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## Palestine Citizens celebrate Adrian Peterson Day

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## Texas Prepaid Tuition Program Enrollment Deadline Approaches

(AUSTIN) — The deadline is July 31 for Texas families to enroll their newborns in the Texas Tuition Promise Fund® and avoid future increases in tuition and school-wide required fees at Texas public colleges and universities. Newborns are children younger than one year at the time of enrollment.

The Texas Tuition Promise Fund, the state's prepaid college tuition program, allows participants to lock in the cost of undergraduate tuition and school-wide required fees at Texas public colleges and universities based on current prices.

"I know parents and families all over Texas are concerned about rising tuition costs and are looking for some peace of mind when it comes to college opportunities for their children," Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar said. "That's why it's more important than ever to start planning early and consider enrolling your newborn in this program."

Under the plan, families can purchase tuition units to pay for all or part of tuition and school-wide required fees at Texas public two- and four-year colleges and universities. Enrollment at 2014-15 prices closed Feb. 28 for children older than one. The next annual enrollment period begins on Sept. 1 and is based on

Texas public college tuition and school-wide required fees for the 2015-16 school year.

Complete plan information, current prices, enrollment forms and more are available online at [TuitionPromise.org](http://TuitionPromise.org), or call 1-800-445-GRAD (4723), Option 5.

## EDITORIAL COMMENT

### Closing Education Gap would Boost U.S. Economy

WASHINGTON (NNPA) – Men of color would earn \$170 billion more a year, if they reached the same education level as White men, according to a new White House report. The report examined “opportunity gaps facing youth of color” and found stunning correlations between the educational and employment success of young men of color and how that success can directly impact the national economy. Not only would closing the education attainment gap result in higher annual earnings for men of color 25-64 years-old, it would also increase the gross domestic product, the value of the production of goods and services, by 1.8 percent in the United States. The Bureau of Economic Analysis reported that GDP decreased by an annual rate of 0.2 percent in the first quarter of 2015.

The high school graduation rate for Black students is 17 percentage points lower than their White classmates and only “28 percent of Blacks have a college degree by their late 20s, compared to nearly half of White men,” the report said.

The report said that youth of color encounter a number of barriers to opportunity at higher rates compared to their White peers.

“For example, while 20 percent of all children under age 18 live in poverty, 38 percent of Black children and 30 percent of Hispanic children live in poverty, compared to 11 percent of non-Hispanic White children,” stated the report. Poor students often don’t have access to early childhood education, increasing the likelihood that they will start school at considerable disadvantage to their more affluent peers. When young students fall behind in their reading skills, it makes it harder for them to catch up to their peers in later grades and increases the chances that they will drop out. When young Black men disconnect from school, they are more likely to connect to the criminal justice system at considerable expense to the rest of society.

“The cost of incarceration is far substantially higher than investing in education or other programs to increase opportunity, even before one takes the returns to the investments into account,” the report said. “The cost of incarceration for a single juvenile is over \$100,000 – twice as high as tuition at the most expensive college in the country or a year of intensive mentoring.” And even though crime is down in recent years, spending on corrections at the federal, state and local level is \$80 billion, according to President Obama.

A history poverty, lack of access to early childhood education and early interaction with the criminal justice system can follow a young Black man

deep into adulthood and contribute to an early death or a lifetime of missed employment opportunities and lower rates of employment compared to White men. “Even when there is little difference in the likelihood of committing a crime, individuals of color are much more likely to be arrested,” stated the report. “For example, a black individual is nearly four times as likely as a white individual to be arrested for marijuana possession, even though black and white individuals reported using marijuana at similar rates in 2010.” The report continued: “In 1984, the majority of State and Federal prisoners were White. In 2011, the majority of the more than 1.5 million prisoners were minorities, including 930,000 prisoners who were Black or Hispanic (61 percent).” “Among adults 16 and older, Black men are nearly 15 percentage points less likely to be employed than White men,” stated the report.

And because the labor force participation rate only tracks people who are either employed or looking for work, more than 1 million Black men languishing in American prisons remain unaccounted for in the labor market artificially narrowing the employment chasm between Blacks and Whites until they return home. “The relationship between economic opportunity and crime is not wholly of their automatic responses and on thinking about the appropriate

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When he speaks with you on whatever the conversation or the problem, you might not like it, but he is going to tell you the truth.” stated Rev. Foreman. Neighbor Sandra Kay Carter gave words of thanks and encouragement to Walter and his wife Maxine as did Oliver Sturns. His daughter Terri sang the song “Hero” to show appreciation to her daddy.

One neighbor stated, “I am so proud to see this name go up on this street. We recently had the high school football stadium named for a Rusk citizen and three fields at our newly renovated Baseball complex were named for local citizens, but this is the only thing we have named for a local Black volunteer. I think this is great”.

Walter and Maxine built their home on this street in 1971 and have lived here 44 years. “I take a lot of pride in this community, and the City of Rusk He said. I am going to continue to do all I can to support District 2 and the people who elected me to represent them. We the cooperation of city manager Mike Murray, the Mayor the other Councilmen, the city staff and God, we will get much more accomplished. I wish to thank them all and I thank you for electing me to represent you.”



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# Street naming complete

~by Maxine Session



Rusk, Texas- Area citizens joined Mayor Angela Raiborn and the city of Rusk on June nineteenth in honoring City Councilman Walter Session for his 33 years of service. The street on which the councilman lives was renamed Walter Session Drive. Well wishers gathered on a vacant lot on the street and joined in the celebration enjoying cake and punch. "I have enjoyed working with Walter," said Mayor Raiborn. "He deserves this honor." Rev. Jimmy Foreman speaking on behalf of neighbors and the community said, " We say a lot of things, both good and bad, but when we need something, who do we call? Walter Session."

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## WHAT'S COOK'N

5 large onions (mix white and red)  
green hot pepper  
red hot pepper

Directions  
Chop all ingredients.  
Cook until tender.  
Pour into heated jars.  
Clean rims of jars and place lids and rings on jars and tighten.  
Process in hot water bath.  
Remove from heat and tighten rings again.  
Set out and allow to cool completely before storing.

Life is like a butterfly, You can chase it, or you can let it come to you.  
*Ruth Brown*

## Seasoned Chicken Salad



## Ingredients

2 lb boneless, skinless chicken breasts, trimmed of fat  
1 cup reduced-sodium chicken broth  
1/2 cup walnut, chopped  
2/3 cup reduced-fat sour cream  
1/2 cup reduced-fat mayonnaise  
1 Tbsp dried tarragon  
1/2 tsp salt  
1/2 tsp freshly ground pepper  
1 1/2 cup diced celery  
1 1/2 cup halved red seedless grape

## Directions

1. Preheat oven to 450° F.

2. Arrange chicken in a glass baking dish large enough to hold it in a single layer. Pour broth around the chicken. Bake the chicken until no longer pink in the center and an instant-read thermometer inserted in the thickest part of the breast registers 170° F, 30 to 35 minutes. Transfer the chicken to a cutting board until cool enough to handle, then cut into cubes. (Discard broth or save for another use.)

3. Meanwhile, spread walnuts on a baking sheet and toast in the oven until lightly golden and fragrant, about 6 minutes. Let cool.

4. Stir sour cream, mayonnaise, tarragon, salt and pepper together in a large bowl. Add celery, grapes, the chicken and walnuts; stir to coat. Refrigerate until chilled, at least 1 hour

You have to expect things of yourself before you can do them.

~Michael Jordan

## Pear Relish



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# Social Media Campaign on HIV Testing Geared Towards Youth

*Special to the NNPA from the Afro-American Newspaper*

## Health

The HIV/AIDS epidemic has long since had a strong impact on the African American community, and over time, its impact has deepened. Several studies show that Black Americans account for more new HIV cases, people living with the disease, and HIV-related deaths than any other racial group in the United States. In an attempt to curb the large number of young adults in Washington D.C. affected by HIV/AIDS, Sasha Bruce Youthwork, a local nonprofit dedicated to providing prevention and education services to homeless youth and young adults, will launch an HIV testing social media campaign on June 20 dubbed #Never2Early. The campaign is centered on encouraging youths ages 13 to 24 that have never been tested to get There are a lot of young people out there who are not being tested or just don't know about their "status," said Jasmine Williams, the Prevention, Outreach, Wellness,

Education, and Risk Education (P.O.W.E.R.) Program HIV tester and counselor. "The campaign is an opportunity for us to not only seek out young people who have never been tested before, but to also normalize HIV and STI testing as a regular [activity] of taking care of themselves on the same level of importance as getting a physical every year."

Under the organization's program, the social media campaign will take place 2 – 6 p.m. June 20 with a day party, geared towards teen ages 14 to 18 at 2001 11th St. NW.

About 50,000 people are infected with HIV each year, and out of that number, one in four infected by the disease will be a 13 to 24-year-old, according to a CDC report. In addition, the CDC states that about 26 percent of young adults

age 13 to 24 accounted for all new infections in the United States. Unfortunately, about 50 percent of those infected with HIV in the United States are unaware that they are infected. The disease is most prevalent among the African-American and Latino community, especially among gay and bisexual men.

The #Never2Early hashtag is not only a way for us to use social media to get the young people's attention, but it's also a way to remind young people that 'you're never too young to talk about HIV, because that's also a part of prevention,'" said Williams.

Primarily, the organization works with young adults who reside in Wards 5, 7, and 8. These Wards are generally considered low income and account for a majority of HIV positive cases, according to Williams. he program offers a host of workshops that educate the youth of

TD.C. about the dangers of unsafe sex in addition to offering comprehensive risk counseling and testing services.

During the launch of the social media campaign #Never2Early, youth will get information on testing sites, and a wealth of information on HIV and STIs. The day party will also feature a live DJ, food, and more. "The day party will be a space for young people to have fun, and to be encouraged to get tested," Williams said. "There will also be booth were people can stop by to learn about their sexual health."

For more information about the social media campaign, the organization urges the public to visit their website (<http://www.sbypower.com/>) and social media sites:

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## Montgomery and Glenn Wed



Mr. & Mrs. Donnell Glenn

Dashia Montgomery and Donnell Glenn were married Saturday, May 29, 2015. The beautiful lakeside wedding was held at the Lake Tyler Petroleum Club. Rev. Mertis Bartley performed the ceremony.

The lovely bride was escorted down the aisle by her grandfather, Woody Smith. Bridesmaids were Angie Glenn, Makesha Glenn, Meshia Glenn and Shalon Thompson.

Groomsmen were Drefus Thompson, Donnell Glenn, Jr. Cody Glenn and Marcus Hunter.

Best Men were Mickey Cook and Tony Attaway. Flower girls were Keajai Murphy,

Aniyah Lane. The junior bride was Shayla McFarland. Tramell Glenn was ring bearer and Jeremy Lavern was the psalmist. Ushers were Damon Lane, R. J. Lane, Tyson Lane and Monte Burns.

Parents of the bride are Michelle Smith and Karlos Baker. Parents of the groom are Andrea Glenn and Donnell Glenn, Sr.

Grandparents of the bride are Lucellia Jefferson and Woodrof Smith. Grandparents of the groom are Frankie Booker and Charlie Booker and Cotilda Glenn and Lonzo Glenn.

The Glens will live in Lufkin, Texas.

## Bradley's celebrate Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary



Willie and Melba Bradley will celebrate their fiftieth wedding anniversary on July 31st. They were married July 31, 1965 at the Elm Grove Baptist Church with the Reverend Will Johnson performing the marriage ceremony. The Bradldeys made Elm Grove their home. They are both retired and still live there today.



The Fred Douglass Alumni Association will be celebrating their 15th Biennial Reunion July 24-26 in Jacksonville, Texas. For more information please visit our website @ [fdaaconnection.org](http://fdaaconnection.org) or call Tonia Willis – Harper at 214-280-0370. Hope to see you then!!!!!!!

## Oliver Sturns Preaches First Sermon



Oliver Sturns, recently ordained minister, delivered his first sermon on Sunday, June 16, 2015, at Shady Grove Church of God in Christ church. The group of ministers shown above were there to give him support and to welcome him into the ministry.



Mitchell Jordon, City of Palestine newly elected City Councilman was sworn in May, 2015. He says he looks forward to working with Mayor Bob Herrington, Adam Harding, Mayor Pro Tem, Vickey L. Chivers, Joseph Thompson, Doug Smith and Steve Presley.



Anderson County Commissioner, Rashad Q. Mims, Precinct 2, and Russell Christ, Sr., county employee pose for picture. The two have enjoyed working together the past twelve years and look forward to this new term with Commissioner Mims. Mr. Christ will be retiring in December after 27 years with Anderson County.

# Obituaries

## Jerry Calvin Hart

Funeral Services for Jerry C. Hart will be held Saturday, July 11, 2015 at the Blount Chapel Baptist Church, Hwy 84 East, at 11:00AM. Rev. W. D. Brown Pastor and Brother James Glenn, Eulogist.

Jerry was born on June 5, 1940 to Calvin and Laura Ann Hart in Cherokee County. He was reared in the Woodville Community and graduated from Bradford High School. On July 7th, 2015 in Tyler, He went home to be with the Lord.

At an early age Jerry confessed faith in Christ and united with Woodville CME Church. Later he united with Blount Chapel Baptist Church where he actively served as a deacon, choir member and treasurer. He was a very faithful member until his health failed. In his community he was also active, working with the Cherokee County Brotherhood and a member of the Fellowship Male Chorus. He served on the Water Board for Iron Hill and the Reklaw Fire Department, and he was employed with Rusk State Hospital until his retirement.

He was dedicated to any task

assigned him and was outstanding in his work for the community.

Jerry united in Holy Matrimony with Essie Cox on September 9, 1968. This union was blessed with five (5) children.

Preceding him in death were his parents Calvin and Laura Ann Hart, one daughter LaShunda Hart McClendon, three (3) brothers, Freddie Hart, Calvin S. Hart, and Leon Hart; one sister Georgia Woods Johnson.

He leaves to cherish his memories: Wife Mrs. Essie Hart of Rusk, Texas; two (2) daughters Stephanie (Keith) Browning, Austin, Texas and Angela Maddox, Rusk, Texas; two (2) sons, Quincy Hart, Conway, Arkansas and Standrick Dunlap Rusk, Texas; four grandchildren, Aubrey Hart, Hayston Ferguson, TaQuita Maddox and Jared Maddox; One (1) great-grandson, Jordon Mills; sisters Esterlean Henderson and Mattie Mae Sheppard of Reklaw, Texas; sister-in-law McRay Hart, Houston, Texas; brother-in-law Hardee Johnson, Houston, Texas, a host of neices, nephews, cousins and friends.

# Christianity



## Faith that is not tested is faith that cannot be trusted

*By James Washington  
Special to the NNPA from the  
Houston Forward Times*

The old saying is when the going gets tough, the tough get going. The operative word here is tough. My question for you is what happens when you insert the dynamics of faith into any given situation? The reason for the question is that I must have been taking notes in church one Sunday and I came across them in my bible recently. I wrote 'faith that is not tested is faith that cannot be trusted.' It's written in Deuteronomy 8 and I don't remember what point the minister was trying to make at that time, but my notes froze me and wouldn't let me continue. I have since been moved to think this is not only a spiritual lesson but also one of life's more poignant ones. I remember going to the doctor after receiving one of many treatments for prostate cancer and the attending physician was somewhat surprised that not only was my wife still with me, but we were and continue to be fabulously happy. So from my point of view, I guess you could say at

many levels that test has given me a testimony about my relationship with my wife. Perhaps God has provided you with a test or two to see if you understand that testimony is a consequence of faith fortification and not a collapse of your belief that God has it handled. In Deuteronomy, Moses is trying to tell otherwise ignorant Israel that even though this group was not around for his miracles and wonders, God is insistent that you still trust Him. Your faith will determine your actions and your actions will tell God if you really believe He has your back. Moses cautions not to be seduced into thinking that what you have and what you achieve is because of your own efforts. Not true! "You may say to yourself 'My power and the strength of my hands have produced this wealth for me.' But remember the Lord your God, for it is He who gives you the ability to produce wealth, and so confirms His covenant, which He swore to your forefathers, as it is today." Deuteronomy 8: 17-18. Maybe we should all review that covenant thing. That's what I'm talking about here. God expects when the going gets tough, our expectancy should be that God will provide. He will. And even if He doesn't, He can. That test, whatever you're going through, becomes a testimony to God's glory. He demands it of us just as He demanded it of the Israelites. Plus, we got a new covenant. Jesus sealed the breach and the war is won. All we got to do is fight the good fight, endure the battles of life from the perspective Moses wanted Israel to take with it into the Promised Land. Faith that is not tested cannot be trusted. Yeah. I said it. Can God trust you?

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# THE RELIGION CORNER: Racism in America

by Rev. Manson B. Johnson  
Special to the NNPA from the  
Houston Forward Times

This week, it was as though we were reliving Sept. 15, 1963, all over again, when a bomb blast at the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church in Birmingham, Alabama, killed four African-American girls during church services. At least 14 others were injured. Three former Ku Klux Klan members were convicted of murder for the bombing.

This time, 52 years later at Mother Emanuel, the oldest church south of Baltimore, nine people were killed by a lone young white man.

The Rev. Clementa Pinckney, a pastor at Emanuel AME Church and an esteemed state senator, a man of great honor, was the primary victim.

TTYwanza Sanders, only 26, was a graduate of Allen University. He earned a degree in business administration last year.

Cynthia Hurd, 54, was an employee of the Charleston County Public Library for three decades, most recently working as the manager at St. Andrews Regional Library.

Sharonda Coleman-Singleton, 49, was a speech therapist and girls track and field coach at Goose

Creek High School in suburban Charlotte, loved by her son.

The Rev. Depayne Middleton Doctor, 49, was a church singer and former Charleston County community development block grant employee, having retired in 2005. Susie Jackson, 87, the oldest, was a longtime church member.

Ethel Lance, 70, was a sexton at the church.

The Rev. Daniel Simmons Sr., 74, a member of the church's ministerial staff, died in the operating room at the hospital.

Myra Thompson, 59, was the wife of the vicar of Holy Trinity Reformed Episcopal Church.

These folks could have been any one of us! Can you imagine in our lifetime, with a sitting African American President that we would see such hatred.

Though America is celebrating

150 years since President Abraham Lincoln signed the Emancipation Proclamation and we have our first African-American president, America is shocked to awaken to



such sad and hateful news. There are scriptures to help us better understand. The young killer judged those he killed only by the color of their skin. Matthew 7:1-5 NIV reads, "Judge not, that you be not judged. For with what judgment you judge, you

will be judged; and with the measure you use, it will be measured back to you. And why do you look at the speck in your brother's eye, but do not consider the plank in your own eye? Or how can you say to your brother, 'Let me remove the speck from your eye'; and look, a plank is in your own eye? Hypocrite! First remove the plank from your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother's eye."

Then let's look at 1 John 3:15-16, which reads, "Everyone who hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal

life abiding in him. By this we know love that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers."

Better yet, let's talk about the 14th Amendment of the Constitution. Ratified by the states on Dec. 6, 1865, it says "in Section 1 ... nor shall any state deprive any person of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law; nor deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws." These victims were deprived of their lives; we pray for due process of the law.

Lyndia Grant is an author, inspirational and motivational speaker, radio talk show host and columnist. She can be contacted at 202-263-4621 and via email at lyndiagrants@gmail.com. Visit her new website at www.lyndiagrants.com and hear previous radio shows on <https://soundcloud.com/pro/purchased/pro>. Listen Fridays at 6 p.m. to her talk show on WYCB (1340 AM), a Radio One

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# Adrian Peterson Day



Palestine children and parents gathered at the Reagan Park on June 13, to visit with the native NFL homeboy, Adrian Peterson. He addressed the crowd briefly thanking them for the support given him during the time he faced problems with a CPS charge.

Adrian was accompanied by his Wife, his Mom, his Dad and other family members. He spent time taking pictures and just mingling with the crowd.

Adrian appeared relaxed and happy to be back home and among friends.

Adrian is returning to the Minnesota Vikings to play this fall, where at age 30, he is considered to be the team's best player.

Peterson's already shared his goal of 2,500 rushing yards for the season and told his coach that he's aiming to do "something the eyes haven't seen before" in 2015, but none of that's possible without knocking off almost a year's worth of rust. That process is underway and the Vikings will be hoping none is left by the time Week One rolls around.

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## Tax -Free Weekend Scheduled

Shoppers are invited to take advantage of extended hours and back-to-school specials at Broadway Square Mall during Tax-Free Weekend, Friday, August 7 – Sunday August 9. Additionally, the mall will host a Kidgits Back-to-School Carnival on August 1st from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. We hope you will consider sharing the below/attached information with your community.

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# Michael Session Ordained Deacon Weeping Mary Baptist Church



L to R Front Row- Rev. Herman Martin, Felicia Session, Deacon Michael Session, Rev. Ike Wiley.

Alto, TX. - On Sunday, June 14th Weeping Mary Baptist Church Pastor and members held a special service to ordain Michael Session as a deacon.

The two o'clock service was conducted by Rev. Herman Martin with the church pastor, Rev. Ike Wiley and the deacon staff participating.

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clear-cut. For instance, crime fell throughout the most recent recession. Nevertheless, experience of past decades suggests that improving economic opportunity can also help lower crime rates," the report said. The report noted that the Chicago-based Becoming a Man (BAM) program has achieved success at steering disadvantaged young men away from the criminal justice system by taking a different approach. Rather than offering targeted job opportunities, the report said that BAM, which primarily serves young Black and Latino men, teaches their members how to make better decisions "in high-stress situations through in-school sessions focused on making participants more aware

# City holds ribbon cutting at pool and splash pad



Rusk Mayor Angela Raiborn cuts ribbon for grand opening of the new splash pad and newly remodeled swimming pool June 13, 2015 while councilmembers, youth and parents look on.

## 2015 Laurretta Colston Stewart Scholarship Presented



Alexandria Pope and Elmer Stewart

Elmer Stewart recently presented the 2015 Laurretta Colston Stewart Scholarship in the amount of \$800. to Alexandria Pope. She is a 2015 Rusk High School Graduate. It was presented in memory of his late wife, on behalf of the Scholarship board. Mrs. Stewart was a RISD teacher who touched the lives of many students who passed through her classroom at Rusk Elementary. Alex will be attending Tyler Junior College this fall. Members of the board are: Euralane Harkless, Letha Northcutt, Irene Joyce, Georgia Colston, Maxine Session, Linda Roberson, Roy Colston, and Mr. Stewart.

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