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Rusk to Host Hollow Festival

CeRon Ford Winner Bill Gates one million dollar plus scholarship

The city of Rusk, Texas Chamber of Commerce will host the fall Hallow Festival October 17 - 19th. There will be a zombie Run. The chamber has planned a FREE Costume Dance. Music will be provided by Music Masters of East Texas. Its your time to shine....dance to the Great Michael Jackson's "Thriller" or design your own costume... you could win big money! Best Group Costume \$250, Most Creative Duo \$150 and Scariest Costume \$100 will be given away.



CeRon Ford, Bill Gates one plus million dollar scholarship winner now attending Baylor University. He is a goal setter who takes huge steps toward getting where he plans to be in a few years. See story page 3

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PUBLISHER'S CORNER



Maxine Session

We work outside mowing the lawn and trimming shrubbery quite often. I enjoy it so much. When I took time to think about it, I realized I enjoy it so much because the work is easy. The work is easy because we have the right tools. In daily living we often spend time contemplating solutions to situations that seem difficult. Part of this is because we have a tool that we often fail to use. Please read the following story shared by Cheri Fuller.

When a local family began praying regularly for their neighbors, exciting things started happening. Charles Brown, the dad, proposed that each member of his family choose five people in their neighborhood and pray five blessings for those people five minutes a day for five weeks. Charles' family agreed, so each member of the family, chose five neighbors to pray for. At bedtime prayers, family devotions and morning breakfast, the Brown's lifted their neighbors to the throne of grace and blessed them. They prayed for BODY, blessings on a neighbors physical body; including health, strength and safety; LABOR, blessings on a neighbors work; income, security, and if a child, his studies; EMOTIONAL, blessings on a neighbors emotional well being; that he or she can trust God, be free from worry and fear and experience joy, hope and peace; SOCIAL, blessings on a neighbors relationships; such as those between husband and wife and parents and children; SPIRITUAL, blessings on a neighbor for soul salvation, faith and grace.

As they prayed, God started working. Sarah, the seven year old, prayed for two friends down the street. One day the mother of those two girls stopped Sarah's mom at the grocery store and asked if she and her daughters could attend church with them. The next Sunday

this mom committed her life to Christ and began praying earnestly for her husband. While her husband was away on an extended business trip, he woke up one morning in a hotel praying to the Lord. Previously indifferent to the gospel, he began to attend church and a few weeks later accepted Christ.

God also touched the family on the corner. The Brown's prayed five blessings upon their household, specifically asking God to bless the dad's labor and give him favor on his job as a policeman. Before long, the policeman's wife told Charles he had received a promotion to detective. Charles went home and shared the good news with his kids. "We've prayed for our neighbor to have God's favor at work, so we can thank God for that promotion." And they all rejoiced together.

As the Brown's continued to pray, God continued to build bridges between them and their neighbors. The aspiring rock musician next door, who was a teen who had terrorized the neighborhood, became receptive to Charles sharing new CDs of Christian rock groups and they have begun a relationship.

Two moms asked if their kids could attend church with the Browns and the mothers themselves attended an outreach dinner. Charles' five year old, Matthew, had prayed for a little boy in their community and God gave him the opportunity to talk to the little boy about Christ one day on the playground.

This family doesn't feel they've arrived. Like the rest of us, they struggle with inconsistency in praying for their neighbors. But the children have seen their friends impacted by their prayers and neighborhood families touched by God. They have seen small miracles and big ones.

The Brown's are only one family praying and they have a bigger vision that prayer partners will eventually "adopt" every one of their neighbors, literally saturating the area with prayer.

Prayer is that tool that we often fail to use.

Who's praying for your neighborhood?.

Local Doctors and the CDC Recommend Families Get Flu Shot Early

Local medical centers stocking up on flu vaccines

Last year's flu season affected an alarming number of people, and experts predict this year's flu season could strike as early as October. That's why the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and local physicians recommend families protect themselves now with the 2013 influenza vaccine. Vaccinations have been proven to decrease the incidence of influenza and its potentially deadly complications, particularly for those most affected by flu – children and seniors. Local AFC/Doctors Express and American Family Care facilities are stocking up on flu vaccines and will have them available throughout the flu season. No appointment is required and patients may walk in for a flu shot at their convenience.

With schools in session, the spread of germs is inevitable and now is the time to protect yourself and your family from influenza. If you have not had your flu shot, please schedule one with your doctor right away.

Letters To The Editor

Dear Editors :

Your June 23rd article concerning James Skinner, his family and friends and his life in Rusk were both well deserved and most enjoyable. James and I grew up together and the nice things you had to say about him were deserved.

Many good things have happened due to the hard work and cooperation of the citizens in our Rusk community over the last 50 years: fine people, more jobs and better education.

Thank you to all concerned.

James I Perkins,
President & Chairman of the Board

Dear Mrs. Session:

I wanted to reach out to you and say thank you! The article you published about me and my family is truly a blessing.

Please keep doing what you are doing, it is a blessing in our communities.

Thanks again!

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CeRon Ford 2013 Bill Gates million dollar scholarship winner

The Federal Advisory Commission reports that 4.4 million Americans will be unable to attend four-year colleges in this decade because of financial constraints. This is particularly disturbing at a time when jobs requiring a college degree are the fastest growing sector of the U.S. economy.

Bill and Melinda Gates, co-founders of the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation established the GMS, Gates Millennium Scholars program, in 1999 to encourage and support low-income racial and ethnic minority students who are academically gifted to complete undergraduate and graduate school.

Each year more than 54,000 students from across the country apply, but only 1,000 are selected as Gates Millennium Scholars. CeRon Ford, a 2013 John Tyler High School graduate, was selected as one of the recipients of the 2013 scholarships in the amount of one million dollars plus.

The Good Through Graduation Scholarship allows the students to attend any university of their choice within the United States. The scholarship pays for four years of undergraduate schooling and continues to pay through graduate school or medical school for up to ten years.

CeRon graduated John Tyler High in May and is currently attending Baylor University.

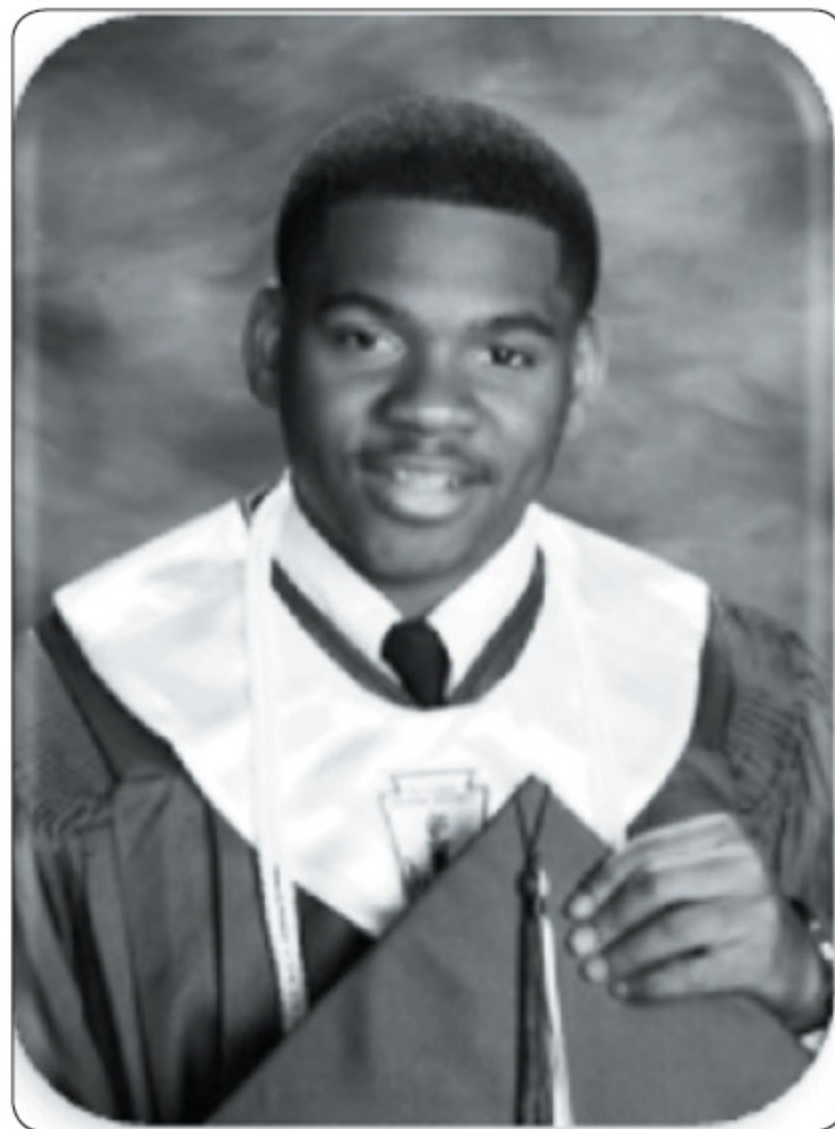
"GMS Scholars are an accomplished, outstanding group of youth who have managed to succeed despite the odds," said Dr. Michael Lomax, president of the United Negro College Fund (UNCF), which administers the

GMS program in partnership with the Hispanic Scholarship Fund, the American Indian Graduate Center Scholars, and the Organization of Chinese Americans

CeRon's accomplishments are outstanding for any student. While at John Tyler he was President of Student Council, Vice President of the National Honor Society, Vice President of Leadership East Texas, 2013 Prom King, AVID Member, KETK "Student of the Year, Scholar, Baylor's Gold Presidential Scholar and Student Board of Directors, Texas Bank and Trust. CeRon prides himself on being a strong, positive role model for young people his age. He feels that showing someone the way is much better than just telling them how to make good choices.

CeRon has two younger brothers and two sisters. His mother is Ms. Veronica Smith Ford and he is the grandson of Ms. Betty Rogers Smith, Pastor of Woodville CME Church of Rusk, Texas.

With leadership development opportunities, GMS aims to cultivate a new generation of leaders. Recent research reveals that Gates Millennium Scholars are more likely than non-recipients to earn good grades and are determined to complete degrees. GMS scholars are also more likely to attend four-year and private colleges and stay in school continuously. Upon the completion of their undergraduate degree, current Scholars may renew the GMS award to pursue graduate studies in mathematics, science, engineering, education, or library science. Many GMS scholars have chosen to study issues and enter



CeRon Omar Ford, May 2013 John Tyler graduate now attending Baylor University

professions through which they can work to address society's inequities and improve lives. First awarded a GMS scholarship in 2000, Walter Besio is a professor of biomedical engineering and rehabilitation services at Louisiana Tech University. Besio, who grew up on an Indian reservation in northern New York state, was inspired to find a career helping the physically disabled after his brother was paralyzed in a car crash.

To date, more than 7,000 African-American, American Indian/Alaska Native, Asian Pacific Islander American and Hispanic American students have received the Gates Millennium Scholarship.

By 2019, the scheduled end of the program, the \$1 billion initiative will have helped more than 20,000 talented low-income students of color attend college, pursue their academic dreams, and embark upon their careers. John Tyler has had eleven students selected as Gates Millennium Scholars since 2003. Candidates for the GMS award must be citizens or legal permanent residents of the United States. Students must also meet the Federal Pell Grant eligibility criteria, have at least a 3.3 GPA (on a 4.0 scale), and have demonstrated leadership through community service or other extracurricular activities. This year's group of scholars was chosen from 48 states, ranging from Alaska to Puerto Rico.

OBITUARIES

Mary Doty was born May 3, 1923 to the parents of Willis and Ester Doty in Gallatin, Texas. Mary grew up in the Gallatin community. She attended Gallatin Colored School. As a child, she joined the Mount Presbyterian Church. The past fifteen years she attended Mount Pleasant CME Church where she was a member of the choir. At age 85, she met and married Tobie Session. They became the proud parents of three sons. Mary did not work outside the home, except limited during the fifties.



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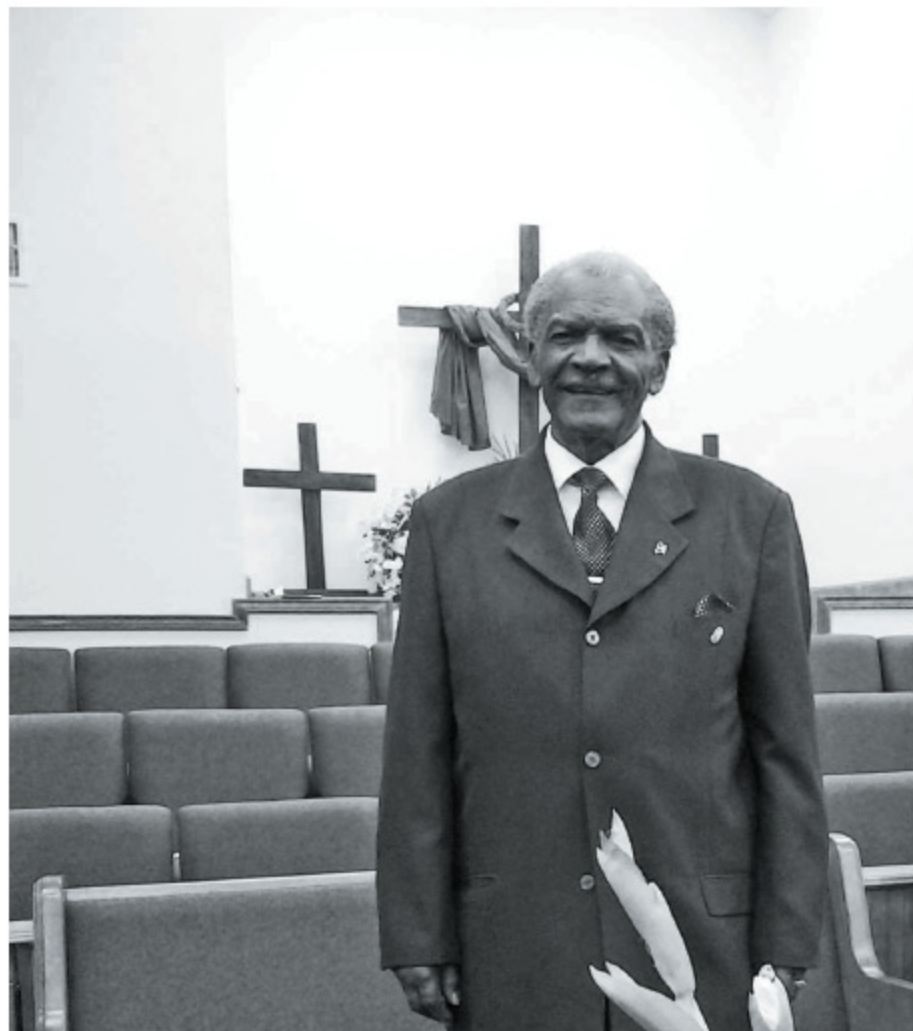
was taking care of her husband, children and their home. They lived in the Gallatin Community until about 1956. At that time they moved to highway 110 North in the Elm Grove Community. She loved attending church, reading the bible, shopping, going for long rides with the family and cooking Sunday dinner for her family. The family tradition of gathering at her house for dinner after church on Sundays continued from the nineteen sixties until the death of her husband of 59 years and the failing of her health. Mrs. Mary Doty Session departed this life early on the morning of Sunday, August 18, 2013 in Rusk, Texas.

She was preceded in death by her husband Tobie Session, parents, three brothers Lunk Doty, Spencer Doty and James Doty; three sisters: Pearlle Monmouth, Bithia Alexander, Bell Mules and Sophia Lamb; and one daughter-in-law, Joyce Dennis Session. She leaves to cherish her memory three sons: Burnis Session, Walter (Maxine) Session of Rusk, and Alver Dee Session of Jacksonville; five granddaughters: Kathy Harris, Terri (Floyd) Franklin, Wyvonne (Sam) O' Neal all of Rusk, Tamara Session, Jacksonville, Tx. and Daphne Session, Crockett, Tx.; five grandsons: Delian Session, Jacksonville, Vincent (Angela) Session, Henderson, Tx.; Gerron Session, Houston, Bernard Session, Deantry Session both of Dallas; One Brother: Willis (Lynette) Doty Tucson, Arizona; Special nephew Charles (Hazel) Doty; Jacksonville, Special Neices Pearlne Newsome, Jacksonville and Mae Francis (James) McLaughlin, Blairs Virginia; fifty-six great- grandchildren, twenty-nine great-great grandchildren, other neices nephews, cousins and friends.

I tell you the truth, whoever hears my word and believes Him who sent me has eternal life and will not be condemned; he has crossed over from death to life.

~John 5:24 NIV

Rev. Ike Wiley appreciation scheduled



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Dallas State Fair Opens

September 27th

The Dallas State Fair opens September 27, 2013 with entertainment for young and old alike.

The highlight of this year's event is the return of the Fair's iconic host Big Tex®. Big Tex will be unveiled on opening day, September 27 at 2 p.m. The installation of Big Tex will not be open to the public. Big Tex was damaged by fire in October of last year. Concerts on the All-New Silverado Main Stage are free with admission to the State Fair of Texas. The

venue is considered a standing concert. Gates open on Friday, September 27, at 10 a.m. Midway hours and museum hours vary. Exhibit buildings open at 10 a.m. daily and close at 9 p.m. Sundays - Thursdays. Buildings remain open until 10 p.m. each Friday and Saturday. Wheelchairs, electric carts and baby strollers can be rented from an independent concessionaire from three locations in Fair Park New in 2013! Reservations are being accepted in advance online.

Steers Football Falls to Incarnate

The Texas College football team traveled to San Antonio, Texas on Saturday September 7, 2013 to take on Incarnate Word. The Steers were able to generate only 71 yards of offense as they fell behind early 14-0. The Steers were unable to reach the end zone as the Incarnate Word Cardinals scored at least 10 points in every quarter. Leading the offense for Texas College was Jamaal Johnson who had 15 yards rushing and 13 yards

receiving giving him 28 of the team's 71 yards. Other notables for the Steers was Wide Receiver Ja'Marius Allen, who led all TC receivers with 2 receptions for 23 yards. On defense, Charles Jones led the Steers with 13 total tackles. Kevin Whitmill and Luis Castro also chipped in with 1 sack apiece. The Steers will have their first home game September 21, 2013 as they host Hardin Simmons University. The game is scheduled for a 12 pm kick off



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What's Cookin'

Chicken Broccoli Stroganoff

- 2 cups frozen cut broccoli
- 1 tablespoon margarine or butter
- 1/4 cup chopped onion
- 3 tablespoons all-purpose flour
- 1 (10 1/2 oz) can condensed chicked broth
- 2 cups cubed cooked chicken
- 1 (2.5 oz) jar sliced mushrooms, drained
- 1 (8 oz) container (1 cup) dairy sour cream
- Hot cooked noodles
- Chopped fresh parsley



Microwave directions:
Cook broccoli in microwave according to package directions until crisp-tender. Drain; set aside. In 2-quart microwave-safe casserole, microwave margarine on HIGH for 20 seconds or until melted. Add onion; toss to coat. Cover with microwave-safe plastic wrap. Microwave on HIGH for 2 minutes or until crisp-tender. Add flour; blend well. Using wire whisk, stir broth in to onion mixture; blend well. Microwave on High for 4 to 6 minutes or until mixture thickens and bubbles, stirring once halfway through cooking. Add chicken, cooked broccoli, mushrooms and sour cream; blend well. Microwave on

HIGH for 3 to 5 minutes or until mixture is thoroughly heated and bubbles around edges, stirring once halfway through cooking. Serve over noodles; garnish with parsley.

East Texas State Fair opening soon

The East Texas State Fair opens September 20, 2013 in Tyler, Texas. The fair offers nightly free concerts with paid gate admission. Magnificent midway rides, delicious food and games for the whole family available. The fair will end September 29th.

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Grapeland Peanut Festival Scheduled

The Grapeland, Texas Peanut Festival has been scheduled for Saturday, October 12, 2013. The parade will begin downtown at 10:00AM. The parade will feature floats, antique tractors, classic cars, horses and more!

Texas College Approved to train Veterans

Texas College has been approved to train veterans and other eligible persons through course work. In order for veterans to earn credit military personnel and their qualified dependents Administration Education Program and be able to receive or Bachelor of Science degree in their chosen field of study. certification credentials is also granted through this arrangement.

The Texas Veterans Commission not under the provisions of Section 3675, Chapter 36, Title 38 of the United States Code. It is based on the institution's accreditation by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, and the standards of the State Approving Agency. Outreach efforts by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs through the Program to enhance the spectrum of education number of schools and training establishments with approved programs for GI Bill benefits throughout the state.

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Mahalie Blanton Celebrates 100th birthday

The Lives They Might Have Lived, 4 Little Girls

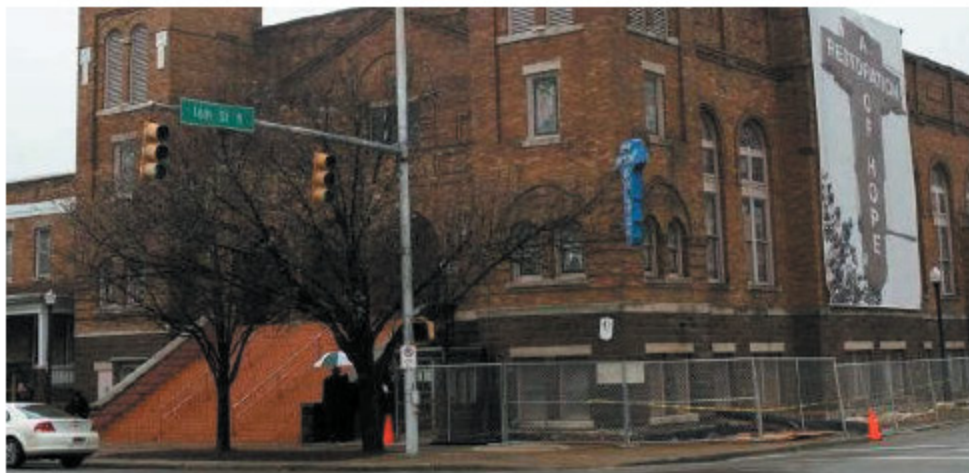


She was one of nine children, five boys and four girls. Her five brothers were Roscoe Loftis, Woodrow Loftis, Alvin Loftis, Melvin Loftis and Charlie Loftis. Her sisters were Mary Blanton, Fannie Blanton, and Viola Simon. All of her syblings preceded her in death

Mahalie was married to the late Johnnie "Bo" Blanton. They had no biological children, but were blessed to raise several that were like their own. She and her family are grateful to and would like to give a special thank you to Cynthia

Loftis with whom she now lives. Aunt Moot's hobbies over the years include fishing ,gardening quilting ,canning ,cooking and sewing. The family would like to thank Aunt Moot for all her life lessons, support, motherly love,dedication and hard work over the years in both the loftis and Blanton families. She is inspirational, kind, humble and a loving Christian.

Mahalie Blanton, a Rusk County resident, will soon celebrate her 100th birthday with her family, Anadarko Church of Christ Church Family and friends. She is lovingly referred to as Aunt Moot by her neices and nephews. Mahalie was born to the late Homer and Louteal Loftis September 22, 1913.



(Gary Tramontina/Getty Images

This is for four women who are not here," Leonard Pitts Jr. writes at the Miami Herald in an evocative reflection on the lives of the four little girls who died in the Birmingham, Ala., church bombing. He pays homage to the accomplishments they were never able to achieve due to racial hatred.

It is for grandchildren who never existed and retirement celebrations that were never held. It is for Sunday dinners that were never prepared in homes that were never purchased. It is for children who were never born and fathers who never got to walk daughters down the aisle. It is for mortarboards that were never flung into the air, for first kisses that were never stolen, for dreams that ended even as they still were being conceived. This is for four little girls who died, 50 years ago today.

Died. It is, in this context, a misleading word. Makes it sound as if maybe 11-year-old Denise McNair and Addie Mae Collins, Cynthia Wesley and Carole Robertson, all 14, succumbed to some disease. Hearing it, you might not realize they died because terrorists planted a bomb beneath an

exterior stairway of their church and that it exploded while they were in the basement preparing for Sunday School. You might not realize that a chunk of concrete embedded itself in one child's skull or that another child's head was torn from her body.

Sixteenth Street Baptist Church in Birmingham, Ala., had been the nerve center of a human rights campaign that made the city notorious the previous spring, the place from which nonviolent armies poured to face snarling dogs and high pressure hoses under the command of police commissioner Bull Connor. Because this was what you had to do if you were African American and wanted to drink from a clean public fountain, try on clothes in a department store or buy a hamburger at a lunch counter in Birmingham.

Bondsmen attend Texas Bail Bond Conference



Walter Session and Craig Attaway attended the Texas Bailbond Conference in Fort Wort Texas on August 16th- 17th. Craig is with Bennett Bail Bonds of Rusk County and Walter is with Fast Action Bail Bonds of Cherokee County.

Airman 1st Class Christopher M. Clater Graduates

Air Force Reserve Airman 1st Class Christopher M. Clater graduated from basic military training at Base San Antonio - Lackland recently.

Airman Clater completed an intensive eight week program that included training in military

discipline and studies, Air Force core values, physical fitness and basic warfare principles and skills.

Airman Clater is a 2012 Jacksonville High School graduate. He is the son of Kim Clater.

Retirement Dinner held for Walter Session



Walter and family members who hosted retirement dinner



Maxie Willis, Willa Jenkins, Joe Teague



Charles Turner



Georgia Colston, Irene Joyce, Letha Northcutt, John Griffith, Ann Leviston and Melvin Session below.



Jerry Leviston, Elmer Stewart



Darryl Cranford



Jean and Odell Hinton, Joe Teague, Billy Thompson, Matthew Watts



Jerry and Essie Hart with McKayla Glenn and Daphne Session in background.

Family and friends came to wish Walter Session well at a retirement dinner for him August 31st at the Rusk Junior High Cafetorium. Mr. Session retired from Rusk State Hospital after being employed there 35 years and 6 months.. He received a letter of congratulations and a krystal paper weight for service to the state from Governor Rick Perry. Kim Clark, niece gave the welcome Joel McGowan, grandson, was M. C. Kathy Harris told of Walter's career,

Krystal and Marcus Carter presented a slide show. The family presented him with an ipad and gift cards. Well wishers who made comments were Darryl Cranford, Jerry Leviston, MelvinSession, CharlesTurner, Tonya McDuff, Shunnon Ratcliff, Krystal Carter, Maxine and Terri Franklin. The dinner was sponsored by family members Terri, Shun, Tonya, Kim, Shalamar, Daphne, with Felicia and Michael Session catering the meats and salads. .

Religion

BLESSINGS

Blessing someone is the act of declaring, or wishing, favor and goodness upon others. The blessing is not only the good effect of words; it also has the power to bring them to pass. In the Bible, important persons blessed those with less power or influence. The patriarchs pronounced benefits upon their children, often near their own deaths (Gen. 49:1-28). Even if spoken by mistake, once a blessing was given it could not be taken back (Gen. 27:33). Leaders often blessed people, especially when getting ready to leave them. These included Moses (Deuteronomy 33), Joshua (22:6-7), and Jesus

(Luke 24:50). Equals could bless each other by being friendly (Gen. 12:3). One can also bless God, showing gratitude to Him (Deut. 8:10) in songs of praise (Ps. 103:1-2). God also blesses people by giving life, riches, fruitfulness, or plenty (Gen. 1:22, 28). His greatest blessing is turning us from evil (Acts 3:25-26) and forgiving our sins (Rom.4:7-8). Cases of the opposite of blessing, or cursing, are often cited in the Bible (Deut. 27:11-26). Although the natural reaction to a curse is to curse back, Christians are called to bless-to ask for the person's benefit (Matt. 5:44).

HEALTH

New Study Links Relaxers To Fibroids

Scientist found rates of fibroids two-to-threetimes higher in Black women who used chemical relaxers.

BET News -A new study in the American Journal of Epidemiology has linked hair relaxers to uterine fibroids, as well as early puberty in young girls.

Scientists followed more than 23,000 pre-menopausal Black American women from 1997 to 2009 and found that the two- to three-times higher rate of fibroids among black women may be linked to chemical exposure through scalp lesions and burns resulting from relaxers.

Women who got their first menstrual period before the age of 10 were also more likely to have uterine fibroids, and early menstruation may result from hair products black girls are using, according to a separate study published in the Annals of Epidemiology last summer.

Three hundred African American, African Caribbean, Hispanic, and White women in New York City were studied. The women's first menstrual period varied anywhere from age 8 to age 19, but African Americans, who were more likely to use straightening and relaxers hair oils, also reached menarche earlier than other racial/ethnic groups.

While so far, there is only an association rather than a cause and effect relationship between relaxers, fibroid tumors, and puberty, many experts have been quick to point out that the hair care industry isn't regulated by the FDA, meaning that there's no definite way to fully know just how harmful standard Black hair care products really are.

Fibroids are tumors that grow in the uterus. They are benign, which means they are not cancerous, and are made up of muscle fibers.


Fibroids can be as small as a pea and can grow as large as a melon. It is estimated that 20-50 percent of women have, or will have, fibroids at some time in their lives. They are rare in women under the age of 20, most common in women in their 30s and 40s, and tend to shrink after the menopause.

For more information on fibroids and their risk factors, visit BlackDoctor.org.



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SPEAK OUT

Some Black Malesa Rising problem

There is a rising problem with some young black males: rising unemployment, racial profiling, high prison incarceration, death by murder and drugs. What use to be problems in major metropolitan cities is now beginning to reach rural communities. Is there something the churches, families, communities can do? **What do you think, is there a solution?**



Kaye Brown



Kristie Lewis



Victor Simmons

The following people speak out.

Happy Birthday
Marcus Carter
September 2nd
 Love
 Your Family

As a community, if we don't pull together and get our youth involved..... God is the answer. We've got to get them in church.. They took prayer out of the schools and this is what is happening.

I think it starts at home. Guidance and close supervision from the parents can make a difference. It is a bad situation when there is only one parent at home and that parent is a woman. We don't have the grandparent, auntie and uncle support we use to have. It is hard for a woman to teach a boy how to be a man.

Where there is a father or father figure in the home, he is going to have to take control of his son(s) and get involved in every area of his life. Don't just tell them how to do and what to do, show them. Get them to understand the difference between good and evil, and get them to understand God and how he wants us to live..

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Bud and Lela Mae Littimore Vinson home torn down



The old home of Bud and Lela Mae Lattimore Vinson stood in ruins since the nineteen ninties until it was removed by the city of Rusk for ordinance violations and community improvement.

This house sat at the corner of Center Street and Needham Street in Dickinson's First Addition since the late 1940s. It was once the beautiful home of Mr and Mrs. Bud and Lela Mae Lattimore Vinson. Bud Vinson was a carpenter and constructed the house himself. It was constructed with beautiful kitchen cabinets, hardwood floors, and indoor bathroom, which was very unusual for homes in this black neighborhood as late as the 1950s.

It was also half-bricked with a livingroom fireplace and a covered carport for parking the car and a front porch with cement floor. Many of the homes surrounding it were poorly constructed rental properties later purchased by the renters and remodeled as the years progressed to where sewerage was made available to this area.

Lela Mae Lattimore Vinson was a teacher at old Rusk Colored School, Iron Hill School in the Ponta area and G. W.

Bradford. She was also principal at various times throughout her years as an educator. She played piano for her church, Mt. Pleasant CME, and other churches in the area. She gave piano lessons in this house, to many local children after school. Lessons at that time cost 50 cents each. Some of her students were Mattie Lee Barnes, Irene and Lorene Colston, Maxine Burley, Charlotte and Barbara Ann Hunt, Sarai Johnson and Shirley Freaney.

The house was later purchased by W. R. Meador , about 1957, when he became principal of G. W. Bradford School. The Meadors family lived there through the early eighties. After he passed away in the nineteen ninties, the house was left uncared for until it deteriorated. It was purchased at auction in recent years by a company from California. The house was in violation of city ordinances and as part of community improvement, was removed by the city of Rusk in August of 2013

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Ben Jealous NAACP President To Step Down

~by Carrie Wells Baltimore Sun



On my first day on the job as HRC President back in 2012, my very first meeting was with Ben Jealous," Griffin said. "He believes in his heart that "none of us is equal until all of us are equal, and that commitment to justice for all made him an ideal national leader at this decisive moment." Jealous frequently had a hand in local issues and helped advocate for

We thank President Jealous for his time leading the Association," said. "Our board, staff and volunteer leaders throughout the country deeply appreciate his sacrifice, and will continue to implement our game-changing goals for the next half century that include the restoration of Section 4 of the Voting Rights Act, implementing Trayvon's Law, bolstering civic engagement efforts and ensuring our community is enrolled in the Affordable Care Act exchanges."

As the son of a black mother and a white father, Jealous has said he was interested in race and civil rights issues from a young age. He later studied at Columbia University, where he was suspended for helping to lead a protest against the university's plans to turn the Audubon Ballroom, where Malcolm X was assassinated, into a biomedical research center. He later became a Rhodes Scholar and earned a graduate degree from the University of Oxford. Jealous also was founding director of Amnesty International's Human Rights Program and was a reporter for the Jackson Advocate in Mississippi, which he has described as "frequently firebombed."

He now lives with his wife, civil rights attorney Lia Epperson Jealous, and children in Silver Spring. Jealous grew up in Pacific Grove, Calif., but his family was from Baltimore and he spent summers with his grandmother in Baltimore's Ashburton neighborhood. His mother, Ann Todd Jealous, is a psychotherapist from Baltimore who helped desegregate Western High School. His father, Fred Jealous, was apart of sit-in demonstrations in Baltimore to desegregate lunch counters. "It was always a place where I looked forward to coming because it was easier to be black here in Ashburton than the little town where I grew up," Jealous told the Sun in 2008.

o repeal the death penalty in New Mexico, Illinois, Connecticut and He has been a man on a mission since the day he took over," said Elbridge James, the political action chair of NAACP Maryland. "He positioned the NAACP where it needed to be for the 21st century."

James said Jealous was among the most effective leaders of the organization in its history, and speculated that it might take some time to find a leader who could fill Jealous' shoes. Rev. Amos Brown, a member of the NAACP board of directors from San Francisco, said he hopes to increase the organization's focus on education and "economic empowerment," among other priorities.

After Jealous, "the NAACP will survive and will still be the most revered civil rights organization in the world," Brown said. "We will continue to play as a team. That's what makes an organization strong and vibrant." Jealous became known for building strong relationships with other human and civil rights groups. Chad Griffin, president of the Human Rights Campaign, said in a statement that Jealous turned the NAACP from an organization focused on racial issues to one that "transformed the national conversation around civil rights for all Americans."

Maryland's repeal of the death penalty and approval of gay marriage last year. "Ben shares our belief in the dignity of every individual," Gov. Martin O'Malley said in a statement. "Ben has helped us repeal the death penalty, pass the Dream Act, ensure marriage equality, and expand voting in our State – among so many other great achievements." Carrie Evans, president of Equality Maryland and a NAACP member, said Jealous would take to black radio programs in Baltimore and Prince George's County to push for such issues.

What he accomplished in five years it takes some of us 10 to 15 years to do," she said. Gerald Stansbury, president of the Maryland NAACP, called Jealous "instrumental" in ushering those reforms through the state legislature this year. "He set a strong foundation for our future leaders to follow," Stansbury said.

The next leader will be "someone to take us to the next level," he said. Roslyn M. Brock, Chairman of the NAACP Board of Directors, said in a statement that the civil rights group would continue to advocate for the rights of women and immigrants, and other issues members have more recently embraced

Credited with reenergizing and modernizing the nation's oldest and largest civil rights organization, NAACP president Benjamin Jealous announced Sunday he will step down from his position at the end of the year. In a statement, Jealous said he wanted to spend more time with his family and will go into a new career in teaching. The resignation will be effective Dec. 31. Jealous, 40, took the helm of the 104-year-old organization in 2008, at a time when members openly lamented their inability to attract a younger generation to the group. He helped convince the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People to embrace new issues, like the approval of same-sex marriage. Local chapters of the NAACP, especially in Maryland, said they felt less disconnected from the national office when Jealous took over. "As others questioned its vitality, we have been able to regrow the mightiest of all trees in the ecology of social justice," Jealous told the Washington Post. "I'm really going to miss the street fights we've been in." Jealous told USA Today he also plans to organize a fundraising committee to support candidates who will advocate for civil rights. News of Jealous's resignation surprised local NAACP members, though some said his job took him on the road frequently and understood his wish to spend more time with his two young children.

When he was tapped for the job five years ago, the vote was split — some members wondered whether Jealous, then 35, was too inexperienced. Only a year before that, the NAACP let go about half its staff to dig itself out of debt. Membership has declined, and its image has suffered. Clashes with the NAACP board led the former president, Bruce S. Gordon, to leave abruptly in March 2007. Now, many members agree the Baltimore-based organization needed rejuvenating.

Under Jealous, NAACP helped

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Proverbs 3:5-6

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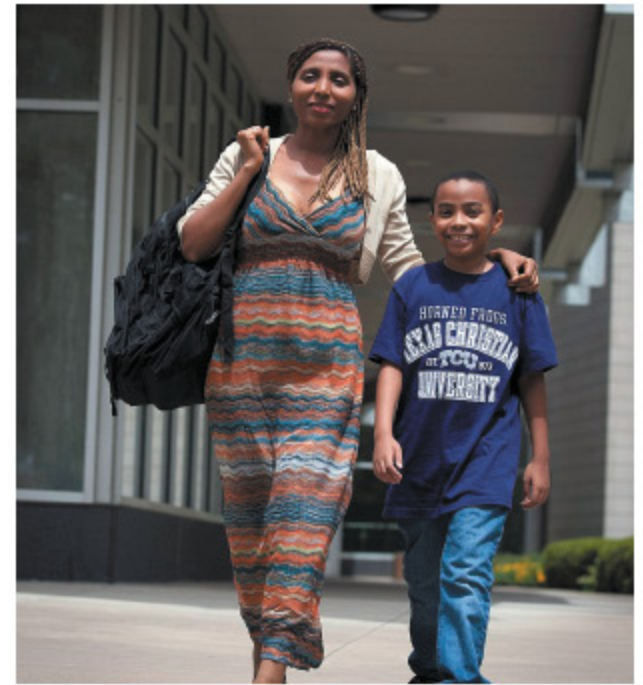
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11 year old Carson Huey - You Texas Christian University Freshman



Carson relaxes at the piano while playing Beethoven's Fifth Symphony.. The picture to the right shows Carson and his mom Claretta walking to class at TCU.

Eleven year old Carson Huey - You is easily described as boy wonder. He graduated from Accommodated Learning Academy in Grapevine Texas with a 4.0 grade point average and a 1770 SAT score and is now attending Texas Christian University at Fort Worth Texas. Carson is the youngest college undergrad in the school's history. According to school officials, he applied for admissions last year at the age of 10, and was accepted. School officials also said, this led to some interesting challenges.

Carson was completely off the grid when it came to even most basic things, like completing an application or completing financial aid forms. Dean Ray Brown said because of his date of birth, those forms would not accept his application. The software would not accept an applicant born in 2002.

Carson's mother Claretta said she home-schooled Carson until he was five years old. She knew his education fast track was eminent. By the time he was three years old he could add, subtract, multiply and divide. He was reading chapter books by the age of two.

"By the time he was 5, he could do algebra. And it was a challenge because I knew this was coming and it happened very fast," Claretta said. "After I home-schooled him

private school and he went straight into the eighth grade." By age five he was attending high school. He speaks Mandarin and plays classical music including Beethoven. The youngster was co-valedictorian of his senior class

Dad Andre Huey-You, a former pilot, said he was "not pushing" Carson to try college so early, rather he was trying to "hold on" to his exceptionally gifted son.

It was Carson's choice, he said, and the family took pains to find the school that fit him best. Carson, who plans to become a quantum physicist, is taking calculus, physics, history and religion in his first semester, the station notes. Carson hopes to graduate with a Ph.D before he's 20 and claims calculus relaxes him.

To aid in Carson's success and also provide guidance and a safe haven, Dr. Magnus Rittby, senior associate dean and professor of physics and astronomy, has been appointed to guide Carson in his latest endeavors. "When people worried about him going to college at this age, my response is, 'What else would he do?'" Dr. Rittby asked. "I think students will learn from him. If an 11-year-old can stand up in the classroom and voice his opinion about things, maybe that will encourage them to do the same. His mother takes him to class at the Fort Worth campus. "I've actually managed to make a few friends here," he said. "I really, really like school, and in particular solving

problems," Carson told ABCNews.com. He chose physics as his major because he "likes numbers," he said. "Creating random problems and solving these problems helps calm me down when I'm upset or need to relax," Carson said.

Though he is a big man on campus now, his mother, Claretta Huey-You, said she is constantly at her son's side, making sure he is being taken care of. "I am sure that any mother knows having children, driving them to and from school, and cooking and cleaning, is very exhausting, but it's a mother's job and we love it and we do what we need to do," Claretta told ABCNews.com. "That being said, I walk him to the door and make sure he enters safely, and I am never far away. I always have a bird's-eye view of the door and make sure he is okay. I am right there when he exits, and never go into the classroom while he is in class." "Just being on campus, learning new material, figuring problems, everything in that area is great," Carson said. Claretta said her son will embark on the normal four-year track to obtaining his bachelor's degree. "I am not rushing him because he has a lot of time," she said. "I wanted to make sure this experience is the best of his life. He is going to be in the chemistry club and science-based clubs so he can have some fun time, but during this four-year period I do not plan on rushing him, but then again, I have not been able to halt or stop him."

Watching Star Wars and playing video games with his brother and friends is his favorite pastime, he said. But he manages to balance both school and fun, saying he has "the best of two worlds."

As for his future, Claretta said Carson is determined to earn his Ph.D. in physics and wants to do research to "discover something huge that will impact our way of life and better our planet."

"We understand his gift is a big responsibility," she said. "But even though he has this gift, I want people to know first and foremost that I am so proud of him and that he is a good little boy. He is very humble, very kind and caring and yet he is truly intelligent. Even though he is in college, I just really want people to know what a good little boy he is and what a great big brother he is as well." Claretta plans to return to college to study and get her own degree in nursing.

Claretta and Andre, the parents, told the university outlet that Carson's 7-year-old brother, Cannan, is already doing schoolwork at an eighth-grade level. brother is also gifted and expected to graduate high school when he is 13. If all goes as planned, Carson Huey-You will have his college degree before he has his driver's license