



#### Community **Meetings**

Lubbock Area Client Council neets on the 2nd Saturday, 1:00 pm at the Patterson Branch Library, 836 Parkway Drive.

- \* Hub City Kiwanis meets 1st & 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7 p. m., Mt. Vernon UMC, East 23rd & Cedar Avenue
- \* Dunbar Alumni Association meets 2nd Saturdays, 4:00 pm.
- Booker T. W Washington American Legion, Post 808, meets every 2nd Tuesday at 7:30 pm, American Legion Building in Yellowhouse Canyon.
- Forgotten West Riders meets on the 1st & 3rd Mondays, 7:00 pm, Patterson Branch Library.
- \* East Lubbock Chapter AARP meets every 1st Thursday at 1:00 pm, Mae Simmons Senior Citizens.
- \* Lubbock Chapter of Black Alumni meets every 3rd Tuesday, 5:30 pm, TTU Market Alumni Center.
- \* Dunbar Manhattan Heights Neighborhood Association meets every 1st Thursday at 7:00 pm and every 4th Thursday at 7:00 pm at the Dunbar Manhattan Heights Neighborhood Outreach Center, 1301 E. 24th Street.
- \* West Texas Native American Association Pot Luck Supper meets on alternating months prior to meeting, meetings held on 2nd Saturdays of each month at 7:00 pm, Educational presentations and demonstrations.
- \* The Unified Juneteenth Commission of Lubbock meets every Monday evening at Patterson Library, 1834 Parkway Drive, beginning at 6:00 p. m.
- \* West Texas Chapter of 100 Black Men of West Texas meets 3rd Monday evenings at 7:00 pm at Lanier Center, 2nd Floor, TTU Law Center.
- \* The Parkway & Cherry-Point Neighborhood Association meets the 3rd Tuesday

evenings, 7:30 pm at Hunt

Elementary School. \* Chatman Hill Neighborhood Association meets 2nd Thursday of every month at 6:00 pm at Iles Elementary Cafeteria.

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Civil Rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., born in Atlanta, Georgia, in 1929, never backed down in his stand against racism. He dedicated his life to achieving equality and justice for all Americans of all colors. King believed that peaceful refusal to obey unjust law was the best way to bring about social change.

"A newspaper for 21st Century representing the Black Community's Ideas and Ideals since 1977"

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Named In Honor Of Former LISD UNIVERSITY UNIVERSITY
Trustee: Joan Y. Ervin

At their board meeting Thursday morning, January 10, 2013, the Lubbock ISD Board of Trustees announced the selection of names for the two new elementary schools constructed with funding from the 2010 Bond. In announcing their choices, board members voiced a desire to name the buildings after community members no longer living, but whose contributions to education are recognized by their contemporaries in the community.

Currently under construction is a new school which will consolidate the existing Wheatley and Iles Elementary Schools. It will be the "Joan Y. Ervin Elementary School," named after the first African-American elected to public office in Lubbock. Ervin, a Lubbock native who passed away in September 2012, served on the LISD Board of Trustees from 1970 - 1978. She was also the first African-American woman hired by IBM in Lubbock, where she worked as a service representative. She was a passionate advocate for public education.

Construction will begin in the summer of 2013 on a new building on the current site of Murfee Elementary, which will consolidate the existing Haynes and Murfee Elementary Schools into a new building. The new school will be the "Jayne Ann Miller Elementary School," named after the former Lubbock ISD



Joan Y. Ervin

teacher, community volunteer and wife of former Lubbock mayor David Miller. Miller, who passed away in the fall of 2012, earned her bachelor's and master's degrees in education from Texas Tech University. She taught special education at Wheatley Elementary and was a homebound teacher for students First Hispanic Lubbock County

**Commissioner Sponsored A** 

**Group Session Prior To His Death** 

Eliseo Solis, first Hispanic to serve as Lubbock County Commis-

man.

choly and inspiring. Sad because

Eliseo had been diagnosed with

cancer and announced he was

stopping treatment even though

he was in Stage 4. Uplifting be-

cause of the diversity of those at-

tending albeit, connected to one

It was requested that each in-

dividual introduce themselves,

normally an innocuous exercise.

However, each individual took it

upon themselves to reflect aloud

Eliseo Solis' impact either on

sioner, right, is shown with a longtime friend, T. J. Patterson, Sr. re-

cently. Solis passed away Monday, January 7, 2013

Written by

Olga Aguerro'

**Editor: El Editor** 

Newspaper

to gather together a group of

friends a month before his death.

As oftentimes happens, Jimenez

Bakery and Restaurant in down-

town Lubbock, acted as host

supplying simple fare to 30-40

individuals who attended the im-

The occasion was both melan-

promptu event.

Eliseo Solis had the foresight

with special needs. She served as president of the Waters Elementary, Evans Junior High and Monterey High School PTA programs. Miller was an active community volunteer in numerous civic organizations, and she was a recipient of a Life Membership in the Texas State PTA,

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themselves, on the community or on occasion, both. Having been involved in the local political scene for the last 25 years, I had known Eliseo Solis for over two decades. I made mention of a number of items, electing to now scribe only two. First, I noted the fact that when I first became engaged in the local political scene, it was as a supporter, acutely aware that Eliseo Solis and others were the "old dogs" and I and others were the "pups." Through the passage of time, I noted, I had become one of the "old dogs" and Eliseo Solis had become an even "older dog." The second item was less humorous, I observed that as a result of decades of community and political involvement, both at the grass roots level and as an elected official, Eliseo Solis had attained the status of "senior statesman." As such, the community looked upon him to provide sage advice and guidance, being free of personal political agendas or motivation.

In my mind, the greatest impact of that gathering was one of focused reflection, not contained to one man, but rather on the state of local and regional affairs, 50 years after individuals such as Eliseo Solis initiated struggles at the local level for parity in all aspects of life. The inter-reflection (some would say soul searching) that started that day continued afterward for me and I would hope for others in attendance and absent.

And yet, as I have noted before, the "soldiers" of those days are falling, some as quietly as a leaf floating downward from a tree. There are many who have been laid to rest, including: Lorenzo Sedeno, Sr., Carlos Quirino, Sr., Joan Irving, Bobbi Gean Patterson, Bidal Aguerro', and Dan Benson. The "soldiers"

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## An Outstanding Lubbock **Businesswoman:** Angela Hightower

Angela Hightower

After identifying an underserved community, coupled with hard work and sheer determination, Angela Hightower has rapidly built one of the most successful bi-lingual tax services in the Lubbock area. She opened Angela Hightower Income Tax Service, 1810 34th Street, in 1998.

As the owner of Angela Hightower Income Tax Services, she provides tax consulting services to individuals and small businesses. She attributes her business success to a combination of work ethic instilled in her by her parents, pioneer business owners who started Abercrombie Lumber; coupled with old-fashion influences of a West Texas father and a Latina mother.

Like her parents, Angela places a high priority on understanding her clients and delivering excellent and expert service. As a result, Angela Hightower Income Tax Service now serves over 3,800 clients annually.

As a proud lifelong resident of

Lubbock County, and an alumni of New Deal High School and Texas Tech University, she is committed to reinvesting into the community.

Angela's professional memberships including: the Lubbock Chamber of Commerce, the 34th Street Association, the National Society of Tax Professionals and the American Tax Professional

There are many outstanding women business owners, but among all of them is none other than Angela Hightower. When you see her, let her know you have seen her advertisement in the Southwest Digest. She is one of our advertisers.

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Angela Hightower is a lady as well as an outstanding busi-

nesswoman! Visit her: Website: www.ange-

# lahightowertax.com Ordination and 50th Birthday **Celebration For Minister Deborah Hutchinson**



Minister Deborah Hutchinson

Rev. Ruby Price and the Gt Mt Zion Missionary Baptist Church 411 N. Front Street, Crosbyton, Texas and Rev. C.C. Peoples, Sr of Mt Olive First Missionary Baptist Church, Slaton, Texas would like to announce the ordination service for

Minister Deborah M Hutchinson and Rev. Donnell Newman. The ordination will take place at Gt Mt Zion in Crosbyton on January 20, 2013 at 3:30pm. Rev. Arthur Kelly, of Pleasant Home Missionary Baptist

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#### Covenant Health to Host Your **Heart Matters Seminar**

Covenant Health is hosting the January Heart Matters free seminar to focus on health care reform. The health care reform presentation will be on Friday, January 25. The seminar will be from 9-10 a.m. at the Knipling Education Conference Center.

Join Clarke Cochran, vice president of mission and integration at Covenant Health as he discusses all things health re-

To R.S.V.P. for the seminar, please call 1.866.4COVENANT (1.866.426.8362). A continental breakfast will be served and free parking will be provided. The Knipling Education Conference Center is located on the sixth floor of the West parking garage at the corner of 21st Street and Louisville Avenue.

#### Reginald Grant Daryl Succumbs Here

Funeral services were held forn Reginald Daryl Grant on Tuesday afternoon, January 15, 2013 at 2 p.m. at Smith Temple with Rev. D. Smith, pastor, officiating.

Interment followed at the City of Lubbock Cemetery under the direction of Griffin Mortuary & Funeral Home of Lubbock.

Grant, 38, of Lubbock passed away January 6, 2013. Reggie was born on May 21, 1974 in Lubbock to the late Phillip



Thomas and Ruby Grant. He graduated from Estacado

## Oldest Living American, Mamie Rearden, Dies at 114-Years Old

Mamie Rearden, recognized by Guinness World Records as the oldest living American, has died at 114-years old. Rearden was born on September 7, 1898,

High School in 1994, he was active in ROTC.

Reggie was employed by Texas Tech University for 18 years.

Reggie leaves to cherish his memory his grandmother, Winnie Blacknell; stepfather, Curtis Stovall; three sisters, Nicole Grant, Brekeshia and Breana; three bothers, Raymond Stovall, Jerome, and Ray DeShawn; and a host of other relatives of a many friends

#### **Bethel AME Church** Will Host Federation

The monthly meeting of the Federation of Choirs will be held Sunday aftewrnoon, January 27, 2013, at the Bethel Afric an Methodist Episcopal Church, 2202 Southeast Drive, beginning at 2:30 p. m. Rev. Eddie Williams is host pastor.

"Come hear our new musician at Bethel," said Revc. Williams.

Sister Janet Williams is president of the Federation of Choirs.

#### **Minister Hutchinson** Will Be Ordained

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Church, Post, Texas will bring the message and Rev C.C. Peoples will act as Catechizer (conductor).

Following the services, dinner will be served and the 50th birthday celebration for Minister Deborah will take place as well. Praying that God bless all who will be or want to be in attendance for this very spirit-filled and momentous occasion.

in Edgefield, South Carolina, where she was raised and lived all her life. She was a school teacher for a short time, and was married to her husband for 59 years until his death in 1979. She raised 11 children. At the time of her death, she lived in the family homestead with a son and a daughter on land that had been in the family since her father's accumulation of acreage that made him one of the area's largest black landowners.

Quvenzhané Wallis Becomes Youngest **Actress Ever To Be Nominated For A** "Best Actress" Oscar



9-year old Quvenzhané Wallis just made Oscar history as the youngest actress ever to be nominated for "Best Actress". She is starring as Hushpuppy in the film "Beasts of the Southern Wild," which was also nominated as "Best Picture" and won rave reviews at the 2012 Sundance Film Festival. From Houma, Louisiana, Wallis was just 5 years old when she auditioned for the role, and has received major recognition and critical acclaim for her performance. Since her breakout role, she has now been cast in the upcoming movie "Twelve Years a Slave," which also stars Brad Pitt.

> The goal of this command is love, which comes from a pure heart and a good conscience and a sincere faith. 1 Timothy 1:5

## **New Light Baptist Church News**

On Sunday morning, January 13, 2013, church services got started at New Light Baptist Church, 3013 Idalou Road, at 9:30 a. m. where Rev. Kenneth O. Jackson is the pastor.

Church School started at 9:45 a.m. with Rev. Jackson teaching the lesson entitled: "Imitating Christ" and its devotional reading came from James 3:13-18: the background scrpiture cameing from Philippians 2:1-13.

Breakfast was served to those that was in attedance afterward. Morning worship started at 11:00 a. m. with the devoted Praise Team leading the way.

Rev. Jackson led the pulpit devotion. The song, "O I Want To See Him", was sung. Rev. Jackson read the responsive reading coming from Psalm 23:1-6 and he also led the altar prayer with the song, "What A Friend" being sung.

Sister Linda Green read all the morning announcements and told of all the upcoming events that will be taking place. There was the pastoral period that was held and then the offering was

taken up. The Senior Choir sung "Bye and Bye" and "Something Got Hold On Me." "Guide Me Oh Thou Great Jehovah" It was sung was before the sermon. Our visiting minister, Pastor Elgie Carrizales of the New

Birth Baptist Church, preached the sermon entitled: "God's Servants." His scripture text camefrom Matthew 20:26-28. The

afterwards. There was the invitation to discipleship that was extended and several came for prayer.

song, "Pray For Me", was sung

night. It is hard to stumble when you are on your knees. Pray for all those that has lost a loved one recently. Pray that whatever the needs of the people that God says asked and you shall receive, seek and you shall find, and knock and the door will be opened unto you. All we have to do is let go and let God.

SCRIPTURE FOR WEEK: "There is one body, and one spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism. Ephesians 4:4-5

The closing out of our Pastor & Wife 5th appreciation service was held here at New Light 3:30 Pray in the morning, noon and p.m. There were several churches that was in attendance and the spirit was felt by all. There were lots of singing, praying and etc...

Rev. Elijah Austin of United Baptist Church preached the sermon entitled: "Encouraging Words In Desperated Times." and his scripture came from

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#### **Mae Simmons**

**Community and Senior Centers** What's Happening This Month!

#### **FITNESS OPEN HOUSE**

Saturday, January 26 Free! 9 am-1 pm Door prizes! Pedometers! Refreshments! Check out our treadmills, bikes, elliptical, free weights, circuit machine & more! Free!





#### **SWEETHEART'S DANCE**

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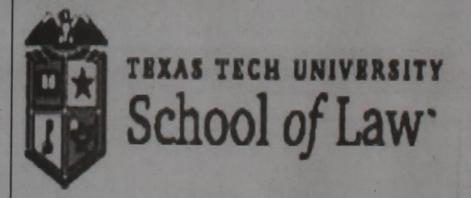
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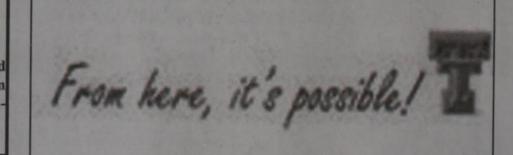
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# Church News





From the Desk of Parson D.A. Smith Do Not Mistreat Black Women!

John Sidney McCain Ill is the senior United States Senator from Arizona. He was the Republican presidential nominee in the 2009 United State Campaign against President Obama. He's 76 years of age and was born August 29, 1939, Panama Canal Zone.

This writer's beef with John McCain is how he treated Susan Rice after it was rumbled that she was the likely candidate for secretary of state. One cannot believe by McCain's actions that he was not sore because he lost to President Obama for the Commander-In-Chief of the most powerful country in the world. It was rumored that Ms. Rice was the likely nominee for Secretary of State by President Obama.

McCain stated after it was rumored that Susan Rice was the likely candidate for secretary of state that she was ill prepared because of her comments about Benghazi shortly after the attack. He noted Susan Rice should have known better and if she didn't know better, she's not qualified. She should have known better. I will do everything in my power to block her from being the United States States. This 79 year old boy also

secretary of state. She has proven that she either doesn't understand or she is not willing to accept evidence on its face. There is no doubt five days later what this attack was and for-Look, I was on Face the Nation that Sunday. Right after her came the president of Libyan National Assembly, who said this was Al-Qaeda. And everybody knew that. And so she went out and told the American people something that was patently false and defied common sense. This writer wonders if John Mc-Cain would have challenge Susan E. Rice if she has been a white woman. History proves that McCain has a problem with women including those he dated and one who was a faithful wife and went to Heaven to be with Jesus. This writer along with others of my kind have a problem with men who would destroy women and especially Black women because of some silly ideology of white men being the most powerful stud in

McCain need to realize that he lost to President Obama and hell will freeze over before he becomes president of the United

needs to understand that Black males are looking at those White men who mistreat Black women because they have suffered much abuse in trying to support and raise their children to be of worth in racist white male America. This kind of treatment of Black women in American in today's world will make Egypt and Syria look like child's play. Enough is enough and too much

#### The Gift of Friendship

You gave me words of kindness tied with a ribbon of gold, hearing them was important to heal my heart and soul.

Your gift of words made a difference when I was down and blue, questioning why I bother, doing what I

Life can be a challenge sometimes it seems unfair, but when I was tired and struggling it helped that you were there.

What can I give you in return--your friendship is so dear, please know if you ever need me I will always be here. ords and time are needed by people everywhere,

when wrapped with a smile or a hug, they're a gift that says "I CARE!" Unknown



True Black History - Part 1 "The Morrisons"

Written by Evangelist Billy "B.J." Morrison, III-Your brother in Christ Jesus always

Proverb 16:7 -- Where a man's ways please the Lord, he makes even his enemies to be at peace with him."

I thank God for my Grand Father, Rev. Billy Moirrison, I, and Grand Mother, MaMa Susie of Benchely, Texas. On old San Antonio road, off Highway 6, going into Bryan, Texas. Back in 1917, they took 350 acres of the wore timber land in the county, and ASK THE LORD TO HELP THEM TO TRAIN AND TRAIN THIS LAND. They took their seven children and two old black mules, AND WENT TO WORK!!! THEY DIDN'T ASK THE WHITE MAN TO GIVE THEM A BREAK.

Phillippians 4:13 -- I can do all things through Christ which strengthens me.

\* INGOD'S STRENGTH??

They took the two old black mules, AND CUT AND BURNED THE TREES DOWN, AND COTTON, WHEAT, HAY, POTATOES, OTHERS; GREW IN THE MAN??? \*\*\*\* GROUND!!!

Matthew 13:8b -- Jesus said, and brought forth fruit, some a hundred fold, some sixty fold, some thirty fold. Who hath ears to hear, let him hear.

(You see they went TO THE LORD FOR HELP; NOT THE WHITE MAN, THIS NEW GENERATION; AL-WAYS GOING TO THE WHITE MAN SAYING MR. WHITE MAN WILL GIVE ME THIS, AND WILL YOU GIVE ME THAT; JUST ASK THE LORD, AND WORK, WORK, WORK. THAT'S WHERE IT'S AT!!!

My Grand Father AND Grand Mother didn't care if THEY DIDN'T EAT WITH THE WHITE MAN; they didn't care if they DIDN'T DRINK AT THE WHITE WATER FOUNTAINS. THEY JUST WANTED A PIECE OF THE AMERICAN'S DREAM -- A PIECE OF AMERICA'S PIE!!!)

\*\*\*\* ARE YOU ASKING GOD OR THE WHITE

PaPa Bill and MaMa Susie only went to the fourth grade in SCHOOL. But the Lord Blessed their MINDS AND BACKS, AND THAT THEY DID USE!!!

\*\*\*\* THEY'RE REV. BILL, B. J. MORRISON'S HERO!!! \*\*\*\*

PaPa would say: PEOPLE SAY OF MY FAMILY: I WAS A HARD MAN. BUT I GOD THANK THEIVES, ROBBERS, NOR THE SHEDDED BLOOD OF ANOTHER MAN!!!

Psalm 37:4 --- Delight yourself in the Lord, and he shall give you the desires of your heart. (Doing the Depression of 1929, PaPa them was going to LOSE THEIR AMERICA'S DREAM -- THEIR LAND. The Banker is Bryan, was at a cafe', laughing saying, O' Billy Morrison's going to loose his place, I'm going to have to forclose on it. Papa said a WHITE DOCTOR came from town and told

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# Matthew's Baptist Church News

Again church services were well attended at the St. Matthew Baptist Church, 2020 East 14th Street, on Sunday morning, January 13, 2013, where the proud pastor is Rev. Edward Canady.

Church services begun at 10:10 a.m. with Sunday School with Assistant Superintendent Sister Annie Onasanya in charge.

Sister Susie Davis, our splendid teacher, taught the lesson, and what a beautiful lesson it was. It was enjoyed by all in attendance. The subject of the cause of who you are." morning lesson was "Attitude Counts." The Unifying Topic was "Jesus' Humility And Exaltation." The scripture text was Philippians 2:5-11.

The main thought was Philippians 1:5 (KJV).

The Sunday morning devotion was conducted by Deacon Edward Williams and Sister Ethel Williams.

Pastor Canady entered the church with this selection, "Be-

The morning sermon was delivered by Pastor Canady. His subject was "Were There Not Ten Cleansed? But Where Are The Nine." His scripture text was Luke 17:11-19.

The morning announcements were read by Sister Ethel Williams.

The weekly meetings held at St. Matthew Baptist Church are as follows::

The Missionary Society

meets at 5:00 p. m. on Wednesday evenings.

Bible Study is held on Wednesday evenings at 6:00 p. m. Come and learn with us.

Choir Rehearsal is held on Friday afternoon at 2:00 p. m. If you are a member of any one of these meetings, we will look forward to seeing you this week.

It was good to see Sister Barbara Johnson in services today.

Let us not forget those who Matthew Baptist Church on are on our sick and shut-in members list. Remember, God is

Thought For The Week: "Fellowship with Christ is the secret of happiness now and forever."

"Remember God is always with us, no matter what kind of a situation one may find him or herself in. God is love, and don't ever forget that!"

If you are looking for a

Sunday morning. You may do so this week. We believe if you would come by, you will be glad you did so.

Rev. Edward Canady, our pastor, would love to see you here, along with your family members. Shall we see you this coming Sunday morning! Hope so, because we're excited you thought enough to come and visit with us at the St.. Matthew Baptist Church.

Remember, God is able and is always standing for us!! He's there when we need and is always on our side.

# Outreach Prayer Breakfast

The members and friends of the Outreach Prayer Breakfast are asking each of you the following questions: How did you celebrate Christmas? Did you know it was our Saviour's birthday? (Glad you asked). Here are

a few scriptures about the true Christmas:

18 -- "Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise. When as his mother Mary was exposed to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost.

19 -- "Then Joseph, her husband, being just man, and not willing to make her a public example, was minded to put her away privily."

20 -- "But while he thought

on these things, behold the angel of the LORD appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost.

coming the next American Idol!!

Javonte will appear on FOX 34 on January 16-17, 2013. As citizens of Lubbock, Tx, let us join together ton support Javonte in his efforts to pursue his dream. Remember, he is one Church Home, then visit the St. 21 -- And she shall bring

save his people from their sins." 22 -- Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which

his name JESUS; for he shall

was spoken of the Lord by the

forth a son, and thou shalt call

prophet.

\*\*\*\* We will continue to write this column in 2013.

Sister Dorothy Hood, president; Sister Elnora Jones, teacher.

Happy New Year!!

#### 19 year Old Lubbock native competes in

American Idol He began singing at an early age, singing in the SunshineB band at church, family weddings and school plays. I currently sing on the praise team at church and anywhere I get the opportunity to showcase my talent. My 9th grade year, I received 1st Chair Honor in UIL competition in Tenor section. In 2010, I tied for 1st in Lubbock's Got Talent Competition and received an honor of being chosen Male Youth Vocalist of the Year in Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration held at the Lubbock Civic Center.

In 2011, I was featured on a song that was played on the Lubbock radio 104.9 - entitled "FLY AWAY" in which the video is on YouTube and has over 30,200 hits. I love to sing and write music and I know how to mix and master and can harmonize all of my own background vocals. I have other cover



**Javonte Bibbs** 

songs on YouTube as well. Also, in 2011, I won an opportunity in a Lubbock competition, a trip to Dallas Texas where I competed against 12,000 others for a chance to be on the XFACTOR in which I advanced to the 2nd round.

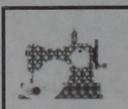
I'm a 19 year old graduate of Frenship High School where I was involved in Choir and Theatre Arts. I have a passion for singing and entertaining the crowd. I am eager to pursue my dream of becoming a

With the love of God and strong support of my parents and family I have been able to conquer obstacles in my life that would have made someone else quit but my love for God, family and music has kept me in the game!

I pray to advance to the next round of going to Hollywood in be-

Javonte Bibbs is the son of Johnny and Sonya Bibbs.

of ours!

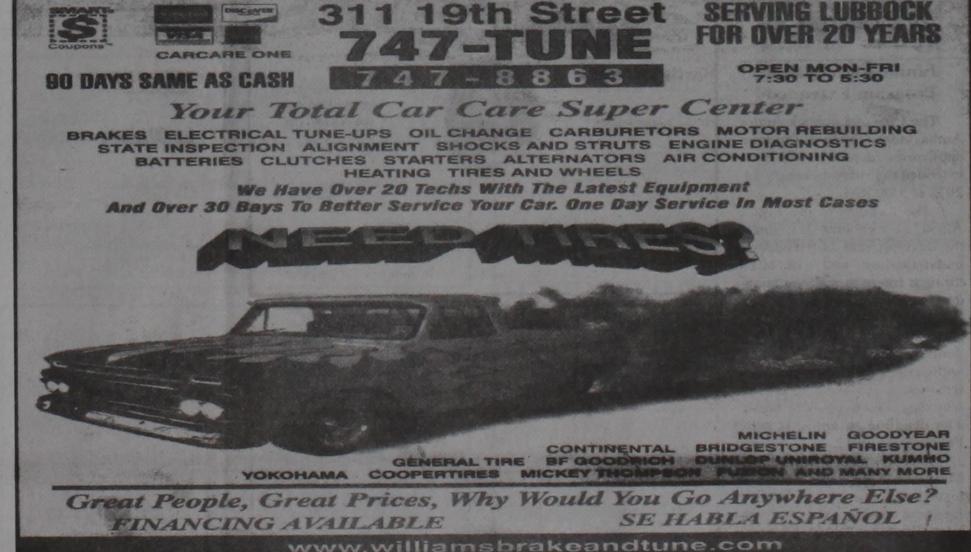


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# Obsequies

#### Ozella Vaughn Ivory

Funeral services were held for Ozellla Vaughn Ivory on Friday morning, January 4, 2013, at Manhattan Heights Church of Christ.

Interment followed at the City of Lubbock Cemetery under the direction of Griffin Mortuary & Funeral of Lubbock.

Ivory, 81, of Lubbock passed away on December 30, 2012.

Ozella was born to the parentage of Alonzo and Dorothy Vaughn in Center Point, Arkansas on May 28, 1931. She was baptized at an early age at a Church of Christ church in Center Point, Arkansas. Ozella graduated from Dunbar High School in Center Point.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Alonzo and Dorothy Vaughn; two sons, Charles Wayne Vaughn and Astro Ivory; one sister, Inolia Donaldson; and five brothers Searcy Vaughn, Theopolis Vaughn, Harold Vaughn, Larson Vaughn and



Aurstin Vaughn.

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She leaves to cherish her memory and carry on her legacy her daughters, Jennifer Ivory Johnson (Charles), Lena Ivory Majors and Shelia Ivory Hatchett; one son, Freddie Ivory Jr.; one sister, Bobbie Haney; one brother, Morgan Vaughn; nine grandchildren; eleven greatgrandchildren; and a host of other relatives and friends.

## Phyllis Renee Benson Woodruff

Funeral services were held for Phyllis on Wednesday afternoon, January 2, 2013 at House of Prayer, with Elder Johnny Bailey officiating. The conductor was Derwood Drones.

Interment followed at Peaceful Gardens Cemetery under the direction of Griffin Mortuary & Funeral Home o Lubbock.

Woodruff, 56, of Lubbock, Texas passed away on December 26, 2012.

Phyllis was born on June 30, 1956 to the parentage of Roosevelt Benson Sr. & Viola Juanita Benson in Hillsboro, Texas.

The family moved to Lubbock in 1958 where she attended public school and graduated from Estacado High School and attended Texas Tech University. Phyllis accepted Christ and joined church at an early age. She married Charles Woodruff Jr. on December 23, 1996.

She was preceded in death by one brother; David Allen Benson.

Phyllis leaves to cherish her memories: her parents, Roo-



sevelt Benson Sr. & Viola Juanita Benson; one sister, Lana Hamilton (Killeion); one brother, Roosevelt Benson Jr. (Wanda); two daughters, Tinnelle Williams Morrison (Eric); Ashley Rogers (Johnny); four step children, Charles Woodruff II (Claudia); DeCedric Woodruff, Tremaine Heath and Sharon Woodruff; eight grand-children, nieces, nephews, aunts uncles and a host of other relatives and friends.

#### Bobbie Gean Bailey Patterson In Memoriam



We thought of you with love today, But that is nothing new. We thought about you yesterday, And the days before that, too. We think of you in silence. We often speak your name. Now all we have are memories, And your picture in a frame. Your memory is our keepsake, With which we'll never part. God has you in his keeping, We have you in our Heart.

T.J. Sr., Avis, T.J. Jr., Sheila, and all of your grandchildren and great-grandchild.

#### Allene Loggins

Funeral services for Allene Loggins were held on Saturday morning, January 12, 2013 . at New Zion Baptist Church.

Interment followed at City of Lubbock Cemetery under the direction of Griffin Mortuary & Funeral Home of Lubock.

Loggins, 88, of Lubbock, Texas passed away on January 5, 2013.

Allene was born on December 6, 1925 in Falls County, Texas to the parentage of the late Reuben Jesse Carter Loggins



and Rachel Edwards Loggins.

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#### Elsieo Solis, First Hispanic Lubbock County Commissioner Succumbs Here Monday, January 7, 2013

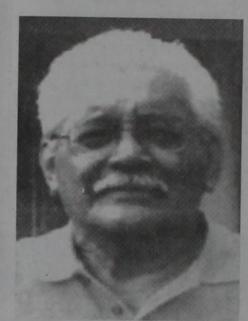
Funeral services were held for Elsieo Solis on Friday morning, January 11, 2013 at St. Joseph Catholic church with Fr. Martin Pina officiating.

Interment with military honors followed in Peaceful Gardens Cemetery under the direction of Guajardo Funeral Chapels.

Mr. Solis passed away on Monday, Jan. 7, 2013. He was born Jan. 12, 1946, in Levelland, Texas, to Refugio and Maria Solis. He married Esperanza Gonzalez on April 12, 1975, in Crystal City; she passed away on March 22, 2002.

Eliseo earned his bachelor's degree in Latino studies from Texas Tech University in 1968 and later earned his master's degree in political science from Wichita State University. He served his country during the Vietnam War from 1969 to 1970. He worked in education in Crystal City. He was the first Mexican-American elected county commissioner in Lubbock, in 1984.

He was active in the formation of La Raza Unida Party of Texas, instrumental in voter reg-



istration statewide, and participated in the Southwest Voter Registration Education Project in El Salvador. He was a member of MECHA, LULAC, GI Forum, Brown Berets, and West Texas Organizing Strategy (WTOS). Survivors include his wife, Josie Solis of San Antonio; sons, Joaquin and his wife Vivian, and Xavier and his wife Jessica; his daughter, Xochitl Solis, all of Lubbock; 10 grandchildren; sisters, Lenora Olivarez and Irene Lopez of California; and many nieces and nephews.

Eliseo was preceded in death

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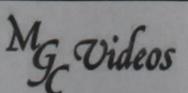
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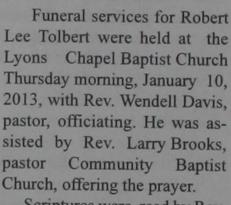
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Scriptures were read by Rev. J. T. Cotton, which came from the Old Testament and New Testament.

Special remarks were given by Janice Singleton, Sabrina Dupree, and Rashad Ward. Solos were sung by Eddie Avery, "I've Gone The Last Mile"; and Beverly Allen who sung "I'm Going Up Yonder,"

Casket Bearers were Dwight Briley, Chester Brooks, Wesley York, Calvin Stiggers, Frank Jones, Rashad Ward, and Neal High. Interment was held in the

City of Lubbock Cemetery under the direction of Calvillo Funeral Home & Chapel.

by his wife, Esperanza; brothers, Don and Emilio Solis; and sisters, Hortencia Vasquez, Margaret Trevino and Patricia Solis. He is survived by his wife,

He is survived by his wife, Ida Mae Tolbert; three sons: Robert Tolbert, Jr., Earnest A Allen, and James Allen; five daughters: Ruby York, Eddie Mae High, Louise Yoder, Janice Allen, and Joyce Allen; thirty-five grandchildren; sixty-six great-grandchildren; and eight great-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Tommy & Adell Tolbert; t wo sons, R obert E Earl Tolbert and Ralph Smith; a daughter, Linda Henderson; t wo brothers, Calvin Tolbert and Lee Myrion Tolbert; and two ssters, Ruby Hester and Doris Stewart.

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## In Cinque

By Renetta Howard



This New Year is really off to a start with a big bang. We have seen at the dropping of the ball that the Republican Party has split. There is in-fighting and a 'house divided cannot stand.' It is bad enough that they disagree with the Democrats, but they do not seem to be able to agree with each other. The kicker seems to be the upset encountered in the Presidential election of 2012. They were certain that they had the election wrapped up. It seems that Romney's 47% really did vote for him. The other 47% plus 11% more seemed to have wanted Obama instead. Then there was the 'fiscal cliff.' It did not help the party. The Speaker of the House, John Boehner is said on national news to have resorted to profanity toward a fellow Congressman, Senate Majority Leader, Harry Reid after he saw him in the lobby of the White House. That was a public outery that all was not well in the Republican Party.

It took hours into the New Year before the Republican officials could come to an agreement with the President on the way certain people, especially the superrich should be taxed. An agreement was made but the outcome is hardly what each side really wanted. They compromised, but to the detriment of the Republican Party because they were the holdout on upholding the status quo for the rich. We may not believe it, but there are just a few people who own most of the money in this

country and the majority of us are basically poor. We have come to the place where we are really polarized into two groups; the very rich and the very poor. Oh, we speak of the middle class, but it is more fictional than real. Most of the people who still call themselves middle class are really in the upper strata of the poor class. A few upper middle class people may have made it to the bottom realm of the upper class. Just a little bad luck can slide them back down the scale.

Regardless to our economic status, as citizens we must learn to work with and through the political strata to achieve a kind of happiness with which we can live a harmonious and healthy life. We know that we are all created equally, but we must realize that maturation physically, emotionally, economically and mentally remains with us and the choices we make individually. According to the Bible, in Matthew 26:11 and Mark 14:7, the poor will always be with us. Therefore, if you are poor, you can work to improve your status. It is early in the year. Get 'in cinque,' set some goals for your self-improvement and focus on your goals without letting anything deter you. You must have a positive outlook that you CAN accomplish your goals. Then move upward to the next level. Make this year, 2013, a year of positive change for you and those you love.

## Dear, Youth of Lubbock, Texas

during the holidays to make sure you understand the consequences of your actions. Christmas in prison consists of the same thing you did the day before. There are no presents and family. The meal is not home grandma or your mother, but by inmates who have never cooked in their lives! Your present is a pair of white socks and a bar of soap!

Value what you have at this time around the holidays. You have family and friends to spend the holidays with, rather than hundreds of men that you don't even know!

Learn what the true meaning of Christmas is! That is the birth

I am writing you this letter of Jesus Christ who gave His life for all of our sins! If Jesus did that for our sins, then shouldn't we live a life that is based on His word and His wishes? Following in Jesus' image is a lot better than following a man's image that may end

Jesus wants us to live by the laws of the land, no matter what we think about them! If I had only picked a Bible up and read it years ago, I would not have ended up in prison! Please pick a Bible up and r read it! I promise it will be the best thing you

> Sincerely, Prisoner #1802937

#### Make Sure All Children Are Safe In This New Year, 2013!!



Marian Wright Eldelman President Children's Defense Fund

As New Year's Eve countdowns wound down, many people turned to the familiar ritual of taking stock of where they are now to make resolutions for what they can do better in the new year. We all measure our accomplishments and shortcomings in different ways. Some people count numbers on a scale or in a savings account. But what if we decided to take stock as a nation by measuring how we treat our children?

If we did that kind of countdown, we'd learn:

Every second and a half during the school year a public school student receives an outof-school suspension.

Every 8 seconds during the school year a public high school student drops out.

Every 32 seconds a child is born into poverty in America. Every 47 seconds a child is

abused or neglected. Every 72 seconds a baby is

born without health insurance. Every 5 and a half hours a child is killed by abuse or neg-

A majority of all American fourth and eighth grade public school students can't read or do math at grade level including 76 percent or more of Black and Latino students.

Millions of American children start school not ready to learn and millions more lack safe, affordable, quality child care and early childhood education.

If we were counting we'd see that millions of poor children are hungry, at risk of hunger, living in worst case housing, or are homeless in America.

And we would find a child or teen is killed by a firearm about every three hours and 15 minutes - over seven every single

#### Loggins Succumbs Continued from Page 4

She was the second child born of nine children. Allene attended school in Reagan, Texas until her family relocated to Lubbock in 1942.

She was a faithful member of Mount Gilead Baptist Church and served on the Usher Board for many years. Upon moving her membership to New Zion Baptist Church she also served as an usher for decades until her health began to decline.

Allene was preceded in death by three brothers, James Loggins, Sr., Willie Loggins and, Reuben Loggins, Jr.; one sister,

Anne Loggins. She leaves to cherish her memory and mourn her passing three brothers, Raymond Eli Loggins (Bobbie), Walter Charles Loggins (Thelma), and Edward Allen Loggins (Ethel); one sister, Middie Lee Bradley; along with many nieces, nephews and a host of great-nieces, greatnephews and friends.

#### New Light Baptist Church News Continued from Page 3

from 2 Timothy 4:1-5

There was lots of food and fellowship afterward that was held in the fellowship hall. Thanks to all that attended for a job well done.

ATTEND SUNDAY SCHOOL ON SUNDAY MORNINGS!

# THIS N'THAT

T. J. Patterson

ELSIEO SOLIS MADE SOME POSITIVE CONTRI-BUTIONS! THIS N THAT as well as many other citizens will miss an outstanding citizen ..... ELSIEO SOLIS ..... who passed away here ..... Monday ..... January 7, 2013 ..... after fighting a battle with cancer.... He was the ..... FIRST HIS-PANIC ELECTED ..... as Lubbock County Commissioner, Precinct 2.... He made OUTSTANDING Lubbock

County ..... THIS N THAT remembers when he and the District Two Lubbock City Councilman ..... T. J. Patterson .. came together to do an ... INTERLOCAL AGREE-MENT TO CONSTRUCT A ROAD ..... in Chapel Hill and today that road ...... which is called ..... NITER ROAD .... still exists today..... Thanks ..... ELISEO SOLIS .... for all you did for all of us!

NEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NAMED AFTER LOCAL CITIZEN!! THIS N

THAT ..... and many citizens of Lubbock ..... are applauding the name of the new elementary school ..... after the first elected ..... AFRICAN AMERICAN ..... elected to a political office in ..... LUBBOCK OFFICE... She was ..... JOAN Y. ERVIN ..... The new elementary school will be named ..... THE JOAN Y. ERVIN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL .... It will cost .... \$13,000.000 when constructed and will be located at 1802 East 28th Street... CONGRATS .... to both!!!

day. The devastation at Sandy Hook put the media spotlight on a tragedy that strikes families in communities across America daily as a result of our nation's shameful refusal to protect children instead of guns. In 2010 2,694 children and teens died from gun violence.

What do these numbers tell us about who we are and who we hope to be? Why do we choose to let children be the poorest age group in our rich nation and to let millions of children suffer preventable sickness, neglect, abuse, miseducation, and violence? Why do we continue to mock God's call for justice for children and the poor and our professed ideals of freedom and justice for all?

It's time for new resolutions backed by urgent and persistent action. In 2013 the United States celebrates the 150th anniversary of the Emancipation Proclamation and the 50th anniversary of the March on Washington and of the Birmingham movement. Our first African American president will be inaugurated for a second term, in a public ceremony that will take place the same day as our national holiday honoring Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., our prophet of nonviolence. How will we honor and carry forth our long struggle towards freedom and equality? Let's resolve

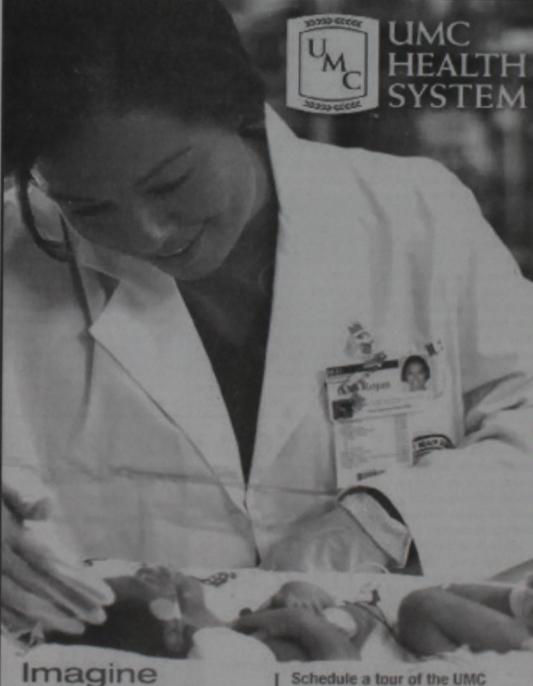
not to make this another year of platitudes and remembering the dream but make this a year of action to end child poverty and violence as Dr. King called for.

Dr. King said: "The Declaration of Independence proclaimed to a world, organized politically and spiritually around the concept of the inequality of man, that the dignity of human personality was inherent in man as a living being. The Emancipation Proclamation was the offspring of the Declaration of Independence . . . Our pride and progress could be unqualified if the story might end here. But history reveals that America has been a schizophrenic personality where these two documents are concerned. On the one hand she has proudly professed the basic principles inherent in both doc-

uments. On the other hand she has sadly practiced the antithesis of these principles." He concluded: "There is but one way to commemorate the Emancipation Proclamation. That is to make its declarations of freedom real; to reach back to the origins of our nation when our message of equality electrified an unfree world, and reaffirm democracy by deeds as bold and daring as the issuance of the Emancipation Proclamation."

Let's match the history of this 2013 moment with bold and daring steps to close the gap between what every child needs to grow to productive adulthood, what we know works, and what we do to ensure their healthy development. It must begin with safety from guns. If the child is safe all of us are safe.





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#### UPCOMING NATIONAL DAY OF SERVICE

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#### Opportunities include:

Making Valentine's Day cards for local veterans at the Volunteer Center of Lubbock's confer-St., from 10 a.m. to noon

Assisting with Lubbock Impact's clothing closet by sorting and organizing donations at 2707 34th St., from 9 a.m. to noon

Each year, Americans across the country come together on MLK Jr. Day to serve their neighbors and communities. This day of service empowers individuals, strengthens communities and moves people closer to MLK Jr.'s vision of a beloved

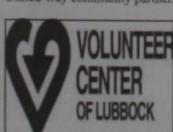
"This day of service is so important because not only are we celebrating Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., we are also setting a spirit of giving for the rest of the year!" said VCL Program Manager Rachel Flores.

The Volunteer Center welcomes families, student groups and individuals to get involved on this day of giving back. To

find out about more projects or to register, contact Rachel Flores (806) 747-0551 rflores@volunteerlubbock.org.

Members of the community lubbock.org and click Volunteer Connection to create a volunteer account and register for opportunities online.

The Volunteer Center of Lubence room, located at 1706 23rd bock connects, empowers and transforms the community through purposeful volunteerism and leadership development. Last year, the Volunteer Center's efforts impacted more than 28,000 people within our community. The Volunteer Center of Lubbock is a Lubbock Area United Way community partner.



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## NAACP Applauds President Obama for Selecting Myrlie Evers-Williams to Deliver Invocation during Inauguration

Baltimore, MD – The NAACP applauds President Obama for choosing civil rights icon and NAACP Chairman Emeritus Myrlie Evers-Williams to deliver his invocation during his inauguration on January 21st.

"Myrlie Evers-Williams embodies the essence of the civil rights movement and the struggle toward the more perfect union our Constitution envisions," stated Roslyn M. Brock, the current chairman of the NAACP National Board of Directors. "We are thrilled she has received this honor and applaud President Obama for his inspirational selection."

"Myrlie Evers-Williams is a heroine," stated NAACP President and CEO Benjamin Todd Jealous. "She represents the best qualities of the American people and the transformative possibilities of American democracy. Her selection for this sacred task will serve as a reminder to our nation that civil rights must remain at the forefront of our society.

Evers-Williams is a highly respected civil rights icon who served as chairman of the NAACP from 1995-1998. Evers-Williams is also the widow of Medgar Evers, who was murdered by a white supremacist in 1963 while serving

as the NAACP's first field secretary in Mississippi. She went on to become the founder of the Medgar Evers Institute in Jackson, Miss and currently serves as a Distinguished Scholar-in-Residence at Alcorn State University

"I am humbled to have been asked to deliver the invocation for the 57th inauguration of the President of the United States—especially in light of this historical time in America when we will celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Civil Rights Movement," Myrlie Evers-Williams said today. "It is indeed an exhilarating experience to have the distinct honor of representing that era."

Hospital Made A Mistake And Now Brooklyn Mom Has Only 6 Months To Live

February 2010, Laverne Wilkinson of Brooklyn, New York, felt chest pains and thought she was having a heart attack. So she went to see a doctor at Kings County Hospital. But despite her X-ray showing a suspicious nodule in her lung, she was told to go home and take pain medication. Now, she has Stage 4 lung cancer that has spread to her liver, spine and brain.

Apparently, the radiologist had recommended in his original written report that Wilkinson have a followup X-ray in three months, and if "clinical concern warrants, a CT scan is suggested." But she was never given this information. Not during her

after his duty was concluded. He

talks about his position as chair

of the MECHA (Movimiento

Estudiantil Chicano de Aztlán)

chapter at Wichita State Univer-

sity. Mr. Solis recounts his early

political experiences as a politi-

cal activist after he returned to

Crystal City, Texas, to work with

the school district as coordinator

of federal educational programs.

He describes the details of his

involvement with La Raza

Unida Party's national conven-

tion in 1972 and describes his

participation in voter registration

drives in Texas, Mexico, and El

Salvador. He talks about cam-

paign management and finance

during his bid for election as

county commissioner in Lub-

bock. Mr. Solis describes the

functions and duties of a county

commissioner, and talks about

his activities in administering

that office. He tells about his in-

volvement with Texas' farm

workers strikes and the legal

problems he faced as a partici-

pant. Mr. Solis speculates on the

reasons for his defeat during his

re-election bid for county com-

missioner, and he talks about

going to work for the Student

Alternatives Program after-

appointment in 2010, and not during two years of followup clinic appointments, during which she complained of a chronic cough.

When she returned to the ER in spring 2012 - wheezing and short of breath - a new chest X-ray was taken, and it showed the nodule was cancerous, had more than doubled in size and spread to her left lung. Sadly, had she been properly diagnosed in 2010, the nodule could have been easily removed and it would have never spread



Lavern Wilkerson

# LISD Names New Principal At Parkway Continued from Page 1

in recognition of her many years of PTA service.

The former Alderson Middle School, which is being remodeled to serve as an elementary school, will consolidate the current Bozeman and Parkway Elementary Schools in the fall of 2013. The renovated building will now be "Alderson Elementary School." The school was originally named after W. E. Alderson, a car dealer and member of the Board of Trustees from 1939 - 1946. The Alderson family is still active in the community, operating car dealerships and providing leadership in many community organiza-

Principals for the consolidated campuses were also named at the board meeting. Superintendent Karen Garza said, "The transition teams for the new campuses, comprised of parents and teachers, expressed a strong desire to know the names the new schools as soon as possible. Our primary goal is to ensure that these transitions are positive for our students, faculty and parents. So, we felt it best to identify the leadership now, so that they can be very involved in all aspects of the transition," Garza

The new principal at Joan Y. Ervin Elementary will be Margaret Randle, currently the principal at Wheatley Elementary. Randle will continue in her duties at Wheatley Elementary while supporting the transition to the new campus.

The new principal at Jayne Ann Miller Elementary will be Kevin Booe, currently the principal at Williams Elementary. Booe will begin his duties later this month. Retired LISD Principal Joe Williams will serve as principal at Williams Elementary for the remainder of the school year. A process to select the next principal for Williams Elementary will begin in the spring

Parkway Elementary Principal Kevin Word will be the principal at Alderson Elementary when it opens in the fall of 2013. Bringing his skills as a very successful, experienced administrator, Word came to Lubbock ISD from Amarillo ISD in the fall of 2012. He will continue his responsibilities at Parkway Elementary and will spearhead the transition activities this spring, leading to the opening of Alderson Elementary in August of 2013.

#### First Hispanic Lubbock County Commissioner Succumbs Here

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of the 50's and 60's are going home, one by one, having fought the good fight, having won a battle or two.

In the movie, "Field of Dreams" (1989), the main character Ray Kinsella asks political activist and author Terence Mann, "Don't you miss being involved?"

Terence Mann replies, "I was the East Coast distributor of 'involved.' I ate it, drank it, and breathed it... Then they killed Martin, Bobby, and they elected Tricky Dick twice, and people like you must think I'm miserable because I'm not involved anymore. Well, I've got news for you. I spent all my misery years ago. I have no more pain for anything. I gave at the office."

I cannot speak for others, but I know that personally, I at times feel "spent." Eliseo Solis, on the other hand, never struck me as drained of his desire to continue the struggle. Truth be told, there are those who wish he had.

To lament is not attractive, but lament I must. The societal changes that have occurred over the decades, on the national level, could not have been possible without parallel struggles for change at the local level. The efficacy of Martin and Bobby and JFK and Cesar Chavez and others were dependent upon the likes of Eliseo, Joan, Pete, Lorenzo, Carlos, Bidal, Dan and others. The grain of sand that each has removed from the mountains of social injustices can be measured and weighed only through the eyes of decades and sometimes, centuries and yet, they exist.

As tangible as history is, as palpable as pain and suffering and injustices are, people forget the lessons of the past as well as forget those ordinary citizens who helped change the most likely outcome of future events for all. People do forget and instead, they focus on their current miseries not realizing that life was worse and yet, could be much better if others joined in the struggles of today. We are but a breath in a never ending continuum for humanity. Humanity made up of some individuals focusing on the greater good, as Eliseo Solis did, and others much less so.

Enough lamenting, lest we forget that Eliseo Solis saw the possibilities, as others did and do, on the local level, adding to the creation of a better community and in turn, a greater nation. Lest we forget that Eliseo Solis not only saw the possibilities but acted upon opportunities, self made and otherwise so that others had equal or greater opportunity than himself.

Eliseo Solis fancied himself a writer, as I do. It seems to me, that Eliseo took to the pen more often later in life. He would write for El Editor or send me an occasional e-mail encouraging me or sharing a piece he had recently written. Being formally educated with both a bachelor's and master's degree, one of the few for his generation, Eliseo continued to teach through his writings. In fact, it seemed as if words on paper became easier to express than speaking them

openly.

The soul searching continues... What is the ultimate goal of any community/political activist? Turning once more to the movie, "Field of Dreams" (1989), the main character Ray Kinsella continues to question political activist and author Terence Mann, "So what do you want?"

Terence Mann replies, "I want them to stop looking to me for answers, begging me to speak again, write again, be a leader. I want them to start thinking for themselves. I want my privacy." The dialogue in the movie continues,

"Ray Kinsella: No, I mean, what do you WANT?
[Gestures to the concession stand they're in front of]

Terence Mann: Oh. Dog and a beer "

Eliseo did his best to lead and provide hope and encouragement but he also did his best to have the community open their eyes to a reality and a future that was much bigger and more powerful than that limited to their families and friends. Eliseo Solis tried to open their eyes and "start thinking for themselves."

There were a number of shared experiences I had with Eliseo, one of which was our service in the armed forces, he having served in the Viet Nam War and I, decades later, in the Persian Gulf War. I always thought it notable that Eliseo would bring forward a surety of position in all things he did, I would often attribute such confidence to military training and precision.

Eliseo Solis was not a perfect man, none exists, although one hopes that the good deeds of a lifetime will ring true for eternity. One also hopes that God's Grace and Mercy will be of account to the prayers and pleadings of those left behind.

The last time I saw Eliseo was at his invitation one month ago. By then, his body was frail yet,

he maintained a steady smile. I distinctly remember the sadness in his eyes, the reliance on a cane. Although I had an opportunity to visit him a few days before he passed away, I succumbed to my demons in reliving my own mother's last days and instead relied on Eliseo's daughter's news that Eliseo was in a coma and thus, my insincere desire not to intrude on the family at this grave hour became my mantra.

Eliseo Solis' legacy, as that of

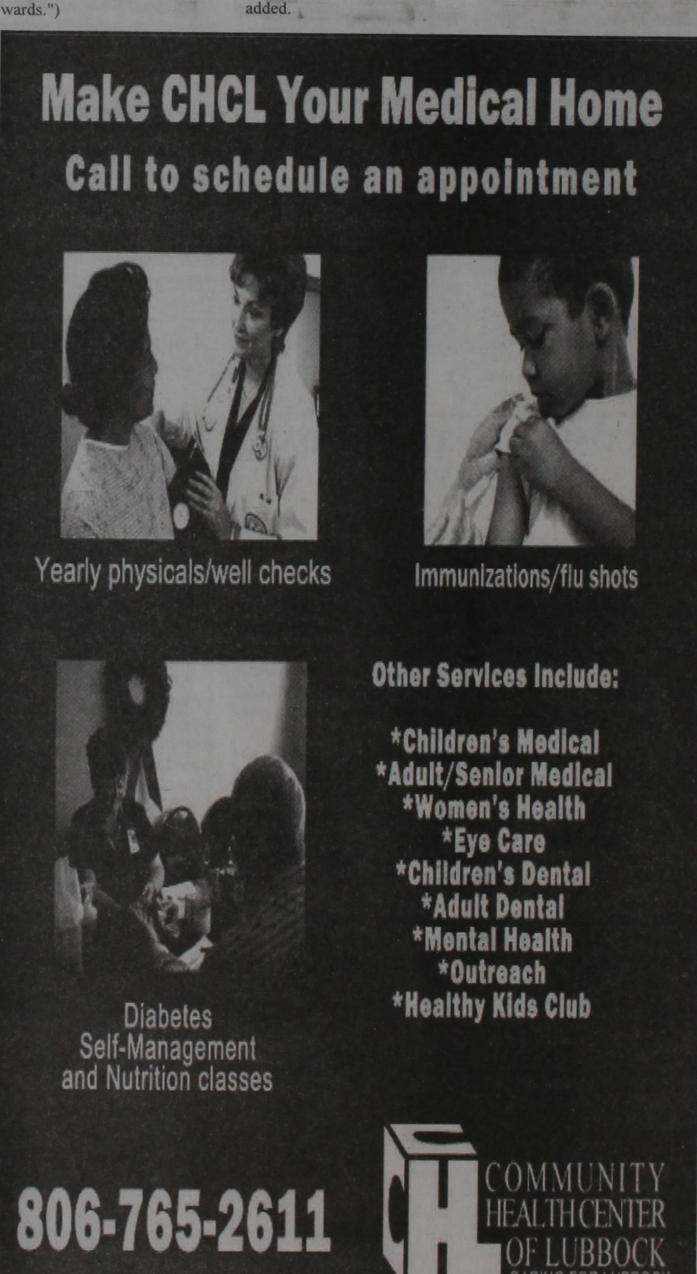
Eliseo Solis' legacy, as that of others who have gone before him or who are awaiting their chosen time, is measurable, tangible, real - it has to be. The number of elected officials, who happen to be people of color, is growing. The number of leadership positions, both formal and informal, which people of color have assumed, is increasing. The fact that people of color are less cognizant of being people of color is taking place as well. And yet, Eliseo Solis knew, I know, we have not reached the promised land.

Don Eliseo Solis, thank you for all you did, for the lasting effects of your life, and may God have mercy on your soul and grant you everlasting peace. Amen.

Note: The following is the link to an interview conducted by The University of Texas at Arlington Center for Mexican-American Studies Oral History Project in 1997 of Eliseo Solis. "Tejano Voices | Interviews Eliseo Solís (106 pages) Listen to interview. Biography: ... Mr. Solís was the first Mexican American elected County Commissioner in Lubbock, in 1984. library.uta.edu/tejanovoices/interview.php?cmasno=061 - Cached"

The following is an interview summary of the above-referenced link, "Interview Summary: Mr. Solís discusses his family history and genealogy. He describes childhood memories of race discrimination practices in the community and the schools. Mr. Solís recounts his experiences as a soldier during the Vietnam conflict and tells about the difficulty finding work





# **Fugitives Wanted!**

The pesons below are wanted by the Lubbock Sheriff's Department . If you know of their where abouts, contact: Cpl. Jeff Scott, Warrant Division, Lubbock County Sheriff's Office, Office-(806) 775-1461, Fax-(806) 775-1438.



Andrade, Donnelle

Warrant#: 2007418589

Hispanic, Female, 4'03", : 125lbs., Hair: Brown, Eyes: Charge: Endangering a Child

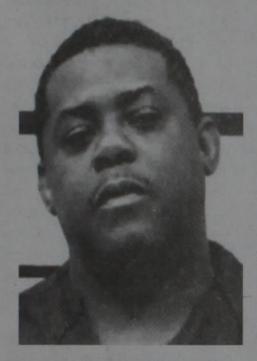


Garza, Gabriel Hispanic, Male, 5'11", 150lbs, Hair: Black, Eyes: Brown Charge: Agg Assault-BI DW

Warrant #: 2011431400

Henderson, Michael Black, Male, 5'08", 160 lbs., Hair: Black, Eyes: Brown Charge: Agg Assault- SBI

Warrant #: 201243410



Busby, Anthony Male, 215lbs, Hair: Black, Eyes: Brown Charge: Agg Assault BI & DW

Warrant #: 2012433471



Holland, Williams Black, Male, 5'08", 170lbsHair: Black, Eyes: Brown Charge: theft <\$1,500 W/2 Priors Warrant#: 2009424013



Harris, Rex White, Male, : 5'09", : 155 lbs.Hair; Blond, Eyes: Hazel

Charge: Theft of a Firearm Warrant #: 2012433355



Barrios, Jacinto Hispanic, Male, 5'11", : 145lbs, Hair: Black Eyes: Charge: Aban Child-W/O Return

Warrant #: 2011430668



Black, Female, 5'04", 170lbs, Hair: Black, Eyes: Brown Charge: Theft <\$1500 W/ 2 Priors Warrant #: 2012434976



Thomas, Kyle White, Male, 6'01", 190lbs, Hair: Brown, Eyes: Brown Charge: Tamper W/Govt Records Warrant #: 2011431537

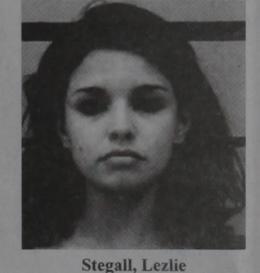


Garcia, Raymond Hispanic, Male, 5'05", : 160lbs. Hair: Black, Eyes: Brown Charge: Intox manslaughter

w/vehicle

Warrant #: 201042924

Gunn, Joanne Race: White, Female,: 5'02 90lbs, Hair: Brown, Eyes: Charge: Theft \$1,500-\$20,000 (B/S) Warrant#: 2012434082



White: Female, : 5'07", : 150lbs, Hair: Brown, Eyes: Brown. Charge: Agg. Assault-DW threat

Warrant #: 2012434590



Lewis, Tiffany

White, Female, 5'03", 165lb-Hair: Brown, Eyes: Brown

Charge: PCS PG1 1-4G Warrant #: 2011430653



Moore, Lakendra Black, Female, 5'02", 160lbsHair: Brown, Eyes: Brown Charge: Unauthorized Use of a Motor Vehicle (B/S)

Warrant #: 2012434846



Guerra, Erica Hispanic, Female, : 5'01", 120lbs, Hair: Brown, Eyes: Hazel.

Charge: PCS PG1 W/ INT DEL 4-20 G(B/S)

Warrant#: 2011433176

If you have an idea where anyone of these individuals may be in Lubbock or else where, then give Sgt. Chris Vigil SWAT Lubbock County Sheriff's Office 806.775.1461. Yes, they are out there, but will you help? Hope so! Thanks in advance for your help!!!

## NAACP's Article: The Emancipation Proclamation and Our Collective History

The Emancipation Proclamation, which set our nation on the path to the end of slavery, was signed 150 years ago this month. This year we should resolve to teach our children the story of our collective history. The past century and a half offers countless tales of bravery and sacrifice to inspire the next generation. Only by sharing our history will we be able to continue our progress over the next 150 years.

President Lincoln's wartime proclamation in 1863 read that "all persons held as slaves" in rebel states "are, and henceforward shall be free". This was a noble idea and certainly a brave gesture. But any astute observer at the time would know that it was more aspiration than policy.

The Emancipation Proclamation applied to 3.1 million slaves, but only freed about 70,000 right away. The rest, like my grandmother's grandparents, would have to wait until the union army advanced south to end the war. It took another seven years for the Fifteenth Amendment to grant African Americans the right to vote. And even then, Jim Crow laws and threats of violence kept many people of color away from the polls.

Before Lincoln signed the Emancipation Proclamation, Frederick Douglass urged patience to his followers. "Lincoln may be slow," he said, "but he will take no step backward." Since then, the civil rights movement has seen many slow periods of buildup spiked by sudden crescendos of passion that sparked great change. We have struggled at times to keep this nation moving forward, but we have also committed, like Lincoln, to never move backward.

Fifty years after the Emancipation Proclamation, NAACP founder W.E.B. Du Bois lauded the accomplishments of the burgeoning civil rights movement: "From slavery to freedom, from 4 million to 10 million, from denial of citizenship to enfranchisement, from being owned chattels to ownership of \$600 million in property." Yet Du

Bois also warned that achieving justice could take decades even lifetimes, adding: "The Negro has refused to believe that the present hesitation and hypocrisy of America is final."

Fifty years after that, civil rights leaders mobilized more than a quarter-million people of all races to fill the capital's Mall, demanding passage of meaningful civil rights legislation, an immediate end to school segregation, protection of the right to vote and a public works program for all unemployed. The 1963 March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom marked the centennial of the Emancipation Proclamation with a forceful call for social justice.

Another fifty years have passed. We are about to see the first black president begin his second term in office. But in too

many ways, our struggles still mirror the struggles of our ancestors. We need to teach our children about the full history of our people. At the dawn of our collective freedom, our ancestors focused on how their children could get the best education; how they could get past persistent discrimination and find jobs; how they could make the justice system work for them rather than against them.

Today, people of color still face major obstacles to education. A black man in America is still six times more likely to be incarcerated than a white man and three times more likely to be incarcerated than a black man in South Africa at the height of apartheid. We still face rampant discrimination in lending, housing and employment.

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Back Row (Left to Right). Rev. C. C. People - NZDA President; Devin Jones - Youth President (Bethel Baptist Church, Abernathy ), Vivian J. Tyson -Vice-President (Mt. Olive Baptist Church, Slaton), Sis. Gwendolyn Bolton - District Youth

him what the banker was saying

about LOOSING HIS LAND.

The Doctor asked PaPa: IF IT

WAS OKAY WITH HIM. IF

HE WOULD PAY OFF HIS

LAND, AND HE PAY HIM

BACK; WHEN EVER HE

COULD!!! WHITE MAN

DON'T HATE BLACKS ---

LOOK AT GOD WORKING

known unto us the mystery of

his will, according to his will,

according to his good peasure

which he hath purposed in him

THEIR DREAMS; WITH A

MILK DIARY, WITH MANY

COWS. THEY BEGIN TO

THEIR DREAMS, WITH

THOUSANDS OF CHICK-

Epjhesians 1:9 -- Having

THE LORD BLESSED

THE LORD BLESSED

MONEY, AND

TRACTORS

HERE!!!)

self.

**BROUGHT** 

AND PLOWS!!!!

Director. Front Row (L-R) Terri Lynn - Secretary (Mt. Olive Baptist Church, Slaton), K. Moore - Assistant Secretary, (Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church, Tahoka), Taliyah M. Galindo -Reporter (Bethel Baptist Church, Abernathy), Quisean

**ENS AND TURKEYS. GOD** 

IS KEEPING HIS WORD,

LORD is my shepherd, I shall

not want. He makes me to lie

down in green pastures: he leads

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60 BEE HIVES, AND THE

HONEY. They're doing just

fine now WITH THE LORD.

ING THE WHITE MAN FOR

Rev. Morrison to build

CHURCHES -- FOR THE

CHURCH OF GOD IN

CHRIST IN MUMFORD,

MANGER -- PART OF THE

WORK IN HIS LIFE!!!

PLENTY

\*\*\* ARE YOU YET ASK-

THE LORD BLESSED:

NOR-

Psalm 23:1-2 --- THE

THE LORD BLESSED

ONE

SAYING I'M THE

WHO WILL PLEASE!!!

me beside the still waters.

THANK GOD FOR JESUS

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AND

MONEY!!!

THINGS??? \*\*\*

WHEELOCK,

Bascus - Assistant Sergeant -at -Arms (Bethel Baptist Church, Baptist Church, Slaton).

"The Joy of Growing."

## NAACP's Article: **Emancipation**

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And nearly 150 years after the Reconstruction Amendment, some states are imposing new restrictions on voting that target low-income communities and communities of color. Unlike the Jim Crow era, when people broke the law to suppress the vote, politicians are now using the law - photo ID laws, cuts to early voting and registration re-

Lincoln's quiet courage and Douglass' brash confidence are important sources of inspiration, but the lesson must not end there. We must teach our children about the many heroes who refused to accept the status quo, and who followed Lincoln's ex-

Abernathy) and Terry Hargers -Sargeant-at-Arms (Mt. Olive

The next meeting for the youth will be held on April 13th at 10:30 a. m. at Mt. Pleasant Missionary Baptist Church in Tahoka. Topic for discussion:

**Proclamation** 

strictions - to suppress the vote.

ample to never go backward,

## Dr. Martin Luther King 2013 Celebration Schedule in Lubbock

The Martin Luther King Commemorative Council of Lubbock, Texas invites the public to help celebrate the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King.

The events will be as follows: Friday - January 18, 2013 -Individuals of Distinction Award Banquet - (7:00 P.M. Lubbock Memorial Civic Center). Tickets are \$30.00 per person. You may contact either L. V. Andrews at (806) 765-5001 or Yolanda Jeffery, (806) 773-1625 or Tracey Snell-Jackson (806) 777-6017 for tickets.

Deadline to purchase banquet tickets will be January 4, 2013. No Ticket Sales At The Door

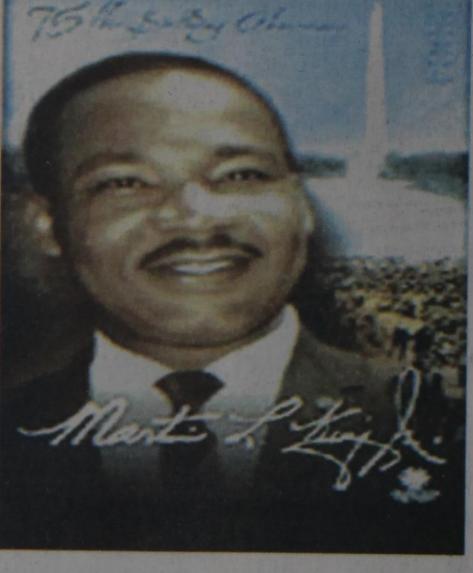
Guest Speaker: Dr. Aretha Faye Marbley, Professor and Director of Community Counseling in Counselor Education at Texas Tech University.

Saturday – January 19, 2013 - Youth Night (6:30 P.M., Dunbar Middle School Academy, 2010 East 26th Street in Lubbock) Please contact Tracy Snell-Jackson, (806) 777-6017 or Yolanda Jeffery, (806) 773-1625 if your youth would like to participate and practice loca-

**Sunday – January 20, 2013 –** Citywide Service (5:00 P.M., Lubbock Memorial Civic Cen-

When our children remember our whole history, they will be more inclined to see themselves as a part of it. And now, more than ever, we need them to see that the story of our movement is not so much the history of the past as it is instruction for the fu-

This article was written by NAACP President and CEO Benjamin Todd Jealous for publication in our paper, The Southwest Digest. He writes about the meaning of the Emancipation Proclamation, and the importance of sharing our collective history with our children.



Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Guest Speaker: Pastor Patrick McGrew, Higher Praise Family Church of Ft. Worth, Texas

Monday - January 21, 2013

- Gospel Night (6:30 P.M., St. John Baptist Church, 1712 East 29th Street). Please contact Deborah Deary at (806) 786-6317 for participation.

### Attn: MLK Day All Choirs & Soloist

Martin Luther King Day is not far away, and we are making ready for this annual event.

All choirs and soloist of the city of Lubbock and surrounding towns are invited to participate in the Annual MLK Mass Choir for two evengings of praise.

If you want to participate, then contact Michael Horton at (806) 466-1950.

The remaining rehearsal date is tonight:

Thursday, January 17, 2013; beginning at 7:00 p.m. at the St. John Baptist Church, 1712 East 29th Street.

"Although this is the last evening of prepar ation, you are still invited to come and help us," said Brother Horton.

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