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# Eddie Long has died of cancer.

Brooke Obie

New Birth Missionary Baptist Church, where the 63-year-old ordained bishop served as senior pastor in Lithonia, Georgia, confirmed his death Sunday morning. His friends, family and supporters may feel this is the time to focus on the work he did in the church. I couldn't agree more.

The internationally-known megachurch pastor rose to infamy in 2010 when four young men in his congregation accused him of sexual coercion. The young men said that when they were teenagers in the church's Longfellows Youth Academy, Long used his power and position as pastor to entice them into sexual relationships, taking them on international trips, buying them gifts, and paying for cars, housing and tuition, under the guise of being a "father figure" to them, calling them his "Spiritual Sons" in the church.

The married Long, who once led a march against gay marriage, led "sexual reorientation" classes for queer people and preached the sanctity of marriage, publicly denied the allegations of abuse and vowed to fight them in court, but then settled with the young men out of court. Due to the terms of the settlement, the young men haven't spoken against Long since, but some of their earlier [video interviews](#) express the pain and sense of betrayal they felt because of Long.

**Read more here:** <https://globalgrind.com/4214028/on-the-occasion-of-bishop-eddie-longs-death-lets-mourn-for-his-victims/>

## ‘Hidden Figures’ Just Gave ‘Star Wars’ (And Hollywood) A Much-Needed Reality Check

A week ago, conventional wisdom would have bet *Rogue One* would easily hold down the top spot at the box office for a fourth straight week. As the eighth film in [George Lucas'](#) 36-year-old *Star Wars* franchise, it literally had the weight of an empire behind it.

Decades-deep nostalgia and state-of-the-art visual effects drove Americans to spend \$477 million on the blockbuster following its early December release. And not even the incoming Trump administration could dissuade foreign audiences from pumping \$437 million into America's soon-to-be-bordered economy for a glimpse into George Lucas' imaginary universe.

It's no secret that the force can't be reckoned with at this point. Bad reviews or PR emergencies could never derail Lucas' mothership from manifesting its billion-dollar destiny. No amount of sleet, snow or hail was going to stop *Rogue One* from delivering on par with *Star Wars'* always astronomical numbers.

That's why *Hidden Figures'* laser-slim victory over the empire is so significant. This week's final tally was decided by about \$1 million. But the full story is told above the bottom line.

**Read more here:** <https://globalgrind.com/4213486/hidden-figures-just-gave-star-wars-and-hollywood-a-much-needed-reality-check/>

# White Woman Fearful Of ‘Bad Blacks’ Shoots African-American Teen In The Head

The Georgia woman wants her neighbors to know that she’s not a bad person but has safety concerns.

Written By Nigel Roberts

A White Macon, Georgia woman who expressed concerns about “bad Blacks” in her neighborhood was arrested Monday for shooting a Black teenager in the head as he and friends walked by her house, [WMAZ-TV](#) reports.

Authorities charged **Elisabeth Faye Cannon**, 47, with two counts of aggravated assault for shooting 15-year-old **Vernon Marcus Jr.** who was serious injured. Cannon posted \$12,400 bond and was released from jail.

Cannon told WMAZ-TV that she has a message for neighbors: *“I’m not an evil person or a bad person.”*

She told the news outlet that a group of teens had been through rocks at her property for months, causing damage to her home and vehicle. Cannon said she complained multiple times to the police, but the attacks continued.

Her intention was to fire her gun to scare the teens away. *“Maybe it wasn’t the best decision to make, but I thought eventually they might hurt us,”* she told WMAZ-TV.

The [Macon Telegraph](#) reported that one of the teens said they were walking home from a local convenience store when gunfire rang out and Marcus was hit. He told investigators that Cannon had harassed them in the past, accused them of breaking into her house, and hurled racial slurs at them.

In 2013, The Telegraph interviewed Cannon, as part of a series of articles on conditions in some Macon neighborhoods.

Cannon shared with the newspaper that she had safety concerns—making a distinction between what she viewed as two types of African-Americans living in her neighborhood:

*“...The good Blacks won’t get onto the bad Blacks. You try not to profile, but at the same time 99.9 percent of the crime is gonna be, most often, a Black male. ... The good Blacks are too busy.”*

# Black History Month Activities

February is Black History Month. To celebrate, numerous activities are planned for throughout the month in the metro area. All events are free and open to the public unless otherwise noted. Here is a sampling:

**Movie day:** Some area libraries will show weekly movies through February. South Omaha Library, 2808 Q St., will host Black History month movie days every Monday at 4 p.m. Willa Cather Library, 1905 S. 44th St., will host movie days on Thursdays at noon.

**See a show:** Omaha Community Playhouse, 6915 Cass St., is showing “Having Our Say,” a play about Bessie and Sadie Delaney, two sisters who lived through the Civil Rights Movement, Jim Crow laws and suffrage. The show runs through Feb. 9. Tickets are \$35 for adults, \$21 for students. For more information and showtimes, contact the Playhouse at 402-553-0800 or [www.omahaplayhouse.com](http://www.omahaplayhouse.com).

**Church speaker:** Church of the Resurrection, 3004 Belvedere Blvd., will host a discussion of the history of the Church of the Resurrection and its forerunner church, all-black St. Phillip the Deacon. Spencer Davis, professor of African-American Studies at Peru State College and a COR member, will facilitate. The discussion starts at 11:30 a.m. on Sunday.

**Live music:** Musician George Walker will perform music for Black History Month at the Abrahams Library, 5111 N. 90th St., on Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.

**Community concert:** The Omaha Symphony and Omaha Central High School will present “Living Voices: A Legacy of Hope, An Affirmation of Promise” on Tuesday at 7 p.m. at Central High School, 124 N. 20th St. The high school’s orchestra and choral students will perform works by Duke Ellington, Beethoven and more.

**Travel stories:** Hear the stories of Gabrielle and Sharif Liwaru, who traveled to Africa and discovered themselves and their ancestry. They will speak at Metropolitan Community College’s Fort Omaha Campus, Building 10, Room 110, 5300 N. 30th St., on Wednesday at noon.

**African history:** Baba G. Jallow, assistant professor and director of African-American studies at Creighton University, will discuss the kingdoms, empires, kings and queens of Africa. The event will be held at Metropolitan Community College’s Fort Omaha Campus, Building 10, Room 110, 5300 N. 30th St., on Thursday at noon.

**Film showing:** See a screening of “The Long Walk of Nelson Mandela” on Thursday at 6:30 p.m. The film tells the life story of politician and revolutionary Nelson Mandela. Dawn Curry, assistant professor of history and ethnic studies at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, will lead a discussion following the film. The event will be held at Metropolitan Community College’s South Omaha Campus, 27th and Q Streets, in the Industrial Training Center, Room 120.

**Arts and crafts:** Teenagers and adults are invited to attend an African design craft session at the Millard Library, 13214 Westwood Lane, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Feb. 8.

**Church speaker:** Church of the Resurrection, 3004 Belvedere Blvd., will host a discussion of the role African-Americans have played in the Episcopal Church. Spencer Davis will facilitate. The discussion starts at 11:30 a.m. Feb. 9.

**Sunday speaker:** Douglas County Historical Society will host Dr. Marguerita Washington at 2 p.m. Feb. 9. The publisher of the Omaha Star newspaper will talk about the early days of the publication, how it has grown and its impact on the community. The event will be held at Metropolitan Community College’s Fort Omaha Campus, 5300 N. 30th St., in Building 10, Room 110. It’s free for Douglas County Historical Society members, \$5 for nonmembers. Pre-registration is required by calling 402-455-9990, or by emailing [members@douglascohistory.org](mailto:members@douglascohistory.org).

**Dred Scott:** Lynne M. Jackson, president and founder of the Dred Scott Heritage Foundation and great-great-granddaughter of Dred and Harriet Scott, will hold a Q&A session about the Dred Scott decision on Feb. 11. The presentation will be held from 10:15 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the Sarpy Center, 9110 Giles Road, La Vista, in Room 121. A presentation will follow at 12:15 p.m. at Metropolitan Community College’s South Omaha Campus, 27th and Q Streets, in the Industrial Training Center, Room 120.

**Tuskegee Airmen:** Check out a documentary about the Tuskegee Airmen at the Millard Library, 13214 Westwood Lane, at 6:30 p.m. Feb. 11.

**Choral performance:** Omaha Benson High School’s choir will perform in honor of Black History Month at the Benson Library, 6015 Binney St., at 6 p.m. Feb. 12.

Live band: The Curly Martin Trio will discuss musical history and north Omaha as well as perform at the Charles B. Washington Library, 2868 Ames Ave., at 3 p.m. Feb. 15.

Church speaker: Church of the Resurrection, 3004 Belvedere Blvd., will host a discussion featuring members of the church sharing video and oral histories of their lives in church. Spencer Davis will facilitate. The discussion starts at 11:30 a.m. on Feb. 16.

Live performance: Mixed Blood Theatre from Minneapolis puts on a performance of "Black Eagle," which tells the story of Ronald McNair, the African-American scientist aboard the space shuttle Challenger. The performance will be held at 6:15 p.m. Feb. 17 at Metropolitan Community College's Fort Omaha Campus, 5300 N. 30th St., in Building 22, Swanson Conference Center. The group will perform again at 12:30 p.m. Feb. 18 at Metro's Elkhorn Valley Campus, 204th Street and West Dodge Road, Room 114.

History celebration: Church of the Resurrection hosts a talk by the Rev. Shannon MacVean-Brown, the first woman to be the pastor of St. Matthew's Episcopal Church in Detroit. She's currently working on her doctoral dissertation, a study of black women priests titled "The African American Episcopal Women Priest Project." The talk will be held at Love's Jazz & Arts Center, 2510 N. 24th St., from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Feb 22.

Soul food: Attend Soul Food Sunday on Feb. 23 at the Church of the Resurrection. The Rev. Shannon MacVean-Brown will serve as guest celebrant and preacher at the church's 10 a.m. service. Following service at 11:15 a.m. there will be a soul food meal.

### **Black Businesses in Omaha, Nebraska**

***A small percentage of the businesses listed on BlackCityInfo.com may not necessarily be black owned and operated but have received favorable reviews from users who have visited the establishment, or from the owners themselves who warmly seek out African American patronage.***

#### **BEAUTY CARE - HAIR SALONS - MULTICULTURAL**

1. **Catrynas Briading Studios** - *Category: Hair Salons - making U look beautiful is our mission* - Nebraska (301) 323 3379 - **(visit website)**
2. **Exclusive Hair Designs** - *Category: Black Hair Salons* - 2104 Military Ave - Omaha, Nebraska (402) 504-4228
3. **Kali Beauty Supply** - *Category: Beauty Supply* - 711 N 36th St Omaha, NE 68131 (402) 320-5952
4. **Ms.Tammy Freeman/Beauty Supply** - *Category: Beauty Supply* - 2110 N. 58th Street Omaha, NE 68104 (402) 548-4325

#### **BLACK BUSINESSES - SERVICES - VENDORS ETC.**

1. **Aframerica Book Store** - *Category: Book Store* - 3226 Lake Street Omaha, NE 68111 (402) 455-9200
2. **Globali (work at home)** - *Category: Services* - If you're tired of being broke and willing to put the effort and time in right from the comfort of your home...we could help.. Please contact jabez4u@centurylink.net - P. O. Box 111013 Omaha NE. (402) 553-7629
3. **Look Out 4 Seniors** - *Category: Community Service* - We are Christian Partners through Christ Jesus that compile information as well receive information that will help better Seniors lives. Some at a low cost and some info donated. We want our SENIOR CITIZENS to live out their remaining years in comfort, loving, caring, sharing, giving, spiritual, hands on if need be, patient, understanding, etc. and all other things through righteousness that will make their days and nights a little easier.

Our goal is to have a 'Senior Lookout Exchange Program'. We now have info on little known government 'Giveaways' for people over 55 years old only \$25.00 for the report. These benefits ARE NOT advertised. They're FREE and given to seniors regardless of Income or Assets! m/o or check) checks will delay order until cleared

through bank to: Look out 4 Seniors, P.O.Box 111013, Omaha, Ne 68111 WE LOVE YOU WITH THE LOVE OF CHRIST! (402) 553-7629

4. **Omaha Star** - *Category: African American Newspaper* - 2216 North 24th Street, Omaha, NE, 68110 (402) 346-4041
5. **Potent Alluring Scents** - *Category: Air Freshener* - Presenting "Potent Alluring Scents" by dee! Just a little bit will do and lasting scents that will spruce up your car, home, etc. A list of scents: black ice, black gold, simply pleasure, jasmine, tropical sunset, french vanilla, paradise, midnight mist, melon madness.  
  
Each scent has its own alluring fragrance with long lasting results. March madness special buy one get one half price. \$14.95 + \$2 s/h to: Potent Alluring Scents, Omaha, NE, 68111...we accept check or money order. All check must clear bank before order is sent. - P.O.Box 111013 Omaha NE (402) 612-3824
6. **Salem Stepping Saints** - *Category: Drill Team - No experience necessary.* - Omaha NE. 68111 (402) 455-1000 ext: 355 - (visit website)
7. **100 Black Men of Omaha, Inc.** - *Category: Community Service* - PO Box 20125 Omaha, NE 68110 - (visit website)

### **DINING - CATERING - BBQ - SOUL FOOD**

1. **Big Mama's Kitchen & Catering** - *Category: Soul Food Restaurants* - 3223 North 45th Street - Omaha, NE (402) 455-6262
2. **Jack & Mary's Restaurant** - *Category: Soul Food Restaurants* - *REVIEW: "If you like fried chicken, this is the place to go."* - 639 N 109th Ct - Omaha, NE (402) 496-2090
3. **Lonnelle's Southern Delight** - *Category: Soul Food Restaurants* - *REVIEW: "Ordered Lonnelle's chicken sandwich its one of their signature item and it was awesome"* - 3112 N 16th St - Omaha, NE (402) 453-4867
4. **Time Out Foods** - *Category: Soul Food Restaurants* - *REVIEW: "Stick with the fried chicken and homemade pies."* - 3518 N 30th St - Omaha, NE (402) 451-2622

Community talks: Church of the Resurrection, 3004 Belvedere Blvd., hosts a Community Table Talk at 5:30 p.m. Feb. 26. The talk is designed to bring those of different races, genders, faith and social status the opportunity to talk about issues. There will also be a soup supper available.

Ella Fitzgerald: Omaha Community Playhouse, 6915 Cass St., will show "Ella," the story of jazz singer Ella Fitzgerald, beginning Feb. 28 and running through March 30. Tickets are \$40 for adults, \$24 for students. For more information and showtimes, contact the Playhouse at 402-553-0800 or [www.omahaplayhouse.com](http://www.omahaplayhouse.com).

Children's play: The Rose Theater, 2001 Farnam St., will show "Jackie and Me," a play about Jackie Robinson, beginning Feb. 28 and running through March 16. Tickets are \$18. For more information and showtimes, contact the theater at 402-345-4849 or [www.rosetheater.org](http://www.rosetheater.org).

### **Local Events**

<http://100blackmenomaha.org/events/>

### **National Black Events Calendar**

<http://www.headzup-events.com/>

<http://www.soulofamerica.com/national-calendar-of-events.phtml>