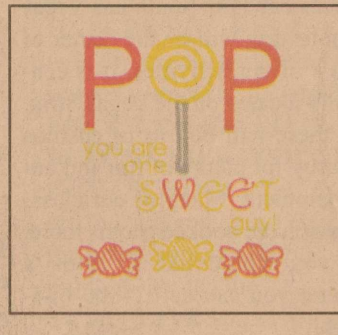
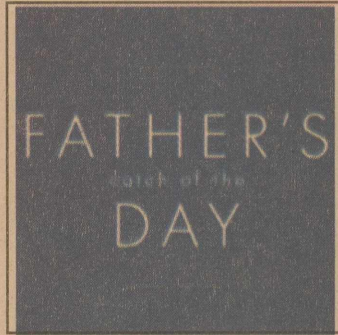
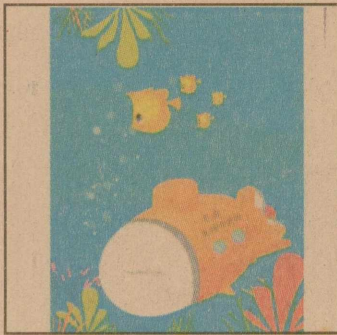
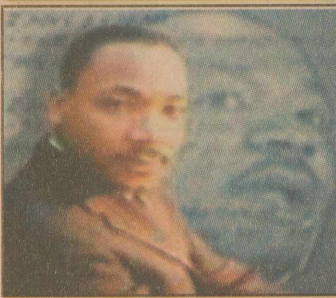




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* Lubbock Area Client Council meets on the 2nd Saturday, 1:00 pm at the Patterson Branch Library, 1836 Parkway Drive.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

* The Unified Juneteenth Commission of Lubbock meets every 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.

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Juneteenth Celebration Underway This Week In Mae Simmons Park

This is the 150th Anniversary of the Juneteenth Celebration in Texas. This year's celebration will have its theme, "Opening Doors To Opportunity."

The Celebration will be partnered with Starcare, and will be held June 18 thru 21, 2015.

The Kick-Off Celebration will be held, tonight, Thursday evening, June 18th, beginning at 7:00 p. m. at the Standard Sales Company. Tickets are \$7.00 each, and will include: Live Music, a Raffle and food.

Friday evening, June 19th, a program called "In The Know Bowl, which is a competition for Youth to show their knowledge of Juneteenth History, will be held at the Rise Academy Gymnasium, beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, June 20th, is a giant day in Mae Simmons Park. The day's activities will get underway with a Senior Breakfast at the Mae Simmons Senior Citizens Center for Seniors. The Senior Breakfast will begin at 8:00 a. m. at Mae Simmons Senior Citizens Center. All Senior Citizens are welcome to attend.

The Annual Juneteenth Parade will begin at 10:00 a. m., starting at Avenue A & Broadway Avenue. It will travel east to the Mae Simmons Park where many activities will take place.

Special Guest will be Bluff City. There will also be dance competition, food, and many activities.

The 2015 Juneteenth Celebration will conclude on Sunday afternoon, June 21st, with the Gospel Stage beginning at 6:00 p.m. Special Guest will be Brandon Gaines.

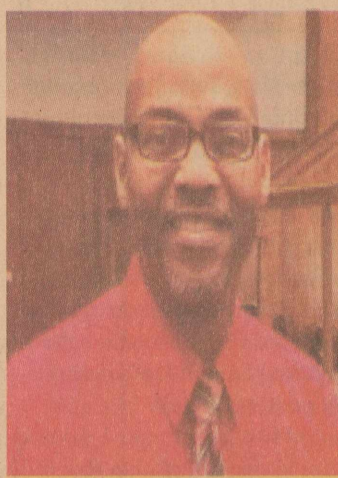
Latrice Godfrey, President, says, "We are looking forward for another exciting celebration, and we look forward to seeing you in the park and attending all of the activities."

The 2015 officers of the Lubbock Unified Juneteenth Committee are as follows: President, Latrice Godfrey; Vice President, Sarenda Godfrey; Secretary, Darlene McCormick; Assistant Secretary, Perisseia Harris; Treasurer, Craig Godfrey; and Legal Advisor, Justin Lawrence.

This celebration is part of Black History. As adults let's advise the younger Blacks of why



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Sarenda Godfrey,
Vice President



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this is a great celebration. Remind them, this is the 150th Anniversary of Blacks being free in the United States of America. It's not just drinking red soda pop and eating water melon.



Coach Jim Harbaugh & Thomas J. Patterson, III Patterson Among 250 Texas Athletes To Take Photo With Coach Jim Harbaugh

GRAND PRAIRIE, Texas — Say what you want about Michigan head coach Jim Harbaugh, but hate him or love him, his energy cannot be denied. Particularly when it's infectious.

Harbaugh loves the game of football, and his level of excitement can rival any coach's. College recruits around the country are noticing that, as he and his Michigan coaching staff continue their satellite-camp tour from coast to coast.

Harbaugh stopped in Dallas suburb Grand Prairie, Texas, on Tuesday, June 9, 2015, as part of the Showtime Elite Football Camp and not only watched roughly 250 athletes perform, but also gave demonstrations—in 90-plus-degree heat—on how to do drills, shouted words of encouragement for hours and, when the camp was over, stayed late to take pictures with eager athletes—many of those pictures of him wearing a Texas-sized cowboy hat.

Among those 250 Texas athletes who had an opportunity to take a photo with Coach Harbaugh was Thomas James Patterson, III, who will be a senior at Mansfield Lakeridge High School Eagles where he plays offensive left tackle.

Patterson, as well as other Texas athletes in attendance, enjoyed this opportunity. "It was

great," said Patterson. He is the son of T. J. & Ursula Patterson, Jr. of Mansfield; and grandson of the late Bobbie Gean Patterson and T. J. Patterson, Sr. of Lubbock, Texas.

Harbaugh, the former San Francisco 49ers coach, even took pictures with younger fans wearing jerseys of current 49ers.

"I now have a different perception of him," said Gerald Smith, Showtime Elite Football Camp director. "When you see Jim Harbaugh, you think of what you saw with him and the 49ers—always intense. My attitude has changed. He's a really good coach who wants to help the kids and know them personally."

"He said he was really humbled about me reaching out to him. After he left, I knew I liked him a lot. I saw how the kids were posting about him on Twitter. Some think he's arrogant; he's not. He's very laid-back."

There's an NCAA rule limiting programs to hosting camps within 50 miles of campus. The loophole: There isn't an NCAA rule against a coaching staff volunteering at other camps or attending as a guest.

It's through this loophole that Harbaugh and his team have visited Texas, Indiana, Alabama, Florida, Pennsylvania and, most recently, California.

Name This Outstanding Lubbock Black Business Man



NAME THIS FORMER BLACK BUSINESSMAN AND RECEIVE A ONE YEAR'S SUBSCRIPTION TO THE SOUTHWEST DIGEST. The first correct answer to the name of this well known Black businessman will receive a one year's subscription to the Southwest Digest. The answer needs to be mailed to: Name This Black Business, c/o Southwest Digest, P. O. Box 2553, Lubbock, Texas 79408.

The deadline to submit the correct answer by Friday, June 26, 2015. The answer with the earliest postmark will be declared as the winner. The answer must be mailed.

"Back To Our Roots" Presented To State Officials in Austin on May 27th



Those who traveled to Austin, Texas, from Lubbock, on Wednesday, May 27th, were: Abraham Posadas, Beth Tucker, Aurdre Joslin, Randy Langston, De Rudd and Taylor Rudd. Also T. J. Patterson, Jr. and T. J. Patterson, Sr. Standing at far right is Senator Charles Perry, Senate District 28. Each enjoyed witnessing the 84th Legislature in action.

"Back to Our Roots" is an off-Broadway Production whose offices are in Lubbock, Texas. Several state elected officials were advised of this special effort on Wednesday, May 27,

2015. Among one advised was State Senator Charles Perry, 28th Senatorial District.

"Back to Our Roots" is exactly what it says: we must get "back to our roots." This is

much more than a production; it is a history of our country involving the five races, which were the first ones to forge our great nation.

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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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Estacado High School Class of 1975 Will Celebrate 40th Year Class Reunion In Las Vegas

It's been a long time since the Class of 1975 has walked the halls and sat in a classroom at Estacado High School. Although it seems like yesterday -- to tell the truth -- it's been 40 years since this class graduated.

In order to celebrate this milestone, some of our classmates will be taking a trip to Las Vegas, Nevada June 26-28. We would love for those interested classmates to join in this special effort so we can see what really happens in Vegas, stays in Vegas!

The Ling Hotel and Casino,

located at 3535 South Las Vegas Boulevard, will be the center of most of our activities. It is centrally located on the Vegas Strip, so there will be lots of casinos nearby for plenty of fun and entertainment. Many of our classmates have booked rooms there. If you would like to book a room, you can call 1-800-634-6441.

For more information about our 40th Class Reunion, call Ruby Robinson Goodwyn at 806-790-3272 or Robert Moore at 806-252-5344 or via e-mail at robermoore56@gmail.com.



Cop Resigns After Video Shows Brutal Treatment of Black Teen

The New York Times reports that Cpl. Eric Casebolt, caught on video brutally restraining a Black teenage girl, has resigned, according to McKinney Police Chief Greg Conley. Casebolt had been on administrative leave and still faces an investigation after the video of his wild behavior during an incident at a community pool went viral.

As the chief of police, I want to say to our community that the actions of Casebolt, as seen on the video of the disturbance at the community pool, are indefensible. Our policies, our training, our practice do not support his actions. He came into the call

3. Back to School Bash at Mae Simmons Park where 120 people participated to hear music, listened to a youth motivational speaker, and eat sausage wraps.

4. Collaborated with Pastor Henson in Brownfield, Texas, and spoke to concerned parents about their youth.

5. Sent 3 men to recovery in San Antonio, Texas at a spiritual growth center.

Currently, the group is seeking funding to help continue providing services in the community of Lubbock.

Recently, our organization joined The East Lubbock Community Alliance in hopes of networking with established organizations.

out of control, and as the video shows was out of control during the incident.

The video showing the police response to an incident at a private community pool in McKinney, Texas, went viral as it showed an officer assaulting a 15-year-old girl and drawing his weapon on other Black teens. The shocking ferocity in which Cpl. Eric Casebolt of the McKinney Police engaged teenagers reinforces what studies have shown about the racial bias that Black children face at an early age.

Brandon Brooks, a white 15-year-old attending the party, recorded Cpl. Casebolt chasing kids, shouting expletives and barking orders almost exclusively to Black teens. He eventually confronts Dajerria Becton, 15, who he forcibly shoves to the ground:

"He grabbed me, twisted my arm on my back and shoved me in the grass and started pulling the back of my braids," Becton said, according to Yahoo News. "I was telling him to get off me because my back was hurting bad."

When her friends reacted and moved towards Becton, Casebolt drew his gun and chased them back, but Brooks, busy recording the incident, was practically ignored. "Everyone who was getting put on the ground was black, Mexican, Arabic," he told BuzzFeed News. "[The cop] didn't even look at me. It was kind of like I was invisible."

The only white person who ended up in handcuffs, according to BuzzFeed, was Grace Stone, 14, who approached Casebolt wanting an explanation for the situation. "I asked why I was in handcuffs and he wouldn't tell me," she said.

The dehumanizing of Black youth by police is documented in a Journal of Personality and Social Psychology paper that

shows that Black children, in this case boys, are routinely perceived as being older, and therefore less less innocent, by cops.

In this study, participants, despite being better versed in dealing with criminal suspects, overestimated the age of Black and Latino child crime suspects. White children, on the other hand, were not subjected to such overestimations. Again, the magnitude of the Black felony age overestimation bears repeating, as Black 13-year-olds were miscategorized as adults by police officers (average age error 4.59).

Such overestimations were present in the shooting of Tamir Rice as his relative size and age were either misperceived or exaggerated by Cleveland police apologists.

For the treatment of Black girls, the African American Policy Forum noted that Department of Education data shows Black girls were suspended at six times the rate of white girls nationally. In data collected in New York and Boston, they found even greater disparities:

• In New York, the number of disciplinary cases involving black girls was more than 10 times more than those involving their white counterparts and the number of cases involving black boys was six times the number of those involving white boys, despite there being only twice as many black students as white students.

• In Boston, the number of disciplinary cases involving black girls was more than 11 times more than those involving their white counterparts while the number of cases involving black boys was approximately eight times those involving white boys, despite there being less than three times as many black students as white students.

• Rates of expulsion were even more strikingly disproportionate between black and white students, especially among girls. Other studies show that Black students are far likelier to be extraordinarily punished from preschool age onward, contrasted with white students who commit similar infractions, according to

Keepers of My Brother and Sister Life Skills Are Working

The Keepers of My Brother and Sister Life Skills Training Center is a 501C-3 nonprofit organization which was founded in January, 2013. Since its inception, it has been active in LISD specifically in Quarant 4 collaborating with Communities in Schools at Ervin and Alderson Elementary Schools using the zone curriculum which consist of teaching students about respect, responsibility, relationships, role modeling, and reaching out for community reach.

The Keepers also mentor at Dunbar, Estacado, and P.I.A. Ju-

venile Justice Center, Frenship Alternative, and Montford Unit.

The Keepers also provide re-entry services for Ex offenders, relapse prevention, NA/AA groups. The Keepers also collaborate with ALSCO each year and take young people to the Annual All Star Football Game which raises money for injured high school football players.

Here are some of the past events:

1. Took 15 to ALSCO All Star Game.
2. Constructed a float for 2014 Juneteenth Parade which involved 12 kids with T-Shirts.

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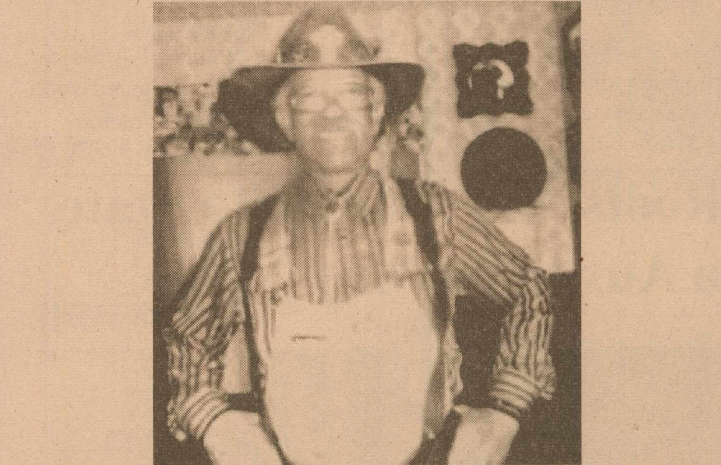
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In Cinque

By Renetta Howard



Education was staid on my mind when I read my Sunday newspaper to find that the new governor of Texas had signed into law a new bill, "House Bill 593 which requires peace officers statewide to go through training that teaches them how to deal with canines they encounter on the job." The bill goes into effect on September 1, 2015. This bill was passed to offer peace to a Fort Worth couple whose 5 year old dog was shot by a police officer on their property.

My question now is: Where is the law to require peace officers to go through training which teaches them how to deal with young men and women whom they suspect are criminals, especially minority young men and women? The killing of young men and women of minority ethnic groups has caused an ongoing protest across the United States and yet, the largest state in the United States is focused on killing dogs.

I am allergic to dogs but by no means fail to love them. The people whom I love, love dogs. As a matter of fact if I wanted to be surreal I could conger up the idea that my daughter loved her dog more than she does me, but being morally mature, I do not espouse that notion. Granted, dogs play a great role in our lives, but should dogs' lives be placed above human lives? Are there actually people in this world who really believe that some of us are not as good as dogs? It may be a blessing to some but I find the whole scenario absurd.

There has been no news of passing any laws to placate parents whose innocent boys and girls have been killed, accidentally or on purpose by "peace" officers. Any laws which have been passed in connection with such a killing have been passed to put

limits on those who protest against the actions of "peace" officers, not about what they did.

Why not pass a law regarding the characteristics of individuals applying to be peace officers. Such a law is needed regarding the individual's character, mentality, ability to comprehend the difference between fear and their own limitations in making judgments about others, especially if they lack knowledge about the culture and customs of people who are different from themselves. The law should require intense training regarding multi-ethnic backgrounds and cultures. It should require casual participation in a community before active service. No officer should be assigned to a community in which he has no knowledge of the residents who occupy it and their culture. We are beyond the melting pot. It really never occurred. We are more diverse now than ever before and there is no certain way to handle any situation, except God's Way; the right way.

Peace officers should be people of faith regardless to what name they call their God. They should not have the notion that certain groups of people are just criminals; no exceptions. They should have some knowledge of human relations as well as cause and effect. We should read more stories about their helpfulness and heroism than we do about their wanton murders of citizens. As citizens, we need to get 'in cinque' and petition our governing units to have more forums between our peace officers and our citizens to foster good relationships between the two groups as well as better educational training academies for our peace officers which foster our community goals.

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Letter to the Editor

"Policing of Black Men; A Sport For Wealthy Donor" by Maurice A. Williams

(Editor's Note: This is the conclusion of this article. Ye Ed)

Auxillary police are nothing new. There are around 400,000 volunteer officers across the nation who, in a time of cash-strapped police departments, fill in the gaps. Apparently, there is a wide discrepancy when it comes to what reserve cops can do. For example, in Los Angeles, they're allowed to do community relations and clerk duty, while in the NYPD, they are unarmed.

This state of officers would give one the impression that anyone, at least in a department such as the Tulsa County Sheriff's Office, can play cop, at least if the price is right. It is also painfully evident that some individuals are all-too-eager to become police officers.

Just to take it a step further, it is exceedingly difficult to fathom that these same folks would be allowed to carry on in white communities and "accidentally" and "accidentally" fatally shoot white citizens the way this reserve deputy killed Mr. Harris. Absolutely, it would not be allowed. It is a little harder to wrap one's head around this Tulsa incident unless we understand this country's history concerning the policing of black people.

Some would suggest the concept of police volunteer goes back to the Wild West, when common folks were deputized to fight crime and catch bad guys. Although this is a valid assertion, there is also another troubling legacy of policing in America that is implicated in the shooting of Mr. Harris. We need to get this legacy or continue to repeat history.

Wake up Lubbockites, our city is no exception to this concept or legacy. As for black people, our first experience were slave patrols/KKK and other vigilante groups. As Brittney

THIS N' THAT

by T. J. Patterson

THE HALL OF HONOR LISD ATHLETICS CLASS OF 2015 WAS POSITIVE SUCCESS FOR LUBBOCK! THIS N THAT wants to take this time and **SALUTE** those who were responsible for the **HALL OF HONOR INDUCTION CEREMONY** on Saturday evening June 13, 2015at the McKenzie Merket Alumni Center on campus of Texas Tech University..... It was **CAPACITY FILLED EFFORT** and those in attendance were very pleased..... with all who were honored..... One lady **CELESTINE**

HATCHETT KYLE was an excellent choice. She wanted to make a **DIFFERENCE IN THE LIVES OF BLACK GIRLS AT DUNBAR HIGH SCHOOL!** Yes she did this without even being paid for her coaching ability..... She thought about the **FUTURE LIVES** of these Black girls who one day would become teachers and mothers to younger **BLACK GIRLS**..... **THIS N THAT** can attest to what she did with success..... You see one of those **BLACK GIRLS** was a girl in those called **BOBBIE GENE**

BAILEY who became a wife of **THIS N THAT** for 52 plus years..... She told this writer many times **MS. KYLE WAS A GOOD COACH AND WE LEARNED A LOT FROM HER TO BE USED ON AND OFF THE FIELD!!** A special thanks to **CELESTINE HATCHETT KYLE** a lady who gave her all to help **BLACK GIRLS** to become outstanding ladies..... And this is what happen to many of these **LITTLE BLACK GIRLS** **THANK YOU, CELESTINE HATCHETT KYLE!!!!**

Cooper reminds us in Salon, American policing traces its origins to the 'snake' patrols. During slavery times, all whites were encouraged and sanctioned to exert control over blacks. White men were deputized as members of the slave patrols -- both slave masters and non-slaveholders alike -- which were a crucial piece of slavery police state and economic order maintained by wealthy whites to maintain control over blacks.

According to Professor Carl T. Bogus of Roger Williams University School of Law, these patrols were militias under the Second Admendment designed to protect whites against slave rebellion. "Virtually all able-bodied white men were part of the militia."Bogus notes of Southern men, "which primarily meant that they had slave control duties under the direction and discipline of local militia officers."

Old habits die hard, and the larger issue is that places es such as Oklahoma, Texas, South Carolina, Baltimore, New York and other cities have unresolved issues when it comes to race relationships and the treatment of black people, as we saw with the

recent racist fraternity chant at the University of Oklahoma.

Oh yes, Texas Tech University, your racist under current still exist. Do I need to write about my experiences at Texas Tech?? Maybe at another time, I will write about the double T. Now we need to remember Tulsa is the site of the 1921 race riot in which the entire African American Community of Greenwood, also known as Black Wall Street, was destroyed by a white lynch mob and hundreds were killed.

The Southern Poverty Law Center gave Oklahoma schools a grade of "F" for their lack of requirements about leading the civil rights movement. In the Tulsa Sheriff's Office, wealthy white men such as Robert Bates can pay to play slave patrol, play with black lives such as Eric Harris, and even take them.

This is a hint to the wise and unwise who think there are not issues about how some of our whites feel about blacks -- don't be hoodwinked and bamboozled into thinking we are he city for none racial issues!! Enuff said.

Maurice Williams
2816 East 5th Street
Lubbock, Texas 79403

Ivy Taylor elected mayor of San Antonio



Mayoral candidate Mayor Ivy Taylor (center) poses for a selfie with supporters Jazzy Ratliff (left) and Adnil Buse at a watch party held Saturday June 13, 2015 at the Wyndam Garden San Antonio Riverwalk Museum Reach Hotel.

Appointed interim mayor last summer, Taylor defeated former state Sen. Leticia Van de Putte in the Saturday runoff election. The former lawmaker couldn't overcome Taylor, despite raising more than twice the campaign contributions of her opponent in one of the most vitriolic local elections this city has witnessed.

(Editor's Note: A complete story will be featured on the newly mayor in our next issue. She will do well. Ye Ed.)

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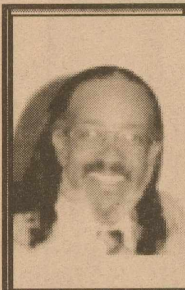
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James 4:16-17 -- But now you rejoice in your boastings: all such rejoicing is evil. Therefore to him that know to do good, and do it not to him it is sin.

******* WILLA CHURCH ROB GOD???** *****

God told Adam in the garden, of what tree he was not to eat. And God told THE CHURCH to tell the world, HIS SALVATION IT WAS FREE

Matthew 28:19 -- Jesus said, Go you therefore, and teach all nations. Baptizing them in the name of The Father, and The Son and The Holy Ghost.

Now THE CHURCH wanted to be like Adam; right to do their OWN THING. Now look at THE WORLD; AND IT'S RIGHT'S: SHAME, SHAME, SHAME!!!

Isaiah 1:4a -- Yes, a sinful nation, a people laden with iniquity, a seed of evil doers, children who are corrupted: they have forsaken the Lord.

******* THE RIGHTS OF MAN -- IS ROBBERY TO GOD!!! *******

(THE DEVIL'S RIGHTS;

KNIVES KILLINGS AND STABBINGS IN SCHOOLS RIGHTS, GAY RIGHTS, ABORTION RIGHTS, BLACK RIGHTS, KKK RIGHTS, WHITE RIGHTS, NO PRAYER IN SCHOOL RIGHTS, NO SPANKING RIGHTS, DRUGS IN SCHOOL RIGHTS, DRIVE BY SHOOTING RIGHTS, CONDOMS IN KINDERGARTEN RIGHTS, SHACKLING RIGHTS, SHOOTING IN SCHOOLS RIGHTS, KILL THE FAMILY RIGHTS, CLONING RIGHTS, ROAD RAGE RIGHTS, KILLING POLICEMAN'S RIGHTS, AND MANY MORE RIGHTS OF THE DEVIL!!!)

(Juneenth people, why don't you'll give that TEACHING OF HATE SPIRIT; IT ONLY BRINGS BACK REMEMBERING OF WHAT THE WHITE MAN DID TO THE BLACKS. -- THE LITTLE BLACK BROTHER'S MIND CAN'T TAKE IT!!! LET'S GET WITH "THE FOURTH ON BROADWAY" AND CELEBRATE BEING JUST AN AMERICAN -- LIKE THE REST OF US!!!)

I, Billy B. J., follows that SELFISH LIE; THINKING ONLY OF MY SO CALLED RIGHTS. But then one day, MY LIFE, now it is so SWEET; HE PUT THE

DEVIL'S RIGHTS UNDER MY FEET!!!

Matthew 6:24 -- Jesus said, No man can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one, and love the other.

******* EVERYONE HAS THE RIGHT; TO JESUS CHRIST *******

Didn't nobody have to get up their SEAT; on the CITIBUS; -- My freedom came from HEAVEN. GOD SAID, THAT WAS ENOUGH. -- Didn't nobody have to get HIT; with the policeman's BILLY CLUB. My freedom came GOD'S ONLY BELOVED. -- Didn't nobody have to get BIT BY THE POLICE DOGS; my freedom came FROM OUT ON CALVARY'S CROSS-- D Didn't nobody have to get SPRAYED; WITH THE FIREMAN'S WATER HOSE -- MY FREEDOM CAME: ONE SUNDAY MORNING WHEN JESUS CHRIST AROSE!!!

John 8:36 -- Jesus said, if the Son therefore shall make you free, you shall be Free indeed

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I'm Totally Tired with EI Negativity

Dr. James L. Snyder

I will admit throughout the years I have had my negative moments and some negative rants. I know nobody can be 100% positive, I am 100 % positive they cannot be 100% positive.

That being said, I think to have a positive outlook on life makes life happier, and who doesn't want to have a happy life. The focus on the negative without any regard to the positive can be a very shocking life experience.

Everybody knows you have to have both a negative and positive for electricity to work. Do not ask me how that works; I have been shocked a few times and still I am in the dark.

I know there are two sides to every situation and story. I know that. After all, I am a husband. Even though there are two sides to every story, sometimes one side does not come to the surface.

In the husband and wife relationship, some call it marriage,

there is both a positive and a negative. Some days it seems to be all negative. Then there are those wonderful days when it seems to be all positive. I really like those days. Unfortunately, there does not seem to be many of those sunny days.

Every relationship has ups and downs; times when you get along and then there are times that you do not get along. However, I have found that if you accent the positive in a relationship and sort of put the negative in the back closet, things seem to go along much more smoothly. As a husband, I have learned to choose my battles carefully and then once I have chosen a certain battle, I need to forget it. I have learned, get on with life by getting along with your wife.

I try to keep up with the stories on the news. It seems that you cannot get away from the news these days with all of this

24/7 kind of exposure. Whoever came up with this ought to be electrocuted. I am tired of news, news, news. And most of it negative.

I think it might be great, although it will not last very long, to have a news program some time devoted just to "good news." The way things are today, I do not know if there is any good news out there. All we hear is the bad. The worse the news, the more publicity it gets on the media.

Then there is politics. I think there could be something positive to say about politics, but at this moment, nothing really comes to my mind. I will give this a lot of thought (actually not too much thought) and just see if there is anything positive I can

St. Matthew Baptist Church

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

A wonderful time everyone had who attended church services on Sunday morning, June 14, 2015, at the St. Matthew Baptist Church, 2020 East 14th Street, where the dynamic and proud Pastor is the Reverend Edward Canady.

Sunday morning services begun at 10:10 a. m. with our Superintendent Sister Shirley Davis presiding. Praise God for all the knowledge received during Sunday School.

The subject of the Sunday School lesson was entitled "Justice Is Not Just Us." The scripture text was Amos 5:14-15; 18-27.

The Sunday morning devotion was conducted by Deacon E. M. Williams and Deaconess Sister Ethel Williams.

Pastor Canady entered the Church with the congregation singing "Because of Who You Are."

The morning sermon was delivered by Rev. Edward Canady.

His subject was "The Battle Belongs To The Lord." His scripture text was I Samuel 17:46-47.

The message again was very informative and well received by all in attendance.

The morning announcements were read by Sister Gayla Austin, who did an outstanding job.

The weekly meetings held at 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 at 6:00 p. m. Come and learn with those in attendance.

Choir rehearsal is held on Friday afternoons, beginning at 4:00 p.m. If you are a singer, and love singing, then come and join our Choir. We are looking for you!

Remember, your involvement in any of these important meetings is key to our growth and development. So come and join us. Shall we depend on you?

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

St. Matthew Baptist Church is asking for anyone who is interested in playing for St. Matthew Baptist Church to let us know. If you are interested, then contact Rev. Edward Canady at (806) 744-2445.

You'll be glad you advised Pastor Canady.

Thought For The Week: Sometimes the best way to be like Jesus is to sit quietly with a hurting friend.

May God continue to bless each of you during the coming week!

Texas Struggling to Get Summer Meals to Hungry Children

AUSTIN, Texas - Only 12 out of every 100 low-income children in Texas who need summer meals get them, according to a new report from the Food Research and Action Center. Nationally, the ratio is 16 to 100, an increase from the previous year. Celia Cole, CEO of the anti-hunger group Feeding Texas, says two-thirds of the state's students rely on school cafeterias

for breakfast and lunch, and getting children to food sites at churches and other organizations can be challenging. "When school gets out and kids go on summer vacation, hunger doesn't take a vacation, and many of those kids are without important nutrition during the summer months," she points out. (contd.) Podcast and entire story available <http://www.newsservice.org/index.php>



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that is wrong with politics is simply politicians.

To find a politician balanced in the negative and the positive is like looking for a needle in a haystack. The problem with looking for a needle in a haystack is that when you find the needle you are stuck with it.

If only we could all agree on what is positive, then agree on what is negative and then try to find a balance between the two, it might serve us rather well. But that is asking too much, at least with the row of politicians standing before us these days.

But I am just tired of all the negativity we have. And it is not only in politics.

Religion is also full of negativity. I am tired of all the negative comments that come out of the mouth of people who are religious.

I think religion, for the most part, has more negatives than positives. In fact, I think they know more about the negatives and have forgotten completely about anything positive. But that is the nature of religion.

The problem with religion is the same problem with politics. The people running religion are the ones causing all the problems. If we just get rid of leaders in our country today who are all negative, we might have a chance of looking on a positive future.

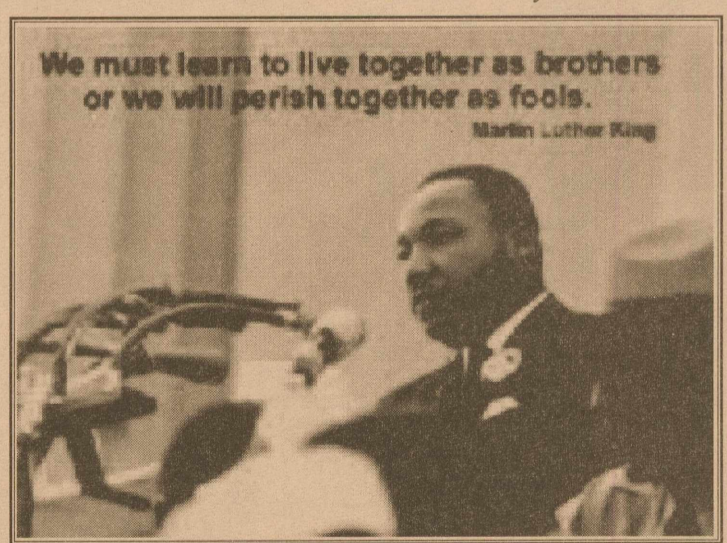
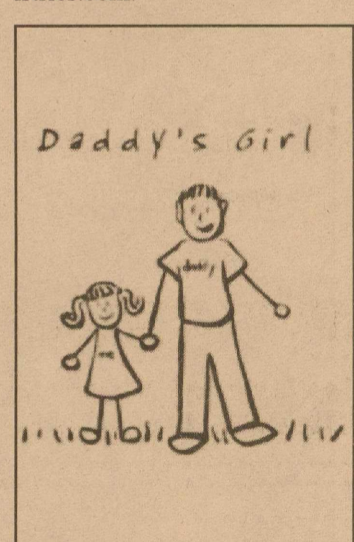
The only positive I see today is in Christianity. Not the Christianity of religion; that's a given

that it is more negative than positive. But the Christianity that focuses on the person of Jesus Christ. I choose to be a follower of Jesus.

Can I get an Amen?
Jesus had a positive message. "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest" (Matthew 11:28).

I know can we cannot be 100% positive, but I think we should focus a little more on the positive and really enjoy the rest God has for us.

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Obsequies

Charles Dean Roberson

Palestine, Texas -- Funeral services were held for Charles Dean Roberson on Saturday morning, May 30, 2015, at the Palestine Baptist Church with Pastor Harold Washington officiating.

Final arrangements were under the direction of Thomas & Sons Funeral Home of Kaufman, Texas.

Roberson passed away on Monday, May 25, 2015.

He was born October 15, 1942 to the late Allen and Beauty Roberson in Paris, Texas.

Charles attended school in Paris and Sudan, Texas where he was active in many sports, including basketball, football, and track and field.

In later years, Charles moved to Houston, Texas where he was employed by the Maxwell House Coffee Company here he retired.

Charles was baptized at an early age at Mount Olive Baptist Church in Sudan.

He married Shirley Garrett Roberson on February 14, 1994.



Two sons were born to this union: Charles William Allen and Sean Garrett. He was the father of two other children: Charles Dean Davis of Lubbock, Texas and Antoinette Roberson of Houston, Texas.

He leaves to cherish his memories: a loving wife, Shirley Garrett Roberson; sons: Charles Dean Roberson, Jr., Charles William, and Sean; a daughter, Nikki; one grandson, Patton; three sisters: Lillie Dixon, Willie Watkins, and Maria Roberson; four brothers: Denzel (Agnes)

Beulah Green

Funeral services for Beulah Green were held on Saturday afternoon, June 6, 2015, at the Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church.

Graveside service was held on Tuesday afternoon, June 9th at Major Chapel Cemetery in Waco, Texas under the direction of Griffin Mortuary & Funeral Home of Lubbock.

Green, age 81 of Lubbock, passed away on Wednesday, June 3, 2015.

She was born on June 22, 1933 in Waco, Texas to Pearl and Lonzo Danford. She attended public school in Waco.

Green lived most of her life in Littlefield, Texas and worked briefly at Littlefield Hospital. She was a member of Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church where she served as 'Mother of the Church.'

She was preceded in death by her parents, two daughters (twins shortly after their birth), three brothers: L. T. Danford, Robert "Buddy" Danford, and Ben Danford; and four sisters: Anish Ray Danford, Alberta "Bitty" Manos, Willie Pearl "Panie" Hammond, and Mae

Roberson, Gene (Debra) Roberson, Jimmy Roberson, and DeWayne (Cheryl) Roberson, all of Dallas, Texas; a host of nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

Preceding him in death were his parents, Allen and Beauty Roberson; and one brother, Paul Roberson.

God Bless This Family!



Francis Colbert.

She leaves to cherish her memories: her nine sons and two daughters: Travis Danford (Angie), Paul Danford (Glory), Lee Roy Danford (Helen), Raycheal Shaheed (Kalem), Rayford Green, Leo Green, Donnie Danford, Steve Green, Christopher Green, Rhonda Green, and Michael Greene (Tamera); a special nephew, Bobby Walton (Beverly), 50 grandchildren; 78 great-grandchildren; five great-great-grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, family, and friends.

So we built the wall.

And all the wall was joined together...

for the people had a mind to work.

Nehemiah 4:6

S. P. "Buck" Stiggers

Funeral services were held for S. P. "Buck" Stiggers on Saturday morning, June 6, 2015, at The Difference Maker's Fellowship.

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

Stiggers, 85 of Lubbock, Texas, passed away on Tuesday, May 26, 2015.

He was born on May 12, 1930 to the parentage of S. P. Stiggers, Sr. and Davie Harris. He attended public school in Jefferson, Texas.

He was employed by Borden, Safeway, and United Supermarkets, and retired from each place of employment.

S. P. was also a pig farmer and owned his own business, Stiggers Enterprise.

His hobbies included music, especially blues, dancing, playing the guitar, the harmonica and ringing his praise bell at church.

He became a shareholder of the Difference Maker's Fellowship in 2010, under the pastoral leadership of Bill and Bridgette Stubblefield. He remained a faithful servant until his health failed.

"Buck" Stiggers was very well known in the city of Lubbock and any other places he visited; touching the lives of many people. His smile and personality were contagious. All will forever remember S. P.'s



love and strength.

S. P. was preceded in death by his parents, S. P. Stiggers, Sr. and Davie Harris; seven brothers; seven sisters; and one son, Wayne Allen Stiggers.

He leaves to cherish his memories: his devoted and loving wife, Mary Stiggers; five children: Billy Stiggers (Annie), Ronnie Stiggers, Glenda Stiggers, Calvin Stiggers, and Brad Stiggers; five step-children: Regina Adams (Larry), Latresa Stubblefield Slaughter, Marion Rhodes (Maurice), and Michael Stubblefield (Gina); three sisters: Mary Alice Gray, Princetta Thomas (Tommy), and Dollie Reece; two brothers, Richard Stiggers (Estella) and Ernest Stiggers (Rosa); several grandchildren; great-grandchildren; nephews; nieces; and a host of other relatives and friends.

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Former Lubbock Principal, Denver Samples, Dies In Kilgore

Kilgore, Texas -- Funeral services were held for Denver Samples, a former principal of Hunt Elementary School, noon on Wednesday, June 17, 2015, at Mt. Pleasant CME Church with Pastor Travis Stinson officiating.

Burial followed in the Mt. Pleasant Cemetery under the direction of Cunningham Funeral Home.

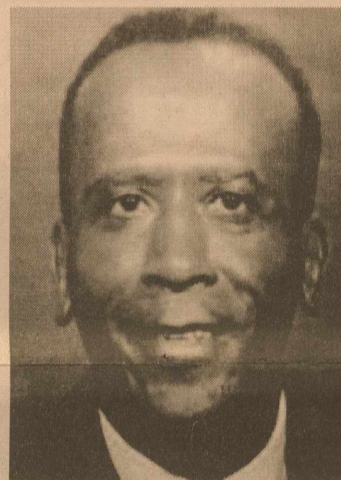
Denver passed away peacefully on Wednesday, June 10, 2015, in Cedar Hill, Texas.

He was born the fifth of nine sons to the late Earnest L. and Henrietta Samples on September 27, 1923, in Kilgore, Texas. He graduated from North Chapel High School in 1942 in Kilgore, Texas. He attended Jarvis Christian College for about a month and interrupted it by joining the U.S. Navy where he served proudly for 39 months and achieved the rank of Second-Class Petty Officer.

After an honorable discharge with several medals, he resumed his education by attending Texas College of Tyler, Texas, and graduated Magna Cum Laude, with a B.A. degree in Physical Education in 1949. He continued his education by attending Texas Southern University of Houston, Texas, and earned a Master of Science degree in Physical Education, class of 1954.

During this period, he decided on an educational career as a teacher. His first assignment was as a classroom teacher in Tyler, Texas, and the next one was an honor because it was his high school alma mater, in Kilgore, Texas, as science teacher and coach of athletics.

The next big event in his life was his marriage to his graduate school schoolmate, Eva Delores Thorne of Bastrop, Texas, in April of 1955. After 51 blissful years, she preceded him in



death. The newlyweds went to Arizona to work with the Bureau of Indian Affairs as classroom teachers. Their first assignment was at Kayenta and Many Farms, Arizona and then to Acamita and Canonicito, NM. Next they returned to rejoin the public school ranks in Lubbock, Texas.

After a short period, he returned to Arizona and worked at Pimon and Nazlini Boarding Schools. After a promotion, he returned to New Mexico and spent one year at Laguna Day School and transferred back to Arizona with another promotion. After spending four years at Kaibeto Boarding School, he returned to the public school ranks for 16 years, the last 13 as principal. He was a charter member of Chinle Lions Club of Chinle, Arizona.

He served on the Lubbock Salvation Army Board as a member and chairman and was awarded a life-time membership. He was a charter member and president of South Plains Academy of Lubbock, Texas. He was also a member of the Board of Directors of Student Alternative Program, Inc. San Antonio, Texas.

He and wife were avid tar-

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Valton Darnell Lewis

Funeral services for Valton Darnell Lewis were held on Monday afternoon, June 8, 2015, at the Divine Love Baptist Church under the direction of Griffin Mortuary & Funeral Home of Lubbock.

Lewis, 58 of Lubbock, Texas, passed away on Thursday, May 28, 2015.

Valton was born on February 14, 1957 to the parentage of Noble Cato "Betty Jo" and David Roy Lewis. His aunt, Vien, who was there for him throughout his life, raised him.

Valton attended public school in Seaside, California, and received his G.E.D.

He relocated to Lubbock in 2013 and met and married Renee Cato.

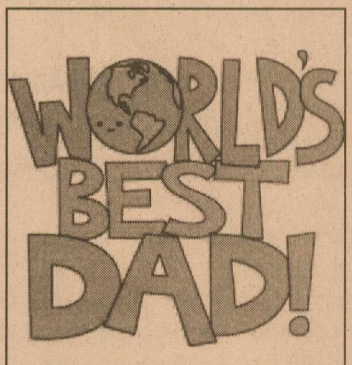
Valton was a fun and loving individual. He was always willing to offer a helping hand to someone in need. His life will be missed, but his legacy will survive through his friends and close family.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Noble Cato and



David Lewis; brother, James Jimerson; grandparents, Callie and George Cato.

Valton leaves to cherish his memories: his wife, Andrea Cato Lewis; sister, Ionya Ross Ideal; brothers, Jerald Lewis and Darnell Lewis; special nieces, Cynthia Thomas and Escene Littlepage; special cousins: James Green, Jr., Carolyn Chase, and Salinia Greg (Angel); and a host of other relatives and friends.



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Homeless Teen Mom Becomes High School Valedictorian — And Gets More Than \$600K in Scholarships



Chicago, IL — Trameka Pope, an 18-year student from Chicago, has overcome many obstacles. While in elementary school, her and her mom became homeless. By 8th grade, she was pregnant. And by 9th grade, she gave birth. But yet she went on to become high school valedictorian at Wendell Phillips Academy High School, graduating at the top of her class.

Pope told Fox 32, "I always said that I wanted to make change and I wanted to be in the history books, and I started with myself."

She added, "I didn't give up. I pushed myself hard. And my baby motivated me every day because I wanted to provide for

her and I also didn't want to be a statistic."

But wait, there's more
Pope has been accepted to more than 25 colleges, and she has received more than \$600,000 in scholarships. This fall, she is planning to attend Western Illinois University in the fall and wants to earn a Ph.D. in social work.

And more
Pope didn't just excel academically. She was a cheerleader, a member of National Honor Society, and she even participated in several other extracurricular activities. She even held down a job at a local grocery store.

Where credit is due

Pope credits her success to Dawn Jackson, her social worker, as well as her school's counselors and a unique non-profit called SGA Youth and Family Services. SGA helps Chicago children, families and communities who face great challenges with few resources to see their potential and discover new paths to success. The organization has an excellent track record.

"No matter what background you come from, it doesn't matter if you have a child as a teen, no matter what people say about you, you still can, you can make it, and you can become something," said Jackson.



Kelly Jo Mayhew

Maryland Woman Dies After Getting a Butt-Enlargement Injection

Suitland, MD — Police have confirmed that 34-year old Kelly Jo Mayhew of Suitland, Maryland has died after getting silicone injections in her buttocks. Mayhew reportedly traveled with her mom from her home state of Maryland to New York City to get the butt-enlargement injection.

Her mom told NYPD that her daughter received the silicone injections, but shortly afterwards she started experiencing trouble breathing. The woman who administered the injections then reportedly took off. NYPD says there was "no indication" that the woman who gave the shots to Mayhew had a medical license of any kind. Even worse, this all took place in the woman's basement apartment.

Mayhew was an employee at BET Networks, and the network released a statement on her behalf saying: "We are saddened by the death of our colleague and friend, Kelly Mayhew. Our hearts go out to her family and we extend our deepest sympathies for their loss."

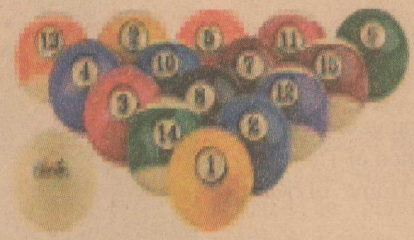
Meanwhile, a crowd-funding page has also been set up in her behalf to raise money for her funeral costs.

On the GoFundMe page, her family posted a message saying: "[Kelly] was a happy, vibrant, healthy, and most importantly, loving woman... Kelly was a constant joy for the family and anyone who knew her. She had an infectious laugh and an amazi

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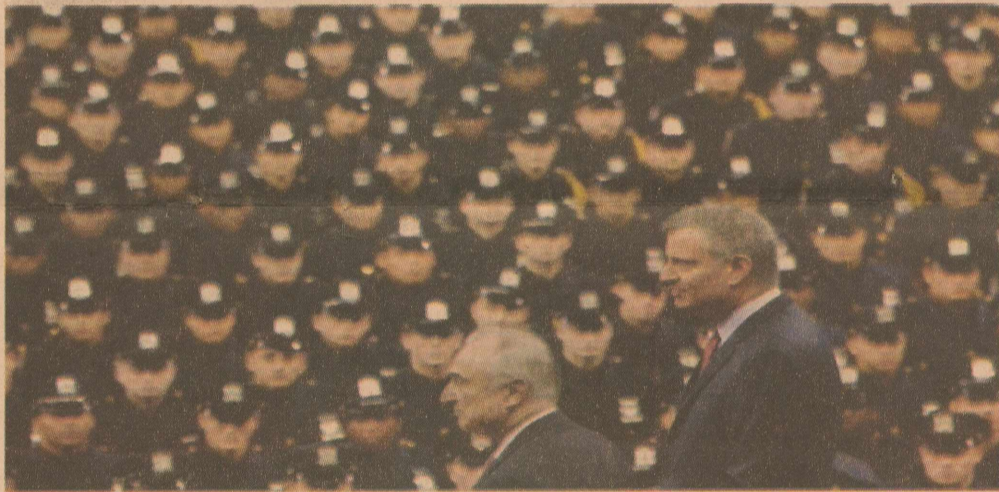
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NYPD chief Bratton says hiring black officers is difficult: 'So many have spent time in jail'



New York City's mayor, Bill de Blasio, right, and the NYPD police commissioner Bill Bratton stand on stage during a New York police academy graduation ceremony. Photograph: John Minchillo/AP

New York police commissioner says bringing more non-white officers into force is challenging because many African American men have criminal records. Hiring more non-white officers is difficult because so many would-be recruits have criminal records, the New York police commissioner, Bill Bratton, has said.

"We have a significant population gap among African American males because so many of them have spent time in jail and, as such, we can't hire them," Bratton said in an interview with the Guardian.

Police departments, responding to widespread protests against several high-profile police killings of black men, are boosting efforts to recruit more non-white officers. But budget restrictions, strained relations between police and minority communities and, according to Bratton, a history of indiscriminate policing tactics that disproportionately target black and Latino men complicate the department's goal of racial parity.

Bratton blamed the "unfortunate consequences" of an explosion in "stop, question and frisk" incidents that caught many young men of color in the net by resulting in them being given a summons for a minor misdemeanor. As a result, Bratton said, the "population pool [of eligible non-white officers] is much smaller than it might ordinarily have been."

The application process to join the NYPD includes, among other things, a complete criminal background check.

Convicted felons are automatically disqualified from the NYPD applicant pool, as well as

anyone guilty of a domestic violence charge or who has been dishonorably discharged from the military.

Summonses, however, do not automatically disqualify a candidate, though they are taken into account during the application process. For example, a summons for disorderly conduct would not preclude a candidate from being accepted into the force, but repeated convictions for an offense that demonstrates "disrespect for the law" could result in disqualification.

The controversial stop-and-frisk policy was struck down in 2013 by a federal judge, who called the practice a "policy of indirect racial profiling". Judge Shira A Scheindlin found that the program led officers to routinely stop "blacks and Hispanics who would not have been stopped if they were white".

But critics say Bratton - who helped shrink the widespread use of stop-and-frisk - is partly, if not ultimately, responsible for the relative paucity of eligible non-white recruits.

"It is a net that he set out for them," said Rochelle Bilal, vice-chair of the National Black Po-

lice Association and a former Philadelphia police officer. "If [Bratton] didn't stop people for nothing, he might have a bigger pool to hire from."

Inside William Bratton's NYPD: broken windows policing is here to stay

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Despite his repudiation of stop-and-frisk, Bratton still believes broken windows policing - a crime-fighting strategy of enforcing low-level crimes to stop offenders from committing more serious ones in the future - is indispensable to keeping the city safe.

"We will continue our focus on crime and disorder," Bratton

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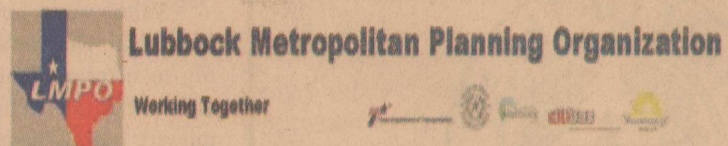


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Opportunity to Comment on the Lubbock Metropolitan Planning Organization's

Proposed Amendment No. 2 to the FY 15/18 Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) and the Proposed Amendment No. 5 to the 2012-2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) regarding Transit Projects

Residents of the Cities of Lubbock and Wolfforth and Lubbock County citizens living within the Metropolitan Area boundary of the Lubbock Metropolitan Planning Organization (LMPO) are encouraged to review and comment on the Proposed Amendment No. 2 to the FY 15/18 Transportation Improvement Plan regarding individual transit projects, the constrained financial plan, and the Program of Projects; and Proposed Amendment No. 5 to the Metropolitan Transportation Plan regarding the financially constrained transit plan. Written comments will be received from June 21, 2015 through July 21, 2015.

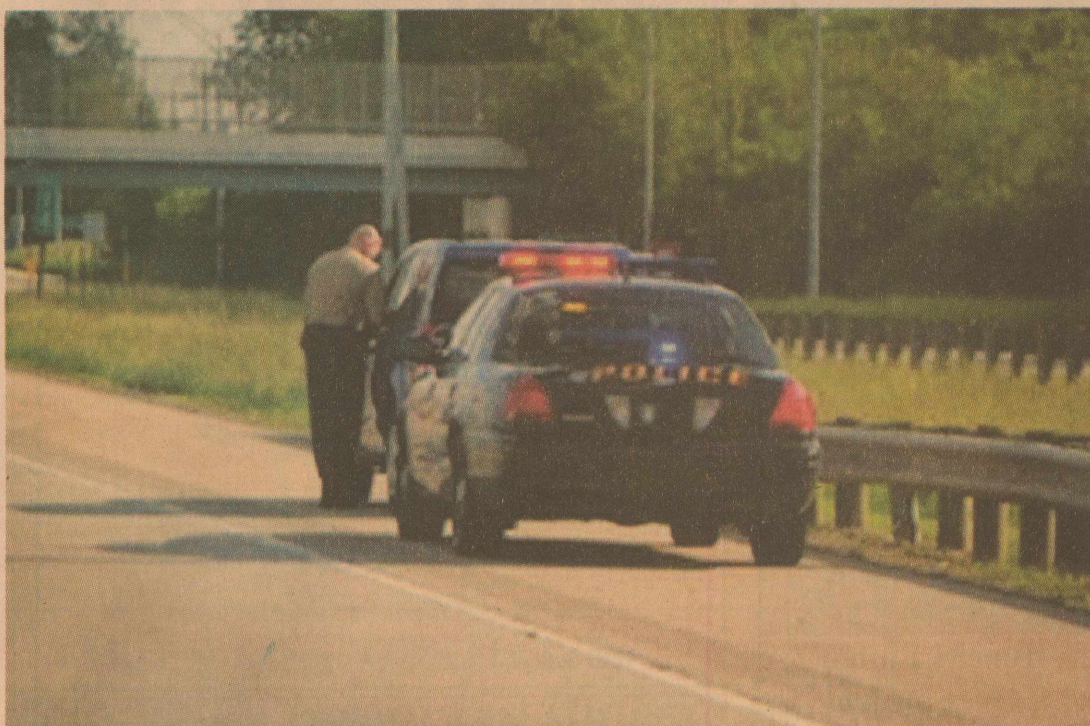
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Lubbock, Texas
2:00 p.m.

Documents of the Proposed Amendments may be viewed on the Lubbock MPO's website www.lubbockmpo.org. Comments may be sent to Lubbock Metropolitan Planning Organization, 916 Main Street, Suite 531, Lubbock, Texas 79401 or via email to twalker@mylubbock.us or djones@mylubbock.us.

This public notice of "public involvement activities" and time established for public review and comment on the Proposed Amendment No. 2 to the FY 15/18 Transportation Improvement Plan and Proposed Amendment No. 5 to the 2012-2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan will satisfy the program-of-projects requirements of the Urbanized Area Formula Program (Section 5307) of the Federal Transit Administration.



Blacks Pulled Over Almost Twice as Much, But Who's More Likely to Have Contraband?

In 2014 Missouri police officers stopped Black drivers 75 percent more than white drivers, according to a vehicle stops report released June 1 by Attorney General Chris Koster.

Fifteen years ago, the state began compiling data on racial disparity in vehicle stops by police, which is required by law. The 2014 disparity rate of 1.66 is the highest since the data collection began. Blacks were 31 percent more likely than whites to be stopped in 2000, a disparity rate of 1.27.

The report is a summary of 622 law enforcement agencies conducting vehicle stops in Missouri; an additional 61 agencies indicated they made no traffic stops during the year. The analysis is representative of 97.7 percent of the 699 law enforcement agencies in the state.

Koster offered there is no single explanation for why these disparities exist, saying in a statement, "statistical disproportion does not prove that law enforcement officers are making vehicle stops based on the perceived race or ethnicity of the driver."

However, the report did note,

"the pattern is striking" as not just a few stops by law enforcement were analyzed, but rather 1,681,382 million stops.

He added that "this compilation and analysis of data provides law enforcement, legislators, and the public a starting point as they consider improvements to process and changes to policy to address these issues."

It's also important to note that Koster's report includes the "contraband hit rate," which reflects the percentage of searches in which contraband is found. Blacks in Missouri who were pulled over had lower contraband hit rates than whites.

The contraband hit rate for whites was 26.9 percent, com-

pared with 21.4 percent for African-Americans and 19.5 percent for Hispanics. This means that, on average, searches of African-Americans and Hispanics are less likely than searches of whites to result in the discovery of contraband. This difference may result in part from the higher arrest rates for African-Americans and Hispanics—if there is an arrest, there will be a search whether or not the arresting officer suspects the subject has contraband.

Less than five percent of stops resulted in arrest. Though, approximately eight percent of stops of Blacks and eight percent of Latinos resulted in arrests. The percentage of stops that re-

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Unified Juneteenth Will Recognize Joshlyn Cotton

On Thursday evening, June 18, 2015, Joshlyn Cotton, principal of Ervin Elementary School will be among the "2015 Trend Setters" recognized by the Unified Juneteenth Commission of Lubbock at the organization's kick off reception at 7 p.m. at Standard Sales of Lubbock, 408

E. Hunter Street.

For more information, LISD contact: Brian Morris, 806-219-0010 / 806-577-3879.

The theme for the 2015 Unified Juneteenth Celebration is "Opening Doors To Opportunity."

The public is invited!

CASA of the South Plains to host 10th Annual Caspas for CASA fundraising event July 11-18

CASA of the South plains will host its 10th Annual Caspas for CASA raffle fundraiser held at the United Supermarkets at 8010 Frankford Ave. July 11-18 from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. daily. The drawing will be held on Saturday, July 18 at 6 p.m. Participants have the opportunity to win a custom-built playhouse or doghouse. Raffle tickets will be available for \$5 each, 5 for \$20, or 10 for \$40. CASA will also host special theme days during the event and offer exclusive ticket pricing of 6 for \$20 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Tuesday, July 14 and Thursday, July 16. Tuesday is CASA Superhero Day. Come dressed up as your favorite costumed crusader. Members of the West Texas Squad of Star Wars Garrison, 501st Legion will be available for pictures. Thursday is Texas Tech Fan Day. Show your Tech pride in your favorite Tech apparel! KCBD will be on hand with live, on-location weather reports. This is a tremendous opportunity for community members to help CASA of the South Plains raise funds that will aid in the recruitment and training of additional volunteer Advocates that can help speak up for the well-being of Lubbock area foster youth.

"Thank you to the Lubbock community for continuing to make Caspas for CASA such a successful event. Without the public's ongoing support, CASA of the South Plains would not be able to service local area foster youth by providing the CASA Advocates they desperately need. We're excited for this year's Caspas for CASA to be the best yet," said Amy Stripling, Special Events and Marketing Coordinator for CASA of the South Plains.

For questions or comments about Caspas for CASA, please contact Amy Stripling, Special Events and Marketing Coordinator at (806) 763-2272 or via email at amys@lubbockcasa.org.

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What Is a 102-Year Life Worth in a Hospital Kill Zone? — Black History Icon Victim of False Cancer Diagnosis



Dr. Valarie Omega Justiss Vance, Mother of Black Radio

Orange County, CA — In the pre-World War II 1940's, Dr. Tomlinson Todd and Dr. Valarie Omega Justiss Vance launched AMERICANS ALL as America's first Black radio show. Before there was Oprah, Tavis, Smiley, or Al Sharpton there was Dr. Tomlinson Todd and Dr. Valarie Omega Justiss Vance. Their biggest legacy by far was being strategic behind the scenes players in shepherding the "LOST LAWS" to Thurgood Marshall, thereby leading to the ground breaking D.C. Verses Thompson decision that was authored by the great Justice William O. Douglas, the longest serving Justice in U.S. History. It was decisions like this that lay the foundation for the monumental rulings that afforded us all the authority to eat where we want to, live where we want to, be educated without a governor blocking the door, etc.

Fast forward to 2015. Dr.

Valarie Omega Justiss Vance is the victim of a false cancer diagnosis by one, Dr. Daniel B. Huang. Once this error was found in a hospital that he is affiliated with — St. Joseph Hospital, Orange County California — No one rushed to her aid. She lay in a bed in a hospital for five days waiting on an Oncologist to give a second opinion. Finally a non-staff Oncologist came to see about her. The names of the Oncologists listed in the Hospital's Public Directory are as follows: Dr. Michael Berman, Dr. Robert Brislow, Dr. Phillip Di Saia, Dr. Jay Harness, Dr. Lili Beth Ramilo-Torno, Dr. Leslie Randall, Dr. We Peng Shen, Dr. Krishansu Tewari and Lawrence Wagman.

On Wednesday, June 3, 2015, Dr. Vance's blood pressure was allowed to plummet more than 30 points to numbers like 66/34. She laid there for three hours waiting for word from Dr. Jason

Caberto. The nurses kept delaying any action, like they were waiting on an act from God. No Code Blue, no doctor from the E.R. after three hours no Dr. Caberto. By the time an ICU doctor rescued her at 7:00 something in the morning she was near dead and not expected to live for 24 hours. She has lingered and survived for more than a week now with resulting in decreased liver functions and kidney failure due to her prolonged blood pressure drop. To make this disaster even more catastrophic, the first three weeks she was here she was denied the alternative nutrients that had been getting good results.

The Solution Since the culture in St. Joseph's is Euthanasia, D.N.R. (DO NOT RESUSITATE) obsessed they literally have no concept of the reality that there are many people that really do want to live until God decides otherwise.

There comes a time in life, when you walk away from all the drama and people who create it. Surround yourself with people who make you laugh, forget the bad, and focus on the good. Love the people who treat you right. Pray for the ones who don't. Life is too short to be anything but happy. Falling down is part of life, getting back up is living.

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sulted in arrest for whites was about four percent.

The percentage of stops that resulted in arrest for whites was about four percent.

The findings on vehicle stops in Ferguson, Mo. is particularly of interest due to the shooting death of Michael Brown by police officer Darren Wilson in August, and the protests that followed.

In the city, Black drivers were four times as likely to be stopped by police than white drivers.

The Ferguson police chief in 2014 was Thomas Jackson. His resignation from the department was effective March 19, following an investigation conducted by the U.S. Department of Justice Civil Rights Division.

The report, "Investigation of the Ferguson Police Department," published March 4, details Jackson's lack of promoting institutional safeguards and fixes. It concluded revenue was created by policing mostly Blacks who live in Ferguson, which contributed to years of racial profiling. Judge Ronald Brockmeyer and City Manager John Shaw also resigned following the report.

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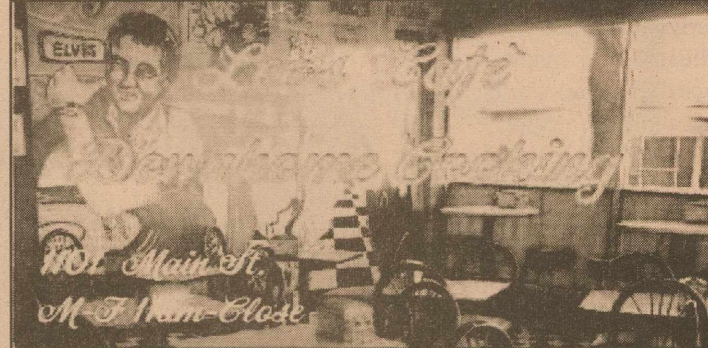
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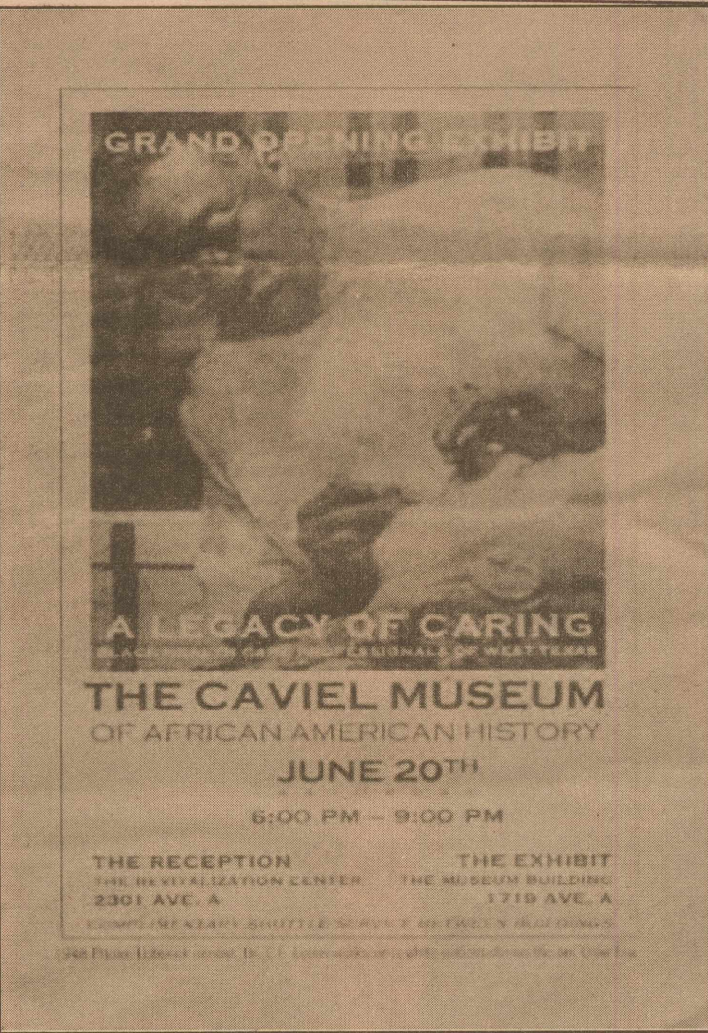
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Maryland Woman Dies After Getting A Butt Injection Continued from Page 6

ng spirit of happiness. She was always joyful and a pleasure to be around, even when she had cause not to be. Her happiness was contagious and she will be sorely missed."

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the Department of Education: While black students represent 16% of student enrollment, they represent 27% of students referred to law enforcement and 31% of students subjected to a school-related arrest. In comparison, white students represent 51% of enrollment, 41% of students referred to law enforcement, and 39% of those arrested.

The mistreatment of Black children in McKinney may have started with community members who saw fit to police the recreational area. Witnesses say the incident began when a white woman allegedly used racial slurs, verbally abused Grace Stone and assaulted Tatiana Rose, 19, who hosted the public event, according to TheGrio.com:

The leader of the angry group, identified as a mother named Kate, began cursing at Rose's young white friend, presumably for associating with black people. "So then they started verbally abusing her, saying that she needs to do better for herself, cursing at her, and I'm saying, no that's wrong; she's 14, you should not say things like that to a 14-year-old," said Rose.

Rose says that's when Kate walked up to her and smacked her in the face.

Adding to that, a second video shot by Dajerria Becton's friend shows what appear to be white men who weren't police officers taking it upon themselves to act on behalf of Cpl. Casebolt during his assault on Becton. What happened in McKinney, Texas, neatly falls into the pattern of implicit bias among both police officers and community members ready to think the worst of Black youths.

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When the white man arrived in America, the red man greeted them. Next the land of Texas, New Mexico and part of California occupied by Spain, which we now know as Mexico and that is the brown man. Then the slave traders went to Africa, bought slaves and brought them to America and that is the black man and then we connected the transcontinental railroad from east to west, which was primarily built by the yellow man.

We told this story in a production of the five races, and we are coming together as one to ask our leaders of our country and fellow Americans to do the same.

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We are building a coalition of Americans to support our leaders, no matter what political party they represent, to make the right decisions because it is the right decision to make.

This is "Back To Our Roots incorporated as Teen Publications Incorporated, a 501C3 non-profit organization.

Last Wednesday, May 27, 2015, in Texas all five races were present in the Texas Senate. Representing one of them was The Honorable T. J. Patterson, Sr, City Councilman for 20 years in Lubbock, Texas, and past president of the Texas Municipal League (TML).

For information, contact Taylor Rudd, Executive Director, at (806) 787-5565.

Also, during the session, Patterson was given a standing ovation by members of the Texas Senate for his 20 years of service on the Lubbock City Council.

Vedry positive remarks were given about Patterson by Senator Rodney Ellis of Houston, Texas and Senator Royce West of Dallas, Texas.

"It was a complete surprise to me, said Patterson.

"I want to thank this Texas Senate -- Democrats, Republicans and Tea Party -- for what they have done in my honor. May God continue to bless each of them and the great state of Texas," concluded Patterson.

According to Taylor Rudd, this production will be taken throughout the United States of America.



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Why Did Rachel Dolezal Pretend to be Black to Become a Local NAACP President? — And Does It Really Matter?

Spokane, WA — 37-year old Rachel Dolezal, a local NAACP leader in Spokane, Washington, is under fire for reportedly disguising herself as an African American woman. Her mother, Ruthanne Dolezal, who has had no contact with her daughter for years, recently told the The Spokesman Review that her daughter has been hiding her true identity, and claims the disguise began after the Dolezal

family adopted four African-American children.

She commented, "It's very sad that Rachel has not just been herself. Her effectiveness in the causes of the African-American community would have been so much more viable, and she would have been more effective if she had just been honest with everybody."

The Dolezals are apparently not of African descent at all, and

are instead mixed with Czech, Swedish, German and a trace of Native American.

But Rachel Dolezal is not just an NAACP leader, she is also a African studies professor at Eastern Washington University and works for the Office of Police Ombudsman Commission in Spokane. On her application for this application, she identified herself as white, black and American Indian.



Rachel Dolezal
"Does It Really Matter?"

When asked by local journalists about her race, she replied: "That question is not as easy as it seems. There's a lot of com-

plexities... and I don't know that everyone would understand that." She later added, "We're all from the African continent."

But Does It Even Matter If She's Black?

Based on social media responses, most African Americans are highly upset. But some say it doesn't really matter.

Dolezal is credited with reenergizing the Spokane chapter of the NAACP, which aims to ensure the political, educational, social, and economic equality of rights of all persons and to eliminate race-based discrimination. For her work, she has been dubbed "one of the Inland Northwest's most prominent civil rights activists".

Long before her true race was

discovered, she received hate mail and death threats at the NAACP branch from anonymous people who were assumed to be white supremacists.

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elers. Their travels took them to all fifty states, five continents, five Caribbean cruises, one to Alaska, and the last two, one down the Rhine River in Germany, and one down the Yangtze River in China. He received several honors, the most memorable, (Principal of the year). He was a life-long Methodist and held membership in several professional organizations and one societal - Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity. He was active in the field of philanthropy.

He was preceded in death by his son, Denver L. Samples Jr., eight brothers: Felmer, Bennie, Eska, James, Wilber, Willie, Roosevelt, and Oswald Samples.

He is survived by his daughter, Denese White (Darrell) Phoenix, AZ; grandson, Denver

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Hiring Black Officers Is So Difficult, Because of Past History

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told the Guardian in an interview on May 20, for a wide-ranging, two-part feature on the NYPD. "I make no apologies for doing that."

Critics say the policy he champions disproportionately affects poor, urban communities and leads to the mass incarceration of young black and Latino men for relatively minor offenses.

"Stop-and-frisk was not the heart of the problem," said Robert Gangi, the director of the New York City-based Police Reform Organizing Project (Prop), which advocates for an end to Bratton's broken windows policy. "Stop-and-frisk was the symptom of blatantly racist policing, known as broken windows."

Serving as the head of the NYPD in the early 1990s, Bratton was one of the first commissioners of a major US city to adopt the broken windows policy. Under his watch, crime rates plummeted.

Bratton then took it with him to Los Angeles, where he was the head of the department from 2002 until 2009. During his tenure, low-level arrests increased, as did stops of pedestrians and motorists from 587,200 in 2002 to 875,204 in 2008.

When Bratton returned to the NYPD in 2014, he immediately dropped the city's defense of the stop and frisk policy, a campaign promise of his boss, New York mayor Bill de Blasio. But he kept broken windows, even as critics say the policing model has no proven connection to New York's dramatic decline in major crime.

The program has come under renewed scrutiny after Eric Garner, a Staten Island man, died during an encounter with NYPD officers while being taken into custody on suspicion of selling untaxed cigarettes.

Ensnaring young people — often black and Latino men — in the criminal justice system for seemingly innocuous crimes is not a winning strategy for attracting officers of color to the police force, Gangi said.

"We're certain the disfavor and the antagonism in the black community toward the police is a principal factor in why so few black men want to become police officers," he said.

Departments have been making gradual progress in reducing racial disparity in the force. An analysis by the Associated Press following the fatal police shooting of Michael Brown, an unarmed black teen in Ferguson,

Missouri, found that racial diversity was improving, with the gap between black police officers and the communities where they serve narrowing over the last few decades.

The analysis, based on census data and 2007 federal figures, found that 23% of New York's population is black compared with 16% of the NYPD.

The city last year announced that police officers would stop arresting people in possession of small amounts of marijuana, which Bratton said he welcomed as it would divert more resources to reducing violent crime. The move was expected to curb tens of thousands of low-

level arrests for pot possession, which the mayor said affected young people's chances of getting a job, good housing or even a student loan.

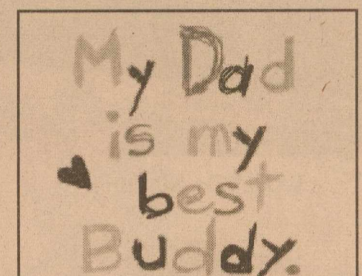
Delores Jones-Brown, a former New Jersey prosecutor and a professor at John Jay College of Criminal Justice, said non-white defendants were convicted at disproportionate rates compared with their white defendants in large part because arrest rates were disproportionate.

"You can't get arrested unless the police are paying attention to you," she said. "And the police are paying attention in communities of color more so than they are in communities that are more affluent or more suburban."

Black defendants were 15% more likely than white defendants to be imprisoned for misdemeanor offenses and drug offenses, and 14% more likely than their white counterparts to

be imprisoned for felony drug offenses, according to a July 2014 study, published by the Vera Institute of Justice of prosecutions handled by the Manhattan district attorney's office.

Overall, black defendants were 5% more likely to be sentenced to time in prison than white defendants facing a similar charge, the study found.



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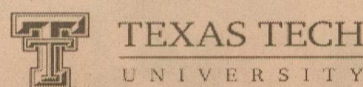
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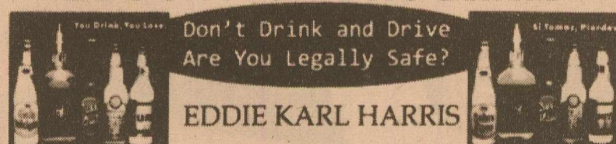


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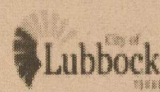
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TABCCM Holds Quarterly Meeting On Campus of Wiley College In Marshall, Texas



TABCCM Members

The quarterly meeting of the Texas Association of Black City Council Members, TABCCM, held their quarterly meeting on the campus of Wiley College in Marshall, Texas on Saturday, June 13, 2015. President of this organization is Stephon Mason of Cedar Hill, Texas.

A very important item on the agenda was the final plans of the 12th Annual T. J. Patterson, Sr. Scholarship Golf Classic which will be held in San Antonio, Texas on Tuesday, September 22, 2015.

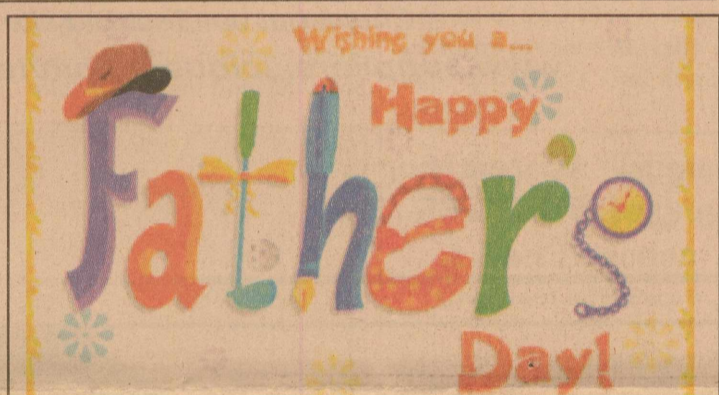
This tournament will benefit the "Eugene McCray Scholarship Fund."



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Denver L. Samples, III of Wills Point, Texas; and sister, Teola Pinkard-Williams, Dallas, Texas. For those desiring, and in lieu of flowers, please make donations to the charity of your choice in memory of Denver Samples.



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