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Black History Month

African American Heroes Of The War In Vietnam



CAPTAIN LEROY PITTS



PFC JAMES ANDERSON JR.

Editor's Note: This week THE CALL is featuring two African American heroes of the Vietnam War, as part of this year's Black History Month theme set forth by the Association for the Study of Afro-American Life and History (ASALH).

This week, Leroy Pitts and James Anderson Jr., both Medal of Honor recipients, are featured.

Black soldiers accounted for 12.5 percent of deaths in Vietnam, a time when the percentage of blacks of military age was 13.5 percent of the total population.

Capt. Riley Pitts

Riley Leroy Pitts was a United States Army Captain and the first African American officer to receive the Congressional Medal of Honor. President Lyndon B. Johnson presented the medal posthumously in 1968 for his exceptional heroism during the Vietnam War.

Pitts was born on October 15, 1937 in Fallis, Oklahoma. He attended Douglass High School in Oklahoma City. He earned a bachelor's degree in Journalism from Wichita State University in 1960 and worked briefly for the Boeing Corporation

in Wichita prior to joining the Army. While he was with Boeing, he married his wife, Eula and the couple had two children, Stacie and Mark. Pitts enlisted in the Army in 1960 and was later commission as an officer. In December 1966, he was sent to fight in Vietnam.

Pitts first served as an information officer when he arrived in Vietnam. He was later transferred to the combat unit, C Company "Wolfhounds," 2d Battalion, 27th Infantry Regiment, and served as C Company commander. On October 31, 1967, only a month prior to his scheduled return home, Pitts's unit was ordered to reinforce another company in Ap Dong, Vietnam. Against strong Viet Cong forces, Pitts led an assault and overran the enemy's position. When ordered to move further north, the unit faced even more heavy fire from three directions. He threw a grenade taken from a captured Viet Cong soldier's gear towards an enemy bunker, but it hit the jungle foliage and bounced back. Immediately, Pitts threw himself on top of the grenade in an effort to protect his unit, but fortunately it failed to explode. He then continued to lead his unit forward towards

enemy lines until he was killed in the middle of gunfire.

On December 10, 1968, President Johnson presented the Congressional Medal of Honor to Pitts's wife, Eula, and his children. His parents also attended the presentation ceremony. In his speech, President Johnson said, "What this man did in an hour of incredible courage will live in the story of America as long as America endures, as he will live in the hearts and memories of those who loved him. He was a brave man and a leader of men. No greater thing could be said of any man." Pitts was buried at the Hillcrest Memory Gardens in Spencer, Oklahoma.

There are several naming dedications in honor of Pitts, including a classroom at his alma mater, Douglass High School, a firing range at the U.S. Army base in Fort Sill, Oklahoma, and the main street at the U.S. Army base in Mannheim, Germany. Captain Pitts's son, Mark became active with the organization "Sons and Daughters In Touch" (SDIT), an support organization for children of the fallen soldiers of the

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Congressman Emanuel Cleaver To Receive Harry S. Truman Good Neighbor Award May 4



REP. EMANUEL CLEAVER II

Emanuel Cleaver, member of Congress and a two-term Mayor of Kansas City, will receive the 2018 Harry S. Truman Good Neighbor Award.

Before his election to the U.S. House of Representatives, Congressman Cleaver served for 12 years on the Kansas City Council.

He was elected the city's first African American mayor in 1991, serving until 1999. Mayor Cleaver attracted a number of major corporations to the city, oversaw the reconstruction and beautification of Brush Creek, and led the effort to complete the Bruce R. Watkins Drive that links downtown with south Kansas City.

He spearheaded the development of the 18th and Vine District, which features the Negro Leagues Baseball Museum, the restored Gem Theater, and the American Jazz Museum. As mayor, Emanuel Cleaver launched the "Harmony in a World of Difference" program to combat prejudice and intolerance in Kansas City.

Elected to Congress from Missouri's Fifth District in 2004, Congressman Cleaver serves on the House Financial Services Committee and is the Ranking Member of the Housing and Insurance Subcommittee.

He co-authored the 2016 Housing Opportunity Through Modernization Act, a bi-partisan housing bill that was enacted into law by a unanimous vote.

In accord with his many years as senior pastor of the St. James United Methodist

church in Kansas City, the public life of Congressman Emanuel Cleaver reflects his sincere desire to engage in civil and respectful debate with women and men of all political opinions," said Karl Zobrist, president of the Truman Good Neighbor Award Foundation. "We are proud to honor Rev. Cleaver who continues to promote President Truman's policies that supported education, civil rights, racial equality, and democratic institutions."

Congressman Cleaver will receive the Harry S. Truman Good Neighbor Award on Friday, May 4, at the Truman Foundation's annual luncheon in the Imperial Ballroom of the Downtown Marriott, Muehlebach Tower at 12th Street and Wyandotte.

Every year the Truman Foundation brings the community together to celebrate the enduring values of Harry S. Truman who successfully concluded World War II, established institutions like the

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Businesswoman Inez Wesley Dies; Services To Be Held On March 3



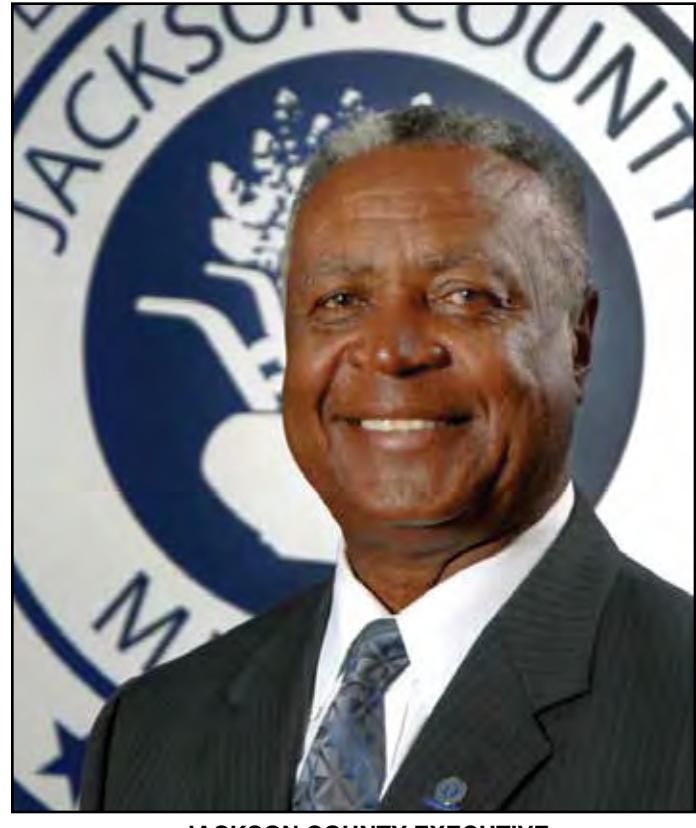
INEZ WESLEY

A Celebration of Life Memorial Service will be held Saturday, March 3, at 11 a.m., at the St. James United Methodist church located at 5540 Wayne for Mrs. Inez Wesley, 85, retired long-time influential area business owner and a former president of the Missouri State Board of Cosmetology, died peacefully Sunday morning, Feb. 18, at her home in Kansas City.

Ms. Wesley retired in 2016, after building and running a successful cosmetology business known as Coiffures by Inez, located at 6800 Prospect

Frank White:

'I Am Fighting For What Is Right'



JACKSON COUNTY EXECUTIVE FRANK WHITE

By Frank White
Jackson County Executive

In my 67 years, I've learned you can't escape challenges. You can ignore them, give in or give up. But that's not who I am. As a young man picking cotton in Mississippi, I learned to fight my way to success by taking advantage of every opportunity I was given. Roadblocks tried to stop, discourage and discredit me along the way, but here I am now, the first African American to serve as Jackson County Executive.

My ancestors would be proud of my accomplishments and fearlessness to stand up in the face of adversity for what's

right for our community. This is why I wanted to hold this position – to improve the quality of life for the people who live and work in this great County.

Over the last few months, I have issued several vetoes of ordinances passed by the Legislature. Why? Our legal counsel determined the ordinances violate state law and the Jackson County Charter. The Charter is the will of the people. Voters approved the Charter because it is how they want to see their County function. It calls for the separation

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Area Clergy Blast Councilman Reed Over Liquor License Ordinance

To Councilman Reed:

As a collective group of local Clergy and concerned community residents who live, serve and/or work within the 3rd District, we would like to respond to your recent submission of an ordinance that would keep churches and schools from having an impact on liquor sales in Kansas City and specifically within the 18th and Vine Jazz District.

Because you are the elected representative for the 3rd district, we are astonished by your stance on this issue. As you know, there are many churches located in your District who were instrumental in your election. To now say that they should not continue in the role they now play on this issue is appalling!

In an article dated February 9 to February 15 2018, in THE CALL newspaper, it talked about your reasoning for spon-

soring this ordinance. Let us address your puzzling reasoning.

The article said that, "One of the Churches near 18th & Vine refuses to approve any liquor application that's preventing progress in the entertainment district." Our question is simply when does good family oriented entertainment depend on liquor sales to increase "progress" in an area that already has a number of liquor establishments?

The article also said, "Coun-

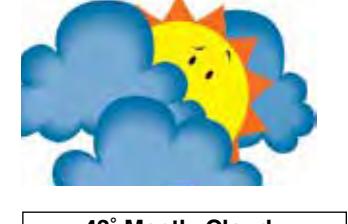
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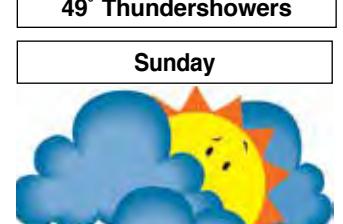
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49° Clearing Mostly Sunny

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Law Students Join Kansas City Native To Demand California To Change Its State Seal

Students at Thomas Jefferson School of Law have started a campaign to petition the California government to replace the seal that was created by a Virginia Confederate soldier.

In 2017, more than 25 cities across the United States removed confederate statues and monuments contributing to a confrontational nationwide debate about race and history. A group of law students in California believe that the nation is not finished addressing its race problems, one

of which exists in the racial legacy of California.

"They're subtle reminders that as time moves forward some ideas do not and it is going to take more than just awareness, we need people who actually want to implement change," said Anastasia Rose, a second-year law student.

The group started a Black History Month campaign called, "California Censored", in order to petition the state of California to change its seal but she believes that more progress needs to be made.

Meanwhile, she has been supported by professors at the law school.

"Ms. Discus's uncovering of the real history of the California state seal is a breathtaking example of how one person can advance our understanding of our past and present and

Ms. Tamra L. Dicus, a Kansas City native, the leader of the campaign, said, "Major R.S. Garnett designed the seal. He was a Virginian soldier in the



TRYING TO CORRECT A WRONG . . . Ms. Tamra Dicus, pink shirt, is joined by other supporters who have banded together to lobby the State of California to change the state's official seal. The students believe that the Queen Calafia is the namesake of California and she was a woman of color. A confederate soldier is believed to have been the person who changed the image.

lead us into a more enlightened future," said Law School Professor Steve Semeraro.

Like other campaigns to remove confederate symbols, this campaign has also faced much opposition. Some have voiced a belief that the seal should not change.

Andrew Rocca, a 24-year-old San Diego resident, said the current seal should not change. He said it should instead become a learning tool.

"Don't take it down, leave it up as a reminder that they were bad people and

what they did was incorrect," Rocca said. "Taking it down removes the fact that it happened."

Rocca said even though the seal might represent something bad, it still reminds Americans of their history and it is still valuable as it is now.

If the group succeeds in their efforts to change the seal, this will not be the first time the seal has changed. The seal has undergone some minor design changes with the last change occurring in 1937. However, California would become the

first state to feature a Black person on its seal.

"The current display represents, perpetuates and glorifies racism and is a constant source of fear and anxiety," said Dicus.

CALIFORNIA IS ME™(Caliisme) is an organization founded by Ms. Dicus for the purpose of empowering black people by uncovering real stories about their American heritage in California and informing all of propaganda

Urban League Unveils Its New Digital Academy

to technology."

The Digital Spectrum Academy (DSA) offers a robust assortment of digital education classes; opportunities for participants to receive a stipend to purchase refurbished desktop/laptop computers from Connecting for Good; affordable broadband for low-income households; and free broadband access at the Urban League.

The DSA launched in the Urban League's Burns and McDonnell Computer Lab on February 2, with Job Corps participants, Urban League and Spectrum associates, local legislators and community members. The launch also included a laptop raffle; remarks by Missouri State Representative Gail McCann Beatty; and presentation of the Spectrum Digital Education grant check by Charter Communications' Area Vice President Perry Watson and Senior Director of Government Affairs Jarad Falk.

Day and evening workshops are available at various locations throughout the community. Individuals interested in attending the Digital Spectrum Academy should contact the Urban League for more information at (816) 471-0550.

Defend Equality Before The Law NAACP Black History Event March 3

On Saturday, March 3, at 2 p.m., at the Swope Parkway United Christian church, Professor Clarence Lang will headline the Kansas City, Mo., NAACP's Black History event, "African Americans and the Fourteenth Amendment."

Prof. Lang teaches African and African American Studies at Kansas University, and is an expert on the Black Freedom Movement. Rev. Dr. Rodney E. Williams, Branch President will be one of his respondents.

This year, 2018, is the 150th anniversary of the Fourteenth Amendment, passed in 1868 after the Civil War. We are still waiting for its promises of "equality before the law" and "birthright citizenship" to be delivered in full.

"Birthright citizenship is written into the same Amendment

City Looking To Update Neighborhood Database

Every neighborhood or homeowners association in Kansas City, Mo., is encouraged to update neighborhood contact information every year. To make it easier, the City's Neighborhoods and Housing Services Department (NHSD) is asking neighborhood leaders to do so online.

An application renewal form and the annual neighborhood survey are available on the NHSD webpage: www.kcmo.gov/neighborhoods. Forms can

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A Black History Experience With Conella Coulter Brown, One Of The Unsung 'Sheros' In The Civil Rights Movement

On Sunday, February 25, at 9 a.m., Community Fellowship Church of Jesus Christ at 3838 Emanuel Cleaver Blvd., will present an awakening Black History experience with native Kansas City historian and trailblazer, Conella Coulter Brown, guest speaker.

Growing up during times when racial segregation and prejudice were a part of everyday life in Kansas City, Conella Coulter Brown relied upon herself and the encouragement of others to become the first person in her family to complete college and one of the first Afri-

can Americans admitted to the University of Kansas City (now UMKC).

Although Mrs. Coulter Brown was motivated to attend college, she did not enroll immediately following graduation.

In 1947, president and former trustee of the University of Kansas City Clarence R. Decker and university faculty urged the trustees to open the University to all students who met entrance requirements, regardless of race. The trustees agreed, and Mrs. Coulter Brown was one of first African-American students admitted. Mrs. Coulter

Brown learned about the policy change in an article published in the Kansas City CALL.

Mrs. Coulter Brown says "I was not prepared for college because one of my high school counselors tested me and said that I wasn't college material, so I was never on the college track. I never had physics, chemistry, or algebra. My high school did not prepare me for the university and it was so hard. But I made it." Mrs. Coulter Brown graduated from University-K.C. in 1953. "I walked across that stage and received that degree

and it was a joy. I felt like I was somebody."

After graduation, Mrs. Coulter Brown moved to Cleveland where she thrived in the Cleveland Public School system as a history teacher, Social Studies department chair, curriculum developer for Community Action for Youth, assistant principal, supervisor of human relations, administrative assistant to the superintendent of Cleveland Public Schools, and became assistant superintendent of Cleveland Public Schools (1972).

Mrs. Conella Coulter Brown was celebrated as one of the first students of color to integrate the University of Kansas City (now UMKC) at the inaugural Black Alumni Weekend in 2015. Admitted to U.K.C. in 1949, Mrs. Coulter Brown, who turns 93 years old this year, was presented a University of Missouri-K.C. diploma by retired UMKC Chancellor Leo E. Morton.

"Mrs. Coulter Brown, we are honored to have you here with us today," said Morton. "When we talk about trail blazers and thanking those who paved the way – you are at the top of our list."

Even though she

has retired from education, Mrs. Coulter Brown has not stopped her efforts to help children and she works tirelessly to es-

tablish a Student Aid Mentoring Ministry (SAMM) at Community Fellowship Church of Jesus Christ. She continues to appeal

for donations and mentoring support to assist students who qualify with their post high school education.

Linwood Shopping Center Project To Sponsor Community Hard Hat Tour And Job Fair This Saturday

Kansas City residents in and around the Linwood Shopping Center Redevelopment Project will be able to get an update on the project and tour the inside of the new Sun Fresh grocery market being constructed at the shopping center located at Linwood Boulevard and Prospect Avenue.

The Community Hard Hat tour takes place Saturday, Feb. 24, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and will include a hiring/job fair event

for persons seeking employment at the new store.

According to John Wood, assistant City Manager and Director of Neighborhoods and Housing Services, attendees will be able to get a "sneak peek" inside the grocery market by taking a short walking tour of the store's interior, view renderings that show how the departments will look and hear about store services.

They also will be able to meet the grocery store operators,

Pam and John Lipari. The store is scheduled to open this summer, and will feature approximately 80 positions.

"We are looking forward to this opportunity to showcase to the neighbors what's been going on inside," said Wood. He continued, "More importantly, this is an opportunity for those interested in employment to apply for jobs that will be available at the new grocery store."

G.G. Owens, with the Mecca group, said Saturday's job fair will include a preliminary intake process where job-seekers will be asked to complete information cards to be contacted later for follow-up and interviews, and customer service workshops and training.

She said that attendees can bring their resumes to Saturday's event as well. Several elected officials including, Council Members Jermaine Reed and Quinton Lucas, are expected to attend and participate in the event. KPRS radio "Hot 103 JAMZ!" will broadcast live from 10 a.m. to noon.

Project team members include Linwood Shopping Center Initiative, LLC; Linwood Boulevard Development, LLC; Lipari Brothers; A.L. Huber General Contractors; 4Sight Construction Group; Yaeger Architects, Inc.; Builders by Design, LLC; Taliaferro and Browne, Inc., and GPW Associates, LLC.

The deadline for news is Tuesday at 3 p.m.

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This is the first of many Information Sessions the CWC team will host. Stay tuned for future event details.

Vietnam War**Continued from front page**

Vietnam War. Mark later traveled to Vietnam to dedicate a memorial to his father.

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PFC James Anderson Jr.

The Marine Corps, more so than any other branch of America's military, values and embraces its history. Beginning in boot camp, every Marine is educated on the Corps' proud and storied past as they learn what it means to be part of such a prestigious organization. In the spirit of the value the Marine Corps places on its history, we wanted to give you, Marine families and supporters, an opportunity to embrace and learn about this part of Marine Corps legacy as well.

Background

August 21 marks an important day in Marine Corps history – the awarding of the first Medal of Honor to an African American Marine, Private First Class James Anderson Jr.

PFC Anderson was born in 1947 in Los Angeles, California. After graduating from high school, PFC Anderson spent a year and a half at a Los Angeles-area junior college before enlisting in the Marines in early 1966.

After completing recruit training at MCRD San Diego, PFC Anderson was assigned to Camp Pendleton for further training before arriving in Viet Nam in December of 1966 to serve as a rifleman with the 2nd Platoon, Company F, 2nd Battalion, 3rd Marines, 3rd Marine Division.

Medal of Honor Action**Frank White****Continued from front page**

of powers between the different branches of County government to provide an effective, efficient and transparent government. But, the actions of the Legislature speak otherwise. They are trying to run this administration and take away the rights of the people. I cannot and will not stand by and do nothing. It is my responsibility to be a good steward of taxpayer dollars, provide great customer service and protect our hardworking citizens and associates.

This is not about winning or losing. This is about doing what's right, which is the basis for every decision I make as County Executive. Regardless of the outcome of these decisions, I firmly believe Jackson County will be better and stronger because we'll have clarity of the law and Charter. Change is never easy. But if we want to be better, we must do better.

Rep. Emanuel Cleaver

United Nations and the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) to protect democracy, desegregated the Armed Forces, and spoke plainly and honestly to the American people.

The Foundation awards college scholarships for international studies and recognizes the service of a U.S. Armed Forces veteran with the Philip

Since being appointed two years ago, critics have come after me and my administration for failing to act on detention center issues. The fact is I have continuously worked with the Legislature to find solutions for the jail.

My administration has invested more than \$5 million over 18 months on facility improvements. We have increased corrections officer pay, improved training and developed a career path for corrections officers. We are reporting incidents to be transparent. We are cooperating with law enforcement to find those who are breaking the law and hold them accountable. Safety and security of staff, inmates and the public is my top priority.

I have never shied away from my responsibility to manage the facility, but I can only manage what I'm given. If Jackson County is to avoid the same fate and correct the more than

30 years of neglect, we must first take a holistic look at the criminal justice system. That is why I convened my first Jail Task Force, which will make recommendations related to the potential capacity and type of jail the Jackson County community needs and deserves. If not, we'll be dealing with the same issues of understaffing and overcrowding.

This is not the way I envisioned building a better Jackson County, but I am fighting for what is right. I am ready to work with whomever is ready to work with me to solve the issues we're facing at Jackson County.

I encourage all Jackson County citizens to take an active role in learning about your legislator and the decisions that are made with your tax dollars. This is your County government – get to know it.

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Pistilli Silver Veterans Medal. International students studying at local colleges and universities attend the luncheon as the Foundation's guests, in recognition of President Truman's keen interest in education to promote peace among all nations.

The public is invited and encouraged to attend the 66th

Annual Birthday Luncheon. Individual tickets cost \$125 per person. Seating is limited and reservations are required, and can be arrangements on the Foundation website – www.trumanaward.org – or through the Foundation office, (913) 722-1211.

**By Michael Harriot
The Root**

In April 2016, Rachelle Faroul, a 33-year-old black woman, applied for a mortgage loan. Even though she had a good credit score, a degree from Northwestern and a job making \$60,000 a year teaching computer programming at Rutgers University, her application was denied.

I know what you're thinking, but it was not because she was black.

A mortgage broker from Philadelphia Mortgage Advisors, whose customers were 90 percent white, told Ms. Faroul that her income as a contract employee wasn't stable enough. When Ms. Faroul got a full-time job managing a million-dollar grant, she was turned away by another loan officer, who wouldn't even return Ms. Faroul's calls.

Instead of trying again, Ms. Faroul decided to let her partner, Hanako Franz, try to obtain a loan from the same

company. The couple knew it was a long shot because Ms. Franz only worked part time at a grocery store and her most recent paycheck only showed \$144.65. In fact, Ms. Faroul was more qualified for a loan than her partner in every way except one: Hakano Franz was half-white, half-Japanese.

Hakano Franz got the loan.

A new report by the Center for Investigative Reporting along with Reveal News explores how U.S. banks systematically prevent blacks and Hispanics from becoming homeowners. The in-depth examination reveals that banks in 48 cities have engaged in a modern-day system of redlining that turns away black borrowers at significantly higher rates than whites, regardless of income, payment history and other factors.

The evidence was not anecdotal. The analysis used the Mortgage Disclosure Act to look at 31 million records over two years. The lending data was independently confirmed and reviewed by the Association of

Press and basically covered every single conventional mortgage in 2015 and 2016.

The information covered nine factors, including income, the amount of the loan, the ratio of the size of the loan to the applicant's income and the type of lender, as well as the racial makeup and median income of the neighborhood where the person wanted to buy property.

Because credit-reporting agencies do not disclose how they determine credit scores, the study could not include it in their research. Banks say that credit scores are not the overwhelming factor in their lending decisions, and some studies have shown credit scores to be discriminatory because they do not include rent, utility payments, income and cellphone bills. Besides, the investigation had access to the information that supposedly determines credit scores.

Here is what they found in some major metropolitan ar-

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Businesswoman Dies**Continued from front page**

Madrid, Spain, Pivot Point Advanced School of Hair Design and attended many other advanced hair design schools.

Later in life, she met and married Willie Wesley. They enjoyed a long and devoted relationship for 30 years before God called Wesley "home" in 2012.

Among her professional accomplishments, Ms. Wesley received special recognition from former U.S. Congressman Alan Wheat for her dedication of service to addressing the issues of health care in the community.

In 1989, she was appointed by Governor John Ashcroft to serve on the Board of Cosmetology for the State of Missouri. She continued serving on the board under Governor Mel Carnahan, before leaving the board in 1996. While serving on the board, she held leadership positions as president, vice-president and secretary.

She received numerous awards and honors throughout her career. And, just to name a few, she was recognized numerous times by The Kansas City Globe as one of the 100 Most Influential African Americans in greater Kansas City. She was also recognized by The Boys and Girls Clubs of Greater Kansas City.

In recent years, Ms. Wesley was honored as a Woman of Courage by Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

Ms. Wesley was a long-time active member of the St. James United Methodist church in Kansas City, Mo. under the leadership of the Reverends Emanuel Cleaver, II and Dr. Emanuel Cleaver III, where she served in various roles until

her health began to fail.

She was a member of the church's Finance Count team as well as a member of the church's Incorporation Committee ministry. She was a past chairperson of the church's Community Expo, bringing church, community and small business together. This effort boosted revenues for the area small business-owners and individuals who participated and was hailed as one of the few such collaborative efforts undertaken by the church community in recent years. Previous board memberships include: member of the Rotary Club and past member of the board of Niles Home for Children, and the Black Chamber of Commerce of Greater Kansas City.

Ms. Wesley was a mentor and encourager to hundreds of men and women within and outside her profession. She quietly gave of her time, talents and resources to individuals and organizations without expecting anything in return. Throughout her business career, she met many influential individuals, but regardless of one's social or economic status, she treated every client with respect and value.

Her compassion for others in need and the elderly, led her to establish the 6800 Charity Club in the early nineties. The group consisted of women whose mission is to help needy individuals and senior citizens of the community, mostly from financial contributions, clothing and food donations.

Among the groups and/or individuals who have been recipients of contributions from the 6800 Charity Club are: Vic-

torous Life Church, the Lost Boys of Sudan Support Group, Linwood Presbyterian Church, Shalom Geriatric Center of Kansas City, the Paula Jimmeron Liver Transplant Fund, The Lucile Bluford library in memory of one of the club's founders, LaVerne Vital, the St. James United Methodist Church's 40 Acres and a Mule Children's Connection, Katrina families in the greater Kansas City community and the Alzheimer's unit of the Senior Citizens Estates.

Ms. Wesley leaves to cherish her memory immediate family members including: one brother, Julius Joyce Jr. (Dollie, deceased); a daughter, Ella Mae Love, a granddaughter, Shakira Washington; a grandson, Wesley LaMont Washington, great grand-daughters Sophia and Willow Rose Pickering, all of Kansas City, Mo.; a brother-in-law, John A. Wesley Jr. (Charlene) of Springfield, Ark; a sister-in-law Dorothy Wesley Brooks (Robert) of Little Rock, Ark; three step-children Allan T. Wesley of Memphis, Tenn.; Raymond Eric Smith Wesley (Wendy) of Dallas, Texas and Tracy Wesley-Holmes (Frank) of Bowie, Md.; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other family members and friends.

Her compassion for others in need and the elderly, led her to establish the 6800 Charity Club in the early nineties. The group consisted of women whose mission is to help needy individuals and senior citizens of the community, mostly from financial contributions, clothing and food donations.

A "virtuous woman" indeed, Ms. Wesley will be sorely missed by everyone she touched with her outgoing personality, wisdom, wit, professional guidance and business acumen and of course, her beauty, grace and style.

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Reed's measure is geared toward relieving the burden from restaurants and taverns from getting approval from churches and schools if they want to sell liquor in the Jazz District." Councilman Reed, when did churches that participate in government and lend a voice to the moral compass of a neighborhood become a "burden" to entrepreneurship?

The article went on to say that your ordinance would, "Spark an interest among developers and business owners who may want to sell liquor, to move their business into the District." This begs the question, is it only those establishments that sell liquor, the only businesses who want to "move" into the District? Are there no businesses who don't seek a liquor license, interested in "moving" into the area?

Councilman Reed, you have to recognize that the alcohol industry is targeting low-income communities, racial and ethnic minorities, and children and teenagers. Walk through an inner-city neighborhood and you will notice an over-abundance of alcohol advertising....some within a few yards of schools.

While there is a movement to teach "responsible" drinking, early research clearly indicates that families who teach abstinence from alcohol are more effective than teaching lessons about "responsible" drinking.

As you are aware, there was a time in our city that absolutely no liquor could be purchased or sold on a Sunday. It was known as the "Blue Law". There was also a time when the general (unwritten and moral) rule for our city was that no sporting activities would take

We are currently dealing with voter suppression laws that seek to make it more difficult for certain populations to vote. With this proposed measure, we ask why you would be seeking to suppress the faith community's voice in governance around this specific issue and make it more difficult for churches and schools to oppose the application for liquor licenses within 300 feet of their locations.

While the article in the **CALL** states that "churches and schools will still be able to oppose...", this ordinance would require that we go through unnecessary hurdles and extra steps to initiate such opposition. Thereby, the burden would then be upon us to take necessary measures to oppose the approval /application of liquor licenses in Kansas City. The existing ordinance serves our community well and rather places the burden of responsibility upon a potential business owner to reach out to any church/school; build relationships with that entity and network with that neighborhood to seek their support.

As you are aware, there was a time in our city that absolutely no liquor could be purchased or sold on a Sunday. It was known as the "Blue Law". There was also a time when the general (unwritten and moral) rule for our city was that no sporting activities would take

place until after the church services have been dismissed. On a national level, there was a time when people could pray in schools. All of these situations have been matters in which the Church/Faith Communities remained silent and did not use its' collective voice to have a positive; stronger impact on our communities and the people we serve.

The Church has, and continues to preach, the importance of living in a community and building and strengthening communities. Thus, we cannot stand by as the alcohol industry destroys families and communities. We refuse to be a part of the sobering silence on alcohol.

We do personally and collectively support you as City Councilman of the 3rd District and applaud your efforts up to this point. However, it is to this end, Councilman Reed, that we implore you to reconsider your ordinance and pull it from further consideration.

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City Records 14th Homicide For 2018**By Eric L. Wesson Sr.****CALL Staff Writer**

For the first time in my tenure at **THE CALL** white males and white females have exceeded black males and females among homicide victims, but not by much.

At press time, the City has recorded a total of 14 homicides compared to 16 at this same time last year.

So far this year there have been six white male victims and three white female compared to four black males and one black female.

There have been no Hispanic male or Hispanic female victims.

All of the victims have been killed with a firearm of some sort. There have been seven killed with a handgun; one killed with a rifle and six have been killed with a unknown type of firearm.

The victim's age groups vary.

Six of the victims have been between the ages of 25-34; three 17-24; two 35-44; two 45 and over and one 16 and under.

Kameron Gines has been picked up as a person of interest in a shooting that took place on Monday, Feb. 19, at a Conoco gas station located at 27th and Indiana.

According to Sgt. Kari Thompson of the Kansas City, Mo., Police department, just after 3 p.m., officers were called to the area of 27th Street and Indiana Avenue on a shooting. When they arrived, they found a man down in the parking lot of a Conoco gas station.

The victim was taken to a nearby hospital where he was later pronounced dead, Thompson said. This is the city's 14th homicide of 2018.

Witnesses told police they saw the man get into a "verbal altercation" with the suspect who then shot the man several

times before leaving in an unknown vehicle.

Sgt. Thompson said before the shooting, the victim was in another altercation with a different man in the same parking lot. That man left before police arrived.

This is the second murder at the gas station since October 16, 2016.

Rockey Bradley, a white male, was allegedly murdered after an altercation with Terrence L. Blanks.

According to court records, Blanks had a confrontation with the victim inside the gas station. A witness said Blanks was hateful and had a hand inside his hooded jacket during the confrontation. The 56-year-old victim went to his truck. Prosecutors say the defendant exited the store with a handgun and immediately fired shots at the victim in his truck.

Black History Month:**Bayard Rustin Was The Civil Rights Movement's Hidden Hero**

Black History Month is all about celebrating our best and brightest for their history-making contributions to Black culture and society at large.

Special tributes occur for well-known figures such as Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Rosa Parks, Harriet Tubman, Jackie Robinson and George Washington Carver each year.

There are so many "Hidden Heroes" that don't get recognized



BAYARD RUSTIN
including: Claudette Colvin (bus boycott),

Annie Turnbo Malone (black hair care pioneer), and Bayard Rustin.

Rustin served as one of the key organizers of the March on Washington and was an advisor to Dr. King in the 1950's and 1960's.

He co-organized the Southern Christian Leadership Conference. He is a HBCU alum and member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity.

At one point, he put

his education on the line for his activism by organizing and protest and was expelled from school as a result.

As an openly gay man, Rustin faced bias from people who called him a "pervert" and tried to discredit his work.

Even some Black Leaders believed Rustin's sexual orientation would hinder achieving the goals of the movement.

Their lack of sup-

port played a part in his efforts being silenced and getting less recognition as the face of the movement.

Rustin spent two months in jail on a morals charge, after being caught with another man. He also spent two years in jail for refusing to sign up for the draft.

Bayard Rustin died in 1987 at the age of 75. It has been more than three decades since his passing, but we mustn't for-

get his contributions to Black History. He helped organize the first freedom rides and boycotts over public school segregation.

In 2013 President Barack Obama posthumously honored Bayard Rustin with the Presidential Medal of Freedom. It was a

long overdue recognition for a man who changed the course of history.

Boyd, Casas, Grace And Simmons Start Nexus Group, A Full-Service Governmental Relations Firm

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. — A group of the most prominent and successful Missouri lobbyists announced that they have left the global law firm Dentons to start their own lobbying firm, Nexus Group.

The new firm's clients include some of Missouri's largest and most influential businesses and organizations, including: Civic Progress, Express Scripts, Centene, Major Brands, Lyft, the St. Louis Blues, Teach for America, the Kansas City Sports Commission, Anthem, Spire, the Kansas City Zoo, Shelter Insurance, Leggett and Platt and the Missouri Economic Development Council.

Nexus Group will be headquartered in Jefferson City and provide governmental relations, contract pro-

curement, and public policy services. The firm will practice in Missouri and continue to lead multi-state and national municipal advocacy initiatives.

"The team at Nexus Group is second to none in building relationships and helping organizations like ours stay connected and informed about important public policy initiatives," said Regional Business Council President and CEO Kathy Osborn.

"We have long relied on their wise advice and counsel, and congratulate them on the start of their new firm," said Civic Progress Executive Director Tom Irwin. "Some firms are good at monitoring legislation or defeating bad bills, but the Nexus Group leads a short list that has a track record of passing big bills and moving the region for-

ward."

Past successes from the lobbyists at the Nexus Group include:

- Led the effort to enable statewide ride-sharing services.
- Secured funding in the state budget to place teachers in underperforming school districts.

- Protected corporations, like Express Scripts, from burdensome regulations that threatened their business model.

- Passed tort reform measures that will protect insurance companies and their customers from frivolous lawsuits.
- Secured state environmental remediation funds for the redevelopment of an abandoned automotive facility.

- Passed a law that will eliminate the ability of municipalities to use their court systems as debtors pris-

ons for citizens with minor traffic and municipal violations.

Nexus Group will be a member of Dentons 50 – a multi-state lobbying network. Additionally, Rodney Boyd will hold the title of Senior Counsel with Dentons, which will enable Nexus Group to provide its clients access to Dentons legal services.

The partners in the new firm include:

- Rodney Boyd, who has a distinguished history of legal and governmental relations experience. He has an in-depth understanding of municipal government and its intersection with state policies.

- Kate Casas, who focuses on government affairs at the state and local levels. Her clients include businesses in the education, healthcare, telecommunications

Nexus Group will be a certified Minority Business Enterprise that will also regularly provide pro bono governmental relations consultation for non-profit organizations in the region.

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MEMBERS OF THE SOCIETAS DOCTA . . . Members of the Societas Docta are shown preparing for their annual scholarship fundraiser which will be held in March. Seated from left to right, are Dr. Juana Hishaw, Dr. Brenda Harris, Dr. Everylyn Williams, national president; Dr. Janice Cade, Greater Kansas City Chapter president; Dr. Marie McCarter, Dr. Jessie Kirksey, and Dr. Gwendolyn Squires. Standing from left to right, are Dr. Minnie Adams, Dr. Mary McConnell, Dr. Pearl Fain, Dr. Gayle Holliday, Dr. JoAnna Warren, Dr. Marjorie Williams, Dr. Margaret Evans, Dr. Rhonda Beene, Dr. Mozella Dyer, Dr. Eva Tucker-Nevels, and Dr. Shaunda Fowler.



JUST SCHOOLING ADULT DAY CARE CELEBRATES VALENTINE'S DAY . . . The Just Schooling Adult Day Health Care LLC, 6412 East 87th street, participants and staff celebrated Valentine's Day with a party at the center. Participants designed home made cards in addition to buying some at the store. These cards were passed out during their party. Cup cakes, cookies, ice cream, hot dogs, candy, fruit were some of the food served during this time. The Just Schooling Adult Day Health Care center has been providing services to families in the Kansas City community and surrounding areas the past 19 years.

Missing in Action: Black Designers

Veronica Webb
The Root

Everything is about to change—or so it seems—as designers present fashion shows featuring clothes generally intended to break the rules. But one thing rarely, if ever, seems to change, and that's the absence of black designers occupying top spots in the fashion industry.

Freelance designer and journalist Kibwe Chase-Marshall recently published an op-ed in Business of Fashion—one of the most respected media outlets for fashion-industry reporting—titled, “Why Aren’t There More Black Designers?” It’s a question I’ve asked myself nearly every time I’ve gone into work over my 30-year career in fashion. Why?

All too often, I’m the only person of color on set doing any job.

The rare exception is on the catwalk, where the sheer number of people required to produce a fashion show calls for hiring more than one black person, simply by default. But when the final bow is taken, it is almost never a black designer who has the chance to receive either kudos or a career-ending critique from the press.

Chase-Marshall—who worked in high-level but never top-tier jobs, such as vice president or head designer, for firms like Michael Kors, Isaac Mizrahi and Oscar de la Renta—found himself repeatedly slamming up against a glass ceiling. And now he’s breaking that glass ceiling by breaking the silence.

On January 3, an action-oriented social media campaign, #BreakSilenceBreakCeilings, went live.

The campaign was conceived by Chase-Marshall and aimed at breaking the un-written and unspoken rule of discriminatory hiring practices in fashion, an industry that Chase-Marshall says does not have a “diversity problem” but, rather, a “black-people problem.”

Himself a talented technical draftsman, stylist and cutter, Chase-Marshall is not content to simply illustrate the talent of black designers as a solution to the problem. I was on a steering committee for the Black Designers Exhibition and Symposium at the Museum at the Fashion Institute of Technology, which shed light on the fierce beauty of too-little-seen talent and started the conversation as to why—but did not offer us a plan to advance the battle.

Chase-Marshall has tailored a solution to fit the problem, noting in his op-ed, “Fed up with watching this most blatant form of discrimination thrive, while the broader industry capitalizes on black celebrity associations and the recent uptick in black casting, I decided to do something.”

Chase-Marshall, who stopped working full time in design studios in 2010 after 13 years, now makes a living as a freelance designer and writer for publications like Elle. He has devised a plan of action for the Council of Fashion Designers of America and Vogue, which collaborate on the CFDA/Vogue Fashion Fund, the most powerful entity in the American—if not global—luxury-garment industry, which has promoted some of the most successful black designers in recent memory,

such as Tracy Reese and Cushnie and Ochs.

Chase-Marshall would like to see CFDA/Vogue adopt a program with greater oversight of its design-industry members, such as offering immersive training for hiring managers in elimination of bias, along with CFDA/Vogue’s annual disclosure and endorsement of participating brands, along with annual statistics regarding the racial composition of their design teams.

That’s what the industry can do, but to consumers who want to take a stand against inequality and appropriation, Chase-Marshall has posted:

Let’s do something: If you agree that it’s time for the community of fashion design professionals to be taken to task regarding employment/advancement discrimination against qualified black candidates, along with taking this post, comment #breaksilencebreakceilings and tag @CFDA, @Voguemagazine, @Bof, @nytimes, and @wwd below. In addition, forward this post to 5 friends (or more) that you feel care to affect overdue change.

“Blackness, until very recently, was seen as an unmarketable quality,” says Chase-Marshall, who hails from Trinidad, was raised in Washington, D.C., and was a classmate of the Clinton and Gore children. But despite having the clubby connections to wealth and power that head-hunters prize for their potential to move the needle when it comes to selling expensive designer clothing, he

was discounted, simply because of the color of his skin.

“I don’t care if someone is racist,” Chase-Marshall says. “I care if people use discriminatory hiring practices.” His is neither a call for affirmative action nor a call for quotas—which can undercut recognition of real talent—but, rather, a call for education transparency and accountability that can create last-

Greater Kansas City Chapter Of Societas Docta, Inc., To Honor 10 Outstanding Women

The Greater Kansas City Chapter of Societas Docta, Inc., will host the Fourth Biennial Nefertiti Award and Scholarship Luncheon on March 3, at the beautiful Marriott hotel in Overland Park, Kansas. March is National Women’s History month and Societas Docta always aligns its luncheon theme with that celebratory event.

This year’s theme is, “Nevertheless, She Persisted: Honoring Women Who Fight All Forms of Discrimination Against Women”.

The goal of the Nefertiti award and scholarship luncheon is twofold.

First, it is to honor women of color who have provided outstanding service to the Greater Kansas City area in the fields of K-12 education, higher education, humanitarian, leadership, community and public service, the arts, civil rights, health, law, philanthropy, the sciences and mass media communications.

Next, it is to achieve Societas Docta’s greatest responsibility which is to pro-

Toni Braxton Confirms Engagement To Birdman

Toni Braxton may not be married to Birdman yet, but he did put a ring on it.

We’re finally one step closer to getting a straight answer about Miss Braxton’s relationship status and that rock on her finger.

Miss Braxton admitted in the trailer for the upcoming season of Braxton Family Values that she is, in fact, engaged to Birdman!

“I have an announcement to make,” she teases in the clip, “I’m engaged!” Miss Braxton then showed off the ring, we’ve all seen sparkling on her hand for the last few months.

It’s not clear when they plan to jump the broom, but maybe we’ll see some wedding planning for Miss Braxton when Braxton Family Values returns in March.

vide scholarships to their graduate school mentees. These mentees are women who are seeking doctoral degrees, which is, in many cases, extremely difficult to do in the 21st Century. All of the members of Societas Docta, Inc. have earned doctorate degrees and they are using their expertise, guidance, and assistance to nurture these candidates as they make their challenging educational journey to the terminal degree.

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Sharon Butler nominated for Humanitarian; Missouri Representative Gail McCann Beatty nominated for Political Leadership; Dr. Nevada Lee, MD nominated for Health; Kathy Walter-Mack nominated for Higher Education; Rev. Dana Patterson-Nelson nominated for religion; Missouri Representative Barbara Anne Washington nominated for Community Service, and Patricia McDonald nominated for Philanthropy.

The National Societas Docta, Inc., is an organization made up of African American women who have earned doctoral degrees in a variety fields. Founded in Atlanta, Ga., in 1987, the members are committed to networking and mentoring minority women to enhance the quality of their education, inspire them to pursue doctoral degrees in various areas and to provide financial support in the form of scholarships for those they mentor.

The Greater Kansas City Chapter has championed those causes by working diligently with as many as twenty mentees over the past five years. The Greater Kansas City Chapter president is Dr. Janice M. Cade and the members are Dr. Minnie Adams, Dr. Rhonda Beene, Dr. Karen Boyd, Dr. Edith Coleman, Dr. Mozella Dyer, Dr. Margaret Evans, Dr. Pearl Fain, Dr. Shaunda Fowler, Dr. Brenda Harris, Dr. Kimberly Johnson-Hatchett, Dr. Juanita Hishaw, Dr. Kimberly Hill, Dr. Gayle Holiday, Dr. Etta Ruth Hollins, Dr. Shary Jones, Dr. Jessie O. Kirksey, Dr. S. Marie McCarter, Dr. Mary McConnell, Dr. Eva Ticker-Nevels, Dr. Gwendolyn Squires, Dr. Jo-Anne Warren, Dr. Marjorie Williams, and Dr. Everylyn Williams who also serves as the National President of Societas Docta, Incorporated.

The event is open to the public. Donations for the event are \$50 per person. To obtain ticket information, please email Dr. Janice Cade at: drjmcade@sbcglobal.net

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Evangelist Billy Graham, Who Reached Millions, Dies At 99

MONTREAT, N.C. (AP) — The Rev. Billy Graham, who transformed American religious life through his preaching and activism, becoming a counselor to presidents and the most widely heard Christian evangelist in history, died Wednesday. He was 99.

Graham, who long suffered from cancer, pneumonia and other ailments, died at his home in North Carolina, spokesman Mark DeMoss told The Associated Press.

More than anyone else, Graham built evangelicalism into a force that rivaled liberal Protestantism and Roman Catholicism in the United States. His leadership summits and crusades in more than 185 countries and territories forged powerful global links among conservative Christians, and threw a lifeline to believers in the communist-controlled Eastern bloc. Dubbed "America's pastor," he was a confidant to U.S. presidents from Gen. Dwight Eisenhower to George W. Bush.

In 1983, President Reagan gave Graham the Presidential Medal of Freedom, America's highest civilian honor. When the Billy Graham Museum and Library was dedicated in 2007 in Charlotte, former Presidents George H.W. Bush, Jimmy Carter and Bill Clinton attended.

"When he prays with you in the Oval Office or upstairs in the White House, you feel he's praying for you, not the president," Clinton said at the ceremony.

Beyond Graham's public appearances, he reached untold millions through his pioneering use of prime-time telecasts, network radio, daily newspaper columns, evangelistic feature films and globe-girdling satellite TV hookups. Graham's message was not complex or unique, yet he preached with a conviction that won over audiences worldwide.

"The Bible says," was his catch phrase. His unquestioning belief in Scripture turned the Gospel into a "rapier" in his hands, he said.

A tall, striking man with thick hair, stark blue eyes and a firm jaw, Graham was a commanding presence at his crusades. He would make the altar call in his powerful baritone, asking the multitudes to stand, come down the aisles and publicly make "decisions for Christ," as a choir crooned the hymn, "Just As I Am."

By his final crusade in 2005 in New York City, he had preached in person to more than 210 million people worldwide. No evangelist is expected to have his level of influence again.

"William Franklin Graham Jr. can safely be regarded as the best who ever lived at what he did," said William Martin, author of the Graham biography "A Prophet With Honor."

Born November 7, 1918, on his family's dairy farm near Charlotte, North Carolina, Graham came from a fundamentalist background that expected true Bible-believers to stay clear of Christians with even the most minor differences over Scripture. But as his crusades drew support from a widening array of Christian churches, he came to reject that view.

He joined in a then-emerging movement called New Evangelicalism, that abandoned the narrowness of fundamentalism to engage broader society. Fundamentalists at the time excoriated the preacher for his new direction, and broke

with him when he agreed to work with more liberal Christians in the 1950s.

Graham stood fast. He would not reject people who were sincere and shared at least some of his beliefs, Martin said. He wanted the widest hearing possible for his salvation message.

"The ecumenical movement has broadened my viewpoint and I recognize now that God has his people in all churches," he said in the early 1950s.

In 1957, he said, "I intend to go anywhere, sponsored by anybody, to preach the Gospel of Christ."

His approach helped evangelicals gain the influence they have today. Graham's path to becoming an evangelist began taking shape at age 16, when the Presbyterian-reared farmboy committed himself to Christ at a local tent revival.

"I did not feel any special emotion," he wrote in his 1997 autobiography, "Just As I Am." "I simply felt at peace," and thereafter, "the world looked different."

After high school, he enrolled at the fundamentalist Bob Jones College, but found the school stifling, and transferred to Florida Bible Institute in Tampa. There, he practiced sermonizing in a swamp, preaching to birds and alligators before tryouts with small churches. He still wasn't convinced he should be a preacher until a soul-searching, late-night ramble on a golf course.

"I finally gave in while pacing at midnight on the 18th hole," he said. "All right, Lord, I said, 'If you want me, you've got me.'"

Graham, who became a Southern Baptist, went on to study at Wheaton college, a prominent Christian liberal arts school in Illinois, where he met fellow student Ruth Bell, who had been raised in China where her father had been a Presbyterian medical missionary.

The two married in 1943, and he planned to become an Army chaplain. But he fell seriously ill, and by the time he recovered and could start the chaplain training program, World War II was nearly over.

Instead, he took a job organizing meetings in the U.S. and Europe with Youth for Christ, a group he helped found. He stood out then for his loud ties and suits, and a rapid delivery and swinging arms that won him the nickname "the Preaching Windmill."

A 1949 Los Angeles revival turned Graham into evangelism's rising star. Held in a tent dubbed the "Canvas Cathedral," Graham had been drawing adequate, but not spectacular crowds until one night when reporters and photographers descended. When Graham asked them why, a reporter said that legendary publisher William Randolph Hearst had ordered his papers to hype Graham. Graham said he never found out why.

The publicity gave him a national profile. Over the next decade, his massive crusades in England and New York catapulted him to international celebrity. His 12-week London campaign in 1954 defied expectations, drawing more than 2 million people and the respect of the British, many of whom had derided him before his arrival as little more than a slick salesman. Three years later, he held a crusade in New York's Madison Square Garden that was so popular it was

extended from six to 16 weeks, capped off with a rally in Times Square that packed Broadway with more than 100,000 people.

The strain of so much preaching caused the already trim Graham to lose 30 pounds by the time the event ended. It remains his longest revival meeting ever.

As his public influence grew, the preacher's stands on the social issues of his day were watched closely by supporters and critics alike. One of the most pressing was the Civil Rights movement. Graham was no social activist and never joined marches, which led prominent Christians such as theologian Reinhold Niebuhr to publicly condemn Graham as too moderate. Still, Graham ended racially segregated seating at his Southern crusades in 1953, a year before the Supreme Court's school integration ruling, and long refused to visit South Africa while its white regime insisted on racially segregated meetings.

In a 2005 interview with The Associated Press, before his final crusade which was held in New York, Graham said he regretted that he didn't battle for Civil Rights more forcefully.

"I think I made a mistake when I didn't go to Selma" with many clergy who joined the historic Alabama march led by the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. "I would like to have done more." Graham more robustly took on the cause of anti-Communism, making preaching against the atheist regime part of his sermons for years.

As America's most famous religious leader, he golfed with statesmen and entertainers and dined with royalty. Graham's relationships with U.S. presidents also boosted his ministry and became a source of pride for conservative Christians who were so often caricatured as backward. But those ties proved problematic when his close friend Richard Nixon resigned in the Watergate scandal, leaving Graham devastated and baffled. He resolved to take a lower profile in the political world, going as far as discouraging the Rev. Jerry Falwell, a founder of the Moral Majority, from mixing religion and politics.

"Evangelicals can't be closely identified with any particular party or person. We have to stand in the middle, to preach to all the people, right and left," Graham said in 1981, according to Time magazine. "I haven't been faithful to my own advice in the past. I will in the future."

Yet, in the 2012 election, with Graham mostly confined to his North Carolina home, he all but endorsed Republican presidential nominee Mitt Romney. And the evangelist's ministry took out full-page ads in newspapers support a ballot referendum that would ban same-sex marriage.

His son, the Rev. Franklin Graham, who runs the ministry, said his father viewed the gay marriage question as a moral, not a political, issue. Graham's integrity was credited with salvaging the reputation of broadcast evangelism in the dark days of the late 1980s, after scandals befell TV preachers Jimmy Swaggart and Jim Bakker.

He resolved early on never to be alone with a woman other than his wife. Instead of taking a share of the "love offerings" at his crusades, as was the custom, he earned a modest salary from the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association.

His ministry was governed by an indepen-

dent board that included successful Christian businessmen and other professionals — a stark departure from the widespread evangelical practice of packing boards with relatives and yes-men.

"Why, I could make a quarter of a million dollars a year in this field or in Hollywood if I wanted to," Graham said. "The offers I've had from Hollywood studios are amazing. But I just laughed. I told them I was staying with God."

While he succeeded in preserving his reputation, he could not completely shield his family from the impact of his work. He was on the road for months at a time, leaving Ruth at their mountainside home in Montreat, North Carolina, to raise their five children: Franklin, Virginia ("Gigi"), Anne, Ruth and Nelson ("Ned").

Anne Graham Lotz has said that her mother was effectively "a single parent." Ruth sometimes grew so lonely when Billy was traveling that she slept with his tweed jacket for comfort. But she said, "I'd rather have a little of Bill than a lot of any other man."

She died in June 2007 at age 87.

"I will miss her terribly," Billy Graham said, "and look forward even more to the day I can join her in heaven."

In his later years, Graham visited communist Eastern Europe and increasingly appealed for world peace. He opened a 1983 convention of evangelists from 140 nations by urging the elimination of nuclear and biological weapons.

He told audiences in Czechoslovakia that "we must do all we can to preserve life and avoid war," although he opposed unilateral disarmament. In 1982, he went to Moscow to preach and attend a conference on world peace. During that visit, he said he saw no signs of Soviet religious persecution, a misguided attempt at diplomacy that brought scathing criticism from author Alexander Solzhenitsyn, among others.

"It's worth taking a risk for peace," Graham contended, although he was clearly stung by the controversy.

Graham's relationship with Nixon became an issue once again when tapes newly released in 2002 caught the preacher telling the president that Jews "don't know how I really feel about what they're doing to this country."

Graham apologized, saying he didn't recall ever having such feelings and asking the Jewish community to consider his actions above his words on that tape. Health problems gradually slowed Graham, but he did not cease preaching.

In 1995, his son, Franklin, was named the ministry's leader. Along with the many honors he received from the evangelical community and the Presidential Medal of Freedom, Graham received the \$1 million Templeton Prize for Progress in Religion in 1982 and the Congressional Gold Medal in 1996.

Graham will be buried by his wife, Ruth, at the Billy Graham Museum and Library.

"I have been asked, 'What is the secret?' Graham had said of his preaching. 'Is it showmanship, organization or what? The secret of my work is God. I would be nothing without him.'

Retired Associated Press Religion Writer Richard N. Ostling contributed to this report.

African Cosmologies:

Spiritual Reflections On The 'Black Panther' Movie

By Yolanda Pierce

(RNS) — Yes, Wakanda is a fictional place and "Black Panther" is "just" a film, but the spiritual imagination that undergirds the movie can be an opportunity for learning, and even a fostering of faith in the idea that we can build a better world, if we are willing.

In a real world that has so maligned black peoples and the continent of Africa, and questioned if any good can ever come from this place, director Ryan Coogler reminds his viewers both of the beauty that already exists on the continent, and also what may yet be possible.

The film begins shortly after the death of Wakanda's King T'Chaka (John Kani). His son, T'Challa (Chadwick Boseman), returns to Wakanda to assume his father's mantle and the authority and responsibility of serving as both king and Black Panther, protector of Wakanda.

What follows is not simply a political process, the passing down of political authority from one monarch to the next, but a richly textured series of spiritual ceremonies.

T'Challa must undergo a rite of passage to assume the throne; he faces physical challenges that attest to his strength, and takes part in religious rituals in which he encounters his ancestors and must seek their wisdom. The newly appointed King T'Challa must be buried; he must die to his old life; and he must be resurrected. This ritual is overseen by the elders, who function as moral authorities for the kingdom of Wakanda, but also as spiritual midwives and griots for its people.

This pivotal early scene in the movie engages African cosmology and varieties of African spirituality on many levels. The viewer encounters a vibrant spiritual world from the earliest moments of the film, which draws from the cultural traditions of many real African nations by incorporating customs, clothing, languages, art, architecture, body modification styles, and combat techniques found across the continent.

It is a movie in which African peoples can see the rich diversity of their continent represented, whether in the lip plates worn by the Mursi and Surma peoples of Ethiopia (among others); cast

members speaking the African languages of Xhosa and Hausa; the clothing of the Dora Milaje, the Black Panther's elite bodyguards, modeled after the Masai peoples in Kenya and Tanzania; or in the headdress worn by the character of Queen Mother Ramonda (Angela Bassett), similar to what is actually worn by Zulu women in South Africa.

And like these other real-world cultural references, the spiritual allusions in the "Black Panther" film reflect a fictional approach to a real-life African cosmology. Cosmology is a way that one perceives, conceives and contemplates the universe; it is the lens, set of beliefs, and religious practices through which one understands reality. Within most African religious worldviews, everything is a part of the spiritual world and so physical combat or clothing or body modification are all infused with sacred resonance. The "Black Panther" movie is rich in African cosmology. Here are but a few examples:

Ancestral Veneration

King T'Chaka remains active in the life of his son T'Challa, as guide and touchstone, and even his nemesis, Killmonger (Michael B. Jordan), must seek ancestral wisdom as part of his spiritual journey. In traditional African worldviews, the ancestors have a functional role in present life and must be honored long after their deaths. The veneration of the ancestors in African cosmology rejects a hard wall of separation between the living and the dead.

Spirit World

In the film, the power of the Black Panther is referred to as the "Panther Spirit." It references the existence of a pantheon of spirits and deities in traditional African supernatural spirituality, which can endow a believer with certain characteristics, including strength. And while there is generally the affirmation of a singular Creator God, most African cosmology has space for other operative spirits in the lives of believers.

Traditional Medicine

"Black Panther" references the importance of traditional medicine within African cultures. It is the heart-shaped plant that gives superhuman power to the Black Panther, and there is also traditional medicine that removes the Panther Spirit when T'Challa needs to engage in ritual combat without his special powers.

The continued existence of traditional medicine, alongside contemporary Western medicine, remains an important feature of African cosmology. Medicine and the caring for the physical body is spiritual and sacred work. Healing in Wakanda occurs in Princess Shuri's (Letitia Wright) futuristic lab, with all the latest scientific advances. But medicine is also ritually practiced by those who have passed down (and protect) the secret properties of plants and herbs throughout the generations, as is the case with the garden in the film's Hall of Kings.

The Priesthood

Zuri (Forest Whitaker) serves as the holy man whose presence is needed for the legitimate transfer of power from King T'Chaka to King T'Challa, as the spiritual world is intertwined with the political world. The role of shaman, priest, and conjurer, or healer, is critical in African cosmology as these persons may also function as chroniclers and griots — the keepers of history and communal memory. Likewise, Wakanda's Council of Elders advises on matters of national security, as well as matters of spiritual and moral significance.

Harmony And Balance

The film highlights one of the key components of African cosmology: the value of balance and harmony. The ecological balance in Wakanda is maintained because everything is spiritually infused and necessary for harmony. Wakanda's agricultural practices balance its technological advances.

The high-tech manufacture of vibranium — Wakanda's powerful natural resource — co-exists with handwoven baskets and handicrafts sold at traditional market stalls. The age-old

spear must be mastered by the warriors, along with the more futuristic weapons of war. The dream of Wakanda, a nation untouched by white colonization and white supremacy, is balance, where there is space for the keepers of sheep and the keepers of technology.

But African cosmology also leaves space for an engagement of the African American religious experience; the faiths and traditions of those whose ancestors were involuntarily brought to other nations in the holds of slave ships.

Killmonger, the American-born character, maintains the revolutionary spirit of his ancestors, those whom he argues would prefer death over bondage. This fictional character references a very real saga: the bones of Africans littered at the bottom of the Atlantic Ocean, including those who died and whose bodies were tossed overboard, and those who willingly jumped to escape their chains, some believing that they could fly back to Africa.

For Killmonger, there is an existential longing for a place of return, a place to belong, as an African-American who has only known life under the forces of white colonization. Killmonger embarks on a spiritual journey to Wakanda, a place to which he belongs by virtue of his royal blood, but also a place that is foreign to him. There is an otherworldliness to Wakanda for outsiders, not because it is perfect (which it is not), but simply because it exists at all despite almost impossible odds.

The Afrofuturism that underlies the entire "Black Panther" film is deeply spiritual. It speaks to possible worlds, future worlds, like Wakanda, as places of profound hope, joy and possibility for black peoples throughout the African diaspora.

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EDITORIAL**Editorial****Young People
Speak The Truth**

For those who watched the reveting Town Hall meeting with students, teachers, parents and community members that aired over the CNN cable network, you witnessed "truth to power."

The young people who spoke on Wednesday night were "wise heads on young shoulders," as they spoke about the mass shooting which claimed the lives of 17 of their classmates on February 14, at their high school, the Major Stoneman Douglas High school, in Parkland, Florida. Earlier in the day, they attempted to address state legislators in Tallahassee, but to no avail.

A former student, Nikolas Cruz, has been arrested and charged.

They sought answers from the adult panelists including two U.S. Senators, a Congressman, the Broward County sheriff and a spokesperson from the National Rifle Association, who was pitiful. Their governor, Rick Scott, was a cowardly "no show."

The youth and their parents, in essence, wanted answers on gun laws and assault weapons, mainly the AR-15, the weapon of choice used by Cruz and other deranged mass killers.

These young people are not only speaking out about themselves and the horrible ordeal that happened at their school, but young people everywhere. They want to be safe. They are tired of violence. Some of the youth speaking at Wednesday's event said they have been in school "lock down" drills since elementary school.

Their analytical and critical thinking about a dilemma adults have created due mainly to commerce, has led to the nationwide "Never Again" movement. They will be marching in Washington, D.C., along with thousands of other youths from all around the country next month.

People have asked, "Why is this mass shooting different than the others?"

The answer is persistence.

Remember of youth of the Civil Rights movement of the 1960's and the young people who staged protests during the Vietnam War era. They made a difference in the public consciousness of issues that affected not only them but others too.

They are not children leading adults. They want answers and action to school shootings. They are just telling the truth.

Black Homebuyers**Continued from front page**

eas:
• In the Greater Atlanta area, black applicants were 2.4 times as likely to be denied a conventional home mortgage as white applicants.

• In the Greater Washington, D.C.-Virginia-Maryland region, black applicants were denied 2.2 times as often as whites.

• Lenders in Philadelphia turned away black applicants at 2.7 times the rate of white applicants.

• Blacks in St. Louis were denied mortgages 2.5 times as often as whites.

• Mobile, Ala., and Greenville, N.C., were the worst.

Potential black homebuyers were turned away at 5.6 times the rate of their white counterparts.

None of this is new. JPMorgan Chase paid \$55 million in January to settle charges that it discriminated against black and Latino borrowers. In 2011, Bank of America handed over

Dear Students,

I've been listening and watching the news for several days since the violence in Parkland, Florida and wondering how did we, once again, allow more of you to be mowed down by an apparently disturbed, young man wielding a high-powered, military-style assault weapon with a large capacity magazine. This is especially sad and ridiculous, even infuriating, considering the situation was both predictable and preventable.

Seventeen more of you dead in Florida. Valentine's Day. 2018.

If this were the only such incident, or at least an infrequent one, it would be immensely sad and tragic. The reality that such massacres are now relatively commonplace, however, is more than that. It is unbelievably incredible. Undeniably horrendous. It's totally incomprehensible that these mass murders have turned America's students into the most endangered group of people in any industrialized country in the world.

According to the New York Times (2/15/18), more than 438 students and teachers have been shot in at least 239 school shootings since Sandy Hook in 2012. There have been 63 people injured or killed in 6 school shootings in the first 45 days of 2018. Education Week, 2/1/18

Although mass shootings have been generally increasing in different settings, schools are unfortunately frequent targets. "The third deadliest mass shooting in modern U.S. history was at Virginia Tech University in 2007, when 32 people were killed, and the Sandy Hook Elementary School shooting, which is tied for the fourth-highest casualty shooting, with 26 deaths." ABC news, 2/15/18

This carnage is spreading like a raging infection left untreated. The difference between an infection and school shootings, however, is that at least a doctor diagnoses, treats, and tries to cure the infection. Politicians and other adults who should act like doctors, caring for a nation infected by gun violence, make absolutely no effort to diagnose and treat this disease. In fact, many argue that if gun violence is a disease, the best way to cure it is to inject it with more guns and bullets. That makes no sense and it does nothing to protect you all - the future of our country.

The reality is that Congress has refused to even consider the public health impacts of gun violence. They passed legislation prohibiting the Center for Disease Control (CDC) from even researching the issue. You only have to live in a city suffering from any level of gun violence to understand just how big a public health issue it is. State government has aggravated the problem by refusing to allow cities like ours and St. Louis from doing anything to try to control the number and types of guns on our streets and in the hands of those who shouldn't have them.

Students, it should be clear to you by now that the adults responsible for protecting you have been unable and/or unwilling and/or incapable of doing so. They see you shot and

dying, wring their hands, shake their heads, say they care and then pass laws to make it easier for almost anyone to get any gun. This is not leadership. It's politics at its worst.

There is so much money tied up in gun manufacturing and sales that politicians become weak in the knees when they consider it may be withheld from them or used to finance an opponent if they dare advocate for common sense.

The NRA spent \$11,438,118

to support Donald Trump and another \$19,756,346 to oppose Hillary Clinton in the 2016 election.

And how about contributions to other politicians? The NRA pours money into elections for both the U.S. Senate and House to maintain the insanity that is our gun policy in the United States. They make contributions to, or spend significant sums in support of lots of "right minded" politicians or in opposition to their "wayward" opponents. Some argue that the NRA is, in reality, more of a marketing agent for gun manufacturers, rather than a benign club of gun lovers and second amendment protectors.

You be the judge:

Gun manufacturers in 2015 showed annual revenue of \$13.56 billion with \$1.5 billion in profit.

Gun and ammunition stores chipped in with \$3.1 billion in revenue and \$478 million in profit (IBIS World).

10,847,797 pistols, revolvers,

shotguns, assault weapons, etc.

were manufactured in the U.S.

in 2015 (ATF). Only 4% of that

total was exported outside the

U.S. It is estimated that there

are 270-310 million guns in the

U.S. which has a population of

323.1 million men, women and

children in 2016.

With so much money involved and so many politicians and businesses addicted to it, it's not surprising that not even surviving victims or images of the bloodied and destroyed bodies of first graders are able to shake common sense from the "cold dead hands" of those who have an interest in maintaining the status quo.

Students, I'm afraid this country needs YOU to show the ADULTS the way! You, those

who are increasingly in the crosshairs of murderers, need to protect yourselves, and by extension, US! You may be our last and best hope for change.

You can't leave it to us adults alone. We need you to demand that the politicians protect your constitutional right to life

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Joe Jackson: Quincy Jones Was Jealous Of Michael

From The Grio

Quincy Jones took many people by surprise when he gave a tell-all interview to *Vulture*. He spilled all kinds of tea about everything from dating Ivanka Trump, his thoughts on the current president and let's not forget that he accused Michael Jackson of being a music thief. "Michael stole a lot of stuff. He stole a lot of songs... He was as Machiavellian as they come," he said in the interview.

It seems that Michael's father Joe Jackson has finally read the article and he, along with other family members, are going on the attack against the famous producer. One family member told *Page Six* that Jones "must have the first stages of dementia."

A few days ago, when *TMZ* asked Joe Jackson about the accusations Quincy Jones made he just said Jones "knows better" than to say Michael stole music from other artists. Now though, he is shar-

ing more thoughts on the matter saying, Jones was "quite jealous of Michael because he's never worked with someone with all of that talent."

According to another family member, Jones "quietly carried a vendetta" against the pop star. "It goes way back, and (Jones) recently got money from Michael's estate," they said in what was likely a reference to the multi-million dollar win against the late singer's estate for unpaid royalties.

In the early 80's, Michael blocked Jones ability to win any producer Grammys from his *Thriller* album. He apparently thought he did all the work on his own and didn't want to share any wins. "Michael did all of the work. It's his music and everyone knows Michael's sound," said a family source.

Joe Jackson also said that the song Billie Jean, which is one of the ones Quincy Jones said Michael stole from Donna Summer, was completely written by Michael and if there



JOE JACKSON

were similarities it was Jones' fault. "He says my son stole it, but he was the producer on both, so if anybody is wrong it would be Quincy."

Before Michael Jackson died in 2009, he and Quincy Jones had a falling out in spite of the fact they had worked together on more than one of the singers hit albums.

Report: Tiny Wants T.I. To Sign New Post-Nup Before Vow Renewal

Eurweb.com

T.I. and Tiny are reportedly preparing for a vow renewal ceremony now that they have axed plans to call it quits. But Tiny wants her man to commit to a new "post-nup" agreement.

"There are a few things holding up T.I. and Tiny's romantic vow renewal ceremony. Before Tiny walks down any aisle again or agrees to have more children with T.I., Tiny wants him to agree to a new post-nup agreement. Even though Tiny has been doing quite well for herself lately, she wants to secure her future," a source told *Hollywoodlife.com*.

"Tiny wants an updated agreement, in writing, that T.I.

will be more than generous with her and all of their present and possible future children. Tiny is still in love with T.I. but she is also a smart businesswoman who knows how to handle T.I.'s rocky behavior. She has been talking things over with her personal attorneys, drafting the perfect contract for their unique situation and Tiny plans on making T.I. sign it before they say any vows again," the source added.

Tiny initially filed for divorce on December 7, 2016, stating that their "marriage is irretrievably broken with no hope of reconciliation."

Soon after, it was reported that T.I. believed his wife "over-reacted" by filing for divorce,

claiming her "jealous friends" talked her into walking away from their marriage.

"Tiny is no Mother Theresa, but she dealt with T.I.'s crap for way too long. She stayed longer because of the five kids, but T.I. took her for granted and just thought she would always be there and she didn't want to be stuck in that rut forever."

"She wanted to be loved and not be seen as an afterthought and she is now doing something about it. It's a wake-up call for all of them."

Tiny and T.I. have three children together and four kids from previous relationships.

The film features revealing

NLBM To Screen The Riveting New Film, 'A Long Way Home: The Untold Story Of Baseball's Desegregation'

Award-winning filmmaker, Gaspar Gonzalez, to discuss film that chronicles the struggles and triumphs of pioneering black and Latino players in pro baseball.

The NLBM, in partnership with Park University, will host a screening and discussion of the critically acclaimed Gaspar Gonzalez film, "*A Long Way Home: The Untold Story of Baseball's Desegregation*."

The film examines the courageous black and Latino baseball players who followed Jackie Robinson into White professional baseball.

The film features revealing

interviews with players such as: Jim "Mudcat" Grant, Grover "Deacon" Jones, Jimmy "Toy Cannon" Wynn, J.R. Richard, Tony Perez and Orlando Cepeda.

Gonzalez has produced documentaries for ESPN, PBS, the BBC and others. His credits include the national PBS release "Muhammad Ali: Made in Miami," the ESPN 30 for 30 Short "The Guerrilla Fighter," the Grantland short documentary "Gay Talese's Address Book," and "Havana House."

His work has been recognized by the National Endowment for the Humanities, the

Academy of Television Arts and Sciences, and the American Cinematheque.

He earned his Ph.D. in American Studies from Yale University.

The screening is free with paid admission to the NLBM and will be held at 3 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 25, at the Field of Legends Negro Leagues Baseball museum located at 1616 E. 18th street.

For more information, please call Bob Kendrick at (816) 221-1920 ext. 234 or by cell at (816) 560-3954. Day of event contact is: Ray Doswell at (816) 777-4314.

Janelle Monae Releases Trailer For New Album 'Dirty Computer'

By Nekea Valentine

Janelle Monae, who once described herself as imagining that she was Dorothy in the Wizard of Oz while growing up, is about to drop her fourth album. Monae who's never been one to be defined by labels, created a teaser for the new album, "Dirty Computer", which she calls "an emotion picture," according to the L.A. Times.

The teaser debuted on Friday, February 16, with a mixture of interesting concepts, including futuristic domiciles, riots and love interests – now that's got our attention! Ms. Monae tells the L.A. Times the synopsis of the trailer is that "they drained us of our dirt and all the things that made us special. And then you were lost, sleeping, and you didn't remember anything at all."

The project is so inspiring and impactful that it's being

promoted by the movie "Black Panther" as a specially chosen preview. Ms. Monae has made no secret about how she feels about this movie since its Hollywood premiere last month.

Although Ms. Monae is not a cast member of "Black Panther", she's been making moves and captivating us with her acting skills by starring in "Hidden Figures" and "Moonlight" – two very high-profile films.

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What Did 'Black Panther' Do?

By Shaun King

The birth of Hip Hop. Michael Jackson's "Thriller" becoming the best selling album of all-time.

The election of Barack Obama as our first Black President.

Colin Kaepernick taking a knee to protest police brutality and injustice in America.

posed and took photos. It was not just a movie, it was a moment of deep pride.

But let me close by talking about the movie. Nothing like it has ever been done before. Not just with a Black superhero, but with several Black superheroes. Black Panther had a whole cast of beautiful Black brilliance. Black scientists. Black Presidents. The style. The technology. The color.

But it's even deeper than that. There is a movement we call Afro-Futurism, where we imagine a Black way of life free of white supremacy and bigotry. Black Panther, I think, is the first blockbuster film centered in Afro-Futurism, where the writers, and directors, and makeup and wardrobe team imagined a beautiful, thriving Black Africa without colonialism.

Wakanda showed us our families in one piece. No war on drugs. No mass incarceration. No KKK. No lynching. No racial profiling. No police brutality.

In this world, Tamir Rice and Trayvon Martin get to grow up. Sandra Bland and Erica Garner are still alive. It's an alternate parallel universe where we win and we rule.

Our traditions and culture have not been destroyed. We have beautiful rituals and rites of passage.

And even though it's 2018, and we're all getting old, nothing like this has ever been done before. I found myself fighting back tears several times throughout the film and moments that I don't think were even supposed to be emotional. It was just so damn beautiful.

Listen, go see it again. I'm going to go once just with my wife and even go back again with my whole family. Let's make this moment last.

'Black Panther' Brings In A Record-Breaking Box Office Week-End

By Frank Pallotta
CNN Money

"Black Panther," Marvel's first film directed by an African American, brought in an estimated \$201.8 million for its three-day debut in North America this weekend. That's the fifth biggest opening of all time.

The opening for the film starring Chadwick Boseman and Michael B. Jordan did not just shatter expectations, it broke multiple box office records too.

It blew away the record for the largest opening for an African American director. That belonged to F. Gary Gray and "The Fate of the Furious," which opened to \$98 million last April.

Disney estimates that the film will bring in \$235 million domestically for the four day (President's Day) holiday weekend. The film brought in

an opening of more than \$360 million around the world before revised estimates. Final global totals will be announced on Tuesday, according to the studio.

"Black Panther" also shattered the record for an opening in February, which belonged to "Deadpool," the R-rated superhero film from 20th Century Fox that brought in \$132 million when it opened in 2016.

It is the second biggest opening for a Marvel Studios film, behind 2012's "The Avengers." It out paced other huge hits like "Avengers: Age of Ultron," "Captain America: Civil War" and "Iron Man 3." It is the studio's 18th straight number one opening.

The record-breaking weekend is a watershed moment for Hollywood. With "Black Panther" reaching box office heights that have eluded other African American titles, the film's totals could impact

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WESTERN BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE HOLDS ANNUAL J.W. WILLIAMS LECTURE . . . On Thursday, Feb. 15, Western Baptist Bible College held its annual John W. Williams Lecture Series on Christian Education. It was named in honor and memory of Dr. John W. Williams who was a long-time pastor of the St. Stephen Baptist Church, Kansas City, Mo. He was a highly acclaimed clergyman, evangelist and sought after speaker throughout the United States. He was an instructor at Western. The guest speaker was Rev. Dr. Desmond C. Lamb, of the Forest Grove Baptist church, Kansas City, Kas. Dr. Stanley L. Counts Sr., is the senior professor and Chapel chairman; Dr. Thad Jones, president; Dr. Sandra Jones, Dean of Academics; Dr. Samuel Nero, president of the Board of Trustees; and Dr. I.B.S. Groves Jr., 1st Vice President of the Board of Trustees.

Man, 20, Charged In Fatal Beating

A 20-year-old Kansas City man has been charged in the fatal beating and stomping of Juan Marin, whose body was found on January 16, 2017, on Admiral Blvd., Jackson County Prosecutor Jean Peters Baker said.

Caleb B. Patterson faces murder 1st degree.

According to court

records, Kansas City police responded on the morning of January 16, 2017, to the 1200 block of Admiral Blvd., on an ambulance call. Officers found the victim, later identified as Juan Marin.

He showed signs of multiple blunt force injuries. In September 2017, Patterson was discovered to be

talking on a recorded jail telephone system and describing why he "couldn't stop hitting" the victim because "it felt good to let some anger out."

A witness told police that Patterson also took him to the scene of the murder and showed the body of the victim. He told that witness he killed the victim.

Prosecutors requested a bond of \$300,000.

K.C. Man, 29, Charged In Double Fatality Vehicular Crash On 71 Highway

A Kansas City man has been charged with two counts of murder 2nd degree in connection with the vehicular deaths of Laura and Ryan Humphrey early on November 11, 2017 near Interstate 435 and U.S. 71 Highway, Jackson County Prosecutor Jean Peters Baker said.

Preston E. Moore faces two counts of murder 2nd degree, DWI and Driving While Revoked.

According to court records, the Humphreys were driving northbound on U.S. 71 at Interstate 435 after 2 a.m. when they crashed with a vehicle driven by Moore. They sustained deadly injuries and Moore also was injured. Witnesses told police that the vehicle driven by Moore was traveling

southbound in the northbound lanes at a high rate of speed. An open liquor bottle was found in the vehicle driven by Moore. Toxicology results showed Moore with an elevated level of ethanol. Moore has a previous DWI conviction.

Prosecutors have requested a bond of \$100,000.

Marking Black History Month, Sen. McCaskill Honors Buffalo Soldiers

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Honoring their brave service to their country this Black History Month, U.S. Senator Claire McCaskill is the legacy of the Buffalo Soldiers, as well as their history as the country's first national park rangers, with the introduction of a bi-partisan U.S. Senate Resolution.

"The sacrifices these brave Soldiers endured for their country -- a coun-

try that saw them as second-class citizens at the time -- are truly remarkable," Sen. McCaskill said. "As we celebrate Black History Month, I'm proud to honor the service, heroism, and a legacy that lives on as a uniquely American story."

Sen. McCaskill co-sponsored a bipartisan Senate Resolution that honors the dedication and courage of the Buffalo Soldiers

and recognizes the Buffalo Soldiers' contributions to military history in the United States, as well as to our the legacy of our National Park System.

In 1948, Missouri native President Harry Truman signed an Executive Order that stipulated equal treatment and opportunity for all African American service members, bringing an end to the Buffalo Soldiers.

Missouri is home

to the Buffalo Soldier Alexander/Madison chapter -- Greater Kansas City/Leavenworth Area 9th & 10th (Horse) Calvary Association and the St. Louis chapter of the National Association of Buffalo Soldiers and Troopers Motorcycle Club.

Sen. McCaskill will send a signed copy of the resolution to both of these organizations.

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Budget Public Hearing On March 1

Citizens are invited to attend a public hearing to be held on Thursday evening, March 1, at 7 p.m., in the Unified Government Board of Commissioners Chambers in the Lobby of the Municipal Office building, 701 North 7th street.

The purpose of this meeting is to seek public comment on budget priorities and

initiatives. Citizens and organizations will have the opportunity to comment on budget priorities and initiatives for the adoption of the Unified Government's revised 2018 and proposed 2019 budgets.

A Citizen and Community Stakeholder Budget Initiative form for the Unified Government budget will be available for

citizens and organizations at the meeting and online at www.wycokck.org.

Packets must be submitted no later than 12 p.m. (noon) Friday, March 30, to the Unified Government Budget office, 701 North 7th Street Suite #510 or via email to rlindsey@wycokck.org.

Community

Development CDBG

As part of this hearing, the public will also have the opportunity to comment on the 2018-2019 Community Development budget. The purpose of the public hearing is to receive public comment on the One Year Action Plan and other program initiatives.

The Unified Government of Wyandotte County/Kansas City, Kansas will make reasonable accommodations to qualified individuals with disabilities. If accommodations are needed for a disability, contact the Human Services Department 48 hours in advance at (913) 573-5024.

Area Agency On Aging Provides Information On Tax Assistance

The following information is offered by the Aging and Disability Resource center as a courtesy. All questions or concerns regarding the locations, times of service or filing requirements should be directed to the participating organization.

AARP Foundation Tax-Aide offers free, individualized tax preparation for low to moderate income taxpayers especially

those 50 and older. Should you need more information regarding the AARP Tax Assistance Program, please contact AARP at 1-866-389-5627.

The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program offers free tax help to people who generally make \$54,000 or less, persons with disabilities and limited English speaking taxpayers who need assistance in preparing their own

tax returns.

IRS-certified volunteers provide free basic income tax return preparation with electronic filing to qualified individuals. Visit www.irs.gov.

VITA Tax Sites

Catholic Charities
2200 Central Avenue
Kansas City, Kansas
Thursdays (4 p.m. - 8 p.m.) and Saturdays (9 a.m. - 2 p.m.)

KCKCC - Flint building, Room 3632
7250 State Avenue
Kansas City, Kansas
Wednesdays (5 p.m. - 8 p.m.) and Saturdays (9 a.m. - 12 p.m.)

AARP Tax Sites

Kansas City, Kansas
City Hall
701 North 7th Street
Kansas City, Kansas
Mondays (9 a.m. - 2 p.m.)
(913) 295-8250 - Option #4

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Northeast Area Master Plan Community Meeting Scheduled For March 13

Kansas City, Kansas residents are invited to participate in the third community meeting to discuss the Northeast Area Master Plan on Tuesday, March 13.

The meeting will be held at the Bertram Caruthers Elementary School gymna-

sium, 1100 Waverly Avenue.

Meeting 1 will be held at 12 p.m.

Meeting 2 will be held at 6 p.m.

At the last meeting, three Early Action Projects were selected:

• Further explore the cooperative

community-owned grocery model, and invite experts to the community to teach us how it's done (31 votes)

• Work with Youth-Build on rehab of homes on a "model block" identified by

community (17 votes)
• Develop program for health services at Quindaro Community Center clinic space, and identify willing service providers (15 votes)

On February 6, a steering committee

meeting was held with the consultant team, two new community liaisons, and various stakeholders.

For information, contact the Unified Government's Urban Planning department.

First Baptist Church of Quindaro
3030 Farrow Kansas City, KS
913-621-4510
Rev. Lemuel E. Wynn Pastor
Sunday, February 25, 2018

Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
TUESDAY
Youth Ministries 6:00 p.m.
WEDNESDAY
Bible Study 6:45 p.m.
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St. Paul African Methodist Episcopal Church
3074 N. 33rd St. Kansas City, KS

Sunday, February 25, 2018
3:00 P.M.
Special Guests
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And many more

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Rev. Patricia E. Winfrey, Pastor


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Morning Worship 10:00 A.M.
Prayer, M-W-F 6:00 P.M.
Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 P.M.



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Sunday, March 4, 2018

Theme: "This is why it has credited to him as righteousness" Romans 4:22

10:45 A.M. Guest Speaker:

Dr. Joey Crutcher,

Tulsa, Oklahoma

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Apply Now For A KCKCC Foundation Scholarship

The Kansas City Kansas Community College Foundation is pleased to announce the Fall 2018 Scholarship Application is now available.

KCKCC Foundation offers the following scholarships:

Rita M. Ahart Nursing Scholarship - Nursing

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R.A. Long Scholarship -

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Wyandotte High School Class of 1955 Scholarship - Graduate of WHS

Wyandotte County Association of Retired School Personnel Scholarship - Education

In addition, the KCKCC Foundation is pleased to announce a new scholarship for Fall 2018. InTouch Solutions in Lenexa, Kas., recently donated \$1,000 to the foundation to be used for student scholarships in education. Funds were raised during the Diwali celebration at InTouch Solutions in October 2017.

As a result, two \$500 scholarships will be awarded. Criteria

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KCKPD's Spring 2018 Citizens Academy

The Kansas City Kansas Police Department Training Academy is now accepting applications for the Spring Citizens Police Academy, (class # 42), which begins Monday, March 5, and continues through Wednesday, April 25.

The Citizens Police Academy classes are held twice a week (usually Monday and Wednesday evenings), from 6 to 9 p.m.

The participants of the Citizens Academy receive lectures and training that our police officers have received and they are instructed by the men and women who work in their respec-

tive fields such as Crime Scene Investigations, SWAT Unit, Bomb Squad, Police Gun Range and much more.

By graduation, the citizens will leave with a better understanding of police operations and the organization. Training topics and dates may change.

The schedule may include a couple of Saturday mornings. Details will be discussed during class.

Qualifications

The minimum age is 18 years old. The Citizens Police Academy is free for residents, business owners or

stakeholders of KCK WYCO. All interested individuals must pass a criminal history background check. The Citizens Police Academy is held at the KCKPD Police Training Academy, 7340 State Avenue (on the KCKCC campus). Interested persons can contact Officer Barajas at the KCKPD Training Academy by calling (913) 596-2059, emailing him at Wbarajas@kckpd.org or, visiting the Police Academy for an application. Seating is limited and is on a first come first serve basis.

The guest speaker at the 10:45 a.m. Service will be Dr. Joey Crutcher from Tulsa, Oklahoma.

The Mt Olive To Celebrate Pastor's Anniversary

The Mt Olive Missionary Baptist church, 1226 Armstrong Ave., Kansas City, Kansas, will celebrate the Fifth Anniversary of its Pastor and First Lady, Rev. Shawn D. and Felicia Smith on Sunday, March 4.

The guest speaker at the 10:45 a.m. Service will be Dr. Joey Crutcher from Tulsa, Oklahoma.

St. Paul A.M.E. To Hold Black History Program Sunday

St. Paul African Methodist Episcopal Church, 3074 N. 33rd St., Kansas City, Kansas, will have their Black History Musical on Sunday, Feb. 25, at 3 p.m. Their special guests will be Jerome Watson, Antonio Dyer Sr., Dimitrius Davis, New

Era GQ, Warren Jackson and many more. The chairperson is Ms. Sheila Guess and the Pastor is Rev. Patricia E. Winfrey.

Mt. Zion Baptist To Hold Annual Youth Month Celebration

Mt. Zion Baptist church, 417 Richmond Ave., Kansas City, Kansas, will have their Annual Youth Month Celebration on Sunday, February 25. Morning Worship will be at 10:55 a.m. and the guest speaker is Carla Wilson, Athletic Director, University of Missouri, Kansas City.

The chairperson is Christopher Sample and the co-chairpersons are Marshay Willingham and Julia Randle.

The Youth Choir Annual Musical will be presented at 5:30 p.m. The music director is Kiambu Houston and the senior pastor is Rev. Dr. C. L. Bachus.

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Trump Supporting Black Pastor Running For U.S. Congress To Take Trey Gowdy's Seat

Pastor Mark Burns of South Carolina's Harvest Praise and Worship center is banking on his relationship with President Donald Trump as he runs for the House seat of Trey Gowdy, who is retiring from Congress.

"The president loves me," Burns, a member of President Donald Trump's evangelical advisory council, told Greenville News after announcing his bid.

Burns, of a church in Easley, added that he fully backs Trump's focus on controlling illegal immigration and improving national security. As a black candidate, he continued, he can raise issues that white politicians shun away from.

A campaign video posted to his website highlights that Burns was labeled by Time Magazine as "Donald Trump's Top Pastor."

"Candidate Trump gave me the the plat-

form to begin to speak," he said in the media interview. "The White House is fully aware at the highest level of my candidacy... I can't speak for the president, but I have zero reason whatsoever as to why the president would not be coming down to help me here in South Carolina."

Burns, of a church in Easley, added that he fully backs Trump's focus on controlling illegal immigration and improving national security. As a black candidate, he continued, he can raise issues that white politicians shun away from.

"This politically correct society in which we live in and this racial divide that we are in — it has given me the voice to say the things that white politicians want to say, used to be said, but they are afraid of being labeled a racist or a bigot," he said. "I am a black man in the deep South saying the things needs to be said that is going to raise the economic value of not just minorities but low-income Americans in general. Because what happens in poor black communities oftentimes happens in poor white communities."

"I believe that we could do the same thing with children. We need to be protecting our children ... I

believe if we federalize the protection of our children and Congress acts upon this and makes sure that our children across this nation [it would be a step in the right direction]," Burns said. "We don't want to turn our schools into prisons ... not every school district can afford protection, but we need to be making sure that our children are protected in America."

KCKCC Scholarships

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includes:

• Students must be enrolled in an education program as determined by a KCKCC degree plan (early childhood, elementary or secondary education).

• Applicant may not hold a previous degree or certificate

• Student must have 80 or fewer college credit hours

• Minimum 3.0 GPA

The KCKCC Foundation Scholarship Application, Scholarship Criteria and On-

line Instruction Sheet can be found on the Foundation webpage at www.kckcc.edu/foundation/scholarships.

Complete applications and required documentation for non-TEC scholarships are due to KCKCC Foundation on or before Sunday, April 1, 2018. TEC Scholarship Applications are due on or before Monday, April 23, 2018.

Submit your application as soon as possible so you can be

notified if additional information or documentation is needed.

Applications received with missing information or required documentation on the deadline date will not be reviewed by the Scholarship Committee. Applications and documentation can be submitted by email at foundation@kekcc.edu or delivered to our office on Main Campus, Mathematics 3500.

A campaign video posted to his website highlights that Burns was labeled by Time Magazine as "Donald Trump's Top Pastor."

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Sunday Church School.....	9:30 a.m.
Sis. Karen Fisher, Supt.	
Morning Worship.....	11 a.m.
Sermon - Pastor Wakes	
Music - Olivet Family Choir	
Prayer Meeting.....	Noon Tues.
Choir Rehearsal.....	7 p.m. Thurs.
Usher Meeting.....	4th Thurs. 6:00 p.m.
Bible Study.....	7 p.m. Wed.
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Sunday, February 25, 2018

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Worship Service.....	11:00 a.m.
Wednesday Bible Study	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Prayer Meeting.....	7:00 p.m.
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Bible Study/Prayer Meeting	7:00 PM
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Dr. R.L. Baynham

Sunday, February 25, 2018

7:30 a.m.....Early Morning Service

9:30 a.m.....Sunday School

10:45 a.m.....Morning Worship

Sermon-Pastor Baynham

Music - Mass Choir; Gospel Choir

7:00 p.m. Wednesday.....Prayer Meeting

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Mt. Calvary Baptist Church

1401 N. 8th St., Kansas City, Kas.

Sunday, February 25, 2018

"The Church Where Christ Reigns"

Order of Service	Sunday School
9:30 a.m.....	Mrs. Willie M. Scott, Supt.
11:00 a.m.....	Morning Worship
Sermon - Pastor	
Music - Youth Choir	
Wednesday	
6:15 p.m.....	Bible Study
7:30 p.m.....	Prayer Meeting; Mission Society Meeting

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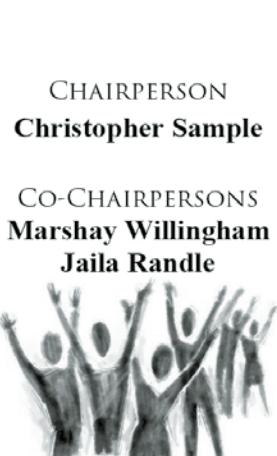
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10:55 AM

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Psalm 145: 3-4



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Carla Wilson
Athletic Director
University of Missouri
Kansas City



Rev. Dr. C. L. Bachus, Senior Pastor
417 Richmond Ave. * Kansas City, Kansas

YOUTH CHOIR

ANNUAL MUSICAL

5:30 PM

"Freedom"



John 8:36

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WEEK OF FEBRUARY 23 - MARCH 1, 2018

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EARLINE BESSIE
LEE WELLS
Sunrise:
June 30, 1950
Sunset:
February 22, 2013

It's been 5 LONG
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So lonesome
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We love you and
miss you extremely!
See you in heaven!

Forever yours,
Shell, Dell, Twinkle,
Grandbabies, and the
Wells Family

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NIKIA "NIKKI"



NIKIA DEANN
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February 26, 1979

I love you,

From all of Us,
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Mia, John D. &
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MEMORY ON
YOUR 45TH
BIRTHDAY



BILLIE
SANDERS JR.
Sunrise:
February 15, 1973
Sunset:
April 27, 2013

So many happy
memories Son
coming flooding
back today of
Birthdays
Celebrations
Before you went
away. But now your
smile is missing,
replaced with
birthday tears
You may not be here
with us, but I can
feel your presence
looking down on
us celebrating your
birthday Son
The way we always
do by releasing
balloons on your
special day.

We will always
remember those
precious memories
of your love.

Missing my Angel
from Heaven



HAPPY BIRTHDAY
TO MY SON



DOUGLAS W.
JOYNER (SHOTE)
Sunrise:
February 22, 1954
Sunset:
January 19, 2000

Another year gone by.
Miss you and Love
you.
Mother, Helen J. Kimble

IN LOVING
MEMORY



KELSEY JONES
(PUMPKIN PIE)
February 9, 1988
January 21, 2000

Greatly missed by
Your Father, Joe
and your
Brother, Marcus.



REBECCA MAE
STEWART
Rebecca Mae Stewart,
born March 15,
1936 in Kansas City,
Mo. She departed this
life February 18, 2018
in Kansas City, Mis-
souri.

She received her
education at R. T.
Coles High school,
and began her career
at a Licensed Care-
giver and later found
her calling caring for
mentally and physi-
cally disabled people.
She worked for the
Good Shepherd, Mey-
ers and New Horizon
until she retired in the
early 2000's.

She was the mother
of three children Sam-
uel, Michael and Traci
McCarthy. Samuel and
Traci preceded her in death. Rebecca
was the rock of her

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An "In Memoriam" is a simple, effective, dignified way of informing friends and associates that certain days are ones of special and deep meaning to you.

family and was deeply loved by her children and grandchildren and she loved her babies.

She leaves to cherish her memories; one son Michael McCarthy of Kansas City, Mo., Grandchildren, Raymond (Sara), Ebony (Antonio), Brittany (Sergio) and Santia McCarthy all of Kansas City, Mo. great-grandchildren; Deone and Amara McCarthy and Alyssa McCarthy-Trigg.

Services will be held Thursday, March 1, 2018, 12 noon at Watkins Heritage Chapel, visitation 11 am until service time. Interment in Forest Hill Cemetery.

also served in leadership roles throughout the non-profit community.

He is survived by his precious family: wife Rita Boyd, children Derrick Bonds (Nicole), DeJuan Bonds (Rashida), Davica Walker (Martin), Alfred "Gene" Boyd (Joslyn), and Tiara Dixon (Byron), grandchildren Sadie, Micah, Mahdiah, Malachi, Meyah, Zuri, Zane, Triston, Alister, Lydia and Amaya; and a host of other dear loved and friends.

Funeral services were Monday, February 19, 11 a.m. at Evangel church. Interment Leavenworth National Cemetery. Services conducted by Duane E. Harvey Funeral Directors. Condolences may be shared on our website.



ALBERTA
ROBERSON

Alberta Roberson, 74, was born July 5, 1943 to proud parents Jim and Ira B. Carey in Moorsport, Louisiana. She confessed Christ as her Savior at an early age and was baptized at New Zion Baptist Church. She received Herdon High School where she was a part of the girls basketball team and the student of honor, graduating in 1962. After graduation, she worked in the school system as a cook.

In 1965, she moved to Kansas City and met John Roberson Sr. who had five children from a previous marriage. The couple joined together as husband and wife, and raised seven children. While raising their family, Alberta worked as a nurse's aide at Riverscene Nursing home until 1973 and in the environmental aide department of St. Luke's hospital until receiving her training certificate as a surgical instrument technician. She then transferred to the operating room to assist surgeons until retiring in 1995. She later worked for St. Joseph Hospital until her final retirement in 2006.

Ms. Roberson was a member of Travelers Rest Baptist church from 1968-1999. She united with Oak Grove Missionary Baptist church where she served on the usher board and was an active member of Sunday school and the Women's Mission. She enjoyed the Women's Annual Conference meetings when they traveled from state to state. Alberta also enjoyed reading, traveling, family gatherings during the holidays and get-togethers.

She departed this life on Wednesday, February 14, 2018 at her home. She was preceded in death by her parents, Jim and Ira B. Carey; brothers, Felix H. Carey and William E. Carey; sister, Bessie L. Carey; and John H. Roberson II.

To cherish her memories are four sons, Bryan Roberson, Bruce Roberson (Tracy), John Samuel Roberson III (Valerie) and Bobbie Joe Roberson; three daughters, Johnetta Yearangs (Travis) and born to this union, Delores James (Darryl) and LaTisa Henderson (LeRoy); two brothers, John Edward Carey and James Boss Carey; two sisters, Delores Robertson and Henrietta Carey; five nephews, Johnny Ray Carey, Cornelius Carey, Thomas Carey, Christopher Carey and Myron Carey; one niece, Frances Groves; a very close family friend, Donald Dottie; twenty grandchildren, fifteen great grandchildren, and many other nephews, nieces, relatives and friends.

Funeral services were Tuesday, February 20, 11 a.m. at Oak Grove Missionary Baptist church. Interment Floral Hills Cemetery. Services conducted by Duane E. Harvey Funeral Directors. Condolences may be shared on our website.

Family meant everything to Sims. His family and friends will have stories to share about him for a lifetime. He went above and beyond to help those he loved. If he cared about you he made sure you knew. Whether that was lending a helping hand, giving you a big hug and kiss on the cheek, attending special events, cooking you his greens, oxtails, or chili, giving you a card or gift, or just simply being that open ear. He was always present no matter what.

Sims was and still is an amazing father. Anyone who knew Derrick, knew that he loved his girls (Kalia, D'Angela, and Dia). He would do anything to protect them. He always wanted to see a smile on their face, and if you were the cause of a frown be prepared to meet Mr. Sims. He also took great pride in being a Papa to Kyah, Londynn, Emerson, and Masen.

He had an infectious smile and laugh that would light up the room. He never met a stranger, and always welcomed anyone with open arms. He was a SHARP and FLY dresser. He always kept up with his appearance no matter where he went. He and his father often competed to see who wore the sharpest suits and hats. You would often see him straightening up his father before they would take a picture dressed in their Sunday's best. There was always a competition between the two.

Sims will be truly missed, but his spirit will live on forever. We are grateful for the years we got to spend with him. We are blessed to have a Guardian Angel that will ensure we keep a smile on our face.

He was preceded in death by his paternal and maternal grandparents, brother Dwayne Sims, and godparents Napoleon and Esther Smith.

Derrick leaves behind to cherish his memories: his daughters Kalia McKinley of Houston, TX, D'Angela Johnson (Marcus), and Dia Sims; parents Rev.

Leslie Sims, Sr. and Deloris Sims; brother Leslie Sims, Jr.; sister Donna Barnes (Hon. Jerome House Rep - 28th District); grandchildren Kyah, Emerson, Londynn and Masen; the woman with the key to his heart Karen Sims; god sister Ebony Nolden; cousin and confidant Angela Faye Sampson; three lifelong friends Anthony Barnes, Elliott Smith and Rocky Hughes; and his loving uncles, aunts, nephews nieces, and numerous loved ones.

Pastor Bradley was deeply loved and will be greatly missed by his family, friends and loved ones.

Funeral services Friday, February 23, 11 a.m. at Friendship Baptist church. Interment Mt. Moriah Cemetery. Visitation 9 a.m. with Alpha Phi Alpha at 10:15 a.m. at the church. Services conducted by Duane E. Harvey Funeral Directors. Condolences may be shared on our website.



PASTOR QUINCY
BRADLEY

Pastor Quincy Dudley Bradley, 67, passed away on February 14, 2018 at Overland Park Regional. He was born September 19, 1950 to the late Alice Bradley in Little Rock, Arkansas. He attended grade school in Grady, Arkansas and later moved to Kansas City, Missouri where he attended and graduated from Paseo High School.

On February 13, 1988 Quincy joined in holy matrimony to Patricia Thomas and the two became one for thirty-three years. They had a wonderful marriage, a loving relationship, and an eminent friendship until he went home to be with the Lord. From this loving relationship 11 children were united and nurtured.

Pastor Bradley professed his hope in Christ at an early age under the leadership of the Pleasant Grove Baptist Church in Grady Arkansas. After relocation to Kansas City, Missouri he joined Faith Mission Church of God in Christ under the leadership of the late Pastor Hubert Lambert Sr. who ordained him as a minister of the gospel.

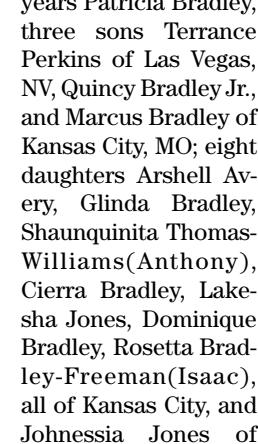
Under the guidance of his mother Evangelist Alice T. Bradley and the Faith Tabernacle Ministry he continued his walk of faith and carried out his ministerial calling. In 1997 he accepted the responsibility and calling to become Pastor of New Day Tabernacle Ministry where he served faithfully until his death. This "made from scratch ministry" as one of his good friends Pastor Sedell Campbell called it turned into his life, his love, and his compassion to be no ordinary preacher/pastor but one who pleased God.

From the upkeep and maintenance of the facility to the preaching and teaching of the word, he spent countless of hours studying to make sure his parishioners received the utmost truth concerning the word of God and God's love toward them.

He touched the lives of so many people through his preaching, his unique style of singing, his joyful plays of the harmonica, and his words of encouragement. He always had a heart of compassion and love toward anyone he met, and nobody was a stranger to him. As president of the Kansas City Quartet Union he made it his duty to be at every musical event going on, and kept the spirits high within the union.

Pastor Bradley was deeply loved and will be greatly missed by his family, friends and loved ones.

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PASTOR HEZEKIAH
WILLIAMS

Pastor Hezekiah "Hank" Williams, 68, died on February 17, 2018 at his home in Kansas City, Missouri. He was born April 1, 1950 to the late John and Anna Williams in Kansas City, Missouri. He attended grade school in Grady, Arkansas and later moved to Kansas City, Missouri where he attended and graduated from Paseo High School.

On February 13, 1978 Hank joined in holy matrimony to Linda Williams and the two became one for forty years. They had a wonderful marriage, a loving relationship, and an eminent friendship until he went home to be with the Lord. From this loving relationship 11 children were united and nurtured.

Pastor Williams professed his hope in Christ at an early age under the leadership of the Pleasant Grove Baptist Church in Grady Arkansas. After relocation to Kansas City, Missouri he joined Faith Mission Church of God in Christ under the leadership of the late Pastor Hubert Lambert Sr. who ordained him as a minister of the gospel.

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HERMAN LEONARD WYATT, 68, died on February 17, 2018, in Detroit, Mich.

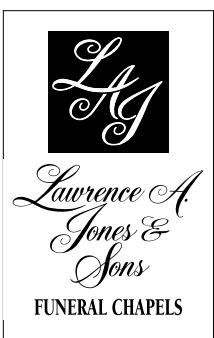
Funeral services will be next Friday, March 2, at 11 a.m., at the Duane E. Harvey Funeral Directors.

Interment, Leavenworth National cemetery.

Visitations will be Thursday, March 1, 2018, from 6 to 8 p.m. and Friday, March 2, 2018, from 10 to 11 a.m. at the chapel.

Services conducted by Duane E. Harvey Funeral Directors. Condolences may be shared on our website.

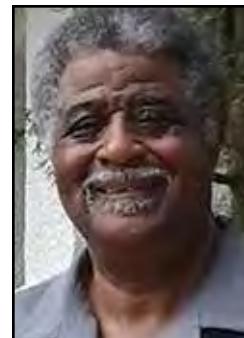
Arrangements were incomplete for Marilyn Maples.



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JEFF HALL

Jeff Hall, 68, died on February 13, 2018, at St. Luke's Hospice house.

He was born on February 29, 1949, in Gould, Ark., to the union of James Jr. and America Hall.

He was preceded in death by both parents, and three brothers, Charlie, Bernard, and Luddie.

Hall lived in the Kansas City area most of his life. He was educated in the Gould, Ark., Public schools.

He worked at Perk Dog Food company in Kansas City, Mo. He later started working for St. Luke's hospital and worked for 30 years until he retired.

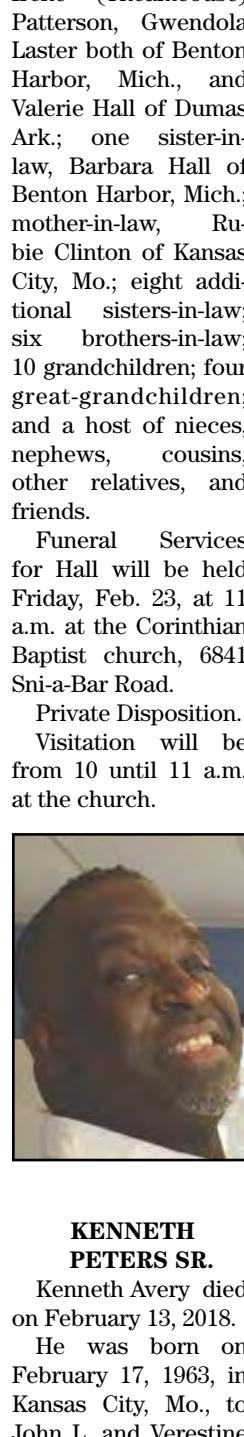
He enjoyed being around family and friends cooking dinner for them. He loved people. He also enjoyed exterminating and cutting grass.

He leaves to cherish his memories, his wife of 20 years, Veronica Hall; three sons, Kenneth R. Tillman of Gould, Ark., Jeffrey Hall and Arty Tuggle of Kansas City, Mo.; two daughters, Terri Hall and Sandra Hall of Kansas City, Mo.; two stepdaughters, Erica (Charles) Poke and Richelle Tuggle; five brothers: Jerry (Linda) Hall of Kansas City, Mo., Frankie and Eddie Hall of Kansas City, Kas., Detrick Hall of Dumas, Ark., and Milton Hall of Star City, Ark.; six sisters: Viola Hunt, Naomi Jasper, Lottie Jones all of Kansas City, Kas., Irene (Theameouse) Patterson, Gwendola Laster both of Benton Harbor, Mich., and Valerie Hall of Dumas Ark.; one sister-in-law, Barbara Hall of Benton Harbor, Mich.; mother-in-law, Robbie Clinton of Kansas City, Mo.; eight additional sisters-in-law; six brothers-in-law; 10 grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives, and friends.

Funeral Services for Hall will be held Friday, Feb. 23, at 11 a.m. at the Corinthian Baptist church, 6841 Sni-a-Bar Road.

Private Disposition.

Visitation will be from 10 until 11 a.m. at the church.



KENNETH PETERS SR.

Kenneth Avery died on February 13, 2018.

He was born on February 17, 1963, in Kansas City, Mo., to John L. and Verestine Peters. He was the youngest sibling of the family, affectionately call "Tom" by his father.

He was preceded in death by his father, John L. Peters.

He was baptized at an early age. He was a member of the Progressive Baptist church in Kansas City, Mo., and sang in the

Choir.

He attended Greenwood Elementary school and graduated from East High school in the Class of 1981. He attended and received his Associates Degree from Penn Valley Community college.

Peters Sr., started a long and illustrious career at Penn Valley Community college in Kansas City, Mo. He held numerous positions while working there. After 30 years, he retired from Penn Valley Community college in 2016. Penn Valley presented him with a grand retirement celebration. While at Penn Valley, he met many colleagues and made many friendships.

He also worked many years at the Hyatt Regency Hotel of Kansas City, Mo. He loved to travel. By working for the hotel industry, he was able to take wonderful trips. While working for the Hyatt, he was awarded many commendations. On one occasion, he received "Employee of the Year". With this award he won an all-expense paid trip for two, one he chose the beautiful Islands of Hawaii as his destination. After the Hyatt became Sheraton Hotel, he continued to work for them until his passing.

Peters Sr., was a great singer, actor, and story teller. When telling his stories, they were filled with animation and sound effects. When he concluded, you would be doubling over in laughter. With his bass voice, he had a hearty laugh that was contagious. He was a great entertainer. He loved getting the family together for different celebrations. He always made certain there was enough food for everyone. He was a very generous and giving man. No one was a stranger to him and he would be your friend for life. He was loved by all that encountered him.

He leaves to his mother, Verestine Peters; his son, Kenneth A. Peters, Jr.; siblings: Terraine Murphy, Michelle Armstrong, Ronna Kay Peters, Rickey (Karen) Peters, and Kathy Peters; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Funeral Services for Peters Sr., will be held Saturday, Feb. 24, at 11 a.m. at the New Vision Christian church, 9101 Blue Ridge Blvd.

Interment, Forest Hill cemetery.

Visitation will be from 9 until 11 a.m. at the church.

NOTICES

Funeral Services for ALTISHA POLK will be held Monday, Feb. 26, at 11 a.m. at the East Independence Church of Christ, 2020 Hwy. 291 South, Independence, Mo.

Interment, Leavenworth National cemetery.

Visitation will be from 10 until 11 a.m. at the church.

Graveside Services for NINA M. BROWN will be held Saturday, March 3, at 11 a.m. at Brooking cemetery, 10004 E. 53rd St. Raytown, Mo.

Funeral Arrangements were incomplete for the following: Ruby Anderson, Carl Brown, Marcelena Holder, Julia Van Leggett, Victor Barker, and Theodore Howard.

She leaves to cherish her memory, her sweet, loving, devoted mother, Ann Bridgewater of Kansas City, Kas.; sister, Frana'nd Bridgewa-

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She leaves to cherish her memory, her daughter Varonda Taylor-Allen; her granddaughter, Mi-asya Jones; her grandson, Jermar Allen; her brother, Elder Chester (Jodie) Gray; and a host of nieces, nephews, and friends.

Funeral Services for Mrs. Gray Taylor will be held Saturday, Feb. 24, at 11 a.m. at the New Home Church of God in Christ, 3045 Forest Ave.

Interment, Forest Hill cemetery.

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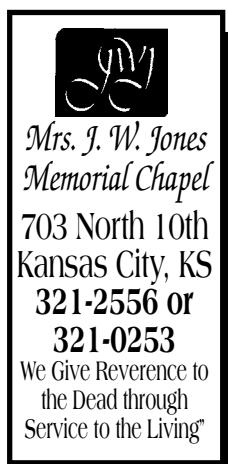
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J. MAE STARR

J. Mae Starr died on Thursday, Feb. 8, 2018.

She was a virtuous woman, a devoted mother and faithful wife. She was born on June 11, 1943, in McGehee, Ark., to Henry and Callie Calhoun.

She was raised and received her education in Kansas City, Kas.

She had a successful career at the J.C. Penney Distribution center, achieving numerous commendations and accolades prior to retiring from the company in 2008.

She was united in marriage to her soul mate, Walza Ray Starr Sr., on June 28, 1964. Under this covenant partnership they reared eight children.

Mrs. Starr was unwavering in her dedication to foster a Christian home filled with love, joy and strong family values. Sharing family time with her husband and children was the priority for her. Her care for her family was the personalization of a Proverbs 31 Woman, a wife of noble character...and far more than rubies. Her husband had full confidence in her and lacked nothing of value. She brought him good all the days of his life.

Her children arise and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her" (Proverb 31: 10-12, 28). Mae will be lovingly remembered and continually celebrated by her entire family.

While Mrs. Starr was taught by her parents to love the Lord early in life, she went on to develop a deep personal relationship with Him. She was a charter member of the Zion Travelers Missionary Baptist church, Kansas City, Kas.

In 1989, She was united in holy matrimony to Joey Ezell. Later the marriage was dissolved.

She decided to go back to Kansas Community college where she received her cosmetology license and became a stylist.

She worked in Dallas, Texas as a dental hygienist, then for the city of Dallas as a payroll clerk. She moved back to Kansas City, Kas., where she worked for AT&T and later retired. She was a jack of all trades.

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She loved traveling, decorating, and cooking. She had an elaborate style for fashion, where she often travelled with her sister, Carol Ann as her assistant buyer.

She was preceded in death by both of her parents; her daughter Earlene Jones, as well as, seven sisters and four brothers.

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She is survived by 25 grandchildren, 31 great grandchildren, 23 great-great grandchildren and three great-great-great grandchildren.

She is also survived by her siblings, Marie Huskey, Lillie Henson, Minnie Cobbins, James Calhoun Sr. (Bessie), Bettie Cubie, Doris Wagner (Carl), Henry Calhoun (Debra), Charles Calhoun (Gaye); and a host of nieces, nephews and her church family.

It is said that it is not the number of years that you live that matter, but the number of lives that you impact for the good that matter most. J. Mae Starr impacted so many people with her quiet, humble, gentle ways. She was a perfect example of a Christian

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nephews, cousins, and even the neighborhood kids. In 2004, she won "Neighbor of the Year" from Swope Community builders. She received "Good Neighbor" award in 2013, for committing to the quality of life in the neighborhood and community. She belonged to the Ivanhoe Neighborhood Association, the local East Patrol in Combat, and the Front Porch Alliance Program, both of which she received awards in 2006, and 2008, for "Yard of the Year."

She had a beautiful smile and caring heart, she was a mother to all. She truly lived life to the fullest. She never met a stranger that she wouldn't give the shirt off her back to. She was always willing to assist where the need was great. Anyone who knew her would consider themselves blessed to be a part of her life.

She is preceded in death by her parents; Buford and Lela Logan; sister, Helen Logan; three brothers, Joshua Logan, Leray Logan, James Logan; husband, Howard Lamont Bettis Sr.; and daughter, Mary Craig.

She leaves to cherish her memories four sisters, Pauline Webster, Mary Ellen Ellingberg, Christina Hawkins, Mary Elizabeth Logan Thomas; two brothers, Buford Logan, Harold Logan; two daughters, Monica Yvette Logan, Yvette Johnson; two sons, Howard Lamont Bettis Jr., Bruce Hodge; seven great grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins; and longtime companion, William Roseberry and others.

Services for Mrs. Williams were held on Wednesday, Feb. 21, 2018, at the Memorial Church International, 11424 Hickman Mills Dr., Kansas City, Mo.

Burial, Forest Hill cemetery, Kansas City, Mo.

Services entrusted to Serenity Memorial chapel. Tel: (816) 599-2939; Fax (816) 321-1891.

Davis); her brothers, Herbert Berry, James Nash, Andre Berry, Tyrone Berry, Carl Berry, and John Berry; and a host of nieces and nephews.

Services for Mrs. Berry were held on Wednesday, Feb. 21, 2018, at the Serenity Memorial chapel, 2510 E. 72nd St., Kansas City, Mo.

Private Disposition

Services entrusted to Serenity Memorial chapel. Tel: (816) 599-2939; Fax (816) 321-1891.



DAVID WILLARD

David "Du Dirt Fadango" Willard was born on November 1, 1978, in Kansas City, Mo., to Cathryn Willard and David Caldwell.

He was preceded in death by his brother, Todd Willard; two uncles, Darrel Willard, John "Doug" Willard

Willard received his GED and later received multiple trades, his favorite being in welding/construction.

He was also a very talented aspiring artist. In late 2017, he attended Ambassadors for Christ in Christ Fellowship under the leadership of Bishop Chris E. Franklin, where he was part of Sunday school, and Bible Study. There wasn't a person that came across Willard that didn't love him when seeing him, he was always full of life and always smiling.

He leaves to cherish his memory his parents, Cathryn Willard of Blue Springs, Mo., and David Caldwell of Columbus, Ohio;

three daughters, Da'Ja Willard, Da'Jon Willard and D'Avion Willard all of Kansas City, Mo.; two grandsons, David Willard II, Da'Von Willard; one brother, Derek Hardin of Kansas City; three sisters, Woj'Tyna Willard of Kansas City, Mo., Sha'Brea Miller (Tacorio) of Blue Springs, Mo., and Ashley Caldwell of Kansas City, Mo.; his grandmothers, Verneice Thompson, and Ethel Mayberry; and a host of aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews. Special relatives, Willie Kelly, Martina Harris, Curtley Murray, Jameahia Brown, Tanja Jones, Dontaus Wiles, Mike Nash, Larry Wilkins, Montez King and Mark "yellow cuz," and one special; friend, Delaiah Hamilton.

Services for Willard will be held on Saturday, Feb. 24, 2018, at 11 a.m., at the Calvary Chapel Church of God in Christ, 5101 Bristol Ave., Kansas City, Mo.

Burial, Brooking cemetery, Raytown, Mo.

Visitation will be from 9 to 11 a.m.

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from 10 a.m. until service time Monday at the church.

Thoughtful care and services provided by E. S. Eley & Sons Funeral Chapel North.



AARON SANDERS JR.

Aaron Sanders Jr., was the second born out of 11 children born to Aaron Sanders Sr., and Mary Alice Hoskin. He was born November 15, 1943, in Kansas City, Mo.

In 1987, he married Geraldine Evans. They had 10 children altogether.

He worked as a Building Engineer from 1987 to 2002. He will be best remembered as being a person with a good heart, always willing to help others and repairing something around the house; but most of all he loved doing yard work and making things look nice.

His mother, Mary Alice Sanders-Hoskin; father, Aaron Sanders Sr.; stepfather, Roosevelt Hoskin; one brother, Alfred Sanders and a sister, JoAnn Hoskin preceded him in death.

He leaves to cherish his memory his wife, Geraldine Sanders; six sons, Ivan Sanders, Ira McCray, Benjamin Evans, Anthony Evans, Johnny Evans and Johnny Sanders; four daughters, JoAnn Evans, April Evans, Kyisha Sanders and Kiara Reece (Antwan); four brothers, Myron Sanders (Bessie), Roosevelt Sanders (Jerrill), Gregory Hoskin and Larry Hoskin; four sisters, Emma Jean Sanders Maxine Sanders, Mary Kay Hoskin and Kimberly Hoskin; and a host of grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins, relatives and friends.

Services for Sanders will be held at on Saturday, Feb. 24, 2018, 11 a.m., at E. S. Eley & Sons Funeral chapel.

Private Disposition. Friends may call from 9 a.m., until service time Saturday at the chapel.

Thoughtful care and services provided by E. S. Eley & Sons Funeral Chapel North.

K. Robinson-Spears both of Kansas City, Mo.; four brothers; three sisters; six grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and a host of other relatives and friends.

Services for Ms. Robinson will be held on Saturday, Feb. 24, 2018, at 3 p.m., at E. S. Eley & Sons Funeral chapel.

Private Disposition.

Friends may call from 2 p.m., until service time Saturday at the chapel.

Thoughtful care and services provided by E. S. Eley & Sons Funeral Chapel North.

(Eric), Brandon Huskey, Destiny Huskey, Marcus Ollie, Mark Huskey Jr., and three great granddaughters, Xavior Ollie, Kylie Ollie, and Alexander Lee Huskey; special friend, Carl White who provided great care and comfort.

Religious Services will be held on Saturday, Feb. 24, 2018, at 11 a.m., at the Antioch Baptist church 1335 Quindaro Blvd., Kansas City, Kas.

Interment, Leavenworth National cemetery, Monday, Feb. 26, 2018 at 11 a.m.

Visitation will be from 9 to 11 a.m.

Arrangements by the Thatcher's Funeral Home Inc.; thatcherfh@sbcglobal.net.



JOHN ADAMS JR.

John Henry Adams Jr., died on February 15, 2018, at home, surrounded by loved ones, under the care of hospice.

He was born to John and Clintonia Adams on December 16, 1918, in Hiawatha, Kas.

The family relocated when John was three to Kansas City, Kas., where he lived out his entire life.

He grew up in the Episcopal church, once serving as an altar boy, and joined the First A.M.E. church the life-long church of his wife of 51 years, Barbara, who he married in 1946.

John's father taught him to operate motion picture projection equipment at age nine. By age eighteen, John was a projectionist at the Regal Theatre and later, the Princess Theatre, for him, a career that spanned more than half a century. He served as Secretary/Treasurer of the then segregated union, Local 170-A and served many movie theatres in greater Kansas City.

Adams Jr., was graduated from Sumner High school in 1936. He was inducted into the U.S. Army in 1942, trained as a Topographic Draftsman, and was assigned to the U.S. Air Force Engineers in California. While attached to the Army Corps of Engineers in Alabama, he qualified for a program to become an Officer Candidate for pilot training. John attended Tuskegee Institute, completed the course work, became a single engine fighter pilot, received his wings and was commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant, assigned to the New 99th Fighter Squadron located in Godman Field, Ky., and later, attached to the 332nd in Waterboro, S.C. He received his honorable discharge in late 1945, as WWII was ending.

Huskey worked diligently in the Construction Industry until retirement.

He professed a hope in Jesus Christ in his early spiritual life.

After moving to Kansas City in 1948, he joined the Mt. Calvary Baptist church. In the early 1960's he then joined the Antioch Missionary Baptist church where he was a long-time member. He was very active with The Trustee Board, The Mass Choir, and The Male Choir.

He recently celebrated being a member of the choir for 43 years. He always was very helpful with the maintenance and upkeep of the church.

Huskey was a man after God's own Heart. He enjoyed sharing his knowledge and wisdom with others. He made it his mission that his children and grandchildren knew about the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

His hobbies included fishing and gardening with his family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his brothers, Willie B. Huskey, Sr., James Otis Huskey; and his daughter, Brenda K. Huskey.

He leaves to cherish his memory son, Mark K. Huskey; grandchildren, Aylania Brantley

the U. S. Postal Service and a 31 year career as a letter carrier, mostly serving the Northeast Kansas City, Kas., Community of Quindaro.

Adams Jr., was an early entrepreneur, earning a Series-6 Certification from the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority and an Electronics Certification from Devry Institute, venturing into mutual funds sales and television repair.

Throughout his life, he would also work as a Lawn Care Professional around the city.

He loved jazz music of the "Swing" era and was a fine pianist. He loved to collect and listen to great jazz music and to dance with his wife, Barbara.

He was preceded in death by his devoted wife, Barbara Jean (Harris) Adams; parents, Clintonia Margarite (Brooks) Adams and John W. H. Adams Sr.; his sisters, Wilma Louise Adams, and Alice Loree Tucker.

He leaves to cherish his memory four sons, John H. Adams III (Karen), of St. Louis, Mo., George Adams (Jo), David Adams (Diana), and Robert "Bobby" Adams; nephew, Duvegaude (Susan) Browne; niece, Tonia (Mark) Saulet; goddaughter, U. Diane Buckingham; eight grandchildren; six great grandchildren; many more relatives and family and friends.

Private Family Memorial Service will be held.

Interment, Leavenworth National cemetery.

Arrangements by the Thatcher's Funeral Home Inc.; thatcherfh@sbcglobal.net.

OBITUARY



ERNEST TAYLOR SR.

Ernest L. Taylor Sr., 95, of Olean, Mo., died on Sunday, Feb. 18, 2018, at the Good Shepherd Nursing home in Versailles, Mo.

He was born on December 16, 1922, in Eldon, Mo., the son of the late Charley R. and Nellie J. (Tucker) Taylor.

On November 10, 1943, in Olean, Mo., he was united in marriage to Helen Theo (Smith) Taylor who survives of the home.

Other survivors include, children, Mary L. Woods of Kansas City, Mo.; James E. "Jim" Taylor (Johnnie) of Eldon, Mo.; Garry E. Taylor (Dixie) of Kansas City, Mo.; Regena L. Holland of Kansas City, Mo.; Erma L. Gunn Taylor of Eldon, Mo.; 17 grandchildren, 48 great grandchildren and 18 great great grandchildren; three sons, Jerome, Ernest Jr., and Wilbert Taylor; four sisters, and five brothers.

Taylor Sr., served in the United States Army. He was a member of the Old Path Baptist church and the Olean Baptist church. He was also a member of the Disabled American Veterans and was past Mayor of Olean, Mo.

He leaves to cherish his memory son, Mark K. Huskey; grandchildren, Aylania Brantley

Visitation will be Saturday, Feb. 24, 2018, from 2 to 4 p.m., at the Phillips Funeral home of Eldon, Mo., with a Memorial Service beginning at 4 p.m., with Brother Bob Hoskins, officiating with Full Military Honors presented by the Eldon VFW Post 2442 following service.

Private Family Interment will be held at Greenridge cemetery at a later date.

Memorials in Ernest's name are suggested to the Greenridge cemetery.

Arrangements are under the direction and care of Phillips Funeral home of Eldon, Mo.

In lieu of flowers monetary donations are welcomed and appreciated. 816-289-4296.

23, 2018, at 12 p.m., at Chapel Hill - Butler Funeral home, 701 N. 94th St., Kansas City, Kas.

Interment, Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens.

Visitation will be from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., at the funeral home.

Condolences may be left at www.chapelhill-butler.com.

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Philander E. Brown died on January 26, 2018.

He was born on December 3, 1947, to Beatrice Brown, who soon died and was reared by his aunt, Lilly May Lafayette (Brown).

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He leaves to mourn his beloved aunts, Lilly May Lafayette and Fannie Brown of Kansas City, Mo. Also saddened are cousins, Donald Lafayette and Terry Brown, both of Kansas City, Mo.; niece, Sherry Arnett of Warrensburg, Mo.; all whom cared for him throughout his life's journeys and illnesses.

Brown will be sadly missed by friends and family, including cousins, Pamela Brown, Connie Brown, Bronia Brown and generations here and around the country.

A private memorial to be held by family.

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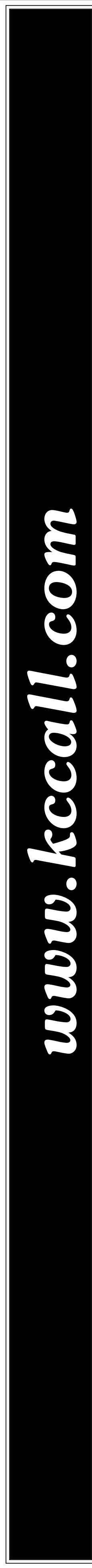
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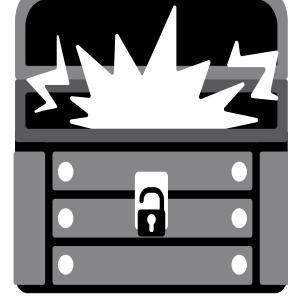
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LeBron James To Laura Ingraham: I Will Not Just 'Shut Up And Dribble'



By Blue Telusma
The Grio

When it comes to politics LeBron James has no intention of shutting up.

Fox News host Laura Ingraham criticized James for sharing his opinions, including the already infamous "shut up and dribble" comment.

Saturday, Feb. 17, the Cleveland Cavaliers star doubled down after NBA All-Star Game practice in Los Angeles about how vocal his is – and will continue to be – when it comes to the state

of race relations in America.

"I will not just shut up and dribble," James said during his media session. "... So, thank you, whatever her name is. ... I get to sit up here and talk about what's really important and how I can help change kids."

James also put a #wewillnotshutupanddribble hashtag on his Instagram account to further make his point.

"It lets me know that everything I've been saying is correct for her to have that type of reaction," James said of Ingraham. "But we will definitely not shut up and

dribble. I will definitely not do that."

"I mean too much to society, I mean too much to the youth, I mean too much to so many kids that feel like they don't have a way out and they need someone to help lead them out of the situation they're in."

Ms. Ingraham released a statement clarifying her comments.

"In 2003, I wrote a New York Times bestseller called, 'Shut Up and Sing,' in which I criticized celebrities like the Dixie Chicks and Barbra Streisand, who were trashing then-President George W.

Bush. I have used a variation of that title for more than 15 years to respond to performers who sound off on politics," Ms. Ingraham said.

"If pro athletes and entertainers want to freelance as political pundits, then they should not be surprised when they're called out for insulting politicians. There was no racial intent in my remarks false, defamatory charges of racism are a transparent attempt to immunize entertainment and sports elites from scrutiny and criticism," she said.

ESPN's Jemele Hill:

Jamie Foxx's Fit Over Katie Holmes ... Bizarre, Unnecessary



ESPN star Jemele Hill says the way Jamie Foxx shut down a live "SportsCenter" interview over a Katie Holmes question was bizarre ... since EVERYBODY knows they're dating!

Ms. Hill's good friend and former "The Six" co-host Michael Smith was the one asking the Katie Holmes

question Friday (February 16) when Foxx stopped the interview and walked off.

Ms. Hill says she and Smith both respect Foxx a lot – but in this particular instance, "I thought he unnecessarily made Mike look bad."

"I thought it was kind of bizarre why he acted that way ... like I thought (Jamie's

relationship with Katie) was pretty public and that everybody knew, but apparently everybody doesn't know."

Ms. Hill has a point – Foxx and Ms. Holmes were sitting together last month at Clive Davis' annual pre-Grammy party – a VERY high profile event. So, it's not like people don't know.

Ms. Hill says the question was not supposed to be hard-hitting journalism – just a joke, fun question in a light-hearted interview about the NBA All-Star game.



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