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#### Community Meetings

\* Lubbock Area Client Council meets on the 2nd Saturday, 1:00 pm at the Patterson Branch Library, 1836 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.

CITIS (Creating Inspirational Thoughts in Singles) meets 2nd & 4th Thursday at 2404 23rd near Avenue X at 7:00 pm

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# Spring Break! School Will Be Out March 8, 2013 thru March 18, 2013!

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## Thank You For Your Service, Vernita Woods-Holmes!



Ms. Vernita Woods-Holmes, second from left, was presented a plaque at half-time of the Big 12 basketball game between the Texas Tech University Red Raiders and Oklahoma State University on Wednesday evening, February 12, 2013. Others with Ms. Holmes, are from left to right are: Dr. Juan S. Munoz, Sr.,-Vice President, DIDECE; Cory S. Powell, Director, Mentor Tech; and Dr. Paul Frazier, Executive Director, LISD Student Administrative Services.

The plaque had the following inscription: In profound appreciation for your 47 years of dedicated service to preparing young leaders as a teacher, adminstrator, and school board member."

This special presentation was made during game which also paid tribute to Black History Month during the month of February. Ms. Holmes was most appreciative. "First I thank God for allowing me to work with young people, and those who made this presentation possible," said Ms. Holmes.

#### **Academic Decathlon State Results**



ACADEMIC DECATHLON PLACES 6th AT STATE: The Estacado Academic Decathlon team was ranked 9th as they advanced to the state competition. The team placed 1st in Super Quiz and improved to 6th place at State. Kelvin Cassity and Emmanuel Tafoya earned individual medals. Kelvin Cassity also finished 3rd overall as an individual and was awarded a \$1,500 scholarship from Texas Academic Decathlon. Team members include: Janis Christophe, Veronica Hernandez, Sidney Blackman, Monica Padilla, Emmanuel Tafoya, Karla Padilla, Kelvin Cassity, Justice Vasquez, Rachael Siguenza. The team is coached by Sarah Harris and Oscar Marrero.

### EHS Students Do Well At The Criminal Justice Skills USA



CRIMINAL JUSTICE TO STATE: Estacado students enrolled in the Criminal Justice magnet program competed at the Criminal Justice Skills USA event at South Plains College. A total of 13 Estacado students qualified for State in the categories of Felony Traffic Stop, Misdemeanor Traffic Stop and Criminal Justice Quiz Bowl. State Qualifiers include: Destiny Romo, Cathy Castro, Freddie Martinez, Michael Garza, Monique Douglas, Tykera Ross, Vanessa Myers, Darryl O'Quinn, Sierra Garcia, Manuel Ortiz, Malik Harrington, Xavier Rivera, and Brittany Dawn (not pictured). The team is coached by Lucio Trevino.



Virgil Lewis Johnson

#### Virgil Lewis Johnson: Former Principal & Entertainer Succumbs Here

Scores of friends and family were in the attendance of Virgil Lewis Johnson's funeral services at the New Hope Baptist Church on Friday morning, March 1, 2013, with Rev. B. Moton, pastor, officiating.

He passed away Sunday, February 24, 2013, in Covenant Medical Center.

Virgil was an African American deejay, formerly at radio station KDAV in Lubbock. He was the lead singer of The Velvets, a 1950s and 1960s vocal quintet from Odessa, also in West Texas. They are best remembered for their 1961 hit "Tonight (Could Be the Night)", which peaked at No. 26 on the Billboard pop charts. The song refers to a young woman waiting to fall in love or perhaps for her intended to propose marriage and present her with a ring of commitment. The Velvets can be heard chanting "doo-wop" as a refrain in a song. Doo wop is considered to have originated in 1955 with The Turbans' "When You Dance". However, the Velvets were a special type of doo-wop group because their sound was highly polished, and the backing usually included stringed instruments.

KDAV calls itself the Buddy Holly Station, and Johnson during his tenure there was known as "V.J. the D.J." Prior to his retirement from KDAV, Johnson broadcast on weekdays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. KDAV is heard through the Internet. The station plays primarily rock and roll songs from the 1950s, the 1960s, and – recently – the first half of the 1970s.

Johnson was born December 29, 1935in Cameron, the seat of Milam County in east central Texas. The family relocated to Lubbock, and Johnson graduated there from the historically black Dunbar High School, an institution known for its outstanding academics and reputation within the community. Later he would be principal of his alma mater and obtained a graduate degree from Texas Tech University in Lubbock. He was teaching eighth-grade English at Blackshear Junior High School in Odessa, the seat of Ector County, in 1959, when he recruited four of his students to form a singing group. They were Mark Prince (bass), Clarence Rigsby (tenor), Robert Thursby (first tenor), and William Solomon (baritone). The quintet performed at school dances, with then 24-year-old Johnson as lead tenor singer.

In 1960, the singers impressed the native Texan Roy Orbison, who heard them while he was visiting Odessa. Orbison recommended the five to Fred Foster, the owner of Monument Records in Nashville, Tennessee, who had produced Orbison's hit "Only the Lonely". Foster originated the name "The Velvets featuring Virgil Johnson" to distinguish the five from an earlier group called simply "The Velvets". The group recorded "That Lucky Old Sun"/"Time And Again" and "Tonight (Could Be The Night)"/"Spring Fever". Orbison wrote the two B-sides, but "Tonight" was the work of Johnson. Their accompaniment came from Boots Randolph and Floyd

After the success of "Tonight", the group's next release was "Lana"/"Laugh", both written by Orbison and Joe Melson. Johnson said that it had been a mistake to produce the two songs together. "Laugh" stalled at No. 90, but "Lana" (thereafter recorded by Orbison himself) was No. 1 in Japan. Until 1966, Monument continued to record nine singles by the Velvets.

Johnson said that the group had no further hits, and did not tour the country because the music market was divided into white and black segments in the early 1960s. The Velvets were black but sounded white and were popular with whites but not their fellow African Americans, who preferred explicit R&B sounds. West Texas had few blacks in residence at the time, and the quintet did not have overt black-sounding dialect. Johnson explained the dichotomy this way: "You got to realize, in the early sixties there were two music markets in the U.S. You had a black market, and you had a white market. We were extremely popular with

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#### **Lubbock Citizens Very Happy Over 24.5 Million Dollar Grant For East Lubbock Schools**



Pictured above are Lubbock citizens and Dr. Karen Garza, Superintendent of LISD, second from left, took time to pose at the press conference on Friday afternoon, February 22, 2013, in the Floyd Price, Lubbock library of Estaado High School announcing the \$24.5 Million Dollar for schoolsin East Lubbock. This grant is made possible by the Department of Education. This new effort is called the East Lubbock Promise Neighborhood.

Persons participating the press conference: from left to right: were Floyd Price, Lubbock City Councilman, Venita Woods-Holmes, School Board Member, Dr. Scott R idley, Dean of the College of Edu-

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There will be a diversified group of women speakers, along with a special Empowerment Panel, made up of distinguished women professionals, coming together to equip and empower today's woman with biblical strategies to help her embark on her season of purpose, on pur-

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#### St. Matthews Baptist Will Celebrate 65th Year on March 8 & 10

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Guest churches include: Church of The Living God, Friendship Holy Baptist Church, St. Mark Baptist Church, New Light Baptist Church, Divine Love Baptist Church, and Church of The Living god, Elder Willie Barber.

Rev. Edward Canady is host pastor. "You are welcome to attend," said Pastor Canady.

#### **Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church**

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> Pastor Eddie William First Lady Sister Janice Williams

#### Frederick Douglas Harvey



Graveside services for Althea Pinkney were held on Wednesday morning, March 6, 2013, . at Peaceful Gardens Cemetery. Celebration of life services followed at Trinity Church.

cation, Texas Tech University,

who wrote the grant; and T. J.

Patterson, former Lubbock City

Althea Pinkney

Councilman.

Pinkney, 83, of Lubbock, passed away on Monday, March 4, 2013.

Althea was born on January . 7, 1930 to the parentage of Mr. and Mrs. Emmanuel Pinkney, Sr. in St. Marys, Ga. Althea dedicated her life to Jesus Christ at an early age.

She was a long-time employee of Watson/Sysco Foods. She enjoyed doing volunteer work during her retirement years and will truly be missed by her friends and family.

She leaves to cherish her memories one son, Marshall Harding, III; a sister, Laura Pinkney of Tulsa, Oklahoma; one brother, Leon Pinkney of St.

Dallas, Texas -- (Special) -- Funeral services were held for

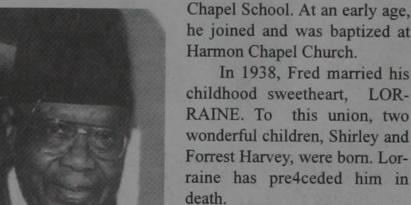
Frederick Douglas Harvey on Tuesday morning, February 19, 013, at the New Friendship Baptist Church, Reverend Johnny A. McGee, pastor, officiating.

Interment was held in the Lincoln Memorial Cemetery Dallas, Texas with arrangements by Lott's Mortuary, Inc.

Active pallbearers were friends and relatives of the fam-

Mr. Harvey was born July 1, 1917 to Mr. & Mrs. Servila and Powell H. Harvey in Brazos County. He attended Harmon

Marys, Ga.; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and loving friends.



he joined and was baptized at Harmon Chapel Church. In 1938, Fred married his childhood sweetheart, LOR-

RAINE. To this union, two wonderful children, Shirley and Forrest Harvey, were born. Lorraine has pre4ceded him in :Later, he moved to Dallas,

Texas where he met and married Bobbie Brown, and to this union, there were two step-children, Dorothy and Paul Brown, all prfede3ded him in death. At this time, he joined Friendship Church. He and Bobbie then moved to Detroit, Michigan,

while there he worked 38 years at Ford Motor Co. as an inspector of cars on the assembly line.

Fred and Bobbie relocated back to Dallas and renewed his membership with Friendship and became very active in the Men's Choir, Deacon, and other rganizations within the church. Uncle Fred as he affection-

ately called by his relatives and non-relatives alike. Even until the Lord called him home, he was a driving force.

Preceding him in death are: His parents, sisters, Cassie Bea, Travis, Minnie and Laura; a brother, Powell.

He leaves to cherish his memories: Daughter, Shirley Continue on Page

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# Church News





From the Desk of Parson D.A. Smith Racism Is Alive and Well In Lubbock, Texas!

This is a Re-Run from Last Month

If to these dangerous words rebellion, machine gun, scared to death, reload-one adds the recent attacks on Democratic legislators during discussion of the health care bill in which they were spat on and threatened with racial and homophobic insults one has the makings of a racially charged-and extremely dangerous-atmosphere in the country.

Although there are other causal factors as well-political, social, economic-there can be no doubt that racism plays an important role.

To add validity to the writer's words, the citizens of Lubbock, Texas were embarrassed by our county's top elected official: County Judge Tom Head. Head was said to have made an appearance on Fox 34 and made a fool out of himself and his kind to the whole world. It was reported by Manny Fernandez he said that "he was expecting civil unrest if President Obama was re-elected and that the president would send United Nations forces into Lubbock, population 233,740, to stop any uprising. Mr. Head is also to have stated on Fox 34 that President Obama

is going to try to hand over the sovereignty of the United States to the United Nations and "what's going to happen when that happen? I'm thinking worstcase scenario: civil unrest, civil disobedience, civil war, maybe. And we're not talking just a few riots here and demonstrations. We're talking Lexington, Concord, take up arms and get rid of the guy. (President Obama?)

And if the president did send in United Nations troops, Mr. Head continued, "I don't want 'em in Lubbock County. O. K. So I'm going to stand in front of their armored personnel carriers and say, 'You're not coming in here.' And the sheriff, I've already asked him. I said, "you're gonna back me?" He said, 'Yeah, I'll back you." "Well, I don't want a bunch of rookies back there," Mr. Head said. "I want trained, equipped, seasoned veteran officers to back me.

This writer looked over the County Judge's implication when he put pictures only of black inmates and other crap up in the Lubbock County Court House trying to paint President Obama as a thug hanging like

Jesus between thugs. However, this writer was more disappointed because we have stood together as religious and political leaders in a common cause for the betterment of our city with Delvin Jones, former Mayor Sitton, former councilman T. J. Patterson and others and to see him make a racial jackass out of himself and also calling himself as a good Southern Baptist or whatever brand Christian. You cannot put a snake in your bosom. If this is kind of fertilizer that I'm going to have to deal with in Heaven as well as my Hispanic cousins I might as well go to hell for this is the kind of crap African Americans having been dealing with since white slave traders put them off of the Boat from Africa. This type of fertilizer must stop if we are going to have a safe America! Cannot these fools see what has happened in Egypt and what is now happing in Syria? Can't they see that China is just waiting for America to self-destruct? American Blacks and Hispanics are not afraid! Saving grace is that we love our country!



"The Morrison's Black History"

Part 4 -- Continued from Last Issue

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

(I THINK THIS IS WHEN GRANDPA JAMES GOT KILLED). Great Grandmother Mattie Tate's Grandmother was an INDIAN. I HAVE A PIC-TURE OF MY FATHER, BILLY "B. J." 2nd, HOLD-ING A PICTURE OF HER. I DON'T KNOW HER NAME OR ANYTHING ABOUT HER???

Then on PAGE 4, on April 6, 1910, The Lord Blessed me to find my Mother Pollie Bailey's side of the Family. There is Great, Great, Grandfather Robert Bailey. He's 50, born in 1860. His Wife is Great, Great, Grandmother Lula. She is 37 years old. Born in 1873. Their children are: Dwitt, a son, 18 years old. (Who is my MOTHER'S FATHER, POL-LIE V. THE 2nd. Father of who we know). And a Daughter, Ether, age 16. Daughter Emmer, age 14; Daughter Icy, age 12; Daughter Ella, age 10; Daughter Sallie, age 8; Son Jessie, age 4; Daughter Lizzie, age 7 months; Daughter Mary Johnson, age 22, and her Son, Roy Johnson, a 3

year old Grandson.

Then there's Mama Pollie's Father, Great, Great, Grandfather Paul Harvey out of the 1880's. He's my Mother's Grandfather. His wife's Name is Great, Great, Grander Mother Silvia Harvey. It is told that He was the first BLACK DEPUTY SHERIFF IN BRAZOS COUNTY, BUT I COULDN'T FIND ANY INFORMATION ON HIM. His Son is Uncle Fred Harvey of Dallas, Texas. He lives at 3503 Dunbar Street. His telephone Number is 214-421-1975. Give him a call. He's our BLOOD!!! He says he is the last BOTTOM ON GABLES' COAT. (SMILE) HE'S OUR LAST GREAT UNCLE THAT IS LIVING!!!

On PAGE 5 and 5b, the U. S. Census f 1910, the Lord Blessed me to find on line 99 and 100 is the Bloodline of Great, Grandfather James Morrison. He was 44 and Great, Grandmother Mattie Morrison was 40 years old. Great Grandmother Matter was PART IN-AND THE DIAN,

CHILDREN WERE CALLED MULATTO, MEANING: THE FIRST **GENERATION OFFSPRING** OF A NEGRO AND A WHITE OR INDIAN. On Page 5b, line 1 through 5 are their six Children. The first of them was Son William (Papa Bill) Morrison, the 1st, age 2. (HE'S THE FA-THER OF MY FATHER, Billy the 2nd). His brothers and sisters were: Son Jimmie Morrison, age 20; Son Nora Morrison, age 15; Son Henry Morrison, age 14; and Daughter Lola Morrison, age 13. There were only children, and one is missing, who I don't what his or her name was??? There is a gap between Jimmie and Nora Morrison -- of about 15 years. There is a c hild missing here??

(Editor's Note: If you have an opportunity to research your Family's History, then do so as soon as possible. One would realize you are standing on the shoulders of your blood line who came before you. The Ed.)

# St. Matthew's Baptist Church News

Again, Church Services were was well received by all. well attended at the St. Matthew Baptist Curch, 2020 East 14th Street, where the proud pastor is Rev. Edward Canady.

Church services begun at 10:00 a.m. with Sunday School. Superintendent Sister Shirley Davis was in charge. It was so good to see Sister Davis on her post again. God is good!

The teacher, Sister Susie Davis, taught the morning lesson, and what a beautiful lesson it was for all in attendance as it

The subject of the morning was: "Better Days Ahead." The Unifying Topic was "Daniel's Vision Change."

The main thought was found in Daniels 7:14, (KJV)

The Sunday morning devotion was conducted by Deacon Edward Williams and Brother Herman Wilson.

Minister Nina Davis entered the Church with the congregaYou Are.".

The morning sermon was delivered by Minister Nina Davis. Her subject was "We All Have To Suffer." Her scripture text was Job 12:1-12.

It was a most informative sermon. We praise God for the Word.

The morning announcements were read by Sister Shirley Canady. As always, she does a wonderful job.

The weekly meetings held at are Sister Annie Stanley and Sis-

tion singing "Because of Who St. Matthew Baptist Church are ter Betty Titus. Your precious as follows:

> The Missionary Society meets at 5:00 p. m. on Wednesday evenings.

> The Bible Study is held on Wednesday evenings at 6:00 p.

> Choir Rehearsal is held on Friday afternoons at 2:00 p. m. If you want to sing, then attend these rehearsals.

Among those on our sick list

prayers are always appreciated. Remember, God is able!

The Church will sponsor a "Bar-B-Que" on Saturday, March 9, 2013. Everyone is welcome! The menu consists of Bar-B-Que Briskets, Bar-B-Que Ribs, Red Beans, Potato Salad, and Peach Cobbler.

You meal can be delivered by one of friendly members. The dinners are \$8.00 each. Delivery begins at 10:30 a. m. If you need a plate, then call St. Matthew Baptist Church at 744-7154. We also invite you and your family to sit and fellowship with us!

Our Church Anniversary begins Friday, March 8, 2013 and will close Sunday afternoon March 10, 2013. Come and fellowship with us. At St. Matthew Baptist Church, you are always welcome. Come and visit with our proud pastor, Rev. Edward Canady!

Thought For The Week: 'What may seem upside down to us is right side up to God.

May God continue to bless you and your family!

## Outreach Prayer Breakfast

#### " Prayer Power!"

How does the right way to apply to Prayer Power? Why do we say that Keys can help make wonderful things happen? Notice how many times we speak of the word Right, because that is the word which truly can bring power to your Prayers quite simple. We should try to live Right,. if we are to Pray Right. In the Bible, it is written, the eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous, and his ears are open unto their cry. Psalm 34:15. Think about that scripture. The eyes of the Lord are closely watching all who live god lives, and he gives attention when they call out to Him in Prayer. We should try to live Right. If we are to pray Right! Praying Right means having a mind that isn't so cluttered and confused with unnecessary things that it can't be in tune to talk freely with God about any matter and have confidence to receive His guidance and direction. Living Right covers a multitude of things.

"Live Thankfully"

Key Number 1: No matter how troubled you are, no matter what problems you might have or how unhappy you may feel because of them, you must be thankful. But how hard it is to be thankful when things are just awful, you might say: How do I have anything to be thankful for this? Sometimes it is difficult, Saints! We don't deny that. But in the very midst of trouble, in the very midst of cares, anxiety and burdens, we have to open our hearts to let God in. We have to be very thankful even for

what seem the smallest of things. He can, who thinks. He can? We have to think we can overcome every obstacle to our happiness with God's help and guidance. And only then, we

Key Number 2: Live Lovingly -- If we are to live each day as God wants to live, we have to live with some feeling of loving kindness in our hearts that Jesus had. And what common sense that is, unless we love others. We get the same in return. When we mean and unloving, we close the very door

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for your prayers. God is able! The Outreach Prayer Breakfast appreciates the efforts of the Southwest Digest in the good times as well as the bad times. May God continue to bless the efforts of this newspaper. Your help with news would be most appreciated. This is your newspaper, and don't forget it!.



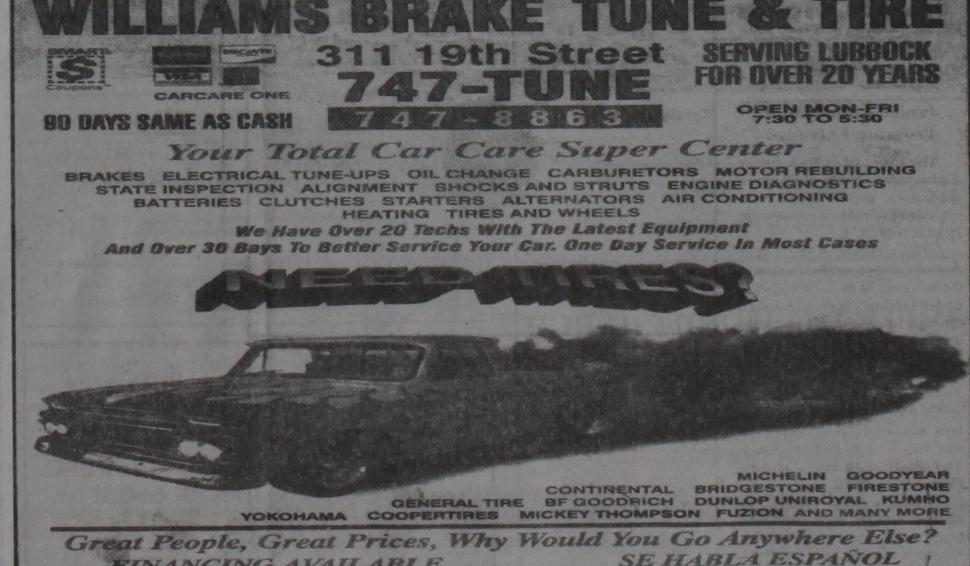
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## **Obsequies**

#### Lee Earnest Bagley Jr.

Funeral services were held for Lee Earnest Bagley, Jr. on Saturday morning, February. 23, 2013, at Greater St. Luke Missionary Baptist Church, with Rev. J. H. Ford, pastor, officiat-

Interment followed in Peaceful Gardens Memorial Park under the direction of Griffin Mortuary & Funeral Home of Lubbock.

Bagley, 59, of Lubbock passed away on February. 15, 2013.

Lee was born on August 16. 1954, in Lubbock, Texas, to the parentage of Lovella Roquemore Bagley and the late Lee Ernest Bagley Sr. He graduated from Dunbar High School in 1972 and Texas Tech University in 1977.

He worked for 36 years at Texas Workforce Commission. He married Gwendolyn Fay Britton Bagley on July 1, 1982. Lee was preceded in death by his father, Lee Ernest Bagley Sr.

He leaves to cherish his memories his wife of 30 years, Gwendolyn Fay Bagley; his six children, Brionia Adaire, Shaturi Jaude', Brinsonlee Ernest, Chandler Christian, Dr. Dawn Okoro, J.D., and Dr. Jeff Watkins, M.D; his mother, Lovella Bagley; nine brothers and sisters, Charles Bagley Sr. (Lucy), Michael Bagley (Charla), Willis Bagley



(Chantel), Joe Bagley (Cynthia), Rodney Bagley, Linda Walker, Brenda Davis, Glenda Bagley and Tarsha Henry; and uncles, aunts, nephews, nieces, cousins, and a host of other relatives and friends

Brownfield, Texas -- Funeral

services were held for Belinda

Sanders-Brown on Tuesday af-

ternoon, March 5, 2013 at the

New Light Baptist Church with

R ev. Kenneth Jackson, pastor,

Interment followed at Peace-

Brown, 47, of Brownfield,

ful Gardens Cemetery under the

Texas passed away on Feb. 24,

2013. Belinda was born on No-

vember 22, 1966 to Raymond

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#### William Henry Chatham

Family and friends paid tribute to William Henry Chatham services on Saturday afternoon, February 23, 2013, at Full Armour Ministries.

Interment followed in Peaceful Gardens Memorial Park under the direction of Griffin Mortuary & Funeral Home, Inc. Chatham, 81, passed away on

Sunday, February 17, 2013. He was born on December 20, 1932, to the parentage of Jessie and Leola Chatham in Normangee, Texas, in Leon County. He and his family moved to Crosbyton, Texas, in 1949. From there, he was deployed to the Korean War from 1951 to 1953 as staff sergeant. He met Emma

Turner and married in 1957. He worked for Simmons Truck Stop and Wendy's Trucking for 53 years until retiring in 1985 He was preceded in death by two sons, Rodney Robertson and

and Josephine Sanders in Lub-

from Dunbar-Struggs High

School in 1985. Belinda married

Leonard Brown on March 8,

1988. Soon after, she attended

Amarillo College (ACC) from

2001 until 2004 where she stud-

ied medical billing and coding.

Belinda relocated to Brownfield

in 2008. She attended Galilee

She enjoyed spending time

C.O.G.I.C. in Amarillo, Texas.

with friends and family and will

Belinda was preceded in death

by her mother, Josephine White

Sanders; a sister, Shirley Kay

Sanders White; and a niece,

memories her father, Raymond

Sanders; her husband, Leonard

Brown; one brother, Leroy

Sanders; one sister, Ideedra

Sanders; one daughter, Miesha

Sanders; one son, Kevin

Sanders; two grandchildren,

She leaves to cherish her

Chreshena Renee White.

truly be missed.

She attended and graduated

bock, Texas.

Michael Chatham. He leaves to relatives and friends.

cherish his life: his wife, Emma; one daughter, Sandra Chatham; two sons, Bishop Leonard Chatham (Sharon), and Keith Chatham; one daughter-in-law, Debra Robertson; one sister, JoAnn Miller; father-in-law, Mc-Field; two brothers-in-law; two sisters-in-law; 12 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, other

# In Memory



Kathryn D. Huey Newton 3-06-59 - 6-28-07

It's almost 6 years since You left us! It feels like 6 minutes ago. Life goes on and We miss you in our hearts and WE miss You!

Happy Birthday! We have you in our He arts Forever! Mom, and Your Brothers and Sisters! We Love You!

Nariah and X'Zavvia; seven special nieces, Jaleesa, Kamara, K'Hadeishua, Jasmine, Zainnadashua, Char'Tayshia, Nakiyan; two special granddaughters, Kaeley and Haeleigh; and a host of other relatives and

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#### Denver, Colorado -- (Special) -- The Celebrating of the Life of Mother Lettie Mae Jordan was held Thursday morning, February 7, 2013, in the King Baptist Church with Rev. Ter-

ficiating. Interment was held in the Chapel Hill Cemetery under the direction of Pipkin-Braswell Funeral Home of Littleton, Colorado.

ranced E. Hendricks, pastor, of-

Active pallbearers were Deacon John Boozer, Deacon Fred Woodberry, De acon Nathaniel Robert Strange, Deacon Thomas, Deacon Deacon Rayfield nHarper, and Trustee Aaron Slaughter.

Mother Jordan departed this life on Saturday, February 2, 2013, in Denver, Colorado.

In 1947, she married Charlie Jordan. The couple first met when they lived in Lubbock, Texas. They shared a loving and happy marriage until Charlie preceded her in death on May 27, 1989. There were no children born to this union.

A woman of faith and belief in the Lord, Mother Jordan has been a faithful and dedicated member of King Baptist Church for over 40 years. Over the years, she served as President of the Mothers Board from 1984-2004, a member of the Mission-



ary Department as well as the Bearement Committee.

She was a fun loving woman who enjoyed life and those she encircled. In her free time, she loved sewing, fishing and spending time with her closed friends. Her closest friends were: Deacon James and Gladys Truesdale, Margaret Yokley and Sandi Carr who will miss her.

Those left to cherish her memory and mourn her lost include her devoted friends: Deacon James (Gladys) Truesdale, Mar garet Yokely, Sandi Carr, Rev. T. E. Hendricks, and the King Church Family all of Denver; her nephew-in-law, Benny (Denise) Jordan of Lubbock, Texas; and a host of other friends.

#### Cynthia Hearn

Plainview, Texas -- Funeral services for Cynthia Hearn were held Saturday afternoon, March 2, 2013, at the First Baptist Church with Elder BenAlexanand Bishop Leonard Chatham officiating.

Interment was held in the Plainview Memorial Memorial Park in Plainview.

She was born February 1, 1961 to Thomas Lee Riggins and Ruby Ann Sneed Riggins. She was the eldest of nine children in Plainview. She attended school in Plainview. While in Plainview, she was a Lions Club Princess, a member of FHA, and was captain of the first Plainview Girls Basketball team to play in UIL State T ournament. She graduated from Plainview High School in 1979.



She attended and graduated from High Plains Hospital Vocational School of Nurses in Hale Center, Texas in 1980. She also attended South Plains College in Levelland, Texas. She graduated from Lubbock Methodist School

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# In Cinque

By Renetta Howard



March is not my favorite month even though one of my favorite holidays sometimes comes during this month. It will fall on the last day of this month, the 31st; Easter. I have always loved Easter because it symbolizes a new beginning; a fresh soul.

visualize this belief as this month holds so many sad days for me; the deaths of three people who were near and dear to me; my mother, my husband and my closest friend. There are mixed in with this sadness the birthdays of my husband and grandfather, my first and closest cousin and my closest friend. Ironically, my closest friend died on my cousin's birthday.

I am trying to blend in these three deaths with the crucifixion of Jesus Christ and his resurrection on the third day thereafter. I have to tell myself that those near and dear to me have transcended to that higher calling and are at peace with the Heavenly Father. I know that they live in my heart and will forever have a place there. I just miss them. That spirit just has to suffice.

once that the sun dances on

2012, another 365 days of good

and bad things that are or have

gone on in Lubbock and other

places in America. In the year of

2012, two mental health patients

purjured themselves and my

nephew was arrested on felo-

nious charges of robbing these

two mednt al health heathens

and using his vehicle as a deadly

weapon for running oven his

wife. These two heathens have a

long history of lieing and calling

and threating people. This what

they did to my nephew on sev-

eral occassions. They were re-

ported for their mischevious acts

and he and his stupitidy were

given a wrist slap. On thed rob-

bery and vehicular attempt on

his stpitidy and him was a Grand

Jury indictment that had no

merit. A district judge wated my

nephew to plea negotiate was a

Easter morning and she encouraged me to look at it. On the 31st of this month, I will watch the sun and visualize my loved ones in Heaven, dancing, singing and praising the Lord for the resurrection of Jesus Christ and the making of a way for all start; a reawakening of body and of us who believe, to enter into God's Kingdom. I must believe It has been difficult for me to and continue to believe that Easter is the time to celebrate the resurrection and ascending of the souls of our loved ones who have gone on to glory, because

> Because He lives, I can believe that, they too live. Sometimes I can feel their presence. This is my own unique experience. I can feel the presence of the Lord, Our God, and I can feel the presence of my loved ones in the same manner. Through prayer and deep concentration in a quiet place alone, I'can feel the spirits. This is my way of doing this and I encourage everyone to get 'in cinque' and find your way to make the Easter tradition meaningful for

> In addition to Easter, this is the month to praise Women. I call it Herstory. Let us celebrate the women in our lives who

Letter to the Editor Dear Editor: bock's own NAACP and its I have witnessed the closing of

against an innocent man.

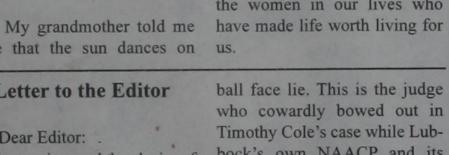
members seemed to stand and

allow injustice and lies prevail

judge and the other court officials decide the fate of Timothy Cole. Mr. Price played the part of a handkerchiefhead who went along to get a long.

du Dastly, those 12 jitterbugs who decided to be East Lubbock's Gunsmokes and Rifleman's on MLK Day, knowing your history and appreciating your history of those whose shoulders you are riding on, should shame you and cause you to straighten up and shape up your life. To you and many of our brothers who use the "n" word, it is time out for your foolishness!!

Truly,



However, the NAACP wasn't the only one who stood with the

Arthur Farakaahn



#### Mrs. Rosa Parks -Before and After the Bus



Marian Wright Edelman

"Our minds fasten on that single moment on the bus - Mrs. Parks alone in that seat, clutching her purse, staring out a window, waiting to be arrested. That moment tells us something about how change happens, or doesn't happen . . . We so often spend our lives as if in a fog, accepting injustice, rationalizing inequity, tolerating the intolerable. Like the bus driver, but also like the passengers on the bus, we see the way things are - children hungry in a land of plenty, entire neighborhoods ravaged by violence, families hobbled by job loss or illness — and we make excuses for inaction, and we say to ourselves, that's not my responsibility, there's nothing I can do. Rosa Parks tells us there's always something we can do. She tells us that we all have responsibilities, to ourselves and to one another. She reminds us that this is how change happens — not mainly through the exploits of the famous and the powerful, but through the countless acts of often anonymous courage and kindness and fellow feeling and responsibility that continually, stubbornly, expand our conception of justice — our conception of what is

President Obama spoke these moving and right words at the February 27 unveiling of the beautiful

#### Cynthia Hearn Continued from Page 4

of Nurses where she received her Registered Nursing Degree.

A lifetime member of Emmanuel COGIC in Plainview, where she served in many capacities, such as: Sunday School Superintendent, President of the Adult Choir, Senior High Sunday School teacher, Chairman of Women's Department, Program Chairman of Women's Department of Lubbock District No. 1 COGIC.

She was employed at following businesses: High Plains Hos-Center, Texas; pital, Hale Methodist Hospital, Lubbock, Texas; Total Home Health, Plainview; Covenant Hospital, Plainview; Hale County Sheriff's Department, Plainview. She worked for 33 years in the Nursing Profession.

She married Mitchell Hearn on December 4, 1990.

She is surviv ed by: her loving husband nof 22 years, Mitchell Hearn; daughters: Sydney Michelle Hearn and Taivia Celeste Hearn, all of the home; her mother, Ruby Sneed Riggins of Plainview; six brothers: Wesley Alexander and wife, Phyllis, of Dallas; John Riggins of Plainview, Ruben and wife, Laticcia, of Arlington, Marty Alexander of Savannah, Ga., and Mark Riggins of Plainview; seen sisters: Sherry Alexander of Plainview; Deborah Bundage and husband, Jayre, of Dallas, Della Riggins and Marleta Davis, both of Plainview; and Cheryl Nunley and husband, Michael and Lisa Riggins, both of Arlington; Texas; a host of nephews, nieces, uncles, aunts, cousins, and friends.

She was preceded in death by her father, Thomas L. Riggins.

#### **Covenant Health Hosts Oncology Caregivers Support** Hour

Covenant Health will continue to host an oncology support hour for caregivers. The first support hour of the month will be Tuesday, March 12 from 5:30-6:30 p.m. at the American Cancer Society's Hope Lodge.

The support hour is meant for caregivers to come and share experiences with each other all while finding ways to cope while caring for a loved one. For more information, call 806.725.8002. The American Cancer Society's Hope Lodge is located at 3511 10th St.

# THIS N'THAT

T. J. Patterson

THANK YOU LUBBOCK **COUNTY COMMISSIONER** LORENZO "BUBBA" SEDENO FOR JOB WSELL DONE! THIS N THAT ..... plus some other Blacks and Browns .... were in the Lubbock County Court House on Monday morning ..... March 4, 2013 ...... when the first ..... BLACK .... was voted on by the Commissioners Court to become the ...... FIRST BLACK ..... to serve as the head of a Lubbock County Department... He is .... SHAN ALEXANDER..... Commissioner Lorenzo "Bubba" Sedeno .... made the motion and it was approved.... He was elected by a vote of .....5-0! Those in attendance were very well received ... **COMMISSIONER SEDENO** 

spoke very positively about Mr. new statue of Mrs. Rosa Parks in the United States Capitol's Statuary Hall the first Black woman so honored. The ceremony also included eloquent remarks from Congressional leaders and a stirring performance of "Lift Every Voice and Sing" by the military choir that was a tribute to this bright North Star to freedom. Mrs. Parks, like Harriet Tubman before her, lit our nation's way. The President's words were a needed reminder that Mrs. Parks was just one very bright star in a constellation of sacrificial Black and White stars who pushed and pulled our nation forward on the long stony road of struggle, activism, and sacrifice that began generations before her birth in Tuskegee, Alabama one hundred years ago. So many Americans keep looking for the next Dr. King or Mrs. Parks to come and solve our problems and save us from our own responsibility to act. But Mrs. Parks and Dr. King were always part of a much larger whole. On the particular day in December 1955 when she refused to give up her seat on a Montgomery city bus, she was one of a trained cohort of civil rights leadership in the city who had been putting the community infrastructure in place waiting for the right spark to ignite the needed anti-Jim Crow movement time in Montgomery. Jeanne TheoAlexander ..... who as Lubbock County Judge Tom Head made known..... "He is an asset and has made positive contributins to Lubbock County!" .....said Judge Head. .... Mr. Alexander expressed his appreciation of being chosen as one chosen as the ...... DIRECTOR OF THE JUDICIAL COMPLIANCE **DEPARTMENT....** There's no doubt about it ...... HISTORY HAS BEEN MADE IN LUB-BOCK COUNTY TEXAS USA!! Also ..... a special thanks to ..... LUBBOCK COUNTY COMMISSIONER LORENZO "BUBBA" SEDENO ..... and all ..... LUB-**BOCK COUNTY COMMIS-**SIONERS ..... for a splendid job ..... WELL DONE!! TOMMY GONZALES

**DAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2013!!** THIS N THAT ..... was part of group of ..... LUBBOCK CIT-IZENS ...... who attended a special luncheon ...... where a former Assistant City Manager, ..... TOMMY GONZALES ..... who is t he present ..... CITY

MANAGER OF IRVING, TEXAS!! ..... He was the speaker of the hour at ...... THE LEGACY..... He appreciated the honor ..... but was excited about bwhere he had come from in Lubbock.... He told of how it was living in ..... EAST LUB-BOCK ...... But he was very proud to talk about his mother & father ..... who was present ..... and how blessed he was to have them as his parents!

HONORED HERE MON-

haris's new biography The Rebellious Life of Mrs. Rosa Parks (and other recent books) is now shedding

much more to Mrs. Parks than the story of the quiet seamstress who one day was just so tired she finally

extra light on the fact that there was

decided to sit down. In reality, Mrs. Parks was not

only a seamstress but a respected local activist; was willing to work without a spotlight but was not meek or quiet; and did not spontaneously act out of the blue just be-

cause she felt tired. Mrs. Parks was neither complacent nor long suffering, and had been fighting for equality and justice years before December 1955. In fact, like most Black people raised under Southern

segregation, Jim Crow, and injustice, Mrs. Parks resented them from the day she was born. Before her arrest Mrs. Parks had

served as the secretary of the Montgomery branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (N.A.A.C.P.) for more than 10 years. As part of her work with the N.A.A.C.P. she inves-

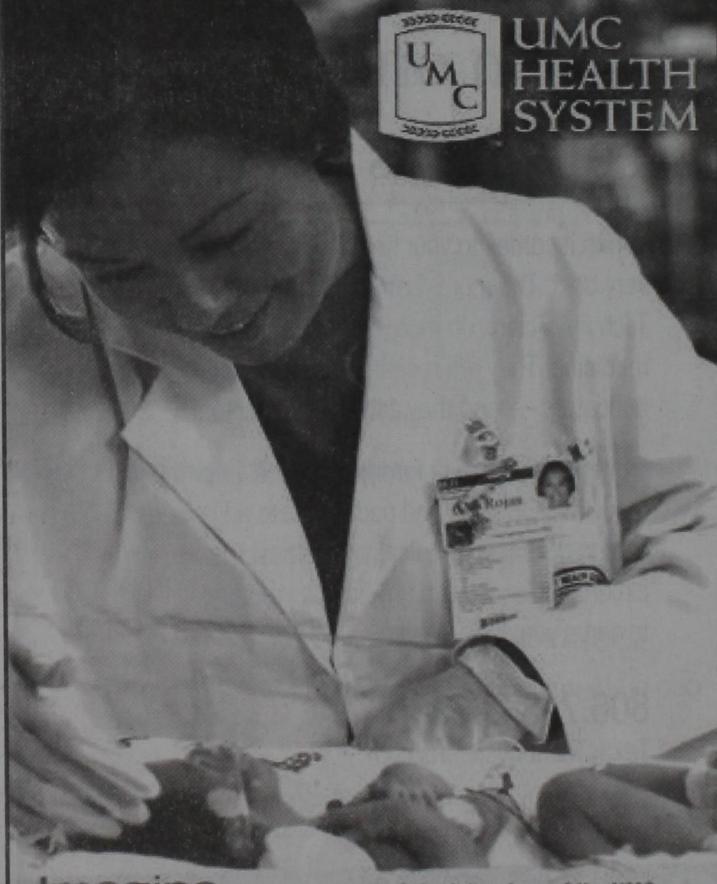
tigated cases of violence and sexual assault against Black women, including Recy Taylor, a married Black mother who was walking

home from church when she was abducted at gunpoint and gangraped by a group of six White men

in Abbeville, Alabama in 1944. In response, Mrs. Parks helped found the Committee for Equal Justice for Mrs. Recy Taylor which attracted nationwide support and which the Chicago Defender called the "strongest campaign for equal justice to be seen in a decade." Although Mrs. Taylor's attackers had admitted their guilt to local authorities, they were not convicted of the crime or punished—and Mrs. Parks was not done fighting injustice.

Nor was she alone. In all of her battles before and after her own arrest, Mrs. Parks was part of a coordinated movement of others sharing the same goal. The summer before her arrest she attended Highlander Folk School near Knoxville, Tennessee, a training center for activism in civil rights and workers' rights. Immediately after her arrest, Mrs. Parks was supported by N.A.A.C.P. colleagues including E.D. Nixon and others in Montgomery actively watching for the right moment to act. Alabama State College professor and Women's Political Council President Jo Ann Robinson was one of the key unsung heroines who were the backbones of most civil rights struggles who waited and watched for the right incident and opportunity and were prepared to help seize the moment and propel it into a larger movement..

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# Scores of Family & Friends In Attendance of Virgil Johnson's Funeral Continued from Page 1

popular with blacks. We were black and we didn't sound like it. People didn't know we were a black group. We couldn't tour, and that really hurt us."

Johnson resumed teaching. He retired from his job as principal of Lubbock's historically black Dunbar High School (1985-1993) and as principal of Dunbar-Struggs Middle School (1968-1984). In 1993, Dunbar became Magnet Junior High School Science Academy.[6] In Lubbock, Johnson was a deejay on Radio KSEL before he switched to KDAV after his retirement from education. Clarence Rigsby, meanwhile, died in a car crash in 1978.

In 1994, Johnson was inducted into the Buddy Holly West Texas Walk of Fame, renamed in 2006 as the West Texas Hall of Fame, located at Seventh Street and Avenue Q in Lubbock.

Johnson's roomate at Bishop College in Marshall, Texas, from 1954 to 1958, was on the Lubbock City Council, and was very excited about Johnson's accomplishment. "It was just great to be a part of such a presentation as this," said Patterson.

"Actually it was Virgil who persuaded me to come to Lubbock," continued Patterson.

Over the weekend of March 15, 2008, Johnson and another KDAV deejay, Bud Andrews, were featured on Bob Phillips' Texas Country Reporter syndicated television program.[8] In 2008, he was listed among the "100 Most Influential People" from Lubbock, as part of the city centennial observation.

The Rev. B. R. Moton, pastor of New Hope Baptist Church, delivered a dynamic sermon. As he said, "the sermon is not for the deceased, but for those who r emain. Mr. Johnson has lived his funeral."

Patterson, in talking to a neighborhood resident, said: "We would always refer to each

other as 'Room," and would always remind each other to pull my socks, because I need to wear them on the night." He was a very good person, and will be missed," continued Patterson.

"There's no doubt about it, I came to Lubbock because of him, but when I arrived on August 28, 1958, he was in Odessa, Texas, and his wife, Ida Marie Johnson, was teaching in Jackson, Mississippi," said Patterson. "But you what I'm glad I came here," continued Patterson.

Johnson is survived by his wife, Alma; and so, Patrick Johnson.

Many residents have commented on what a contribution Johnson made to the city of Lubbock, Lubbock Independent School District, and his church, New Hope Baptist Church.

Thanks ,Virgil Lewis Johnson!



Virgil & The Velvets



#### Minister Deborah M. Hutchinson Receives Ordination Certificate



Minister Deborah M. Hutchinson & Pastor Ruby Price

On February 3, 2013 Minister Deborah M. Hutchinson, officially received her ordination certificate from her pastor, Rev Ruby Price at, the Gt. Mt. Zion Baptist Church, 411 North Front Street, Crosbyton, Texas.

She was to receive her certification on January 20, 2013 but, due to her taken ill that day and had to be taken to the ER, it was

delayed. She became a licensed

she gives all the credit and glory to God. She is also very grateful to her mother, the late Mrs Dorothy R Terrell for raising her and showing her what it

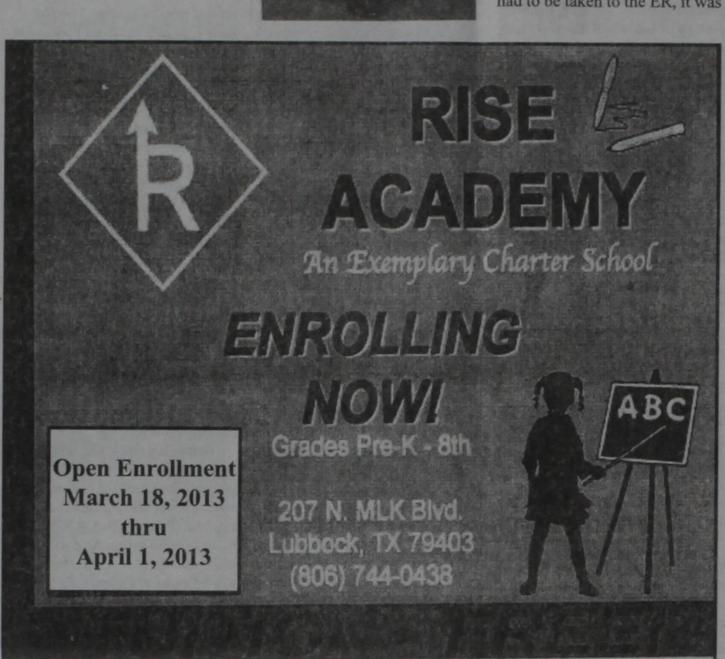
is to love the Lord and acknowledge Him in all that you say and do.

Thank you to all in attendance on January 20, 2013 and for Mr. T.J. Patterson, Sr. and the Southwest Digest for printing the news (not only just this one but others as well) without a charge.

This is the month of "LOVE", show love to the Digest by taking out an ad or buying a subscription. We need to support the Digest and what Mr. Patterson and the late Mr. Richardson began many years ago. My mother always taught us from childhood until the Lord called her home in 2008, "love is an action...you have to show it and not just talk about it.

This is my plea to all readers. Mr. Patterson nor the Southwest Digest had anything to do with my heartfelt thoughts)

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# Hub City Kiwanis-Lubbock Partners with MLK Little League

Hub City Kiwanis-Lubbock will continue to sponsor MLK Little League with a \$500 donation

Hub City Kiwanis is a proud supporter of a tradition that emerged with the Black Hubbers in the 1940's and the excitement that Jackie Robinson bought to professional baseball. "Sports give youth an opportunity to develop into effective members of society", said Ron Sanders, Manager of the MLK Little League.

If any youth is interested in joining, please contact Mr. Sanders at (806)535-3937.

#### Prader-Willi Syndrome Support Group Continues

The next Prader-Willi Syndrome Support Group will be held at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, March 12 at the Knipling Education Conference Center.

Prader-Willi syndrome (PWS) is often caused by a random genetic error occurring near the time of conception for unknown reasons. It is seen in both genders and all races.

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

#### Frederick Harvey Continued from Page 2

Lyons of San Francisco, Ca.; onin-law, Robert; a son, Forrest
Harvey of Detrit, Michigan;
grandson, Forrest, II, Detroit,
Michigan; granddaughters:
Leslie Lyons of Richond, Ca.
and Charis Albertie of Tulsa,
Oklahoma; great grandchildren:
Alexis, Forrest, III, Marlee Lorraine, Larry, Zyrae, Akira, and
great great granddaughter, Serenty; special nieces: Ruby, Pollie, Carolyn and nephews,
Nichie, Ronald, other relatives!



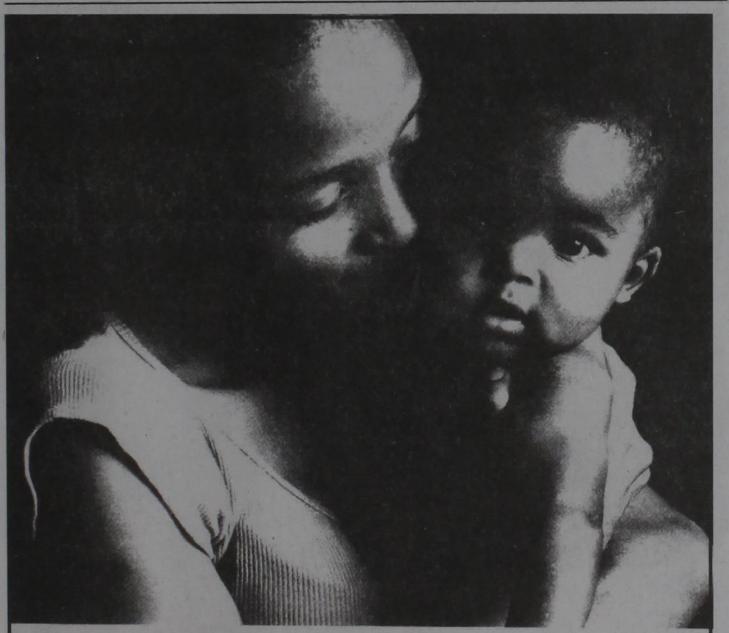
Left to Right: (sitting at table): Jennifer Sanders, Ronald Sanders and L.V. Andrews.



Left to Right (4 people standing): Jennifer Sanders, Ruth Priestly, Clarence Priestly and Ronald Sanders.



Left to Right (giving check to MLK Little League): Jennifer Sanders, Ronald Sanders and Joe Phea.



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#### First Black Department Head For Lubbock County, Shan Alexander

County.

"You have been an asset, you are an asset and you will continue to be an asset," said Lubbock County Judge Tom Head.

In East Lubbock, many citizens are very happy over this historic event.

"I really appreciate the Commissioners' vote of confidence," said Alexander.

He is a 1992 graduate of Dunbar High School.



Shan Alexander

For the first time in the history of Lubbock County, Lub-County Commissioner Lorenzo "Bubba" Sedeno, Princt 3, knew it was time for a Black to have an opportunity to serve as t he first director of a department.

It finally happened on Monday morning, February 4, 2013, when it became reality. After a motion was made by Commissioner Sedeno, and seconded, the Lubbock County Commisioners voted to make Alexander director of the judicial compliance department, with a vote of 5-0.

Alexander has served as the department's intrim director since August 2012.

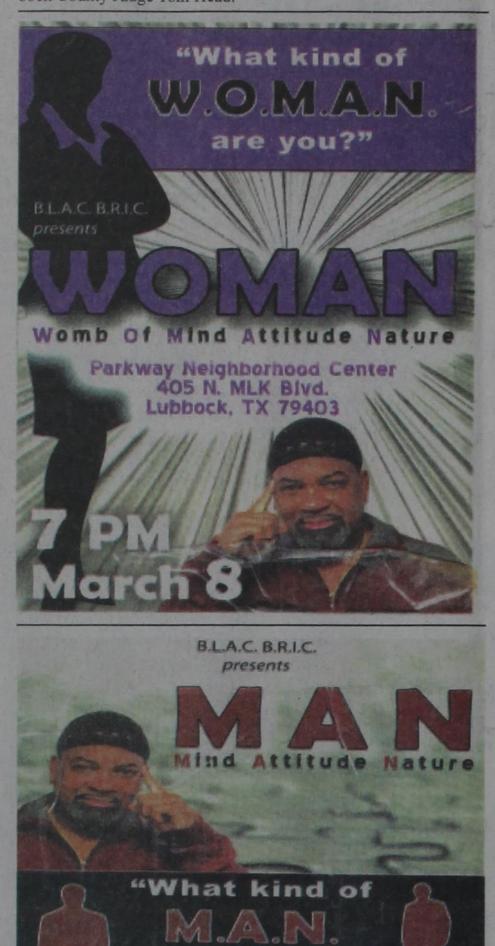
As director, Alexander will supervise a staff six which is charged with coordinating collection efforts with judges, attorneys and offenders.

As director of this department, part of his duties is to collect court costs and fines.

Alexander told the Commissioners how proud he was to have been appointed to this position, and will do his very best.

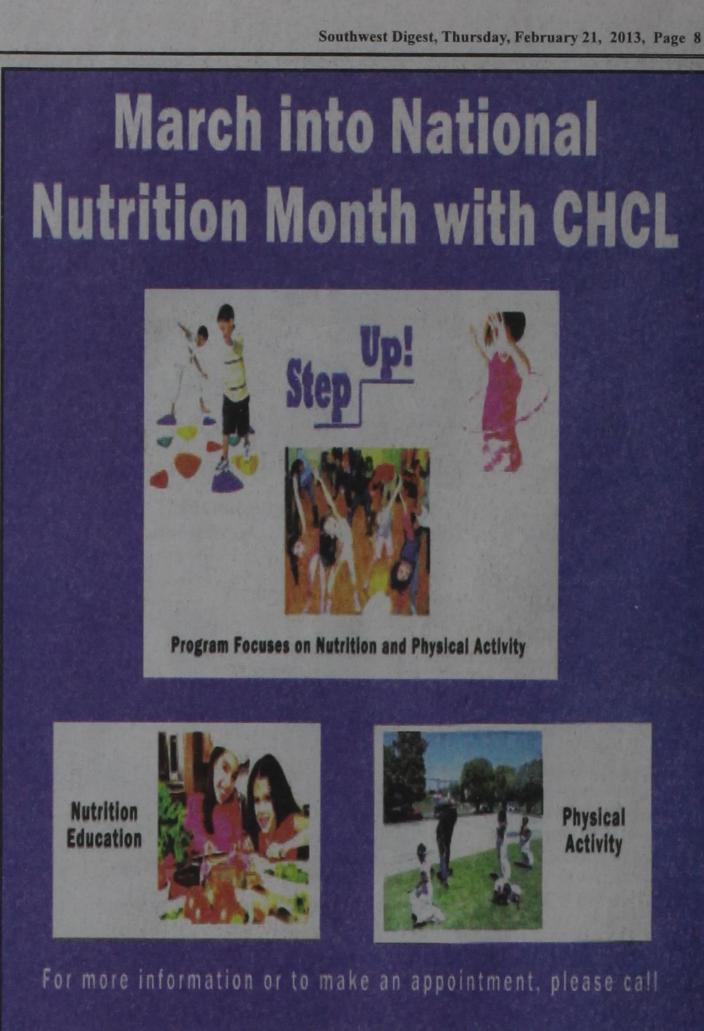
He said, "I know I will be a pilgrim as the first African American. I just want to do a

good job." Commissioners praised Alexander for his nearly 10 years of service with Lubbock



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