



Southwest Digest



Independence Day July 4th

On July 4, 1776, we claimed our independence from Britain and Democracy was born. Every day thousands leave their homeland to come to the "land of the free and the home of the brave" so they can begin their American Dream.

The United States is truly a diverse nation made up of dynamic people. Each year on July 4, Americans celebrate that freedom and independence with barbecues, picnics, and family gatherings. Through the Internet we are

learning about and communicating with people of different nations, with different languages and different races throughout the world. Bringing the world closer with understanding and knowledge can only benefit all na-

tions. We invite all nations to celebrate with Americans online this Fourth of July.

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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.

CITIS (Creating Inspirational Thoughts in Singles) meets 2nd & 4th Thursday at 2404 23rd near Avenue X at 7:00 pm

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Juneteenth Family Reunion Brings About Much History During Celebration



Eight Lubbock citizens were honored as Trend Setters and Trail Blazers at the 2014 Juneteenth Family Reunion, with the theme "Communities Connected Thru Families, at the Annual Reception on Thursday evening, June 19, 2014.

Those receiving awards were,

from left to right: Quincy White, Trail Blazer; Sarah Harris, Trend Setter; Rosa Hankson, Trend Setter; Linda Davis, Trend Setter; Richard Baumgartner, Trail Blazer; and Rev. Mark Culver, Trail Blazer.

Not pictured are Jean Richardson, Trend Setter, and Chris

Chambers, Trail Blazer.

Serving as Mistress of Ceremony was Latrice Godfrey, President of the Unified Juneteenth Committee.

Ms. Godfrey gave history of what the Juneteenth Celebration is all about. She thanked everyone for being in attendance.

State Historical Marker Dedication Set At Mary & Mac

The public is invited to attend the unveiling of a State Historical Marker at the former Mary & Mac Private School, located at 902 East 28th Street in Lubbock. The unveiling ceremony will take place on Friday, July 11, 2014 at 5:00 p.m. The event is sponsored by the Lubbock County Historical Commission, in cooperation with the Dunbar Alumni Association.

Mary & Mac Private School

was founded by Lucille "Sugar" Graves in 1954 as a pre-school at the New Hope Baptist Church. Enrollment increased, new courses, classes, and activities were offered, and as a result, many students were able to receive their high school diploma from Mary & Mac School.

With the help of the PTA, Dr. Graves and her husband, Caesar Graves, raised sufficient funds to

construct a new school facility at the site of the marker unveiling. Dr. Graves was the first African-American accepted to Texas Technological College. Dr. Grave's nephew, T.J. Patterson, Sr., a graduate of Bishop College, came to Lubbock in 1958 and began teaching at the school. The school closed in the 1990's, after having a profound influence on the lives and edu-

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Lubbock Storyteller, Eric Strong Wins Jefferson Award for Public Service



Lubbock storyteller, Eric Strong recently received the Jefferson Awards for Public Service's Unsung Hero Award. The 42nd Annual Jefferson Award National Ceremony was held in Washington DC. Lubbock's KAMC TV, for giving more than twenty-five years of service as a

storyteller, mentor to at-risk students, and a community advocate for arts and culture, nominated Strong. The three-day event is designed to offer encouragement.

Above Strong is congratulated by former US Congresswoman, Gabrielle Giffords, this

year's recipient of the Jefferson Service Awards' for Greatest by an Elected or Appointed Official. Strong shared info about his award winning anti gun violence story, Newtown Crayons with Congresswoman Giffords and her husband, former astronaut and Space Shuttle Commander,

Mark Kelly.

During his acceptance remarks, Strong shared a story about how East Lubbock is a community bound for greatness. Later commenting, "Being here surrounded by so many great people, is like being a little peanut on a truckload full of wa-

termelons."

Also above, is a photo of San Antonio Mayor, Julian Castro, who took time from his Confirmation Hearings for Housing Secretary to congratulate several of this year's Jefferson Awards' recipients.

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Clowns Win First Place In 2014 Juneteenth Parade

For those of you who have been asking about the Clowns who participated in the 2014 Juneteenth Parade:

Those ladies are shown from left to right: Shelia Renee Patterson Harris, Lois "Pumpkin" Pearson, Leslie "Rabbit" Lawson, and Effie Nelson.

These ladies won first place in the Juneteenth Parade.

Each of them will tell you it was quite an experience, and one which they will never forget. So when you see them out of their clown attire, let them know you enjoyed what they did. Encourage them to continue their presentation as a Clown.

Each will tell you the children really enjoyed them as well as the older children. You know those 50 years and older!



What A Wonderful Time, We Had!



Kyana and Kyera Titus, twin sisters, of Arlington, Texas, are shown enjoying events of Juneteenth Gospel Stage on Sunday evening, June 23, 2014, at Mae Simmons Park. They also enjoyed the Federation of Choirs at Lyons Chapel Baptist Church earlier in the day. They are granddaughters of Ms. Gwen Titus.

Lubbock MSA Adds 900 New Jobs in May

Leisure and Hospitality Industry leads month Jobs in May and annual job growth

Total Nonagricultural Employment in the Lubbock Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) experienced job gains in May, adding 900 new jobs. The annual growth rate since May of last year is reported to be 2.9 percent, for a total of 3,800 jobs added over the last year.

Of the major industries, Leisure and Hospitality expanded the most over the month, adding 500 jobs in May, and increasing 5.8 percent since May 2013, making it the industry with the greatest percentage in annual growth.

Trade Transportation and Utilities is reported to be the second highest in annual growth, up 5.1 percent, adding 1,400 jobs since May 2013.

"I always tell people the best way to determine why an industry has entered a growth cycle is to just look out the window. It's summertime, so we see more activity in our leisure and hospitality industries as more workers are needed to handle the summer rush. The Lubbock economy continues to remain strong and a prime location for business and employment in the state and nation all year round," said Workforce Solutions CEO Martin Aguirre.

Compared to the state and the nation, the metro area's unemployment rate remains lower at 3.8 percent. The Texas unadjusted, actual unemployment rate is reported to be 5.1 percent, lower than the nation's reported

6.1 percent unemployment rate.

Total Nonagricultural Employment in the state's MSA increased by 61,200 jobs in May, raising monthly employment rates for the fourth consecutive month. Since last May, Total Nonagricultural Employment within the MSAs increased by 306,100 positions for an annual growth rate of 3.1 percent, making it Texas' 49th consecutive month of positive annual employment growth.

The Lubbock Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) is comprised of Lubbock and Crosby Counties.

For more information, visit www.spworkforce.org

Frullo Appointed to the Partnership Advisory Commission



John Frullo

Austin, Texas – Speaker Joe Straus announced the appoint-

ment of new commission members to the Partnership Advisory Commission. The Partnership Advisory Commission is purposed to advise state agencies that develop or operate projects that combine public and private facilities and infrastructure.

"Representative John Frullo's perspective will be very valuable on this commission, and I am confident that he will help protect taxpayer dollars and ensure the commission provides appropriate oversight and accountability over public-private projects," Speaker Straus said.

Representative Frullo will serve on this commission alongside Representative Donna

Howard of Austin and Representative Jim Murphy of Houston.

Representative Frullo said, "I appreciate the Speaker's continued support and his trust in my abilities to best represent my constituents. I look forward to serving on the commission."

Eric Strong's Jefferson Award

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The fifty-plus Jefferson Awards' Board of Selectors includes such notables as Kirk Douglas, Whoopi Goldberg, Hank Aaron, and Laura Bush. This year's emcees for the ceremony included the Hon. Kathleen Kennedy Townsend and Bill Plante, of CBS News.

Mary & Mac Historical Marked

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dedication of hundreds of local students.

The dedication of this marker is part of the Texas Historical Commission's Undertold Marker Program, which recognizes Texas history that is often overlooked.

East Lubbock citizens are talking about upcoming event in a very positive manner. The entire City of Lubbock is invited to attend.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: Angela Loftiss, Staff Liaison for Lubbock County Historical Commission - 806-775-1595.



Dr. Alveda King salutes MLK Congressional Gold Medal honor



Alveda King at a 2009 rally by Pro-Life Unity

CHICAGO – Dr. Alveda C. King, niece of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and Director of African American Outreach for Priests for Life paused today while on a book tour for her newly released KING RULES to honor her uncle, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and his wife Coretta, both recipients of a posthumous Congressional Gold Medal, awarded today during a special ceremony

commemorating the 50th anniversary of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

King prays for her cousins King Center CEO, Dr. Bernice A. King; Martin Luther King III and Dexter Scott King as they join with Speaker John A. Boehner (R-OH), Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid (D-NV), Senator Carl Levin (D-MI), Congressman John Lewis (D-

GA), Congressional Black Caucus Chair Marcia L. Fudge (D-OH), and other Senate and House leaders as they join in commemorating this historic occasion.

Responding to the announcement that her parents would receive the Congressional Gold Medal, Bernice A. King, said "We are deeply honored that my father and mother, Martin Luther King, Jr. and Coretta Scott King, are being given this award in recognition of their tireless and sacrificial leadership to advance freedom and justice through nonviolence in our nation. It is fitting that the award will be presented by the U.S. Congress as we commemorate the 50th anniversary of the signing of Civil Rights Act of 1964, which was a cornerstone reform on America's journey to racial justice."

For more than two centuries the Congressional Gold Medal has been one of the most distinguished honors bestowed by the Congress. Since 1776, the award has also been given to such diverse individuals as George Washington; Mother Theresa; Dorothy Height; Rosa Parks; Thomas Edison; Sen. Robert F. Kennedy; President Nelson Mandela; the Dalai Lama; Dr. Jonas Salk and many others.

In celebrating this distinguished honor, Alveda said: "This honor is fitting as it gives credence to the dream of not only Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and Mrs. Coretta Scott King, but to our entire family. In my book KING RULES, with my grandfather Daddy King, my father AD King and my Uncle MLK on the cover, I share memories of my uncle and our family. I too share the dream and in this 21st Century I pronounce – I too have a dream, that white people, and

Southwest Collections/Special Collections Library Hosting College Baseball Display

Memorabilia from past season, current players will be available for viewing.

The National College Baseball Hall of Fame hosted its annual Night of Champions ceremony on Saturday, June 28, 2014, at the Overton Hotel and Conference Center. Each year the best players and coaches from the season are recognized, and a new class is inducted into the College Baseball Hall of Fame.

Part of the induction includes the past and present players and coaches giving oral histories and providing memorabilia to the exhibit. The Southwest Collections/Special Collections Library at Texas Tech University is the repository for the National College Baseball Hall of Fame. This yearly exhibit displays memorabilia and donations such as ball caps, bats, uniforms, cleats and

black people, all ethnic groups, all political wings, all human beings will unite in "The Beloved Community," and honor the sanctity of all life, born and unborn.

other items of interest from various college baseball players and coaches.

Of particular interest, this year is the winner of the Skip Bertman National Coach of the Year, which will be awarded to Texas Tech head coach Tim Tadlock, who recently led the Red Raiders to the best season in school history culminating in the first trip to the College World Series.

The items will be on display at Southwest Collections through September 30th.

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For additional information, contact Tai Kreidler, librarian, Southwest Collections/Special Collections Library, Texas Tech University, (806) 742-3749 or tai.kreidler@ttu.edu.

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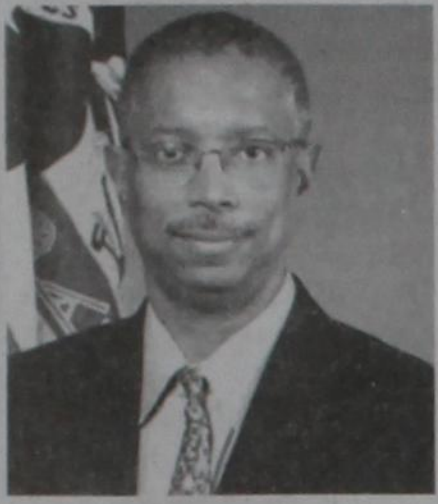
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Fifty Years After Civil Rights Act: A Land of Opportunity

By Dr. William Spriggs



Fifty years ago, the U.S. Senate passed the version of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 that would be passed by the House and signed into law by President Lyndon B. Johnson. The bill faced a filibuster of 14 hours and 13 minutes by the late Sen. Robert Byrd of West Virginia.

Between the passage by the Senate and debate by the House, three young civil rights workers—Michael Schwerner, Andrew Goodman and James Earl Chaney—disappeared into the night on June 21, 1964, driving in the rural area near Philadelphia, Miss. Schwerner, Goodman and Chaney were later found dead, having been murdered for trying to register African American voters in Mississippi.

On Monday, June 23, 2014, the AFL-CIO supported a Moral Monday protest in North Carolina revisiting many of the issues America faced in 1964, and meant to be addressed by the Civil Rights Act of 1964. Many things have changed since then. Too many things have not.

The Senate debated the Civil Rights Act for 60 working days, including Saturday sessions. Rarely today does Congress

meet to carefully craft legislation lifting the lives of people. An important purpose of the act was to ensure economic freedoms for African Americans, especially the right to hold a job. In the 1960s, major American newspaper want ads openly advertised for segregated job openings. Those cold hard lines denied access to earning a living. Today, Senate Republicans filibuster votes to raise the minimum wage, and House Republicans refuse to debate it. That cold hard line leaves more than 2.6 million Americans working full time, year round but living in poverty, and America's poor families with workers are unable to earn enough to get out of poverty.

North Carolina is a state where a child born into poverty has less than a 6 percent chance of moving up to the top 20 percent of the income pile. In the Wilson area, a poor child has only a 3.9 percent chance of moving up above middle. This is not because of single parent households, individual irresponsibility or the water people in North Carolina drink. The problem is that North Carolina has policies that trap people who fall down into poverty.

Lose a job? In North Carolina, the average unemployment benefit will replace only 35 percent of your pay, ranking 30th out of 53 unemployment systems in the United States and its territories, and you only have a 35 percent chance you will get any benefit at all, ranking 51st

out of 53. If you are a single mother, then your combined Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program and Temporary Assistance to Needy Families benefit will just get you to the level of extreme poverty (50 percent of the poverty line), ranking 43rd out of 51 (the 50 states and the District of Columbia).

Hunt for a job, and you will be in one of the states where the minimum wage remains at the federal level of \$7.25 an hour, making you a minority among American workers, since most now live in states where democracy is working to lift the minimum wage to more decent levels. Or, try landing a job that has paid sick days, health insurance and retirement benefits—meaning a union job; the share of jobs protected by a collective bargaining agreement in North Carolina stands at less than 4.8 percent, ranking 48th out of the 51.

At the August 1963 March for Jobs and Freedom, labor and civil rights leader A. Philip Randolph famously remarked: “Yes, we want all public accommodations open to all citizens, but those accommodations will mean little to those who cannot afford to use them.”

North Carolina and its radical Republican governor and legislature are hastily passing laws not to put government on the side of the people, but to put people at the servitude of the 1 percent. They have been limiting access to unemployment insurance, standing in the way of accepting federal support to extend access to health insurance to the working poor and in the way of lifting the minimum wage. And, to make sure that no one objects to their hijacking of democracy, they are taking actions to limit voting and to deny access to the state capitol for people to exercise their 1st Amendment “right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.”

So, while the Civil Rights Act of 1964 sought the end of race-based laws, the state of North

THIS N' THAT

by T. J. Patterson

OH, YES, EAST LUBBOCK NEEDS A FIVE STAR BANK! WHEN OUR LITTLE CHILDREN GO TO AND FROM THEIR SCHOOLS, THEY WILL FEEL PROUD! THIS N THAT had an opportunity of watching the **SPECIAL ON THE SIXTIES** produced and developed by **CNN** and many memories came back as to what **BLACK FOLK** had to live through and did much for the **BLACK COMMUNITY IN LUBBOCK** and much going for the **BLACK COMMUNITY**

during **SEGREGATION & JIM CROW**.... we as a**BLACK PEOPLE** had some very good things going for us..... We owned land in Lubbock paid our taxes and even voted which cost us \$1.75..... But today **THIS N THAT** cries when he sees how short we are when it comes to **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** in our area..... **THIS N THAT** has made a personal commitment that he will do what he can with others who are committed to enhance economic development in **EAST LUBBOCK**..... Of course

this will take time and effort but it can be done..... Perhaps the first goal could be developing **A FIVE STAR BANK** in East Lubbock..... Keep in mind during the 2013 year the more than 25 financial institution in Lubbock had deposits of **\$6.4 BILLION DOLLARS**..... and some of that money came from citizens and businesses in East Lubbock.... **THIS N THAT** is committed to something..... No one person can do it but are there those in East Lubbock who feel the same? What about a **BLACK SUMMIT?**

Why Are 40 Percent of Black Females Dropping Out?

By Dr. Jawanza Kunjufu

Why has America and the Black community been silent about this epidemic? We hear so much about the 47 percent dropout rate among Black males, but I believe a 40 percent dropout rate among Black females is outrageous and unacceptable. Black males may be on life support, but Black females are in critical condition.

What are the factors causing so many Black girls to leave school? Could one factor be that only 18 percent of Black girls by eighth grade are proficient in reading? Could another factor be that only 13 percent are proficient in math by eighth grade? What about the fact that 21 percent of Black girls are retained at least once? How does retention affect the psyche of Black

girls? What effect does Black girls' suspension rate of 12 percent have on their dropout rate? Black girls' pregnancy rate had been considered a factor in their dropout rate. But then in-school and alternative school programs emerged.

Are these programs succeeding at helping young Black mothers join the ranks of college students?

Are some schools hostile environments for Black girls? Do schools like Black girls? Do they respect Black females? Do they understand and appreciate Black female culture? Do they appreciate Black females' hairstyles? Do they encourage Black female expression? Are Black females dropping out or being pushed out? Why are so many suspended Black females being moved to the juvenile justice system? Black girls should be treated like students, not criminals.

When Black girls encounter hostile, unrewarding school environments, what awaits them if they drop out? What is their

likely short- and long-term future? Can they access highly paid jobs? How will they acquire skills for jobs? How will they access housing in safe, multi-functional communities? What means will they have for establishing their own businesses, accumulating a financial portfolio and building toward their retirement years?

Black females are crying out for help. So much attention is being given to our males while our girls are being overlooked. Black girls need more Black female teachers. They need all teachers to give them higher expectations. They need schools to treat them fairly. Their suspension and dropout rates are four times greater than those of White girls. Black girls need Black female mentors. They need to be taught the beauty of their history. They need an education that embraces all determined efforts to keep Black girls in school, including: mediation, schools that feature alternative learning styles and STEM ca-

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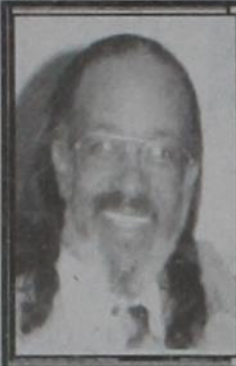
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Isaiah 58:1 -- The Lord said, CRY aloud, spare not, lift up your voice like a trumpet, and show my people their transgressions.

Revelations 2:7a -- Jesus said, He that has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit said unto the churches.

As you look into many CHURCHES -- THE GAMES: THEY PLAY TODAY. THE DISGUSTING things they're doing IS NOT GOD'S WAY!!!!

Exodus 34:14 -- For you shall worship no other god: for the Lord, who's name is jealous, is a jealous God.

In many CHURCHES, there is so much WORLDLY THINGS. JESUS IS NOT BEING LIFTED -- SHAME -- SHAME!!!

John 12:31-32 -- Jesus said, Now is the judgement of this world: now shall the Prince of this world be cast out. And, I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me.

Many CHURCHES allow homosexuals to hold offices in the CHURCH. GOD'S HOUSE IS HOLY; AND THINGS LIKE THIS -- DO HURT!!!

I Peter 4:17-18 -- For the time is come that judgement must begin at the house of God: And if it first begin at us, what shall the end of them that obey not the gospel of God? And if

the righteous scarcely be saved, where shall the ungodly and the Sinner appear?

(And the CHURCH ALLOW THESE KIND OF LIES TO BE TOLD. AND THEN A BOY SAYS -- "I'M A GIRL." DOWN DEEP IN MY SOUL!!! THAT'S A LIE OF THE DEVIL. HE'S BEEN TOLD -- IF THAT BOY HAS A "HANG DOWN" BETWEEN HIS LEGS, THEN GOD MADE HIM A BOY. NO IF'S -- AND -- BUT'S ABOUT IT!!! AND IF THAT GIRL HAS A SPLIT BETWEEN HER LEGS -- THEN GOD MADE HER A GIRL.

NO IF'S AND BUT'S ABOUT THAT!!!)

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

I Corinthians 6:19 -- What? Know you not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which you have of God, and you are not your own?

Malachi 1:6 -- A son honors his father, and a servant his master: if then be a father, where is mine honor? And if I be a master, where is my fear? Said the Lord of hosts unto you, o priests (PREACHERS) who despise my name, and you say, Wherein have we despised your name?

Third Appreciation Set For Elder Johnny L. Barnes

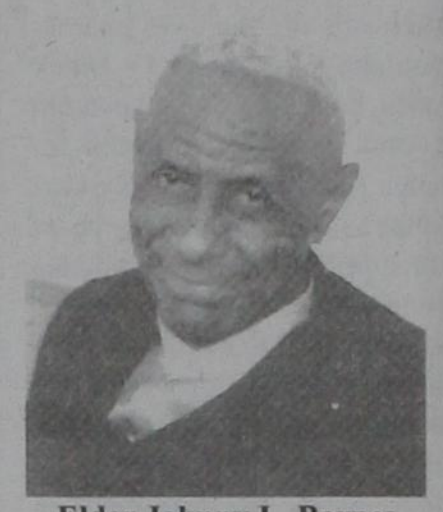
The Third Appreciation Celebration for Elder Johnny L. Barnes, pastor of the Greater St. James Baptist Church, 117 N. Mulberry Avenue, will be July 9, 10, 11, & 12, 2014.

The theme is "We then, as workers together with him, beseech you also that ye receive not the grace of God in vain."

II Corinthians 6:1.

Emcees for the services are: Celestine Lethridge, Emma McCuen, Dorothy Jenkins, and Emma Tipton.

Welcome will be given by Lola Covington, Willie Byrd, Monea Embers, and Irene Evans.



Elder Johnny L. Barnes

Short Talks by: Richard Jones, Brytasia Richard, Ava Hannon, and Garland Hollins.

The public is invited to attend.

St. Matthew Baptist Church News

Church services again were well attended at the St. Matthew Baptist Church, 2020 East 14th Street, on Sunday morning, June 29, 2014, where the dynamic pastor is Rev. Edward Canady.

Sunday morning services begun at 10:00 a. m. with Sunday School Superintendent, Sister Shirley Davis, in charge. Praise God for the knowledge received during Sunday School. Our teacher for our Sunday School is Sister Susie Davis. What a wonderful job she does!

The Sunday morning devotion was conducted by our Mission Sisters, Sister Susie Davis and Sister Barbara Johnson. It was just so good to see Sister Johnson again.

Black Females Need Help

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reers, all-girl schools that demonstrate high success rates of graduation and college entrance, and a change in school culture. Black females need to be encouraged not to drop out.

These issues and more are discussed in my latest book, *Educating Black Girls*.

Dr. Jawanza Kunjufu is the author of more than 30 books including the national best sellers *Raising Black Boys* and *Understanding Black Male Learning Styles*. He has been a guest speaker at many universities and has been a consultant at most urban school districts. His work has been featured in *Ebony* and *Essence* magazine, and he has been a guest on *BET* and *Oprah*.

Pastor Canady entered the Church with the Mission Sisters singing "Yield Not To Temptation." They all sung out of their hearts.

The morning sermon was delivered by Pastor Canady. His subject was "Lord, Help Me To Be Fruitful." His scriptures were: Matthew 21:18-20; Luke 13:6-9 and Isaiah 5:1-7.

What an informative sermon

Joint Hometown News Service

Air Force Airman Jonathan Bengoa graduated from basic military training at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, San Antonio, Texas.

The airman completed an intensive, eight-week program that included training in military discipline and studies, Air Force core values, physical fitness, and basic warfare principles and skills.

Airmen who complete basic training earn four credits toward an associate in applied science degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Bengoa is the son of Juliet and Jonathan Bengoa of Lubbock.

He is a 2011 graduate of Lubbock High School.

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it was for all in attendance to hear.

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

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

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

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

The Ushers meet on Friday evenings at 5:00 p. m. If you want to be a doorkeeper, then come and work with us. You will be glad you did.

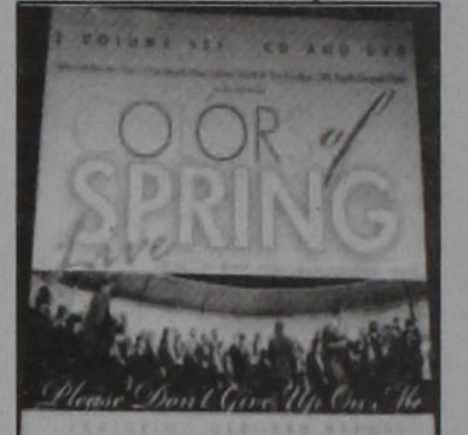
Choir rehearsal is held on Saturday afternoons, beginning at 3:00 p. m.

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

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

Thought For The Week: "Live in such a way that when people think of honesty and integrity, they will think of You!"

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The Haves, the Have Nots and the Whatnots

Dr. James L. Snyder

When it comes to politics, I am as confused as the politicians themselves. I do not like to discuss politics because I do not understand it and just as soon as you understand one opinion, everything changes and you do not know where you are at. Just as soon as a politician voices a position on an issue, he spins it around and it sounds like he has taken an opposite view. All that spinning has me in a whirl.

Politicians change positions more than the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage changes her mind.

It seems to me that when God ran out of brains and intellectual capacitors, He turned to an angel and said, "I know what I will do. I'll make me a politician." He gathered up all the leftover dirt He could find and threw together what we now know as a politician.

I do not know if this was a joke on God's part or if He is just trying to test us to see how

much pain we can endure. The only consolation I have, and I have read my Bible over 100 times, there is no mention of politicians in heaven. Maybe that is one of the things that makes heaven, heaven.

I know I do not understand much that goes on in the political arena, but one of the things I have been hearing has to do with what they call, "The Haves and the Have Nots." It must be important because now there is a TV series with this name. Do not dare ask me if I have watched it because I will have to tell you the truth. I "Have Not."

What do people mean when they use this phrase? Who are these Haves? And who are these Have Nots?

Probably more importantly, what is it that these Haves have that the Have Nots want?

I am reminded of my old uncle Amos, who often brags, "I can afford anything I want, I just don't want anything." If you

ever saw old uncle Amos, he really does not have anything. At least, he did not have anything that I wanted or any sane person, for that matter.

The problem as I see it is simply this. If I want what somebody else has, am I really going to be happy when I have what he has?

There are many things that I do not have and I am quite happy that I do not have them.

I do not have an incurable disease. I do not have a debt so far above my head that I am going into bankruptcy. I do not have a table full of bills that I cannot pay.

I am happy that I do not have any of these things.

It could be the benefit of getting old. I guess I am getting old,

at least I am getting older and my plan is to get as old as I possibly can. Next month I will celebrate another birthday, but I am getting to the age that I cannot remember how old I really am. I "Have Not" a clue. I guess I will have to count how many candles are on my cake if I can see through the smoke.

But as a part of the "older generation," I do not really need anything that I do not have. I suppose it would be nice to have a new truck, but there is nothing wrong with my old truck. It still gets me where I want to go, the air conditioner still works and the radio still plays my kind of music. Why would I need a new truck?

It probably would be nice to have a new house. At our age,

my wife and I do not have the energy to pack up everything and unpack everything in a new place. As it stands, everything in our house is exactly where we want it. I think I will be happy with what I Have and not waste time on what I Have Not.

I choose to focus not on what I "Have Not" but on what I really do "Have."

I have a wonderful wife, but do not tell her I said so, it might get me into some kind of a situation. This year we will have been married some 43 years and why she has put up with the likes of me all this time I will never know. Actually, the fact that she has put up with me all these years brings into question her sanity.

I know I could not put up with myself all that time. Last week I was beside myself and had to get up and move.

I have some wonderful children and grandchildren. It would be nice to live long enough to see my great-grandchildren, but I am not pushing that issue. I am rejoicing in what I have.

The best thing that I have, the thing I treasure the most, is my relationship with God. I can

identify with what David said, "The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want" (Psalm 23:1).

What David is really saying here is that when "the Lord is my Shepherd," then the reality is simply, "I shall not want." The other side of the picture is true as well. If I find myself constantly in want, maybe the Lord is not my Shepherd.

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Obsequies

Viola Coleman

Funeral services were held for Mrs. Viola Coleman on Friday morning, June 20, 2014, at the Mt. Gilead Baptist Church with Supt. W. L. Griffin officiating.

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

Pallbearers were Grandson and Great Grandson: Gedrard Williams, Deiondray Ollison, Tristan Selmon, Damion Selmon, Ryan King, Unza J. Coleman, and Ryan Selmon.

Honorary Pallbearers were Grandsons: Pierre Selmon, Thomas L. Selmon, DeShone Coleman, Rodney King, Alvin Selmon, Jr., Kimothy Williams, Jeffrey King, James G. Coleman and Jermaine Garrett.

Mrs. Coleman was born March 10, 1921 in Box Elder, Texas to the parentage of the late John and Mary Kellum. She was married to the late R. H. Coleman for 63 years before his passing.

Her life will be cherished by four sons: Cecil King (Leona), James Coleman (Janice), R. B. Coleman, and Ronnie Coleman; two daughters: Pearlina Selmon and Jeanette Williams (Kimothy); 30 grandchildren; 61 great grandchildren; 15 great-great grandchildren; seven brothers preceded her in death: Frank Kellum, Jhny Kellum, Lee Kellum, Jesse Kellum, Martin Kellum, Jim Vann, and David Vann; five sisters preceded her in death: Pinkie Armstrong, Joe Ella Collins, Sally Rosser, Josie



Kellum, and Charlene Coleman; and a daughter, Brenda Jean Coleman.

A Life well lived is a precious gift of hope, strength and grace from someone who has made our world a brighter, better place. It's filled with moments sweet and sad, with smiles and sometimes tears, with friendships formed, good times shared and laughter through the years. You accepted the responsibility with your head held high, a bounce in your step, a loving and happy heart, and a strong cheerful mind. We thank you and we Love U!

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SEALING THE DEAL ON PRAISE

From the desk of Bishop T.J. Jakes

What seals the deal on your praise is not just your action, but it is the attitude of praise. It is more than saying "I thank You," it is being thankful. It is much deeper than praise; it is an attitude of worship that says no matter what season I am in, I AM STILL THANKFUL!!!

Fifth Circuit Says Border Patrol Agent Accountable for Death of Mexican Youth

Houston – The Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals reinstated a case challenging the callus and unwarranted shooting of a 15-year-old child by a Border Patrol agent. The child, a Mexican national, was playing with his friends on the Mexican side of the river when a Border Patrol agent shot the child in the face and killed him. The Court held that the Constitution's protection against arbitrary and egregious misconduct by the government that shocks the conscience extends to non-citizens near the U.S. border who are injured by law enforcement agents in the

U.S. The following statement can be attributed to Adriana Piñon, senior staff attorney, ACLU of Texas:

"Today, Monday, June 30, 2014, the Fifth Circuit helped ensure that CBP agents are held accountable for shocking and outrageous abuse, even when their victims aren't inside the U.S. Since 2010, CBP agents killed six Mexican nationals who were standing near the Mexico side of the U.S.-Mexico border and CBP has taken no steps to hold the agents accountable. The Fifth Circuit clearly

signaled that Border Patrol cannot operate with impunity."

View the court's decision here: <http://aclutx.org/download/181>

Contributing to the ACLU's amicus brief in the case were Lee Gelemt, Esha Bhandari, Cecilia D. Wang and Steven Watt of the American Civil Liberties Union Foundation; James Duff Lyle and Daniel Pochoda of the ACLU of Arizona; Krystal Gomez and Rebecca Robertson of the ACLU of Texas; Sean Riordan of the ACLU of San Diego & Imperial Counties; and Alexandra Smith of the ACLU Foundation of New Mexico.

Denzel Curnell: SC Teen Killed During Encounter With Police Officer



Denzel "Jaba" Curnell, 19, died from a bullet wound to the head after an encounter with a South Carolina police officer on Friday night in, what authorities claim, was a suicide. But witnesses tell a different story, reports the Charleston City Paper.

Several witnesses, who refused to be named, say that Officer Jamal Medlin told Curnell to get down and put his hands behind his head as he walked through Charleston's Bridgeview Village apartments. And once he did that, Medlin allegedly shot him in the back.

An autopsy, however, revealed that Curnell died from a bullet wound to the right side of his head—which still raises difficult questions, reports the Post and Courier.

Curnell, according to family, is left-handed and had everything to live for.

"He wanted to travel in the military. He wanted to get married and have children. His life was cut down at an early age," said his aunt Sylvia Campbell.

Curnell, a recent graduate of Burke High School, was administratively discharged from basic training in Georgia.

When Curnell enlisted last fall, an Army officer saw a young man who could motivate himself and other recruits.

The recent Burke High School graduate was focused, confident and ready to take on rigorous training. A staff sergeant noted those qualities at a North Charleston recruiting substation, where prospective soldiers are evaluated.

"Future soldier has been outstanding," the recruiter wrote in Curnell's paperwork. He "would make a great addition to the U.S. Army."

But during Curnell's basic training at Fort Benning, Ga., officials noticed depression, hopelessness and separation anxiety. He had lost his mother to cancer earlier that year.

On the night of his death, Curnell's step-father said that he had not noticed any "depressive behavior."

Meshach Taylor: 'Designing Women' Actor Dead At 67



According to the LA Times, Taylor's son Tariq confirmed that "he was in hospice care at his family's home in Altadena, surrounded by family when he died at 10:47 p.m. on Sunday, June 30, 2014."

From his Family's Facebook:

It is with love and gratitude that we sorrowfully announce that our darling, amazingly brilliant and dynamic, Meshach, the incredible father, husband, son and friend has begun his grand transition. Our friends who know and love us, please offer your prayers for his peace and blazing light as he ascends to the heavens. Those who need to call the family please do. Those who desire to post memories, we are open and graciously accepting all gestures of peace. Love, the Taylor Family Tariq Taylor Yasmine Taylor Tamar Lashae Taylor Esme Taylor.

The Boston-born actor who was raised in New Orleans and Indianapolis took an early interest in acting back in high school and first studied drama at Ohio's Wilmington College before transferring to Florida A&M in Tallahassee, Florida. Gaining experience back at an Indianapolis radio station as a State House political correspondent and in repertory theater, he eventually became a member of both Chicago's Goodman Theatre and the Organic Theatre group. One of his stage performances, "Sizwe Banzi Is Dead," earned him Chicago theater's Joseph Jefferson Award.

Taylor transported himself to

Los Angeles in the 78 and found minor work in a few of the popular horror films of the day: Damien: Omen II (1978), The Howling (1981) and The Beast Within (1982), and started to make the typical rounds on popular TV shows including "Barney Miller," "Lou Grant" and "M*A*S*H."

After a regular part on the promising, but short-lived Buffalo Bill(1983), he nabbed the Emmy-nominated role of Anthony Bouvier, the jailbird-turned-assistant to Delta Burke, Annie Potts, Jean Smart and Dixie Carter. As the show progressed his character proved his keep and was eventually made a full partner of the ladies' de-

signer firm.

Following this success Taylor moved straight into four seasons with the sitcom Dave's World (1993) as a poker-playing buddy/neighbor to Harry Anderson.

His film and TV load has been fairly lightweight overall with routine turns in such comedy fare as Mannequin (1987) and Class Act (1992), an Olsen twins mini-movie, and as a regular panelist on a revamped version of To Tell the Truth (2000). One of his brighter moments (literally) was playing the role of Lumiere in Broadway's "Beauty and the Beast."

Taylor received an Emmy Award for his role as Jim in the WTTV production of "Huckleberry Finn." He recently made a guest appearance in episode 13 of "Criminal Minds" back in January of this year.

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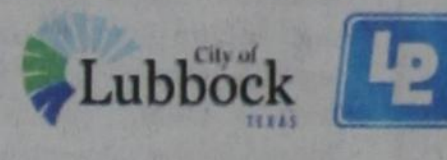
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In Brazil, Racism Against Afro-Brazilians Persists



"He just called me nigga!" says Obi. "Did you hear? He just called me nigga."

"He" is the White hot dog vendor who has, in fact, just called Obi "nigga" – or "negao" in Portuguese – to tell him that his hot dog is ready and that he needs to come and get it. This all happens at around midnight at the entrance of Rua Um in Rio de Janeiro's Rocinha favela. But Obi isn't upset. In fact, he's doubled over with laughter, trying his best to remain upright. He finally has proof of a point he's been making.

"In Brazil, calling somebody 'nigga' isn't offensive," he tells me. "If you call somebody 'Black,' that's offensive. But 'nigga' isn't offensive."

But I'm not a negao, I was told. I'm American, and as an American, I'm essentially seen as White — except when it's not obvious that I'm American and then I'm Black again, a negao. The transition can be almost instantaneous.

On numerous occasions, I've been walking toward a restaurant or bar alone or with other young Black men and a bouncer steps forward to stop me and ask what I want. The moment I speak to him, even if it's in Portuguese, he recognizes my accent and his posture, demeanor, and cadence immediately change.

Josh Morris, who traveled to Brazil for a vacation last month, had a similar experience.

"We went to a bar, it was an upscale sports bar, and the guy at the door just was looking at us really crazy originally," says Morris. "He said something in Portuguese to us, but then he said something in English, and we responded that we were here to watch the game. There were three bouncers...and they all had a real cold face, but when he turned and said, 'American,' they all were just like, 'Oh, OK, you can come in.' That kind of turned it on to us that if we were Brazilian guys, we probably weren't getting in here."

Despite Brazil's reputation as a melting pot of cultures, de facto racial stratification still largely exists. Many people outside the country see the racially mixed population and assume that no racial barriers exist, but if you ask the country's Black residents that's understood not to be the case.

Brazilian Musician Paulo "Black Paul" Roberto says he can feel the racism in his home country.

"I have been to other countries, and so when I come back to Brazil, I can feel the way I am looked at here," he says.

The numbers clearly tell a story of economic segregation as well: Not a single one of the

companies listed on Brazil's primary stock exchange has a Black CEO. Further, a survey done this year by research institute IBGE found that Black or mixed-race Brazilian workers

earn around half (about \$862 per month) of what their White counterparts make. Many argue that this difference in economic self-sufficiency is what's really at the heart of prejudice in Brazil.

"Racism in Brazil is very disguised," says Danielle Fernandes, a Black Brazilian from Sao Goncalo. "I do not feel the racism is on account of color but social condition. For me, everything comes down to whether [a person has] money or not."

The assumption is often that Blacks, or negaos, do not have money, Brazilians say, which manifests itself in other aspects of society. On the country's very popular soap operas, stars are almost always White. In a country where 51 percent of the population is Black or mixed race, just 12 percent of the cast of the country's most-popular prime-time novela, "Em Familia," is

Black or mixed.

Some say that this also leads to Brazil's Black population missing out on other important opportunities. Luiza Bairros, the only Black member of Brazilian president Dilma Rousseff's cabinet, explained the contribution of social stigma to professional life in Brazil during an interview

with Bloomberg.com earlier this year.

"Government institutions reproduce the same standard of invisibility of Blacks that you encounter in the rest of society," Bairros told the website. "You don't see Black people writing for newspapers or directing

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Father Sent To Jail For Child Support

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one, other than Mr. Hall, ever contacted this office regarding this error. Our initial discovery of this error occurred when Mr. Hall contacted this office in the fall of 2013." The affidavit was signed and delivered to Hall's previous attorney on January 21, 2014, and was not available nor considered during Hall's November 18, 2013 hearing.

The motion for reconsideration, if successful, could mean Hall's freedom. If the motion is not successful, Hall's lawyer will take the next course of legal action to free Hall.

Attorney Watson will also seek full custody for Mr. Hall of 12-year-old Dreydon Hall, his son.

Regarding the repealed legislation (HB 847 sponsored by State Representative Eddie Lucio III [D] and Senator Jose Rodriguez [D]) attorney Watson seeks to help influence a reinstatement of the law and the repeal lifted providing the right of due process equally to both parents.

"My son's welfare is my highest priority," said Clifford Hall. "Jail time is not in the best interest of my son. I face losing my job, time with my son and incur-

ring more legal fees all because I tried to do what's right."

The Dreydon Project has been established to help educate parents regarding their custodial and non-custodial rights under the law, and to help defray the cost of legal representation in cases like Hall's. Members of the public interested in helping Hall are invited to make donations at www.gofundme.com/the-dreydon-project.

Attorney Eraka Watson is now the sole legal counsel for Clifford Hall in both the child support and child custody matters. Press inquiries, requests for interviews or statements, or other matters concerning the Clifford Hall case are to be directed to MWH Public Relations or attorney Watson.

When unfavorable circumstances surround us, we tend to concentrate on the bad stuff in our lives. We start complaining and forget plenty of good things that happened in our lives. No wonder we often experience negative feelings such as depression, apathy, anger, disappointment, and so on. Try to think of all the good that you have ever experienced. I promise you'll feel better. Then start giving thanks to God for all those things. Not only will you feel better, you'll definitely experience the joy and happiness God so lovingly planned for you. So, be grateful to God.
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Lubbock ISD Fourth on Broadway Drum Line to Perform in Parade

The combined drum lines of Lubbock ISD's four high school marching bands will perform in the annual Fourth on Broadway Parade, on Saturday morning, July 4th.

The drum line will also play while the 5K run begins from downtown, then come down Broadway with the parade. Transportation for drum line performers will be provided to and from the parade route. Buses will load at 7 a.m.

Friday morning at the Coronado High School band hall, 4910 29th Drive. (Rehearsal for the drum line will be on Thursday, July 3, at the Coronado High School band hall from 10 a.m. until 12 noon.)

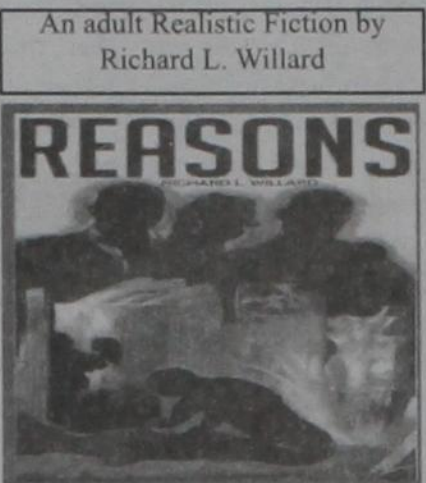
LISD contact: Brian Morris, 806-219-0010 / 806-577-3879
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Hometown News

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Delgado is the daughter of Ralph and Melonie Delgado of

Lubbock. She is a 2013 graduate of Lubbock High School, Lubbock. The Southwest Digest wishes her the very best!



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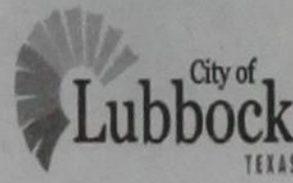
Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Goals for Federal Fiscal Year 2014-2016

The Lubbock International Airport hereby announces its fiscal year 2014-2016 goal of 6.68% for Disadvantaged Business Enterprise airport construction projects. The proposed goals and goal setting methodology is available for inspection between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday beginning July 1st and ending July 31st in the Office of the City Purchasing Manager, 1625 13th Street, Lubbock, Texas.

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Dr. Baker also currently serves as the Assistant Vice Chancellor and Vice President of Affirmative Action for the University of Houston System and University of Houston ("University") - the fourth largest university in the state of Texas.



Donna Martindale

Donna Martindale graduated from Texas A&M University in Accounting. She earned her CPA, and began her career in accounting as Finance Director for Texas cities. She became familiar with Tyler Technologies' software in that capacity. She started with Tyler as an Implementation Consultant approximately 16 years ago, moving then into Manager over the Implementation Department and into her current role as Director of Public Safety and Courts in 2012. Donna initiated online learning for Tyler Technologies. Her guidance in that arena blossomed into a full-blown department of its own, and has propelled Tyler to the status of a major player in the online learning industry.

Named *Hispana Inspiradora of the Year* in the Business/Professional category in 2012 by Hispanic Association of Women, Donna's success has not gone unnoticed.

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Boy Missing 11 Days Finally Found Unharmed In Dad's Basement

When 12-year-old Charlie Bothuell V (pictured) disappeared on June 14th, he vanished without a trace. Friends, family, and the Detroit police searched frantically for the boy, scouring the city and fearing he might be dead. When Charlie was finally discovered unharmed Wednesday in his dad's basement, everyone was thrown for a loop, questioning the absurdity of the bizarre situation, according to The Detroit News.

Police state that Charlie had constructed a makeshift barricade in his dad's basement made up of boxes and barrel drums, and there was a pile of bedding nearby as well.

Just 90 minutes before an official announcement to the press, declaring that the child could have possibly been murdered, police discovered the boy.

According to Chief James Craig, Charlie was ravenous and unflustered when he was discovered, telling the Detroit News, "I've never seen anything quite like this. He was nervous, but excited. He indicated he was hungry. He appeared fine."

Investigators do not think, however, Charlie was living in his dad's basement the entire length of his disappearance; Craig said authorities had searched the home several times, including with six cadaver dogs and the child had not been discovered.

The strange saga began when the senior Bothuell received a call from his wife, Monique, on June 14th at around 9:45 p.m. stating that his son had left their home 45 minutes earlier. When Bothuell, who is a registered nurse with his own company, arrived home, he summoned police to report his son missing.

According to the Dad, it took three phone calls to Detroit police in order for them to even show up to his home.

They reportedly arrived at the Bothuell home after midnight.

The case gained national attention when Bothuell appeared on the popular HLN TV's

In Brazil Is Racist

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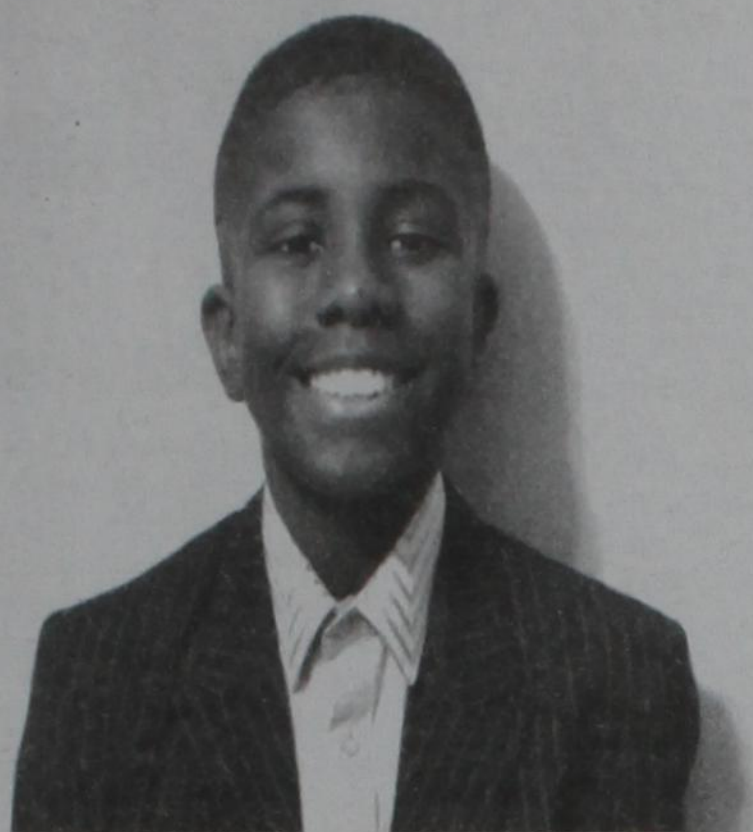
companies, so it's more difficult to convince voters to put them in to office."

In Salvador, Bahian, a majority Black city north of Rio and Sao Paulo, I met a light-skinned drink vendor named Davison. After hearing me speak, he asked where I was from. I told him. His response was refreshing.

"Well, where you're from is not important - Africa, the Caribbean, the United States. What's important is the color," he said, rubbing the skin on his forearm. Still, I was treated differently by most Bahians after I began speaking than I had been before.

It made me wonder. As long as I'm seen as American and not Black by most Brazilians, nothing I do is in concert with other Black people. Whether I'm rude or polite, ambitious, lazy, kind, or malicious, my behavior doesn't reflect on other people of my race.

In Brazil, is it better not to be a negao?



"Nancy Grace" show to publicize his son's recent disappearance and he also discussed how the boy ran away a few years ago, but he was eventually found near his mother's home; the child's mother lives one mile east of his home.

Bothuell, who offered a \$1,000 reward for the safe return of his missing son, whom police had placed in a dubious light, is still not out of the clear.

Investigators still have many questions surrounding the boys odd disappearance, with Craig telling the Detroit News, "It doesn't appear the boy could have gotten in to the hiding place alone. He was crouched behind a heavy drum, and the investigators had to move lots of boxes that were stacked up; if he did it by himself, how does that happen? Is it impossible? Maybe not, but it doesn't appear he could have done it alone. All I know is, he was really excited to see us. One could interpret something from that."

In addition, the senior Bothuell reportedly told Monique to leave the area, which baffled Craig, but now Bothuell says it

was the FBI whom told his wife to leave. Therefore, Craig remarked, "I don't know why he's asserting the FBI said she had to leave; seems to me they would've asked her to stand by," he told the newspaper. "That's him talking."

Meanwhile, the child has been taken to a medical facility for an evaluation and will be questioned by police. Craig said Charlie "won't be put back in to the home until we finish our investigation. The police chief then went on to state, "I didn't see any signs of abuse, but the child protective people will certainly look for that," he told the Detroit News.

Kind words can be short and easy to speak, but their echoes are truly endless.
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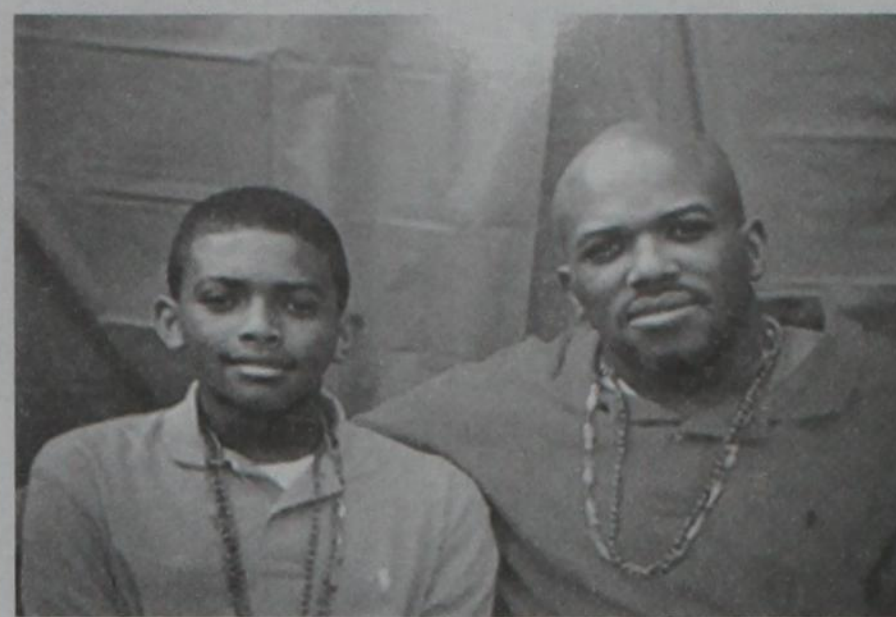
Gracious words are like a honeycomb, sweetness to the soul and health to the body.
Proverbs 16:24

New Family Texas Law Sends Texas Dad to Jail After Employer's Child Support Withholding Error

Harris County, TX - On Tuesday, June 24, 2014, Texas father Clifford Hall voluntarily arrived at the Harris County Civil Courthouse and was taken into custody to begin a six-month jail sentence. Hall's complex child support case received international attention last year when he received the harshest punishment under the law. Hall was sentenced to six months in jail even though he became current on child support arrearages made late at the fault of his then employer AT&T.

"My client Clifford Hall is one of the first casualties of the repeal of Texas Family Code Section 157.162(d) that formerly protected parents who were current in the payment of child support," said Eraka Watson, Hall's new legal counsel with The Childs Law Firm. "In June of 2013, the 83rd Texas Legislature repealed the law (HB 847) making a jail sentence a judgment option for being in contempt of the court for failure to pay child support. There are no exceptions, there is no notice served to the defendant indicating a period of time to cure the default. The law is not defensible," said attorney Watson.

"Repeal of the Texas Family Code was initially meant to deter dead-beat dads from being chronic offenders of late child support and making last minute payments before their court date," continued attorney Watson. "However, in Mr. Hall's case, he was unaware that the child support payments being withheld from his check were not getting to the court due to the employer's clerical error. Unfortunately, even after Mr. Hall paid the arrearages and court fees, and had a positive balance, he was sentenced to six months in jail for child support underpayment and over-visitation. Prior to the repeal, my client could not have been incarcerated. Because his case was reset six times until after the repeal, Mr. Hall was held in contempt and sentenced




Clifford Hall and 12-year-old son Dreydon Hall

to jail." "Ultimately, it is Mr. Hall's responsibility to ensure his child support payments are being paid according to the court's order," stated attorney Watson. "However, in Mr. Hall's case, while he had previously been behind in child support in 2010 due to being out of work, since that time, he had consistent child support payments and employment. He did not fall behind until the clerical error by his employer occurred. Under the previous law, a good father like Mr.


Hall would not have been punished for trying to do the right thing once he was made aware of the error."

Hall's attorneys have exhausted all appeal recourses. Attorney Eraka Watson will file a motion for reconsideration introducing the AT&T sworn affidavit for the existing court's consideration. In addition to admitting withholding errors the affidavit states, "We never notified Mr. Hall regarding the fluctuation of his withholding. No

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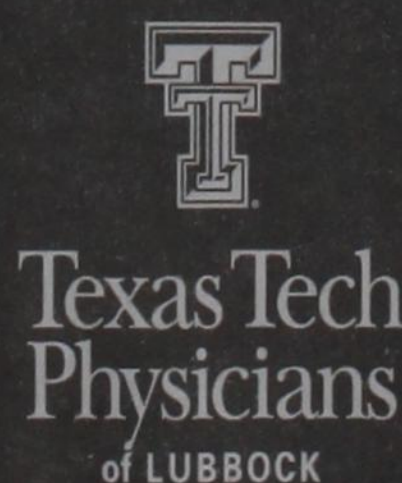
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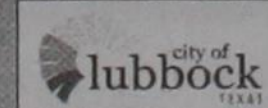


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Robert L. Johnson Announces The African American Mayors Association (AAMA) Has Passed A Unanimous Resolution Endorsing A Viable Loan Alternative For Workers In Need of Short-Term Credit Solutions Through Their Employer's Payroll System

Bethesda, MD — The RLJ Companies Monday, June 30, 2014, announced the African American Mayors Association (AAMA) passed a unanimous resolution during their annual board meeting in Washington, DC, in support of an innovative financial product that provides workers with an open-ended employee line of credit offered directly through the payroll system at no cost to the employer.

With limited credit options available for Americans today, the AAMA endorsed the goal of developing innovative and viable loan alternatives for workers in need of credit solutions, particularly minority and working class Americans.

"I am pleased that the AAMA has passed a resolution that will bring the important issue of finding innovative ways to end the cycle of debt brought on by costly traditional and alternative

credit products," said Robert L. Johnson, founder and chairman of The RLJ Companies. "Borrowers, many of whom are minorities, may not have access to mainstream borrowing and are often forced to use costly bank products like overdraft or, even worse, take out abusive payday loans and pay exorbitant fees," he added.

Sacramento Mayor Kevin Johnson, founding president of the AAMA stated, "As Mayors, we focus on many issues that directly affect our communities and the economic and financial health of our residents is critical to keeping our cities competitive and strong. The African American Mayors Association will engage in a national dialogue urging an end to the cycle of debt that disproportionately impacts African Americans, and will call on Congress, financial regulators, and the Administra-

tion to find common ground and support new, viable, and low cost alternatives that work to meet the needs of our communities."

About The RLJ Companies

The RLJ Companies, founded by Robert L. Johnson, is an innovative business network that provides strategic investments in a diverse portfolio of companies. Within The RLJ Companies portfolio, Johnson owns or holds interests in businesses operating in a publicly traded hotel real estate investment trust; private equity; financial services; asset management; automobile dealerships; sports and entertainment; and video lottery terminal (VLT) gaming. The RLJ Companies is headquartered in Bethesda, MD, with affiliate operations in Charlotte, NC; Little Rock, AR; Los Angeles, CA; San Juan, PR; and Monrovia, Liberia. Prior to founding The

RLJ Companies, Johnson was founder and chairman of Black Entertainment Television (BET). For more information visit: www.RLJcompanies.com.

About the African American Mayors Association (AAMA)

The newly launched African American Mayors Association (AAMA) is the only organization exclusively representing African-American mayors in the United States. African American Mayors Association exists to empower local leaders for the benefit of their citizens. The role of the African American Mayors Association includes taking positions on public policies that impact the vitality and sustainability of cities; providing mayors with leadership and management tools; and creating a forum for member mayors to share best practices related to municipal management.

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Stop Saying Black People Don't Support Each Other Economically



How often have you heard it said that black Americans don't support each other economically? It's a common refrain in conversations around sociopolitical uplift for the black community and many come to the conclusion that blacks just don't show each other the same kind of financial love that you see in other racial and ethnic groups. Here's the thing, however: that's a myth. A new book, *Collective Courage: A History of African American Cooperative Economic Thought and Practice*, unearths the rich and long history of cooperative economics in the black community.

"In most places I've spoken, people think that we didn't engage in cooperative economics,"

says author Jessica Gordon Nembhard, political economist and professor of community justice and social economic development at John Jay College in New York City. "My challenge was to prove that we did."

Gordon Nembhard says she assumed she'd spend just a few years researching whatever cooperatives she could dig up. Instead, she was met with a history that spanned black Americans' period of enslavement to the present day and support for cooperatives from almost every major black political leader along the way.

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