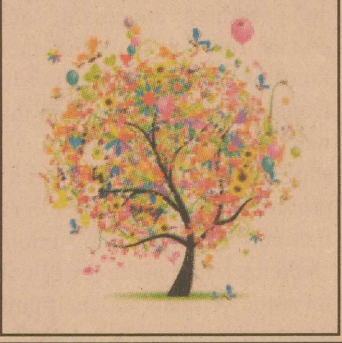
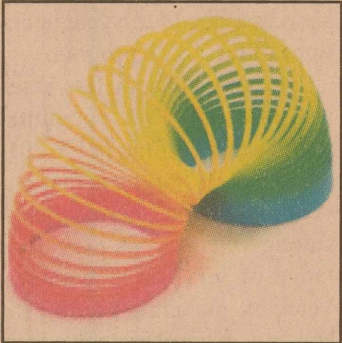
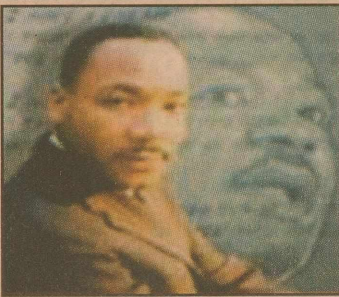
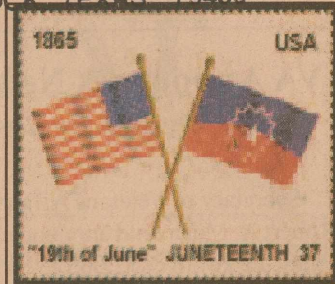




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## Community Meetings

\* 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 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.

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## My Brother's Keeper: Reaching Out To Young Boys In East Lubbock



**SOME OF THE MEMBERS OF MY BROTHER'S KEEPER:** These Black men are members of My Brother's Keeper. They were in attendance of the Open House of the Lil' Precious Steps, 918 Zenith Avenue, on Saturday morning, April 4, 2015. Ms. Charlotte McCarty is the executive director of this child care facility.

The My Brother's Keeper members, from left to right, are: Reverend Eddie Williams, Hillary Hutchinson, Jr., Kenneth Williams, Albert Oliver, LaCarl Richardson, president; and Larry Alexander. The two young fellows are: James Scott and Dukaitous Alexander.

According to the members of My Brother's Keeper their mission is to encourage hope and change within the community by empowering young men with life skills by training themselves with self management. Our young men need to know they can resolve conflict and resist the usage of drugs, alcohol using

behavior modification techniques.

The Brothers of My Brother's Keeper want young men to know they aim to build character through moralistic values which are guided by biblical structure.

It is the hope of My Brother's Keeper, they will be able to pro-

vide ethical principles and increase knowledge through education and professional sources.

It is the goal of My Brother's Keeper to meet and work with as many young fellows in Lubbock as they can. Young boys need to know they can reach goals in their lives.

## Colors of Spring 2015 Live Recording At The Dunbar College Preparatory Academy Auditorium

Each One Reach One Youth Ministry will present their Colors of Spring live recording at the Dunbar College Preparatory Academy Auditorium on Sunday afternoon, April 26, 2015, beginning at 3:00 p. m.

This presentation is free for those in attendance.

The Dunbar 100 Voice Choir, with students sixth grade through eighth grade, will be singing with Deborah Barnes and Pastor Wess Morgan.

Ms. Barnes, who comes from an award winning family of Gospel giants, is known as the "ballard and urban arm" of the Reverend F. C. Barnes family because other vocal arrangement and songwriting abilities. Debo-



**Deborah Barnes**  
rah serves as choir director of Restoration Workshop Center's music department under the leadership of Pastor Luther Barnes.

Pastor Morgan of TBN Min-



**Wess Morgan**  
istries/Tyler Perry Productions of Nashville, Tennessee, has a powerful, soulful voice and his refreshing delivery makes it an inspirational thrill to hear him.

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## Washington Park Community Garden of Chatman Hill



Missionaries from the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints are shown here helping at the Washington Park Community Garden of Chatman Hill. The garden is located in the 2100 block of Cedar Avenue, just across the street from Booker T. Washington Park.

The missionaries are in Lubbock assisting the Just Serve Organization to provide service

throughout the community with no strings attached. The Washington Park Community Garden is a project of the Roots Historical Arts Council. The Roots Council plans to distribute the garden's produce "free of charge" during the harvest season.

The team of nineteen missionaries working at the garden are helping to establish raise

beds and with the planting of various varieties of vegetable seeds. The missionary workers also cleaned mortar from bricks and helped lay the bricks for the garden's future walkway.

"We just thank God for their help," said Ralph Leggett, director of the community garden.

Elder Lane, a leader of the missionary group, said, "There Continue on Page 5



The Reverend Clifton C. Peoples, Sr.



Pictured are: Father and Mother of Pastor Peoples: Deacon C. L. Peoples and Equilla D. Peoples.



Pictured are: Deacon Michael Peoples, Minister Equilla Peoples, Deacon Clifton Peoples, Jr., and Stephanie Peoples. Their father, Reverend C. C. Peoples, is shown sitting.

## Rev. C. C. Peoples Celebrates 45 Years As Pastor Of The Mt. Olive Baptist Church

Slaton, Texas -- The Mount Olive First Missionary Baptist Church members of Slaton will honor their Pastor, Reverend Clifton Peoples, Sr., April 12 & 19, 2015 with a great celebration service. Pastor Peoples has given leadership and faithful service to the Mount Olive church family for 45 years.

Reverend Peoples, a native of Sulphur Springs, Texas, was nurtured in a strong Christian home by his parents, the late Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Peoples. After attending school, he enlisted in the United States Army to serve our country.

When he completed his tour of duty, he moved to West Texas and met his wife, the late Mrs. Vivian Peoples, and was blessed with four children: Michael, Equilla, Clifton, Jr., and Stephanie. They united with the Bethel Baptist Church of Abernathy, Texas. Under the leadership of the late Reverend J. B. Lester, Reverend Peoples met the criteria to be ordained as a deacon. Later, he accepted his calling to a higher level in the ministry and received his license as a Minister.

In 1970, he was called to pastor at the Mount Olive First Mis-

sonary Baptist Church in Slaton. His untiring service and dedication has been immeasurable. He is active in the local community of Slaton as well. He is a member of the Slaton Ministerial Alliance and the Federation of Churches.

In the New Deal Baptist District, he has served as Vice President of the Sunday School Baptist Training Union. Currently, he serves as the President of the New Zeal Baptist District Sunday School & Baptist Training Union Congress.

A man of faith and believer in prayer, under his leadership at the Mount Olive First Missionary Baptist Church, he has licensed and ordained several ministers, male and female. Of all the ministers he licensed, five became pastors. One of his sons in the ministry, Reverend W. R. Bolton, pastor of Bethel Baptist Church of Abernathy, will deliver the word of God at this year's great celebration on Sunday afternoon, April 19, 2015, at 3:00 p. m.

The church family is very appreciative to have such an inspirational leader. He has served Continue on Page 2

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76first to publicly release a workforce demographics report earlier this year. They were commended for doing so, and so far, experts say they are the most aggressive at addressing the issue.

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### VA Announces New Grants to Help End Veteran Homelessness

Initiative Targets 45,000 Homeless and At-Risk Veterans and Families in High-Need Communities

Secretary of Veterans Affairs Robert A. McDonald announced today the award of \$2,005,191 in homeless prevention grants to Lubbock Regional Mental Health Retardation Center based in Lubbock, Texas. The grants will serve homeless and at-risk Veteran families as part of the Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF) program.

This award will serve Veteran families associated with Lubbock Regional Mental Health Retardation Center, one of 24 community agencies in 15 high-need communities to receive a grant.

"The Department of Veterans Affairs is committed to using ev-

idence-based approaches such as SSVF to prevent homelessness and produce successful outcomes for Veterans and their families," said Secretary McDonald. "This is a program that works, because it allows VA staff and local homeless service providers to work together to effectively address the unique challenges that make it difficult for some Veterans and their families to remain stably housed."

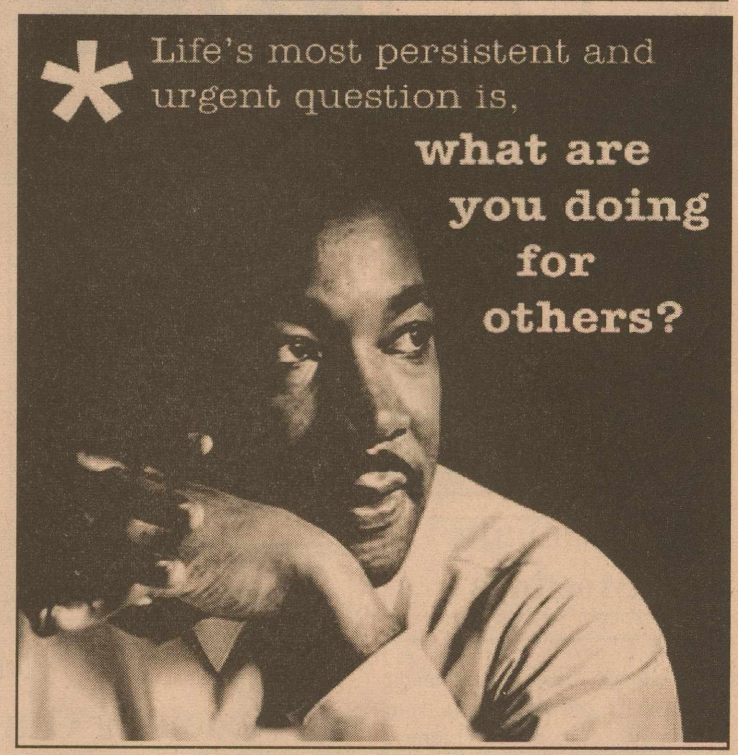
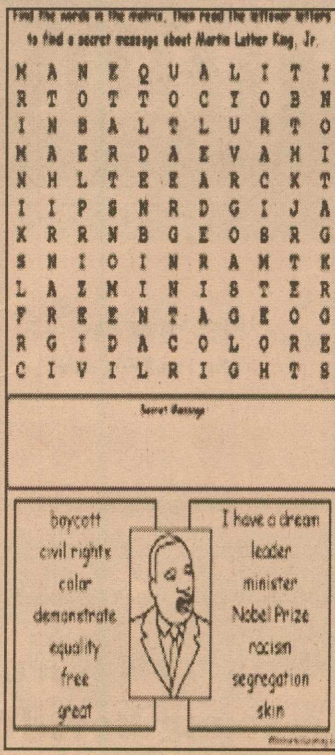
Under the SSVF program, VA is awarding grants to private, non-profit organizations and consumer cooperatives that provide services to very low-income Veteran families living in - or transitioning to - permanent

housing. The grants announced today will provide additional resources to the fourth year operations of the SSVF program.

Through the homeless Veterans initiative, VA committed more than \$1 billion in FY 2014 to strengthen programs that prevent and end homelessness among Veterans. VA provides a range of services to homeless Veterans, including health care, housing, job training and education.

More information about VA's homeless programs is available at [www.va.gov/homeless](http://www.va.gov/homeless).

Details about the SSVF program are online at [www.va.gov/homeless/ssvf.asp](http://www.va.gov/homeless/ssvf.asp).



### NAACP Statement on the Fatal Shooting of Walter Scott

**Baltimore, Md. --** A white South Carolina police officer who claimed he killed Walter Scott, a 50-year-old unarmed African American man, in self-defense was charged with murder after a bystander's video recorded him firing eight shots at the man's back as he ran away.

**From Cornell William Brooks, NAACP President & CEO:**

"Our prayers go out to the friends and family of Walter Scott. The death of yet another African-American man at the hands of those sworn to protect

and serve the community is a grim reminder of the urgent need for criminal justice reform. Scott was a father of four and a veteran of the U.S. Coast Guard whose life was senselessly cut short due to a tragic encounter with the police. While we commend the U.S. Attorney's office, the FBI, the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division and other law enforcement personnel who assisted in the swift arrest of Officer Michael T. Slager, we must also applaud the courageous citizen of North Charleston who captured the shooting incident on video then swiftly released it

to the public. From Michael Brown and Eric Garner to Tony Robinson and Tamir Rice, the narrative of excessive force and police brutality continues to permeate headlines and command our collective attention. The NAACP South Carolina State Conference will work tirelessly with federal and local authorities as well as North Charleston residents to ensure that a full and thorough investigation takes place and that justice is served. We will also push for a police department that reflects the diversity of the community. African Americans constitute 47 percent of the North Charleston population, yet constitute only 20 percent of the police force. We must continue to advocate for solutions within our criminal justice system that will keep our communities safe, our children protected and our officers properly trained and engaged."

### 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](mailto:christopher.moore@ttu.edu).

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### Rev. Peoples' 45th Anniversary

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two generations of which the third is yet holding on. Come fellowship and receive a blessing as we celebrate this great occasion!

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**Application Process is required!!!**

Application packets may be picked up at the Lubbock Housing Authority Central Office located at 1708 Crickets, Lubbock TX, 79401, during regular business hours!

Completed applications may be returned to the above address, Monday and Tuesdays between the hours of 7:00 AM to 3:00 PM. **This is a walk in interview and you will be seen in the order that you come in.** Applications outside of these dates will not be accepted. The following documents will be required at the time of interview:

**All information is required at the time of the interview, we must have original documents no copies will be accepted.**

Make sure you bring:

- Make sure that you bring your application completed and signed. (No Blanks)
- Birth certificates for all children under the age of 18 (Birth facts will not be accepted!)
- Social security cards for everyone in household.
- Current picture ID/DL for all adults in household are required at the time of the interview,
- All adults must attend this appointment! If you or other adults cannot attend interview due to working or attending school, you must contact the Intake department before the deadline to see if accommodations can be made for an interview outside the scheduled interview dates!

If you require a reasonable accommodation in order to access any of our programs, due to a handicap or disability, please call the intake department at (806) 762-1191. For the hearing impaired call TTY Relay Texas 1-800-735-2989.

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# In Cinque

By Renetta Howard



Spring has sprung and after collecting and keeping frozen, my favorite ice cream which is not produced on a regular basis, I had one big heartbreak last night when I had to take five gallons of my favorite flavor back to the store because of a recall on my ice cream.

It seems that someone is trying desperately to cause me heartbreak by seemingly deliberately making my favorite flavor subjective to having a dangerous germ in it which can cause a very painful illness or death, depending on one's physical constitution and age. The disease is called Listeriosis.

Listeriosis is Listeria monocytogenes infection. It is caused by a gram-positive bacterium named Listeria which can penetrate human cells and replicate them. (Medicine.Net.com)

Most people who are infected with the germ may have only a few or no symptoms of the disease. When symptoms are present, they usually consist of a fever, possibly muscle aches, nausea and or diarrhea and fever. More serious symptoms can occur in individuals whose immune systems are weak generally due to conditions such as diabetes, cancer, AIDS, pregnancy and alcoholism.

Most people who are in good health usually clear up the infection within a week and do not require any medical treatments. Those individuals at risk however should be treated as soon as possible with antibiotics administered by an IV.

It is usually following a massive recall of a food product that we turn our attention to Listeria infections.

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

Otherwise, most of us would not pay any attention to any symptoms which we might have as the infection has been around for many years, often with another name. It was around 1918 that the germ was first identified in a WWI soldier.

In 1979 it was found that it was food borne and could infect humans in this way. Prior to that time, it was thought that it only infected animals. It is not transmittable from one individual to another.

In this new millennium we have witnessed several outbreaks of Listeriosis and people have died because of contaminated foods. In 2010, Listeria was found in celery. In 2011, cantaloupe bore Listeria. In 2012, it was found in eggs and now in 2015, it is ice cream.

So far, I do not think that I have Listeriosis, but I could have it because I have eaten one of those half gallons of my favorite ice cream with the affected UPC code.

I understand that it is only through a blood test that it can be isolated and then treated. I am keeping a positive outlook as it has been over a period of a couple of weeks in which I ate this ice cream, but if I feel the need, I will seek medical help promptly as I am at risk individually, birthdays.

Let us all get 'in cinque' and observe our wellness or lack thereof if we have eaten the recalled ice cream.

Laughter is the most healthful exertion.

Christoph W. Hufeland

A joyful heart is good medicine.  
Proverbs 17:22

## NAACP Statement on "Religious Freedom" Legislation in Indiana and Arkansas

**BALTIMORE, Md.** – After a national and state-wide uproar over bills promoted as religious freedom measures and criticized as discriminatory against lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) individuals, state lawmakers in Indiana and Arkansas approved new legislation on Thursday to remove the most contentious language. In Indiana, legislators passed a series of changes on Thursday that, while not outlawing anti-gay discrimination, clarified that the religious freedom law does not authorize such discrimination. Lawmakers in Arkansas, acting at the urging of the governor, passed a measure that is nearly identical to the federal Religious Freedom and Restoration Act.

**From Cornell William Brooks, NAACP President & CEO:**

"The NAACP's constitution affirmatively states that our objective is to ensure the 'political, educational, social and economic equality' of all people. Therefore, the NAACP has opposed and will continue to oppose any national, state or local policy that seeks to codify discrimination or hatred into the law or to remove the Constitutional rights of LGBT citizens. Religious freedom is a constitutional value that we both celebrate and recognize as it is woven into the fabric of who we are as a nation. Furthermore, we believe that every American deserves to live a safe and just life, free of prejudice and discrimination. The NAACP will continue to work to ensure that all Americans are protected from discrimination, regardless of their race, ethnicity, gender, point of national origin, or genuine or perceived sexual orientation."

# THIS N' THAT

by T. J. Patterson

**THERE'S NO DOUBT ABOUT IT ..... IT'S TIME FOR A 5 STAR BANK IN EAST LUBBOCK!!! THIS N THAT ..... really believes the time is right for a ..... 5 STAR BANK ON THE EAST SIDE OF LUBBOCK ..... There is a very positive opportunity for this to take place..... We owe this to our children ..... that there were men and women ..... who reside on the East Side of Lubbock..... When Lubbock became a ..... SINGLE MEMBER DISTRICT ..... made it known that there are enough hard working residents who would ..... SUPPORT ..... such a financial institution in this area of the city..... THIS N THAT ..... is willing to work with some East Lubbock citizens to develop a ..... FINANCIAL SUMMIT ..... in order to find the necessary data needed for developing a ..... 5 STAR BANK IN EAST LUBBOCK..... If there are those who are willing to sit down and see exactly what kinds of data is already in East Lubbock..... Of course ..... this would mean there should be persons in the sit down ..... who has knowledge about the banking industry..... It**

will take some precious time ..... but just think of what it will mean for our ..... YOUNG PEOPLE..... Yes ..... THIS N THAT ..... really believes something will happen..... You know ..... just as ..... THIS N THAT ..... knows ..... GOD ..... will be with us ..... that is ..... if we believe in what we are doing..... Anyway ..... THIS N THAT ..... will not quit..... Can't you see all the ..... WEALTH ON THE EAST-SIDE? If there are any takers and want to see this become a ..... REALTY ..... then contact ..... THIS N THAT TODAY!!

### 13.9% of Young People Out of Work in March

Generation Opportunity releases monthly Millennial Jobs Report

**Washington, DC** – Generation Opportunity, a national, non-partisan youth advocacy organization, is announcing its Millennial Jobs Report for March 2015. The data is non-seasonally adjusted (NSA) and is specific to 18-29-year-olds:

- The effective (U-6) unemployment rate for 18-29-year-olds, which adjusts for labor force participation by including those who have given up looking for work, is 13.9 percent (NSA). The (U-3) unemployment rate for 18-29 year olds is 9.1 percent (NSA).
- The declining labor force participation rate has created an additional 1.842 million young adults that are not counted as "unemployed" by the U.S. Department of Labor because they are not in the labor force, meaning that those young people have given up looking for work due to the lack of jobs.
- The effective (U-6) unemployment rate for 18-29-year-old African-Americans is 20.2 percent (NSA); the (U-3) un-

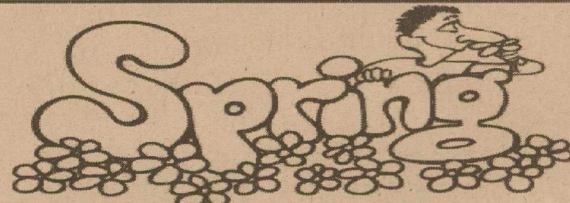
employment rate is 16 percent (NSA).

- The effective (U-6) unemployment rate for 18-29-year-old Hispanics is 14.3 percent (NSA); the (U-3) unemployment rate is 9.4 percent (NSA).
- The effective (U-6) unemployment rate for 18-29-year-old women is 11.8 percent (NSA); the (U-3) unemployment rate is 8.1 percent (NSA).

Evan Feinberg, President of Generation Opportunity, issued the following statement:

"Today's underwhelming job numbers and the stagnant youth unemployment rate paint a clear

picture of a generation held back from realizing our full potential. "Despite our best efforts to create and innovate, our generation runs into government obstacles at every turn, like proposals to tax the Internet and over-regulate emerging industries like ridesharing. "As we continue to fight back from the Recession, we ask our representatives in Congress and state capitols across the country to fight for policies that allow us to achieve what's possible: achieving prosperity while making our nation a better place for everyone."



The long cold winter is melting away  
A single red bird was spotted today  
Through the mist the sun is peeking  
Squirrels are about and acorn-seeking  
New life has come to fields and woods  
Kids venture out in sweatshirts with hoods  
In just a few weeks the river will flow  
Blossoms on trees will be starting to show  
There's still a chill in the springtime air  
Winter is gone but the memory is still there  
Summer is waiting a few months beyond  
To warm the air and the meadow and pond  
A gopher peers out from the holes that he makes  
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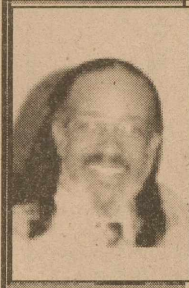
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# We Thank God for Jesus

## "We Got Away With Murder"

Written by Evangelist Billy "BJ" Morrison, III

**John 3:16** -- Jesus said, for God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

You see, it was **YOU AND ME; WE'RE THE ONES WHO KILLED JESUS. THE SINNERS OF THIS OLD WORLD: WE KILLED HIM! THAT'S US!!!**

**Romans 3:10** -- As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one. There is none that understands, there is none that seeks after God.

You see, it was **OUR MINDS** that thought of **UNGODLY THINGS**. But it was **HIS HEAD; THAT A CROWN OF THORNS WAS PLACED; AND BROUGHT HIM PAIN.**

**Matthew 27:29a** -- When they platted a crown of thorns, they put it upon his head, and a Reed in his hand.

\*\*\* **THAT'S WHAT LOVE HAS TO DO WITH OUR SALVATION!!!** \*\*\*

It was **OUR EYES THAT LOOKED UPON ANOTHER; DESERVING THEIR FLUSH**. But it was **JESUS' EYES THAT THEY SPAT IN, BECAUSE OUR'S WAS FULL OF LUST!!!**

**Mark 15:19** -- And they smote him (JESUS) on the head with a reed, and did spit upon him, and bowing their knees worshipped him.

It was **YOURS AND MY MOUTH; THAT SPOKE MANY UN-GODLY WORDS. BUT WAS JESUS' MOUTH THEY SLAPPED, AND NEVER WAS GUILTY EVER HEARD!!!**

**Luke 22:64-65** -- And when they had blind folded him (JESUS), they struck him on the face, and asked him, saying, Prophecy, who is that smote thee?

It was **YOURS AND MY BACK THAT LAID FLAT-BACK, COMMITTING ADULTERY. BUT IT WAS JESUS' BACK THEY BEAT TILL IT LOOKED LIKE MINCE MEAT!!!**

**John 8:32** -- Jesus said, you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

It was **OUR HANDS THAT STOLE THINGS, BECAUSE WE'RE NOTHING BUT THEFTS**. But it was **JESUS' HANDS; THEY NAILED TO THAT OLD TREE!!!**

\*\*\* **IT SHOULD HAVE BEEN YOU AND ME --ON THAT TREE!!!** \*\*\*

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

It was **OUR FEET THAT DANCED FILTHY DANCES. WE KNEW THEY SHOULD-N'T BE.**

But it was **JESUS' FEET THEY NAILED TO THE**

**CROSS OUT OF CALVARY!!!**

**John 20:25b** -- He (THOMAS) said unto them, except I shall see in his hands the print of the nails. And trust my hand into his side I will not believe.

It was **YOU AND I WHO WALKED SIDE BY SIDE; WITH THE DEVIL'S MAN. BUT IT WAS JESUS' SIDE THEY PIERCED, AND OUT HIS PRECIOUS BLOOD RAN!!!**

**John 19:34** -- One of the soldiers with a spear pierced his (JESUS) side, and forthwith came out blood and water.

**JESUS DIED ON THAT CROSS: FOR SINNERS LIKE YOU AND ME -- THAT IS THE ONLY WAY; MANKIND CAN BE SET FREE!!!**

\*\*\* **THEN WE CAN TRULY SAY: FREE AT LAST! FREE AT LAST!!!** \*\*\*

**Romans 10:9-10** -- If you will confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus, and shall believe in your heart that God has raised him from the dead, you shall be saved. For with the heart, man believed unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

**ATTEND CHURCH SUNDAY MORNING!**

## St. Matthew Baptist Church

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

What a wonderful time all had at the church services on Sunday morning, April 12, 2015, at the St. Matthew Baptist Church, 2020 East 14th Street, where the proud and dynamic pastor is Rev. Edward Canady. These services were well attended.

Sunday morning services begun at 10:00 a. m. with Sunday School Superintendent Sister Shirley Davis in charge. Praise God for all the knowledge we received during Sunday School!

The subject of the Sunday School lesson was entitled "All We Need Is Love." The scripture was John 3:11-24.

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The Sunday morning devotion was conducted by Brother Kevin Canady and Sister Shirley Davis.

Pastor Canady entered the Church with the choir singing "Walk In The Light." The morning sermon was de-

livered by Elder Tex Wilson, Sr. from Harten Heights, Texas. His subject was "Are You A Worker Or Are You A Worshipper?" His scripture text was St. Luke 10:38-42.

It was a very informative sermon, and was well received by all in attendance.

The morning announcements were read by our First Lady, Sister Shirley Canady, who always does a marvelous job.

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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 afternoon, beginning at 2:00 p. m. If you are a singer and

like it, then come and join our choir.

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

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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!

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St. Matthew Baptist Church is asking anyone interested in playing for the St. Matthew Baptist Church, then contact, Rev. Edward Canady at (806) 744-7552.

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ATTENTION: The Brotherhood of St. Matthew Baptist Church is sponsoring a Brotherhood program on Sunday afternoon, April 19, 2015, beginning at 3:00 p. m.

Everyone is invited! Come and bring someone with you!

### Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor:

The Mayor has said the new storm water rates are the biggest mistake the current council has ever made. Council members themselves admit it was a mistake and that it is not fair. They paid a firm \$611,000 to come up with this flawed plan.

It hurts the poor because they pay more per square foot than larger houses. It is hurting small businesses because their rates went up drastically by hundreds of dollars in many cases. It is

hurting some individuals and businesses that do not receive any city services. It is hurting churches, especially small churches because of their parking lots. Some small churches rates went from \$93.00 to the maximum of \$690.00 per month.

A number of small churches were already struggling financially. One pastor said that his church had already cut its budget for this year by \$5,000 per month even before the increase. He said his church has no other place to cut except his benevo-

lence programs.  
In spite of all problems with this new storm water rate, the City Council seems only to tweak the rates which will not solve many of the problems with this rate structure. Worst of all, they seem to be in no hurry to offer any relief. They want to have town hall meetings and work sessions that will go on months and months while people, businesses and churches are suffering.

Pastor John W. Williams  
**(Editor's Note: Southwest Digest appreciates your letters).**

### How Old Is Too Old?

Dr. James L. Snyder

One of my grandchildren asked me quite a penetrating question this week. Everybody knows how perceptive these little people are, especially when they are around big people. I am all for questions and answering questions and that sort of thing. Sometimes, however, the question crosses the wrong line.

"Grandpa," one of the little people asked, "how old are you?"

One thing I have adhered to throughout life is to always tell the truth, which has been a great challenge.

Before I was married, there was no problem about always telling the truth. I always got in trouble if I did not tell the truth and so my practice has been to always tell the truth, no matter how difficult it might be and no matter who it might hurt.

Then I got married. Growing up I did not have much interaction with people of the opposite

sex. Actually, they made me nervous every time I was around them. What do you say? What do you talk about? After all, girls are not boys.

After being married for several years, I was presented with a question I was in no way prepared for. We were going to a banquet and just before leaving the house, my wife looked at me and said, "Does this dress make me look too fat?"

Where was my father when this question was posed? He never prepared me for such questions.

I really did not know what to say. Truth, as everybody knows, can be relative, especially when you are related to the one who was asking you the question. When it comes to clothing and fashions, I am completely out-classed.

After I got over being stunned by this question posed to me by my wife, a wonderful thought hit

me. I looked at her and simply said, "I don't know about that, but your hair looks beautiful."

"Oh," she said with a smile dancing all over her face, "thank you."

Enough said.  
Getting back to the question of the little person, I had to ponder for quite a while. How old am I, really?

I am not sure I can really answer that kind of a question. It all depends upon your definition of old. When I was in my 20s, someone my current age I consider old. Now that I am this age, I have a different understanding of the word old.

How old a person is, has nothing to do with the year of his or her birth. The one thing my father did tell me about people

of the opposite sex is, "Never ask a woman her age." To the best of my knowledge, I have kept to that standard.

"So, grandpa," the curious little person asked, "how old are you?"

When you have a little person whose age is still in the single digits how do they know anything about age? Most of these little people are most anxious to reach that birthday where their age is double digits. You realize, single digits only last for nine years and double digits lasts the rest of your life!

This little person looked at me with curiosity all over her face, when a marvelous and wonderful thought danced into my cranium. I then responded, "Well, I am not as old as your grandma."

For the time being, that satisfied that little slice of curiosity.

I quickly excused myself because I was quite certain the little person was going to approach her grandma with that question and I did not want to be in the room.

With all of the fads and the trends today toward looking younger what is a person to do. When young we want to look old and when a person gets to some magical age, they want to look young. What is the right age?

Looking back over my life, I do not know any year I would like to repeat. I certainly do not want to be a teenager again. I remember those teenage years and I was so glad to get out of that age group. My 20s were not any better, except it was during my 20s that I met the person who later became the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage. Those were good years.

Then when I got into my 30s, little people started coming into our house. They arrived about 18 to 20 months apart and stopped when the number reached three. Three is a good number.

I certainly do not want to go back to that time when little people were roaming throughout the house day and night. I certainly do not want to go back to the time when those little people became teenagers. The roughest thing about having teenagers is that it is payback for when you

were a teenager. That is why as a grandpa, I smile benignly as I watch my children trying to parent their teenagers.

What I would like to do is remind those parents of what life was like for me when they were teenagers. It is wonderful being a grandfather who always gets the last laugh.

David understood this when he wrote, "Now also when I am old and greyheaded, O God, forsake me not; until I have showed thy strength unto this generation, and thy power to every one that is to come" (Psalms 71:18).

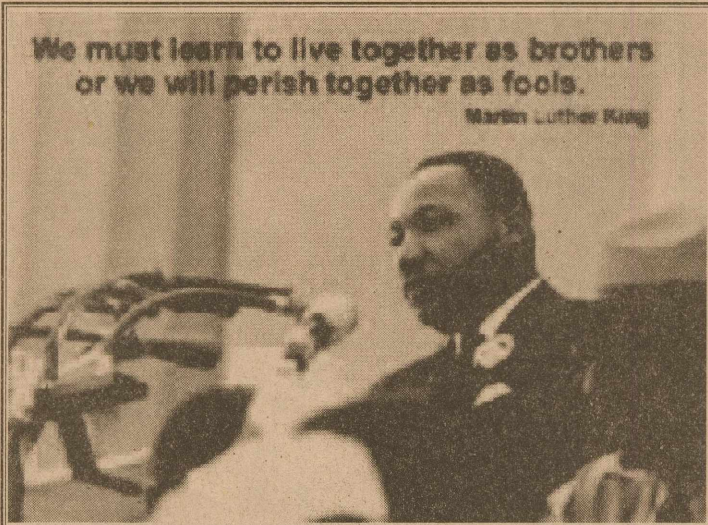
I am not old; I am just mature for my age.

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# Obsequies

## Otis Franklin, Jr.

Funeral services were held for Otis Franklin, Jr. on Thursday afternoon, April 2, 2015, at the St. John Baptist Church where the pastor is Paster S. E. Fields. Elder Dilton McDonald was the officiate and eulogist.

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

Active Pallbearers were: James Johnson, Artis Parrish, Michael Walker, Damon Parrish, and Robert Howie.

Franklin, age 52, of Lubbock, passed away on Friday, March 27, 2015.

He was born on August 12, 1962 to the parentage of Ocie Franklin and Bobbie Franklin.

Otis was a loving son, brother, and friend to many people and was willing to offer a helping hand to whomever he could.

Otis always had a smile and a warm hello to those met. He was always seen walking throughout the neighborhood with a genuine smile on his face.



Otis leaves to cherish his memories: his parents, Ocie Franklin and Bobbie Franklin; a son, Terry Medina; siblings: Cheryl Walker (Michael), James Franklin (Nicky), and Sharon Johnson (James); and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

There is no doubt about it, Otis Franklin, Jr. will be missed!

*Happy Birthday!!!*

*To all those born in the month of April*

## Clarence Laffette Taylor

Funeral services were held for Clarence Laffette Taylor on Friday afternoon, April 10, 2015, at the Unity Baptist Church with Rev. Raymond Foster, pastor, officiating.

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

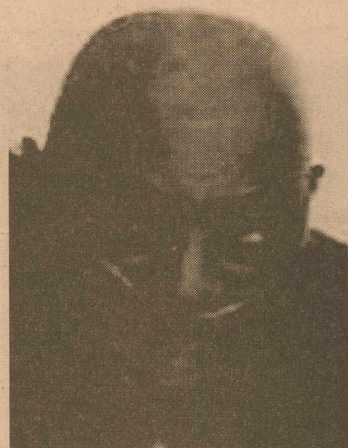
Taylor, 77, of Lubbock, Texas, passed away on Tuesday, April 6, 2015.

Clarence was born on November 27, 1937, to the parentage of Walter Mims and Fleeta Owens in Lancaster, Texas.

Clarence was employed at the oil mill and enjoyed traveling with his family. He loved playing his guitar and attended and worshipped at Church of the Living God.

Clarence was preceded in death by his parents, Walter Mims and Fleeta Owens.

He leaves to cherish his memories: his children, Ewa Nash, Herman Banks, Sybis Banks, Bernice Melin, Melvin Banks,



June Jackson, Clarence Taylor, Annie Taylor Joy, Timothy Taylor, Shunda Anderson, Walter Ray Banks, Don Tayloy, Inez Taylor, Bridgette Taylor, Willie Johnson, Carl Taylor, Mark Taylor, Latoya Roberson; three daughters, Ashley King, Arquenda King and April King; three brothers, Howard Lee Owens, Wilbert Owens and Walter Mims; two sisters, Annie Earl Mims and Myra Owens and a host of other relatives and friends.

## Dorothy Mae Maxwell

Funeral services were held for Dorothy Mae Maxwell on Saturday morning, April 11, 2015, at the Divine Love Baptist Church with Rev. Burns, pastor, officiating.

Interment followed in Nevels Cemetery in Tahoka, Texas under the direction of Griffin Mortuary & Funeral Home of Lubbock.

Maxwell, age 84, passed away on Saturday, April 4, 2015.

Dorothy was born on March 16, 1931 in Bryan, Texas to the parentage of Elbert, Sr. and Willie Mae Griffin. She attended public school in Bryan.

Dorothy served as a homemaker and was a loving mother and friend to many people.

She loved to praise and worship and was a longtime member of Mt. Zion Baptist Church in New Home, Texas. Later she moved her membership to Greater Mt. Zion Baptist Church in Lubbock, with her final church membership being at the Divine Love Baptist Church prior to her passing. All who had the opportunity to know her will truly miss Dorothy.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Elbert, Sr. and Willie Mae Griffin; her husband,



Orville Maxwell; three sons: Curtis Thomas, Jr., Glenn Thomas, and Clarence Thomas; and step-son, Robert Maxwell.

She leaves to cherish her memory: one daughter, Delores Maxwell; sons: Earnest Thomas (Brenda), James Thomas, Willie Thomas and Danny Thomas; Orville Ray Maxwell, and Troy Maxwell (Teri); stepsons: John Maxwell and Billy Maxwell; sisters: Inez Huey (Billy Ray), Elnora Sanders, and Sedalia Gee; brothers: Willie James "Sunny" Griffin (Barbara) and Elbert Griffin, Jr.; 10 grandchildren; five great grandchildren; four great-great-grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

## Maggie Bell Sanders

Funeral services for Maggie Bell Sanders were held on Saturday afternoon, April 11, 2015, at the Greater St. Luke Missionary Baptist church with Rev. J. H. Ford, pastor, officiating.

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

Sanders, age 51, of Lubbock, passed away on Tuesday, April 6, 2015.

Maggie was born on January 28, 1964 to the parentage of Doris Young and Gary Dean Sanders.

Maggie attended E. C. Struggs Junior High School where she was very active in sports.

Maggie's family was her number one priority. She always had a bright smile and bubbly personality, with lots of friends whom loved her. Maggie had a laugh and presence that will never be forgotten. She loved singing, dancing, and enjoying life.



Maggie was preceded in death by her father, Gary Dean Sanders; and sister, Donna Faye Carr.

She leaves to cherish her memories: her mother, Doris Young; daughters: Dorothy Sanders and Nickie Sanders; son, Doran Sanders; sisters: Bobbie Jones and Gloria Boyd; seven grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; two nieces; five nephews; and a host of other relatives and friends.

## Monroe Donald Gordon, Jr.

Pecos, Texas -- Funeral services for Monroe Donald Gordon, Jr. were held on Saturday afternoon, March 28, 2015, at the First United Methodist Church with Pastor Joe L. Terry, II officiating.

Burial was held Santa Rosa Cemetery under the direction of Pecos Funeral Home.

Gordon passed away on Friday, March 20, 2015.

Monroe was the son of Monroe and Hattie Gordon, and was born October 10, 1968.

He attended public school in Pecos and Sul Ross State University in Alpine, Texas.

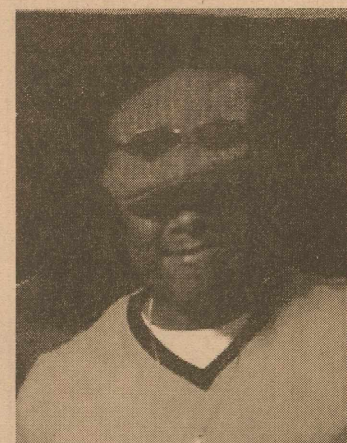
He married Kimberly Scott on May 13, 1995 in Odessa, Texas.

Monroe worked in the oil-field for Plains All American Pipeline.

Monroe was active in the Men's Ministry at the Greater Saint Luke Missionary Baptist Church in Odessa, Texas.

Monroe was preceded in death by his father, Monroe Gordon, Sr.; and mother-in-law, Grace Evelyn Scott.

Monroe is survived by his wife, Kimberly; sons: Jaelin and JaCaibe Gordon, both of Odessa, Texas, and Zachary of Alabama; a daughter, Rebecca Krummow of Odessa, Texas; his mother, Hattie Gordon of Pecos, Texas; his grandmother, Mar-



jorie Hortoon of Pecos, Texas; sisters, Tammy Gordon of Lubbock, Texas and Teisha Gordon of Odessa, Texas; brother, Clifford Gordon (Yolanda) of Odessa, Texas; and a host of siblings. Also, a grandson, Jaelryn; granddaughter, Zaylee; a father-in-law, William Andrella Scott of Post, Texas; and a sister-in-law, LaDonna Clark (James) of Lubbock, Texas.

Pallbearers were: Clifford Gordon, Joe Ephriam, Lionel Ephriam, Shawn Scott, Dana Scott, and Shannon Scott.

Honorary Pallbearers were: Kholbye Walker, Dominique Wilborn, Billy Wilborn, Jr., Kameron Wilborn, C. J. Gordon, Nathan Delarosa, Shainne Scott, Justonn Scott, JaRelle Scott, Willie Terry, Tamory Terery, Taylor Terry, Michael Horton, and Andy Williams.

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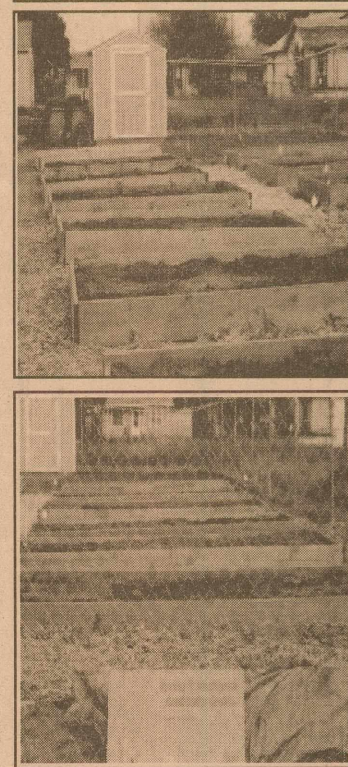
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"There is a strong tradition of missionary service in the Mormon Church. The Savior taught, "Go ye therefore, and teach all nation." We consider it a privilege to show our love for other people and the Lord by sharing the gospel. Our service to others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

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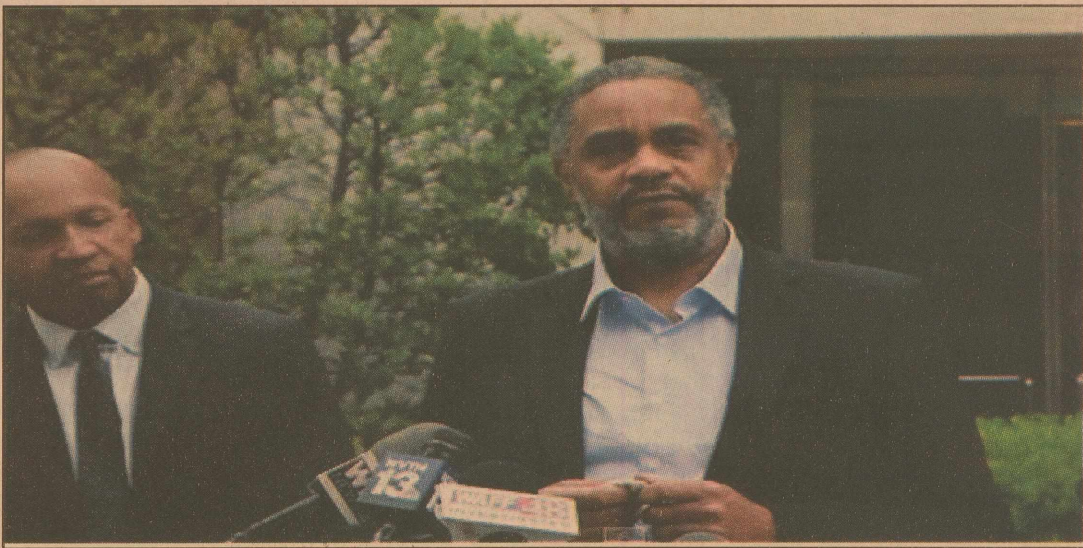
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## Wrongly Convicted Man Released From Jail After Spending 30 Years on Death Row



**Birmingham, AL** — Anthony Ray Hinton, a 58-year-old Alabama man who spent half his life on death row, walked free on Friday, April 3, 2015, after prosecutors determined he did not shoot two fast-food managers in the head during a robbery in 1985.

Hinton was quickly convicted of killing a manager at a Mrs. Winner's Chicken & Biscuits fast food restaurant, and an assistant manager at a Captain D's, and was sentenced to death in 1987.

But the charges were dropped after modern ballistics tests proved that the bullets did not come from the .38-caliber Smith & Wesson revolver found in Hinton's home or even from the same type of gun.

Hinton told reporters, "I shouldn't have sat on death row for 30 years. All they had to do was test the gun." He said the state "had every intention of executing me for something I didn't do."

He refers to his case as a "miscarriage of justice, not only to me, but the victims' family." He told the family, "I will continue to pray for you as I have for 30 years."

Meanwhile, Hinton's long-time attorney, Bryan Stevenson, says that Hinton was convicted because he was poor. He added that for more than 16 years, the state refused his appeals to re-test the gun.

"His case, in my judgment, is a case study in what's wrong with our system," Stevenson said. "We have a system that's compromised by racial bias, and his case proved it."



## Bethel A.M.E Church 94th Church Anniversary

Theme:

**A Church with a God Fashion Life**

**Ephesians 4:24**

**Sunday, April 19, 2015**

**3:30 PM**

Guest Speaker:

**Rev. Phillip Randle**

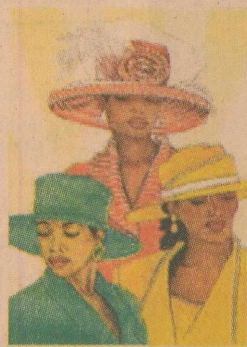
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### Woman of Excellence Hat Review



April 25, 2015 @ 2:00 p.m.

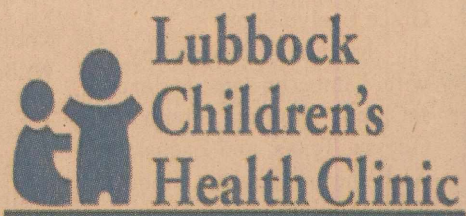
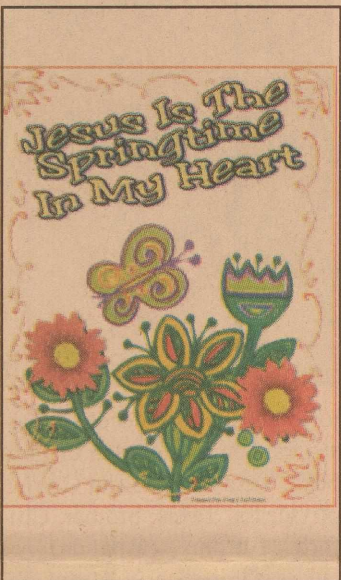
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## Top 15 Little-Known Scholarships For Women and Girls in 2015/2016



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Here are the top 15 scholarship programs for women and girls in the year 2015:

**#1 – Executive Women International Scholarship Program:** Offers scholarships to both male and female outstanding high school seniors who plan to pursue a four-year college degree program. Scholarships are based on academics, extracurricular activities, leadership and communication skills.

**#2 – Linda Lael Miller Scholarships for Women:** For women age 25 or older who want to complete their education. Candidates must complete a 500-word essay that explains the reasons for applying for the scholarship, how the funds will be used, and how the scholarship award will help them with their education and career goals.

**#3 – Society of Women Engineers (SWE) Scholarships:** For women pursuing undergraduate or graduate degrees in the areas of engineering, engineering

technology and computer science. Female students must be attending accredited colleges or universities and preparing for careers in technical fields.

**#4 – Joe Francis Haircare Scholarship:** Named after Joe Francis (1933-1994), the

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**#5 – NFRW's Betty Rendel Scholarship:** These awards go to three female undergraduates each year who are attending a four-year accredited college or university and majoring in political science, government or economics. It is open to women across the nation.

**#6 – Women's Independence Scholarship Program:** Helps women who have survived domestic violence to return to school and become self-sufficient. The primary candidates are single mothers with young children who lack the resources to attend college. It is based on financial need.

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their healthcare providers to make the best choices that lead to good health.

**#11 – National Student Nurses' Association Scholarships:** Awarded to students currently enrolled in a nursing degree program. Eligible students must be enrolled in a state-approved nursing program that leads to a LPN or RN licensing.

**#12 – Women in Federal Law Enforcement (WIFLE) Scholarship Program:** Open to undergraduate, graduate and post-graduate female students interested in a career in law enforcement. Eligible students may major in criminal justice, social sciences, public administration, computer science, finance, chemistry, and physics.

**#13 – Sara Scholarship:** Available to female high school seniors who plan to attend college and are active in golf. The renewable scholarship is awarded to 12 deserving female students each year. Students must have excellent academic skills and demonstrate financial need.

**#14 – Job's Daughters**  
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## Miyani Micole Portee Makes National Honor Society



Miyani Micole Portee

One of nineteen students of Estacado High School selected for membership in the Estacado High School Chapter of the National Honor Society was Miyani Micole Portee.

The Induction Ceremony was held on Wednesday afternoon, April 8, 2015, in the Estacado High School Library.

Portee is the daughter of Christina L. Medina and Eddie McKnight, II. She is the granddaughter of Johnnie June Turner. Miyani is a sophomore at Estacado High School where she has maintained a grade point average of 3.5.

The other students inducted into the Estacado High school Honor Society were: Kasandra Asevedo, Brennan Carter, Jazzylynn Christopher, Simone Dickson, Gabriella Fleming,

Marcus Hinojosa, Deon McConic, Mikaila McConnell, Oscar Miranda, NaDarion Newman, Gabrielle Rangel, Marisol Rivera, Jamiya Ross-O' Neal, Edith Sanchez, Tyra Sherman, Mariah Silva, Alora xStubblefield, and Jesus Tafoya.

The 2014-2015 National Honor Society Officers are: Isidro Rodriguez, President; Michael Jones, Vice President;

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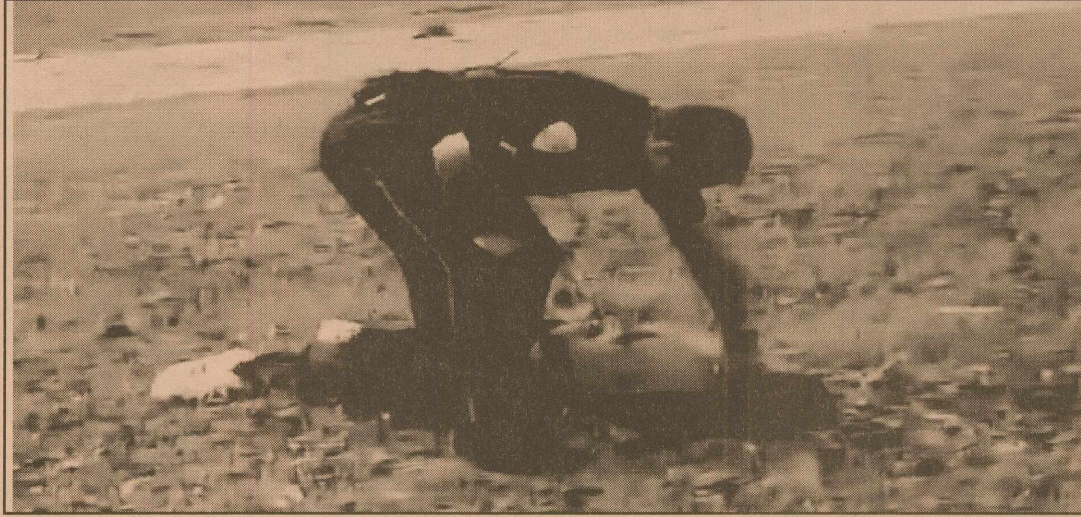
## Walter Scott's Family Speaks Out After Police Officer Charged With His Murder – "What If There Was No Video?"

Charleston, SC — Michael Slager, a white police officer in North Charleston, South Carolina, has been charged with murder in the shooting death of Walter Scott, who was black and apparently unarmed. Raw cell-phone video taken by a bystander shows Slager firing eight times as Scott ran away from him.

Slager has been denied bond and is being held at the local Charleston County Detention Center. Reportedly, a murder conviction in the state could lead to the death penalty or up to 30 years to life in prison, according to the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division.

Meanwhile, his family has already spoken out and said that they will be filing a lawsuit against the city.

During a press conference,



Scott's brother said, "All we wanted was the truth... If there wasn't a video, would we know the truth?" He continued, "I don't think that all police officers are bad, but they are some bad ones... We need prayer because prayer changes things, and justice will be served."

During an interview on Good Morning America, Scott's mom said, "When I looked at that tape, that was the most horrible thing I've ever seen. I am very, very upset concerning it. I almost couldn't look at it. To see my son running, defenselessly being shot, it just tore my heart to pieces."

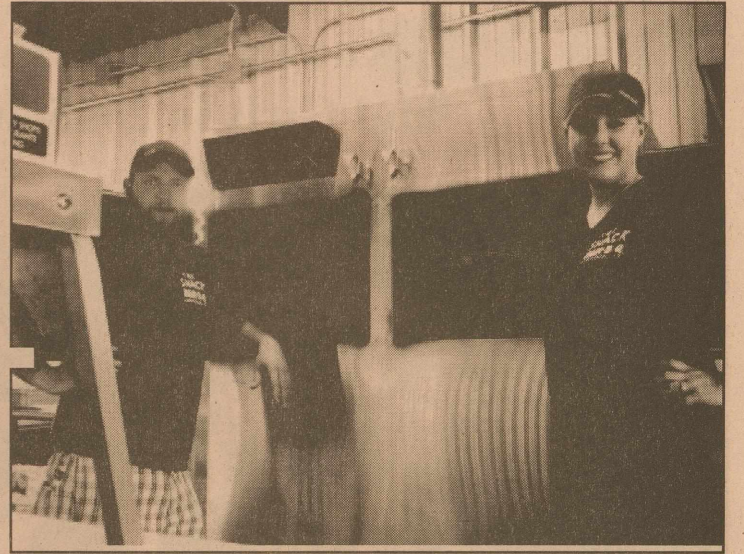
Use of deadly force by police

### "Project Prom" Has Been Set For High School Students

On Saturday, April 18, 2015, the Lubbock ISD and The Bridge of Lubbock, 1301 Redbud Avenue, are partnering for "Project Prom," an effort to provide a no-cost approach to Prom for families in need. LISD students accompanied by a parent will have the opportunity to select a dress at no cost, as well as shoes and accessories. Students from LISD's five high school campuses are asked to attend at specific times. The time for Monterey and Lubbock High students is from 10-11:30 a.m., the time for students from Coronado, Estacado and Talkington SYWL is from 11:35 a.m. until 1 p.m. Students are asked to arrive 15 minutes prior to the beginning of their time frame.

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has created an outrage about police brutality, particularly in confrontations with unarmed black men. In the past year, scores of unarmed men have been killed by police including well-known incidents in Ferguson, Missouri, New York and Cleveland, and more.



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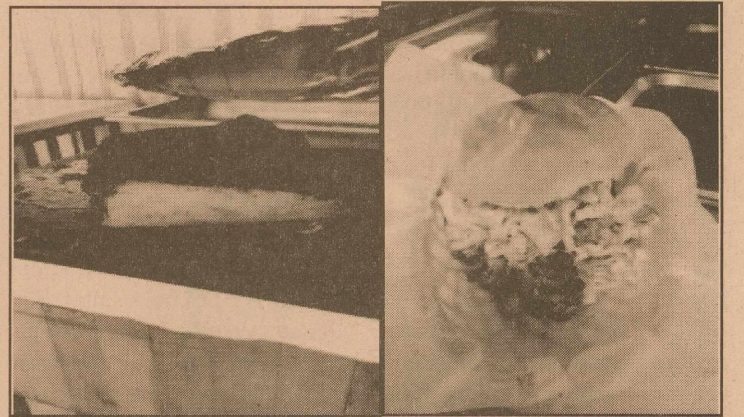
#15 - Google Anita Borg Memorial Scholarship: Open to female undergraduate seniors or female students enrolled in a graduate program and studying Computer Science or Computer Engineering.

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## Hairstyles of Black Women: Cases of Discrimination

By Sheryl Estrada

It's 2015, yet the natural hair and hairstyles of Black women continues to be taboo in mainstream society in the U.S. and abroad. At the workplace, during travel and even at leisure, Black women face an additional layer of discrimination.

### Transportation Security Administration (TSA)

When Malaika Singleton Ph.D., a neuroscientist, employed by the California State Senate at the time, began a 2013 trip to London as a U.S. delegate to the G8 Dementia Summit little did she know her "sisterlocks" hairstyle, a form of dreadlocks, would be an issue. TSA agents at both the Los Angeles International Airport and the Minneapolis St. Paul International Airport grabbed and squeezed her natural hair from top to bottom.

She contacted the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) of Northern California. In 2014 the ACLU filed an administrative complaint on her behalf to challenge TSA's discriminatory hair searches. Ironically, in 2012, a similar complaint was also filed on behalf of Novella Coleman, a Black woman and Staff Attorney with the nonprofit organization; she represented Singleton.

The ACLU announced March 26 that an agreement was reached with the TSA. The agency agreed to conduct trainings for TSA agents throughout the country, with special emphasis on hair pat-downs of Black female travelers. TSA will also monitor all the airports "for consistent implementation of TSA and DHS policies and to detect the existence of a racially discriminatory impact."

"I hope that this agreement and the proposed trainings will lead to a more equitable treatment of all travelers throughout the U.S., regardless of their ethnic or cultural background or how they wear their hair," Singleton said in a statement.

### Madisons New York Grill and Bar

In Montreal, Quebec, Canada, 19-year-old Lettia McNickle, who has worked as a hostess at a Canadian franchise of Madisons New York Grill and Bar on Drummond Street since October, said she came to work one day in March with a braided hairstyle on the side of her head, and has not received any shifts since.

According to CBCNews, McNickle said her manager reprimanded her in front of fellow employees saying her hairstyle was not acceptable.

"I obviously wanted to know what it was she didn't like specifically about the hairstyle, so the [next] day I asked her, 'What is it that's wrong with my hair?' And she said, 'We don't want that kind of look here at the restaurant,'" McNickle said on CBC Daybreak.

Her boss sent her home. McNickle filed a discrimination complaint against the restaurant with the Quebec Human Rights Commission, through the Centre for Research Action on Race Relations (CRARR), a nonprofit also in Quebec.

"I think it's important for businesses to know that it's impor-



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tant to be aware of the fact that even with a grooming policy or even a policy about appearance, one can still discriminate against minorities or minority women if this policy has a negative effect based on their race or ethnicity," Fo Niemie of CRARR told DiversityInc.

He said CRARR looked at case precedents from the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) in the U.S., as this is the first case of its kind in Canada.

In a statement, Madisons New York Grill and Bar said the incident did not involve race or discrimination and apologized if the situation caused harm to McNickle or her friends and family. However, it also states, "As in any organization, there is an internal protocol to follow and a dress code to respect to guarantee that our customers' experience is ideal."

CRARR stated that they also

have yet to see a written standard grooming policy from the restaurant.

The brand vice-president for the Canadian franchises of the Madisons chain, Gilles Pépin, said because business is down McNickle has not been given any shifts, and she is not fired.

Niemie explained that if the Quebec Human Rights Commission concludes discrimination occurred the plaintiff must be compensated, including lost wages and moral damages, within 30 days. "[The fines] are meant to be remedial not punitive," he said.

If you are a Black woman who wears a natural hairstyle, please feel free to share your experiences in our comments section. We will be posting a follow-up with our reader's feedback.

DiversityInc Staff Writer Michael Nam contributed to this article.

## NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS

The Lubbock Metropolitan Planning Organization invites interested persons to review and comment on the Draft FY 2016 Unified Planning Work Program. Comments may be submitted beginning April 8 through May 7, 2015 to the LMPO, located at 916 Main Street, Suite 531, Lubbock, Tx. 79401 or email to: djones@mylubbock.us.

Two public meetings will be conducted. The first meeting is scheduled for April 28, 2015 from 4:30 - 6:00 p.m. at the LMPO office, located at 916 Main Street, Suite 531, and the second on May 5, 2015 at 2:00 p.m. at 916 Main Street, 2nd Floor Conference Room.

Documents can be reviewed at the Lubbock MPO office and also at www.lubbock.org.

## Colors of Spring Live Recording

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Pastor Morgan caught the eye of Tyler Perry, who saw Wess' impromptu performance at New York City's renowned Village Underground and offered Wess a role in his stage play "Laugh to Keep from Crying." Since starring in the play, Wess has appeared in the Christmas special "Holiday Love," with Kim Fields and has made numerous appearances on Christian TV, Bobby Jones Gospel, the Mo'Nique Show, Gospel Superfest, and the Super Bowl Gospel Celebration. More recently, Wess has appeared on BET's Sunday Best, hosted AFT's Your Dream is Out. There competition and another Tyler Perry stage play, "Madea's Neighbors from Hell."

For more information, contact Faye Brown at (806) 831-9986.

## Archie White (cont'd from Page 10)

As the community took time out to remember the contributions of the late Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., they also took time out to recognize members of the community for the influence and marks that they made to others. Again the name of Archie White was called and

was recognized for his part in the criminal justice arena. Archie was recognized and the recipient of the Outstanding Individual in Law Enforcement by the Martin Luther King Commemorative Council in Lubbock Texas. On the very night of the award, Archie was supported by the members of his family and friends Archie was overcome with emotion while giving and acceptance speech and thanking the MLK Commemorative Council and its members for the award. He took time to not only say thank you, but to recognize and give honor to those who have been a vital part in him becoming the person that he had become.

Truly Archie understands that it takes each one of us to make a difference and to uplift other to become great men and women. Archie continued to serve as a probation officer until August of 2014, when his health would no longer allow him to perform the duties that the position calls for. It was with a heavy heart and great sadness that Archie left the position as probation officer for Lubbock County, for he would no longer be able to play a major and personal role in the lives of the families he had come to know, or so he thought. For a day does not

pass that the families that he served will call and ask about him and call to remembrance the influence that Archie made. Staff members in the probation department at LCJJC wear jeans each Thursday and contribute to a fund bank for Archie each time they wear their jeans... just another way to say thanks to Archie.

Even though Archie is no longer physically present at the probation office, at Lyons Chapel Baptist Church, Rawlings Community Center and in the Lubbock community, his presence is still being felt and his contributions are still influencing the lives of others. What great words shared by Chris Hernandez when he said, "He (Archie White) never complains, he is trustworthy, self-efficient, dependable, never taking short cuts and expects only the best from himself and his families." These are still the attributes that Archie displays even today as he fights against a disease that has weakened his body. A huge thank you to those organizations and individuals who saw fit to recognize a great man in Archie White. Thanks for the "BANGS" that were heard loud enough to drown out the "WHAMMIE" that raised its ugly head.

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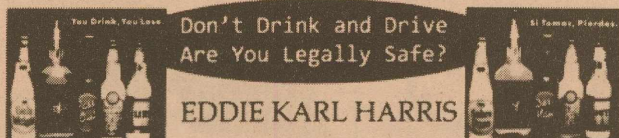
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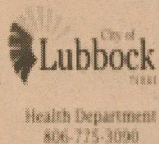
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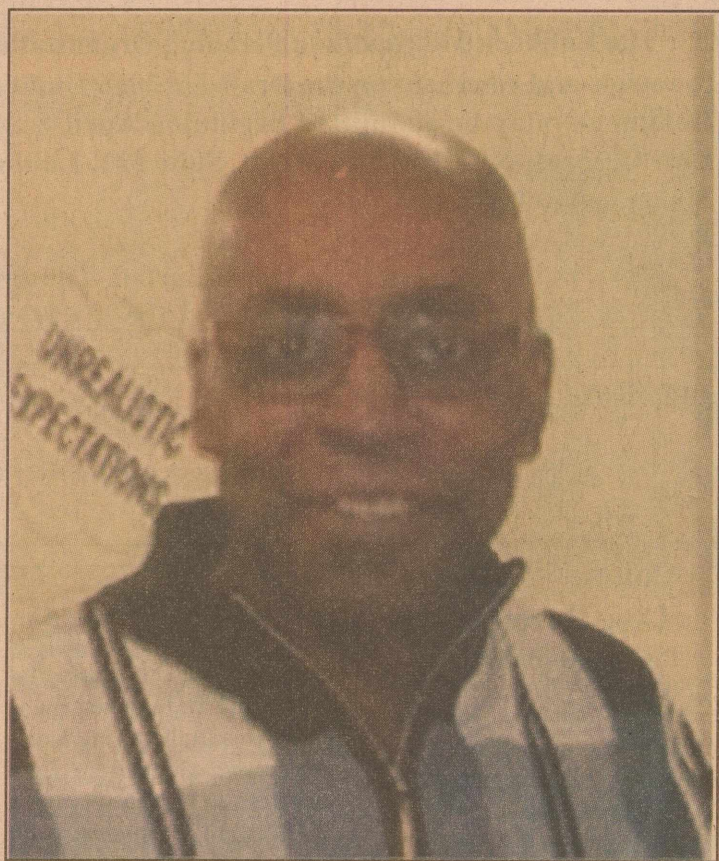
The year 2013 ended with a "BANG" and a "WHAMMIE" for Archie White. The events that happened during this time and those that followed would have a major effect on Archie and his family, which includes his wife of 37 years, Mary, and their sons, Ryan, Arkese, Chad and Jarred.

It was during November of 2013 that Archie White found himself nominated and honored with the achievement of Outstanding Juvenile Probation Officer for the State of Texas through the Juvenile Justice Association of Texas.

Archie White's story was featured in the Southwest Digest in December of 2013 and included the actual letter of nomination submitted by his supervisor at that time, Chris Hernandez.

Mr. Hernandez wrote: "Archie White began his work as a Probation Officer in 2002. In the first six months of his employment as a Probation Officer, it was clear that Archie was going to be different. Archie White has been loyal and dedicated to this work at the Lubbock County Juvenile Justice Center (LCCJC). He does his best in everything aspect of this job and his attitude continues to be exemplary every year. He is a professional and strives to always do what is in the best interest of the child. He does not wait on work to come to him, he goes after it. He does what he tells the child and parent he is going to do. Archie leaves no stone unturned. He works well with others and is an example to others." It was these words that painted the picture of who

Archie has been with LCJC and the impact he has had on his co-workers and the families that he worked with. What a "BANG!" And not long before the "BANG".



Archie White

Archie White received a "WHAMMIE" in the form of being diagnosed with Liver Cancer. An illness that would pose a threat to his career as the probation officer described in the letter of nomination. But, little would this disease know that Archie White was in fact the strong and dedicated man that his supervisor described so eloquently. He continued to serve as a probation officer for Lubbock County in the same manner as described. Archie was not only an ideal probation officer, but he was also an exceptional community member. Archie has spent many years working with the youth of the community. He has served as baseball coach with MLK Little for many in the past and worked faithfully at Rawling Community Center for better than 26 years. As a result, Archie built relationships with many of the children in the community, as well as, their parents and guardians. His name is well known and synonymous with dedication and more than

demonstrated his concern for youth and willingness to hang in there and work with others. Archie also served at his church home, Lyons Chapel Baptist Church, under Pastor Wendell Davis. Archie was a faithful member at Lyons Chapel for many years and was recognized as such during the beginning of 2014, when he was named Father of the Year by the members at Lyons Chapel. He was recognized for his continued dedication to his own family, as well as, to the family at Lyons Chapel. Archie had apparently be a shining example for the young and seasoned men at the church and influenced them in many ways. This award marked a very special Father's Day at Lyons Chapel for the White family. In the mist of dealing with a war on cancer, Archie continued to walk in a positive manner.

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