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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 nd 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

2015, of the Southwest Digest, would not be.' Gordon Harris reported he was unhappy over cthe information made by the Lubbock Independ-

ent School District. He said, "On Thursday, June 18, 2015, it was published there gave the following statement: would be citizens comments on the demonishing or sale of the empty school buildings: Arnett, Parkway and Iles Elementary

School buildings. But when my-

In the Thursday, July 16, ple of pastors showed up, Nancy Sharp came to me and said it

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Gordon Harris Didn't Sign Up

To Speak To Board Of Trustees

The Southwest Digest contacted Ms. Sharp, Executive Director, Communications and Community Relations, and she

"Mr. Harris did not sign up in advance. I advised him of the procedure and invited him to complete the form to speak at the July 16 meeting. As of today, self, Gordon Harris, and a cou- he has not signed up to speak at

the meeting on Thursday. The form and information about speaking during the public comment portion of the meeting is on our Board of Trustees webpage."

"Persons who wish to participate in this portion of the meeting shall sign up in the Superintendent's office no later than 1:00 p.m. on the day prior to the meeting and shall indicate the topic about which they wish

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Getting kids outside while on summer vacation

By Rachel Spangenthal | rachels@kamc.tv

The program allows them to

work in the garden at Grub Farm

and takes them on field trips to

Nearly a dozen East Lubbock ing their summer time in a garteenagers spending part of their den, in fact that's one of the reasons why we do it - because they "I thought it would be interestdon't always have a lot of things ing to go outside and not just to do and we don't want them to stay up in the house all summer," be in trouble doing things that said camper, Keyon King. they shouldn't be doing," said

The "Garden Initiative" is a pilot program designed by the Lubbock Promise Neighbor-East Lubbock Promise Neighhood. borhood.

summer on a farm.

"It's very safe to say that most of these kids wouldn't be spend-

their labor. Michele Cook, with the East

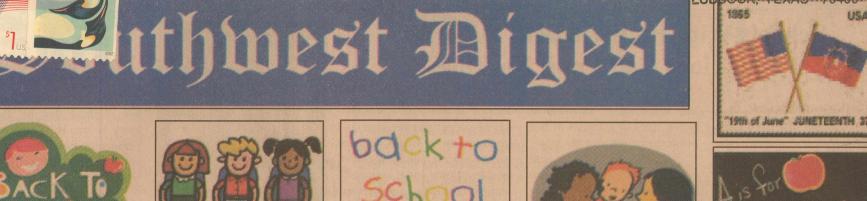
visit their http://www.elpngrant.org/

different businesses and museums, including many that deal

ends in November when the campers will decide what to do with the fruits and vegetables of For more information on

with agriculture. The program

ELPN and their other programs, website SOUTHWEST COLLECTION Texas Tech University





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Barbara Lafitti



every Tuesday evening at Bryon Martin Technology Center, 3401 Avenue Q, beginning at 5:30 p.m.

* West Texas Chapter of 100 Black Men of West Texas meets 3rd Monday evenings at 7:00 pm at Lanier Center, 2nd Floor, TTU Law Center. * The Parkway & Cherry-Point Neighborhood Association meets the 3rd Tuesday evenings, 7:30 pm at Hunt Elementary School. * Chatman Hill Neighborhood Association meets 2nd Thursday of every month at 6:00 pm at 2301 Avenue A.

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

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

If you have an announcement you want to appear in this paper, there are three ways to get information to us:

Southwest Digest Community Meetings 902 East 28th Street Lubbock, Texas 79404 (806) 76first to publicly release a vorkforce 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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East Lubbock Teenagers Working This Summer In Garden!

The Words Need To Be Corrected Now!



CHATMAN HILL IS BETTER THAN THIS! Surely something can be done about the spelling of two words on entrance to Chatman Hill Addition. Hopefully, the Chatman Hill Neighborhood Association will see that these words are corrected!

Let's be proud of the Chatman Hill Addition. All of us can help when we see something is needed to change a posture of something which needs to be changed. Surely we can make this happen right now. Who wants to help with this situation? The Southwest Digest wants to help with this correction.

The Late R.V. Harris & Wife, Mrs. Mary Harris Former Lubbock Resident, **Barbara Lafitti Releases CD**

Not forgetting from where she came from, Barbara Lafitti wanted her mother, Mrs. Mary Harris, to know how much she appreciates the role her father, the late Rev. R.V. Harris, and her played in her life.

Lafitte, a native of Lubbock, is releasing her first CD. The vocalist, actress, model/background singer, is the daughter of the late Rev. R.V and Mrs. Mary Harris, who started out singing in her father's church,

Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church in Lorenzo, Texas, as a child.

Throughout her career, she has appeared on movie sets, theatrical stages, and concert stages in the U.S. and Bitburg Germany

Her debut gospel cd is entitled: "In the Midst of Your Storm" is attentively scheduled for release in September 2015 worldwide.

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Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church **Sponsoring 100 Men Choir** In Concert On August 22, 2015

The Sons of Allen of the Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church, 2202 Southeast Drive, will host a 100 Men Choir in Concert on Saturday evening, August 22, 2015, beginning at 7:00 p.m. at the Bethel A.M.E. church.

The proud pastor of the Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church is Pastor Darrell Willie.

If you have ever sung, think you can't sing, or just want to use your hidden talent; this is the time to do so!

Psalm 133:1 says "Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity.

The theme for this event is "For as the body is one." I Corinthian 12:13.

Rehearsals are scheduled at Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church, beginning at 6:30 p. m. on the following dates: August 4, August 11, and August 18, 2015.

All dates are on Tuesday evenings.

The Program Coordinator is Bobby Darty, and if there are any questions, call him at (806) 401-7523.

Hillary Hutchinson is President of the Sons of Allen, and he may be contacted at (806) 747-6591.

"We are looking forward to having a joyous time as we come together for this Concert," says Brother Darty. "If you want to participate, then come and join us," continued Brother Darty.

"The Brothers of Bethel are eager about this opportunity, and getting ready for special effort," said Brother Hutchinson.

"If you know of some Brothers who love to sing, then bring them with you when you attend the rehearsals," said Brother Hutchinson.

"Will you join us, Brothers?"Darty asked. "Come and bring someone with you!"

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Schools With Higher Black, Minority Populations Call Cops, Not Docs

UNIVERSITY PARK, Pa. -

- Poor schools that have more black and minority students tend to punish students rather than seek medical or psychological interventions for them, according to a Penn State sociologist.

'There's been a real push toward school safety and there's been a real push for schools to show they are being accountable," said David Ramey, assistant professor of sociology and criminology. "But, any zero-tolerance policy or mandatory topdown solutions might be undermining what would be otherwise good efforts at discipline, and not establishing an environment based around all the options available.'

According to the study, schools and school districts with a greater percentage of black student population had significantly higher rates of expulsions

higher rates of referrals to law enforcement and arrests.

Schools and districts with greater black populations also have lower enrollment in government programs designed to stop discrimination against students who have a disability, such as Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act -- IDEA.

The way schools are governed may influence whether students are punished or referred to medical help.

"Schools in high disadvantaged districts tend to be centralized, so all the schools in that district tend to develop the same practices," Ramey said. "Schools that are in less disadvantaged districts tend to have more autonomy.'

A disadvantaged district is

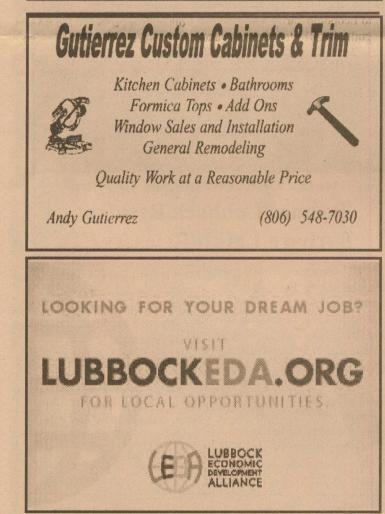
Opportunities At The Bridge

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Free GED Classes at the Bridge of Lubbock located at 1301 Redbud Ave. Classes are hosted weekly on Monday and Wednesday from 9 A.M. - 11 A.M. and Wednesday and Thursday from 6 P.M. - 8 P.M. For more information and to sign up contact Literacy Lubbock at 806-775-3636 christopher.moore@ttu.edu.

For information, contact Christoper S. Moore, Family, Community, and Adult Education Manager, East Lubbock Promise Neighborhood Texas Tech University, MS 1071, Lubbock, Texas 79409-1071.



and suspensions, as well as . defined as one with low highschool graduation rates, high unemployment, more single mother-headed households, low median income and a high percentage of adults employed in low-paid sales and retail jobs.

School districts with higher populations of Hispanic students were less likely to seek criminal action against students, but were also less likely to consider medical treatments for behavioral problems, added Ramey, who released his findings in a recent issue of Sociology of Education.

Parental reaction to the increased media attention on school shootings and violence at inner city schools in the late 20th century is one reason that school officials adopted zero-tolerance policies, such as immediate suspensions and expulsions.

"In the late '90s crime declined massively, but, media coverage of crime did increase in scope," said Ramey. "We started seeing reports of school shootings and terrorism and that created a push to create the perception of safe schools, which included police in the schools and metal detectors at the doorway."

The study builds on prior research that looked at how educators assessed the behavior of individual students based on race. "The bulk of my earlier research looked at how, for the same minor levels of misbehaviors -- for example, classroom **Continue on Page 8**

Register now for Tax Practitioner Meeting in Lubbock, Aug. 13

DALLAS, TEXAS - The Internal Revenue Service, in partnership with the Texas Society of Enrolled Agents and Lubbock Small Business Development, will offer informative sessions at its 2015 Regional Practitioner Meeting from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., on Thursday, August 13, at Lubbock Texas Tech University's Small Business Development Center, Science Spectrum Education Bldg., 2579 S. Loop 289. This seminar qualifies for Continuing Education (CE) Credits for Enrolled Agents and Annual Filing Season Program (AFSP) participants. Other tax professionals may qualify, depending on the requirements of their organizations. Registration is \$60. Your Preparer Tax Identification Number is required to get Continuing Education Credit. Register online at this link. For more information, call (806) 745-1637. Topics will include Reporting Foreign Assets and Tax-Related Identity Theft among many others.



Nationwide — 23-year old Michael L. Johnson has been sentenced to serve three decades in prison for intentionally infecting other men with the HIV virus. He reportedly concealed his HIV-positive status from several men that he had unprotected sex with back in 2013.

Johnson, who was a college wrestler at Linden University in Saint Charles, Missouri was headed for a very successful career, but that dream was shattered. Because of the allegations, he was expelled from the university and has remained in prison since his arrest in October 2013. What hurt his case the most, however, was during the initial

New Beginning Times Set At Faith First House of Hope

Pastor Justin B. Lawrence, Senior Pastor of Faith First House of Hope, is inviting the public to come and join the congregation in church services.

He also is announcing the new time for services. As of Sunday morning, August 16, 2015, the new beginning times are: Sunday School will begin at 8:30 a. m., and Morning Worship will begin at 9:30 a.m.

Faith First House of Hope is located at 1504 East 15th Street. "Wee are looking forward to serving you in the House of the Lord," said Pastor Lawrence.

> Harris Didn't Sign Up

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It is clearly an attempt to have East Lubbock notto have a say-

Man Who Infected Other Men With HIV Gets 30 Years In Prison

trial, when the defense for Johnson claimed that he did not know he was HIV-positive. The prosecutor, however, presented solid evidence showing otherwise.

Judge Jon Cunningham, who proceeded over the case, told Johnson that he committed "very severe" crimes. "The main thing is the profound effect your actions have had on the victims and their families," he said.

One victim also spoke out saying, "He will infect people for his own sick purposes. He has lost the privilege to be free." Johnson didn't say too much during the sentencing, but he did

offer some sympathy to the victims and commented, "I never want anyone to have to go through the pain" of having HIV.'

"It was new to me, and I didn't know how to tell people," Johnson said in a taped interview that was played before the sentencing.

His attorney pleaded for a lesser sentence, arguing that getting HIV is not necessarily a death sentence, but the judge didn't buy it.

To make matters worse, Johnson has also been diagnosed with other sexually transmitted diseases such as gonorrhea.

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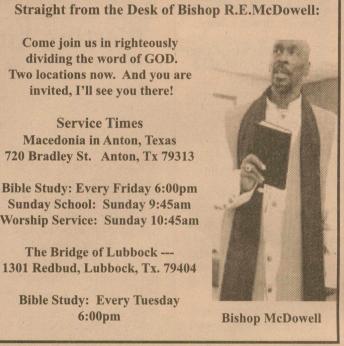
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ing in the process of what will be done with the buildings," said Harris. Harris emphasized that de-

stroying these buildings is not the answer. "There are more enough vacant lots and houses in East Lubbock, and we as a community need to make the school board aware that having a 7:00 a. m. meeting keeps the public out of giving their input," he concluuded.

"We appreciate citizens appearing before the Board of Trustees, but they must sign up," said Ms. Vernita Holmes, School Board District Two.

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If the daily news is not reflecting the senseless killings of ISIS (The Islamic State of Iraq and Syria), it is the senseless killings across the United States. In a word, most killings of all kinds are senseless. From the beginning of time, it has been brother against brother and senseless killings. Will we annihilate each other as individuals and nations before someone realizes that we are all brothers of the same blood? Every human being on this earth has the same. physical characteristics, head, torso, arms with hands at the end of each and legs with feet at the end of each. The same biological makeup is found in each of us which is necessary for continuous life. We have digestive systems, circulatory systems, the same bone structure and the sex organs for the particular variety. Among humans there are two varieties and sometimes with a quirk in nature, there sometimes occurs a unique individual, one which can usually be corrected with some form of medical science. The blood of every human reflects the color of red when it is let from the body for any reason

If we take a look at the flowers on this planet, we find that they come in a variety of colors and shapes and appearances. If we look at human beings, we can see a parallelism. We humans also come in a variety of colors. Somehow, color seems to make a great difference in how we perceive each other as we grow and mature in size and age. We have seen too many times how our children, regardless of their color, in early age, they love each other. They want to be with other children and play with them. All they see is another soul like them. If adults do not intervene, they usually get along just fine and can be observed hugging and kissing each

other. It is pure love for another human being.

Pure love is what we are born

with, but when our parents begin to teach us what they know and feel, reflecting their prejudices and insecurities upon us, the pure love becomes contaminated and we grow into adulthood with that contamination which is too often reflected in our daily lives. Becoming a member of a certain religious group too often does not cleanse our souls, our minds or our hearts. We take literally, 'Do unto others as they do unto you' rather than "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you." This kind of thinking makes room for grudges and unnecessary animosities

If we just learn to think and act like we all deserve a little bit of 'love and toleration' this would be a wonderful world. If we can tolerate our own shortcomings and that of our brothers and put love in our foremost thoughts instead of challenging the every act of each other without taking into consideration what others may be struggling with it would be a godsend.

I saw an individual driving a truck on the highway the other day with a Confederate Flag hosted onto the back of his truck flying high after the state of South Carolina voted to remove the flag permanently. I thought to myself: "He's inviting trouble and I hope everyone will ignore him." That is my prayer. We all, every individual needs to get ' in cinque' and take inventory or our love quotient and find a way to improve upon it.

Before destruction a man's heart is haughty, but humility comes before honor. Proverbs 18:12

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Beyond The Rherotic by Harry C. Alford

Should the EX-IM **Bank Die?**

This seems like an odd question. Capital Access is the lifeblood of business growth and job creation. Thus, all vehicles that provide such should be welcomed. As the President/CEO of the National Black Chamber of Commerce, it is assumed that I would support all avenues of capital access. However, I am starting to have big doubts about one vehicle. The Export-Import Bank is a government owned organization that was started by President Franklin D. Roosevelt as an apparatus for American firms to have more opportunity to export business to the Soviet Union. Most modern nations have their own EX-IM bank and even developing nations like Ghana have just opened their own to help their businesses export to Europe, Asia and the United States.

Unlike most nations our EX-IM Bank has become controversial. It has just lost its charter as of June 30, 2015, and funding is frozen until or unless Congress reauthorizes funding through legislation. By now, you have seen television ads asking for your support in telling Congress to reauthorize the EX-IM Bank. Immediate action is required and if it does not happen within the next six months the doors of the EX-IM Bank will come permanently shut.

Most businesses are not familiar with the EX-IM Bank and that is a flaw in its marketing or outreach. It may also be an indicator that it is not inclusive. I don't know of one Black owned firm that has received financing from this entity. Many billions of dollars have been provided and not one Black owned firm has received a penny. I am still searching for proof that I may be wrong but no one, including the EX-IM Bank has corrected me.

BECAME ACT OF 1965, AND ALL OF US SHOULD **TAKE ADVANTAGE OF IT!!** THIS N THAT The **VOTING RIGHTS ACT OF** 1965 is a landmark piece of federal legislation in the United States that PRO-HIBITS RACIAL DISCRIM-**INATION IN VOTING** It was signed into law by PRESIDENT LYNDON B. JOHNSON during the height of the AMERI-**CAN CIVIL RIGHTS MOVE-**MENT on

VOTING RIGHTS ACT

THIS Nº THE

by T. J. Patterson

Then there is another big issue

about the history of such activity

According to the Daily Signal

newspaper: "An examination of

EX-IM fraud cases reveals a dis-

turbing pattern of carelessness in

doling out taxpayer subsidies.

For example, the bank approved

96 loan transactions in a two-

year period for Gangland, USA,

which purported to export elec-

tronics from Miami to South

America. According to prosecu-

tors, company owner Jose L.

Quijano received more than \$3.6

million in fraudulent loans from

18 loans involving \$13.6 million

to Leopoldo Parra, who pleaded

"Similarly, the bank approved

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the bank."

at the EX-IM Bank

posedly 20% of its financing goes to such firms. However, its definition of a small business is

Three years ago the bank sent a representative to give a presentation on their services and announce that they were having a new directed outreach initiative to recruit Black owned firms to take part in their services. That person, who was a vice president, was soon gone from the bank and we haven't heard a sound since. Some of our members voiced discontent at that meeting noting their negative experiences in trying to get financing from the EX-IM bank. Discontent is a conservative description.

The services of the EX-IM Bank are overwhelmingly enjoyed by the Fortune 100 corporations. Giants such as Boeing, Bechtel, General Electric, CaterSouthwest Digest, Thursday, August 6, 2015, Page 3

..... and it has been amended for this to become a reality... So five times since then..... For keep in mind of all UPthose of us who do not go to **COMING ELECTIONS** the polls on election day we and do take time and go to the need to understand the imporpolls..... Will you join tance of voting..... So as we get THIS N THAT at the polls ready for election time it is in 2016? HOPE SO!!! **** most important that all of us understand the importance of vot-**EAST LUBBOCK CAN** ing..... Don't let anyone fool **MOVE FORWARD! THIS N** you when they tell you..... PRE-THAT believes something CIOUS VOTE DOESN'T

good is in store for EAST LUBBOCK in the near future..... It can really happen if there are those who feel the same way All needed is for the RESIDENTS OF EAST LUBBOCK to just come together & PRAY!!!

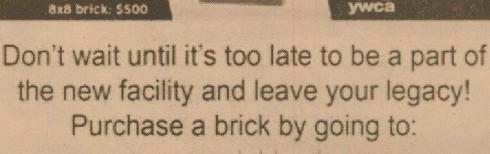
conspiracy to commit money laundering. According to prosement assisted financing. They cutors, Parra and his co-conspircan do well in the normal finanators fraudulently obtained the cial sectors. In essence, this is a loan proceeds and used them for kind of Corporate Welfare. That personal gain."

"These and dozens of other cases reflect the hazards inherent in government subsidies. That is, agencies such as EX-IM do not engage in meaningful due diligence when taxpayers are on the hook for any or all losses. The Inspector General noted in a 2012 report to Congress that the bank failed to collect adequate credit information and history from borrowers and lacked sufficient compliance personnel relative to the increasing size of the bank's finance portfolio, which is expected to exceed \$140 billion by September 30, 2014. It also concluded that EX-IM risk management framework and governance structure are not commensurate with the size, scope and strategic ambitions of the institution."

Yes, it never fails. Discrimination and Corruption are "first cousins". Where there is one you will most certainly find the other. It appears that the EX-IM guilty in 2012 to wire fraud and **Continuè on Page 8**

COUNT! THIS N THAT . wants you to know your PRECIOUS VOTE really counts...... Just think what would happen if those who are AUGUST 6, 1965 which registered to vote would do was 50 YEARS AGO so..... It would be outstanding The bank claims to have a pillar, etc. The big problem here small business program. Supis that they don't need govern-

not consistent with the Small Business Administration size is the claim opponents of this enstandards. They accept busitity allege and I can't argue nesses with over \$21.5 million against that. in sales and up to 1,500 workers as being small. This is hardly with this entity. It seems to be small. Still the same, none of filled with mismanagement, them are Black owned. fraud and corruption. There is a vast amount of news articles



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

Jeremiah 3:13 -- Only acknowledge your iniquity, that you have transgressed against the Lord your God, and scattered your ways to the stranger under every green tree, and you have not obeyed my voice, said the Lord.

The PREACHERS LIKE ADAM; KNOWS GOD'S WILL; HIS WORDS HE PUT INTO HIS MIND. THE CHURCHES SEE SOULS GOING TO HELL; THOU-SANDS AD THOUSANDS AT A TIME!!!

John 10:1 -- Jesus said, VERILY, VERILY, I say unto you. He that enters not by the door into the sheepfold, but climb up by some other way, the same is a thief and a robber.

Many people WORSHIP THE TEMPLE OF THE LORD, AND TITHES THEY WILL GIVE. There is NO SALVATION IN THE TEM-PLE OR TITHES; THE PREACHER SAYS; THE **MONEY IS HIS!!!**

Isaiah 55:8 -- For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, said the Lord.

*** WAYS OF THE WORLD; IS NOT THE WAYS OF GOD; IT'S PRAY-ING TIME!!! ***

Many people go to **CHURCH; JUST TO KEEP** UP THEIR GOOD LUCK. THE PREACHERS DON'T CARE IF THEY'RE SAVED. HE JUST WANTS THEIR BUCKS!!!

Isaiah 56:10-11 -- The Lord said, His watchmen are blind; they are all ignorant, they are all dumb dogs. They cannot bark; sleeping, lying down, loving to slumber. Yes, they are greedy dogs which can never have enough, and they are shepherds that cannot understand; they all look to their own way, ever one of his gain from his quarter (4 quarters equal to anniversary).

(THE PEOPLE IN CHAT-**TANOOGA CHURCH, THEY** WERE EITHER SAVED OR **UN-SAVED. THERE IS NO** IN JUST SALVATION **BEING IN CHURCH; SAL-**VATION IS IN JESUS ONLY!!!)

Jeremiah 7:4 -- Trust you not in lying words, saying, The temple of the Lord. The temple of the Lord. The temple of the Lord.

*** IN GOD ONLY. --SHALL WE ALL TRUST!!!

The CHURCHES starting PREACHING LIES ON CIVIL RIGHTS; AND I HAVE A DREAM. NOW THERE IS NO HOLINESS IN THE CHURCHES; IT'S LIKE A NIGHT-MARE; AND

THAT'S NO DREAM!!!

JEREMIAH 23:25-28 -- I have heard what the prophets said, that prophesy lies in my name, saying, I have dreamed, I have dreamed. How long shall this be in the heart of the prophets that prophesy lies? Yes, they are prophets of the deceit of their own heart. Which thinks to cause my people to forget my name for Ba'al. The prophet that has a dream, let him tell a dream; and he that has my word, let him speak my word faithfully. What is the chaff to the wheat? said the Lord.

The CHURCH IS SUP-POSE TO BE A PLACE TO PRAY, WORSHIP, AND TO SING PRAISE. BUT NOW IT IS A SOCIAL CLUB, A DAT-**ING PLACE, AND A PLACE** FOR MONEY TO BE RAISED!!!

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Matthew 23:37-38 -- Jesus said, O Jerusalem (CHURCH), Jerusalem (CHURCH), you that kill the prophets, and stone them which are sent unto you, how often would I have gathered your children together even as a hen gathers her chickens under her wings, and you would not!

Church, 2020 East 14th Street, where the dynamic and proud pastor is the Reverend Edward Canady.

The services again were well attended. Sunday morning serv-

2020 East 14th Street

Again, we had a wonderful

time attending church services

on Sunday morning, August 2,

2015, at the St. Matthew Baptist

Behold your (CHURCH) house is left unto you desolate.

*** IT'S YOUR CHURCH; AND NOT GOD'S!!! *** Ezekiel 18:30b, 31a & 32 -

Repent and turn yourselves from all your transgressions; so iniquity shall not be your ruin. Cast away from all your transgressions, whereby you have transgressed; and make a new heart and a new spirit; for why will you die. For I have no pleasure in the death of him that die, said the Lord God: wherefore turn yourselves, and live.

ices begun at 10:10 a.m. with Sunday School Superintendent, Sister Shirley Davis in charge. The lesson was taught by our pastor, Rev. Canady. Praise God for all the knowledge we receive during Sunday School.

St. Matthew Baptist Church

The subject of the Sunday School Lesson was entitled "The Rescuer Comes." The scripture at St. Matthew Baptist Church text was Isaiah 59:15-21. *****

The Sunday morning devotion was conducted by Sister Gayla Austin and Sister Baraba Johnson. It was so good to have Sister Johnson in our presence. ****

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

**** The morning sermon was delivered by Pastor Canady. His subject was "Lost and Found." His scripture text was Luke 15:31-32.

What a very informative sermon it was. It was well received by all in attendance. ****

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Rev. Edward Canady, Pastor Lubbock, Texas 79403

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

The weekly meetings held are as follows:

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

Bible Study is held at 6:00 p. m. on Wednesday evenings. Come and join us!

Choir Rehearsal is held on Friday afternoons at 4:00 p.m. ****

Let us continue to pray for our sick and shut-in citizens who reside in Lubbock, Texas.

St. Matthew Baptist Church is asking for anyone who is interested in playing for St. Matt-**Continue on Page 9**

Not Guilty Plea in Federal Court for Church Shooting

CHARLESTON, S.C. (AP) - The white man accused of gunning down nine parishioners at a black church in Charleston wants to plead guilty to 33 federal charges, but his lawyer said in court Friday, July 31, 2015, that he wouldn't do so until prosecutors say whether they'll seek the death penalty. During a brief arraignment in federal court, defense attorney David Bruck said that he couldn't advise his client, Dylann Roof, to enter a guilty plea without knowing the government's intentions. U.S. Magistrate Judge

Bristow Marchant then entered a not guilty plea for Roof, 21, who faces federal charges including hate crimes, weapons charges and obstructing the practice of religion. Appearing in court in a gray striped prison jumpsuit, his hands in shackles, Roof answered yes several times in response to the judge's questions but otherwise didn't speak. Marchant also heard briefly from family members of victims of the June 17 attack at Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal in downtown Charleston. Several church rep-

van and enjoyed the ride.

We had a wonderful vacation and by that, I mean my wife visited every thrift shop in the county at least once.

Overall, it was a wonderful time of rest and relaxation. At least on my part. I would get up in the morning and she had already gone to some thrift shop, which meant that I was on my own, which can be a dangerous

resentatives also spoke. Roof also faces numerous state charges, including nine counts of

gave this advice, "Who can find a virtuous woman? for her price is far above rubies. The heart of her husband doth safely trust in her, so that he shall have no need of spoil. She will do him good and not evil all the days of her life " (Proverbs 31:10-12).

Rev. James L. Snyder is My idea of a good vacation is pastor of the Family of God

Dylann Roof Continue on Page 8

Summer is a good time for vacation, especially if that vacation creates a happy house.

Of all the seasons in the year, was her way of introducing the summer has to be my favorite. I subject she had already decided am reminded of an uncle of upon.

Why Can't Summer Be Forever?

Dr. James L. Snyder

Over the years, I have learned how to be a husband. It is too bad they do not teach that in high school, but you have to learn it on your own. Most men never really learn how to be a just know that I love summer. It husband. If I were not so lazy, I would write a book on How to Be a Successful Husband. However, I am too busy doing nothing In response to my wife I said, "I don't know. What do you have in mind?" Because, I knew she had something in mind and probably had it all planned out. I do not mind that, because it is less that I have to do. The only thing I have to do about the vacation is to come up with the "Cha Ching! "I was thinking..." this is al-I have been married long ways the beginning of problems in my direction. Whenever my wife gets to thinking, I know I

Nartinthe King

am in trouble.

"I was thinking, maybe it would be nice for us to go to St. Augustine for a week this year. What do you think?"

Well, I do not think she really wants to know what I actually think. Nevertheless, I went along with her "thinking," and told her what a great idea it was and I am all in. As far as I am concerned, a vacation is a vacation no matter where you go. I would rather go someplace where there is no

do anything.

cation is the whole idea of "vacating." The thing I want to vacate is doing things.

prepared and I would not have to

I knew exactly why St. Au-

gustine was our destination for our vacation this summer. The whole area is infested with " thrift shops. " I do not like to speak out of school, but someone in our house is addicted to

thrift shops. I am not mentioning

Church

As far as I am concerned, va-

scenario.

started back when I was a young boy and realized during summer I did not have to go to school.

mine who, when asked what his

favorite piece of pie was, always

said, "The one I'm eating at the

Maybe I have something of

my uncle in me, I do not know. I

time.'

Another aspect of summer is that it is usually the time when people take vacations. Although I am not big on vacations, I am not against them at all, particularly when it comes to my vacation.

It was right after Christmas when the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage approached me and said, "What are we going to do for vacation this summer?"

enough to know that that was simply a rhetorical question. It

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or we will perish together as fools.

stress and plenty of harmony, particularly in the motel room.

That was in the beginning of January. For the next six months, I heard little tidbits here and there about our, "wonderful vacation in St. Augustine ." I secretly smiled, knowing that all of the details were planned and

who, just that it is not me! The time came for us to go on our vacation and the beautiful

thing about it was, I did not even have to drive. My wife wanted to take her van because she had plans to visit every thrift shop in the county and bring her treasures back home sat back in the

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getting in plenty of R&R (readin' and 'riting).

Our motel was not far from what is known as the Fountain of Youth. Every time I am in St. Augustine, I have a desire to go to the Fountain of Youth. Every time I dismissed the thought. What if it really worked? And what if my wife came with me?

I really do not want my wife to regain her youth because I can barely keep up with her now. Can you imagine the energy she would have for visiting thrift shops?

No, the Fountain of Youth is not in my plans, but may be the Swamp of Old Age. That is more my style.

Driving home from our vacation late Friday afternoon, someone in the van was very excited about the " treasures " she had discovered at St. Augustine . I was very excited that she was very excited because that makes for a happy house.

King Solomon, quite a connoisseur of women and wives, Fellowship, PO Box 831313, Ocala, FL 34483. He lives with his wife, Martha, in Silver Springs Shores . Call him at 1-866-552-2543 or e-mail jamessnyder2@att.net or website www.jamessnyderministries.com.

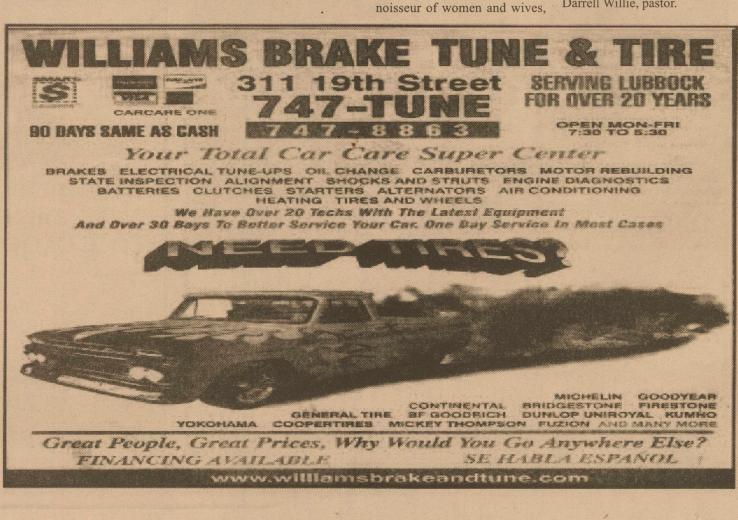
Annual Friends & Family Day Set

It's hard to believe, but another year has come and gone! The Annual Friends & Family Day at the Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church, 2202 Southeast Drive, is set for Sunday afternoon, August 9, 2015. The services will begin at 2:30 p.m.

This year's theme is "Praising God in Unity." Philippians 2:2.

This year's Celebration will be filled with all the excitement and celebration it had last year. "Come and join us," said Rev.

Darrell Willie, pastor.



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Obsequies

Ruby Faye Ross

Funeral services were held Saturday morning, July 25, 2015, for Ruby Faye Ross at the Greater St. James Baptist Church with Rev. J. L. Barnes, pastor, officiating.

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

Ross, 73 of Lubbock, Texas, passed away on Sunday, July 19, 2015.

Ruby was born on October 3, 1941, to the parentage of Ernest Ross Sr. and Minnie Lee Ross Steen, in Accuff, Texas.

She attended Lubbock Public Schools.

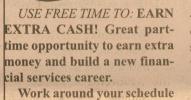
Ruby was preceded in death by: her father, Ernest Ross; two brothers, one sister and a niece.

She leaves to cherish her memories: her mother, Minnie Lee Ross Steen; her daughter,



Vanessa Ross; son, Tony Duson; sisters, Pam King, Johnnie Ross, June Ross, Bertha Watts and Robinson; brothers, Nita Thomas Ross, David Ross and a host of grandchildren, greatgrandchildren, nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

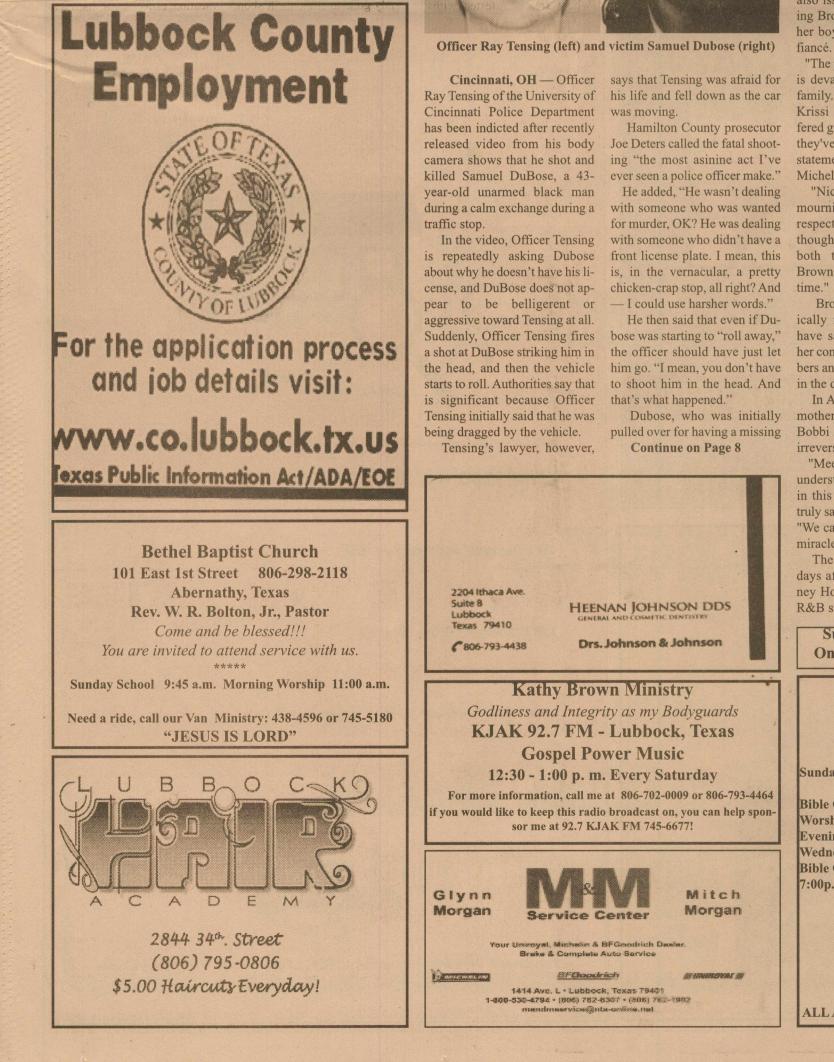




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Former Lubbock Educator, Letha Mae Fortson, Succumbs

Fort Worth, Texas -- Funeral services for a former Lubbock educator, Leatha Mae Fortson were held Saturday morning, July 25, 2015, at the Ebenezer Missionary Baptist Church with Dr. Bruce D. Datcher as Eulogist.

Interment was held in Cedar Hill Memorial Park under the direction of Gregory W. Spencer Funeral Directors of Fort Worth.

Leatha Mae Fortson was born on July 16, 1927 to Frank and Alice Blewitt in Huff Creek of Jasper County, Texas. Leatha Mae attended school in Huff Creek School District until graduating. She then moved to Lubbock, Texas in 1942.

She attended Texas Tech University where she received her Masters Degree in Education. She spent many years as a teacher in the Lubbock Independent School District.

Leatha Mae married Thomas Fortson in 1950. They re-located to Fort Worth, Texas in 1971. She continued to teach in the Fort Worth Independent School District until she retired in 2005.

Having confessed a saving hope in Jesus Christ, Leatha Mae was a member of Mt. Olive Baptist Church, along with her husband. She later united with Ebenezer Baptist Church where she remained a faithful member until her passing.

On Wednesday, July 15, 2015, Leatha Mae Fortson passed away.

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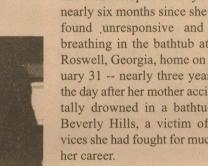


She was preceded in death by her husband, Thomas Fortson; parents, Frank and Alice Blewitt; siblings: Ruby Adams, Frankie Hooper, Hazier Harrison, and David Blewitt; and granddaughter, Shanitta Jones.

Those left to cherish her precious memories: R'Leatha Jones (Virgil Oliver), George "Brent" Fortson, and Trineta Fortson; step-daughters: Diane Fortson and Glenda Fortson; grandchildren: Princess Johnson-Ross (James Ross), Chemin Oliver, Kristy Spencer, and Ruby Carruthers: and a host of other relatives and friends.

Bearers of the Bier were Chris Gonzales, Dominique Gonzales, James Ross, Marcus Chappell, Glenn Hooper, Jr., and Myron Baker.

Honorary Bearers of the Bier were Larry Simpson, George Fortson, Virgil Oliver, Glenn Hooper, and Joe Harrison, Jr.



The family of Nick Gordon also issued a statement following Brown's death. Gordon was her boyfriend and possibly her

"The passing of Bobbi Kristina

Bobbi Kristina Brown dies at 22

By Lisa Respers France, CNN



Bobbi Kristina Brown & Whitney Houston

Atlanta (CNN)—Two days before she was found face-down in the bathtub at her home outside Atlanta in January, it seemed like Bobbi Kristina Brown's career might have been picking up.

"Let's start this career up&&moving OUT to TO YOU ALLLL quick shall we !?!???!" she said in an enthusiastic tweet

It's not clear what projects she may have been working on, and sadly, the world may never know.

Brown, the daughter of late superstar Whitney Houston and singer Bobby Brown, died Sunday at the age of 22, a representative of the Houston family said in a statement.

"Bobbi Kristina Brown passed away Sunday, July, 26 2015, surrounded by her family," the statement said. "She is finally at peace in the arms of God. We want to again thank everyone for their tremendous amount of love and support during these last few months."

She was treated in a hospital and then a hospice facility in the nearly six months since she was found unresponsive and not breathing in the bathtub at her Roswell, Georgia, home on January 31 -- nearly three years to the day after her mother accidentally drowned in a bathtub in Beverly Hills, a victim of the vices she had fought for much of

an audience in Dallas, "I can say today, Bobbi is awake. She's watching me."

On June 24, Bobbi Kristina's aunt, Pat Houston, announced that her niece had been moved to a hospice facility.

"Despite the great medical care at numerous facilities, Bobbi Kristina Brown's condition has continued to deteriorate," Houston's statement said. "As of today, she has been moved into hospice care. We thank everyone for their support and prayers. She is in God's hands now."

Many had worried the young woman was haunted by some of the same demons as her mother.

Whitney Houston and Bobby Brown married in 1992 and welcomed Bobbi Kristina in 1993. The little girl was doted upon by both her parents and Houston often brought the youngster on stage.

Houston told Rolling Stone magazine in 1993 that "having Bobbi Kristina ... I could never do anything that could top that. There's been nothing more incredible in my life than having her."

"God knows, I have been in front of millions and millions of people, and that has been incredible, to feel that give-take thing," Houston said. "But, man, when I gave birth to her and when they put her in my arms, I thought: This has got to be it. This is the ultimate.' I haven't experienced anything greater."

Mother and daughter grew even closer after Houston's divorce from Brown in 2007. Houston and Bobbi Kristina per-

is devastating to Nick and our family. Nick loved and cared for Krissi deeply, and he has suffered greatly each and every day they've been apart," said the statement signed by his mother, Michelle Gordon.

"Nick and our family are in mourning, and we ask that you respect our privacy. Our thoughts and prayers are with both the Houstons and the Browns during this difficult

Brown was placed in a medically induced coma, relatives have said. Rumors flew about her condition, with family members and loved ones taking sides in the drama.

In April, her maternal grandmother, Cissy Houston, said Bobbi Kristina had "global and irreversible brain damage."

"Meeting with the doctors and understanding that she can live in this condition for a lifetime truly saddens me," Houston said. "We can only trust in God for a miracle at this time."

The statement was released days after her father and Whitney Houston's former husband, R&B singer Bobby Brown, told

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formed together on ABC's "Good Morning America" in 2009, singing "My Love Is Your Love" in Central Park.

After Houston's death on February 11, 2012 -- an accidental drowning in a bathtub, a coroner ruled, with heart disease and cocaine use named as contributing factors -- there was a great deal of concern for Brown, who was 18 at the time.

She opened up to Oprah Winfrey during an interview in March 2012 about how she was coping with the loss of her mother.

Her death cut short the dreams she had of following in her mother's footsteps by pursuing a career in music and acting. In 2012, she made her acting debut on Tyler Perry's TBS show "For Better or Worse." Perry is a close family friend who frequently visited Brown while she was hospitalized.

CNN's Alina Machado and Carolyn Sung contributed to this report.

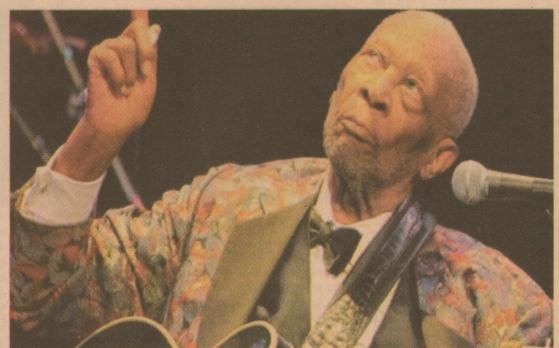


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Coroner Says, "B.B. King Was Not Poisoned to Death" — Plus, Family Still Denied to His Estate



Nationwide — Medical examiners say that they have found no evidence to prove that blues legend B.B. King was poisoned before he died of natural causes back in May 2015. Various tests conducted consistently showed that his causes of death were Alzheimer's disease, coronary disease, heart failure and the effects of Type 2 diabetes.

Two of his children, Karen Williams and Patty King, had accused his business manager and partner of poisoning him to hasten his death. They then contested their father's will, and went on to unsuccessfully take over King's estate, which was left to one of King's long-time business manager, LaVerne Tone.

Brent Bryson, a lawyer for King's estate, says the claims were defamatory and libelous. He commented, "Ms. Toney and Mr. Johnson are very happy that these false and fictional allegations that were made against them by certain of Mr. King's children have been dispelled. Hopefully we can now focus on the body of musical work that B.B. King left the world, and he can finally rest in peace."

Another of his daughters, Rita

Washington, commented, "I'm glad it's natural causes. We just didn't know what was going on and what had happened with our father."

B.B. King died in hospice care at home in Las Vegas at the age 89. More than 1,000 fans and mourners attended his public viewing in Las Vegas, and the next day more than 350 people attended a memorial in a downtown Las Vegas funeral chapel. A Beale Street procession and memorial also took place in Memphis, Tennessee, followed by burial in King's hometown of

Indianola, Mississippi. **About his career**

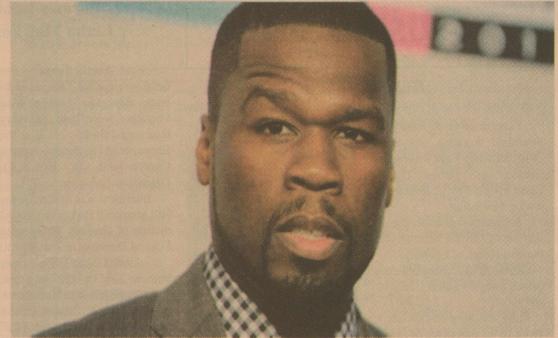
During his career which started in 1949, B.B. King released more than 50 albums and performed at 200 to 300 concerts per year even into his 70's. In 1987, he was inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 1987 and is considered one of the most influential blues musicians of all time, earning the nickname "The King of the Blues". He also appeared in several television commercials for OneTouch Ultra and Toyota.

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fered on Saturday morning, August 22, 2015, from 6:00 a.m.

Free Hair Cuts are being of- until 9:00 a.m. at Antwain Over Street, 1109 Main Street. After 9:00 a. m. two cuts for \$15.00





50 Cent: "Yes, I Filed For Bankruptcy... But So **Did Donald Trump and Walt Disney"**

Nationwide — Rapper, actor to \$50 million range.

According to rumors, he decided to file bankruptcy after a recent lost in a lawsuit where he was ordered to pay \$5 million to a woman whose sex tape he allegedly obtained and leaked on the internet.

The bankruptcy filing is supposed to be a way to financially protect himself.

About his career

50 Cent was signed by Eminem and Dr. Dre back in 2002, and was the first rapper ever to receive a \$1 million record deal. Since then, he has sold over 30 million albums worldwide, and has won one Grammy Award, Billboard Music thirteen

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Pastor & Mrs. Darrell Willie

Awards, six World Music Awards, three American Music Awards and four BET Awards. In 2003, he launched his own record label, G-Unit Records and helped launch the careers of Lloyd Banks, Tony Yayo, Young Buck, and The Game. He reportedly still owns a mansion in Farmington, Connecticut that was formerly owned by exboxer Mike Tyson.

So what do you think? Is he broke? Or is he money smart?

The seasons do not push one another; neither do clouds race the wind across the sky. All things happen in their own good time. Dan Millman

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He adds, "Walt Disney has filed bankruptcy. Donald Trump has filed bankruptcy. It means you're reorganizing your finances, but it does stop things from moving forward that you

and entrepreneur 50 Cent re-

cently set social media on fire

when he confirmed that he did

indeed file for Chapter 11 bank-

ruptcy. But the outspoken New

York-born mogul is not afraid to

He told the press, "I'm taking

the precautions that any other

good businessperson would take

in this situation. You know when

you're successful and stuff, you

become a target. I don't wanna

be a bullseye. I don't want any-

body to pick me as the guy that

they just come to with astronom-

ical claims and go through all

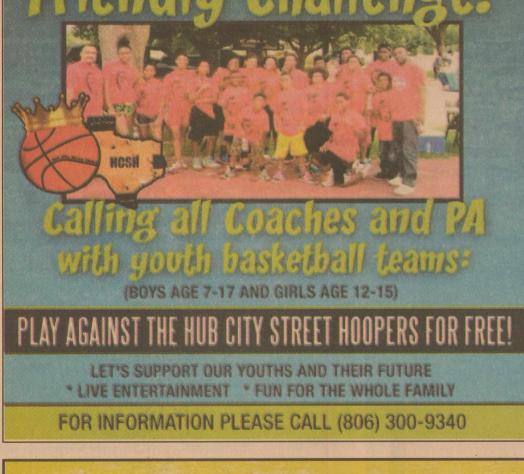
talk about it.

that."

don't want moving forward. I gotta descent (sic) legal team. You don't have to worry." Just earlier this year, Forbes listed 50 Cent AKA Curtis Jackson as the fourth wealthiest rapper with an estimated worth of more than \$150 million dollars. In his bankruptcy filing, how-

ever, Jackson listed both his as-

sets and debts in the \$10 million





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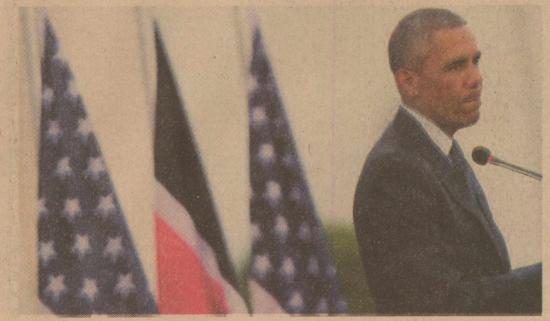
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Despite Threats, President Obama Raises Gay Rights During Kenya Visit



Despite threats of a naked protest and demonstrators throwing rotten eggs, President Obama raised the issue of gay rights while visiting Kenya today.

"With respect to the rights of gays and lesbians, I have been consistent all across Africa on this. I believe in the principle of treating people equally under the law," Obama said during a joint press conference with Kenyan president Uhuru Kenyatta.

'They are deserving of equal protection under the law, and the state should not discriminate against people based on their sexual orientation."

The president declared that the state has no requirement to weigh in on religious doctrine. "The state just has to say, 'we're going to treat everyone the same under the law.""

During his remarks, Obama drew a comparison between oppressive anti-LGBT laws in Africa to institutional racism in the U.S.

countries around the world, when you start treating people differently, not because of any harm they are doing, but because they are different, that's the path whereby freedoms begin to

erode, and bad things happen. And when the government gets in the habit of treating peo-

ple differently, those habits can spread. And as an African American on the United States, I am painfully aware of what happens when people are treated differently. And there were all sorts of rationalizations by the power structure that were provided for decades in the United States for segregation and Jim Crow and slavery, and they were wrong.

So, I'm not equivocal on this; if somebody is a law abiding citizen, is going about their business and working at a job, obeying the traffic signs and doing all the other things good citizens are supposed to do and not harming anybody, the idea that they are going to be treated differently or abused because of If you look at the history of who they love, is wrong. Full

stop

During a Q&A, Kenyan President Kenyatta said there were some values the U.S. and Kenya do not share. "It is very difficult for us to impose upon people what they themselves do not accept.'

He added that in Kenya, "the issue of gay rights is really a non-issue. We want to focus on other issues that are day-to-day living for our people .. '



Kenyan President Uhuru Kenyatta

We're pretty sure being beaten, imprisoned or even killed is a day-to-day issue for LGBT people in Kenya.

After Obama's visit was announced, the head of a council of elders threatened to pelt him with eggs if he brought up gay rights.

Vincent Kidaha, leader of the Republican Liberty Party, also announced he would lead 5,000 people in a naked demonstration against the president and the LGBT community. (Kidaha has since canceled the nude-in.)

Politicians have threatened to walk out-or even have Obama forcibly removed—if he raises LGBT rights when he visits the Kenyan Parliament

Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with all your might.

Ecclesiastes 9:10



Sandra Bland

Sandra Bland's Mother Speaks Out During Her Funeral: 'I Still Don't Know What Happened to My Baby'

Sandra Bland was laid to rest on Saturday morning, July 25, 2015, in Lisle, Illinois, nearly two weeks after she was found dead in a Texas jail cell.

The funeral services were held at the DuPage African Methodist Episcopal Church in the Chicago suburb. Hundreds of mourners gathered in the 400seat church, with others overflowing into the chapel's basement and lobby.

Funeral attendees donned blue shirts with messages like "#SandySpeaks" and "Unite Not Incite," while others adorned their clothing with photo badges of Bland.

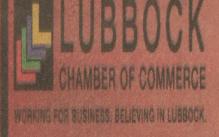
Flowers were spread throughout the church and covered Bland's white casket, which was taken to Mt. Glenwood Memorial Gardens West in Willow Springs, Illinois, in a white

hearse to be buried. Bland's family also wore white.

"I am the mom and I'm telling you that baby did not take herself out," Bland's mother, Geneva Reed-Veal, said during her eulogy. "I still don't know what happened to my baby.'

Bland was arrested on July 10 after she made an improper lane change in Waller County, Texas. Three days later, on July 13 Bland was found dead in her jail cell. Authorities maintain **Continue on Page 9**





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Minter & Reed's 23rd Annual Family Reunion Held July 10 - 15, 2015 At Rawlings Community Center

It was another outstanding Minter & Reed's 23rd Annual Family Reunion July 10-11, 2015 at the Rawlings Community Center, 213 40th Street.

On Friday, July 10th, all family members were welcomed. It was a Family Welcome Family Home at the center..

The Family Reunion got started on Saturday afternoon, July 11th, at 1:30 p. m. until 7:00 p. m.

Prayer was offered by Uncle Willie Minter. A very appreciative welcome was given by President Velda Gilbert. This was followed by remarks given by Effie Nelson, Secretary.

President Gilbert opened the floor for family members to vote on the last Family Reunion as to its continuation. The first Family Reunion was held in 1990. Patricia Minter and Emma Benson organized this first effort, and it has continued.

Family members want to thank the City of Lubbock for the use of building and staff

Our Theme: "One More Time For Old Time Sake." Our Motto: "Only The Strong Survives." Our T-Shirt Colors this year was Lilac 2015. Every year we have different colors for our T-Shirt colors.

Both parents of the Minter Family preceded their children in death. They were parents of six daughters and one son. A daughter, Emma Jean Benson, passed. She was mother of Effie Nelson, an only child.

Rose Lee Minter passed October 26, 1983. Maxie Eugene Minter passed June 1, 1993.

Our love one who passed was a cousin, Louis Lee, May, 2009. This year, our cousin, Doris Marie Ridley, passed June 10, 2015, 6 years later. She leaves to cherish her memory: her husband of 60 years, Ernest Ridley, Sr.; three sons; one daughter.

We want to thank everyone for helping to clean the building inside and outside. Family Members, God is still smiling on our family.

Cousin Ernest and Family, we sent our prayers in honor of

Thomas, and Bennie Moore, Jr., we want you to know we missed you! We love you. God hears your prayers. God is able.

We want to thank Uncle Joe for bringing our Auntie home. Travis, it was good to see you this year.

Our Aunties and Uncles: Uncle Willie Minter and Dorothy Minter: Auntie Thelma Jackson and Joe Jackson: Emma Jean Benson and Huland Benson, both are deceased; Katherine Gilbert and Willie Gilbert, deceased; Margallene Thomas and Belvin J. Thomas; Earnestine Boyd Minter and Paul Boyd; and Lorine Minter, single.

We have three new members for the year 2015: 2 boys and 1 girl: Mr. & Mrs. Randy Thomas, a baby girl, Kerry Thomas; Veronica Smith, a baby boy, Kelvin Smith; LaJeriericka Pierce, a baby boy, Chase Pierce.

Auntie Margallene Thomas became a great-grandmother three times this year.

Music was conducted by Patricia Minter.

The floor was opened from 2:00 p. m. until 6:00 p. m. The Family Members were out of the building by 7:00 p.m. A special thanks to everyone for buying and cooking food. It was so much food left over till it looked like we didn't have a Family Reunion. We want to thank everyone for coming home this year.

Photos were taken! Pictures were taken by cell phones. This included a variety of pictures taken off guard. The Reunion was viedo by Family Members.

Everyone looked psychedelic in their T-S Shirts 2015. The Family wants to express and give their blessing to Jehovah God for bringing the family together for this occasion July 2015

Our hats are off to the July Birthday Family Members. May God continue to bless each of vou

Our Officers for 2015 are: President, Velda Gilbert; Vice President, Cynthia Pierce; Secretary, Effie Nelson; Assistant Assistant Treasurer, Richard Gilbert

It will be 365 days before our. next Family Reunion. Information will be sent to family members about the next family reunion in January 2016.

Family Members, let's keep praying for each other. Keep our prayer line open. A Family that prays together stays together. Prayer is power.

Special Guest were: Tashia Quigly, Cedric Payton, Roxanna Williams, Jeannie Palmer, Pamala Culver, Amel Amelia, Amy Garcia, D Donna Raven, Louise Williams, and Katelyn Aoins.

Thanks everyone for buying and cooking food this year, 2015. Everyone was in a happy mood with kisses and hugs!

The following meats, vegetables, casseroles, and deserts were prepared by Family Members

Meats: Fried Chicken, Bar-Be-Cue Chicken, Bake Chicken, Barbeque Pork Chops, Pans of Brisket, Popeye Chicken, Kentucky Fried Chicken, Weiners, Hot Links, and Pork Steak Ribs.

Delicious Vegetables: Pinto Beans, Garden Salad, Potato Salad. Green Beans, Bean/Whamburger Meat, Bake Potatoes with trimmings, Mash Pot Pototoes, Macaroni Salads, Corn, and Macaroni Cheese.

Casseroles: Enchiladas, Broccoli & Cheese, Chicken Casseroles, Chicken & Spaghettis, Broccolis Chicken Rice, and Taco Soup.

Deserts: German Chocolate Cake, Strawberry Cake, Italian Cream Cake, Pineapple Cake, Peach Cobbler, Chocolate Cake, Pound Cake, and Lemon Cake.

Bread: White Bread, Rolls, Hamburger Buns, Hot Dog Buns, and Wheat Bread.

Drinks: Cases of Water, Little Hugs Rainbows, Variety of Sodas, and Tea.

We were proud of our Cooks for preparing your favorite dish, and those delicious cakes and deserts. Our appetites were full and satisfied.

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front license plate, was a father of 12 children and was engaged to be married.

Hadassah Thomas, a friend and neighbor, told the reporters: "Everybody in the community loved Sam. He was so helpful, and he was always around. He used to baby-sit for my daughter.

Barbara Lafitti Releases CD Continued from Page 1

She has received National exposure and will be featured in August/September 2015. Gospel USA Magazine. You may purchase on the website and all digital media ITunes, Amazon etc and select retail out lets. Please check her out on Facebook. Watch for her new website coming soon.

"I Thank God for the gift of song to present to you," she said. Continuing, she said, I want to give a special Thanks to my husband who has always supported me and never gave up on me. Love you, Honey and my children who were such a great help to mom while working on this project. Again thank you!"

'Thanks to my family for being there for me. Also, Mom, Ms. Mary Harris, while I was going thru this very trying process," she continued.

In conclusion, she gives a big thanks to her social media friends for such beautiful words of encouragement.

Barbara sends much Love to you all!

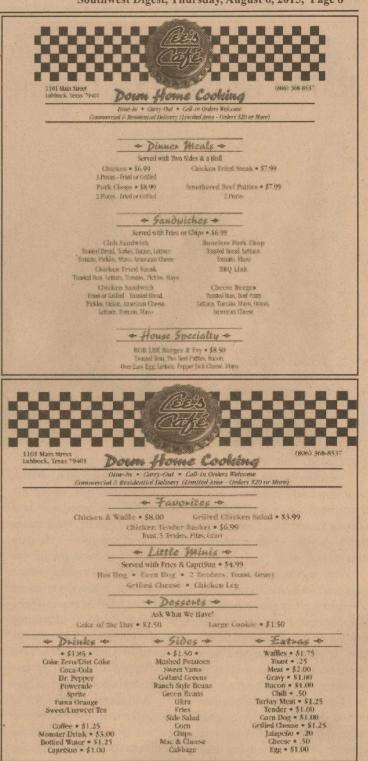
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murder. Prosecutors in that case also have not said whether they'll seek the death penalty. No future hearings are scheduled in Roof's case, although the judge did tell attorneys

ROOTS Meets every 2nd Saturday at 2:00 p. m. At 2301 Avenue A.

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The Shack, BBQ by Kyle and Kelly

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our cousin, Doris Marie Ridley.

Secretary, Tammie Stewart Anthony Thomas, Lornita Treasurer, Valrie Gilbert; and

Buckner to Host Foster Care and Adoption Interest Meeting

Buckner Children and Family Services will present a FREE foster care and adoption information meeting at 6 p.m. Tuesday, August 11 at Buckner Children's Home, located at 129 Brentwood Ave

A Buckner representative will give an overview of foster care and adoption options in Texas, including foster-to-adopt, Waiting Texas Children, domestic infant adoption and international adoption programs. For information or a reservation to attend the meeting, please call Patricia Clemmons at 806-795-7151 or e m a i l pclemmons@buckner.org.

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Dog days of summer

The dog days of summer are here and for the younger people among us it is a time for fun in the sun, but for older folks it's a dangerous time of the year, says the Association of Mature American Citizens.

It's okay to enjoy a walk or a picnic in the outdoors when the weather is mild and dry. But when it's steamy outside you are better off engaging in indoor activities, preferably in a space that's climate controlled for comfort. Check in with your doctor if you experience symptoms such as weakness, wooziness or cramping, suggests AMAC.

of water to avoid dehydration.

And, make sure you drink lots

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front license plate, was a father of 12 children and was engaged to be married.

East Lubbock AARP Will Have A **GARAGE SALE** Saturday, August 8, 2015 8:00 a.m. to 12 Noon 1712 East Brown Ave.

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disruptions, talking back -white kids tend to get viewed as having ADHD, or having some sort of behavioral problem, while black kids are viewed as being unruly and unwilling to learn," said Ramey.

Ramey collected data from 60,000 schools in more than 6,000 school districts for the study. He gathered data for the study from the U.S. Department of Education Civil Rights Data Collection and National Center for Education Statistics. The government also provides enrollment statistics for IDEA and Section 504 programs.

41st Spiritual Explosion Set For Faith Temple COGIC

Midland, Texas -- The Faith Temple Church of God in Christ will be celebrating its 41st year of hosting the Spiritual Explosion. Over the years different ministries have been brought in for a time of spiritual renewal.

Services will begin nightly at 7:30 p.m. at the Faith Temple COGIC, located at 1605 North Terrell, beginning on Wednesday, August 12th through Friday, August 14th.

On Saturday, August 15th will be the Founder's Banquet at 2:00 p.m. at Midland College in the Carrasco Room.

The speakers are: Wednesday night - Pastor Ji Nelson -Moreno Valley, California; Thursday night - Pastor Sheryl Randolph, Chattanooga, TN; Friday night Prophet Robert Booker, San Diego, CA.; Saturday, 2:00 p.m., Pastor Michael McWilliams, Denton, Texas.

The public is welcome to come out nightly. For more information contact us at Faith Temple Church (432)684-4055 or (432) 684-5253.

Supt. W. C. Kenan is the pastor and founder.

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Bank is no exception. The NBCC position is this: We will not fight to keep or kill the EX-IM Bank. This entity has no impact on our membership. Maybe it would change its ways if it survives. This is quite doubtful. ****

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Tyrese: "I'm Only Played on Black Radio... But If White Artists Sing R&B, They Get Played on Mainstream Radio"

Nationwide — Tyrese Gibson, who has the No. 1 album on the Billboard 200 chart, has a lot to say about what seems to be racism and double standards in the music industry. His latest album, Black Rose, has sold more copies than any other album this week, but yet it's mostly being played on radio stations listened to by African Americans.

"I'm not a racist, I'm not using the race card and I'm not trying to create any type of negative energy toward (radio hosts) Ryan Seacrest or Elvis Duran specifically," he says. "I'm simply asking the question: If Justin Timberlake, Robin Thicke and Sam Smith are singing R&B/soul music, how is it possible that they're being played by Top 40, rhythmic and urban AC stations? Yet when we sing R&B/soul, it's only being played on black radio?"

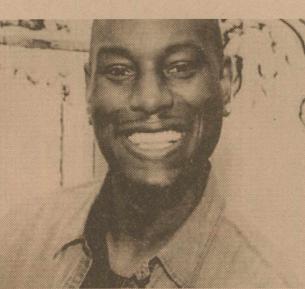
"I don't have a problem with any of these artists, or the fact that they're white and singing R&B/soul," Gibson continues. But "are you telling me that if Robin Thicke sang Shame featuring Jennifer Hudson, they would be playing it? We can't play that game. If I would've sung Sam Smith's version of (Stay With Me) that has a full choir on the chorus, my song would've been played on urban AC radio and that's it. It wouldn't have went any further than that."

He adds, "It's not fair, it's not right and I'm not having it."

Meanwhile, at least one station director from KIIS, which airs On Air with Ryan Seacrest, fired back saying: "Pop radio pulls from all genres... You can hear hip-hop and R&B artists like Wiz Khalifa, Omarion, The Weeknd, Fetty Wap and Silento, in addition to Nicki Minaj, John Legend and many more, on KIIS currently. We will continue to consider all artists for airplay.

But Tyrese does seem to have





Tyrese Gibson

a point. It doesn't seem fair that he has the number one selling album in the country, and is not getting airplay on mainstream radio.

Tyrese, who started out doing commercials for Coca-Cola, has had several hit songs, but is mostly known for his chart top"How You Gonna Act Like That?" in 2003. He has also starred in several films including Baby Boy and the Fast and Furious franchise. Black Rose is his sixth studio album, and he says it is also his last solo album. Next year, he will host a rela-

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hew Baptist Church, 2020 East 14th Street, to come and visit with the congregation. If you are, then contact Rev. Edward Canady at (806) 744-2445. *****

Sister Shirley is having a Garage Sale on August 7th and 8th at 2205 Ash Avenue. It will begin at 8:00 a. m. and continue until 4:00 p. m.

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Thought For The Week: "The darkness of sin only makes the light of God's grace shine brighter."

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tionship talk show on OWN with Rev Run called "Manology", and will also star in another another Fast and Furious film to be released in 2017.

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she hung herself with a white trash bag, tied with a slip knot, claiming she suffered from depression and allegedly talked of a previous suicide attempt.

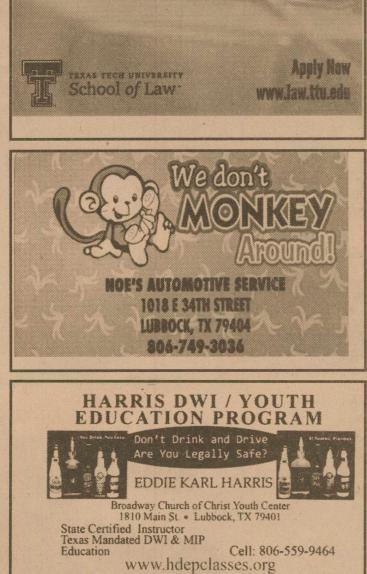
While Bland's family maintains that she was not emotionally unstable, Reed-Veal still urged funeral attendees not to protest at the home of State Trooper Brian Encinia, who arrested Bland.

"That's private property, and he has a family." she said.

Bland's autopsy report, released on Friday, ruled her death a suicide. The report also found evidence of about 25-30 linear superficial wounds on her left forearm, ranging in lengths up to 1 inch. The wounds were faint and scabbed, which prosecutors claim shows that they were selfinflicted.

Bland's family attorney Cannon Lambert said they believe the autopsy was "defective."

"The family's confidence is shaken by the continued discrepancies that are surfacing," Lambert said.



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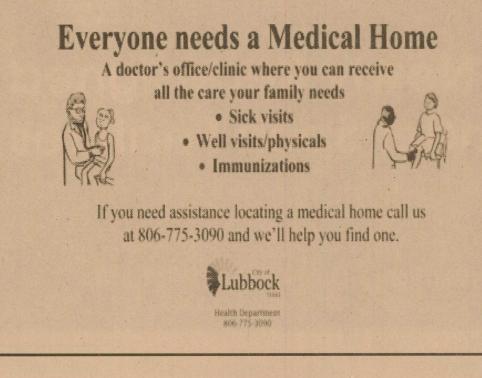
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12-Year Old Boy Jailed For Murder Now Free at 29-Years Old

Melbourne, FL — Curtis Fairchild Jones went to prison sixteen years ago as 12-year old boy, but has now been released as a 29-year old man. Back in 1999, Jones and his sister reportedly killed their father's girlfriend with their father's gun, reportedly hitting her four times out of nine bullets fired.

They also attempted to kill their father and another male relative because they say they were sexually abusing them.

The case made headlines in 1999 because the kids were the youngest ever charged as adults with first-degree murder. There was no trial or testimony, and probably worst of all, there was no opportunity to present evidence showing that welfare investigators found multiple signs of possible abuse going on.

In the end, Jones and his sister plead guilty to second-degree murder and were sentenced to



Curtis Fairchild Jones in 2015 and 1999

for life.

Ironically, the male relative they said was abusing them had already been convicted of sexually assaulting his girlfriend's daughter in 1993.

Now a free man and also an ordained minister, Jones still holds a record for being a convicted murderer. Upon released, he refused all media interview requests and his attorney said

18 years in prison with probation there will be no statement made to the media.

His sister, Catherin Jones, who was just 13-years old at the time, is also scheduled to be released from prison this week. She is now 30 years old.

> Wisdom is knowing what to do next, Virtue is doing it. Unknown

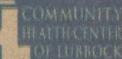


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