



Southwest Digest



Community Meetings

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

* The Unified Juneteenth Commission of Lubbock meets every Tuesday evening at Bryon Martin Technology Center, 3401 Avenue Q, beginning at 5:30 p. m.

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

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

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

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

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

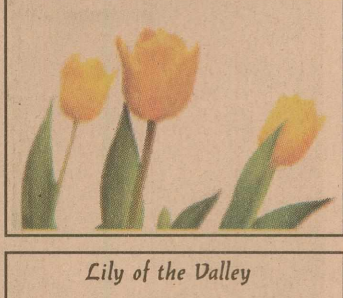
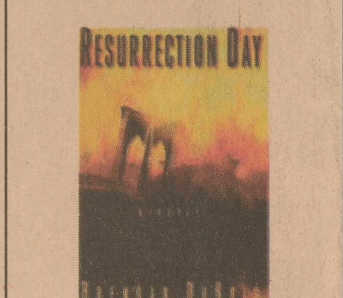
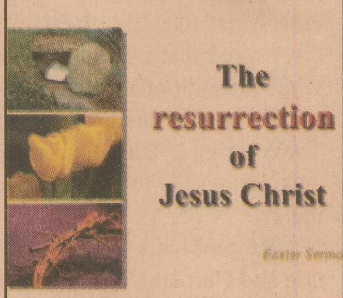
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workforce demographics report earlier this year. They were commended for doing so, and so far, experts say they are the most aggressive at addressing the issue.

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Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

Amanda Banks & Jazz Williams Honored At Crimson & Cream Ball

The ladies of Lubbock Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Incorporated hosted their Crimson and Cream Ball on Saturday March 21, 2015, at the Lubbock Civic Center. Proceeds from the Ball will be used to help fund scholarships for graduating seniors in the community. The Lubbock Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta has been an active organization in this community since 1952. Scholarships have been awarded since the 1960's. Additionally, the organization continues to implement programs that touch and encourage our youth; such as the Youth of the Year program and Delta for the E program. Events such as the Crimson and Cream Ball help the organization continue to impact the city of Lubbock in a positive way.



Amanda Banks & Jazz Williams

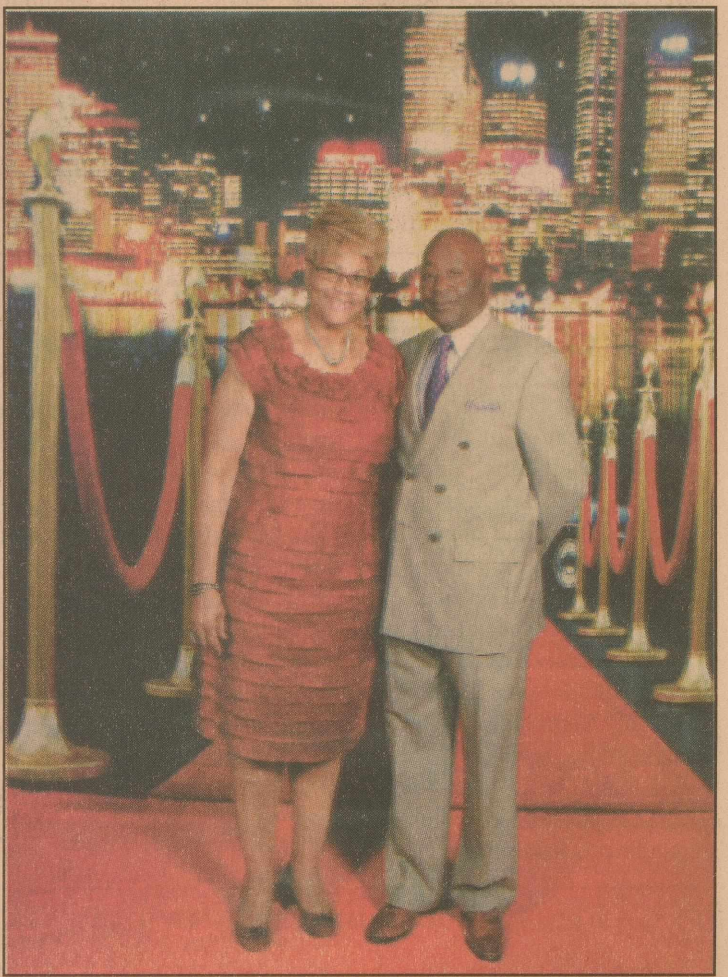
Two outstanding community leaders were honored at the Ball for their work with youth in the community. Dr. Amanda Banks was presented with the "Outstanding Mentor Award". She is a native of Anchorage, Alaska and earned her degrees from Texas Tech University. She currently serves as the College Advisor for Dunbar College Preparatory Academy and the Academic Coordinator for East Lubbock Promise Neighbor-

hood. Dr. Banks has served diverse populations in addressing concerns ranging from academics, identity issues, substance abuse, mental health, child abuse, and intellectual disabilities. As a community oriented servant leader, Dr. Banks currently serves on many Boards in the Lubbock community and has received numerous awards for her work in educating and empowering youth. She is ded-

icated to empowering others to live well-balanced and well-adjusted lives; mind, body and soul.

Mr. Jazz Williams received the "Outstanding Community Leader Award." Jazz is a proud Matorador who graduated from Estacado High School and attended New Mexico University in Portales, New Mexico.

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Mr. & Mrs. Jimmy and Bettye Willis

Jimmy & Bettye Willis Recently Celebrated Their 50th Wedding Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy and Bettye Willis of Lubbock, Texas recently observed their 50th wedding anniversary and celebrated with an all expense paid trip to Las Vegas, Nevada.

They are the proud parents of Roderick Willis and Trena Willis of Dallas, Texas; Glenn Willis, Sr. of Lubbock, Texas; and the late Darshoel "D" Willis.

Bettye Jean Johnson and Jimmy L. Willis married February 21, 1965 in Lubbock. They have seven grandchildren. Congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. Jimmy and Bettye Willis!

East Lubbock Residents Attend Second Meeting On Parkway Drive

Many East Lubbock residents were in attendance of the second meeting on the redevelopment of the Parkway Drive project on Tuesday evening, March 24, 2015, at the Alderson Elementary School.

This meeting, which was sponsored by Texas Department of Public (TxDOT), was answer question East Lubbock residents had from the first meeting which held on Tuesday evening, February 24, 2015.

Those who were in atten-

dance were asked to submit additional questions or comments about the proposal within the next ten days to TxDot.

This proposal has been approved for \$2.2 million by TxDot.

Timeline for the completion of the project, after all questions are answered, will include: bids which will go out in December, 2015; and projected completion in six months after bids are accepted by TxDot after bids are accepted in Spring, 2016.



Sorors of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. With Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Brothers

Proud Mae Simmons Senior Citizens



If you are over 55 years of age, you should come and participate in the Senior Citizens program at the Mae Simmons Senior Citizens Center. Activities are held Monday through Fridays, from 9:00 a. m. until 4:00 p.m. If you are a Senior Citizen in Lubbock and you want to become a part of this program, then call Traci Crawford, Director, at 767-2709.

Those pictured above, back row, from left to right: T. J. Patterson, Sr., Jim Turner, James Palmer, Robert Toliver, Nathan Wright, Michael Fillmore, Jerry Ragland, Guy Manges, Joe Martinez, Roberto Valasquez, Roberto Valasquez, Jr., Mose Lewis, and Elaine Rodgers.

Seated, from left to right: Larry Alexander, B. J. Morrison, R. J. Byrd, Annie White, Bernice Nickerson, Rose Wilson, Celia Lopez, Barbara Gorman, Ester Marie Long, and Mary Howard.

If you ask anyone in this photo, they would eagerly invite you to attend. They are excited about the upcoming renovations which are to begin in June, 2015, and will be completed in 120 days.

Burned House Needs To Be Torn Down As Soon As Possible!



SOMETHING NEEDS TO BE DONE ABOUT THIS BURNED HOUSE! Pictured above is a house which was burned last year, 2014. This structure is located at 1506 East 24th Street. This burned house looks bad when you travel to and from this area. It is a bad sight for our children to see when going to school. It doesn't look good for those riding Citibus as they travel throughout the city.

The Southwest Digest has received calls from residents in the neighborhood about this house not being torn down. At one time, Community Development Block Grants Funds (CDBG) were used to handle these kinds of situations. One thing for certain, it needs to be torn down. (Photo Courtesy of Larry Alexander)

Three Lubbock ISD Teachers Selected for Beaumont Awards

Three Lubbock ISD teachers were recently announced as Beaumont Foundation Newton Excellence in Education Award winners. The teachers are: Kendra Anderson from Roscoe Wilson Elementary, Joshua Allen from the Talkington School for Young Women Leaders and Samuel Whitfill of Estacado High School.

As a part of the Beaumont Foundation's ongoing commitment to supporting education, the Frank and Nancy Newton Excellence in Education Award was created to celebrate and recognize superior contributions of teachers whose leadership and dedication inspire a spirit of learning in students of all backgrounds and learning abilities.

The program also strives to provide public recognition and financial incentives to teachers who are furthering excellence in their profession. Each award recipient will be honored at an awards gala on May 13 and receive a crystal obelisk, a portrait and \$10,000. A total of six teachers in Lubbock County are selected annually to receive the Newton Award, and this year three of the six are from LISD.

Wayne Reaud, Chairman of the Board of the Beaumont Foundation said, "Education is the key to a better future and great teachers are the key to education. Our winners are outstanding representatives of excellence in education."

Special Maundy Thursday Services At Bethel AME Church

The Pastor Darrell Willie and the congregation of the Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church, 2202 Southeast Drive, takes this time and opportunity to invite each of you to join Bethel in a special service.

This is a Special Maundy Thursday, Holy Thursday, Celebration of a Paschal Lamb Feast and Holy Communion on Thursday evening, April 2, 2015, beginning at 7:00 p. m.

The coordinator for this special effort is Sister Elurd Deven-

port, Director of Christian Education.

"This is a blessed time when we participate in special services as Maundy Thursday, Holy Thursday, Celebration and all who participate are blessed," says Sister Devenport.

"Not only are you invited to attend, but your family members and friends are invited to attend this service," she continued.

Everyone is invited! Come and be blessed.

Free Opportunity At The Bridge!

Free GED Classes at the Bridge of Lubbock located at 1301 E. Redbud Ave. Classes are hosted weekly on Wednesday, Thursday, & Friday from 6 P.M. - 8 P.M. For more information and to sign up contact Literacy Lubbock at 806-775-3636 or christopher.moore@ttu.edu.

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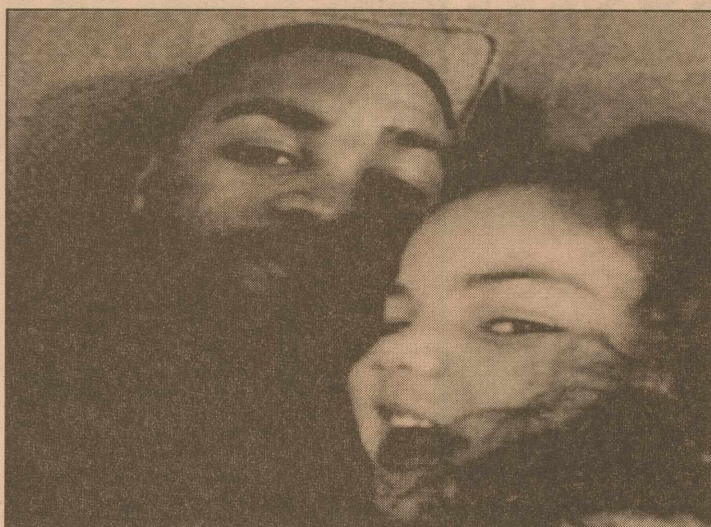
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Christian Griggs, pictured with his daughter, was killed by his father in-law who is a white pastor in Angier, North Carolina

New Information Confirms Corruption and Cover Up in Case Where White Pastor Killed His Black Son In-Law

Angier, NC — On October 12, 2013, white local Pastor Pat Chisenhall brutally killed his black son-in law 23-year-old Christian Griggs, fatally shooting Christian 6 times, 4 in the back as he lay wounded. The

state medical examiner ruled Christian's death a homicide.

Since Christian's tragic killing, District Attorney Vernon Stewart and Harnett law enforcement have done everything in their power to avoid holding

Pat Chisenhall accountable, including tampering with evidence, withholding key information and maintaining deep-seated conflicts of interests. Most recently, the family discovered that DA Stewart has withheld additional forensic data critical to the case. Dolly and Tony Griggs, Christian's parents, issued the following statement:

"The problems with DA Vernon and Harnett County law enforcement's investigation into our son's killing, or the lack there of, are almost too many to count. Months ago we were told by officials that no gunshot

residue tests were performed, but when picking up Christian's personal belongings this week we were presented with documentation revealing gunshot residue tests (GSR) performed on both Katie and Pat Chisenhall. GSR would determine who discharged the firearm and confirm or contradict their narrative of the shooting. What is the outcome of the test? What other information is DA Stewart hiding? This latest revelation only further deepens our grave mistrust of DA Stewart and local police.

"Our description of the crime scene differs from pictures

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* Life's most persistent and urgent question is, **what are you doing for others?**

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Mae Simmons

Community and Senior Centers
What's Happening This Month!

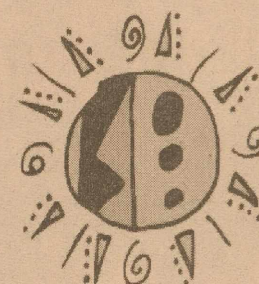
SUMMER SATELLITE CAMP REGISTER TODAY!

June 1-August 21 ~ 7:45 am-5:30 pm

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Registration fee \$20



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By Renetta Howard



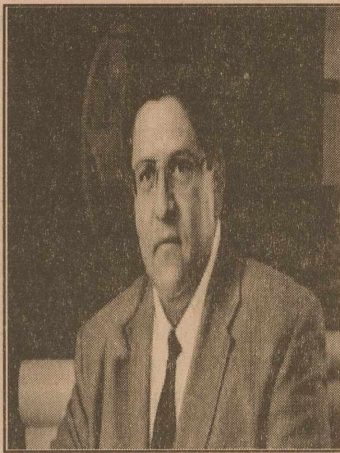
I was saddened to learn that a man from the town in which I spent my early childhood days, had been found hanging and badly decomposed, from a tree fairly near his home. I was also saddened to learn that Rev. Al Sharpton had made a visit there to be informed and or inform the world about the tragic incident. In view of the past history of Claiborne County and Port Gibson, Mississippi and the recent protest regarding the deaths of Black males in America, this is truly a situation which calls for complete professional investigation before the renegades and vigilantes become active.

Many young people today are not aware that the N.A.A.C.P. has a long standing history in Claiborne County which has historically attempted to settle racial disputes through the local, state and federal courts. The local residents also have a history of protest through rallies and boycotts. The county is predominantly Black and though there was racial segregation or "Jim Crow," friction was not one of its characteristics. One reason being that there was some identical blood running through the veins of some families of both races. Another being that in the olden days, house help was loved and admired as family. There were two communities within the greater community which existed peacefully together with mutual respect, as Black business flourished in this county until after the Korean Conflict. Black people did not fear white people and following the Korean Conflict, they began to demand equality on every level through protests and boycotts. Because this community was fearless, when a unique death did occur, it was thoroughly investigated and the culprit was usually brought to justice whether it was a Black or

White victim. But with the pressure of equality in all things, many Black businesses failed to thrive and government and business took a spiral downward. Much of this action has been a direct result of the famous case: NAACP v. Claiborne Hardware Co. in 1982.

In 1966, the Black citizens of Port Gibson, Mississippi and Claiborne County demanded equal rights and they were not granted. This resulted in a boycott of white merchants in the area. When a Black policeman was employed in 1867, the boycott was lifted. When a Black man was killed around the same time as Martin Luther King in 1968 by policemen and a demand was made to discharge the force and the demand was not met, the boycott was reimposed. The merchants sued 146 individuals, NAACP and the Mississippi Action for Progress to recover losses and stop the boycotts in 1969.

The lower courts upheld the Merchants wishes and the Supreme Court of Mississippi upheld the lower courts' rulings in 1980. From 1969 until the United Supreme Court ruled on appeal in favor of the NAACP in 1982, the 146 individuals named in the merchants' suit in essence had their civil rights frozen. By the time they were released from judgement, many had lost property, jobs and were in debt. Equality in the daily lives of many Claiborne County residents improved tremendously, but those in the forefront for freedom lost quite a bit. The county is trying to recoup its former status and a nationwide protest at this time is not in the best interest of the residents. We need to get 'in cinque' and weigh the consequences before jumping into protest mode as Americans.



Councilman Hernandez

Councilman Victor Hernandez Advocating on Behalf of Local Control

District 1 City Council Member Victor Hernandez has forwarded letters to local State of Texas representatives, Charles Perry, John Frullo, and Dustin Burrows stating his opposition to H.B. 40, S.B. 1165, and H.B. 539, which would erode the governing authority of the Lubbock's City Council, diminish the City's revenue, and impose a State mandate, but not provide for a commensurate level of compensation.

Council Member Hernandez stated, "On March 12, 2015, the Lubbock City Council amended the City's Oil and Gas Drilling Code of Ordinances. The amendments affirmed that our municipality should remain vigilant and proactive in determining and establishing reasonable and uniform safeguards related to gas and oil exploration, drilling, and operations within the City of Lubbock. Bottom line, H.B. 40, S.B. 1165, and H.B. 539 circumvent local control."

Do not seek revenge or bear a grudge against anyone among your people, but love your neighbor as yourself. I am the Lord.

Leviticus 19:18

THIS N' THAT

by T. J. Patterson

61ST ANNIVERSARY OF FEDERATION OF CHOIRS NEVER BE FORGOTTEN!! THIS N THAT along with those in attendance for the 61ST ANNIVERSARY OF THE FEDERATION OF CHOIRS should never be forgotten as it was well presented..... The FEDERATION OF CHOIRS begun in the mind of the late SISTER SEDELIA SOLOMON..... The first ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING was held at the NEW HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH and the pastor

was the late REV. A. L. DUNN..... Those churches present at this meeting were: BETHEL AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH NEW HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH CARTER CHAPEL CME CHURCH RISING STAR BAPTIST CHURCH MT. GILEAD BAPTIST CHURCH and MT. VERNON METHODIST CHURCH..... The purpose of the FEDERATION OF CHOIRS was to SING AND FELLOWSHIP WITH EACH OF THE CHURCHES IN THE COM-

MUNITY OF LUBBOCK, TEXAS..... This organization begun with only SIX CHURCHES AS MEMBERS but as of today there are ELEVEN CHURCHES AS MEMBERS..... Just think it was 61 YEARS AGO and it has set the FOURTH SUNDAY OF MARCH as its ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION..... THIS N THAT says CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FEDERATION OF CHOIRS for a JOB WELL DONE! MAY THERE BE MANY MORE FOR THIS FEDERATION!!

A Letter To The Youth Of Lubbock & South Plains of Texas

Dear Youth:

I once read that we were all blessed by God with unique ideas and talents. The problem is only a small number of us actually act on our ideas and dreams.

We allow others to tell us, "That won't work" or "You can't do that." When in actuality that's how some of the more successful people began.

Simply by a vision or idea and the will to see it come about. Having faith in yourself and your vision allows you to

see your dream come true.

There will always be critics who bring negativity into your life. Obstacles are just a part of life. Whatever you imagine, you can achieve.

Once that truth is realized, no one will be able to stop you. Tests are given to us by God to test our faith. Don't fail your test. Focus on your vision and see it through to the finish line.

Sincerely,
Inmate # 1802937

Councilwoman Karen Gibson Praises Bills Passed

Councilwoman Karen Gibson is praising passage of a trio of state bills that would restrict the sale, distribution, and possession of synthetic marijuana. The state Senate passed the three bills on Tuesday, Senate Bill 461 sponsored by Senator Charles Perry and Senate Bills 172 and 173 sponsored by Senator Joan Huffman.

A matter of trust

A massive study at Northwestern University that involved nearly 200,000 participants and that took place over more than 25 years showed that as you grow older you tend to become more trusting, according to the Association of Mature American Citizens.

Backing up that investigation was a second research project that took place at the State University of New York at Buffalo.

"A growing body of research shows that some things actually

get better as we age. Our new findings show that trust increases as people get older and, moreover, that people who trust more are also more likely to experience increases in happiness over time," said Northwestern researcher Claudia Haase.

The findings in these two reports may be comforting, but it doesn't mean that the elderly can "drop their guard" with strangers-especially the scammers who prey on older Americans, warns AMAC.



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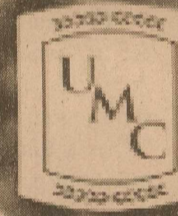
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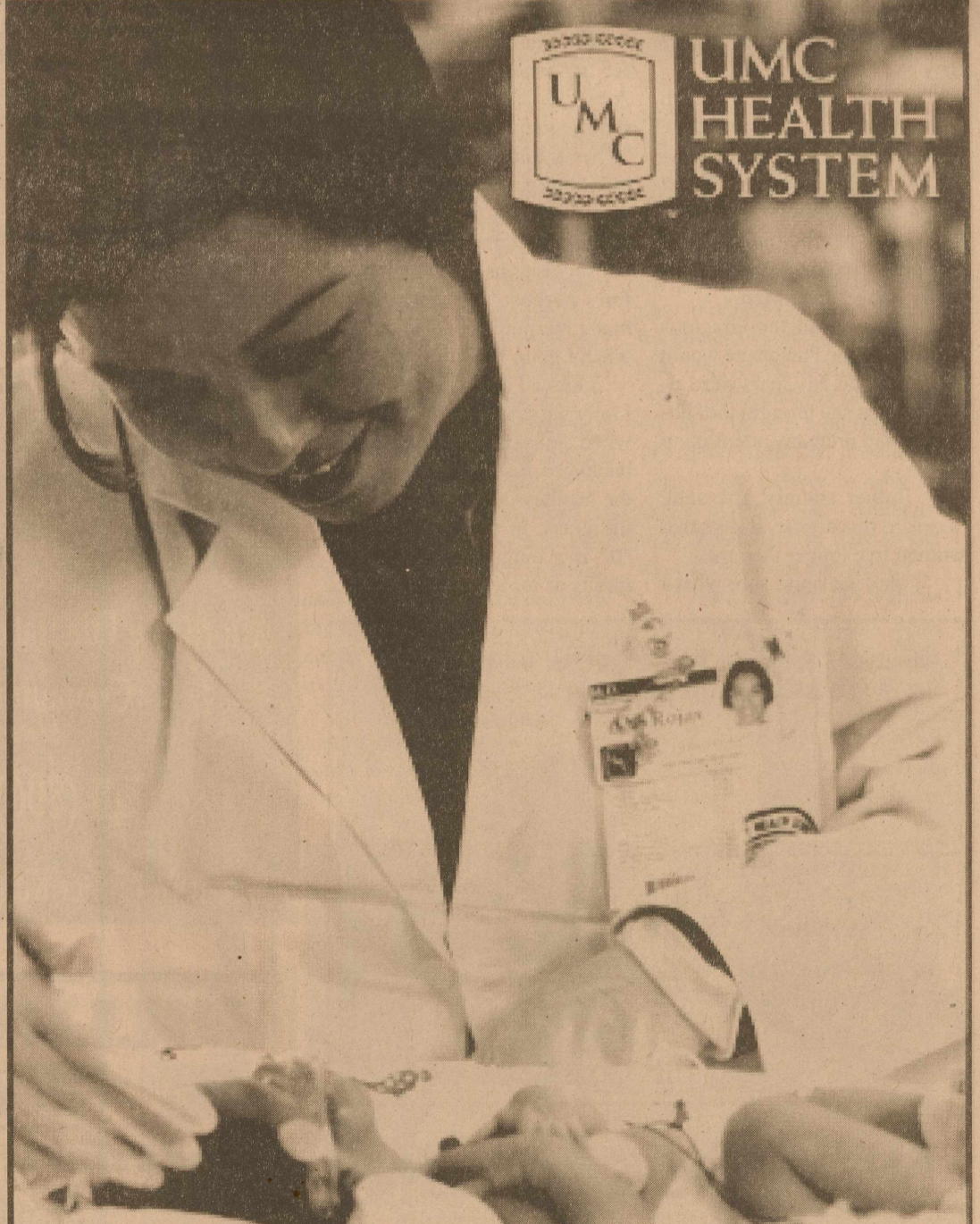
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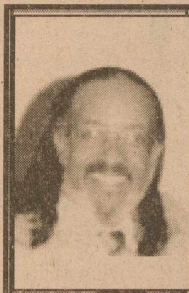
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"By The Grace of God"
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I Corinthians 15:1 -- **MOREOVER**, Brothers, I declare unto you, the gospel which also you have received unto you, which also you have received, and wherein you stand.

I, Billy "B. J.", Sunday morning, November 23, 1979, I was leaving Hearne, Texas, going to GARLAND, TEXAS WHERE I WAS BOOKING FOOTBALL AND RUNNING BOARDS. MY BLUES WAS PLAYING; I WAS GETTING READY TO OPEN A BEER. A VOICE SPOKE SAYING: "DON'T OPEN THAT BEER!!!" "MY DAMACUS ROAD EXPERIENCE!!!"

Hebrews 12:6 -- For who the Lord Loves, he chastens and scourges every son who he receives.

(On Saturday Morning, My Father's Sister, Aunt Corine, had asked me, saying, "B. J., I want you to talk to your DADDY. He and Miss Ophelia are having PROBLEMS, and I think He will LISTEN TO YOU. I told her I didn't want to get into THEIR BUSINESS. Dad and I WERE FRIENDS: We fished, hunted, worked, played pool & dominos).

The next day, SUNDAY MORNING, I had many JINKS ON ME; 3 NUTS BROKE OFF THE FRONT WHEEL OF MY PICKUP. I began to curse: #@\$%&^! I looked up in time to see my Dad

and Cuz Harvey pulling off and I began to curse: #@\$%&^! I DROVE 12 MILES TO HEARNE, TEXAS TO MY CUZ MELVIN POTTS' SHOP. PULLED IN AND A NAIL WAS IN MY TIRE. I began to curse: #@\$%&^! WE WENT TO THE PARTS STORE, LEFT MY MONEY AT MY FATHER'S HOUSE. I began to curse: ^%\$#@. I CALLED AND TOLD MISS OPHELIA TO TELL DAD TO BRING MY HAT AND MY MONEY CLIP TO ME. (THINKING THINGS WERE GOING TO BE OK???) WELL, MY DAD COULDN'T FIND THEM!! So I began to curse: %\$@#*&^! SO I HAD TO DRIVE BACK TO THE FARM TO GET THEM MYSELF ---- **Isaiah 6:5b** -- I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips.

*** THE LORD'S WILL BE DONE; NOT MINE!!! ***

MY DAD, Miss Ophelia, and I went to the fishing tank, and a 12 foot tree BRANCH fell out of a tree I WAS STANDING UNDER, I SAID, "LOOK OUT" AS I JUMPED. I said: THE LORD DOESN'T WANT US TO FISH ON SUNDAY!!! THE SUN was warm on my back, and I SAID THE SUN FEELS GOOD. I WAS THE SON THAT FELT GOOD. I said to

my Father and Miss Ophelia: YOU'LL NEED TO TALK THIS THING OUT. And they said THEY WOULD!!! A HORN BLEW up at the house, MY DAD said that's the Preacher's horn, AS A COLD CHILL CAME OVER ME AND I SAID, IS IT THE PREACHER'S HORN OR GABRIEL'S HORN: "THAT'S MY HORN!!!"

There was no one with me, so I LOOKED INTO THE PASSENGER'S SEAT. Then looking back onto the HI-WAY -- THERE WAS A DEAD MAN. "IT WAS ME!!!"

The VOICE SAID: PREACHER'S HORN OR GABLE'S HORN.

(That was what I had told my Dad and Miss Ophelia about 30 minutes earlier: PREACHER'S HORN OR GABLE'S HORN. When a horn blew up at the house, and we couldn't see who it was!!!)

*** THE LORD WORKS IN MYSTERIOUS WAYS!!! ***

John 15:16a -- Jesus said, you have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that you should go and bring forth fruit.

AN ICE COLD CHILL HIT ME, and I couldn't keep MY FEET ON THE FOOT PEDAL SHAKING HYSTERIA; WITH TEARS IN MY

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St. Matthew Baptist Church

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

Church services again were well attended Sunday morning, Palm Sunday, March 29, 2015, at the St. Matthew Baptist Church, 2020 East 14th Street, where the dynamic pastor is Rev. Edward Canady.

Sunday morning services began at 10:00 a. m. with Sunday School Superintendent, Sister Shirley Davis, in charge. Praise God for all the knowledge we receive during Sunday School. What a blessing!!

The subject of the Sunday School lesson was "Hail To The Chief." The scripture was Mark 11:1-11.

The Sunday morning devotion was conducted by our Mission Sisters: Sister Arlene Jackson and Sister Gayla Austin who did a marvelous job.

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

The morning sermon was de-

livered by our pastor, Rev. Edward Canady. His subject was "The People Had A Mind To Work." His scripture text was Nehemiah 4:6.

It was an informative sermon, and was well received by all who were in attendance.

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

Sister Canady read a very informative paper about the Missionaries. This presentation enhanced all who were in attendance.

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

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

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

Choir rehearsal is held on

Friday afternoons, beginning at 2:00 p.m. If you like singing, then come join our Choir.

Remember, your involvement in any of these important meetings is key to our growth. So come and join us!

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

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

Thought For The Week:
"God pursues us in our restlessness, receives us in our sinfulness, and holds us in our broken hearts."

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Jazz has a passion and a strong love for service and working with youth. His desire to serve, develop, and mentor youth came at an early age. During his college years, Mr. Williams would come home and work with youth at the Mae Simmons Community Center and Maggie Trejo Super Center. He has been a Boy Scout Troop Leader for packs 405 and 223 and served as a Lubbock Boy Scout Board Member. Jazz has supported numerous community activities:

such as United Way campaign coordinator, member of the 100 Black Men of West Texas, ELPN, and the Boys and Girls Club. Because of his compassion, dedication, and genuine love for the youth,

Mr. Williams has impacted and desires to continue to impact the lives of youth and citizens of the Lubbock community.

On behalf of the Lubbock Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Incorporated, we wish to thank the Lubbock community for their support in our successful scholarship and programs endeavor.

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ALL
IT TAKES
IS JUST
ONE PRAYER
TO CHANGE
EVERYTHING

Why Women Live Longer Than Men

Dr. James L. Synder

There are all kinds of studies out there usually done by people who have nothing more important in the world to do. It is amazing how they come up with these various topics and studies. There must be somebody somewhere, being paid to come up with the most ridiculous studies they can think up.

Usually, I do not pay much attention to these surveys. I have more important things to do... like living! However, this one caught my attention right away. The title of the study was, "Women Live on Average Four Years Longer than Men."

I was afraid the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage would see this study. My fears were allayed when she brought the subject up and drew my attention to it.

Rather smugly, she said, "Look at this article. It says that women live longer than men."

I was not quite sure what I

was in for but I knew I was in for it. Throughout the decades of our relationship the word "it," has come to mean a variety of things. I never know the definition of "it" until after the incident, which puts me in a great disadvantage.

For example, I know I am in for "it," when I come back from the store without the main reason she sent me to the store. The "it" is a tongue lashing on the merits of getting everything on the list she puts there. According to her, the items on the list are not suggestions but are put there for a purpose and that purpose being me purchasing said items when I go to the store.

I know I am in for "it," when I lollygag (a word she uses often when speaking to me) in the backyard instead of getting to the business at hand of mowing the grass. In this occasion, the "it" is a tongue lashing on the merits of mowing the grass in a

more timely manner.

I know I am in for "it," when I fail to do anything on her "honey-do-list" when she is away for several days. The "it" is a tongue lashing on the merits of doing at least one thing on that list before her return.

When I look at it from this light, it seems to me that more often than not, her definition of "it" is a tongue lashing.

Getting back to women living longer than men do, I was tempted to opine that the reason is they work men to death. However, I knew if I said that I would really be in for "it."

Being experienced in husband-lore, I smiled and simply asked, "Why do you think that is, Honey?"

I never really understood this

matter of "the birds and the bees," until I got married. Wives have their "honey-do-lists" and husbands defer to his better half as "Honey." It does not take a birdbrain to figure that one out.

"I'll tell you why that is," my wife said with great feeling. "The reason women live longer than men is that men don't have enough work to do."

Then she threw an old quote that I have heard all my life, "Man works from sun up to sun down, but a woman's work is never done."

I could have said that men do not lollygag around, but just get to the job at hand and gets it done. I knew if I responded like this I would really be in for "it."

"Another thing," she said with a smirk, "the reason women live

an average of four years longer than men is it takes that long to clean up the mess men have made after they die."

There are arguments you cannot refute and then there are arguments you should not refute. I am not sure which category this one fell under but I knew I needed to have a "golden" moment.

Of course, it is hard to argue with statistics. The cold hard facts are that women do live on an average four years longer than men.

If the wife works outside the home, she still has to work inside the home. The man, on the other hand, works outside the home and "lollygags" inside the home. I'm not sure why this is but this is a point on her side of the chalkboard.

There was a time in our marriage when I was out of work and my wife was the primary breadwinner in the home. At that time, I took on the duties of the house and the care of the children. After one week of her coming home to my home-cooked dinners, she graciously assumed the responsibility of cooking supper for the family each night when she got home. It was not a matter of convenience but rather of survival. To say I was a bad cook is to denigrate the word cook.

I do not know if this longevity is different between a single woman and a married woman. If anybody was an expert on

wives, it has to be King Solomon in the Old Testament.

"House and riches are the inheritance of fathers; and a prudent [understanding] wife is from the LORD." (Proverbs 19:14 KJV)

"Whoso findeth a wife findeth a good thing, and obtaineth favour of the LORD." (Proverbs 18:22 KJV)

Perhaps the primary reason women live longer than a man is that women lie about their age. But you didn't hear it from me.

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Obsequies

Dorothy Nell Isaac

Funeral services for Dorothy Nell Isaac were held Friday morning, March 27, 2015, at Griffin Mortuary Chapel.

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

Isaac, 88, of Lubbock, Texas passed away on Thursday, March 19, 2015.

Dorothy was born on June 27, 1926, to the parentage of Lee and Winnie Knighten in Lone Oak, Texas. Dorothy attended Lone Oak and Greenville school districts.

After the family relocated to Lubbock, she graduated from Dunbar High School in 1944. Following graduation she married Seaman Joe Isaac. Dorothy worked as a vocational nurse in labor and delivery for several hospitals in Lubbock.

Dorothy was raised Baptist, but converted to Catholicism more than 50 years ago. She attended St. Patrick's church until her health began to fail. Dorothy was an excellent cook and was



the co-editor of a church cookbook.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Lee and Winnie Knighten; sister, Lillian Jackson; one other sister and one brother.

She leaves to cherish her memories: one sister, Helen Smith; nieces, Zemuil E. Lindsey, Sandra A. Morgan, Eunice P. Morgan and Winnie Morgan Jackson; three nephews, Oscar Ronald Smith, James E. Jackson (Denise), and Temmye L.J. Jackson (LaJauana); and a host of other relatives and friends.

Jo Ann Philpott Bell

Teague, Texas -- Funeral services were held for Jo Ann Philpott Bell on Saturday morning, February 21, 2015, at the Salem Missionary Baptist Church with Rev. F. O. Riley, pastor, as Eulogist. Rev. Roosevelt Nickerson was the Officiant.

Interment followed in Salem Cemetery in Teague under the direction of Moore's Angelic Funeral Home of Teague, Texas.

She passed away on Friday, February 13, 2015, at 12:25 p.m. at Covenant Hospital in Lubbock, Texas among loving family and devoted friends.

She was the eleventh of 12 children born to Joe Philpott and Verona Standmire on April 17, 1939 in the Salem Community of Freestone County, Texas.

Jo Ann grew up in Freestone County and attended the public schools there. She graduated with the Class of 1957 from Booker T. Washington High School in Teague, Texas. She was a Cosmetologist and worked at Covenant Hospital in Lubbock for 12 years as a CNA.

Jo Ann accepted Christ into her life at age 12 during a Revival one summer night and united with Salem Baptist Church.

Jo Ann married Johnny J. Bell in Tyler, Texas. She was a devoted wife and mother, and spent most of her time and energy as a caregiver to her family. Over the years, she enjoyed gardening, sewing, quilting, and playing the piano. She was a pianist at Salem and Jerusalem Baptist Churches in Freestone County. She also served as a pianist in Tyler, Kilgore, and Lubbock, Texas. She was a member and pianist at Rising Star Baptist



Church in Lubbock.

Jo Ann Bell was preceded in death by her parents: Joe and Verona Philpott; her brothers: Hermit and Claude Philpott; and her sisters: Ida Mae Johnson, Loressa Hollie, Letha Jackson, Alvernea Smith, and Lurlean Brown.

Those left behind to celebrate her life and share in her memories: her husband, Johnny J. Bell; her sons: Kenneth M. Bell and Shermaun Durez Bell and wife Rochelle; her daughter, Gwen Taylor, all of Lubbock, Texas; her brother, Eli Philpott of Los Angeles, California; her sisters: Claudine Curry and Vera White, both of Teague, Texas, and Ruby Fay Henderson of Ft. Worth, Texas; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives, and friends.

Pallbearers were: Michael Brown, Jerald Henderson, Lester Brown, Jr., Donnie Ray Jones, and Donald Henderson.

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Flower Bearers were members of the Choir.

Johnny Ree Stevens

Funeral services for Johnny Ree Stevens were held Friday afternoon, March 27, 2015, at the New Zion Baptist Church.

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

Stevens, 85, of Lubbock, Texas, passed away Sunday, March 22, 2015.

Johnny was born on November 16, 1929, to the parentage of Curtis Stevens and Ridder Stevens in Jefferson, Texas.

Johnny accepted Christ at an early age and became an ordained minister at Unity Baptist Church under the leadership of the late Pastor Robert Adams.

He relocated his fellowship to Greater Saint Mark Baptist Church under the leadership of the late Dr. Leon Armstead.

He was a member of New Zion Baptist Church until God called him home.

Johnny loved reading his Bible, attending church, speaking and preaching the word of God. He spent his free time traveling and fishing with his wife and grandchildren.



He leaves to cherish his memories: his loving wife of 43 years, Annie Pearl Stevens; one stepbrother, Thomas Garden; one stepsister, Willie Mae Thomas; six sons, Tommie Lee Hall, Edgar Stevens, Larry Don Stevens, Robert Green, Lester Joe Green, Ronnie Lee Green; five daughters, Deborah Maden (Albert), Brenda Stevens, Debra Stevens, Denetria Green (Lester), Esther Butler, (Darryl); eight grandsons, 11 granddaughters, over 60 great grandchildren and a host of other relatives and friends.

Michael Sam says other NFL players came out to him as being gay



It has been widely assumed, as it should be, that Michael Sam was not the only gay player in the NFL when he was with the St. Louis Rams and the Dallas Cowboys last year.

Sam confirmed that, saying several NFL players contacted him after he was drafted and told him they were gay. The difference, of course, is that Sam was the only one who was openly gay.

"I am not the only gay person in the NFL," Sam said, according to the Fort Worth Star-Telegram. "I'm just saying there is a lot of us. I respect the players that did reach out to me and had the courage to tell me that they were also gay, but they do not have the same courage as I do to come out before I even played a down in the NFL."

Sam, who was speaking at the 2015 Dallas Holocaust Museum Upstander Speaker series, said he didn't think it would be a big deal to come out, mostly because there are "gay athletes everywhere." But as he knows now, it was a big deal. On one hand there seem to be positives to it - Sam got the type of exposure almost no seventh-round

pick will ever get - but the negative is he'll always wonder if coming out hurt his professional career. He was cut by the Rams despite a solid preseason with 11 tackles and three sacks. He was signed to the Cowboys' practice squad but cut before he ever got promoted to the active roster or appeared in a regular-season game. He hasn't been signed since.

Sam said during his speech that he doesn't believe he is being discriminated against. But he also said that if you look at the game film, "clearly I can" play in the NFL. It seemed from his quotes via the Star-Telegram that even if he doesn't believe being gay is keeping him out of the NFL, there is a bit of lingering doubt. And that provides a pretty easy answer to why all those players who contacted Sam and told him they're gay haven't come out themselves.

"Dancing with the Stars' is my employer," Sam said. "That's my main source of income. ... I'm unemployed, and I don't believe I'm out of the NFL because I'm gay. But if it was a reason, it can hurt their livelihood, and you don't want to take that chance."

New Information Confirms

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shown to our legal counsel and it's clear the crime scene had been doctored. The police report also indicates that the case was closed the day of the shooting with no investigation and prior to the autopsy release. We believe the crime scene was changed after the autopsy revealed Christian had been fatally shot in the back while he lay wounded. And the conflicts of interest run deep. Pat Chisenhall's attorney is DA Stewart's former partner, who is also a financial contributor to Stewart's election committee. Another officer close to the investigation was a neighbor of Pat Chisenhall and a friend who fraternized with Katie Chisenhall. If we hadn't raised our voices, DA Stewart would have succeeded in sweeping Christian's death under the rug.

"There is more than enough probable cause and evidence for DA Stewart to charge Chisenhall, but he refuses to do his job. Honestly, he should be removed from office for unethical conduct. No family should ever have to go through losing their son and then having to fight for

justice, this case must go before a jury. We and our supporters will not rest until our family receives the due process and justice entitled to every citizen. Unlike Pat Chisenhall's, who claims not to remember the events of that day, we will never forget the cost of his murderous action.

"We demand that DA Stewart recuse himself and allow NC Attorney General Cooper and the NC State Bureau of Investigation to thoroughly investigate the homicide of our son and bring Christian's killer, Pat Chisenhall's, to justice. This type of racial discrimination, corruption and cronyism is unacceptable in North Carolina's justice system and we need state and federal officials to ensure fairness and equity. More than 16 months since Christian was killed and District Attorney Vernon Stewart has made it clear that he is incapable of doing his job.

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Brutal and Bloody Arrest of African American Honors Student in Virginia Leads To Investigation

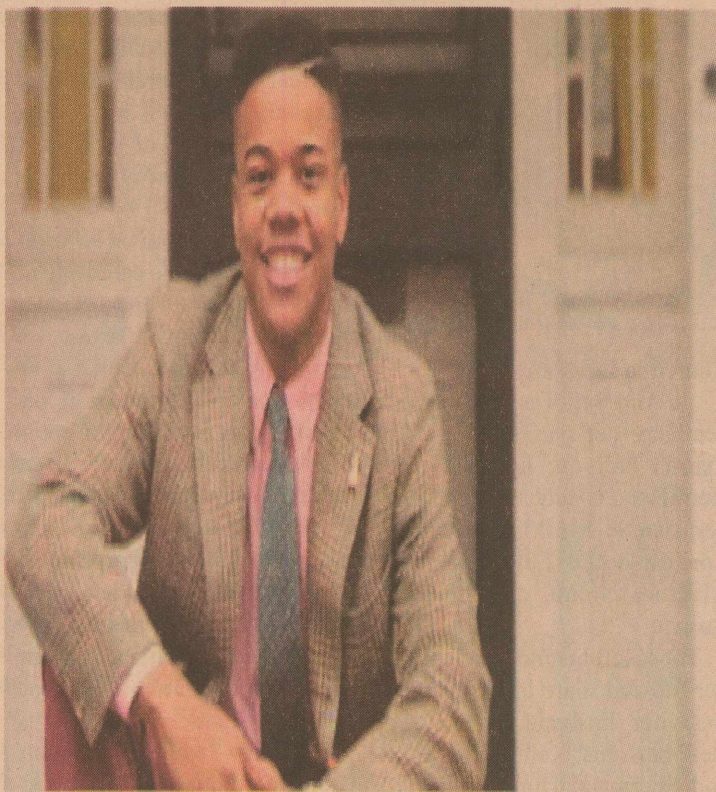
Charlottesville, VA — More than 1,000 students recently gathered at the University of Virginia (U.Va.) to protest and demand justice for 20-year old Martese Johnson, a Black student who was injured during a recent arrest by police officers. In pictures and videos circulating on Facebook, Johnson is seen being arrested with a very bloody face and shirt.

Johnson, a member of the Honor Committee at the university, was arrested and charged with public intoxication and obstruction of justice. But he was "brutalized" so bad that he reportedly needed 10 stitches. In the video, he can be heard screaming: "I'm a UVA student. How did this happen you (bleeping) racists!"

The very next night after the arrest, a rally in support of Johnson drew hundreds of students including Johnson himself. Johnson told the crowd, "We are one community. We deserve to respect each other, especially in times like this."

Virginia Governor Terry McAuliffe issued a statement saying: "Governor McAuliffe is concerned by the reports of this incident and has asked the Secretary of Public Safety to initiate an independent Virginia State Police investigation into the use of force in this matter. The governor's office has been in contact with University of Virginia President Teresa Sullivan and will continue to monitor this situation closely as the investigation proceeds."

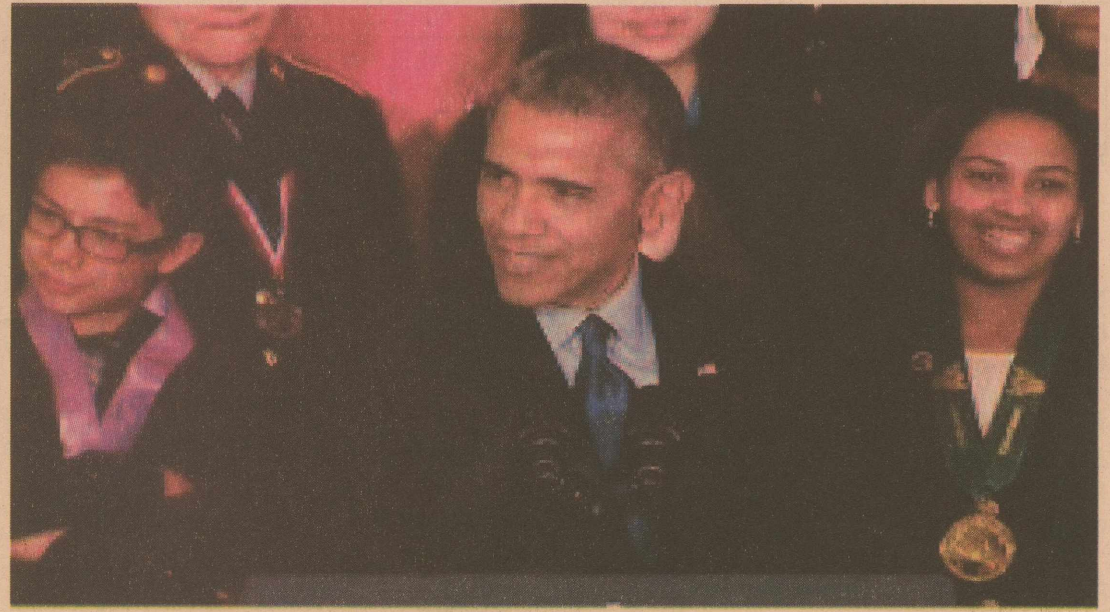
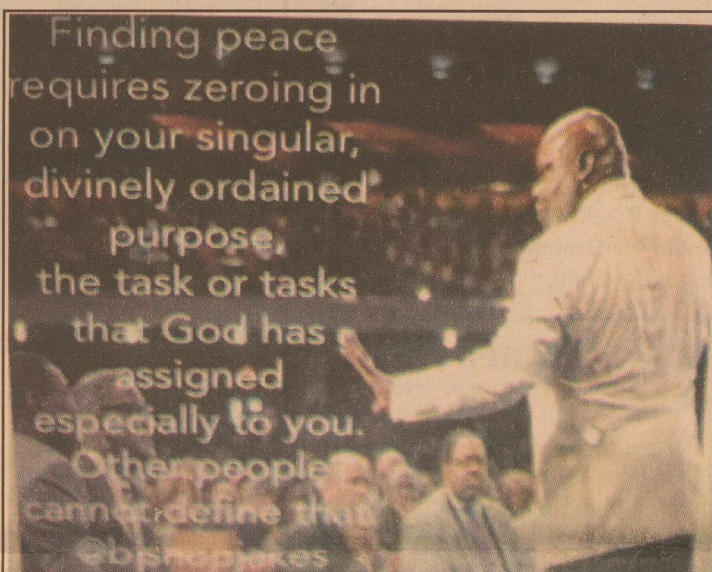
University of Virginia President Teresa Sullivan also released a statement saying: "The safety and security of our students will always be my primary concern, and every member of our community should feel safe from the threat of bodily harm



Martese Johnson seen as a member of the Honor Committee at the University of Virginia.

and other forms of violence. Today, as U.Va. students, faculty, and staff who share a set of deeply held values, we stand unified in our commitment to seeking the truth about this incident. And we stand united in our belief that equal treatment and

equal justice are among our fundamental rights under the law." Meanwhile, the special agents involved in Johnson's arrest have been assigned to administrative duties while the investigation continues.



Is The STEM Talent Pipeline Really The Problem?

We don't want to just increase the number of American students in STEM," President Obama explained during the 2015 White House Science Fair on Monday. "We want to make sure everybody's involved. We want to increase the diversity of STEM programs as well, and that's been a theme of this science fair."

The president stood with the young science fair winners as he updated the press on \$240 million in new pledges to his initiatives to improve STEM education in the U.S., \$90 million of which are allocated directly to improve opportunities for underrepresented young people.

Much of the White House's program, called 'Educate to Innovate', calls for improving the STEM pipeline from an early age to moment of hire with four key points:

- Focusing on underrepresented groups
- Exposing girls and young women to STEM fields
- Setting the standard with exceptional role models
- Promoting tech inclusion

Silicon Valley businesses have often excused themselves about the lack of diversity in their leadership and recruitment because of the "pipeline problem",

blaming a lack of readily available talent from underrepresented populations.

"There is a talent surplus in this room," Rev. Jesse Jackson told an audience of 25 tech companies during a Rainbow Push Coalition summit on diversifying Silicon Valley. "We come in today to partner, to two-way trade—not to destroy ... but to

realize the American dream for all."

Rev. Jackson will be the keynote speaker at the unveiling of the 2015 DiversityInc Top 50 Companies for Diversity on April 23, 2015, in New York City.

Tech-heavy businesses like BASF, Northrop Grumman and

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Black Man Found Hanging From A Tree In Mississippi

FBI Special Agent in Charge Donald Alway confirmed in a press conference on Friday, March 20, 2015, the body found hanging in the woods in Claiborne County, Miss. has been identified by authorities as Otis Byrd.

Authorities are investigating the death of a Black man found hanging from a tree in Claiborne County, Miss.

The FBI, Mississippi Bureau of Investigation (MBI), local law enforcement, the Justice Department's Civil Rights Division and the U.S. Attorney's office are investigating the death. It has yet to be determined whether it was a homicide or suicide.

Claiborne County Sheriff Marvin Lucas and his officers discovered a decomposing body, believed to be Otis Byrd, with a bed sheet tied around his neck, hanging from a tree at approximately 10:21 a.m. on Thursday. His hands weren't tied. The area of the hanging is approximately 500 yards southwest of a house belonging to Byrd's family.

An official release from the FBI and the MBI on Thursday states:

Earlier in the day, the Claiborne County Sheriff's Department and the Mississippi Wildlife Fisheries and Parks conducted a ground search for a man who had been missing since early March. Officers located a man hanging in the woods near Old Rodney Road a half-mile from his last known residence.

Byrd, 54, was last seen March 2 when a friend dropped him off at the Riverwalk Casino in Vicksburg. He was reported missing by his family the same day, a missing person's report was formally filed on March 8, and on March 13 the MBI received a missing person's report from the Claiborne County Sheriff's Department.

Authorities have not positively identified the body as Byrd's. The body has been sent to the state Crime Lab in Jack-



son, and an autopsy will be completed to determine whether the death was a suicide or homicide. But the Claiborne County chapter of the NAACP says the deceased is Byrd.

In an official statement, Derrick Johnson, the President of the NAACP Mississippi State Conference, said:

The Mississippi NAACP calls for an investigation regarding the death of Mr. Otis Byrd of Claiborne County, MS. Mr. Byrd, who has been missing for over a week, was found hanging from a tree in a wooded area approximately 4 or 5 miles from his home. We are calling on federal authorities to immediately investigate the hanging death of Mr. Otis Byrd to determine

whether or not his death is the result of a hate crime."

The NAACP emailed the U.S. Department of Justice to ask for assistance in the investigation.

Released on parole in November 2006, Byrd was convicted of capital murder for killing Lucille Trim in Claiborne County in February 1980 during a robbery.

One of Byrd's family members, who did not want to be identified, told CNN that he was

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Ms. Mitchell will graduate from medical school this May at the top of her class. She re-

ceived her first-choice match with the University of Southern California where she will begin her four-year residency program in obstetrics and gynecology in July.

Prior to attending Estacado High School, Ms. Mitchell at-



Nicole Mitchell

ended Wester Elementary School and Smylie Wilson Middle School.

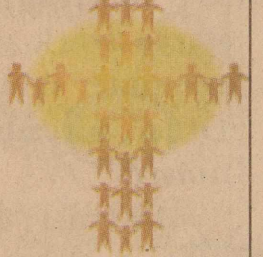
The *Southwest Digest* salutes Ms. Mitchell on her recent accomplishment, and LISD for it does to help our young people!

Prior to attending Estacado High School, Ms. Mitchell at-

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



2 Chronicles 7:14

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EYES, I BEGAN TO PRAY
AND PLEAD WITH GOD!

*** GRACE: GIVING US
WHAT WE DO NOT DE-
SERVE -- THAT'S LOVE!!!

Proverb 1:7 -- The fear of
the Lord is the beginning of
knowledge; but fools despise
wisdom and instruction.

My 80 mph became down to
55, and I began to PRAY --
LORD, PLEASE DON'T LET
ME DIE TODAY. I HAVEN'T
BEEN LIVING RIGHT.
PLEASE GIVE ME AN-
OTHER CHANCE!!!

*** MERCY: GOD NOT
GIVING US WHAT WE DE-
SERVE!!! ***

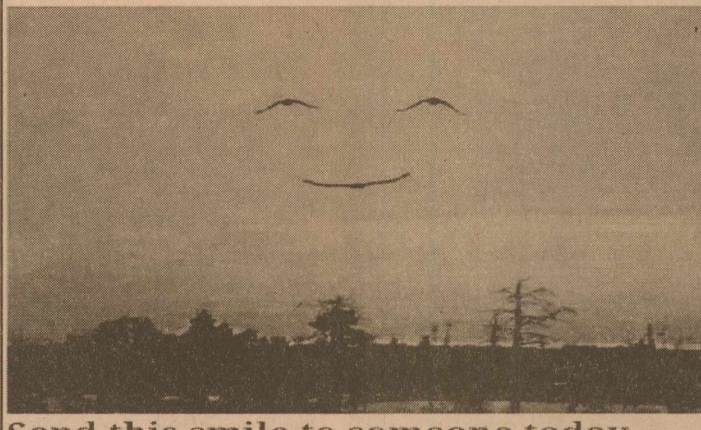
Psalm 51:10-11 & 13 --
Create in me a clean heart, O'
God; and a renew a right spirit in
me. Cast me not away from your
presence; and take not your Holy
Spirit from me. Then I will teach
transgressors your ways, and
sinners shall be converted unto
you.

As I left Hearne, Texas, there
was an UNDERPASS; I
DROVE ON THE CENTER
LINE NOT TO HIT THE
SIDE BEAMS. There was a
turn around about a mile up to
get to the other side. To go tell
my DAD'S DEATH WAS ON
ME. I NEEDED SOMEONE
TO DRIVE ME TO GAR-
LAND, TEXAS. But I was
talking to THE HEAVENLY
FATHER!!!

I Samuel 16:7b -- The Lord
sees not as man see; for man
looks on the outward appear-
ance, but the Lord looks on the
heart.



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Is The STEM Pipeline Really The Problem?

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Nielsen, companies on the 2014
DiversityInc Top 50 and mem-
bers of Change the Equation, the
non-profit group set up to mobi-
lize the business community in
order to tackle the issue of
STEM education, have made big
strides by recognizing that there
are already diverse, qualified
workers already in existence for
these tech jobs.

Still, while initiatives like Ed-
ucate to Innovate and Change
the Equation are important, for
the underrepresentation of
women in tech, the issue is fur-
ther complicated by systemic
bias in science and technology
fields. Whether it's Microsoft's
CEO saying women should rely
on karma for raises or women
seeing bias in training and spon-
sorship at tech firms, the issue of
systemic attitudes towards gen-
der persists.

Psychologist Joan C. Williams
doesn't buy the pipeline as the
main culprit behind the absence
of women and, particularly,
women of color. Based on her
research with co-authors Kather-
ine W. Phillips and Erika V. Hall,
she writes in Harvard Business
Review, "bias, not pipeline is-
sues or personal choices, pushes
women out of science -- and that
bias plays out differently de-
pending on a woman's race or
ethnicity."

The five specific biases she
found that women in the sci-
ences reported:

- Having to prove themselves
repeatedly with "their successes
discounted, their expertise ques-

tioned."

- Being required to walk the
"tightrope" between acting mas-
culine to prove competency but
maintaining expected femininity
- Having "their commitment
and competence" questioned
after having children

- Struggling with conflict be-
tween differing generations of
women

- Being isolated because they
"feel that socially engaging"
with colleagues might damage
perceptions of their competence
(particularly an issue among
Black and Latina respondents)

These implicit biases find sup-
port in studies that shows both
men and women on science fac-
ulties favor a fictional applica-
tion's male name over a female
one with identical credentials in
terms of hiring for positions, or
that when employers were only
given physical characteristics,
women were "half as likely to be
hired as men, because they were
(erroneously) perceived as less
talented for the arithmetic task:
Both men and women expected
women to perform worse."

"It's so tempting to attribute
the paucity of women in STEM
to pipeline problems or personal
choices," concludes Williams.
"But it's time to listen to women
scientists: they think the issue's
gender bias, and an increasing
amount of research supports that
view."

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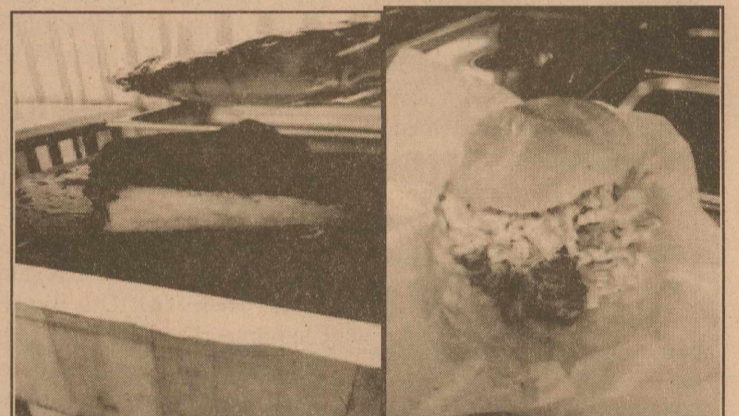
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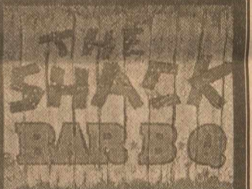
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The United Family® Makes Annual Apples Donation To South Plains Food Bank

Contributes 5,600 pounds of apples as part of Take a Bite Out of Hunger™ program

The United Family® in Lubbock today delivered a donation of 5,600 pounds of apples to the South Plains Food Bank, as part of its annual participation in the Take a Bite Out of Hunger™ program.

For the fourth year in a row, The United Family is providing food for the hungry in its local communities by donating more than 39,000 pounds of apples to seven local food banks across Texas and New Mexico.

"The United Family's continued participation in the Take a Bite Out of Hunger program is a way for us to show our commitment to those in need in our local communities," said Joseph Bunting, Produce Director for The United Family. "We are proud to stand with these food banks as they seek to eliminate widespread hunger."

Through partnering with 220 agencies, The South Plains Food Bank provides food for those in need in a 20-county area of West Texas and have fed more than 82,000 hungry children in the last year and a half.

The donation is part of The United Family's participation in the Take a Bite Out of Hunger™ program sponsored by FirstFruits Marketing of Washington. FirstFruits created the Take a Bite out of Hunger™ campaign to help feed the underserved while bringing attention to the problem of food insecurity in the United States.

"Changing Lives - Life of Service" by Eddie Harris

We are excited about the opportunity to be the hosting Church for the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, 2nd Annual Chaplain's Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon on April 11th, 2015 for an hour and half. We will be in the Anchor's class and adjacent class room here at Broadway. The chaplaincy department here at the Montford has 280 registered volunteers with 219 active, the other 61 are to be re-trained within the next 3-6 months. On an average we have 60-70 volunteers at least at the unit every month. I want to personally extend this invitation to you, my Broadway family to this luncheon and please see the attachment. Of all the volunteers, two of them are being honored by Texas Department of Criminal Justice- Warden Stephen and Warden Holligan along with Chaplain Claybrook at this luncheon.

The 42nd National Jail/Prison Workshop will be in Memphis TN, in June at the Highland Church of Christ. Additional information will follow in April and May.

The NewLife Behavior team of volunteers have the skill and courage to do the important work of training and equipping those convicted to live a better, more productive life upon their return to society. NewLife Behavior curriculum now implemented in 100+ prisons in 43 states and 39 foreign countries. These men and women will one day be our neighbors. Come by and see what God is doing at this Medical-Psy Unit but prison.

"Year after year, we are humbled to learn the impact our program makes in communities nationwide," said Robbin Erickson of FirstFruits Marketing of Washington. "The number of households fed through our program exponentially increases with the consistent support from our retail partners like The United Family."

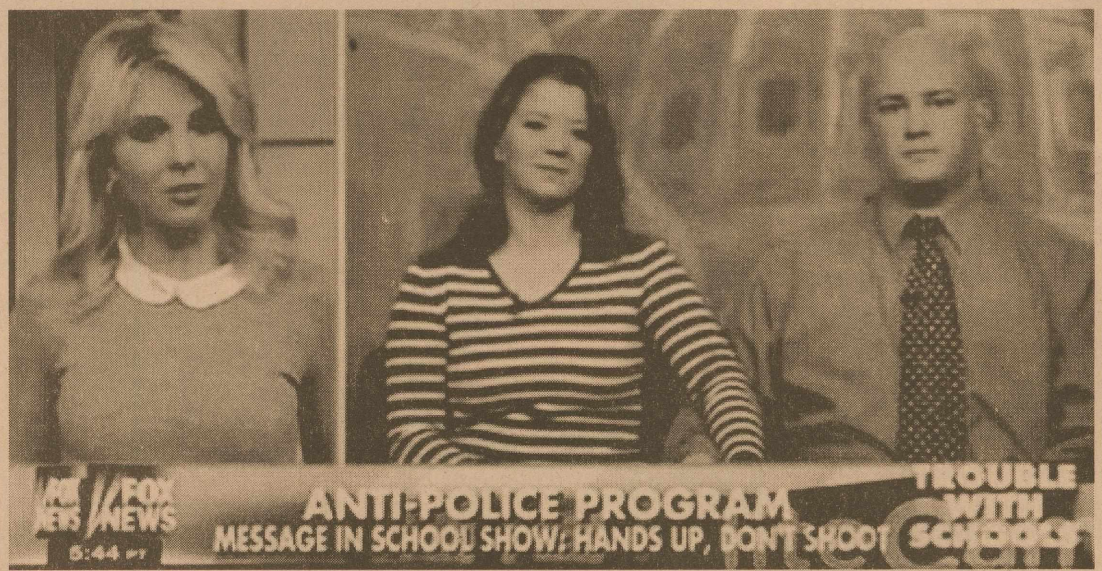
Since Take a Bite out of Hunger was introduced in 2010, approximately 1 million pounds of fresh apples have been donated to local food banks in the name of the participating retailers. This year more than ten retailers have joined the Take a Bite Out of Hunger effort with donations going to local food banks throughout the U.S. and Canada.

Through the program, United has provided almost 150,000 pounds of apples to area food banks during the past four years.

Apple donations also arrived today at the Food Bank of West Central Texas, Abilene; High Plains Food Bank, Amarillo;

North Texas Food Bank, Dallas-Fort Worth; Wichita Falls Area Food Bank, Wichita Falls; West Texas Food Bank, Midland/Odessa; and Food Bank of Eastern New Mexico, New Mexico.

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White Parents Demand Apology For DC Area School's Black History Month Event

Washington, DC — Charles and Rebecca, two white parents from the Washington DC area, are outraged that their 8-year-old daughter's school district held a Black History Month event that turned into what they say was a civil rights rally. They were recently interviewed on Fox News' morning show "Fox & Friends".

During the interview, Rebecca comments, "Everywhere that we looked were students, high school students, wearing shirts that said 'Black Lives Matter, I Can't Breathe. As I was flipping through my program, it had 'Hands Up, Don't Shoot.'" Charles, who is a local police deputy, says he felt the event was very anti-police. He says that he wanted to yank his daughter from the auditorium immediately, but his wife thought it best to at least let her stay long enough to sing with her school's choir.

Rebecca continues, "Students started coming out on stage saying things like, 'I'm from Ferguson, Missouri. I was

told to put my hands up. I did and I was shot seven times. My name is Michael Brown'. I immediately realized that this was not something that was a good idea for my daughter to be seeing."

After the event, the two say that their daughter was asking them questions like: "Why do cops shoot black people? Why do cops shoot good people? If they do that, does that make them a bad cop? Daddy, you're a cop, does that make you a bad cop?"

They both say they are completely outraged that they were put into a position to speak to their child about racism and are now seeking an apology.

Meanwhile, Brenda Tanner, the school superintendent (who

is also white), released a statement saying: "I support the young people. They didn't show anger, they didn't show defiance. They kept a recurring theme that our lives matter."

Charles and Rebecca, say however, that they are not satisfied with her response.

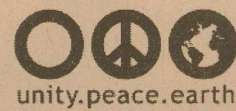
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So you think you would really like to get even with that person? Oh, how you would enjoy it. But vengeance is Mine. I can handle that person and, by the way, thinking about you, are there any times in your life when you have wanted My mercy rather than My judgment?

Romans 12:19

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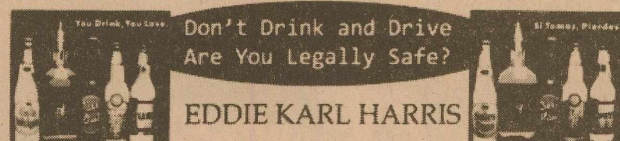
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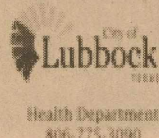
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Hundreds of Student Volunteers Travel to Ferguson For Spring Break to Help Rebuild the Community

Ferguson, MO — College students from all over the country are using their Spring Breaks to help rebuild the community and promote civic engagement in Ferguson. Students are coming from cities as far away as New York, Atlanta, and Los Angeles.

Most of them are a part of an organized initiative called Ferguson Alternative Spring Break (FASB), which is a five-week program that invites students from across the nation to help rebuild the city by addressing unmet social needs. The program, created by civic leaders and activists from Ferguson, started on March 7th and will end on April 11th.

According to USA Today, the program requires the student volunteers to spend at least 33 hours each week helping out with various community service projects. Such projects include: voter education and registration, community beautification projects, food collection/distribution, and homework help and tutoring with local schools. They are also assisting local businesses whose storefronts were damaged in the riots.

The founders of the program say the support has been overwhelming, and that as soon as their web site went live, they immediately received nearly 800

inquiries from interested volunteers.


Patricia Byrnes, co-founder of the project, says that the goal of the program was not to recruit protesters, but rather to get community volunteers to actually help rebuild the community.

She comments, "I thought the program would be a great way to show the community that there are people, especially students, from all over the country who

want to help empower them because the people in Ferguson do matter."

The city of Ferguson, although just a small town in Missouri, has been making national headlines for the past few months because of a highly publicized incident whereas a white police officer killed an unarmed Black teenager (Michael Brown).

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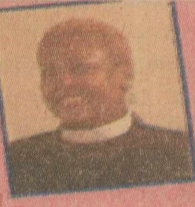

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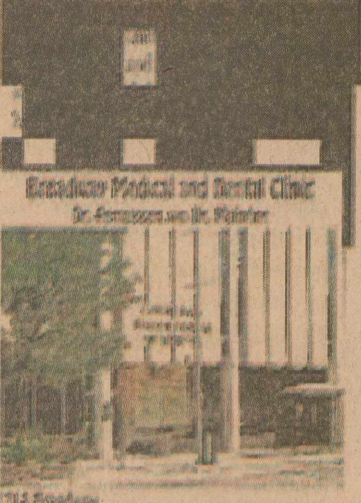



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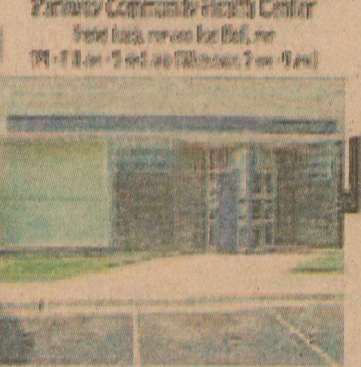
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