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Editorial Opinion

The Lessons of Ferguson, Part I: Economic Inequality



NNPA Columnist Marc H. Morial, former Mayor of New Orleans

“The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy.” Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

I am haunted by the words spoken by Lesley McSpadden immediately following the shooting death of her son, Michael Brown, at the hands of Ferguson, Mo. police officer Darren Wilson almost a month ago. She said, “Do you know how hard it was for me to get him to stay in school and graduate? You know how many Black men graduate? Not many. Because you bring them down to this type of level, where they feel like they don’t got nothing to live for anyway.” Lesley McSpadden’s words reflect more than her own deep anguish. They have been echoed by many of Ferguson’s citizens and civic leaders who have rallied for justice since Brown’s killing. They also expose the pervasive problems of joblessness and hopelessness fueling so much of the anger and tension in communities of color across America.

Michael Brown’s death was the spark that ignited a long-smoldering fire in Ferguson; and while the immediate goal of the National Urban League and our affiliate network is the arrest and indictment of Officer Darren Wilson, this column represents the first in a three-part series that aims to examine some of the root causes and identify solutions that must be implemented to avoid crises similar to Ferguson in the future.

Let’s begin with the lack of jobs and the epidemic of unemployment in Ferguson, a city that is 67 percent Black. The National Urban League’s 2014 “State of Black America Report” found that the St. Louis metro area, which includes Ferguson, had a Black unemployment rate of 19.6 percent and a White unemployment rate of 6.9 percent – resulting in an unemployment Equality Index of 35.2 percent on a 100-point scale.

This level of economic inequality reflects a glaring disparity of opportunity and has created a chasm

of misunderstanding and distrust that is behind much of the violence that has erupted between police and citizens. Four years out of the recession, America’s private sector is expanding, but too many people have been left behind. In fact, many communities like Ferguson are worse off. According to a recent Brookings study, “Between 2000 and 2010-2012, Ferguson’s poor population doubled.”

The National Urban League has long been leading the charge for targeted federal and state action to bring jobs and opportunity to hard-pressed communities across the nation. Our “Jobs Rebuild America” campaign is a \$100 million, five-year effort to engage federal government, business, and nonprofit resources to create economic opportunity in 50 communities across the country through the Urban League affiliate network with a special emphasis on vulnerable youth. In response to the crisis in Ferguson, Vermont Senator Bernie Sanders sent a letter to his Senate colleagues calling for both a thorough federal investigation of the shooting death of Michael Brown and targeted legislation to bring jobs to Ferguson and similar struggling cities. Sanders points out, “There is an economic crisis facing our nation’s youth, particularly young African-Americans. Nationwide, the youth unemployment rate today is more than 20 percent and African-American youth unemployment is nearly 35 percent. The legislation would provide \$5.5 billion in immediate funding to states and localities to employ 1 million young Americans between the ages of 16 and 24.”

At Michael Brown’s funeral service, Rev. Al Sharpton called on the nation and our community to task: “We can’t have a fit, we’ve got to have a movement. We’ve got to be here for the long haul and turn our chants into change, our demonstration into legislation.”

One of the big lessons of Ferguson is the importance of investing in jobs, education and other tools to combat poverty in our communities instead of militaristic weapons for use against our communities. We hope that Washington and America are listening – and preparing to act.

Marc H. Morial, former mayor of New Orleans, is president and CEO of the National Urban League.

Happy Birthday
Elizabeth Rivers
September 15th



The Shooting of Michael Brown

Ferguson, Mo.- The shooting of Michael Brown occurred on August 9, 2014, in Ferguson, Missouri, a suburb of St. Louis. Brown, a young black man, was fatally shot by Darren Wilson, a white police officer. The disputed circumstances of the shooting of an unarmed man and the resultant protests and civil unrest received considerable attention in the United States and abroad.

The incident began when Brown and Dorian Johnson were walking down the middle of the street when Wilson drove up and ordered them to move to the sidewalk. Brown and Wilson struggled through the window of the police car until Wilson’s gun was fired, either intentionally or as a result of the struggle. Brown and Johnson then fled in different directions, with Wilson in pursuit of Brown. Wilson shot Brown six times,

killing him. Witness reports differ as to whether and when Brown had his hands raised, and whether he was moving toward Wilson, when the final shots were fired.

The Ferguson Police Department later released a video of a convenience store robbery which occurred minutes before the shooting. It showed Brown taking cigars and shoving a store employee who tried to stop him from leaving.

The shooting sparked protests and unrest in Ferguson, in part due to the belief among many that Brown was surrendering as well as racial tensions between the majority-black community and the majority-white city government and police. Protests, both peaceful and violent, along with vandalism and looting occurred. Protests still are being carried out with requests for indictment of the officer.

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Charlvin and Loretta Doty return to Jacksonville bringing Kingdom Christian Center

About 79.5% of people in the United States of America identify themselves as Christians according to the Pew Research Center survey conducted in 2013. Only about 39% of those say they actually attend church at least once a week.

Pastor Charlvin B. Doty, in the ministry since his ordination in September 1992, and wife Pastor Loretta Doty pray to improve those numbers locally as they return to Jacksonville opening Kingdom Christian Center.

Pastor Charlvin received a vision for the ministry of Kingdom Christian Center in the early 90s. However, God did not release him to go forth until 2014. God has called him back to his hometown of Jacksonville, Texas with a vision to minister to all by taking the church outside the walls with a special goal to minister to those who currently don't have a church home, and are currently not attending church.

Because he received deliverance through the word of faith, Pastor Charlvin preaches the uncompromised word of God. He demonstrates a sincere compassion for God's people. He has a passion for helping others learn God's plans and purposes for their life. His vision for Kingdom Christian Center is a church that is a cornerstone of the community, that provides vision, direction, hope and inspiration for all. He is committed to his calling as a pastor according to Luke 4:18.

that his service in the ministries of others was done unto God. He served faithfully in almost every area of church ministry from usher to Associate Pastor thoroughly preparing him to provide oversight of Kingdom Christian Center. His wife, Pastor Loretta Doty has served in ministry faithfully alongside Pastor Charlvin for more than 20 years. She is a woman of faith and believes in the power of prayer. She has a passion for ministering to young women in the spirit of Titus 2:4-5, "That they may teach the young women to be sober, to love their husbands, to love their children. To be discreet, chaste, keepers at home, good, obedient to their own husbands....." She also has a heart for married couples and believes that her marriage to Pastor Charlvin stands as a testimony of God's faithfulness. Pastor Loretta graduated from the University of Texas at Tyler with a Bachelor of Business Administration degree in Management. She is a graduate of New Light Christian Center Ministry Development Institute. She is also certified as a Senior Professional in Human Resources (SPHR).

In September Charlvin and Loretta Doty were installed as pastors of Kingdom Christian Center with a large crowd of local well-wishers, family and fellow ministers in attendance. Minister John Morgan of New Light Christian Center Church, Austin was MC and



Local Jacksonville, Texas church pastors offer prayer for the newly inducted pastor of Jacksonville's Kingdom Christian Center.

Apostle J. C. Ebbs of the United Full Gospel Church of Bryan, Texas was the speaker. The Installation ceremony was conducted by Rev. James Peoples, uncle of the Dotys, Pastor of Saint Clark Missionary Baptist Church, Henderson, Texas. He also sang a spirit-filled rendition of "To God Be The Glory". The Praise and worship service was led by the Gift of Love Praise Team who is Lahoma Sanders, Peggy Cartwright, Lisa Thomas, Shannon Peoples, Renee Peoples and Fredico Sanders Musician. A very large following from New Light Christian Center Church of Austin was present in support of Charlvin and Loretta.

"Pastor Doty says," "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to His people. He hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised." Charlvin is a graduate from Park University with a Bachelor of Business Administration degree majoring in Management. He is a graduate of New Light Christian Center Ministry Development Institute.

He has worked for the State of Texas for more than 26 years and works currently as an Asset Manager.

She has worked in the public sector for 29 years. She currently works as a Human Resources Director.

Pastors Charlvin and Loretta became high school sweethearts at Jacksonville High School. They have been married for 31 years. Together they have two children: Tiffani (Donald) and Charlvin Torre' (Adriane). They have one grandson, Charlvin Torian Doty Services hours are: New member training 9:00A.M., Senior Citizen Sunday School 9:00AM, Worship Service 10:00A.M. and Children's Ministry 10:00A. M. All are welcome.



Mother of Loretta Doty, Loretta Doty, Charlvin Doty, and parents Hazel and Charles Doty.



Jacksonville, Texas City Councilman Hubert Roberson presents certificate of Welcome from the city of Jacksonville welcoming the Dotys and Kingdom Christian Center Church.

OBITUARIES

Mr. Johnny Lee Polk

Mr. Johnny Lee Polk was born May 15, 1949 to the parents of Robert L. Polk and Lois Dansby Polk in Cushing, Texas. He graduated from Laneville High School in 1967 and later went into the United States Army.

He was united in holy matrimony to Nelleen Shephard on November 18, 1972 and to this union two children were born, Nina Echa Polk and Jonathan Lamar Polk. Mr. Johnny Lee Polk entered into glory on August 17, 2014 at his residence.

He leaves to celebrate his precious memory his father Robert L. Polk, Cushing Texas, Three daughters: Dementia "San" Wagoner, Annie Reisig both of Tyler, Texas, Nina (Regenald) Dickson, Rusk, Texas; One son: Jonathan Polk of Rusk, Texas, Two brothers: Larry Polk, Nacogdoches, Texas and Harold (Pearl) Polk, of Cushing, Texas; One sister: Ruthie Thompson of Cushing, Texas; Five grandchildren, three great grandchildren, and a host of neices, nephews, and other loved ones. Also a special God daughter, Crystal Mandrell of Rusk, Texas.

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- *Failed in business in 1831
- *Defeated for legislature in 1832
- *Second failure in business in 1833
- *Suffered a nervous breakdown in 1836
- *Defeated for speaker in 1838
- *Defeated for elector in 1840
- *Defeated for Congress in 1843
- *Defeated for Senate in 1855
- *Defeated for vice president in 1856
- *Defeated for Senate in 1858
- *Elected president in 1860

Poetry

Sisters One Saturday Night Under the Stars
by Jill Darden

The ladies ranged in age from 24 to 60
Black women talking about the issues of life.
An ancestral familiarity shined from the sight to my right.
A lady sat in one chair, legs propped up on another, feet crossed, elbow resting and hand caressing her shoulder....She was sensual and beautiful,
not because of skin color or hair texture or body size,
It was too dark in Texas to see that she was beautiful because of her femininity.
Her image projected womanhood. She was warm, open and inviting, relaxed and at leisure, feeling pleasure in the moment.
She was alive and black and listened as the other ladies spoke.
She was pleasant and reminded me of my mother, grandmother whom I have never seen, my great-grandmother as far back as the African lineage goes.
I imagine women sat in that position thousands of years ago.
I like that woman because she is me on the inside after the layers of what is proper and European are peeled away.
She is me in the purest form of womanhood.
She is all of us at our most vulnerable state.

LAST DAY FOR TEXANS TO REGISTER TO VOTE

Battleground Texas Throws Hundreds of Events to Mark Voter Registration Deadline

FORT WORTH -- More than 8,600 deputized Team Wendy volunteers across Texas will be making one last push to register voters today, capping off a weekend of hundreds of registration events spread across Texas. October 6 is the last day for Texans to register to vote in the upcoming election. "People all across the state are really energized about this election," said Jenn Brown, Executive Director of Battleground Texas. "We're talking to a lot of Texans who have never voted before, but want to register now so they can vote for Wendy Davis."

The grassroots organization has been ramping up its voter registration efforts as the deadline neared - holding hundreds of events each week aimed at registering new voters. The group has also put out a series of instructional videos in English and in Spanish, walking eligible voters through the registration process, and allows eligible Texans to fill out a voter registration form via its website. "People across Texas have a courageous candidate who they know will fight for them," said Brown. "Not only is that exciting, but in such a close election, it means that every ballot could be the difference." Voters have until the end of today to fill out a registration form and mail it in, or they can deliver it in person to their county registrar's office. For more information on how to register to vote, or to fill out a voter registration form, visit www.battlegroundtexas.com.

Mrs. Lithana Madkins Session

Funeral Services were held for Mrs. Lithana Madkins Session on Saturday, August 23, 2014 11:30 A. M. at the Woodville C. M. E. Church, Rusk, Texas with the Rev. Phal Carter as Eulogist.

Mrs. Lithana Madkins Session, the only child born to the late Frank and Annie Madkins was born October 5, 1922 in Garrison, Texas. She passed away Saturday, August 16, 2014, in Phoenix, Arizona.

She was raised in the Woodville Community where she attended public school. At an early age she confessed faith in Christ and united with Pleasant Holly Presbyterian church where she was a loyal and faithful member. She was a member of the Order of Eastern Stars.

Lithana was united in Holy Matrimony with Mr. Raymond Session and to this union two sons were born.

She worked for the E. H. Whitehead and Marie Whitehead and Rusk State Hospital for Rusk, Texas.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband and one son Travis Session.

She leaves to cherish her memory a son, Ray Frank (Deloris) Session of Phoenix, Arizona, two (2) grandsons, Michael (Felicia) Session, Rusk, Texas and Juray Session of Richmond California, two granddaughters, Patricia Tucker of Phoenix, Arizona, LaAlacia Session of Richmond, California., several great-grandchildren, several great-great grandchildren, one sister-in law Annie (Findley) Gossette of Berkley, CA; a host of neices nephews, relatives and friends.

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Black Churches, Community and Development

By Omar M. McRoberts

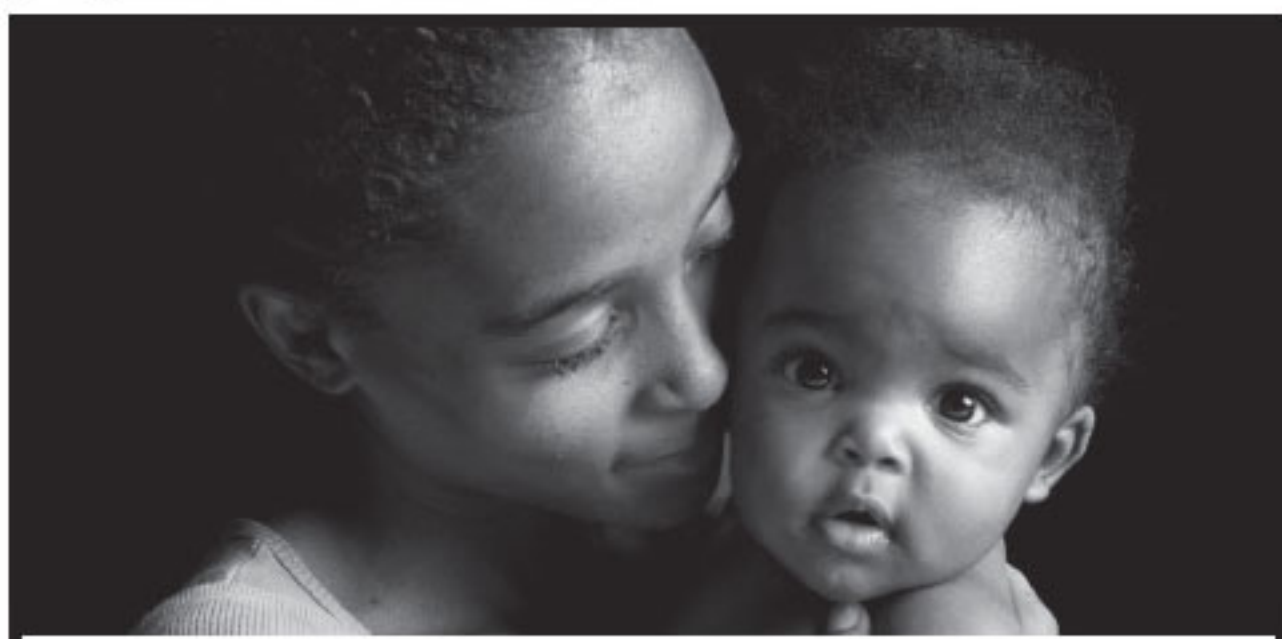
Throughout slavery, blacks formed religious congregations in secret. At that time, the size and composition of black communities were, to a large extent, dictated by the whims of the plantation slave system, and faith-based development meant fighting the great absurdity of slavery with ideas and concrete acts of resistance. It meant, among other things, presenting blacks as full humans, beloved of God and central protagonists in the divine drama

of history, not as sub-humans alien to God and godliness. After the civil war, slavery began to lose some of its power over black social organization, and churches became the not-so-secret centers of black community life. Meanwhile northern blacks openly organized quasi-religious mutual aid societies. During the slave era, "community" referred to populations of precariously free blacks, and development activities promoted cooperative economics, educational advancement, and the abolition of slavery. From these faith-based organizing efforts sprang countless African-American social, economic, and political institutions,

companies, banks, and social service organizations. In at least one case, a mutual aid society gave birth to a formal church and denomination – the Free African Society, founded in Philadelphia by Richard Allen and Absalom Jones in 1787. From its inception, the Society prioritized "community development" in the form of abolitionism and solidarity-building among free blacks. In 1794 the Society spawned the Mother Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church, the flagship congregation of this nation's first independent African-American denomination. Later, the AME denomination formed the first black

leader, Richard Allen, organized several national anti-slavery "Negro Conventions." Bethel and other northern churches also linked to form stations on the Underground Railroad. From the late nineteenth to the middle of the twentieth century, waves of migration brought millions of rural blacks to cities and southern blacks to the north. In response, much of black religious life was reorganized along class, regional, and theological lines. Churches of middle-class blacks, poor blacks, northern blacks, southern blacks, foreign-born blacks, Pentecostal blacks and

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Back to school extravaganza includes backpacks filled with school supplies and encouragement for success



Minister Mertis Bartley III, addresses a crowd of more than 100 children and parents, giving words of encouragement and advice for good behavior.



Marcus Carter and Michael Cook pass out approximately 87 back packs filled with school supplies to Rusk area students and parents.



Children enjoyed the bounce house, water slide and a lunch of hotdogs, chips and drinks.

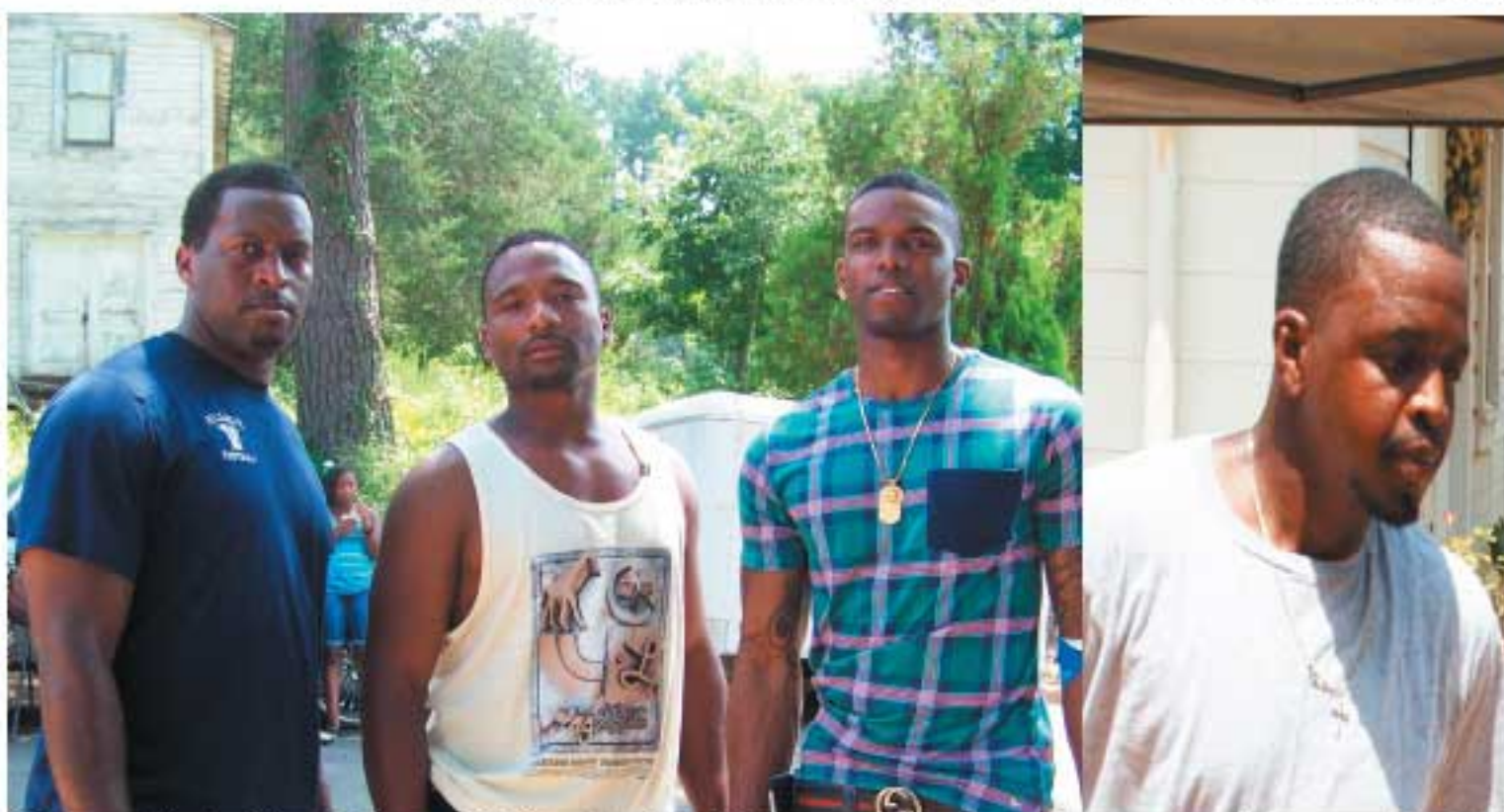
August 12, 2014 brought a day of enjoyment to children and parents as they attended the "Back to School Extravaganza" hosted by Mike "Bubba Lue" Cook with assistance from Marcus Carter, Brown, Curtis Boone and other volunteers. A blood drive was also held in support of Sherrell Dews. The Carter Blood Care Bus was in the parking lot to accept the blood donations.



Volunteers Dana Martin, Pam Benton, Kay Brown, Dorothy Coleman, Kendra Hooper, Wanda Owens, Minnie Hooper and Tangie Hart fill back packs with school supplies, serve snow cones and lunch.



Children and adults lineup as volunteers serve lunch.



Marcus Carter, Curtis Boone, Mike Cook and Brown worked to setup event and prepare food.

G. W. Bradford Alumni enjoy old school picnic



Former students of the Rusk G. W. Bradford school gathered at the Rusk State Park on Saturday, August 16, 2014. The group enjoyed old school music, games of Bid Wis, Spades, food and fellowship. The picnic was held in support of the G. W. Bradford School Reunion which has been held bi-annually since 1987. The event was sponsored by the Rusk, Houston and Dallas Alumni Chapters.

The reunion is held to keep a viable link between those and their families connected to the former school and to keep the history alive.

In 1904 RISD opened the first school for Black children at the Highway 84 west site. It remained there until the 1938-39 school year when it was moved to

the present Bradford Campus site on William Street. George W. Bradford was its first principal. The school was destroyed by fire during the 1942-43 school year. Local churches opened their doors so that the school year could be completed without loss to the students. It was rebuilt in 1943-44. The name of the school was changed to George W. Bradford High School during the 1952-53 school year, to honor its dynamic leader. J. Mayo Wilder was principal at this time.

The Supreme Court decision to end segregated schools caused the school to close at the end of the school year in 1968 with William Ray Meador, Sr. as principal. Volunteers are needed to help plan the 2016 G. W. Bradford reunion.

BREWINGTON BAPTIST CHURCH of AUGUSTA, TEXAS being restored

Brewington Baptist Church was established in the early 1900's as a place of worship for the African Americans in the Augusta Community, which is the oldest community in Houston County. Restoring the church and preserving the church's history were two goals of the committee. As of March 2014 the Texas Historical Commission has declared Brewington Church to be a historical landmark. As of September 1, 2014 structural efforts have started and the church is on its way to having a strong foundation to host events within its walls. Our committee has shown great faith during the past two years and many of you have lifted our efforts up to Jesus in prayer.

This has been a year to remember for us The Friends for the PRESERVATION OF BREWINGTON CHURCH COMMITTEE. So don't forget to save the date (October 12, 2014). Our church, this century old structure is being restored

to its glorious state as I Speak. Hallalujah!

WE are planning a celebratory EVENT to celebrate the rich history of the BREWINGTON MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH where many of the Augusta Community Citizens met and praise the LORD JESUS Christ. Show how much you care by sharing this special invitation with us. Invite your church family, friends and neighbors. Everyone is welcomed to come back and celebrate. There is sure to be something for everyone to shout about in this PRAISE and WORSHIP Celebration Sunday October 12, 2014 at 2:00 PM at the church campus Augusta, Texas. Donations to help pay for the church restorations can be sent to Brewington Baptist Church 9381 FM 228 Grapeland, Texas 75844 Submitted by Ella Curvey Green 130 Variah Street Palestine, Texas 75801 903-729-3949 Thank You

SPORTS Corner

CLASS 2-A: Christian Hammett, Jr., Quarterback/Safety, Mount Enterprise:

Christian Hammett, Jr. named Ford Tough Player of the Week

Mount Enterprise, TX. - Mount Enterprise fans may have become spoiled last week when Christian Hammett debuted under center. The junior quarterback/safety became an instant hero on both sides of the ball during a nail-biting 52-46 win at Warren. Hammett, a backup QB last year, fired five TDs passes of 90, 73, 60, 33, and 31 yards (on 10 completions for 416 yards!) and helped seal the victory when he intercepted a last-ditch heave on the goal line on the last play of the game. When he wasn't avoiding defenders, Christian chipped in with seven tackles from the secondary. Talk about a memorable debut!

The holder of a solid B-average, Christian's mom is a teacher at Mount Enterprise. Hammett is a four-sport standout and competes in track (relays, hurdles), basketball (all-district point guard), and baseball (all-district shortstop). He's Mount Enterprise's fourth Built Ford Tough award winner. The most recent was Josh Leadon in

Week 9 last season. When time permits, he stays involved with his church youth group and the Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

"Christian is a natural leader; the kids gravitate to him," says Coach Holzhauser. "He makes the tough plays look easy and stays in the pocket and can take a hit. He'd have thrown for another 150 yards were it not for a few drops and some penalties. But Christian is a team guy and will take the W any night." including significant game statistics Contribution to the team's success through individual leadership abilities Performance off the field, including academic success and good community citizenship

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The Emotional Toll of Growing Up Black

~by Mariam Wright Elderman



Mariam Wright Elderman

especially Black boys, often discourages and knocks many off the path to high school graduation and college. The cumulative and convergent toll of subtle but discouraging adult actions in schools and other child serving systems

they come into contact with too often impedes the success of children of color, especially those who are poor, and burdens them with an emotional toll they don't deserve. I used to sing loudly with my children and Sesame Street's Kermit the Frog "It's Not Easy Being Green." I can only imagine the number of Black children and adults who sing inside daily "It's Not Easy Being Black." I'm sure that Black youths seeing what happened to Trayvon Martin and Michael Brown and others who lost their lives for walking while Black and those who are stopped and frisked and arrested and victimized by excessive police force carry these burdens inside every day. Even the youngest Black boys, ages 4 and 5, who are put out of school and even preschool for nonviolent disciplinary charges for which White children would never be

Strayhorn spelled out another way Black children are harmed: through disparate resources in the classroom, including textbooks, that hold Black, Brown, and poor students back. He described an experience he had while a professor at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville working with a Knoxville high school that was 97 percent Black. "I found that in this high school these students were learning from textbooks that were at least 10 years old... What exactly are the implications of learning from a textbook that's 10 years old? Well, I'll tell you this: that if you don't catch up too quickly, especially in terms of science, there are certain technological revolutions that have happened at such a fast pace

that they're not even mentioned in the books from which they'll learn—but will certainly be part of the test that they'll take to demonstrate competency to go on to college." As he covered what does work in building a pathway to success, Strayhorn emphasized the need for positive interventions based on proven designs—because in his program evaluation experience he's seen far too many well-intentioned efforts that lacked a measurable impact because good ideas weren't well implemented. He said as an example mentoring programs are especially popular, but many don't provide adequate training: "If I ask everyone at this table, 'Will you be a mentor?,' and you all say yes, and I say, 'Now, go out and mentor,' but never tell you what a mentor is supposed to do, I never tell you how important it is to get to know your mentee." We need to watch out for the subtle as well as the overt ways in which we treat non-White and White children and those who are poor differently. And we need much more diversity in children's literature so that White, Black, Latino, Native American, Asian American, and all children can be exposed to the rich mosaic of America's melting pot to help them see themselves and what they can be.

Mariam Wright Edelman is president of the Children's Defense Fund whose Leave No Child Behind® mission is to ensure every child a Healthy Start, a Head Start, a Fair Start, a Safe Start and a Moral Start in life and successful passage to adulthood with the help of caring families and communities. For more information go to www.childrensdefense.org.

Minister Randy Wiley preaches first sermon



Minister Randy Wiley preached his first sermon at Simpson Chapel of the Tadmor community on the first Sunday in September. He is under the leadership of Rev. Lionell Whitaker, pastor of Simpson Chapel.

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"I see figs," he replied. "The good ones are very good, but the bad ones are rotten." "Yes," said the Lord. "The people who have left Judah and gone to Babylon are like ripe figs. They will repent and I will bring them out of captivity to be my people. But King Zedekiah and the people who remain in Jerusalem will not repent. Editor's NOTE: Judah was one of the two nations into which the United Kingdom of Jerusalem was divided following King Solomon's death in 931 B.C.. Please read the Bible for yourself and not always depend upon your pastor or Sunday School Teacher to do it for you. If you can, join a good bible study group. Research what is happening in Israel right now. If you have not done this and don't know, you are in for a surprise!

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The Slocum, Texas 1910 racial strife a nearly forgotten piece of Texas past

By E.R. Bills

The Rosewood Massacre, which 90 years ago last month claimed the lives of six blacks and two whites in Florida, is remembered as a national tragedy, even receiving Hollywood treatment in the 1997 film "Rosewood."

The anniversary of that event brings a more gruesome slaughter and chilling injustice to mind. The 1910 Slocum Massacre in East Texas officially saw between eight and 22 blacks killed, and evidence suggests African-American casualties were 10 times these amounts. Yet the massacre has become a dirty Lone Star secret, remarkable more for the inattention it has received than for its remembrance.

Unlike most Texas communities in the early 20th century, the unincorporated town of Slocum — like Rosewood — was mostly African-American, with several black citizens considerably propertied and a few owning stores and other businesses. This alone, in parts of the South, might have been enough to foment violence. But in the area around Slocum, roughly 100 miles east of Waco, there were other issues, according to newspaper reports and other sometimes conflicting accounts of the massacre.

When a white man reportedly tried to collect a disputed debt from a well-regarded black citizen, a confrontation occurred. Hard feelings lingered. When a regional road construction foreman put an African-American in charge of some local road improvements, a prominent white citizen named Jim Spurger was infuriated and became an agitator.

Rumors spread, warning of threats against Anglo citizens and plans for race riots. White malcontents manipulated the local Anglo population and, on July 29, white hysteria transmogrified into bloodshed.

Stoked and goaded by Spurger and others, hundreds of Anglo citizens from all over Anderson County converged on Slocum armed with pistols, shotguns and rifles. That morning, near Saddlers Creek, they fired on three African-Americans headed to feed their cattle, killing 18-year-old Cleveland Larkin and wounding 15-year-old Charlie Wilson. The third, 15-year-old

Wilustus "Lusk" Holley, escaped, only to be shot at again later in the day while he, his 23-year-old brother, Alex, and their friend William Foreman, were fleeing to Palestine. Alex was killed and Lusk was wounded. Foreman fled and disappeared. Lusk pretended to be dead so a group of 20 white men would not finish him off.

White mobs marched through the area shooting blacks at will. John Hays, 30, was found dead in a roadway and 28-year-old Sam Baker was shot to death at his house. When three of Baker's relatives (Dick Wilson, Jeff Wilson and Ben Dancer, 70) attempted to sit up with his body the following night, they, too, were gunned down in cold blood.

In addition to the murders in the southern, Slocum area of Anderson County, Will Burley was killed near the northern edge of Houston County. Every initial newspaper report on the transpiring bloodshed portrayed the African-Americans as armed instigators, but these accounts were heinous mischaracterizations. When district judges in Palestine closed saloons and ordered local gun and ammunition stores to stop selling their wares on July 30, it was not to quell a black uprising; it was to defuse what the Galveston Daily News called an indescribable, one-sided "reign of terror" that resulted in numerous bullet-ridden corpses strewn along scattered, "lonesome roads." When reporters gathered on July 31, up to two dozen murders had been reported, but local authorities had only eight bodies. Once the carnage had begun, hundreds of African-Americans ran to the surrounding piney woods and marshes. By the time the Texas Rangers and state militia arrived, there was no way to estimate the number of dead. On Aug. 1, a few Texas Rangers and other white men gathered up six of the African-American bodies and buried them (wrapped in blankets and placed in a single large box) in a pit four miles south of Slocum. The book, "The Slocum Massacre of 1910," a fully researched account of the incident can be purchased at Amazon.com, Barnes and Nobles or erbillsthinks@gmail.com.

Statement from State Senator Royce West

On Judge Dietz' ruling in Texas' school finance case

DALLAS - If being conservative is defined as carefully monitoring and making best use of one's resources then, I can be called a fiscal conservative. But what state leadership and the majority party have done with Texas' system of school finance over the last 20 years has nothing to do with being fiscally conservative. Rather, it is mindful of what could be called a "self-fulfilling prophesy."

Today's ruling on Public School Finance, by Judge Dietz, once again vindicates those who have long espoused that Texas' Public School Finance System has in the past and continues to fail to meet the constitutionally mandated "general diffusion of knowledge" standard in providing to Texas students, an efficient system of public schools. Testimony reiterated that the system continues to be poorly funded and the mechanism distributing the funds also unfair, even with the infusion of more than \$3 billion from last session. Since 2011, school districts have struggled on reduced budgets and were force to find refuge in the legal system. But this time, property poor and property rich districts were on the same side. It is my hope that state leadership will listen to the courts and not continue attempts at avoiding an issue that has landed us in court seven times from 1984 - 2013.

As a state, we have consistently chosen to underfund the educational needs of a student population that has reached historic levels of diversity. At the same time, traditional public schools are being vilified by one means and then yet another. This criticism provides cover to continue to install the mechanisms that deplete the educational resources for children, who in a generation, will be called upon to enter the workforce and contribute in a meaningful way to Texas' economy. In such a scenario, who will be the winner? It's time to stop playing games with the future of Texas and properly fund our schools.

For more information, please contact Kelvin Bass at 214-467-0123.

ETCOG expands veteran transportation

A partnership between Van Zandt County Commissioner Virgil Melton, Jr., the East Texas Council of Governments, Dukes Travel and the local Veteran affairs volunteer transportation network has created a safe and free way for Van Zandt County Veterans to get to the Dallas Veterans Administration Hospital. The shuttle service transports county veterans from the Dukes Travel Plaza, at the intersection

of I-20 and TX HWY 64, to the VA North Texas Health System.

Veterans are asked to schedule their ride in advance so the driver and the hospital can ensure all doctor appointments are made. To schedule a ride, call 903.583.6496. The bus will remain in Dallas until all appointments for the day are complete, which is typically 3 PM, but can last until 5 PM.

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What's Cook n'


Black Eyed Pea Salad

1 large tomato
 1 green bell pepper
 2 green onions
 6 fresh mushrooms
 1 clove garlic
 1 (16 oz.) can black-eyed peas
 1 (4 oz.) jar diced pimento, drained
 1 (8 oz.) bottle Italian dressing
 lettuce leaves
 2 Tbsp. cooked crumbled bacon
 1/3 c. sliced green onions
 1 cup celery
 Seed and chop tomato. Chop bell pepper. Slice 2 green onions and mushrooms and mince garlic. Place tomato, bell pepper, green onions, mushrooms and garlic in large bowl. Stir in peas, celery, pimento and Italian dressing. Cover and chill, stirring occasionally, 8 hours. Drain salad and spoon onto a lettuce-lined platter. Sprinkle with bacon and 1/3 cup green onions.


Marinated Chicken Breast

1 (16 oz.) bottle Italian dressing
 6 boneless skinless chicken breast halves
 6 Parsley sprigs
 2 Tbsp. vegetable oil
 6 canned pineapple rings
 Pour dressing into gallon sized bag. Add chicken. Squeeze air out and close bag securely. Refrigerate at least 45 minutes or up to 2 hours, turning bag occasionally. Remove chicken from bag and discard dressing. Heat oil in large skillet over medium heat. Add chicken and cook about eight minutes on each side or until cooked well done. Garnish with pineapple and parsley.

What Did You say?
Did is a word of achievement,
Won't is a word of retreat,
Might is a word of bereavement,
Can't is a word of defeat,
Ought is a word of duty,
Try is a word each hour,
Will is a word of beauty,
Can is a word of power.
 The thing to try when all else fails is **again**. Giving it another try is better than an alibi.
 ~by Vern McLellan

Happy birthday Janice.
 See, we didn't forget.
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Happy birthday
 Kathy Harris
 September - 26th
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Happy Birthday
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Jeremiah and the Potter's Wheel

A message from God
Jeremiah 1, 18, 19, 24

Jeremiah was a prophet who lived about 600 years before the birth of Christ. God sent messages to His people through Jeremiah. When He told Jeremiah that He had chosen him to be a prophet, Jeremiah was astonished. "Do not be afraid", answered the Lord. "I am with you." And He reached out His hand and touched Jeremiah gently on the lips with His fingers. "Now I have put words into your mouth," He said. "What do you see?" "I see the branch of an almond tree in bloom," Jeremiah replied. "That is right," said the Lord. "I am watching to see if my word is fulfilled. What else do you see?" "I see a boiling pot, tilting away from the north," Jeremiah answered. "It is from the north that I will bring disaster," said the Lord. "I am about to summon people to overrun Judah and punish the people for their wickedness in forsaking me and worshipping false gods. You must warn them. They will turn on you, but do not be frightened I am with you. The Lord sent Jeremiah to the house of Potter, who was busy in his workshop. The

threw some clay on his wheel and shaped it with his hands. The lump of clay started to transform into a pot, but then wobbled and collapsed in a heap. The potter scooped up the clay and started to make another pot. This time it was perfect.

The Lord spoke to Jeremiah and said, "Like the clay in the hand of the potter, so is the House of Israel in my hands! If the people repent of their evil ways, I will make them good and strong. But, if they persist in worshipping false gods, they will be destroyed. Go and tell them this."

Some time later, Jeremiah bought a clay jar from potter. Then he went to the Valley of Ben Hinnom and summoned everybody. He told them what the Lord had said. And, to illustrate his point, Jeremiah picked up the jar and throws it on the ground, destroying it. "This is what the Lord will do to you if you do not change your ways!" he warned.

As usual, no one listened, but soon enough, Jeremiah's prophecy came true. Under Nebuchadnezzar, the Babylonian army attacked Jerusalem. After months of suffering the city was captured. King Jehoiachin and the people were exiled to Babylon. Nebuchadnezzar chose a new king, Zedekiah, to be king of Judah.

One day the Lord showed Jeremiah two baskets of figs. One of them was full of perfect fruit. The other basket had only rotten figs. "What do you see, Jeremiah?"

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Brotherhood 35th annual Labdor Day Back to School Picnic Held



Volunteers serve as adults and children alike enjoy community gathering

Each year the local Cherokee Brotherhood Association hosts a "Back to School Labor Day" picnic for local children and parents. September 1st the 35th annual picnic was held in the I C conley city Park, Rusk, Texas.

The organization of Christian men is now recruiting new members. Contact president Oliver Sturns for information..

Texas College to host Welcome Reception for Bishop Lawrence L. Reddick, III

Tyler, Texas- The Board of Trustees and President and Mrs. Dwight J. Fennell, Sr. invites the public to attend a welcome reception honoring Senior Bishop and First Lady Lawrence L. Reddick, III. Bishop Reddick is the presiding Prelate of the Eighth Episcopal District of the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church. The reception is scheduled for Wednesday, October 29, 2014 at 5:00 p.m. at the Rose Garden Center located at 420 Rose

Park Drive, Tyler Texas. Those who plan to attend are asked to RSVP to the Office of the President at (903) 593-8311 extension #2270 or afennell@texascollege.edu by Monday, October 27, 2014.

For additional information, you may contact Angela Fennell, Executive Assistant to the president of Texas College, at 2404 North Grand Avenue, Tyler, Texas 75702 or (903) 593-8311, extension 2270 or Fax (903) 593-0588..

Black Churches

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"mainline" blacks emerged, each serving a distinct target population. Likewise, church-based community development grew more diverse because religious people had widely varying responses to issues of the day. For instance, some of the long-standing churches of northern blacks, many of which were middle class and Baptist or Methodist, tried to acclimate recent migrants to northern life through a variety of educational services, including training on how to

behave in public settings. Others largely ignored the newcomers, choosing instead to "advance the race" by cultivating their own cultural, intellectual, and economic capacities. Meanwhile, churches of poor southern migrants - which eventually came to include countless Pentecostal congregations - coordinated travel, found jobs, and provided temporary lodging for newcomers, in addition to offering oases of southern spirituality and sociability.



Margarett Perkins, Laura Perkins, James I. Perkins and Dr. L. Michael Metke President of Tyler Junior College enter into agreement making possible the Rusk TJC Citizens Promise. The James I Perkins Family Foundation and Tyler Junior College established this scholarship program for Rusk High School graduates. The top fifty-percent/qualifying students will have \$8000. scholarships to TJC beginning with the class of 2014.

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