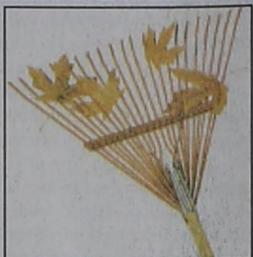
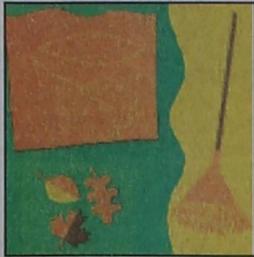
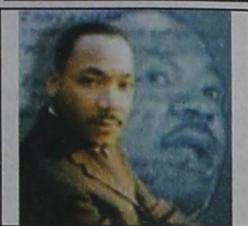




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## Community Meetings

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

\* Chatman Hill Neighborhood Association meets 2nd Thursday of every month at 6:00 pm at Iles Elementary Cafeteria.

ROOTS meets every 2nd Saturday at 2:00 p. m. at 20th & Birch Church of Christ, 2001 Birch Avenue. All Invited.

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

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"Grandmother of 112 children"

## Happy Birthday, "Big Momma"!



Mrs. Lorene 'Big Momma', center, is pictured above with two of her 112 grandchildren: Miss Barbara Draper of Austin, Texas, and Mr. Jeremy Bibbs-Conaway of Mansfield, Texas.

On Thursday, October 2, 2014, the Conaway family celebrated a very important event -- 'Big Momma's' birthday!!!

Mrs. Lorene 'Big Momma' Conaway was blessed to celebrate her 89th birthday. Sister Conaway contributes her long life and good health to God. She has been a very active and loyal member of her church, which she loves, St. Matthew Baptist Church for 40 years.

She loves serving the Lord and worshipping with her brothers and sisters in Christ. Sister Conaway says that when her church is on program out of

town or expected to get back after dark, then she travels with her pastor and wife, the Reverend and Mrs. Edward Canady. There are also times when she goes along with a couple of other sweet sisters from the church, but if it is Sunday morning service, prayer meeting or any meetings that are held during the early evenings, she is proud of the fact she drives herself.

More so, 'Big Momma' is very proud of all of her babies. Mrs. Conaway is the mother of Ms. Ola Draper, Mr. W. J. Byrd, both of Lubbock, Texas, and Mr.

Calvin Hubert (Marie) of Midland, Texas.

Mrs. Conaway also has 27 grandchildren, 55 great grandchildren, and 35 great-great grandchildren, included in this number are three very special honorary grandchildren -- granddaughters Nelda and Melissa Purdy, and grandson Boyd Gibbs which brings 'Big Momma's' total of grandbabies to 112.

When this number was totaled last week, 'Big Momma' just smiled and said: "And I love each and everyone of them!"

## Golfers Who Participated In The T. J. Patterson, Sr. Golf Tournament



Humble, Texas -- Pictured above are some of the golfers relaxing before the Shotgun Start of the 11th Annual T. J. Patterson, Sr. Scholarship Golf Classic on Tuesday morning, September 30, 2014.

This annual classic is spon-

sored by the Texas Association of Black City Council Members, TABCCM.

Patterson, who served on the City of Lubbock City Council for 20 years, was the first Black to serve in this position.

He was also the first Black to

serve as President of the Texas-Municipal League.

Patterson, who was ill for this tournament, did address the group of golfers and sponsors during banquet on that evening.

Patterson was elated over the outcome of the tournament.



L. V. Andrews  
Martin Luther King Prexy

## A Special Invitation From L. V. Andrews MLK Prexy

With three months before the annual celebration of the 2015 Martin Luther King Commemorative Council's effort, L. V. Andrews, president, wants to advise the entire community they are invited to attend this exciting affair. He says, "We need your cooperation as we continue doing what the late Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. would want us to do. This is a personal invitation from me for each of you to attend.

The four days of activities will include the following: Friday evening, January 16th, Annual Banquet; Saturday evening, January 17th, Youth Night; Sunday evening, January 18th, City Wide Services; and Monday evening, January 19th, Gospel Night.

On Page 8 of this issue of the **Southwest Digest** is a form to recognize "Individuals of Distinction" which will be recognized by the MLK Commemorative Council.

"Your support is appreciative in this effort," said Mr. Andrews.

## Blacks and Hispanics Not Getting Hired For Tech Jobs — Even Those With Tech Degrees



Nationwide — A USA Today report says that only 2% of technology workers at seven major tech companies in Silicon Valley are Black, and just 3% are Hispanic. This is so despite the fact that thousands of Black and Hispanic students graduate with computer science and computer engineering degrees every year from the top universities.

### So who is to blame?

The tech companies say the pool of job applicants are insufficient, but Darrick Hamilton, professor of economics and urban policy at The New School in New York, says that doesn't hold up. "If you look at the empirical evidence, that is just not the case," he said.

Ebay, Facebook, Google, Twitter, Yahoo and Apple all declined to comment on the issue, but many of them have released data in the past year showing that they have very few tech workers among their staff. Even LinkedIn says that they are "[addressing] the need for greater diversity."

### So what's the solution?

According to Wired Maga-

zine, tech companies usually only recruit at major universities such as Stanford, UC-Berkeley, Carnegie Mellon, UCLA and MIT. Meanwhile, the elite computer science departments that graduate larger numbers of African-American and Hispanic students get less visits by recruiters. Experts say that the solution is obviously to recruit more at universities where minority students attend and graduate from.

### And why should tech companies care about diversity?

It's simple. If you lose touch with an ethnic group and they start to view you as bias or discriminative, they will stop supporting your brand as customers. That could cost any one of the tech giants billions of dollars in annual revenue if it were to happen.

### Who's making changes?

Google, whose popular search engine is used by millions of African Americans and Hispanics daily, was the first major tech company to admit their lack of diversity. They were also the

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## DOES ALAMEEL AND DEMOCRATIC PARTY WANT THE BLACK VOTE? Texas Publishers Association

Has the African-American community become so loyal to the Democratic Party that politicians the likes of David Alameel and the Texas candidate for the Governor's office feel they no longer need to work to earn our vote? It's a fact since 1932 with the election of Roosevelt, the Democratic Party has consistently garnered more than half of the Black vote. Understandably so, considering who the Republicans have had to offer in the past years and with the emergence of the Tea Party in recent years, the overall party is ever so hostile towards Blacks, people of color, women and every other demographic excluding wealthy white males. But that's no excuse for the continued gross and negligent oversight of the Democratic Party as a whole and its many candidates respecting the

need to earn the Black vote. Perhaps this is why Alameel and the current Texas Democratic candidate for the Governor's Office have yet to answer the call of the Black press to sit and address the Black agenda. They have been happy to sit down and speak to FOX News about issues of importance to the Latino community. They have even made it their business to address local issues affecting the LGBT community in order to receive support.

Alameel even seemed elated to speak with CBS KENS5 News about his plans, if elected to bring back American jobs from Japan and China. He sounded jubilant to talk to Jay St. John and Sergio Mora on AM Radio about his travels "all over the state of Texas" and how much "fun" he has been having.

We know where both candidates stand on immigration reform. We know where they both stand on the economy. We know they are working very hard to gain the support and votes of the Latino community. But why are they deliberately ignoring the Black vote? Is the Black vote not equally as important? Do we not have issues that are pressing? Why are we continually being disregarded when we have a number of media outlets that can ensure the Black communities throughout Texas receive the proper information regarding the platforms of each Democratic candidate who claim to represent ALL of Texas.

Maybe these two Democratic candidates have been ill advised regarding the importance of addressing the Black community collectively and continually. Maybe these two candidates believe that Black people will not mobilize collectively to demand a platform that addresses Black unemployment, police brutality, voter suppression laws and the

host of issues plaguing the Black community.

Considering it was in the heart of the Black community, Oak Cliff (a Dallas Community), where Alameel got his humble beginnings one would think courting the Black vote would be atop Alameel's campaign agenda. However, if he thinks aligning with certain politicians of color is enough to win our support, he has made a gross miscalculation. Black leaders sometimes are well intentioned in their efforts, however it would be wise for them to pay attention to their constituents in their districts. Texas Black Publishers are now requesting a meeting to address and stress the need for Alameel, and other Democratic candidates meet with the Black Press of Texas. It's time to stop being inaccessible to the concerns and questions being asked by the Black Press. It's time to stop being unresponsive to the Black community. We are tired of the symptomatic negligence both candidates and the Democratic Party have continued to display for the Black communities around the Lone Star State.

Do not make the mistake of thinking a select group of Black elected officials speak for the Black community at large and definitely not the Black press. If David Alameel and the candidate for the Governor's Office want our continued support, our endorsements and our vote, then they will have to earn it just as any other viable candidate would. Do not expect us to toe the Party line. These candidates cannot assume that just because their opponents do not like the agendas of our current presidential administration that the Black vote is in the bag. It is no longer a matter of the lesser of two evils.

We look forward to sitting down in the near future.

## Sen. Charles Perry Appointed To Higher Education Committee

Today, Lt. Governor David Dewhurst appointed State Senator Charles Perry to the Senate Committee on Higher Education "It is an honor to be appointed

to the Higher Education Committee by the Lieutenant Governor," said Senator Charles Perry. "In addition to Texas Tech System, the 51-county district is

home to several other highly regarded universities, community colleges and other institutions of higher education. This position will allow me to ensure higher education in our region, big and small, has a strong voice in the Texas Legislature."

On Tuesday, September 30, 2014, Perry was sworn-in as the Senator for District 28. Since that time, his office has been hard at work transitioning, setting up his new office, and preparing for the Legislative Session.

"Due to the early Special Election date, I have been blessed with an extra few months of preparation time that most freshmen senators will not have," continued Perry. "We will use this time to prepare diligently for the upcoming Session."

## Not Getting Hired!

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first 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.

Meanwhile, Apple recently broke headlines by pledging \$100 million to President Obama's ConnectED initiative which aims to bring cutting-edge technologies to schools in low-income areas.



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## Letter to the Editor "In The Spirit of the Klu Klux Klan"

Dear Editor:

Thanks for calling and informing me that my letter to the editor would appear in the **Southwest Digest**.

If this letter offended the NAACP, My Brothers' Keeper, and the 100 Black Men of West Texas, I am more than prepared to hear and rebut their comments.

As I read and pondered on the Avalanche-Journal's account of Timothy Cole's plight, I wondered what role and concerns did the leaders and members of the NAACP and the "drugstore militants" and other unconcerned

citizens express for an innocent Cole who was crucified by Prosecutor Jim Bob Darnell??? I've often been told that a closed mouth will never get fed.

To top it off, probably some of the same closed mouthed leaders, board members on non-functional organizations showed up last week at the unveiling of Cole's statue. Where were you when Jim Bob Darnell and his all white jury railroaded an innocent man??? Shame on you 12 jurors and Jim Bob Darnell and your Klu Klux Klan mentality!!

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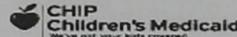
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# In Cinque

By Renetta Howard



August 4, 2014, I wrote an initial article about the Ebola virus and the treatment of the two medical workers whom had been brought to the United States for treatment. Since that time, those two individuals have recovered and another health worker has been brought to the United States for the same treatment and so far it appears that the individual is making progress on recovery.

In spite of the progress, many of us were still tied up in knots by mere virtue of the fact that the infected persons were in this country. It was noted that the health care workers were meticulously transported from Africa to this country making certain that none of the individuals who handled them could be infected. They were kept in isolation for the duration and finally recovered and are now able to speak on television on the subject.

The individuals who recovered spoke about the disease when it was learned that a man on his first trip to the United States from Liberia, had been diagnosed with Ebola. He flew into the United States and passed through customs and other kinds of detectors to fall ill a few days after his arrival in Dallas, Texas. When he first sought medical treatment he was treated for what may have been thought of as a common respiratory illness and lost some of his file information in the process, and when it was discovered that he was infected with Ebola, began to concentrate on charging his with a crime. It was later learned that he had given the required information requested of him. He was put in isolation and his progress has taken a turn for the worst.

Health officials throughout this state, the Center for Disease Control and other states are working to be prepared for an

outbreak of the disease anywhere, but feel that it will be contained in Dallas, Texas as so far, there has been no report of any of the people with whom the infected person came into contact with, having the infection. We pray that this is correct.

We must now admit that globalization has come full circle. We can no longer ignore the fact that what happens in other countries does not concern us. "What has that got to do with the price of tea in China?" If we stop to really think about it and analyze it, we will understand exactly what it has to do with the price of anything everywhere. Modes of transportation, handling of goods, the scarcity of goods or the availability determines the price to you.

For one thing, our President has made sure that supplies and health care workers are in Africa working to help to stop the spread of the disease. Hopefully, some of that help is contained in educating the people of the hazards of touching or handling anything directly, with their hands or any part of an infected person's body or belongings as the disease is **NOT AIRBORNE** like measles and "Flu," but like HIV after touching contact with bodily fluids and blood.

Mayors in Texas cities are sending letters to churches in their cities, asking them to share the available information which they have throughout their e-network about the facts of the disease and the infected individual. **PRAYER IS ENCOURAGED** along with **TRUTH**. Let us get 'in cinque' and pray that Ebola is contained and stopped everywhere it now exists and **HOPE** for a cure.

**REMEMBER YOUR VOTE IS VERY IMPORTANT!!**

## An Open Letter To God's People Concerning Beating Your Children

Proverbs 23:12-14

- 12 Apply thine heart unto instruction, And thine ears to the words of knowledge.
- 13 Withhold not correction from the child: For if thou beatest him with the rod, he shall not die.
- 14 Thou shalt beat him with the rod, And shalt deliver his soul from hell.

St. Matthew 4:1-4:

- 1 Then was Jesus led up of the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil
- 2 And when he had fasted forty days and forty nights, he was afterward a hungred.
- 3 And when the tempter came to him, he said, if thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread.
- 4 But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.

**JESUS, BEING THE SON OF GOD, was tempted by the devil, then you know the devil WILL tempt our Children, it is the Fear of the rod that makes the Child resist the devil and OBEY the Parents.**

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# THIS N' THAT

by T. J. Patterson

**THERE ARE OPPORTUNITIES FOR POSITIVE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN EAST LUBBOCK!! THIS N THAT** would like to know how many of you who reside in **EAST LUBBOCK** who would like to see an **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MOVEMENT** in East Lubbock.... If there are those who feel the same as **THIS N THAT** to just give us some kind of an indication you feel the same.... Now **WE** can't just sit and talk about it. We must **STAND VERTICAL** by coming up with

a program or some programs **WE WILL WORK** to make it become a reality.... Surely there is an answer to what is needed for the **EAST SIDE OF LUBBOCK** but there must be those among us who live in this area of the **CITY OF LUBBOCK** who wants to leave something for our **YOUNG CHILDREN**.... Remember we owe them something left so they will continue to be better things for those coming after them.... **THIS N THAT** knows there are many of you who feel the same. So what in the West Texas

are we waiting for???? Keep in mind **WE CAN'T TAKE NOTHING WITH US** but can't we leave something positive for our **YOUNG PEOPLE**??? Come and let's start this effort....

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## Prejudice Begets Prejudice

By Jeremy Bamidele



Jeremy Bamidele

Race matters. According to longitudinal studies published in the 2010 article, "Racial Disparities in Job Findings and Offered Wages," by Harvard professor Roland G. Fryer, Devah Pager, and Jorg Spenkuch racial discrimination accounts for "at least one third of the black-white wage gap" after accounting for occupational, regional, and skill differences. Race also affects other areas of society: judicial sentencing, social relationships and health care, just to name a

few. However, the mechanism by which race affects has never been fully understood. Even when accounting for other factors, race exhibits a larger effect on outcomes than can be attributed for. Consequently, the effect of race appears to be statistically less than expected, even as outcomes exhibit a bloated effect.

This can suggest that there are other factors that are tied to race that are biasing data, while this may in fact be true, another likely albeit far more provocative explanation, is that the effects of race are magnified by society itself.

In the book, *Micromotives, Macrobehavior*, by Nobel Memorial Prize recipient Thomas Schelling, Schelling describes a relatable occurrence -- an accident on the freeway. Predictably, traffic stalls dramatically as cars switch lanes from the now impeded roadway. In addition, the unobstructed lanes opposing traffic become stalled by about fifty percent.

There is no physical obstruction that can account for the stall in opposing lanes. People in the opposing lanes, with a view of

the accident, are momentarily stopping to look. This short stop is multiplied by many people thereby causing the long stall.

This analogy is helpful when looking at the effects that racism has on society. Small acts of prejudice are mimicked by multitudes leading to dramatic effects that are not directly discernible when looking at racial biases on a singular level.

What makes such a theory more convincing, is the academic article, "The Influence of Delinquent Peers: What They Think or What They Do?" by Mark Warr and Mark Stafford. The researchers found that the behaviors of those around a person not only affects their behavior indirectly by changing their attitudes and in turn their behavior, but also has a direct effect wherein the actions of those who surround an individual directly affect a person's behavior, without regard to a change in attitudes. This behavior can be characterized as unconscious mimicry.

Since the influence is unconscious, it is often denied in retrospect. Consequently, prejudicial behavior encourages

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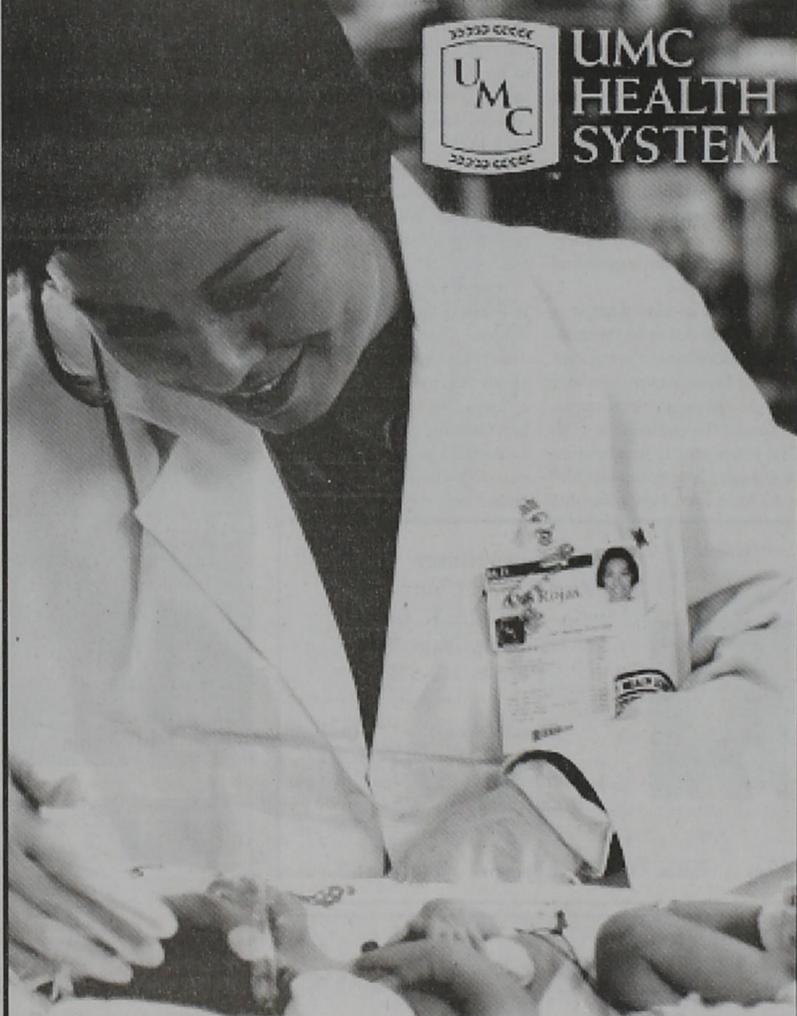
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# We Thank God for Jesus

"Lies On God: Told By Job"

Written by Evangelist Billy "BJ" Morrison, III

**John 10:10** -- Jesus said, the thief came to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.

We need to **STUDY THE WORD OF GOD**, and stop saying: **WHAT JOB SAYS: STUDY YOUR BIBLE; GOD GIVES, AND THE DEVIL TAKES IT AWAY!!!**

**(OH HOW IT GRIEVES MY SPIRIT -- to hear PREACHERS AT FUNERALS, TELL THAT SAME LIE -- THE LORD GIVETH, AND THE LORD TAKE IT AWAY!!!)**

**\*\*\* WILL A PREACHER ROB GOD??? -- YES, THEY DO; JUST LIKE JOB DID!!!**

**"JOB LIES ON GOD" -- Job 1:21b.** The Lord gave, and the Lord has taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord --- **IT WAS THE DEVIL THAT TOOK IT AWAY!!!**

In **Job 1:8 -- HE WAS A PERFECT AND UP RIGHT MAN.** Then **HE OPENED HIS MOUTH; AND HIS LIPS MOVED; THEN THE LIES BEGUN!!!**

**(GOD gave US a good Healthy BODY; it was the DEVIL who told US TO DRINK, THEN GIVES LIVER DAMAGE, SMOKING LUNG DAMAGE, SEX-**

**UAL SINS - COMES -- AIDS!!!)**

The second sin **JOB**, he said, shall we **RECEIVE GOOD FROM AND NOT EVIL.** He even spoke of **GOD BEING THE ONE WHO SENDS SOULS TO HELL!!!**

**Job 2:10b** --- Shall receive good at the hand of God, and shall we not receive evil? (Jesus said, in Mark 3:23-24, How can Satan cast out Satan? And if a kingdom be divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand.

Job was a **FOOL**; for he **CURSED THE DAY OF HIS BIRTH. THAT WAS A DAY THAT THE LORD HAD MADE; AND BLESSED IS ALL THE EARTH!!!** When your **CAR STOPS**, you **CURSE THE CAR; IT'S NOT THE CAR, BUT ITS MAKER.**

**Job 3:1** -- Job opened his mouth, and cursed his day --- **Psalms 118:24.** This is the day which the Lord has made; we will rejoice and be glad in it.

**(JOB LIED and said, I GO TO THE WEST, LOOKING FOR GOD, TO THE NORTH, TO THE EAST, THE SOUTH, GOD IS HIDING FROM ME.) GOD IS OMnipRESENT!!!** The Children of Isreal **DISOBEYED GOD, AND GOD ALLOWED A SPANKING ON JOB!!!**

(Some of Job's 74 LIES: God

hedges me in, his arrow poison me, God scares me with dreams, God marks me, God fills me with bitterness, God gives the earth to the wicked, God hides his face from me, God gnashes on me with his teeth, he hates me.)

Job used over 200 times the word **I**; to make himself look **GOOD. GOD TOOK HIM TO THE WOODSHED; AND HUMBLED HIM; AS HE SHOULD!!!**

**Job 42:1, 6** -- Job answered the Lord, and said: Wherefore I abhor myself, and repent in dust and ashes.

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### The Thing I Miss Most About Summer

Dr. James L. Snyder

Summer is over and winter is beginning to give us her cold shoulder. The only way I can really handle winter is the hope of summer coming again in all her warm embraces. I can only take the shivers for so long.

In our home, there is a divide over the subject. The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage lives for winter and I live for summer. How two people who can be so opposite and still live together harmoniously is one of the mysteries of matrimonial bliss. I endure her complaining about how hot it is during the summer and she somehow endures my shivering throughout the winter. And boy, do I shiver.

I am not so sure what it is about winter that is so fascinating for her. Maybe it is because she gets to wear more clothing than she can during the summer. Or, maybe she just likes the cold. That is not exactly true because once I gave her a cold shoulder and I have been paying for that

ever since. She does have that cold stare when I am.

Maybe she likes winter because in the middle of winter is Christmas. If anybody loves Christmas, it is my wife. She begins her Christmas planning in January and knows exactly what she is going to buy throughout the year. I think it has something to do with when things go on sale or something like that. Personally, and do not let this get back to her, I think it is just an excuse to go shopping. I will not say she is a Shopaholic, but give her a coupon and she is off to the mall. You did not hear it from me.

Also during the winter season is Thanksgiving where my wife outdoes herself in making Thanksgiving dinner for all the family. She makes enough for an army and out of deep respect for her, I eat like an army. Actually, I eat until I hear that little whisper from the other end of the table, "Don't you think you have

had enough?" What she does not understand is, when I am eating I am not thinking.

As for me, I enjoy summer and all the laziness associated with summertime. All those lazy, crazy days of summer were designed for people just like me. When it comes to lazy and crazy, I am the expert.

I can remember years ago when I was doing something and my wife thought it was a little out of line, she would say, "Are you acting crazy?"

She does not say that anymore because she has concluded, and rightly so, that I am not an actor. If I were acting, she is sure I would get an Oscar.

However, something about summer makes a person slow down a little bit and not be in

such a hurry. One of my excuses is that it is too hot to do anything today. I love that excuse because my wife always agrees. I cannot use that excuse in winter for obvious reasons. According to her, an activity will warm me up. I have never warmed up to that idea.

I like summer because there are so many fun opportunities to get together with family. Every summer we go and spend a week with my son and his family, which is one of the highlights of the summer. I only have one week out of the year to spoil his children so I try to make the best of it.

If I had the ability to manipulate seasons, I would make sure that 11 months out of the year it would be summer. I would have

to give one month to my wife for winter, but I would only give her one month. That is about all I can handle. Summer is a time to enjoy the nature God has created. It is wonderful to see green grass and green leaves on the trees and watching blossoms turn into full-fledged flowers.

What could be better than sitting on the back porch with a tall glass of iced lemonade watching the sunset? I love hearing the crickets in full concert and that only happens during the summer. Here in Florida we have little frogs that think they are crickets and chime in adding their voice to the evening music.

Did I mention picnics? What would summer be without a picnic? In my mind, a picnic is an excuse to overindulge in the fine art of stuffing yourself. The picnic is a little different so that somebody cannot query me with, "Don't you think you've had enough?" The "Food Whisperer" is not allowed at picnics. After all, at a church picnic it is imperative that I sample

every dish brought to the picnic. I do not want to leave anybody out on this. The picnic is the time to let down your hair, if you have any, and just enjoy food and fellowship.

It amazes me how fast time flies when you are not paying attention. King Solomon understood this when he wrote, "To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven" (Ecclesiastes 3:1).

One man's winter is another man's summer and the joy of life is learning to appreciate what you may not really like.

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# Obsequies

## Pa'Jane A. Bates

Funeral services were held for Little Miss Pa'Jane A. Bates on Wednesday afternoon, October 1, 2014, at Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church, with Pastor Johnny Barnes of St. James Baptist Church giving the eulogy.

Rev. Darrell Willie is the proud pastor.

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

Bates, age 1, of Lubbock, Texas, passed away on Tuesday, September 23, 2014.

Pa'Jane was born on July 11, 2013, to the parentage of Korine Ole Bates and Cynthia Jynae Henderson.

Pa'Jane was a precious and heavenly gift whose life here was extremely short. We thank God for blessing us with her presence, even for such a short time.

Pa'Jane was preceded in death by: her sister, Alexis Lynshae Bates; great-grandmothers,



Ladie Rickson and Claudia Richardson; grandfather, Ruben Gardner.

She leaves to cherish her memories: her parents, Korine Bates and Cynthia Henderson; sisters, Ranesha Lasha Moore, Karina, Kaynessa and Tylia Bates; brothers, Desmond Treshun Bates and Javane James Moore; and a host of other relatives and friends.

**God Is Good All The Time! And All The Time God Is Good!**

## Donald Ray Robinson

Slaton, Texas -- Funeral services for Donald Ray Robinson were held on Saturday afternoon, October 4, 2014, at Mt. Olive Baptist Church, Slaton, Texas, with Rev. C. C. Peoples, pastor, officiating.

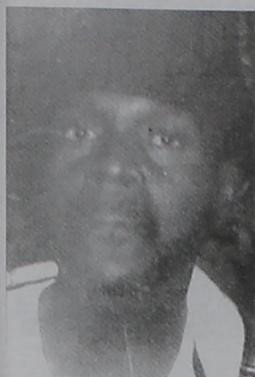
Interment followed in the Englewood Cemetery under the direction of Griffin Mortuary & Funeral Home of Lubbock.

Robinson, 55, of Slaton, Texas, passed away on Tuesday, September 30, 2014.

Donald was born on October 31, 1958, in Lubbock, Texas, to the parentage of Zenobia and Frankie Robinson.

Don attended Slaton Public Schools where he played and excelled in baseball and basketball. Don later received his G.E.D. in 2002.

He also played drums for Golden Voices. Donald was an exceptional musician and vocalist, who was also skilled at playing keyboard and singing. Donald gave his life to Christ in 2013 at Triumph Baptist Church and was committed to serving the Lord until his passing. Donald enjoyed spending time with his family and close friends. All those who had the opportunity to know him will truly miss him.



He was preceded in death by: his parents; one brother, Sylvester Robinson; two sisters, Evelyn McDaniel and Martha Kay Gilbert; grandparents, aunts, uncles and nieces.

He leaves to cherish his memories: his wife, Adrian Williams Robinson; one daughter, Denise Marley (Bob); one stepson, Noah; two grandkids, Brittany and Nathan; five sisters, Shirley Mask, Christine Robinson, Rita Knighten (Charlie), Coretta Wilborn (Joe), Cynthia Robinson (Darrell); one brother, Johnny Robinson (Wanda); one sister-in-law, Ruby Nell Robinson; four aunts; two uncles; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

## Opal Mildred Clayton McCarty

Littlefield, Texas -- Funeral services were held for Opal Mildred Clayton McCarty on Wednesday afternoon, October 1, 2014, at Peace Deliverance Church in Littlefield.

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

Clayton, 83, of Littlefield, Texas passed away on Friday, September 26, 2014.

Opal was born on March 22, 1931, to the parentage of Mary and Shannon Clayton, Sr. She grew up and attended school in Ft. Worth, Texas.

Later, she met and married her soul mate, John D. McCarty on February 16, 1960, in Cleburne, Texas. They relocated to Littlefield in the early 60's and soon after opened McCarty Funeral Home on April 15, 1960.

Opal was a member of Ford Temple C.O.G.I.C. under the pastoral leadership of Elders: Ford, Diggs and R.L. Caro. She was led by God to start her ministry at Peace Deliverance Church where she was pastoral



leader for several years.

Opal was preceded in death by her parents; four brothers; and two sisters.

She leaves to cherish her memories: her husband, John D. McCarty; one brother, Walter Clayton; a sister, Arletha Sanders; two daughters, Mary Browne and Midge Vincent; a son, Hubert Miller; five grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; two goddaughters; and a host of other relatives and friends.

## Mary Louise Bagby

Funeral services for Mary Louise "Tootsie" Bagby were held Saturday morning, October 11, 2014, at Community Baptist Church with Rev. Larry Brooks, pastor, officiating.

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

Bagby, age 74, passed away on Thursday, October 2, 2014.

She was born on March 24, 1940 in Clarksville, Texas to the parentage of Katherine and Jack Smith. She grew up in River County.

Mary married Joel Bagby on June 18, 1955.

Upon relocating to Lubbock, Mary sought employment with Texas Instruments and served for 22 years before retiring in 1997.

Mary enjoyed traveling and cherished her experiences of visiting Hawaii and Alaska. She



loved to explore wildlife, native customs, and the wonderful weather. Mary enjoyed cooking and baking for her family and friends during the holidays. She was very loving, funny, and outgoing, and will be greatly missed by all those who knew her.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Joel Bagby; one daughter, Mary Ellen Bagby; a sister, Emma Jean Smith; two brothers, Walter Smith and Eugene Smith.

She leaves to cherish her memories: her step-mother, Mary Smith; daughter, Mary Lou Bagby, and son, Daniel Bagby; sisters: Thelma Rosser, Oneda Smith, Novella Smith, and Veleta Smith; godson, Jerry Gray; goddaughter, Rita Gray; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

step-father, Johnny Johnson; grandparents, Emma Freeman and Napoleon Freeman; brother, Richard Earl Jackson; and aunt, Erma Jean Steward.

He leaves to cherish his memories: his mother, Joyce Johnson; father, Johnny Richard McKenzie; sisters, Carla Johnson and Syreeta Taylor; brothers: Danny McKenzie, Michael McKenzie (Pam), Johnny McKenzie, Iris Wade (Traci), Peel Kenneth Johnson (Tajuana), Keno Kevin McKenzie (Jackie), Moe Jeffrey Whitfield, Pappy Johnson Taylor, **Continue on Page 9**

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## Oleta Louise Thomas

Funeral services for Oleta Louise Thomas were held Saturday afternoon, October 11, 2014, at St. James Baptist Church, with Rev. Johnny Barnes, pastor, officiating.

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

Thomas passed away on Saturday, October 4, 2014.

Oleta was born in Paris, Texas, to the parentage of Willard Sanders and Lillie Dillard Sanders.

Oleta was the oldest of 11 children. She attended high school in Paris and was raised with strong family values.

Louise relocated to Lubbock, Texas. She joined Billy Charles Thomas in holy matrimony and together they raised 10 children. She believed in family and stayed strong to her faith in the Lord. With a full, loving heart, she devoted her time, energy and patience to helping her family and others. Her life will be missed, but her legacy will live forever.

She was preceded in death by: her mother and father, Willard and Lillie Sanders; her husband, Billy Charles Thomas; one sister, Martha Sanders; and two brothers, Roy Gene Sanders and Otis Earl Sanders.

She leaves to cherish her memories: one daughter, Lillie Mae Humphrey (Donnie); sons, James Harold Sanders (Marie), Willie Humphrey Jr. (Margaret), Billy Ray Humphrey, Robert Charles Humphrey (Pearl), Charles Ray Thomas, Dennis E. Thomas (Rochelle), O.T. Thomas (Audrey) and Calvin



Deshawn Thomas; sisters, Willie Mae Mullins, Ambry Shepherd, Stirla Sanders, Mary Sanders and Lynda Drones; brothers, Burnett Sanders, Robert Sanders and Roy Sanders; 44 grandchildren; 36 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

## Bruce Edward Freeman

The funeral services for Bruce Edward Freeman were held Saturday afternoon, October 11, 2014, at Oakwood Baptist Church.

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

Freeman, age 51 of Lubbock, passed away Wednesday, October 1, 2014.



Bruce was born on January 17, 1973 to the parentage of Joyce (Freeman) Johnson and Johnny Richard McKenzie.

Bruce graduated from Lubbock High School in 1982. Deaf at a young age, Bruce continued to excel and never allowed it to negatively impact his life. He attended Oakwood Baptist Church for the deaf. Bruce had Interstitial Lung Disease that prevented him from doing many things, but his love for the Cowboys and Estacado football always brought him joy. All those who knew him will truly miss him. He preceded in death by his

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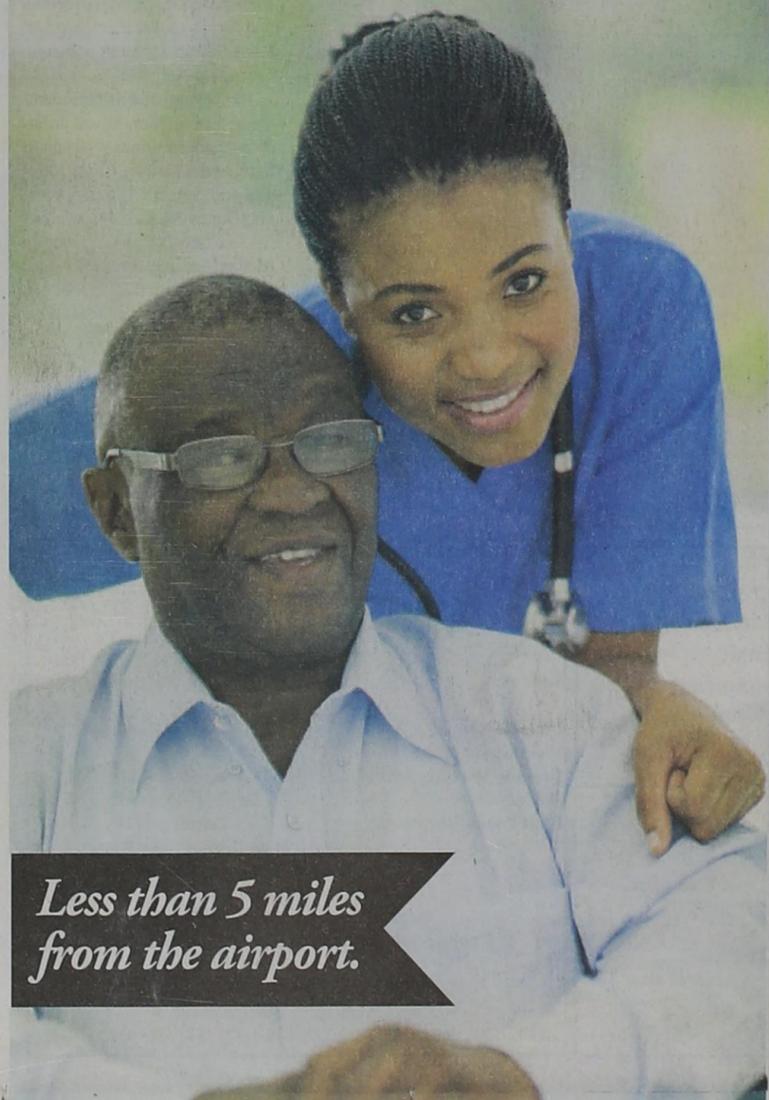
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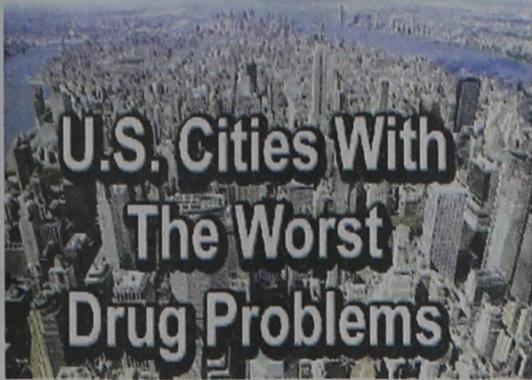
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## What U.S. Cities Have The Worst Drug Problems?



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An example is Missoula, Montana, a beautiful western state surrounded by national forests with a population of around 67,000. According to a survey by the Substance Abuse & Mental Health Services Administration, this city had the highest rate of illicit drug use with 13.8 percent usage per household polled. They also have a huge methamphetamine problem with 50 percent of adult incarcerations due to meth.

Just north of Santa Fe, New Mexico is a little town called Española with a population of about 10,000. This little town ranks among the top ten in the nation for drug overdoses. They have 42.5 drug-related deaths per 100,000, compared with the national average of 7.3. In Washington, D.C., the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration reports that cocaine and crack are D.C.'s worst drug problems with the second ward having the

highest rate of cocaine use of any area polled in the nation.

Chicago, New York and Boston have the highest heroin-related hospital admissions in the country, and Baltimore and San Francisco have the highest numbers of heroin addicts and heroin-related crime of any cities in the nation, according to the DEA. New Orleans has one of the highest crack problems which has also led to their leading the nation in murder--95 per 100,000 people--that are known to be directly related to drugs.

Columbus, Ohio, rated by Forbes as #29 in the Top 50 Safest Cities to Live, in 2011 reached an all-time high in drug overdose deaths with 1,765 deaths. According to The Columbus Dispatch, one Ohioan died every five hours that year from a drug over-dose. In fact, since 1999, Columbus' drug overdose deaths have increased 440 percent. The drug problems appear to be pain killers such as OxyContin. From 1997 to 2010, prescriptions for OxyContin increased from 7 to 67 during this period, as reported by the Columbus Dispatch newspaper.

## Groups Needed for Trick or Treat Street at Safety City

Trick or Treat Street is a night packed with delicious fun! Round up your fairies, superheroes and littlest goblins for this safe and friendly trick-or-treating extravaganza hosted by Safety City on Friday, October 24, 2014, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Children and parents will parade around the kid-sized streets walking from one child-sized building to the next collecting treats and goodies.

How can you help? We are looking for area businesses, churches, and youth organizations to host one of the buildings for Trick or Treat Street. For more information or to sign up to host a building, contact 767-2712 or email [bfrietag@mylubbock.us](mailto:bfrietag@mylubbock.us) or [kyandell@mylubbock.us](mailto:kyandell@mylubbock.us)!

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**You make known to me the path of life; in Your presence there is fullness of joy; at Your right hand are pleasures evermore. Psalm 16:11**

## The 7 Deadly Diseases That Kill African Americans More Than Other Races



There are many reasons why certain diseases kill more African Americans than white Americans. But not all reasons are the same. Some are due to genetics, while others are related to socioeconomic factors, where African Americans live, access to health care, and lifestyle. Regardless of the reasons, the statistics show that these are the 7 most deadly diseases for African Americans.

According to research by WebMD, an online web site that provides valuable health information and tools for managing your health, these are the 7 most deadly diseases that kill most African Americans:

1. Diabetes - is 60 percent more common among blacks than whites, with 2.5 greater chances of having a limb amputated due to diabetes, and up to 5.6 times more likely to end up with kidney disease related to diabetes.
2. Asthma - Blacks are three times more likely than whites to die from asthma.
3. Sarcoidosis - Sarcoidosis is the growth of tiny collections of inflammatory cells in different parts of your body, most commonly the lungs, lymph

nodes, eyes and skin. According to the Mayo Clinic, African-Americans have a higher incidence of sarcoidosis than do white Americans. Also, sarcoidosis may be more severe and may be more likely to recur and cause lung problems in African-Americans.

4. Lung cancer - Black men are 50 percent more likely than white men to get lung cancer, even though they have a lower use of tobacco products.

5. Strokes - strokes are four times more likely to kill blacks age 35-54. Blacks also have almost twice the risk for being first-time stroke victims.

6. High blood pressure - Blacks not only develop high blood pressure earlier in life but also develop higher levels of high blood pressure. According to the Mayo Clinic, blacks also have more serious complications, such as stroke, heart attack, and kidney failure.

7. Cancer - Black men have a 40 percent higher cancer death rate than white men, and black women have a 20 percent higher cancer death rate than white women.

More and more research is now

being done, and much more needs to be done, to address and treat the many health disparities that affect African Americans.

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Researchers at Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis discovered that the oxygen levels in the eyes of African Americans with glaucoma and/or cataracts are significantly higher than those of whites.

**What they suspect might be the cause**  
Higher oxygen levels in the

eyes can prevent the eyes from draining properly. This will increase pressure in the eyes, and higher pressure on the optic nerve can lead to blindness. Although the study did not initially target African Americans, the difference in oxygen levels was so significant that it warranted further investigation.

**Next steps in research**  
The discovery led to a four-year grant from the National Eye Institute to further investigate the association of increased oxygen levels in the eyes with increased risk of glaucoma and blindness. According to researchers in the study, glaucoma is about six times more common in African-Americans, and blindness caused by glaucoma is 16 times more likely to occur in

African-Americans than in whites.

As study author Carla J. Siegfried, MD explained, "When we understand the underlying reason for elevated oxygen and how it may damage the eye, we will be in a better position to develop ways to prevent this disease."

To read more about the study, visit [news.wustl.edu/news/Pages/22490.aspx](http://news.wustl.edu/news/Pages/22490.aspx)

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## AZ Teacher Fired After Defending Student From Racist Bullies

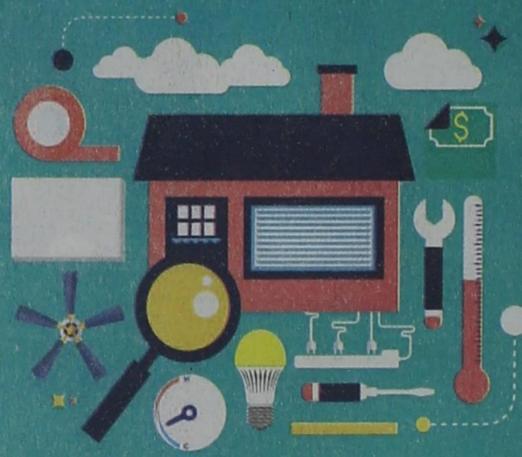
Pam Aister (pictured), an Arizona teacher, was fired for defending a Black student against racist bullies, CBS5 reports.

The incident happened this past May at Four Peaks Elementary School. Fourth-grade teacher Aister noticed the student being harassed by five boys who'd targeted him before. The boys had reportedly been calling 9-year-old Malachi Gillis,



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"monkey," crackhead," and said, "You belong to a zoo."

In response, Aister reported told the boys, "He is not alone. When you pick on him, you pick on me. It is not five to one anymore. It is five to two. There will be no more taunting, teasing, and racial names called. That is not acceptable here; do you understand?"

Per a report by a district-appointed hearing officer, a Mother of one of the bullies complained, saying she found Aister's actions threatening. That officer recommended Aister's firing, partially because she allegedly wouldn't take responsibility for her conduct. The board agreed and terminated Aister during a special meeting last week, voting 4-1.

Dr. C. T. Wright, the lone dissenter in the group, said Aister's punishment was too much especially giving her 25 years of excellent service in the district.

Others who came to the meeting in support of Aister were upset by the decision. "Even if mistakes were made, it sends the wrong message to the student body, to the other parents -- that a group of Moms can get together and get the school board on their side to bully a teacher," said Drew Coleman.

Others supported the firing. "In this instance, these parents, everyone knowing what they know about her (Aister's) reputation and knowing there was actual proof and knowing there was more than one witness - felt that this were their opportunity to finally bring to the light the way that she treats certain children," said Nicole Pedrkins who has children at the school that didn't have Aister as a teacher.

But Gillis' mother was angry at the decision.

"That makes beyond mad because why is she being fired  
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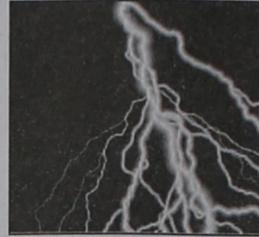
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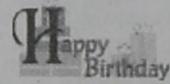


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## Comer Cotrell, Who 'Democratized' The Jheri Curl, Dead at 82

Comer Cotrell (pictured), who turned a dollar into a dream by creating one of the largest African-American hair care products companies in America, Pro-Line, has passed away at age 82 from natural causes, according to the Los Angeles Times.

The entrepreneurial Cotrell had \$600 and a broken typewriter when he launched his Pro-Line Corp. in Los Angeles 44 years ago. The company soon exploded in 1980 because of its one touted draw, the Curly Kit, which helped to give kinky hair

a curl. As Curly Kit took off, Cotrell pulled up the company's stakes and relocated to Dallas to lower operating costs and be closer to Pro-Line's largest market. Soon he was licensing Pro-Line products in African countries, the Caribbean, and even parts of Asia.

Often poked fun at over the years, those who wore the Jheri curl were required to apply an activator and moisturizers on a daily basis that oftentimes made the hair appear shiny, greasy, and drippy. The hair had to stay wet so that the curls would not



Comer Cotrell

dry out. The drippings would oftentimes stain clothing, run down faces, and was a messy process to keep up.

Many celebs popularized the Jheri curl, including Lionel Ritchie, Michael Jackson, Rick James, Nick Ashford, Easy-E, and Eriq LaSalle. "You couldn't find a Black person in America in their 30s or 40s who didn't have a Curly Kit or Kiddie Kit at some time in their childhood or adulthood," said Lori L. Tharps, co-author of "Hair Story: Untangling the Roots of Black Hair in America." "Everybody had a story — about a Curly Kit gone wrong or an addiction to Curly Kit. Comer and his company made this very elite style something the masses could have," according to Tharps.

By the mid-'80s, however, the

style had pretty much fallen by the wayside, but there were still those die-hards who refused to let the drippy style go.

As man who was known to have "democratized the Jheri curl," Cotrell's company soon made its first million only three years after it opened its doors. In 1988, the company became the largest African-American-owned firm in the Southwest.

Cotrell was known as a humanitarian as well who was always pushing for more minority involvement in professional sports management. He oftentimes gave monies toward creating educational opportunities in Black communities, such as donating \$3 million to preserve the Dallas campus of a bankrupt his-

torically black college as the new home of Paul Quinn College.

Having walked down the aisle four times, Cotrell is survived by his present wife, a daughter, four sons, nine grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

Besides being in the hair care business, the Mobile, Alabama-born Cotrell was also the first

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### Bruce Freeman

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Winston Caraway, JoJo Caraway and Richard Dale McKenzie; grandmother, Id a Mae Know; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

### Letter to Editor

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To further this thought on the Klan Americans (some) citizens nationwide, in the spirit of the KKK, have joined in an effort to raise funds for the defense of Darren Wilson, the officer responsible for the killing of Michael Brown.

The same scenario arose during the Trayvon Martin/George Zimmerman incident. Those of us who dare believe that racism in America is subsiding in America are dead wrong. In the spirit of the KKK, several states have passed liberal gun laws, which permits individuals to carry firearms on their persons. Any confrontation with a black male or female gives them the excuse to draw their weapon and shoot to kill based on "shoot to kill" based on self defense" and "I feared for my life."

The same homicidal privilege does not apply to African

Americans. Meantime, there are efforts in most black neighborhoods to have black men turn in their guns in the interest of neighborhood safety. Armed white citizens will have the advantage of shooting unarmed black men and women with the popular theory that the black men or women are dangerous.

Since the election of President Barack Obama, the racist tendencies of the hardcore anti-black community have reached new heights. Opposition to his presence by the Republican Party, in the spirit of the KKK, goes beyond politics, it is plain racism.

Republican judges like Jim Darnell border on the edge of racism. His role in the Tim Cole's case is surely the KKK of West Texas and probably earned him a black robe and a white robe. Let me be perfectly clear, "white" Americans with the help

of "other" voters elected Barack Obama to the office. That indicates that there is a small faction of die hard racists in America, including members of the United States Congress that is working to discredit and reverse the gains made in race relations since the Civil Rights activity in the 1960's. It is safe to say that this small faction of racial terrorists are working in the spirit of the Klu Klux Klan.

In the decades of the 50's and 60's, the "KKK's" name was used by many independent local groups in Lubbock opposing the Civil Rights Movement and desegregation. During this period, anti-civil rights activists often forged alliances with Southern police departments, as in Alabama, Texas or governors' offices.

**Maurice Williams**  
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for something she is supposed to do?" Jennifer Gillis asked. "She's supposed to be standing up for the students. They didn't like it, so it turned into her threatening the kids because she stood up for this one Black child in her class."

CBS5 tried getting comment from the board members, but they quickly departed after the meeting.

Of course, this shouldn't come as a surprise in the same state that passed the racist SB 1070 into law.

### Prejudice Begets Prejudice

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prejudicial behavior which in turn leads to a larger than expected effect; meanwhile, the motives for such behavior remain subconscious and therefore deniable.

If in fact socialization magnifies biases in behavior, then one would expect for racial biases to be under-accounted for when perceiving racism to result from a singular human source.

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## Funeral Services Were Held For David Roy Lewis On Monday

Funeral services were held for David Roy Lewis, a longtime resident of Lubbock, on Monday morning, October 13, 2014, at the Greater St. James Baptist Church with Rev. Johnny L. Barnes, pastor, officiating.

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

Pallbearers were LaCarl Richardson, Kerry Larry, Bernard Richardson, Larry Alexander, Dale Richardson, and Ronnie Martin.

Honorary pallbearers were Sammy McKnight, Joe Henry Eddins, R. J. Givens, Zollie B. White, Larry Chase, and Joey Eddins.

Mr. Lewis passed away on Saturday, October 4, 2014.

He was born September 4, 1932 in Marlin, Texas.

He graduated from Dunbar High School in 1950. David served in the United States Marine Corps from March 3, 1952 until March 10, 1955.

Mr. Lewis was a combat vet-

## Mrs. Lila Griffin Passes Last Week

The Southwest Digest received word from a former co-worker, that Mrs. Lila Huntsman Griffin passed away. She was a Jarvis Christian College Alumna; former Instructor at Dunbar High School where she taught English.

She was the mother of Louis George; Christopher; and Chester.

Mrs. Griffin was a longtime member of Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church in Lubbock, Texas.

A memorial service will be in Atlanta, GA. on Saturday, October 18, 2014.

Our thought and prayers are with family and friends.

This information was made possible by Dr. Charles Henry.



eran in during the Korean War. He received the Korean Service Medal, United Nations Service Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Korean PUC, and Good Conduct Medal during his duty.

He was also in the Marine Corps Reserve until 1960.

He is preceded in death by his mother and father, Samantha McKnight and Monroe Lewis.

He is survived by his three sons: Valton Lewis and Gerald Lewis, both of Lubbock, Texas and Darryl R. Lewis of Stockton, California; three sisters: Lola Barlow and Joanne Hearn, both of Los Angeles, California, and Frances Eddins of Lubbock, Texas; and a brother, Sammy McKnight of Lubbock, Texas.

Mr. Lewis was a grandfather, great-grandfather, and an uncle.

## The gray divorcee

Harry Bidwell of East Sussex, U.K. set the record for the oldest individual to win a divorce from his wife in 1980. He was 101 years old; his wife was 65. A classic example of incompatibility, quipped the Association of Mature American Citizens.

But, according to AMAC, the perhaps oddest case of divorce among the nonagenarian-plus set was that of a Roman couple identified only as Antonio C. and Rosa C. by the Italian courts. It happened in 2011 after Antonio discovered love letters Rosa had written to her lover more than three score years earlier.

Notwithstanding their ages, their nearly 80 years of marriage, their five children, one dozen grandchildren and one great-grand child ages and their ages - he was 99 and she was 96 - Antonio could not forgive Rosa's infidelity.

"It must have been an affair too hot to cool down if she kept those letters for all those years," commented one wag.

## Cotrell Dies

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African American to own a stake in a major league baseball team, when he joined former President George W. Bush and other investors in purchasing the Texas Rangers.

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