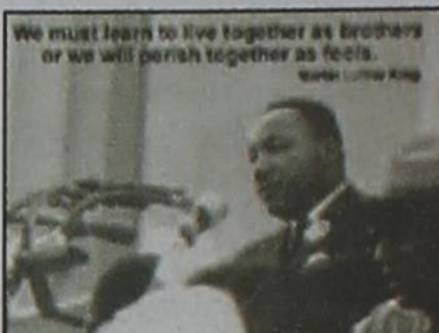


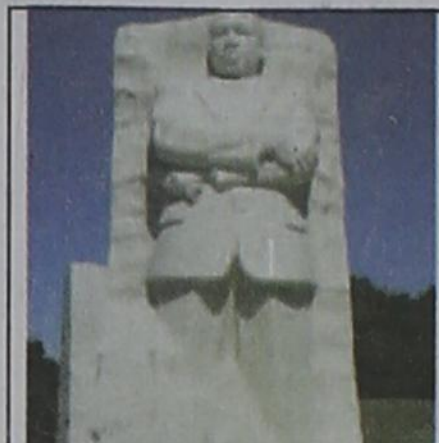
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* Lubbock Area Client Council meets on the 2nd Saturday, 1:00 pm at the Patterson Branch Library, 1836 Parkway Drive.

* 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 Monday evening at Bryon Martin Technology Center, 3401 Avenue Q, beginning at 6:00 p. m.

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

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

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

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

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

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Trayvon Martin's Father Scheduled to Visit Texas Tech for Black Excellence Gala

The Iota Upsilon Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Inc. is hosting its annual event. Trayvon Martin's father is scheduled to speak.

With African-American History month nearing, Texas Tech's Iota Upsilon Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Inc. is preparing for its annual Black Excellence Gala at 6:45 p.m. Feb. 19 at the Lubbock Civic Center. The gala will celebrate African-American lives through poetry, music and live performances.

This year, Tracy Martin, father of the late Trayvon Martin, will be the keynote speaker and speak on the importance of African-American lives and bring awareness about the African-American population in the Texas Tech and Lubbock communities.

"We are more than excited to bring Tracy Martin to Texas Tech to aid in the efforts of diversity the university is working toward," said Bobby Akinboro, social chairman of the Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity. "We hope this event brings about a revitalization of humanity of all people, no matter race."

The doors open at 6:30 p.m.



Tracy Martin

and formal attire is required for the event.

Tickets must be purchased in advance to attend the gala. Cost of attendance is \$20 for students, \$30 for faculty and staff and \$40 for the Lubbock community. Tickets can be purchased through Akinboro.

The gala will begin with a dinner, followed by live performances and a scholarship presentation in honor of Raymond J. Martin, a Texas Tech graduate student and Kappa Alpha Psi member who died of liver cancer in 2010.

"The commitment the men of

Kappa Alpha Psi have made to emphasize the importance of community service, social welfare and academic scholarship reinforces the university's dedication to student success," said Harriette Baker, assistant director of Texas Tech's fraternity and sorority life. "It is important for the student leaders at Texas Tech to take the time each year to celebrate the success of their peers and remind the greater university community of our shared responsibility to uphold the principles and values the organization and institution were founded on."

WESS MORGAN

Artist Wess Morgan of the TBN Ministries will appear as a Guest Artist at an up-coming concert on March 29, 2015 at the Lubbock Civic Center.

This year's theme for the 100+ Voice Gospel Youth Choir, composed of youth from Dunbar College Prep. School, (Colors of Spring) is "Let Me Be A Child"

Born in Mississippi, but raised in Tennessee by an extremely musical family—his parents Joseph and Yolanda, both pastors, sang in and out of church—Wess knew at a young age that music and God was destined to be an integral part of his life.

More on Wess Morgan continued on page 8



Community Wide Prayer & Fasting 2015

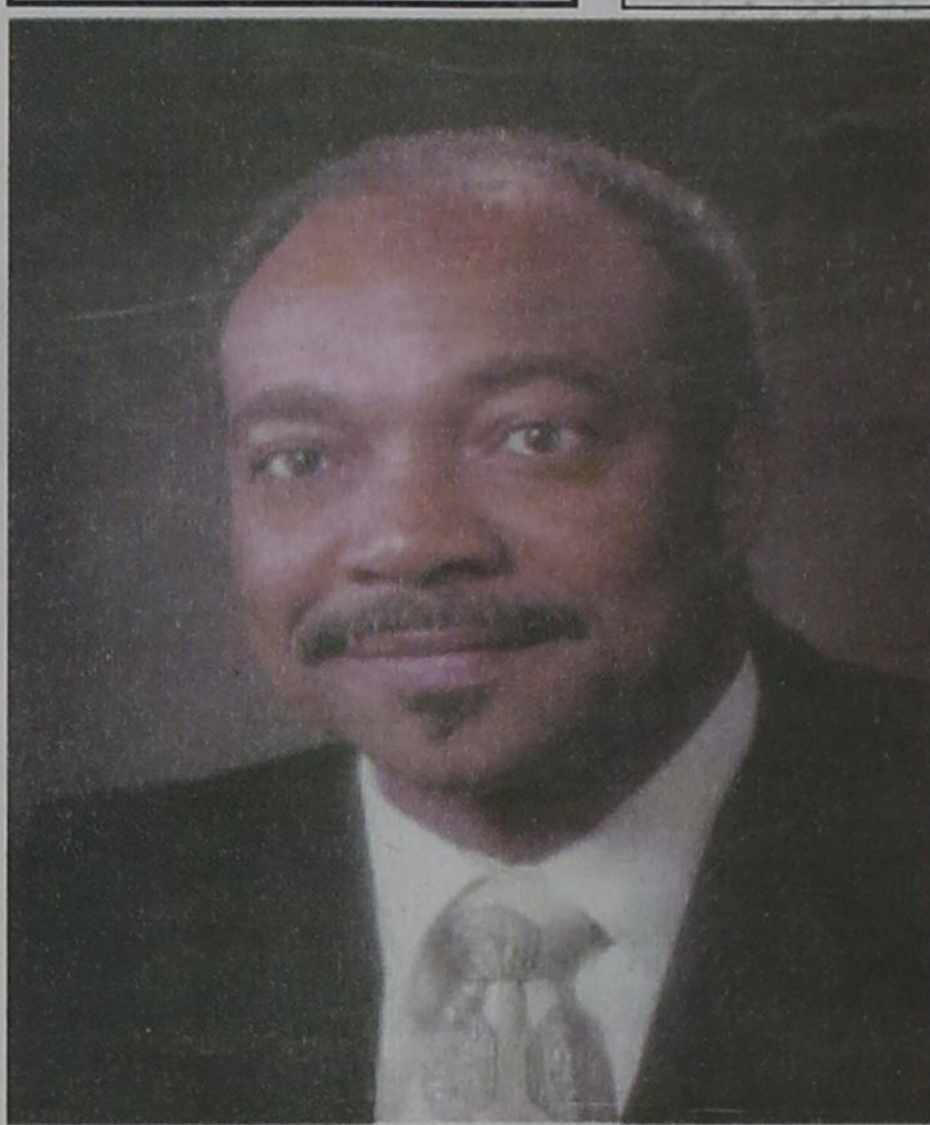


THE THIRD COMMUNITY WIDE PRAYER & FASTING 2015: It was held at Rising Star Baptist Church, 2420 East Cornell Avenue, where Rev. Hiawatha Culver is

pastor. The whole Lubbock Community is invited to attend these special efforts.

The next Prayer & Fasting will be held at the First Progress-

sive Baptist Church, 4203 East 63rd Street, where the pastor is Rev. Deshun Avery, on Wednesday, February 11th, from 7:00 p. m. until 8:00 p. m. Come and bring someone!



Alfred "Al" Caviel

Longtime Lubbock Resident Succumbs: Alfred James "Al" Caviel, Sr.

Scores and scores of Lubbock residents and others, despite the inclement weather, were in attendance of the funeral services of Alfred James "Al" Caviel, Sr. on Thursday morning, January 22, 2015, at the New Hope Baptist Church with Pastor B. R. Moton officiating.

Appearing on order of service included: tributes: American Legion Post #808, by Mr. E. J. Jenkins; from Friends: Mr. Marjorie Thomas and Mr. E. J. Donaldson, and Family: Rev. Rhett Caviel.

Honorary Pallbearers were: F. J. Jenkins, E. J. Donaldson, Willie Blocker, T. J. Patterson, Sr., Delbert Hood, Heenan Johnson, Marcus Brown, Renard McQueen, Rhett Caviel, and American Legion Post #808.

Pallbearers were: Bobby Thomas, Alex Johns, Jerrell John, Eddie Love, Charles E. Brown, and Johnny Bell.

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

Caviel, Sr., 85, of Lubbock, Texas passed away Friday, January 16, 2015.

Alfred was born on August 5, 1929, in Hungerford, Texas, to the parentage of Ruby and Jasper Caviel, the fifth oldest of eight children. He was a gifted student and graduated from Powell Point High School in Kendleton, Texas, in 1946, at the young age of 16. He spent five years after graduation to work on the family farm.

In January of 1951, Alfred began service in the US Army, during the Korean War Conflict. After two years of honorable service he left the military in Jan. of 1953.

Later in 1953, with a bit of coercion from his family, Alfred enrolled in Texas Southern University, majoring in Pharmacy. He would often remind his family that, "I will quit if I fail one class!" The reluctant student went on to receive special honors for holding the highest Chemistry grade in the freshmen class. He continued to excel scholastically and tutored other students along the way. He graduated with a Bachelors of Science degree in Pharmacy in May of 1957.

On October 26, 1957, he married his college sweetheart and

classmate, Billie McQueen.

In 1957, the newlyweds moved to Lubbock, Texas. The new pharmacists started as employees of SSS (Triple S) Drugs. In a few short years they became business owners and opened Caviel's Pharmacy in December of 1960. This was the first black-owned pharmacy in Lubbock, Texas, and was a pillar of the community for almost 50 years.

Caviel's Pharmacy was more than a drugstore; it was a music store, convenient grocery store, and even a clothing store. He had many loyal customers. Even Tina Turner, the popular music artist, visited this neighborhood hot spot. It was a community hangout for some, as regulars would often come by just to 'shoot the breeze.'

Alfred served the community in various capacities: appointed to the LP&L Board, Housing Authority Board on March 8, 1979, and Human Relations Commission on May 25, 1972. He was active in the American Legion, Booker T. Washington Post 808, where he served as Commander and Chief since 1989. He was a regular committee member for Lubbock's annual Juneteenth Celebration. He was even honored as Grand Marshall one year; however, after taking care of the celebration planning, he would always participate in the parade on horseback, riding with the Forgotten West Riders.

He was an avid outdoorsman, nicknamed, 'Killa' for his love of 'coon,' rabbit, and bird hunting and he 'LOVED' fishing! Not departing far from his country roots, he had a passion for animals - owning different breeds of hunting dogs, horses, and cattle. He shared these passions with family and friends.

He leaves his wife, Billie; six children, Adrienne Holmes (Tony), Lisa Patterson of Lubbock, Jasper (deceased), Stacy Caviel-Watson (William III), Alfred Jr. (Maria), Bryce (Aya), and Joby Anderson (godson); one sister, Vivian Young; and one brother, Herman (Butch) Caviel; 15 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, and friends.

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South Plains Legislative Forum Set February 19th

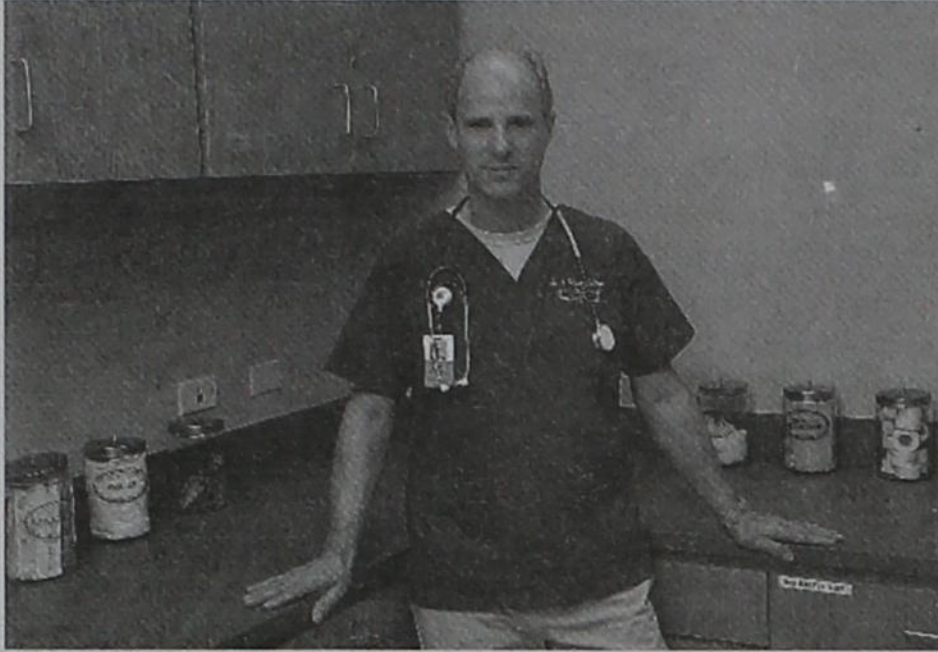
Tim Pierce, Executive Director of the South Plains Association of Governments (SPAG) announced that on Friday, February 20, 2015 from 10:00 to 11:30 AM in the Board Room of the SPAG offices, SPAG will host the South Plains Legislative Forum. Invited legislators include: Senator Charles Perry (accepted), Representative John Frullo (accepted), Representative Ken King, Representative Dustin Burrows (accepted), and Representative Drew Springer, Jr.

The purpose of the Forum is to give the South Plains delega-

tion an opportunity to address key issues relative to the legislative session. We also realize that it is not often that many of you have the opportunity to meet or speak with your Senator and Representative. This Forum will afford you that opportunity. We do not have an email address for every County Commissioner or City Councilmember, so please feel free to share this email with them.

We hope your schedule will permit you to attend this important event. Should you have any questions please contact Margo Boyd at 806.762.8721.

Life experiences inspire SPC nursing student



George McKinnon

The South Plains College Associate Degree Nursing Program attracts students from around the world. Presently, George McKinnon is studying to become a nurse. What makes McKinnon different is his journey to Leveland began after he lived a life of caring for others.

The New Brunswick, Canada native did not begin his quest for nursing training until fall 2014. It was side-tracked for several

years while McKinnon "experienced life."

After graduating from high school in the late 1970s, he attended the University of New Brunswick where he was a general studies major. McKinnon said that in the back of his mind, he knew he really wanted to become a nurse. However, he was terrified of science courses and he sucked at mathematics, McKinnon said. He also feared the

NYPD Commissioner Bratton compares Black Lives Matter protests to Paris and Mumbai terrorist attacks

Free speech protests are targets of new NYPD 'anti-terror' unit

The Partnership for Civil Justice Fund condemns the decision of the New York City government to target free speech activity with a newly created NYPD 'anti-terrorist' unit. The PCJF calls for the unit to be disbanded and for Mayor De Blasio to make a clear statement that under no circumstances will peaceful free speech activity be treated as potential terrorist activity. The PCJF is currently litigating the class-action lawsuit on behalf of hundreds of Occupy Wall Street protesters who were mass arrested on the Brooklyn Bridge.

NYPD Commissioner Bill Bratton announced that the 350-officer Strategic Response Group unit, armed with machine guns and other special weaponry, has been "designed for dealing with events like our recent protests, or incidents like Mumbai or what just happened in Paris."

PCJF Executive Director Mara Verheyden-Hilliard said, "The comparison of Black Lives Matter and other large protests to violent terrorist attacks is an outrage and an insult to the hundreds of thousands of people who have been marching across the country against racism and for police reform."

"Thousands have marched in a massive civil rights movement demanding police reform, and the NYPD has decided to respond to the community instead

stereotype of being a male nurse. One year later, he opted for a stint in the military.

"I was so homesick that first year, and I knew I had to get a job when I left school," he said. "With unemployment around 14 percent at that time, I decided to learn a support trade when I entered the military."

For the next three years, McKinnon served as a company clerk in the Canadian equivalent of the U.S. Army. It was there that he learned to type, file, handle the payroll and develop other clerical skills. He decided to try college again, and he enrolled in the University of Calgary. All was well with McKinnon until he received orders to go to the field unit for six months. "Because I worked 9 to 5, I had started taking classes, and I would have to take an 'F' if I went to the field unit," he said. "I really wanted to leave but in the end, I listened to my dad and stayed."

McKinnon honored his duty and went to the field unit. At the end of the six months, he left the

by arming the police with machine guns," Verheyden-Hilliard continued.

Carl Messineo, PCJF Legal Director, stated, "The announcement accelerates a nationwide pattern of local and federal policing agencies abusing their counter-terrorism authorities to spy on and suppress First Amendment-protected activities. These agencies have manipulated the 'war on terror' to pull in new resources, staff and equipment at U.S. tax-payers' expense. They have become paramilitary units policing a civilian population. Training domestic police agencies to treat the civilian population engaged in free speech as a military target is incompatible with a democratic society."

A multi-year investigation by the PCJF uncovered how law enforcement agencies across the United States, including the Department of Homeland Security, the FBI, Fusion Centers and local police forces, were involved in the local monitoring of and coordinated crackdown on the Occupy Wall Street movement in 2011. The peaceful protests were routinely categorized and treated as potential terrorist incidents.

Messineo added, "For a po-

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

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

lice commissioner to suggest that the Black Lives Matter movement, or other peaceful protesters, could potentially have machine guns pointed at them and be treated as terrorist threats in itself sends a chilling message against the exercise of First Amendment rights."

Mayor Bill De Blasio, who is reported to have signed off on the Commissioner's new unit, gained exposure as a Public Advocate by proclaiming himself in support of the Occupy movement's general aims, and insisting that then-mayor Michael Bloomberg not act to suppress it. But now in office, the De Blasio administration is asking the Second Circuit Court of Appeals for the express authority to engage in the mass arrest of protesters

when they take to the streets peacefully.

The PCJF represents and provides legal assistance to people engaged in free speech activity across the United States. The PCJF is litigating the class-action lawsuit on behalf of hundreds of Occupy protesters who were mass arrested on the Brooklyn Bridge. Its Freedom of Information Act work exposed the domestic spying of the FBI and other U.S. agencies on peaceful protesters, including the Occupy movement. It has brought class action cases in which more than 1,000 persons were falsely arrested during protests in Washington, D.C., resulting in settlements totaling \$22 million and major changes in police practices.

COMMUNITY WIDE

prayer fasting

2015

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

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

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

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

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

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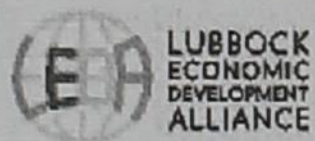
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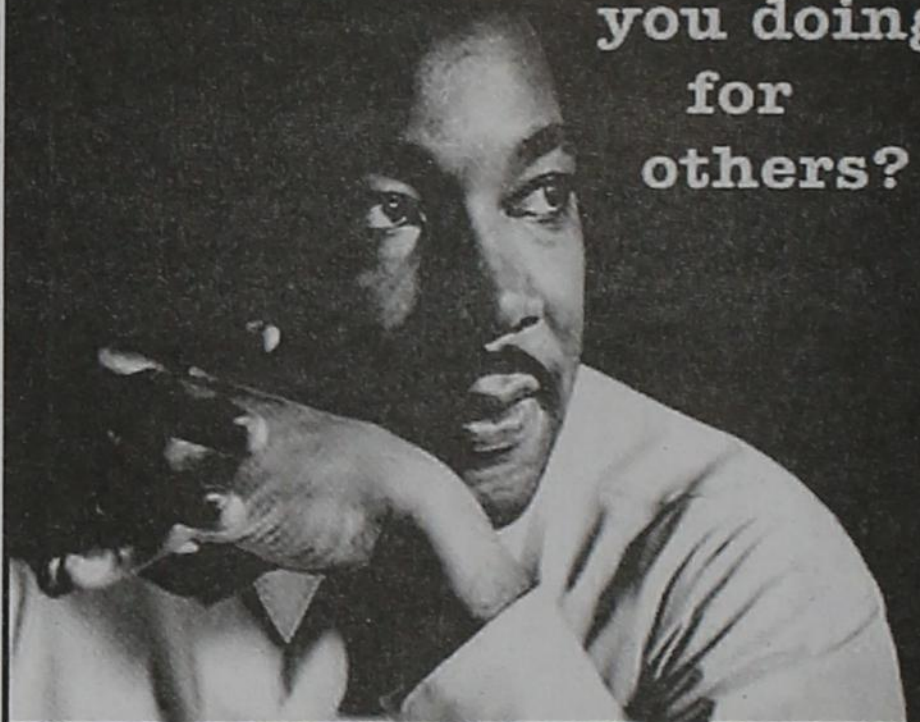
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In Cinque

By Renetta Howard



President Obama's State of the Union Address has been delivered, heard and analyzed. He put forth a good projection for making life better for America's middle class which has not prospered as well as the upper and lower classes. The working poor has not been able to move forward as well as the business class and the lower class which has received plenty of help from government perks.

The American middle class has always bore the brunt of the cost of American economic progress. There is just enough income to sustain life and a few of its pleasures, but not enough to move higher as the chasm between the middle class and the upper class has been widening for years at the expense of the middle class.

There have not been many upward movements in the last twenty odd years in America from the middle to the upper class. The people with money have found a way through perks and loopholes in the law to keep their money while making more money. They hire the best lawyers to look into every law to find out how to evade it when it comes to how they should spend and invest their funds. Aside from that, they pay the best lobbyist to get to their congressmen and congress women to pass the laws that give them the advantages that they need. And that is where the 'buck stops.'

We must admit that sometimes the electorate is not as knowledgeable and astute as we would like to believe. There are a lot of people in this country who vote with no idea as to what they are voting for, so it is no surprise when we see the kind of outcome which we witnessed this past November when the Republican Party was able to capture both houses of Con-

gress. Money talks and it is not a new story and 'politics make strange bedfellows.' This is especially true when so many people of America feel that 'their country has been taken away from them with the election of a Black United States President.' THEIR country!! It appears that anything connoted as 'Black' just has to be bad. So, easy alliances have been formed by those who see their country taken away from them.

Before President Obama could make his speech, the predictions of failure were already planned and discussed. The economic progress which has been made has been overshadowed by negative racial tones and actions in America. In the final analysis, when the present Congress succeeds in dismantling any progress which we have been able to identify, there will be a loud cry for a reversal and sentiments of regret by those who did not have the foresight to accentuate the positive. It appears that racial hatred and violence will be the downfall of this country unless someone is able to find a way to spread love and tolerance. Our children are not born to hate. They learn it at home and then discover that there are other people like them, with the same views of the world. We, as a country, a racially mixed country, have got to find a way to get 'in cinque' and teach our children to love, not hate each other and eventually, the world can see a better United States of America.

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold all things have become new.

2 Corinthians 5:17

Organ Donation Bereavement Article

by Tracy Renee Lee

A friend of mine lies in my embalming room today. She was such a sweet soul. Our small town will surely miss her cheery smile and encouraging words. She is a young woman and her death was unexpected. In this situation, one expects her family to have difficulties adjusting to their loss.

My friend was a caregiver for those who were unable to adequately care for themselves. She loved her clients and was dedicated to them. She was honest and sincere. Knowing her brightened your life.

My friend was a giving and selfless person and she carried this gift with her, even into her death. She was an organ donor. She intended to help others by leaving behind life sustaining opportunities for anyone who needed healthier organs than the ones with which they were born. In fact, my friend and her sister, who is likewise a caregiver, both chose to be organ donors.

My friend died from heart issues, so her heart was not suitable for donation. She had other core organs, however, that were sustainable and met the criteria for donation.

Once my friend died, her family was asked to sign their consent for her organ donation. They were honored to do so, as they knew it had been her wish to participate in this life-saving program. Unfortunately, my friend's family did not completely understand what organ donation entailed. I speculate that my friend did not completely understand either, as her sister who registered right along with her, was unclear and surprised at the events that followed the signing of consent.

Consent from the family gave custody and all medical rights over to the donation harvesting company. My friend's body now

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THIS N' THAT

by T. J. Patterson

ALFRED "AL" CAVIEL LEFT SOME POSITIVE FOOTPRINTS IN THE SAND! THIS N THAT's friend has passed and was funeralized on Thursday morning January 22, 2015 at the New Hope Baptist Church with Pastor B. R. Moton officiating. Yes he's gone but he left some positive FOOTPRINTS in the City of Lubbock with deep prints in EAST LUBBOCK!!! THIS N THAT would often refer to CAVIEL as being the UNOFFICIAL TREASURER of many organizations in

EAST LUBBOCK as he was very proud of East Lubbock and willing to help as much as he could. When THIS N THAT was serving as the LUBBOCK DISTRICT TWO CITY COUNCILMAN for 20 years ALFRED CAVIEL was the Campaign Treasurer all those years. ALFRED "AL" CAVIEL knew what had to be done to keep the books straight and above board when it came down in the political process. Of course CAVIEL was very strong with the BOOKER T.

WASHINGTON POST 808 of the AMERICAN LEGION where he served as COMMANDER for many years. But through all of that he and his wife BILLIE CAVIEL were the PROUD OWNERS of CAVIEL PHARMACY for more than 50 YEARS and as of last year the Caviel building was donated to ROOTS for a BLACK MUSEUM!!!! There's no doubt about it ALFRED "AL" CAVIEL left some VERY LARGE FOOTPRINTS!!!

Beyond the Rhetoric

By Harry C. Alford

Nigeria May Be on Road To Disaster

Nigeria has the largest Black population in the world - 178 million. Within that population are 300 differing ethnic and culture groups. Traditionally colonial powers such as England would group various ethnicities together to provide confusion and controversy. A confused populace was much easier to exploit and colonize. Nigeria has yet to evolve from that condition.

The largest group lives in the southwestern part of the nation and they are known as the Yoruba. They have a control system managed mainly by monarchs and are successful politically. Another large group is the Igbo which mainly live in the southern Delta area of the nation which is known for its oil exploration. The third largest group is the Hausa - Fulani which is basically Muslim and locally run by Emirs.

With the oil industry as its financial base, the Igbo decided in 1967 that they would go it alone

and part from the government of Nigeria. Thus, the great Civil War of 1967 was begun. This became one of the bloodiest conflicts known to mankind. The Yoruba cut off the supply lines to Igbo country known as Biafra. At the end of the conflict, 1970, over 1 million Igbo had died mostly from starvation during this time as the rest of the world ignored it all. The nation has kept in original formation but the tribal chasms remain.

In contrast to the Delta oil region, the northern Chad Lake Basin has discovered viable oil reserves and when the high price of oil returns you will see an extreme amount of exploration. The Hausa - Fulani control this segment and they have no ideas of sharing it. Besides the other major groups, the bordering nations of Chad, Niger and Cameroon have their ideas of exploiting it. This is the major problem versus peace

The Hausa - Fulani is becoming more and more Jihadist. The

major negative activity is that of the Boko Haram whose mission is to form an Islamic State right over the Chad Lake Basin. They are starting a cleansing process through roving groups of murderers and ethnic cleansing. The Boko Haram is as lethal and as vicious as the ISIS organization in the Middle East. This group was founded in 2002 by an educated, well dressed gentleman named Mohamad Yusuf. After his death in 2009, Abubaker Shekau replaced him. By contrast the new leader is a "butcher" with dreams of genocide. Their funding is mysterious but one can bet it's coming from the Middle East. With the oil revenue implications it can also be coming from secretive corporate means or Intel Operandi such as the CIA, European and Middle Eastern counterparts and even the Israeli Mossad.

Boko Haram is growing and is unchecked by the Nigerian Army. This army is inept and corrupt. You don't know what you get whenever the Army starts to move. There have been more than a few reports of atrocities committed by the Nigerian Army on its own people. Tribal

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Leviticus 19:18 -- You should not avenge, nor bear any grudge against the children of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the Lord.

Their **FIRE WAS DYING OUT**; for the need of one's **WOOD**; each had what it took, to keep it **ALIVE IF HE OR SHE WOULD!!!**

***** WHAT WOULD JESUS DO???** ***

Acts 20:35b -- Remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, it is more blessed to give than to receive.

There was a **PREACHER** there holding on to his **LOG OF BIRCH**. -- HE said, why should I **USE MY LOG, BE USED? THEY'RE NOT MEMBERS OF MY CHURCH!!!**

Matthew 5:16 -- Jesus said, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father in heaven.

Then there was a **WHITE WOMAN SITTING THERE**

holding her **LOG BACK**. **BECAUSE SHE LOOKED INTO THE FACES AROUND THE FIRE -- AND ONE WAS BLACK!!!**

I John 4:20 -- If a man say, I love God, and hate his brother, he is a liar; for he that love not his brother whom he has seen, how can he love God whom he has not seen?

Then there was **THIS BLACK MAN SITTING THERE: HIS JAWS CLENCHED VERY, VERY TIGHT**, saying within **HIMSELF; NOW IS A GOOD TIME TO GET EVEN WITH THE WHITES!!!**

Luke 6:27-28 -- Jesus said, I say unto you which hear, Love your enemies, and do good to them which hate you. Bless them that curse you, and pray for them which despitefully use you.

And there was a **VERY POOR MAN THERE** owning nothing **BUT THIS HICKORY STICK**. **WITHIN HIS HARD HEART, SAYING, WHY SHOULD I WARM THE MIGHTY RICH???**

John 15:13 -- Jesus said, Greater love has no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.

***** THAT IS WHAT JESUS DID!!! *****

YES and there was a **RICH MAN THERE, HIS LOG LIKE HIS RICHES; HE DID**

ADORE. SAYING WITHIN HIMSELF; WHY SHOULD I WARM THE GOOD FOR NOTHING, LAZY POOR???

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

And there was a **SPANISH MAN SITTING THERE. THIS IS HOW HE PLAYED THE GAME, SAYING, these are not MY PEOPLE; OUR LANGUAGE IS NOT THE SAME!!!**

Galatians 6:10a -- As we have, therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men.

Then there was this **ORIENTAL MAN SAYING: I'LL NOT GIVE MINE TO THE MAJORITY. THEY SHOULD GIVE TO ME, BECAUSE I'M THE MINORITY!!!**

And when the **MORNING CAME, EACH HAD DIED OF THEIR HATEFUL SIN, FOR THEY DID NOT DIE FROM THE COLD OUTSIDE, BUT FROM THE COLD HEART FROM WITHIN!!!**

COLD HEARTED AMERICA, how **BLESSED** we could all **BE. IF WE WOULD SAY: HERE TAKE MY LOG. NO CHARGE, IT'S FREE -- GIVE THAT HANDSHAKE, THAT SMILE, A HUG, A**

St. Matthew Baptist Church News

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

Church services again were well attended Sunday morning, February 1, 2015, at the St. Matthew Baptist Church, 2020 East 14th Street, where the proud pastor is the Rev. 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. Praise God for all the knowledge we receive during Sunday School.

Our teacher, Sister Susie Davis, was well and back at her post of duty and did a wonderful job in teaching the lesson.

Our Sunday School's subject was "The Cuisine of Resistance." The lesson passages were: Daniel 1:5, 8-17; and Matthew 6:16-18

One thing about attending Sunday School: If you attend with an open mind, you'll leave with knowledge you can use daily in life.

The Sunday morning devotion was conducted by Deacon Edward Williams and Deaconess Ethel Williams. This is a powerful team for God. What a

WAVE -- THEY ARE ALL FREE!!!

***** WHAT WOULD JESUS DO???** ***

(RED OR YELLOW, BLACK OR WHITE -- WE'RE ALL PRECIOUS IN GOD'S EYESIGHT!!!)

John 13:35 -- Jesus said, By this shall all men that you are my disciples, if you have love for one to another.

blessing for the St. Matthew Baptist Church.

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 "The Son Is A Seeking Saviour."

Pastor Canady preached a very informative sermon. It applied to all who were in attendance to hear. Praise God for the Word!

The morning announcements were read by our First Lady, Sister Shirley Canady. Thank you, Sister Canady, for making our announcements so clear and well done.

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

The Missionary Society meets on Wednesday evenings at 5:00 p. m. There is always room for those who would to serve. Come and join us.

Bible Study is held on Wednesday evenings beginning at 6:00 p. m. Now if you want to get down with learning about the Holy Bible, then come and study with this team of worshippers.

You'll be glad you did so!

Now for all of you who can sing and are not a member of the Choir, then come join the Choir. Choir practice is held on Saturday afternoon at 2:00 p. m.

If you like to sing, then come and join this team of God's singers. Will you join us? Hope so!

Remember, your involvement in any of these important meetings is key to our Growth!

The St. Matthew Baptist Church is asking for anyone interesting in playing for the St. Matthew Baptist Church, please contact: Rev. Edward Canady at (806) 744-245.

Pastor Canady will looking to hear from someone. Will it be you?

Let us continue to pray for our sick and shut-in. Among them include: Sister Annie Onassanya and Brother Ronald Hereford.

Also, let us pray for the bereaved families.

Patient waiting is often the highest way of doing God's will.

May Bless Each of You!

Four of Lubbock's Best Will Be Singing At Mae Simmons Senior Citizens Center

There are some outstanding singers and musicians who live in Lubbock, Texas. This being Black History Month, four of Lubbock's finest will be singing at the Mae Simmons Senior Citizens Center on Thursday afternoon, today, February 5, 2015.

Those participating are: Rev. Dr. Jedwel Armstead, Willie Flower, B. J. Morrison, and Jerry Ragland.

Rev. Dr. Aemstead has Radio Broadcast on Sunday mornings, KSSL-FM 94.1 & KSSL-FM 107.3, beginning at 8:45 a. m.

For Sale : One Lying Bathroom Mirror

Dr. James L. Snyder

Nobody enjoys privacy more than Yours Truly. I confess I am not a very happy camper when that privacy is compromised in any fashion. Recently, I endured a tremendous trespass on my privacy.

One day last week, I got up as usual and tottered off to the bathroom for my accustomed bathroom routine. It was then I got the shock of my life of which I am not over as of yet. I am sure this experience will be with me many years down the road. I am not sure I need counseling, but maybe a day or two at a rehab center just might do the trick.

I confess that I am not at my best early in the morning prior to my bathroom ritual. As far as I am concerned, the bathroom is a sacred place of refuge before facing the world. It is a place where I can prepare myself to meet the world as well as prepare for the world to meet me. It would be a great travesty for me

to plunge myself out into the unsuspecting world before going into my bathroom and making certain preparations. I owe the world at least this.

Of course, with all the political nonsense the world has imposed upon me lately, I am tempted to thrust myself out into the world without any preparations whatsoever. That would teach the world to mess with me. On second thought, too many innocent bystanders would get hurt in the process.

On the day in question, not only was I unprepared to meet the world but I was unprepared to meet my bathroom. Looking back on the situation, I do vaguely remember the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage mentioning something to the fact that she made certain changes in my bathroom. Obviously, I was preoccupied with other things to be concerned about this wee bit of information she laid upon me at

the time. I simply assumed she was talking about waxing the floor or changing the shower curtain. Never in my wildest dreams did I think she would do anything as drastic as she did.

This brings me to an important point; never underestimate the damage a wife can do to the sacred places of her husband.

When I walked into my bathroom and switched on the light, I had the shock of my life. I looked in the mirror, as normal and looking back at me was the most frightful thing I have ever seen. I thought for a moment Stephen King had sabotaged my bathroom.

The face looking back at me was old and haggard, desperately needing a shave. The bags under his eyes looked like sacks

of potatoes and what little hair he had looked like the aftermath of a suicide bomber. I wanted to call the police, but I was too paralyzed with fear.

I must have yelled or something because my wife came running into the bathroom and asked, "What's wrong?"

Then she did something that infuriated me even more than I was at the time.

She laughed.

I do not mind people laughing when I tell a joke or a funny story. However, when I have just been frightened out of my mind, I do not appreciate the levity. Then she explained to me what had happened. My wife took it upon herself to replace the mirror in my bathroom.

For a fleeting moment, mur-

derous thoughts stomped through my mind. Fortunately, for me they were still wearing their bedroom slippers and not their marching boots.

I do not look forward to very much in life, but I do look forward to my mirror in my bathroom. I have had that mirror for as long as I can remember, which may not be a very long time when I come to think of it. I vaguely remember hearing my wife mentioned the fact that the mirror in my bathroom needed to be replaced. I thought she was kidding.

When I get up in the morning, I look forward to going into my bathroom mirror. I have a little ritual I do upon first glance into my mirror. "Mirror, mirror on my wall; who needs a shave the worst of all?" Then we have a good laugh together.

I know that my mirror, my old mirror, that is, was rather old and flawed and the reflection back at me was rather blurry. That is what made it so endearing to me. No matter how hard you tried to clean it the reflection was still very cloudy at best. Then, several years ago an accident occurred producing a small crack in my mirror. I must say it was an improvement I gladly accepted. It accommodated my split personality: sometimes I feel like a nut, and sometimes I don't feel anything. One morning I could shave on the left side of the crack and the next morning I could shave on the right

side. The thing I loved about my old mirror was how it clouded the truth. The new mirror, however, is very insistent upon the truth.

A verse of Scripture came to mind as I pondered my old mirror. "For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known." (1 Corinthians 13:12).

If someone would like a mirror that insists on telling the truth, I have one for sale.

The Rev. James L. Snyder is pastor of the Family of God Fellowship, 1471 Pine Road, Ocala, FL 34472. He lives with his wife, Martha, in Silver Springs Shores. Call him at 352-687-4240 or e-mail jamesnyder2@att.net. The church web site is www.whatafellowship.com.

MARK 12:30

And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength; this is the first and great commandment.



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Obsequies

Terrie Joyce Flourney

Brownfield, Texas -- Funeral services were held for Terrie Joyce Flournoy on Friday afternoon, January 30, 2015, at the Greater New Hope Baptist Church of Brownfield.

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

Flournoy, age 53, of Brownfield, passed away Monday, January 19, 2015.

Terrie was born on September 27, 1961 to Barbara and Tommy Flourney in Brownfield, Texas. She attended and graduated from Brownfield Public Schools.

At an early age, she attended Greater New Hope Baptist Church. She married Vincent Montez on December 3, 1999 in Seminole, Texas.

Terrie was a devoted housewife, mother, and grandmother. She was passionate about her family and loved her siblings unconditionally. Terrie loved family and friends. She was



especially devoted to her father. Terrie treated everyone with kindness and greeted him or her with a trademark smile. Many will truly miss her life and legacy.

Terrie was preceded in death by her mother, Barbara Flournoy; and one brother, Marcus.

She leaves to cherish her memories: her husband, Vincent Montez; father, Tommy Flournoy; one daughter, Laquisha Brown; two sons, Jacobly Flournoy and Tevin Holmes; three sisters: Barbara Foster, Tammy Flournoy, and

Woman Admits Infecting More Than 300 Men With HIV

Nakuru, Kenya — A Kenyan woman has admitted that she has purposely infected over 300 men with the HIV virus. And she told the Kenyan Daily Post that she's doing it in revenge for a man who had unprotected sex with her while she was drunk, and gave her the virus.

The woman, whose name remains anonymous, is only 19 years old and said that she was a virgin until she went clubbing with some students at a local university. She claims that when she woke up the next morning, she realized that one of the guys had sex with her while she was intoxicated.

She asked the boy if he used a condom and he told her "yes", but when taking a bath she noticed semen in her vaginal area. "I wanted to commit suicide, I feared getting pregnant and HIV," she said. And sure enough, in time, she did find out that she was HIV positive. And that's when she decided to get

Donna Hill; five brothers: Jimmy Flournoy, Michael Cleveland, Tommy Flournoy, Jr., Roderick Flournoy, an Carlos Flournoy; three grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives, and friends.



revenge on as many men as possible.

"I buried the good girl in me and became the bad girl, my goal was to infect as many as possible," she explained.

According to the Kenyan Daily Post, she has confessed to infecting 324 men, 156 of which are students at the Kabarak Uni-

versity where she studies. She says the rest are married men, lecturers, lawyers, celebrities and politicians. She added that her goal is to infect 2,000 men in the East African nation, the Kenyan Daily Post reported.

"Not a day passes without me having sex, mostly 4 people per day," she continued in her con-

fessional. The newspaper she confessed to promised to keep her name private, but they did post photos of her from her Facebook page. What do you think? Is she really doing this? Or is she just trying to get attention?

GOD IS GOOD ALL THE TIME!!!

Chicago Cubs legend Ernie Banks has died at 83



November 20, 2013: Baseball Hall of Fame player Ernie Banks reacts after receiving the Presidential Medal of Freedom from U.S. President Barack Obama. (Reuters)

L. E. Anderson Succumbs Here



L. E. Anderson

Funeral services were held for L. E. Anderson on Wednesday morning, February 4, 2015, at the Second Baptist Church.

Anderson, a local businessman and owner of Honey Childs, passed away Thursday, January 29, 2015.

He was born in Valdosta, Georgia on August 2, 1950 to the parentage of L. E. Anderson, Sr., who is deceased, and Hattie Mae Davis Anderson. At an early age, the family relocated from Georgia to Hallandale Beach, Florida.

On July 7, 1972, L. E. was united in holy matrimony to the love of his life, Diana Taylor in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida. God blessed this union with three handsome sons: Craig Elvin Anderson, L. E. "Brad" Anderson, and Dwaine Anderson, who preceded his father in death on November 22, 1999, L. E. was a devoted father.

(Editor's Note: The Southwest Digest will re-run this obituary on L. E. Anderson on February 19, 2015. Ye Ed)

Chicago Cubs legend Ernie Banks has died at the age of 83. Banks compiled 512 career home runs in 19 major league seasons and was inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame in 1977.

The Cubs announced Banks' death Friday night, January 30, 2015, but did not provide a cause.

Dubbed "Mr.Cub," Banks played in 19 seasons between shortstop and first base. Banks played every season from 1953-1971 with the Cubs.

Banks was fond of saying, "It's a great day for baseball. Let's play two!" That remains the catchphrase at Wrigley Field to this day.

"Words cannot express how important Ernie Banks will always be to the Chicago Cubs, the city of Chicago and Major League Baseball. He was one of the greatest players of all time," Cubs chairman Tom Ricketts said in a statement. "He was a pioneer in the major leagues. And more importantly, he was the warmest and most sincere person I've ever known."

Approachable, ever optimistic and kind hearted, Ernie Banks is and always will be Mr. Cub. My family and I grieve the loss of such a great and good-hearted man, but we look forward to celebrating Ernie's life in the days ahead."

"Ernie Banks was more than a baseball player," Chicago Mayor Rahm Emanuel said in a statement. "He was one of Chicago's greatest ambassadors. He loved this city as much as he loved-and live for-the game of baseball."

"This year, during every Cubs games, you can bet that No. 14 will be watching over his team."

Although Banks was an 11-time all-star, he never reached the postseason with the Cubs. The team finished below .500 in all but six of his seasons. However, he was still voted to the Hall of Fame in his first year on the ballot. Banks was also selected to baseball's All-Century team in 1999.

The Cubs discovered Banks in 1953 when he was playing for the Kansas City Monarchs of the Negro Leagues. Chicago pur-

chased his contract for \$10,000 and later made his major league debut in the same year.

Banks struck the eye of the Cubs organization due to his strong wrists and quick stroke at the plate making the balls he hit out of the park look effortless.

Banks retired after the 1971 season and at the time owned most of the Cubs' career slugging marks. The Cubs retired the No. 14 in 1982 and erected a statue outside Wrigley Field of him in 2008.

In 2013, Banks received the Presidential Medal of Freedom from President Obama. Banks was honored with 15 other people including Bill Clinton and Oprah Winfrey.

Known mostly for his power at the plate, Banks was a solid fielder, too. He is best known as a shortstop, where he won a Gold Glove in 1960, but he switched to first base in 1962. He played 1,259 games at first and 1,125 games at shortstop.

Born and raised in Dallas, Banks would be bribed to play catch by his father, who always

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McDonald's CEO to Retire; Black Fortune 500 CEOs Decline by 33% in Past Year

The announced retirement of McDonald's CEO Don Thompson means the number of Black CEOs of Fortune 500 companies will drop by a third (from a year ago) when he steps down March 1, 2015.

Clarence Otis resigned as CEO of Darden Restaurants at the end of 2014. That leaves four Black CEOs, two of whom lead DiversityInc Top 50 companies—Kenneth C. Frazier at Merck & Co. (No. 14) and Roger W. Ferguson Jr. at TIAA-CREF (No. 36).

The others are:

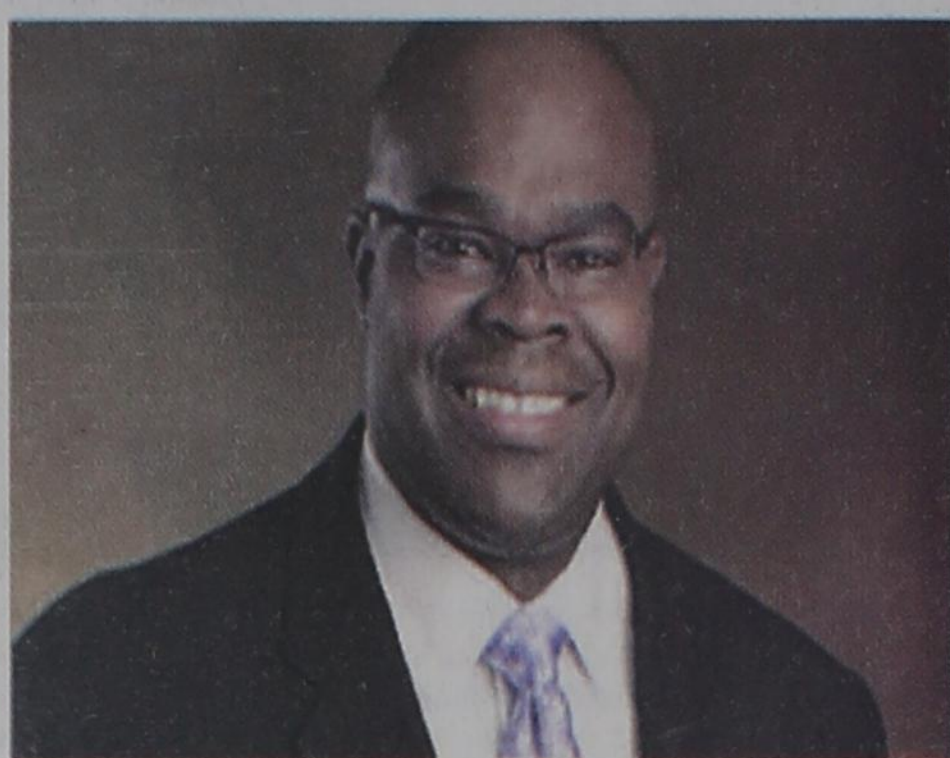
- Kenneth I. Chenault, American Express
- Don Thompson, McDonald's
- Ursula M. Burns, Xerox Corporation

An examination of national data compared with Top 50 data shows the gap in the pipeline of Black, Asian, Latino and female talent. U.S. data is from the Fortune 500 (CEOs) and the EEOC (Senior Execs, Managers, Board).

There are 10 Asian CEOs of Fortune 500 companies, two of whom are in the Top 50—Ajay Banga of MasterCard (No. 6), who spoke at DiversityInc's fall event, and Omar Ishrak of Medtronic (No. 41).

The others are:

- Satya Nadella, Microsoft (in the news for his comments about women and raises)
- Indra K. Nooyi, PepsiCo
- Richard Hamada, Avnet
- Kevin M. Murai, Synnex
- Kevin Lobo, Stryker
- Francisco D'Souza, Cognizant Technology Solutions
- Sanjay Mehrotra, SanDisk
- Lisa Su, Advanced Micro Devices



Don Thompson
McDonald CEO

There are 10 Latino CEOs of Fortune 500 companies, one of whom is in the Top 50—Carlos Rodriguez of ADP (No. 24). Joe Echevarria is CEO of Deloitte, which is No. 11 in the Top 50 but is not in the Fortune 500.

The others are:

- George Paz, Express Scripts
- Josue Robles, United Services Automobile Association (USAA)
- Mario Longhi, U.S. Steel
- Bernardo Hees, H.J. Heinz
- J. Paul Raines, GameStop
- Joseph Alvarado, Commercial Metals
- Joseph Molina, Molina Healthcare
- Robert E. Sanchez, Ryder System
- Paul J. Diaz*, Kindred Healthcare

*Diaz will become Executive Vice Chair of Kindred's board on March 31.

Other Top 50 female CEOs are Christi Shaw of Novartis Pharmaceuticals Corporation (No. 1) and Beth Mooney of KeyCorp (No. 47).

The DiversityInc 25 Noteworthy Companies include two Fortune 500 women CEOs—Mary T. Barra of General Motors and Ellen J. Kullman of DuPont. Debra L. Reed is CEO of Sempra Energy, one of DiversityInc's Top 7 Utilities.

Other female Fortune 500 CEOs are:

- Margaret C. Whitman, HP
- Indra K. Nooyi, PepsiCo
- Marillyn A. Hewson, Lockheed Martin
- Safra A. Catz, Oracle
- Irene B. Rosenfeld, Mondelez International
- Phebe N. Novakovic, General Dynamics
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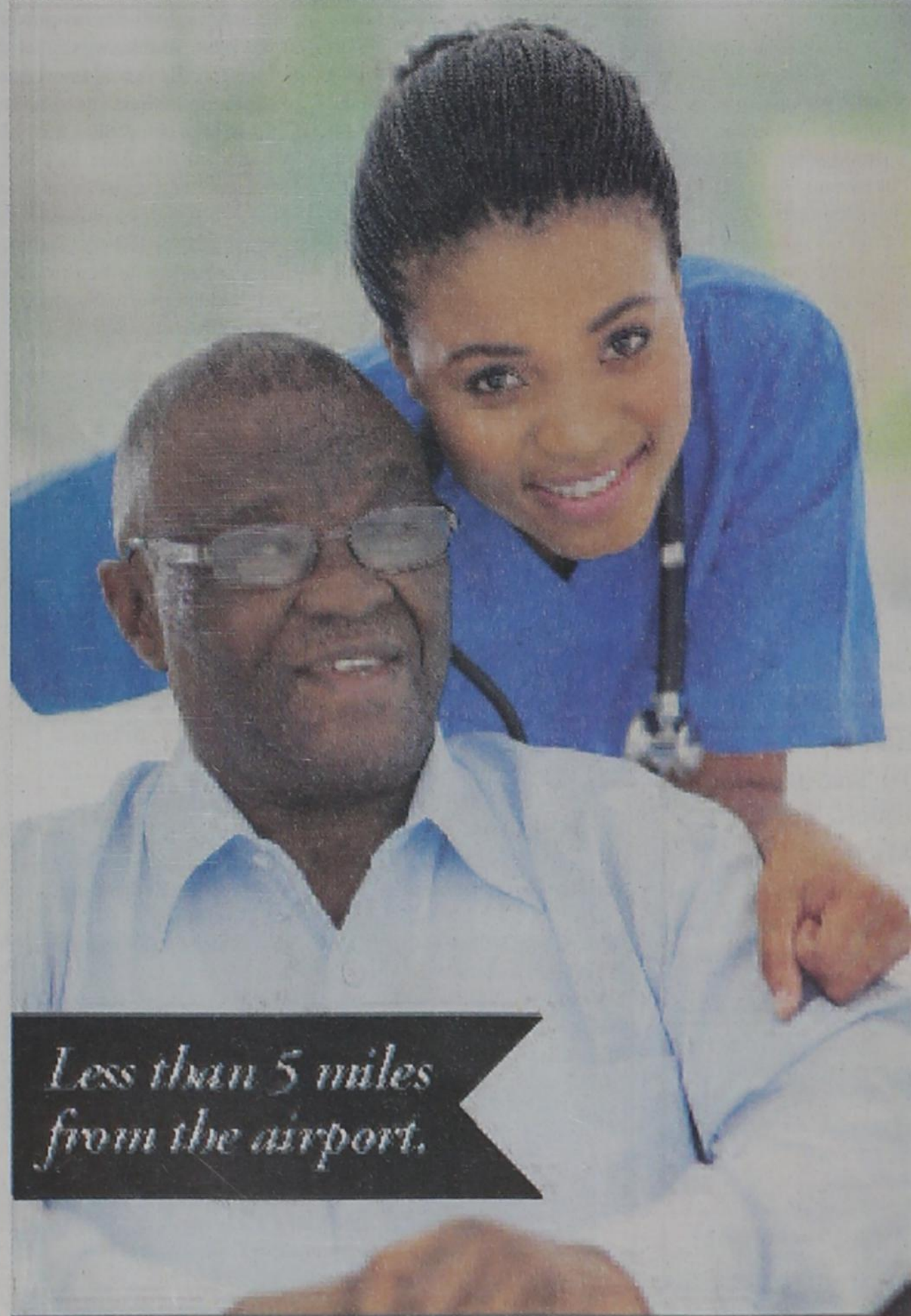
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'Friendship Nine' Convictions Vacated After More Than 50 Years



Justice has been served more than a half-century after courageous students were sent to jail for taking a stand.

On Wednesday, Jan. 28, almost 54 years to the exact day the Friendship Nine were arrested, their convictions and sentences for trespassing and protesting were officially vacated during a formal hearing at Rock Hill Municipal Court in South Carolina.

Named the Friendship Nine because eight of the nine Black men were students at the former Friendship Junior College in Rock Hill, they were arrested Jan. 31, 1961, for sitting at the McCrory's whites-only lunch counter.

After being found guilty, the men accepted a sentence of 30 days of hard labor on a chain gang, instead of paying the \$100 bail.

"They changed the model of the civil-rights movement," Adolphus Belk Jr., a Professor of Political Science and the Director of the African American Studies Program at Winthrop University in Rock Hill, told DiversityInc.

He explained that after the anti-segregation sit-ins in Greensboro, N.C., in 1960 the

method spread through the Carolinas, the South, then nationally. Only a year later, however, he said it was a "waning tactic."

After protestors were arrested for trespassing and sent to jail, they would have to pay bail to be released. That became very costly to the movement with protestors having to ask organizations like the Congress of Racial Equality, the NAACP and even churches and family members for financial help.

Belk explained that a \$100 fine in 1961 is equal to about \$800 today.

"The Friendship Nine reasoned: 'Rather than paying a fine to support a system we were trying to dismantle, we will go to jail,'" Belk said.

The men were the first to implement a strategy called "Jail, No Bail," which Belk says energized the sit-in strategy.

"If you look at the timeline of sit-in demonstrations, after that, it takes off," he commented.

The strategy brought more media attention to the civil-rights movement and influenced other college-age people around the country, like Diane Nash, Charles Sherrod, Ruby Doris Smith-Robinson and Charles Jones, to organize sit-ins in the same manner.

Belk was present at Wednesday's court hearing, and he made it a point to observe the crowd.

"A lot of people came out to be-
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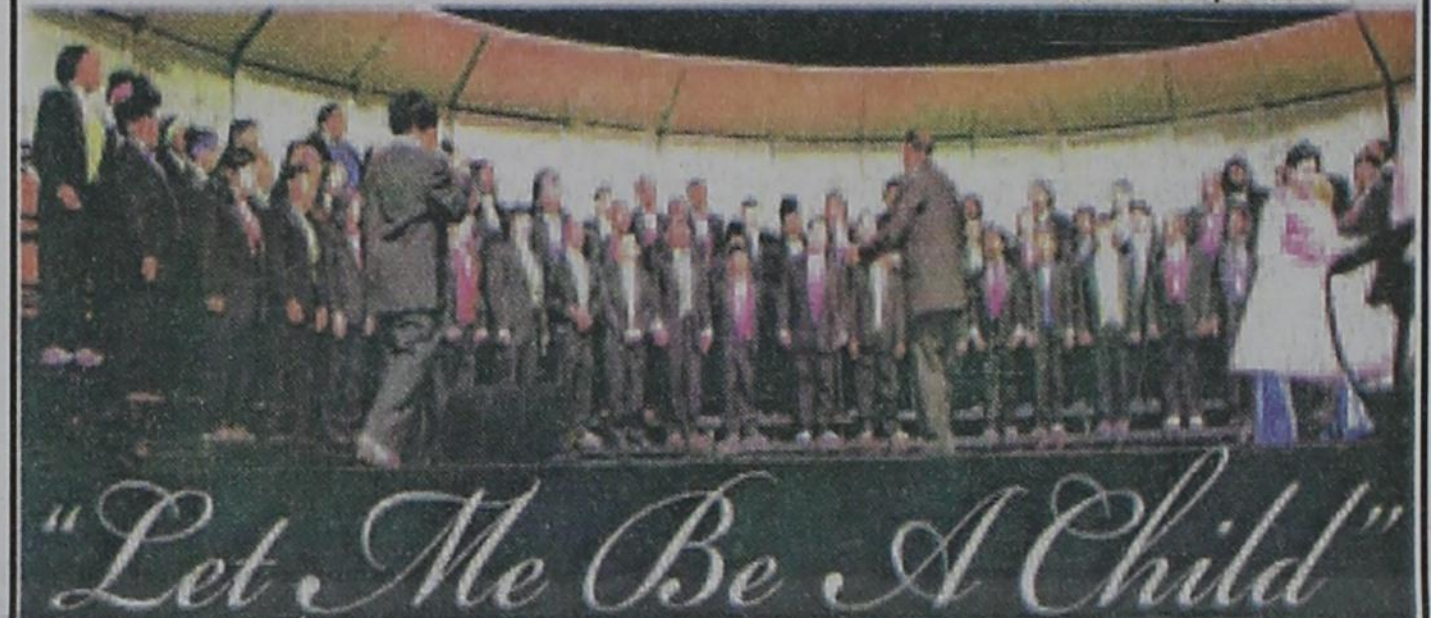
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Friendship Nine Saved

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cause they wanted to bear witness to history," he said.

It's been reported there were 250 people in the courtroom and another 250 spectators in the overflow area.

Belk said the courtroom was standing-room only, as were the rooms set up for overflow. The crowd was multi-generational, from those the same age as the Friendship Nine to young children accompanied by their parents.

Ernest A. Finney Jr., now retired, is the first Black Supreme Court Justice appointed to the South Carolina Supreme Court. He represented the Friendship Nine at their original trial and was again their attorney at Wednesday's hearing.

"This was an important book-end to his legal career," Belk commented.

He also noted that when 16th Circuit Court Judge John C. Hayes III announced that the convictions and sentences were officially vacated, many in the room were visibly emotional.

"[Hayes] is the nephew of the man who sentenced them to a \$100 fine or 30 days of hard labor," Belk said. "Mr. Clarence Graham spoke for this morning on behalf of the Nine after the court proceeding concluded."

Other members of the Friendship Nine also present were David Williamson Jr., Willie T. "Dub" Massey, James Wells, Willie McCleod, Mack Workman, John Gaines, Charles Taylor. Absent was the late Robert McCullough.

Normally when a record is vacated, the records on the case are destroyed. However, Belk said they were informed the Nine want their history to be saved and used as a teaching tool on the civil-rights movement.

Belk offered that many young people involved in current national protests over what they consider "terrible policing in respect to Black and Brown communities," are using tactics from the 1960s movement as well as new methods.

"They're pursuing new tools

SPC will host Senior Sneak Preview for high school seniors

LEVELLAND – More than 700 area high school seniors will get a preview of college life during the annual South Plains College Senior Sneak Preview set for Feb. 13 (Friday) on the Levelland campus.

The day-long event begins with registration at 9 a.m. at the Texan Dome. SPC cheerleaders and student leaders will host the opening assembly at 9:30 a.m.

High School seniors will have the chance to talk with SPC faculty and current students about career choices, programs and student life during the Program Showcase at 10 a.m.

Parents will be included in the festivities with their own special

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including social media to connect with people who want to be involved in the struggle for justice in this era," he said.

Watch a 2011 Friendship Nine mini-documentary produced by The Rock Hill Herald in celebration of the 50th anniversary of "Jail, No Bail."

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Life experiences inspire SPC nursing student

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military in good standing. He soon married Sandy Miller whom he'd met while at the University of Calgary. McKinnon supported the couple while his wife studied law at Dalhousie University, the Harvard of Canadian law schools. The plan was that she would support them as a lawyer while he attended nursing school.

Following her third year of law school, Sandy became ill and she was unable to write her final examination. She was diagnosed with multiple chemical sensitivity – a chronic medical condition in which a patient reacts to normal substances such as pollen, mold and cigarette smoke. It is often referred to as environmental illness. The illness left her suffering from depression, seizures and she became wheelchair bound.

"She became a recluse, and I was determined to find out what was wrong with her," McKinnon said.

McKinnon won his country's Visa lottery which allowed him to come to the United States. The news proved to be a timely gift because they were able to move to Santa Fe, N.M., where they sought alternative treatments for Sandy's illness.

"I'd always dreamed of living in the United States," McKinnon said. "Plus the economic opportunities were so much better."

And for the next 15 years, McKinnon championed his wife's care. The couple began a regimen of treatment that included bee sting therapy. The treatment soon brought relief of symptoms by reducing the inflammation. Sandy was able to leave the wheelchair and recover her speech. Sandy seemed to respond to the treatments. A massive episode in 2003 left her with the mind of a 5 year-old child.

"She had been so smart in school that Mensa International had invited her to join them," McKinnon said. "Even after she got worse, I still sought to make

her quality of life as good as possible."

McKinnon had researched his wife's condition early on and he knew what potential outcomes awaited him. He could put her in a nursing home or hire home health care providers. He chose home health care. Despite the care she received, Sandy was not getting better.

In 2007, McKinnon returned to her original physician who suggested having her tested for Lyme disease. Even though Lyme disease had been ruled out years earlier, McKinnon said the support of the early tests had been reversed. She underwent a treatment of antibiotics but her decline continued. She was later diagnosed as having Multiple Sclerosis. She died in January 2012.

Throughout the ordeal, McKinnon said he worked closely with the home health care providers and built many friendships. One of his aides tutored him in mathematics. He enrolled in the Santa Fe Community College and the Phoenix University. He began taking the sciences and microbiology that he had once feared and earned a 4.0 grade point average.

McKinnon said his decision to come to South Plains College was a spiritual one. He is pursuing his dreams at the urging of his late wife's spirit.

"I love Texas and I love the people of Levelland and my fellow students," he said. "I don't feel like a man who is soon to be 55 in July. I feel like I'm 18 and life is wonderful."

"I have great instructors and the students here have accepted me," he said.

McKinnon knows he was meant to do this kind of work. His life experiences have prepared him.

Never regret.
If it's good, it's wonderful.
If it's bad, it's experience.
Victoria Holt



WESS MORGAN...(cont'd) Along with his siblings, he began traveling with his parents, as they ministered the word of God through music, teaching, and preaching in churches across the United States.

But at the age of 11, Wess began experimenting with drugs and alcohol, eventually becoming addicted to cocaine and finding himself in and out of juvenile detention centers for most of his teens and 20s. It was while in jail, and about to be sentenced for seriously injuring his friends—in a horrifying car crash in which he was high, drunk, and speeding—that he spoke to God and God actually answered him. "I just cried out to God and asked Him to forgive me for what happened and to help me get straight," Wess remembers. "I asked Him for a strategy and He spoke one word to me and that was 'accountability.' And I've been clean ever since."

Pursuing a singing career had always been a deep desire for Wess, but his addictions kept robbing him of the chance. After he beat his addiction, he finally went into the studio with Trè Corley, a producer and friend from church.

His life experience as a young child has now become a platform place for him to be able to reach and minister to youth all across the United States.

Tickets are now on sale for \$20 at Select-A-Seat (United Supermarket stores)

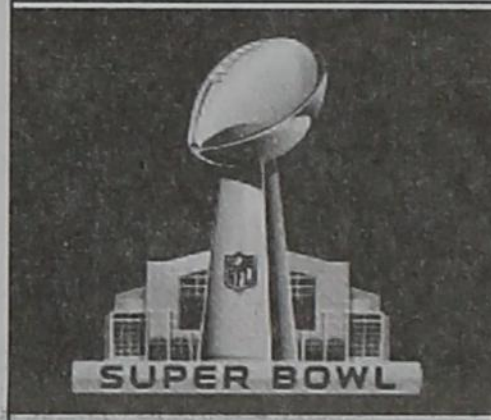
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Top 10 Black History Month Scholarships For February 2015

Nationwide — February is here again, and Black History month is being celebrated all around the country and even in some parts of the world. Although the shortest month of the year, February has been chosen as the official month of the year to pay tribute to famous African Americans who contributed to society.

But actions speak louder than

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Tribal rift and revenge often come into play. Coupled with an unreliable military is the political climate. For the first time in decades, President Goodluck Johnathan's party is being seriously challenged in the upcoming elections. If President Johnathan is defeated there is a big question — Will he step aside? If not, major chaos throughout the nation will appear. At the same time, Boko Haram will reap massacre on the Chad Lake Basin area. That will invite the armies of Chad, Niger and Cameroon to step in and add to the possible carnage. If this develops into a major, long-term military/revolutionary struggle, I wonder which nation or group of nations can come in and settle the situation. The US military is already strained with the debacles in the Middle East. Our European allies lack the "back bone" to get serious about a major war.

If there are religious and/or tribal implications it will be an exhaustive experience. Financing it will be no problem for the "bad guys" and the bad guys could be on all sides of the struggle. No one will win and the world will suffer. The entire African Diaspora will become pre-occupied and current progressive projects will be put on hold.

Our State Department has shown no viable strategy in the above mess. The UN has shown token input or leadership. Right now the situation reminds us of Iraq just before ISIS came storming through at the shock and dismay of President Obama. What we have is a large swath of land, well populated and about to boil over. The commercial ac-

words, and so many organizations and companies have launched various scholarship funds for African American and other minority students. Collectively, the scholarships give away millions in much needed college funding.

Here are the top 10 Black History month scholarships for this year:

#1 — Steve Harvey Foundation/Coca-Cola Pay It Forward Scholarship Program: Offers scholarship awards and once-in-a-lifetime apprenticeship experiences to African American youth looking to pave the way for their futures. Deadline is in March 2015.

#2 — "Selma" Speech and Essay Scholarship Contest: Inspired by the recent film released by Paramount Pictures, this scholarship is open to U.S. high school students ages 14-18 who are currently enrolled in a public, private or parochial high school or home study program in the United States and its territory of Nigeria may come to a big halt and it will take years and perhaps a few million deaths before some semblance of responsibility and good governance arrives. Is anyone listening?

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tories. Deadline is in February 2015.

#3 — 100 Black Men of America Future Leader Scholarship Program: Open to high school seniors as well as college freshmen, sophomores, juniors and seniors. The scholarship is based on academic achievement and community service. Deadline is

Ernie Banks Dies At Age 83

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him to be a baseball player. Banks grew to love the game and was a standout in high school, along with participating in football, basketball and track and field.

He joined a barnstorming Negro Leagues team at 17 and was spotted by Cool Papa Bell, who signed him to the Monarchs in 1950. Banks played one season before going into the Army. He returned to Kansas City after he was discharged, playing one more season before joining the Cubs.

The Associated Press contributed to this report

in February 2015.

#4 — Regions Riding Forward Black History Month Scholarship: Funded by Regions Bank (located in 16 states), this program awards scholarships each year to high school students and college students. Interested students may apply by writing an essay about African-Americans who have inspired them. Deadline is in February 2015.

The final six will appear in the February 19th edition.

Life Experiences Inspire SPC Student

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session in the Physical Education Complex. They will receive information about financial aid, scholarships, testing, career planning, housing and admission.

Campus tours will begin at 11 a.m. followed by an Open House at 11:30 a.m. at the PE Complex. Representatives from Student Services as well as members of clubs and organizations will be on hand to answer students and parents questions. Housing tours will be conducted during the Open House. Lunch also will be served.

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Organ Donation

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became a sustainable host for her organs. Her family had no influence or rights over medical actions utilized to protect the health of her organs. Although my friend had been pronounced dead, her body continued on life support until suitable organ recipients could be identified. When one deeply analyzes the concept of organ donation, the extension of life support makes complete sense. When one has suffered the loss of a beloved family member, the extension of life support through additional heart attacks, strokes, and increased body system failures, becomes unbearably agonizing.

Initially, medical staff informed my friend's family that life support would continue for up to 34 hours. These hours were excruciating on her family. As they witnessed their loved one suffer, they were informed that those 34 hours might extend up to 72 hours and that in addition to core organs, skin tissue would also be harvested; they were devastated and demoralized. They immediately requested that my friend's body not be disfigured above her shoulders, to preserve a pleasing memory at her funeral. They were informed that they had signed over all rights to their loved ones body and that medical personnel would decide what would or would not be harvested.

My friend's organ donation was extensive. Her core organs were harvested, her long bones were harvested, her joints were harvested, her ribs were harvested, her pelvis was harvested, her skin tissue was harvested and the list goes on.

The point is that organ donation is a wonderful gift to those suffering life-threatening illnesses. It is selfless and noble.

One needs to understand what all it entails, however, before signing on their participation. They also need to ensure that their family understands the full spectrum that controls organ donation.

My friend's family knew that she wanted to donate her core organs, they were devastated when the donation extended to her entire body. The unexpected and sudden loss of a loved one is complicated to overcome. Add to this, the donation of body parts that disfigure your loved one and the loss of medical control over the extension of life support once she is pronounced dead, and you are looking at excruciating suffering for those who loved and cared for her.

Organ donation is selfless and noble, and is a gift to those suffering life-threatening illness, as well as to their families. Thank God, for people like my friend, who out of love for humanity, donated her vessel of life, so that others might live without pain and suffering.

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Blacks With Advanced Degrees And Whites With B.A.s Earn About The Same Salary

Race seems to trump education when it comes to what Blacks earn in the workplace. Black workers who have advanced degrees and White workers with merely B.A.s make about the same salary, according to a new study released by the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

"In 2014, while white workers 25 years or older with at least an undergrad degree took home median earnings of \$1,219 per week, similarly aged and educated Latino workers made \$1,007, and Asian workers made \$1,328 per week. Black workers with at least a college degree, meanwhile, posted median earnings of \$970 per week," reports Colorlines.

The gap got larger for more educated Black workers. Black workers who have an advanced degree earned \$1,149—this is about the same as white workers who had only a bachelor's degree (\$1,132). The numbers for 2014 were shocking but according to Colorlines writer Kai Wright, the wage discrepancy is an ongoing problem. In June, she wrote: "This is an inequity that grows from tangled roots—historic labor market discrimination, ongoing residential segregation, stubborn racial biases among employers. But it's



also one with consequences that stretch out beyond the men themselves, and that will linger long past today's troubled economy."

The racial income and wealth gap is a problem that's getting more and more attention the more stats arise showing how wide it truly is. About a year ago, we wrote about how the gap between Blacks and Whites had tripled between 1984 and 2009.

More recently (last month) the Pew Center reported that Whites have a media net worth 13 times greater than Blacks (\$141,900 vs \$11,000). The most recent Census numbers (September) found that while a White woman on average makes 78 cents for every dollar a man makes, Black women only make 64 cents. And overall, Black workers are hurt by high unemployment rates.

Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church Youth



Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church Youth is shown above participating in the monthly meeting of the Federation of Choirs on Sunday, January 25, 2015, where Bethel was host church, 2202 Southeast Drive, in Lubbock. Rev. Darrell Willie is host pastor. This photo is courtesy of Pastor Willie.

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