granddaughter, Tygenae Ross, left; and little A'dderion Weath-

erspoon-Ross, held by Demetria Ross.

Mr. White, who is a veteran of South Vietnam while he was a member of the U. S. Army. He has lived most of his life in Lubbock, Texas.

At present time, Mr. White resides in the Veteran Administration Living Center in Amarillo, Texas.

Blues Great B. B. King Dies at 89



"The Thrill is Gone" is today's news headline on the official website of B.B. King

King died in his sleep Thursday evening in Las Vegas at the age of 89 after a groundbreaking career. He was known as the "King of the Blues," considered the greatest American blues musician of all time.

Riley B. King was born Sept. 16, 1925 in the racially segregated Jim Crow South on a plantation in Itta Bena, Miss., near Indianola. In the 1940s he left for Memphis, Tenn., and changed his name to B. B. - short for "Blues Boy." He had a career spanning more than 60 years, singing the blues nationally and internationally and playing on his guitars he named "Lucille."

There's a history behind the

In the mid-1950s, while B.B. was performing at a dance in Twist, Arkansas, a few fans became unruly. Two men got into a fight and knocked over kerosene stove, setting fire to the hall. B.B. raced outdoors to safety with everyone else, then realized that he left his beloved \$30 acoustic guitar inside, so he rushed back inside the burning building to retrieve it, narrowly escaping death. When he later found out that the fight had been over a woman named Lucille, he decided to give the name to his guitar to remind him never to do a crazy thing like fight over a woman. Ever since, each one of B.B.'s trademark Gibson guitars has been called Lucille.

According to the Rolling Stone magazine, B.B. King was the

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Lauren Elise Patterson, An Upcoming Texas Golfer

An upcoming young girl who has begun to learn how to play the game of golf is Lauren Elise Patterson.

Recently she played in a District Golf Tournament with her team in Mansfield, Texas. Her team finished in third place.

A seventh grader at Danny Jones Middle School, she did very well in this competition. She shot a 58 which was the best score for her girl's team.

Lauren's Team placed 3rd in the District Tournament. Lauren, age 12, was close to being a "medalist" for the tournament. Her individual score was 58, which was the best score for her School's Girls Team.



Lauren Elise Patterson

She is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. T. J. Patterson, Jr. of Mansfield.

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Obituaries

Willie E. Floyd, Jr.

Funeral services were held for Willie E. Floyd, Jr. on Friday afternoon, May 15, 2015, at the Mt. Gilead Baptist Church with Pastor J. Johnson officiating.

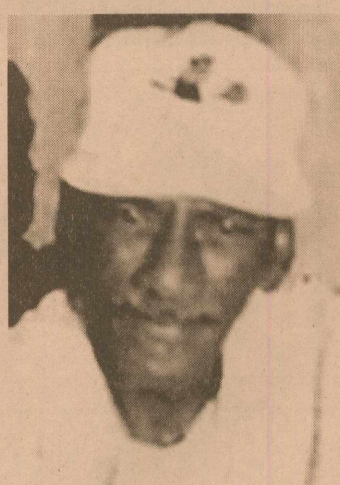
Interment followed immediately in Peaceful Gardens Memorial Park under the direction of Griffin Mortuary & Funeral Home of Lubbock.

Willie, age 71 of Lubbock, passed away on Monday, May 11, 2015.

He was born on October 23, 1943, to Willie Floyd, Sr. and Edna Minor Daniels in Waxahachie, Texas. He attended public schools in Waxahachie, and graduated from Dunbar High School in 1962 in Lubbock.

Willie was an avid golf player; often referred to as Tiger Woods for many trophies and awards he received. He was also known as "PaPa" to all the kids around him and was loved by many.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Willie, Sr. and Edna Minor; son, George Floyd;



brother, George Edward Floyd; and granddaughter, Ivy Floyd.

He leaves to cherish his memories: his wife, Velma Johnson Floyd; a son, Willie Earnest Floyd, III, (Wendy); four daughters: Patricia Floyd, Heather Floyd, Arlene Jeanette Floyd Haller (Cedrick) and Willette Floyd Florance (Greg); 16 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Bobbie Lynn Humphrey

Funeral services for Bobbie Lynn Humphrey were held on Friday morning, May 15, 2015, at the Greater Saint James Baptist Church.

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

Humphrey, age 60, of Lubbock passed away Monday, May 11, 2015.

She was born on April 26, 1946 to the parentage Jessie Todd Shoals and Delia Shoals.

Bobbie was a loving daughter, mother, and friend to many people. She enjoyed spending time with her close family and friends, and was always willing to offer a helping hand to anyone in need. Bobbie's life and legacy will be cherished and remembered by her family and friends.

She was preceded in death by: her parents, Jessie Shoals and Delia Shoals; brother, J. T. Shoals; children: Anthony Humphrey and Christen Shoals Tollah.



She leaves to cherish her memories: four daughters: Betty Abigide, Wanda Humphrey, Cynthia Minter and Melody Humphrey; sons: Terry Humphrey (Velda), Tracey Humphrey, Michael Humphrey (Susan), and Vincent Humphrey; two sisters, Shirley Parker and Mary Lee Shoals; 33 grandchildren; 42 great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; and a host of other relatives and friends.

Verna Mae Thompson

Funeral services for Verna Mae Thompson were held on Friday morning, May 15, 2015, at the Christ Temple COGIC with Supt. David Haynes, pastor, officiating.

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

Thompson passed away on Monday, May 4, 2015.

She was born on September 2, 1961 to Verdell Thompson and Lena Faye Sutton in Lubbock.

Verna graduated from Estacado High School in Lubbock. She later earned a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration from North Texas State University in Denton, Texas.

Verna leaves to cherish her memories: one daughter, Taylor



Javon White; her mother, Lena Faye (Sutton) Thompson; one brother, Patrick Thompson; two sisters, Myra Thompson (Lee) and Janice Thompson; one grandchild; and a host of other relatives and friends.

Missionaries Working On Chatman Garden

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Booker T. Washington Park. The missionaries are in Lubbock assisting the Just Serve Organization to provide service throughout the community with no strings attached.

The Washington Park Community Garden is a project of the Roots Historical Arts Council. The Roots Council plans to distribute the garden's produce "free of charge" during the harvest season.

The team of nineteen missionaries working at the garden are helping to establish raised beds and with the planting of various

varieties of vegetable seeds. The missionary workers also cleaned mortar from bricks and helped lay the bricks for the garden's future walkway. "We just thank God for their help," said Ralph Leggett, director of the community garden.

Elder Lane, a leader of the missionary group, said, "There is a strong tradition of missionary service in the Mormon Church. The Savior taught, 'Go ye therefore, and teach all nations.'" We consider it a privilege to show our love for other people and the Lord by sharing the gospel. Our service to others is an important part of that gospel."

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The United Family® of Stores and Guests Contribute \$60,000 to Nepal Earthquake Relief Effort

Guests of The United Family® stores in West Texas, Dallas-Fort Worth and New Mexico contributed \$44,892 to relief efforts for victims of the recent earthquakes in Nepal during an eight-day fundraising campaign that ended Sunday, May 10. The United Family also made a matching gift of more than \$15,000, which pushed the total donation to \$60,000 in support of Lubbock-based Breedlove Foods' effort to prepare and ship more than one million servings of food to earthquake victims.

"Once again, our guests rose to the challenge and showed us that they felt strongly called to help this effort. Over the eight day giving period the guest response was so great that we felt it important to maximize United's support as well," said Robert Taylor, president of The United Family. "By increasing the matched funds from our original pledge of \$10,000 Breedlove Foods will now be able to ship 1.5 million dehydrated meals to thousands affected by the two strong earthquakes that have rocked Nepal; 500,000 more meals than our first goal would have allowed."

According to the most recent reports, the 7.8-magnitude earthquake that devastated western Nepal on April 25 killed more than 8,000 people and injured more than 18,000. A second, 7.3-magnitude earthquake also struck eastern Nepal on Tuesday, May 12.

"Breedlove exists to serve those in need by providing hope in the form of nutritious food products. As a nonprofit, we simply can't do what we do without the financial contributions of caring individuals and corporate sponsors. As is always the case, when we presented a need, the community of Lub-

bock stepped up," said Ted Holder, CEO of Breedlove Foods. "It is an understatement to say that we are pleased and honored to have partnered with The United Family on this campaign. We join our voice with United, and with all the people in Nepal who will be recipients of life-saving Breedlove food, in thanking their customers who got involved by giving during the campaign."

During the fundraising period, guests at all United Supermarkets, Market Street, Albertsons Market, Amigos and United Express locations were able to add a contribution to their bill during the campaign.

About Breedlove Foods, Inc.
Breedlove Foods, Inc. is the only commercial-sized nonprofit processor of food. It is committed to transforming lives through hope and encouragement by partnering globally to provide nutritious food to the world's most vulnerable. In existence since 1994, Breedlove Foods, Inc. has distributed more than 1.02 billion servings of food globally as of 2010, and it has only just begun. Numerous partners in the field utilize the company's food in their programs in over 80 countries. Due to Breedlove Foods' status as a nonprofit, it is able to keep costs extremely low, which means it is feeding more people with every dollar donated.

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Thank You

The family of James McCormick would like to express profound gratitude and sincere appreciation to all who extended love and concern through cards, prayers, phone calls, and kind words. We are so very thankful for the many blessings of love and support from our family and friends. May God surround you with His goodness and grace.

The James McCormick Family

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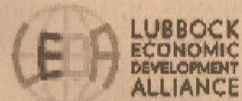
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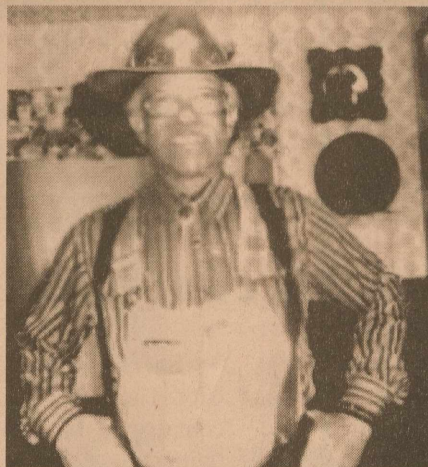
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In Cinque

By Renetta Howard



It is wonderful that we have a day to celebrate our mothers. Motherhood is a very serious undertaking and every mother who does a great job definitely should be praised and rewarded. The problem however, lies in the fact that every mother who gives birth does not really become a 'mother.'

We always think of "Mother" as that person who takes care of our every need: physical, financial, emotional and spiritual. We learn about God and Daddy later. For some of us, the ever abiding spirit is "Mother" regardless of our age. Sometimes we may say that we put God first and in most instances we do, but when we are true to ourselves, we know the first thing that we think about, especially when we are down on hard times, that it is "Mother." When "Mother" has passed on, we call upon God to save us, with that residual confident in the depths of our hearts that "Mother" speaks to God on our behalf. Say Amen. I know you understand what I am saying. Many of us feel this way even when we do not express it to others. Regardless to how good or bad "Mother" is, every child on earth wants to be with his or her "Mother."

I learned during my years of being a children's protective service social worker that all children want to be with their mother. In instances where children had to be removed from their homes because of some kind of abuse, and were placed in wholesome foster homes, those children pined for their "Mother." In instances where a child was left an orphan, they also pined for their mother, but given good wholesome caring,

they were able to function at an improved rate especially if they were with some blood relatives.

Not very much is said or written about 'bad' mothers except in instances when we hear or read about it in the news, but there are many of them that we see every day and it is reflected in the actions of our children wherever and whenever we see them interacting with other people. It is no secret that most of our children who are difficult to discipline, most likely have a "bad mother." Even when Daddy is the culprit in the family, only a bad mother remains with him and her children in the unwholesome environment.

Many mothers in bad situations are afraid to ask for help. Some will take help from someone who seems to be genuinely interested in their welfare, but too often we go about helping in a way which is considered being nosy or meddling. The best way to help a mother in need is to be a genuine friend with a loving persona and attitude. It may call for a lot of patience and guidance, but will be worth it in the long run for the children involved. They will be able to grow up and love their mother unconditionally rather than resent her for what she did not do or was not able to do for them. We must also remember that we cannot help everyone and pray for success of those whom we can help. Let us get 'in cinque' and help our mothers in order that our children grow into perfection.

Your future depends on

many things,

but mostly on you.

Frank Tyger

Obstacles are those frightful things you see when you take your eyes off the goal.
Hannah More

Letter to the Editor

"South Carolina Man Savage By White Cop"

by Maurice A. Williams

(Editor's Note: This is the continuation of letter which appeared in the April 7, 2015 issue. **The Ed).**

An Ohio State law professor, Michelle Alexander, noted in a 2013 article in the New York Times, there is a powerful social presumption that we should put our faith in cops. "As a juror whom are you likely to believe. The alleged criminal in our orange jumpsuit or two well-groomed police officers in uniform who just swore to God they're telling the truth and nothing but?"

Alexander said that this abiding faith in the police is misplaced. In this era of incarceration, the police shouldn't be trusted anymore than any other witness, perhaps less so...

Alexander's contention rests on a strong scholarly literature about "testifying" the practice of police officers committing perjury to secure a conviction against someone they think is guilty.

In a classic 1996 Colorado Law Review, Vanderbilt professor Christopher Slobogin demonstrated that both "refortifying" (falsifying police reports) and "testifying are pervasive in many American jurisdictions....."

Video, including police body cameras are not a panacea there use which all people who have a concern for humanity, there should be a push to having a better relationship with our communities and police officers; hopefully, this dialogue will end police violence.

The 1992 Rodney King trial reminds me that compelling visual tests, many can be overridden by the social trust many jurors hand off, oftenness uncritically to police.

In closing, we need a brace

THIS N' THAT

by T. J. Patterson

HISTORY SET AT TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY IN A DEGREE PRESENTATION TO FAMILY OF TIMOTHY BRIAN COLE! THIS N THAT along with many citizens of Lubbock were present on Friday afternoon May 15, 2015 in the **TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW** where the family members of the late **TIMOTHY BRIAN COLE** received a **DEGREE IN HIS HONOR**..... It was received by his sister and brother **KAREN KENNARD & CORY SES-**

SIONS.... **JEFF BLACKBURN** Director of the Innocence Project of Texas gave a very uplifting presentation and acknowledged that **TEXAS TECH SCHOOL OF LAW** is the only law school who has done such a presentation and stayed with it. **COLE** was exonerated for a crime he did not commit. He served time in TDC where he later died..... Blackburn asked those in attendance of this special presentation to call their legislators about the **COLE BILL**..... which is being considered while the

legislatures are session. Avery motivating video was shown about the exoneration of Timothy Brian Cole as many had to hold back tears of joy..... Presentations by **PRESIDENT M. DUANE NELLIS & CHANCELLOR ROBERT DUNCAN** were on time.....There's no doubt about it **TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW** made history. This was well received!

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Moore is the CEO of a "One Stop Shop", **VIP Driving School, VIP Moore Education**



Joseph Moore

ing, across the broad look and Lubbock Chief of Police's 2015 status report on policemen and their relationship. (According to him, there are no problems) with the minority population i.e. racial profiling - what a crock!!

The Scott matter and the recent case in Tulsa, Oklahoma is a big discussion lever that we should employ aggressively.

Next time or my next letter, will address the old 73 year old grandfather who shot and killed an African American in Tulsa.

Enuff said!!
Maurice A. Williams
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Moore, a native of Lubbock, TX, received his Bachelor's degree in Music (B.A.) and Masters in Business Administration (B.B.A.) from Prairie View A&M University in Prairie View, TX.

For the past 30 years, he has worked in music education for North Forest I.S.D., Lubbock I.S.D., and Aldine I.S.D. until his recent retirement from Anderson ALL STARR Academy (Aldine I.S.D.).

In addition to Moore's role as an educator, he is the Founder, Bishop & Pastor of Victory & Praise Church on 7406 Touchstone Rd. in Houston, TX.

Moore has major plans in the near future for his church, which will include opening up a food bank for the community.

He often reflects on how his mother use to work very hard in

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Psalm 2:1-2 -- Why do the heathen rage, and the people imagine a vain (FOOLISH THING). The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the Lord, and against his anointed (JESUS).

AMERICA LIFT GOD, and didn't want JESUS IN THEIR LIVES. They wanted THEIR RIGHTS, AND THEY THOUGHT TO BE WISE!!!!

Psalm 2:3 -- Saying, Let us break bread, our bands asunder, and cast away their cards from us.

(WHEN YOU TEACH YOUR CHILDREN, DO NOT STEAL. THEN HE WON'T GET KILLED. WHEN TEACHING YOUR CHILDREN, OBEY THE LAW, BECAUSE YOU CAN'T OUT RUN A 9 MM. TEACH YOUR CHILDREN WHEN UNDER ARREST, DON'T PUSH THEIR HANDS BACK!!!)

Proverb 22:6 -- Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old, he will not depart from it.

AMERICA kicked GOD out of their COURT HOUSE, SOME CHURCHES, AND SCHOOLS. NOW LOOK AT THE HEATHENS; KILLING THEIR OWN PARENTS; SOMEONE'S A FOOL!!!!

Matthew 10:34-36 -- Jesus said, Think not that I am come to send peace on the earth. I came

not to send peace but a sword. And a man's foes shall be they of his own household.

AMERICA followed the **IMAGINATION: OF A THING CALLED A DREAM.** It turned out to be **A NIGHTMARE, AND THE WORKS OF IT CAN BE SEEN!!!**

Proverb 14:9 -- The backslider in heart shall be filled with his own ways, and a good man shall be satisfied from himself.

(WHAT IS A HEATHEN? -- THEY ARE UNCIVILIZED; THEY ARE LIKE AN ANIMAL. THEY WANT WHAT THEY WANT AT ANY COST. THEY'RE BARBAROUS; THEY DON'T GIVE A DAMN!!!)

Proverb 27:20 -- Hell and destruction are never full; so the eyes of man are never satisfied.

AMERICA lets everyone do that which is **RIGHT IN THEIR OWN EYES.** By following that **DREAMER OF DREAMS; IT ALL TURNED-OUT TO BE LIES!!!**

Jeremiah 23:25-28 -- The Lord said, I have heard what the prophets said, that prophesy lies in my name, saying, I have dreamed, I have dreamed. How long shall this be in the heart of the prophets that prophesy lies? Yes, they are prophets of deceit of their own heart; which think to cause my people to forget my name by their dreams which they tell every man to his neigh-

bor, as they have forgotten my name for Ba'al. The prophet who has a dream, let him tell a dream; and he that has my word, let him speak my word faithfully. What is the chaff to the wheat? said the Lord.

AS I watched the **HEATHENS ON TV; RUNNING IN THE STREETS; BURNING THEIR OWN HOMES, STORES AND BUSINESSES; FIGHTING THE POLICE. YOU CUT OFF YOUR NOSE TO DESPITE YOUR FACE. - NOW YOU LOOK LIKE HELL!!!)**

AMERICA HAS LOST HER WAY, AND THERE IS NO JOY, PEACE OR HAPPINESS. SHE NEEDS TO TURN BACK TO GOD; SO WE CAN BE BLESSED!!!

II Chronicles 7:14 -- The Lord said, 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 sins, and will heal their land.

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St. Matthew Baptist Church

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

What a wonderful time everyone had attending church services on Sunday morning, May 17, 2015, at the St. Matthew Baptist Church, 2020 East 14th Street, where the dynamic and proud pastor is the Reverend Edward Canady.

These services again were well attended. Sunday morning services begun at 10:10 a.m. with our Sunday School Superintendent Sister Shirley Davis in charge. Praise God for all the knowledge we receive during Sunday School!

The subject of the Sunday School lesson was entitled "The Sum Is Greater Than Its Parts." The scripture text was I Corinthians 12:14-31.

The Sunday morning devotion was conducted by Deacon Edward Williams and Deaconess Sister Ethel Williams. What a time it was!

Pastor Canady entered the

Church with the Choir and Congregation singing "Because of of Who You Are."

The morning sermon was delivered by Rev. Canady. His subject was "He That Is For Us Is More Than The World Against Us." His scripture text was II King 6:13-17.

It was a very informative sermon, and well received by all in attendance. Praise God for the word!

The morning announcements were read by Sister Gayla Austin. We thank her very much.

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

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

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

Choir Rehearsal is held on Friday afternoons, beginning at 2:00 p.m. If you are a singer and love singing, then come and join our choir. We'll be looking for you.

Remember, your involvement in any of these important meetings is key to our growth and development. So come and join us. Shall we depend on you?

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

St. Matthew Baptist Church is asking for anyone who is interested in playing for St. Matthew Baptist Church. If you are, then contact Rev. Edward Canady at (806) 744-2445.

Thought For The Week: "Looking for someone who won't disappoint you. Look to Jesus!"

Praise God for the Word!

B.B. King Dies at 89

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Stone, King produced 75 hit R&B singles between 1951 and 1992. In 1952, "Three O'Clock Blues" was his first No. 1 R&B hit.

"The Thrill Is Gone" was a 1970 crossover hit that went to No. 15 on the pop charts and earned him a Grammy Award. He holds 15 Grammy wins, the most in the blues genre.

He was inducted into the Blues Foundation Hall of Fame in 1984 and the Rock and Roll

Hall of Fame in 1987. Also in 1987, he received the Recording Academy Lifetime Achievement Award.

The music of King crossed racial lines as well as genres. His style evolved into a hybrid of blues, soul and rock embraced by both Black and white audiences.

King influenced blues-rockers including Jimi Hendrix, Bob Dylan and Janis Joplin. He collaborated with artists from different genres including Bobby Blue Bland, U2, Willie Nelson, Luciano Pavarotti, Heavy D and Eric Clapton.

He was also recognized by the U.S. government. President George Bush presented him with the Presidential Medal of the Arts in 1990.

In 2005, the Mississippi Senate and House of Representatives honored King with joint resolution, saluting him as a favorite son.

Over the years, he received honorary doctorates from Tougaloo College, Yale University, Berklee College of Music, Rhodes College of Memphis, Mississippi Valley State University and Brown University.

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I'd Give Her a Piece of My Mind If I Had Any To Spare

Dr. James L. Snyder

I do not know if grouchy comes with old age or if in old age you are too weak to subdue it. I guess it does not really matter because I am having a little bit of trouble along this line. My grouchy seems to be getting out of control.

I remember the good old days, those carefree days, days when I did not let anything bother me. Oh, how I wish they would return.

Lately, it seems everywhere I go I run into people that irritate me. It does not matter if I am driving in a car or walking down the street or sitting in a restaurant, irritating people seem to be everywhere. At least, they seem to be everywhere that I am. Every time I turn around there is somebody irritating me. I am at the point where I am tempted to stop "turning around."

Driving across town the other day I ran into, almost literally,

some driver not watching where she was going. Barely missing her, I noticed she was talking on her cell phone. I am quite sure she "did not even see me." I wanted to stop everything, get out of my car and give her a good piece of my mind.

But I didn't. It took me a few minutes to settle down and quiet my nerves and so I decided to go to a little café for a cup of coffee. Nothing seems to soothe my nerves quicker than a nice hot cup of Joe. Let them say what they will, coffee is my best friend.

Fortunately, I was not in a hurry, but it still was a situation that irritated me and stirred up the grouchy within.

I was standing in line waiting to order my coffee when the lady in front of me was trying to figure out what she wanted. I am not sure if this person had ever been in a café before, but she

acted as if she did not know what she was doing or what she wanted.

Then she did something that accentuated the positive in my grouchy.

"Could I have a sample taste of that coffee?" she said to the person behind the counter.

At first, I did not know what she was saying. But he agreed and went back and got a little cup and gave her a sample.

"I'm not sure," she said quite hesitatingly, "can I try another one?" And pointed to one of the coffees she was interested in.

I am absolutely positive that people should have the ability to make their own choices. I have no problem with that. My choice at that moment was to give that woman a good piece of my

mind. But I didn't.

Finally, after tasting about 10 different coffees, she picked one and finally I was able to order my coffee and find a seat and enjoy it.

I say, "Enjoy it," but it was rather difficult because my irritableness just would not go away. After all, there should be some respect for the person behind you when you are standing in line. Especially, if that person standing in line is me.

As I was sipping my coffee alone in the corner, some thoughts began to rattle in my head. The main thought emerging was that grouchy may be an inherited condition.

I began thinking of my father and his father and unfortu-

nately, I did not know my great-grandfather, but the two that I did know had a wide streak of grouchy in them. If my memory serves me correct, the older they got, the more grouchy became predominant.

So, if grouchy is inherited I am really not to blame. Just thinking about that made me chuckle a little bit. In fact, I began to chuckle so much that my grouchy ran away in fear of his life. And so he should.

As I sat in that café enjoying my 2nd cup of coffee, I began evaluating my life. I think I have found out why grouchy is becoming more dominant in my life.

Everybody is born with a certain amount of "mind." We can do with that "mind" whatever we want to do with it. And so, if I begin giving people a "piece of my mind," I am going to diminish my supply of "mind."

When the "mind" gets low it introduces the level of grouchy. The last phase is when a person comes to the point where he "loses his mind." Now, once you lose your mind, you can never get it back.

I am at the grouchy stage and so I need to take a little bit of inventory. I have only so much "mind" left and I better take care of because that is all I got. Whenever I am tempted to give somebody a piece of my mind, I am going to stop and think it over a little bit.

Does that person really does serve a piece of my "mind?" If I give that person a piece of my mind, will I miss it?

I like what Peter says, "Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ" (I Peter 1:13).

I am going to protect my mind and use it wisely because it is all I got.

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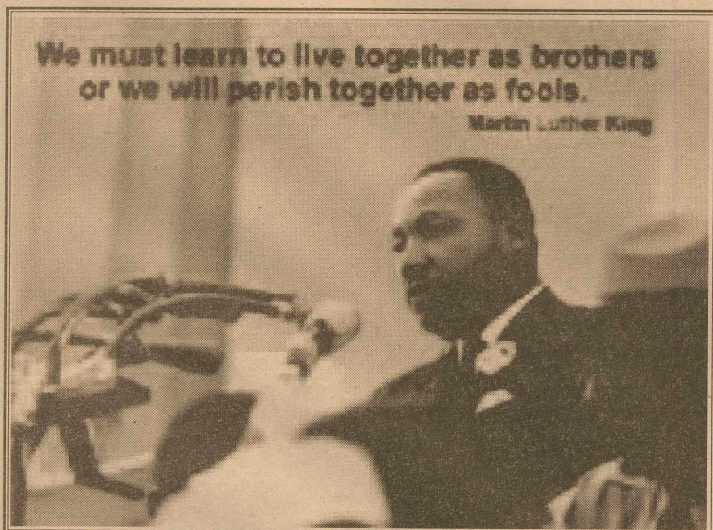
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2 Corinthians 5:7-8



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Obsequies

Lilly Mae Bonner

Funeral services were held for Lilly Mae Bonner on Friday morning, May 1, 2015, at Griffin Mortuary Chapel with Minister Keith Wiseman officiating.

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

Active Pallbearers were Lamonte Baker, Terry Hunter, Charlie McGee, Tyrone Jones, Trent Hunter, and Devon Miles.

Bonner, age 78 of Lubbock, passed away on Saturday, April 25, 2015.

Lilly was born on February 16, 1937 in Wichita Falls, Texas to the parentage of Melvin and Ceola Baker.

Lilly and family moved to Crosbyton, Texas and then to Lubbock, Texas, where she attended Lubbock Public Schools. She graduated from Dunbar High School.

She married Charlie Bonner on March 22, 1979. She was employed at First United Methodist Church for over 25 years.



Lilly was a loving and generous wife, mother, grandmother, and friend to many.

She prepared meals for Second Helpings with her husband from 1992 until her retirement. Her generous personality and care for all people created lasting friendships with the volunteers and guests who enjoyed a

*Happy Birthday!!!
To all those born in the
month of May*

LaTonya Latrice Robinson

Funeral services were held for LaTonya Latrice Robinson on Saturday afternoon, May 2, 2015, at the House of Prayer with Pastor Drones officiating.

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

Pallbearers were Ronald McNeal, Donald McNeal, Vincent Johnson, Keystoe Robinson, Dodrick Ransom, and Johnny Bailey.

LaTonya passed away on Thursday, April 16, 2015.

She was born on August 7, 1984 to the parentage of Ritchie Lynn Robinson and Barbara Neil Bailey in Lubbock, Texas.

She attended Dunbar Jr. High School, and later graduated from Estacado High School in 2003. She was a dedicated worker in the field of healthcare.

LaTonya was a very devoted mother who loved her children. She was also a very outgoing person who loved spending time meal three times a week. Her life and legacy will continue through her family and close friends.

Lilly was preceded in death by her parents; a sister, Eola Hawkins; and brothers, Napoleon Baker and M. C. Hunter.

She leaves to cherish her memories: her husband, Charlie Bonner; daughter, Shirley Anderson; sister, Ethel Williams; brothers: Ruben Baker, Terry Hunter, and Willie Hunter; three grandsons: Lamonte Baker, Jr. (Shannon), Brent Baker, and Shawn Baker; three grandchildren; six great grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, and other relatives and friends.



with her friends and family.

She was preceded in death by her maternal grandmother, Lessie B. Bailey; and paternal grandfather, John L. Robinson.

LaTonya leaves to cherish her memories: her parents, Ritchie Robinson and Barbara Bailey; one sister, Shaun Chambers (Coby); one brother, Dedrick Robinson (Charlie); maternal grandfather, Elder Johnnie Bailey; paternal grandmother, Josephine Robinson; her children: Tyjanae, Davauna, Dajnae, Kynaiha, Kayla, Kenneth, and Robert; five nephews; two nieces; three cousins: Myeshia, Tyiga, and Nicole; and a host of aunts, uncles, and friends.

**Therefore, my beloved,....
work out your salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you, both to delight and to do His good pleasure.
Philippians 2:12-13**

Joe Orion Hatchett

Funeral services for Joe Orion Hatchett were held on Saturday afternoon, May 9, 2015, at the Kingdom Hall under the direction of Griffin Mortuary & Funeral Home of Lubbock.

Hatchett, age 79 of Lubbock, passed away on Tuesday, May 5, 2015.

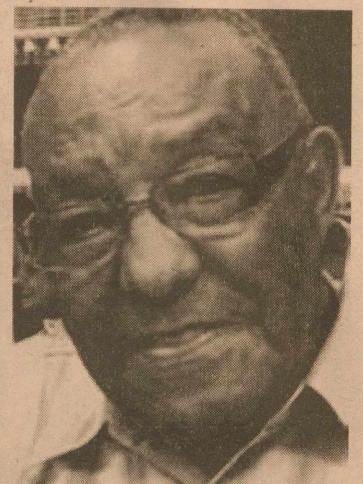
Joe was born on February 11, 1936 to the parentage of Early Hatchett and Beaulah Peterson in Hearn, Texas.

After high school, he served in the U. S. Navy. He re-located to Lubbock, Texas in 1960. Joe drove trucks for Furr's and Robert Heath Trucking for 37 years.

Joe retired for seven years and returned back to work driving trucks for C & B Trucking during the development of the Marsha Sharp Freeway. His "C.B. Handle" was Super Spook.

Joe was an influential pillar of the community. He was the founder of the Juneteenth Picnic Committee in 1984 and served with others in the community until 2010. In 2002, Joe was named "Man of the Year" by Lubbock Alumnae Chapter, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

Joe was known as "Mr. Estacado" and loved those Mators. He was a member of the booster club, followed the football team and traveled with the basketball team. He celebrated



their success when they won the 2010 State Championship. Joe had a charming personality, always greeted you with a smile and was loved by many.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Early Hatchett and Beaulah Peterson; a brother, Elmo "Buddy" Peterson; and Marilyn Martin Hatchett.

He leaves to cherish his memories: his loving wife, Cleetta; sons, Victor Hatchett and Seguria Mosley; step-son, Edward D. Allen; daughters: Vercelia Mann (Darun), Vene A. Johnson, Velishia Mitchell (Derrill), Chassidy Martin, and Tomisha Martin; step-daughter, Willayna Williams (Earl); mother-in-law, Ida Mae Knox, JoAnn Miller, and a host of grandchildren; great grandchildren; other relatives and friends.

Johnie B. Evans

Funeral services for Johnie B. Evans were held on Saturday morning, May 2, 2015, at the Griffin Mortuary Chapel with Bishop Griffin officiating.

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

Evans, age 88 of Lubbock, passed away on Tuesday, April 28, 2015.

Johnie was born August 16, 1926 to the parentage of John and Mitty Lofton Darty. Johnie accepted Christ at an early age. She was a loving daughter, wife, mother and friend to many people.

Johnie was a very helpful and

He leaves to cherish his memory: his loving wife of 41 years, Jill Walker; five sons: Sedric, Natron, Quinton (Shaniqua), and Joshua, all of Lubbock, Texas, and Jerrad (Tiara) of Houston, Texas; father, Leo Thomas of Lubbock, Texas; a brother, Ricky (Maria) of Dallas, Texas; sisters: Lydia (Clyde) Davis of Dallas, Texas, Janice (Robert) Hines of Lubbock, Texas, Lucretia Stevenson of Dallas, Texas, Wanda (Kenneth) Jackson and Linda, both of Lubbock, Texas; 16 grandchildren: Enunte (Ashley), A'rion, Chris, CJ, Ramiyah, Ryan, Tiana, Janajha, Joshua, Jr., Kjara, Zach, Amarion, Ezekiel, Zariah, Jerrod, Jr., and Trentin; 4 great grandsons: Jayvion, Damian, Enunte, Jr., and Tristian.



caring person. She was a Boy Scout leader, church and community volunteer, day care provider, and food bank volunteer. Johnie was always willing to help anyone in need. All those whom had an opportunity to know her will truly miss her.

She was preceded in death by her parents, John and Mitty Darty; brothers: R.V. Darty and Silvester Darty; sisters: S. G. Wilson, M. L. Jones, Annie B. Darty, Gladys Gilbert, and Annabelle McCurry.

She leaves to cherish her memories: her loving husband, Willie Manuel Evans; daughter, McCheral Evans Lofton; sons: Manuel Evans, Jr., Donnie Ray Evans, and John Dwight Evans; sisters: Luella Estella Peal and Darty; grandchildren: Racheal Herron, Adrian Evans, Abraham Evans, Angela Evans, Jessica Lofton, Michael Evans, J. D. Evans, Tasha Evans, Donnie Ray Evans, Jr. and Amos

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Gerald Wayne Walker

Funeral services were held for Gerald Wayne Walker on Saturday morning, May 2, 2015, at Hope Deliverance Temple Church with Pastor Billy D. Huey officiating. The Pastor is Pastor Rodney Tanner.

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

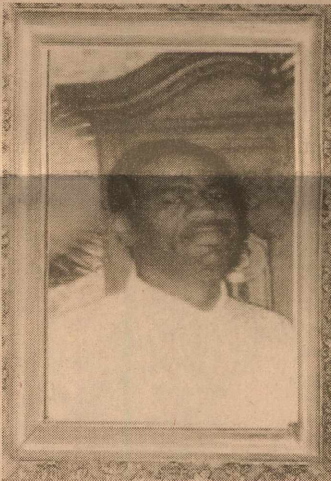
Active Pallbearers were: Vincent McNeal, Donald Joiner, Andre Johnson, Feffery A. Collin, Shaft Jackson, and Sterve McNeal.

Honorary Pallbearers were Bobby Johnston, Enunte Humphrey, Rickey McNeal, Brandon Parrish, Joshua Walker, Jr., and Ezekiel Walker.

Gerald passed away on Friday, April 24, 2015.

He was born to Rick Collins and Helen Walker on July 25, 1956 in Lubbock, Texas. He was the oldest child of seven. He received his education in Lubbock, Texas, and graduated from Estacado High School. He also took various college courses.

Gerald was employed by Texas Instruments and Frito Lay. Gerald was an entrepreneur who loved landscaping and decorating.



Gerald was a member of Christ Temple COGIC, Jerusalem Temple COGIC, Trinity, and Faith Deliverance where he served as a deacon and a faithful member until his illness. Gerald willingly helped in any area where he was needed. He was a faithful and diligent student of the word of God.

Gerald was a doting grandfather who enjoyed spending time with family.

He is preceded in death by his grandparents, Albert Walker and Gladys Moore; his father, Rick Collins; his mother, Helen Thomas; two brothers, Reginald Jones and Jessie B. Stevenson.

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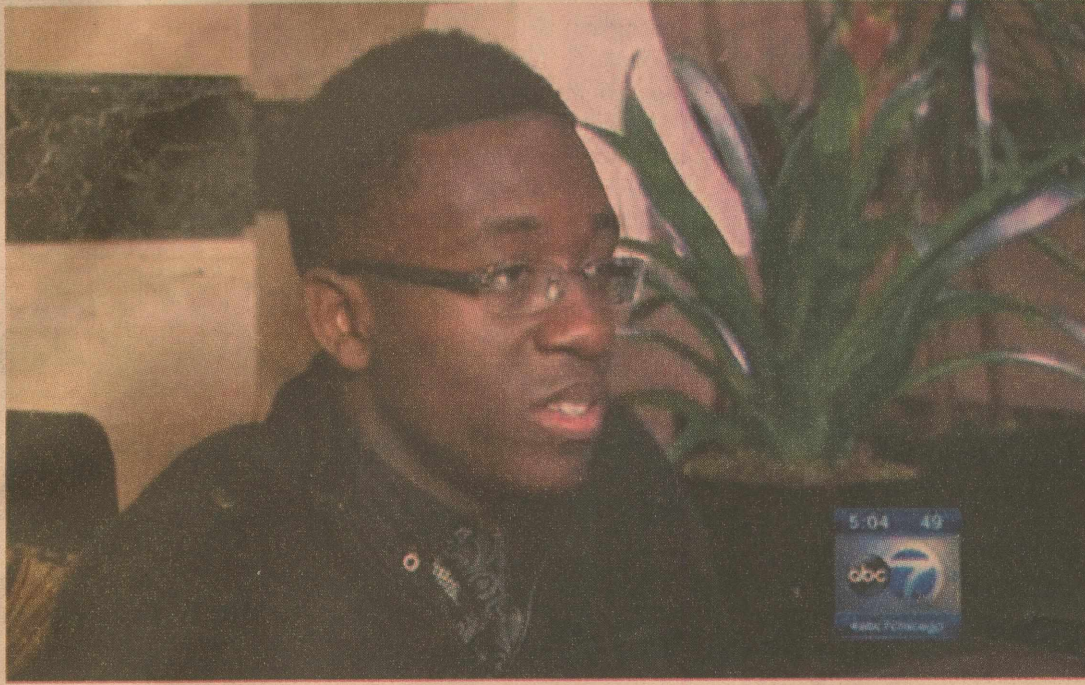
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Student Turns Down \$80K Scholarship Because of Chicago Violence



Chicago, IL — Lander Braggs, a 17-year old African American high school senior, says he recently gave up a chance to attend a prestigious college in Chicago because of the city's violence.

Braggs, who wants to study engineering, says he turned down a full tuition \$80,000 scholarship to attend the prestigious Illinois Institute of Technology (IIT) because he fears becoming a victim of Chicago's inner city violence. He says that at first he was very excited about being offered the scholarship, but then he changed his mind.

He comments, "I'm just thinking, like, I don't want that for

me. I want to be able to just go through life and not have to worry about what's going to happen to me tomorrow. With all that's going on in Chicago, with all the violence and everything, I just wanted a different environment."

He also told reporters that he knows that crime can happen anywhere and he realizes that some people won't agree with his decision, but he is doing what's comfortable for him. He also says he hopes that this brings much-needed attention to the impact that violence has on young African-American men like himself

Braggs' mother Nicole How-

ell says she fully supports his decision. She says she can't put a price on her peace of mind. She comments, "If I have to pay something that's fine. I don't want to have to look at my watch and say its 3:30, 4:30 I haven't heard from him and worry everyday if he's safe."

Braggs says he has also received a full tuition-only scholarship to Bradley University in Peoria, Illinois. Regarding the remaining financial obligations, his mother says she will figure out a way, using loans and other means, to pay for his room and board.

Magic Johnson and Friends Raise \$1 Million Dollars For Local Scholarship Program



Lansing, MI — NBA legend Earvin "Magic" Johnson and his friends recently helped raise about \$1 million dollars for the Lansing Promise scholarship program, sponsored by the Lansing School District in Lansing, Michigan. The program provides college tuition financial aid for local economically-challenged students.

Johnson, who recently spoke at a fundraising dinner hosted by the Lansing Regional Chamber Economic Club, says he owes his success in both sports and business to the city of Lansing (where he grew up).

He commented, "Lansing was the greatest place in the world to grow up. Everything I am came from Lansing, Michigan. Everything I will be came from Lansing, Michigan."

He also took the time to speak directly to the dozens of Lansing school kids in attendance, urging them to get a good education so they can attain their dreams. He also did a question-and-answer session with both students and adults.

So how did he do it? Well, about \$200,000 was raised from the dinner alone, and another \$300,000 was donated by Johnson himself. Detroit Pistons owner Tom Gores contributed \$250,000, and former Los Angel

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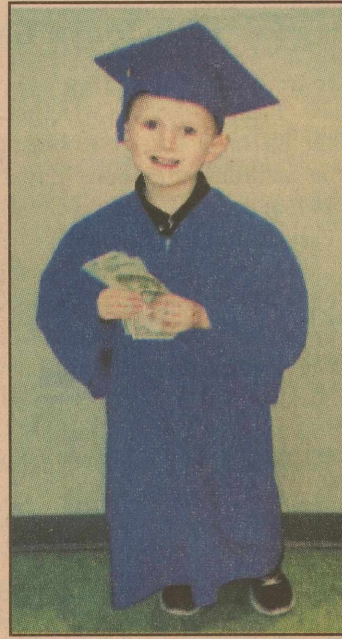


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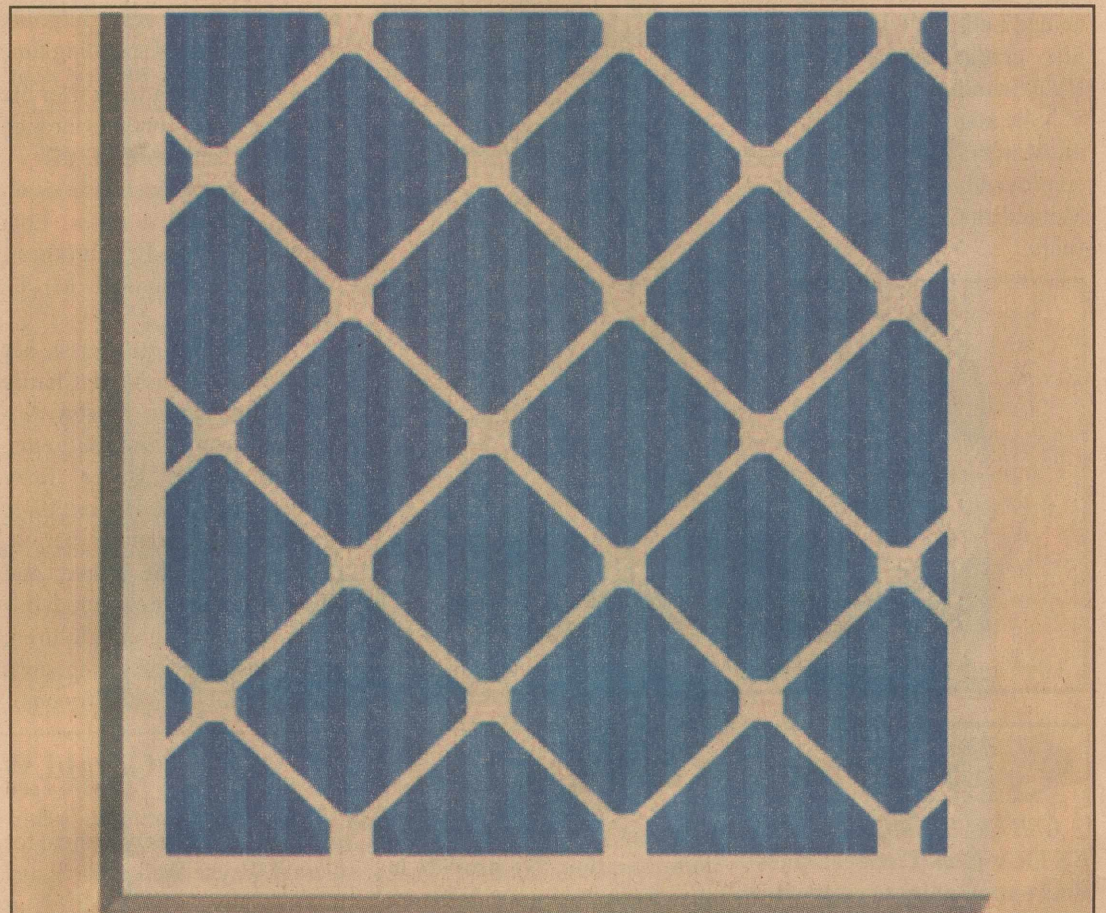
Charlie Mark Branson

Charlie M. Branson is a 2015 graduate who recently graduated from Pre-K. He attends Ripley Do-Dahs School.

He is proudly displaying one of the gifts he received as a 2015 graduate. He is the son of Marka Branson and grandson of Mrs. Janyce Harper. *Congrats!*



PRESIDENT'S HONOR — Ajobola Olayinka, left, was presented the 2015 President's Student of the Year Award during the Student Awards Assembly held Thursday (May 7) in the Texan Dome. He is congratulated by Dr. Kelvin Sharp, President of South Plains College. (SPC Photo/Wes Underwood)



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Police Discover 8-Year-Old Boy Inside Luggage Going Through X-Ray Machine at Border Crossing



Nationwide — A small 8-year old boy was found recently inside the luggage of a 19-year old woman's bag as she crossed the border into Ceuta, a Spanish enclave on the north coast of Morocco in North Africa.

As the luggage was going through the X-ray machine, police noticed a strange silhouette inside the bag. Immediately realizing it was a human, they opened the luggage to find the boy who was still alive but in

poor health. The woman was arrested immediately, and her husband was also later arrested.

The family, who were from the Ivory Coast, were trying to illegally migrate to the Canary Islands. "I just wanted to bring him to the Canary Islands with me," the boy's father told a local TV station.

But according to a civil guard police, the boy was in "in a terrible state." After receiving medical attention, he was turned

over to the juvenile prosecutor's office.

Border control officials say they have discovered and confiscated tons of dangerous and illegal items in luggage, but they rarely are confronted with a live human being inside luggage. It did, however, happen again this past March when a man tried to smuggle his wife in his luggage. She had reportedly been inside the luggage for up to 2 days.



The proposed design for the Obama Presidential Library and Museum in Chicago, Illinois

Beautiful New Barack Obama Presidential Library and Museum to be Located in Chicago

Chicago, IL — The city of Chicago has been chosen as the official location of the soon-to-be developed Barack Obama Presidential Library and Museum, and the proposed designs are stunning! Initially, it was thought that the Obama Foundation would choose Columbia University in New York City or the University of Hawaii in Hon-

olulu for the library's location.

However, the city of Chicago was able to put together a financing and real estate plan together that made sense. Plus, the library was fully backed by the city's Mayor Rahm Emanuel — who served as the first chief of staff in the Obama administration.

The public was also leaning

for Chicago because, although he is from Hawaii, the city of Chicago is the adopted hometown that fostered Obama's political rise from state legislator to U.S. senator to President.

Meanwhile President Obama himself and First Lady Michelle are happy with the decision, and even signed off on it. Their

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"Good Times" Actor Ben Powers Dies at 64 Years Old



New Bedford, MA — Actor Alton "Ben" Powers, known for his role as Keith Anderson in the 1970's CBS television series *Good Times*, has died at the age of 64. His character in the popular

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Juneteenth Reenactment. Laura Blanchard/Flickr.com

History of Juneteenth Celebration

President Abraham Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation, which freed all slaves in the states rebelling against the Union, became law on January 1, 1863. Many slaves in the Confederacy heard of this presidential decree by eavesdropping on slave owners, through an encounter with a Union soldier or by word of mouth.

But not all slaves received the news that Lincoln had just turned the Civil War into a moral cause against slavery. This was the case for the slaves living in Texas. They did not hear the news until after the war had already ended. Texas was isolated throughout the war as the Union army had no presence there, and many Confederate slave owners sent their slaves to Texas so that the Union army could not free them.

When General Gordon Granger entered Galveston, Texas on June 19, 1865, he announced that all of Texas's slaves were free through an official proclamation (General Order No. 3). The state's slaves numbered around 200,000, and they responded with jubilation, holding celebrations all over Texas.

Scholars and students of history have speculated as to why Texas's slaves were in the dark about their emancipation, even in June, over a month after the end of the Civil War. Some have suggested that a courier, on his way to Texas to spread the news of the Emancipation Proclamation, was killed before he could deliver the news (slaves organized among themselves to send out messengers to spread the word). Others have proposed that Texas slave owners wanted to plant one more cotton crop and so delayed freeing their slaves.

Juneteenth Celebrations

African Americans in Texas continued to celebrate the anniversary of emancipation on

June 19 in subsequent years. They created traditions such as taking a break from work, wearing ornamental and fine clothes as a way of repudiating the ragged clothes worn under slavery and having picnics where everyone contributed a dish. Some Juneteenth celebrants held prayer services and read the proclamation that had been issued by Gen. Granger to Texas's slaves.

The tradition of Juneteenth spread to other states, but it remained strongest in Texas. In Houston, a group of African Americans had a fundraiser to build Emancipation Park, which they used to celebrate Juneteenth (segregation had made many parks off-limits to Houston's African Americans). Another group built Booker T. Washington Park in Mexia, near Waco, for the same purpose.

Decline of Juneteenth

During the Great Depression and the Great Migration, the number of Juneteenth celebrations declined. African Americans living in urban areas often found it hard to get off work for Juneteenth.

In the Civil Rights period, some African Americans shunned the holiday, not wanting to emphasize the history of slavery and subjugation. It may also have been seen as a less significant holiday as integration was taking place. But in the 1970s, Juneteenth began its comeback as African Americans tried to reclaim their past.

Revival of Juneteenth

In 1979, an African-American state representative from Houston, Al Edwards, proposed that Texas make Juneteenth an official state holiday. His legislation passed, and as of January 1, 1980, Texas was the first state to observe Juneteenth as a holi-

Juneteenth Today

Today, many African Americans across the United States celebrate Juneteenth through the traditions of picnicking and barbecuing but also through prayer services, African arts and crafts sales, concerts and parades. As of 2010, 36 states observe Juneteenth in some way, and groups have been formed to urge the federal government to make Juneteenth a national holiday or day of observance.

What Is Juneteenth and Why Is it Celebrated?

African Americans lived in bondage for hundreds of years. Abolitionists such as Fredrick Douglass and Sojourner Truth worked tirelessly for the United States government to end slavery. And when President Abraham Lincoln signed the Emancipation Proclamation on January 1, 1863, it appeared that slavery—also known as the peculiar institution—had come to a permanent halt. For many African Americans, life remained the same, however.

That's because fierce racial discrimination prevented them from living autonomous lives. More shockingly, some enslaved African Americans had no idea that President Lincoln had signed the Emancipation Proclamation, which mandated that they be set free. In Texas, more than two-and-a-half years passed before slaves received their freedom. The holiday known as Juneteenth Independence Day honors these slaves as well as African-American heritage and the contributions blacks have made to the United States.

Happy 2015 Juneteenth Celebration! God Is So Good!

President Obama & Michelle Library and Museum Will Be Located in Chicago

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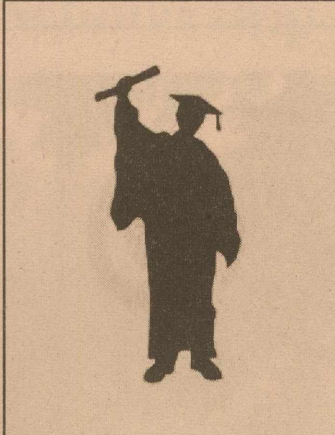
foundation, the Barack Obama Foundation, was created in January 2014 to lay the groundwork for both of their philanthropic activities when the President leaves the White House in January 2017.

About the Museum and Library

According to the foundation's web site, "The Barack Obama Library and Museum will preserve a moment in history – and the voices of the people who defined it – for generations to come.

Multimedia exhibitions will interpret what Obama's historic presidency meant to America and the world. Ongoing programming will serve as a launchpad for a new generation of active citizens.

The Library and Museum will invigorate its neighborhood through new job creation, community engagement, and ongoing partnerships with local organizations, and online exhibitions and resources will recreate the experience of visiting the Library and Museum for those who can't make the trip.



Missionaries Working On Chatman Garden

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B. B. King Dies at 89

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The B.B. King Museum and Delta Interpretive Center opened its doors in Indianola, Miss. in 2008.

King, who married twice, unsuccessfully, and was the father of 15 children, had type 2 diabetes for more than two decades. Approximately 4.9 million Black Americans live with the disease. Over recent years his health had been declining. In October 2014, he cancelled the eight performances on his tour due to dehydration and exhaustion. In April, King was hospitalized with symptoms of dehydration. At the time of his death, he was in hospice care at his home.

Ben Powers Dies

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sitcom was the boyfriend and then husband of Thelma Evans played by actress Bern Nadette Stanis.

Powers was born in Brooklyn, New York on July 5, 1950, and was raised in Providence, Rhode Island where he attended the Rhode Island School of Design and began his acting career at the Trinity Repertory Theater in Providence. He went on to do stand-up comedy in comedy clubs around the country and a few Playboy clubs, and was eventually discovered by a Hollywood agent who signed him for television roles.

In addition to Good Times, Powers appeared as Moochie in the 1980's CBS series Mickey Spillane's Mike Hammer with Stacey Keach. He had guest appearances in Gimme a Break, Laverne and Shirley, Rowan, Martin's Laugh-in and had had roles in several 1980's movies.

He is survived by his mother, two sisters, two uncles, two aunts, four nephews and three nieces.



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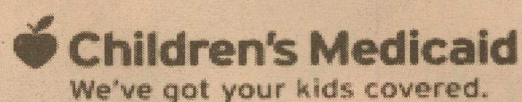
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More Obituaries In Lubbock

Mable Adell Bunton

Funeral services for Mable Adell Bunton were held on Saturday morning, May 9, 2015, at the Greater St. Luke Missionary Baptist Church with Rev. J. H. Ford, pastor, officiating.

Interment was held in Resthaven Memorial Park under the direction of Ossie Curry Funeral Home of Lubbock.

Bunton was born January 6,



1923 in Fayette County, Texas. She passed away on Tuesday, May 5, 2015.

Mable was raised in LaGrange, Texas where she received her education and began her walk with Christ.

She moved to Lubbock in 1945 where upon arrival she united with St. Luke Baptist Church and remained a member until her death. Mable and Harry Bunton were united in Holy Matrimony on February 20, 1950 and were happily married until his death.

Mable has been a faithful and ardent worker in St. Luke for over 65 years. She was especially loyal to the work of the Senior Missionary Society Number Two where she served as Vice President for many years. She was a member of the Clara Scott Sunday School Class and with the motto in her spirit, "I'd rather be a door keeper in the house of the Lord than to dwell in the tents of the wicked". She worked on the Usher Board for over 50 years.

Mable never refused a task be-

cause she was already too busy, or because she was too tired.

She was a loyal member of the American Legion, Post 808 Women's Auxillary.

Mable was a lovable Character, a person everyone chose to have as a friend, and she was willing to be a friend to all.

She leaves to cherish her memory: one sister, Darlene Howard of Lubbock, Texas; one brother, Leo Brown of Houston, Texas; special nieces and nephews: Lionel Howard, Darla Kay Howard, Thomas Howard, Jr., Sandra Howard, and Linda Harvey, who she loved as if they were her very own children; a host of other nieces, nephews, and her church family and other very close friends.

Active Pallbearers were: Thomas Howard, Jr., Darrion Howard, Michael Harvey, Matthew Howard, Jonathan Howard, and Geoffrey Harvey.

Honorary Pallbearers were: F. L. Jenkins, Windell Walker, E. J. Donaldson, Edward Harvest, Lester Winters, Dale Richardson, and Edward Anzley.

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Willie Earl Lusk

Funeral services for Willie Earl Lusk were held on Tuesday afternoon, May 12, 2015, at the Mt. Gilead Baptist Church.

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

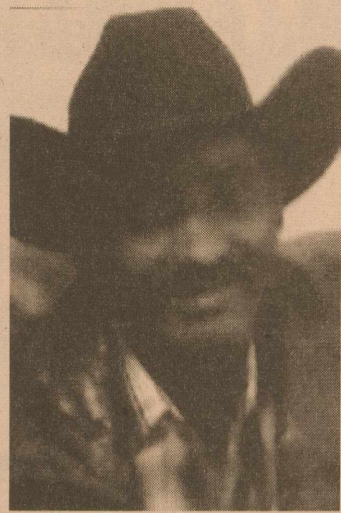
Lusk, 63 of Lubbock, passed away on Wednesday, May 6, 2015.

Willie was born on January 31, 1952 to the parentage of Tysiam and Leavera Lusk.

He was a member of New Zion Baptist Church in Perlham, Texas. He later joined First Progressive Baptist Church in Lubbock, under the leadership of Rev. Homer Avery.

Willie grew up in Acuff, Texas and attended and graduated from Roosevelt High School.

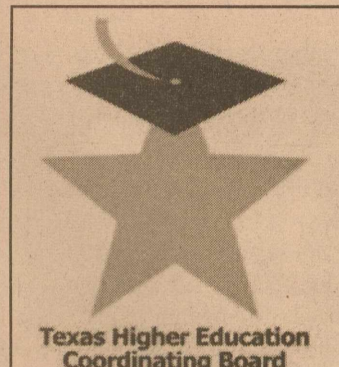
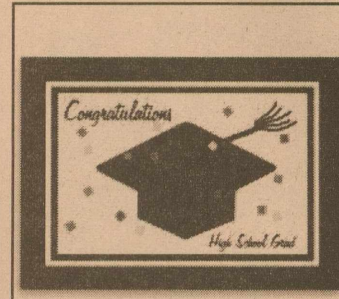
He was employed as a lumber for 47 years. Willie met Darlena Wheeler and to this union two children were born.



Willie was preceded in death by: his father, Tysiam Lusk; one sister, Viola Ann Henry; one brother, Alfred Lee Andrew Lusk; and one grandchild.

He leaves to cherish his memories: his loving wife, Darlena Wheeler Lusk; two daughters, Latoya Lusk (Michael) and DeWalia Lusk; one step-son, Malcolm Jenkins; step-daughters, Frankie and Twaila; two bro-

thers, Roger Lusk (Sharon) and Tysiam Lusk, Jr. (Toni); two sisters, Ann Lusk Menton (Michael) and Laverne Conner; three grandchildren; and many nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.



Magic Johnson

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es Lakers coach Pat Riley also coughed up \$25,000.

Local officials were speechless

"Lansing was changed tonight. I believe that we've launched a new era," said Kellie Dean, chairwoman of the Lansing Promise scholarship program.

Lansing School Board President Peter Spadafore, commented, "I was speechless. I was thinking it would be more like \$200,000. This community is willing to invest in the Lansing School District. It makes me very proud."

Johnson himself was also very excited, and said he wants to make the fundraiser an annual event. He told reporters, "I want to be here because it's important for me to be here. I want to support these young people because somebody supported me and I understand their goals and dreams. So if I can help in way way — a small way, a big way — I'm here to do so."

True service to the community

Johnson is no stranger to urban communities. Via his foundation, Magic Johnson Enterprises, he has given away many, many scholarships to urban students, built 18 technology centers across the country, has sponsored several job and health fairs, and has long been credited for encouraging major retailers like Starbucks and AMC Theaters to build in urban communities.

Business Profile On Joseph Moore

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an all white uniform and the education in the early 1900's versus today.

"We want to be able to help everybody, especially the youth; and to guide and put them on the right track," he said. "We want to help them if we can, but if we can't, we want to provide opportunities. This motivates me to go forward."

By Darwin Campbell, African-American News&Issues

Johnie B. Evans

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Evans; great grandchildren: Sierra West, Kailyn Herron, Christian Herron, Jai Vian Mitchell Lofton, Taqmeke Boyd, Freesia Evans, Trayvon Evans, and Quintez Evans; nieces: Lay-Dail Darty, Wanell Darty, Anna Marie Wilson, Gladys Wilson, and Elsie Lee Darty; nephews: Elza, David, Roy, Sammie, Bobby, and Gary Darty; and a host of other relatives and friends.

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Ending The Myth Of Absent Black Fatherhood



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In 2013, the CDC released its National Health Statistics Report data regarding the involvement that fathers had with their children. Interestingly, the report showed that Black fathers were often more engaged with their children than their white and non-white Hispanic counterparts – countering many of the myths surrounding them as absent parents.

Data from Pew Research showed that 72% of Black children were born to unwed parents in 2011 (and the CDC showed that much the same was true the following year). Many people equivocate “unwed” to no father being in the picture.

However, some samples from the 2013 CDC report debunk that assumption:

Fathers not living with children (under 5 years old):

- Bathed, diapered or dressed children daily
- 12.7% Blacks
- 6.6% Whites
- 7.3% Hispanic

Fathers not living with children (5-18 years old)

Helped with or checked homework daily

- 9.7% Blacks
- 5.0% Whites

• 3.2% Hispanic

The numbers in the report show little difference in how fathers who live with children, across races, tend to be involved (the majority of fathers in each racial group presented), and that Black fathers who do not live with their children tend to show more attentiveness compared to the other dads.

The CDC survey seemed forgotten by thought leaders and media professionals until the Daily Kos resurrected the information in the wake of Freddie Gray’s death in Baltimore and the subsequent violence and vandalism that engulfed parts of the city.

But what we’ve heard the most, is that the real problem is the Breakdown in the Black Family™. That too many black fathers have abandoned their children, allowing them to be raised by the streets like feral cats. They don’t learn morals, and they don’t learn values—so naturally police have to shoot them down like rabid, foaming dogs. Even when they’re unarmed. Even when they have their backs turned and are simply running away. It’s all just their own fault really.

The Black family tends to be depicted in “crisis,” and often with the implication that Black

culture is the culprit – rather than a multitude of systemic factors involving racism and economics. Rand Paul, Bill O’Reilly and even President Obama himself have advanced the narrative to one degree or another.

Prior to the death of Freddie Gray, however, Baltimore residents had actually been addressing questions about fathers in the community:

“One misconception that people have about black fathers is that they don’t want to be involved or that they’re deadbeat,” says Vernon Wallace, who manages the Baltimore Responsible Fatherhood Project. “More so, they’re just dead broke.”

The Colorlines article that quotes Vernon Wallace also referred to the 2013 CDC report and showed the neglected faces of Black fatherhood by profiling the Baltimore Responsible Fatherhood Project.

When tragedy sparks unrest in Black communities like Ferguson and Baltimore, there is a tendency to reach for the well-worn trope of the unengaged Black father. However, if crisis does exist in the upbringing of kids in Black families, it’s likely less one of culture and one more of historic inequality.

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