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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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### R. J. & Octavia Givens, Husband & Wife, Honored By Texas Tech Black Faculty & Staff



Pictured above are members of the Givens family: from left to right: Ron Givens, Octavia Givens, R. J. Givens, and Cheryl Givens-Wiley after attending the 12th Annual Black History Celebration.

With the theme, "Uniting to Stop the Violence in our African American Community, Our Country, and Our World," at the 12th Annual Black History Month Celebration at the Texas Tech University School of Law, on Saturday evening, February 2, 2013, R. J. Givens, Jr. and Octavia Middleton-Givens, husband and wife, were honored as Outstanding Businesspersons of the Black Community.

This special recognition was sponsored by the Black Faculty and Staff of Texas Tech University.

Keynote speaker was Mr. Brandale Randolph, Executive Director of Project Poverty & Curator of Lubbock, reminded those in attendance of our responsibility as citizens of the community. "It takes all of us working together for something positive to really happen," he said. "Working together, we can deal with the crime which happens in the community," he continued.

R. J. attended Lubbock Public Schools, and graduated from Dunbar High School. He also graduated from Hutson-Tillotson University in Austin, Texas with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration. He is a member of Omega Psi

Phi Fraternity, Inc. and was President of his class. He is a 33 Degree Mason of the Rio Grande Consistory Number 24.

R. J. has owned and operated Givens Real Estate Agency for 40 years. He became the first Black to join the Lubbock Board of Realtors and is a member of a Multiple Listing Service. Over the years, many individuals have worked as agents for Givens Agency, with many others employed in clerical positions, including college students. Givens Agency was the stepping stone for his son, Ron, to become the first Black Republican in over 102 years to serve as State Representative in the Texas Legislature.

R. J. retired from the Lubbock Postal Office with 32 years of service. He was the first Black to sit on the Lubbock Avalanche Journal Editorial Board, was an Equal Opportunity Counselor for the Lubbock Region Postal Workers, and served as President of the Postal Workers Union.

R. J. has served on various community and city committees and is a Deacon at New Hope Baptist Church.

Octavia is a graduate of Dunbar High School, and of Peoples Business College in Austin,

Texas. She became the first Black cashier for Starks Brothers Grocery in Austin, which opened the door for others to follow. Upon her return to Lubbock, she worked as the Secretary at Wheatley Elementary School.

In 1965, she became the first Black to serve as a cashier for Southwestern Public Service, now known as Excel Energy. In 1970, she became the first Black female Realtor with the Lubbock Association of Realtors which provided access to the West Lubbock Real Estate Market. In 1974, she opened Givens Employment Agency, a State License Private Employment Agency which allowed her to place individuals with State Government, Southwestern Bell, IBM, and several other businesses. She was associated with both National and Local Private Employment Agencies.

Octavia assisted in the formation of the Lubbock Black Chamber of Entrepreneurs. The Chamber was organized to aid and assist minority businesses to be competitive in the modern market place.

She is a member of New Hope Baptist Church, is involved with the Board of Deaconesses, Usher Board, multiple church committees, and is a member of the State and National Lubbock Association of Realtors.

R. J. and Octavia were childhood sweethearts. They are parents of Ron Givens and Cheryl Givens-Wiley, several grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

Dr. Aretha Faye Marbley gave welcoming remarks.

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Henry Dewberry - Owner  
Dewberry Appliance Service

### Henry Dewberry Proud To Be Black Businessman In Lubbock

One of the many proud Black businessmen in Lubbock is Henry Dewberry, who is owner and operator of Dewberry Appliance Service, 8511 Valanca Avenue. "It is just great to have an opportunity of being a Black businessman in Lubbock," says Dewberry.

Dewberry Appliance Service was opened March of 1959, and is the only Black owned appliance businesses in Lubbock and surrounding towns.

He will tell you he worked on speed appliances, and he decided he needed to go into business for his self so he could make some money, and at the same time help others.

"It wasn't hard to establish this business. I had my mind already made up before I entered this business. I was just determined," he said.

There have been some difficult times, but said, "You must hang in there and never give up. Put it in the hands of God, and continue to your very best! He'll be there for you!"

Mr. Dewberry enjoys working on various appliances. "I work on washing machines, dryers, gas and electric stoves," he continues.

In your opinion, Mr. Dewberry, is there room for more Black businesses in Lubbock? "Yes, there is room for more Black businesses in Lubbock!"

"In Lubbock, there are a lot young Black people who have a lot of talent. They need to know what they can do and become willing to work hard in order to be successful. When you go into business, please be reliable in the business you have established," he said.

He will tell any young person entering business, "You must be responsible in what you say and do. In other words, just be truth-

ful in what you do. You must be honest in all your transactions, no matter what the outcome may be," he said.

When asked what kind of problems has he encountered while in business? He said, "I have been encountered with people wanting credit and some have been slow about honoring their commitment," he made known. "There are those who will want to beat you down about the price should be. But you as a business person must stand tall and continue to do what is right," he continued

Mr. Dewberry says he sees more Blacks wanting to enter business, and I think this is great. But I warn them to not be in a hurry, just have patience."

"Over the years, I've learned all could about the appliance business, and this been a tremendous help for me," he said. "I will always stand behind the work I do. This is very true when it comes to selling appliances to my customers. You see, I didn't want to put merchandise in my customers' home that I don't want in my home. I just don't want to sell anyone something I wouldn't want for my house," continued Mr. Dewberry.

When asked what are plans for 2013, he said, "I want to get more business in year of 2013, which will enhance the financial posture of my business, so it will help my family and community," he concluded.

He is married to Mamie Dewberry, a retired teacher in the Lubbock Independent School District. They are parents of two boys and four girls.

They are members of Rising Star Baptist Church, Rev. J. Culver is pastor. He serves as a Deacon and choir member.

### 18th Annual Scholarship and Awards Gala Outstanding Sponsored By 100 Black Men of West Texas

The 18th Annual Scholarship and Awards Gala, sponsored by 100 Black Men of West Texas, was held Saturday evening, January 26, 2013, at the fabulous Overton Hotel & Convention Center.

Recipients were: Dr. Damon Hill MD: "Lifetime Achievement Award;" Dr. Aretha Faye Marbley Phd: "Lifetime Service Award;" and Eric Emerson Strong; "Role Model of the Year Award."

It was an outstanding presentation!



Totsey Bass & Dr. Aretha Marbley



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Dr. Damon Hill & Dr. Charles Henry

### EHS Choir Members Off To The State



CHOIR STATE QUALIFIERS: Congratulations to three Estacado Choir members. Brianna Ross, Meshaelon Bryant and Jasmine Manzay earned top ratings at the Regional Choir Solo and Ensemble competition. The three Matadors will represent Estacado at the State Solo and Ensemble competition in May.

### IN LOVING MEMORY OF EDWIN N. SCOTT, SR. JUNE 25, 1926 - MARCH 3, 2011



**My husband, Our Dad, Our Papaw**  
It has been two long years since we laid you to rest and you took your place with our Lord and Savior. Even though we miss your physical presence, we are reminded daily of the many ways you touched our lives. These memories bring us solace and joy. We know you are at peace, watching over us and waiting until we meet again. We love and miss your caring and loving spirit.

Your loving wife, Pearlene; children: Linda (Fred), Pat (Robert), Frances (Robert) and Eddie (Dora), grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

### SPC to host Black History Month event on February 26

LEVELLAND – Quincy White, Lubbock's assistant City Manager, will deliver the keynote address during South Plains College's Black History program, "Reaching Back and Moving Forward," slated for 6:30 p.m. on Feb. 26 (Tuesday) in the Sundown Room.

Admission is free and the public is invited to attend. Refreshments will be served.

"I think it's necessary to celebrate the legacy of those who have come before us and left footprints for us to follow," said Maria Lopez-Strong, Diversity Coordinator for SPC. This event reminds us of the struggles of our leaders and their sacrifice should never be forgotten."

The evening will feature musical entertainment by the King Sisters, a skit featuring the fourth grade class of Ruby Brackens of Levelland ISD and the keynote address by White.

White is a Lubbock native and a 1965 graduate of Dunbar High School. He attended Prairie View A&M University and Wenatchee Valley College. Hired by the Xerox Corporation in 1973, he spent 11 years with the company. In 1990, White returned to Lubbock where he began his public sector career. He served as Drug Elimination Program Coordinator and Executive Director of the Lubbock Housing Authority, Executive Director of the Lubbock Black Chamber of Commerce, Youth Services Coordinator and Assistant Director Human Resources. Delta Sigma Theta Sorority named White its 2003 Man of the Year and the Lubbock Black Chamber of Commerce honored him for his commitment and involvement in the Lubbock community.

The annual presentation of the Spirit of Martin Luther King, Jr. Award will be given to Dr. Sharon Bogener, professor of History and Government at SPC, and Mary Nell Leaks of Workforce Solutions in Littlefield.

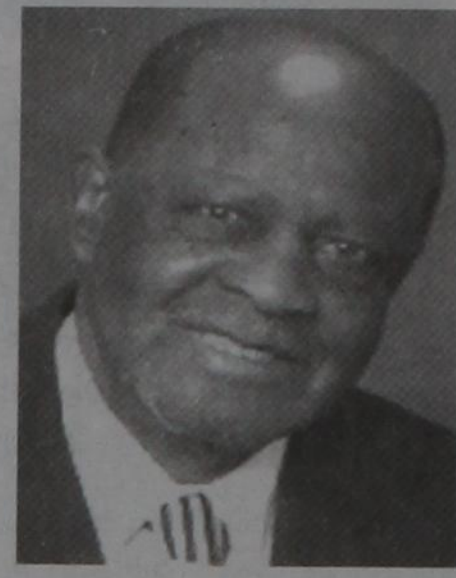
Bogener was born in Levelland and she attended Levelland public schools. She graduated from South Plains College (Associate of Arts) and Texas Tech University where she received a Bachelor of Arts, Masters of Arts and Doctorate of Philosophy. She taught as a Visiting As-

istant Professor at Texas Tech for two years prior to joining the faculty at South Plains where she has taught for 16 years. Bogener serves as a sponsor for the Hispanic Student Organization.

Leaks is a graduate of Levelland High School and she received her Associate of Arts degree from South Plains College. She joined Workforce Solutions South Plains in 1998 as a Case Manager. She is currently the Director of the Littlefield Center.

For more information, contact Strong at (806) 716-2562.

### Longtime Pastor, Rev. H. K. Thomas, Sr., Passes Here On February 8, 2013



13, 2013 at First Baptist Church.

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

Rev. Thomas, 79, of Lubbock passed away on February 8, 2013.

Reverend Thomas was born on January 22, 1934 to the late Will and Elnora Thomas. He attended Smith High School and united with Jerusalem Baptist Church at an early age. After graduation, he decided to join

Funeral services for longtime resident of Lubbock, Rev. H. K. Thomas, Sr. were held on Wednesday afternoon, February

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### New Light Baptist Church News

On Sunday morning, February 17, 2013, church services got started at 9:15 a.m. at New Light Baptist Church, 3013 Idalou Road, where Rev. Kenneth O. Jackson is the pastor.

Church School started at 9:45 a.m. with Sister Ambra Jackson teaching the lesson entitled: "Clothed With Christ" and its text came from Colossians 3: 5-17 for the adults; Sister Linda Green taught the lesson for the youth entitled: "Jesus Helps Us"... Breakfast was served to those in attendance afterwards.

Morning worship started at 11:00 a. m. with the devoted Praise Team leading the way.

Rev. L. C. Lee led the pulpit devotion. The song, "Oh I Want To See Him" was sung. Rev. Lee read the responsive reading and it came from Psalm 121: 1-8. Rev. Jackson led the altar call prayer and the song, "What A Friend We Have In Jesus," was sung.

Sister Green read all the morning announcements and told of all the upcoming events that will be taking place. All birthdays were acknowledged also. The Usher Department presented something that was relevant to Black History and it was entitled: "The Black Family Pledge". The offering was taken

up afterwards..

The choir sang "Glory, Glory and "Jesus Keep Me Near The Cross" "Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah" was song before the sermon. Rev. Jackson preached the sermon entitled: "What Are You Thinking?" Its printed scripture text came from Philippians 4:8 & Isaiah 26:3.

The song, "Home Over The Mountain", was sung afterwards..

There was the invitation to discipleship which was extended to all in attendance. All visitors were acknowledged by Sister Gloria Lee, who did a marvelous job! Praise God for

His goodness.

Prayer should be important to all we come in contact with. We need prayer everyday. You can't go wrong with prayer. That is why we need to pray morning, noon and night. It is hard to stumble when you are on your knees. Pray for our president daily that God will continue to use him.

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**SCRIPTURE FOR THE WEEK:** "The Lord is my light and my salvation whom shall I fear? the lord is the strength of my life of whom shall I be afraid of?"  
Psalm 27:1

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Obsequies

L. V. Faulk, Sr.

Funeral services were held for L. V. Faulk, Sr. on Monday morning, February 4, 2013 at St. James Baptist Church, with Rev. Johnny Barnes, pastor, officiating.

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

Faulk, Sr., 62, of Lubbock passed away on Monday, January 28, 2013.

LV was born on December 1, 1950 to the parentage of the late Roy Lee and Mae Katherine Faulk in Blooming Grove, Texas.

LV graduated from Estacado High School in 1971 and was united in holy matrimony to Patricia Patterson on July 22, 1972.

He quickly gained employment at Gene Messer Ford where he worked before becoming



the foreman of shipping and receiving at Lena Stephens. He was most recently employed at Capital Mortgage Services.

He leaves to cherish his memories his loving wife, Patricia Faulk; one daughter, Stepney Patterson; three sons, LV Faulk Jr., Kevin Faulk and Kendrick Faulk; two sisters, Virginia Brooks and Mae White; and one brother, Roy Lee Faulk II.

Junior R. Brown

Midland, Texas - Funeral services were held for Junior R. Brown on Saturday morning, February 9, 2013, at Lee Street Church of Christ in Midland.

Interment followed in Lorenzo Cemetery under the direction of Griffin Mortuary & Funeral

Home of Lubbock.

Brown, 63, of Lubbock, Texas, passed away on Jan. 30, 2013.

Junior was born on July 16, 1950, to the parentage of Washington and Manda Brown. Junior was the eldest son of eight children. Junior graduated high

Funeral services for Eddie Lee Duson were held Saturday afternoon, February 2, 2013, at the Ossie Curry Funeral Chapel with R. ev. J. H. Ford, pastor of the Greater St. Luke Missionary Baptist Church, officiating.

Interment was held in the City of Lubbock Cemetery under the direction of Ossie Curry Funeral Home of Lubbock.

Pallbearers were Andrew Ross, Lawrence Anderson, B. J. Morris, R. D. Hunt, Isaac Casolow, Roy Johnson, Roy J. Soder, Abdul Mutakabbir Abmand, Joe Johnson, and Mike Martinez.

Honorary pallbearers were Clifford Pryor, Bryan Pryor, Michael Hammond, Tareginald Stevenson, Tony Duson, James "Slim" Mayes, and Jimmy Wilson.

He was born to Benny Duson, Sr. and Hazel Duson on August 20, 1941 in Atlanta, Texas. He was the younger of two siblings -- Thelma Faye Stovall and Benny Duson, Jr. His older brother, Benny, and father preceded him in death.

Eddie attended Dunbar High School in Lubbock. He also served in the United States



Army for four years and attended Texas Tech University.

In later years, he retired from working in the county of Los Angeles, California.

When ever you saw Eddie, he was wearing a hat. Eddie could talk "a mile a minute" and make you laugh by the end of the conversation, whether he was serious or not.

Eddie took care of his 94 year old mother, Hazel Duson, until his last day.

He leaves behind: his sister, Thelma Faye Stovall; his mother, Hazel Duson; many nieces and nephews, as well as 17 grand and great-grand nieces and nephews; and a son.



school from the Roosevelt school system in the 60s. After high school, he attended McMurry College in Abilene, Texas, on a football scholarship. There he received a B.S. degree in math with a minor in physical education. He worked on his master's for a couple years, but never finished after starting employment for AT&T in April of 1972.

Junior married Betty Middleton in March of 1980, and to this union three children were born. Junior's career with AT&T started in Abilene, Texas, for four years as a maintenance line-man, frame foreman, and installation foreman. Then, he moved to Lubbock, Texas, for four

years as a chief switchman, installation foreman and chief deskman. From Lubbock, he moved to Plainview, Texas, and worked for 12 years as plant foreman.

While in Plainview he was involved with church and community, and was also city councilman from 1984 to 1989 and president of Region's Advisory Council on Human Rights. He was also president of the Plainview Optimist Club and president of the John Russ Worm Society (education for youth). He became commissioner of Plainview Youth Football League and youth minister at Church of Christ.

From Plainview, he moved to Midland, Texas, in June 1989 until December 20, 2010, as the AT&T manager I/R. Junior was sincerely involved in church activities and started preaching God's word in 1989. His most distinguished and cherished work was teaching a youth Bible class at his church-home, Northside Church of Christ. Junior's message to his family and friends is, be ye steadfast, unmoving, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not

Alvin Ray Stiggers

Funeral services for Alvin Ray Stiggers were held Thursday morning, February 7, 2013, at 20th & Birch Church of Christ.

Private disposition will follow under the direction of Griffin Mortuary & Funeral Home of Lubbock.

Stiggers, 58, of Lubbock, formerly Dallas, Texas, passed away on February 1, 2013.

Alvin was born on August 23, 1955, to Elbert Stiggers and Hattie Lee Alsbrooks.

Alvin worked as an ironworker and was very gifted with his hands. He also enjoyed cooking and spending quality time with his friends and family. Alvin's greatest achievement was when he returned to school to obtain his diploma in 2012 from Booker T. Washington in Dallas, Texas.

Alvin was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, Darry Lynn Stiggers and Charles Stiggers.



Alvin leaves to cherish him memories his wife, Ruthel Stiggers; four daughters and one son, Tevean Branch, Latoya Johnson (Jason), Jaywana Tadore (Jason), Arronn Swanger and Kevin Stiggers; four brothers, John H. Stiggers, Robert Mitchell, Calvin R. Stiggers and Ricky Stiggers; two sisters, Gwen Stiggers and Regina Stiggers; 10 grandchildren; nieces and nephews; and a host of relatives and friends.

Mary Frances Jordan Spencer

Funeral services for Mary Frances Jordan Spencer were held on Saturday afternoon, February 9, 2013 in Griffin Mortuary Chapel.

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

Francis, 83, of Rusk County passed away on February 5, 2013.

Mae was born on July 4, 1930, to the late parents Grover Jordon Sr. and Frances Wright in Rusk County. Mary was baptized at the age of 19 and main-



tained a special relationship with her Lord and Savior throughout her life.

She was married to the late Raymond Spencer Sr. and to that union eight children were born. Mae and Raymond moved their family to Lubbock in 1958. Mae adored her children and had a special bond with each of them. She had a passion for rib-sticking food and enjoyed cooking and baking. She worked at Seafood Gallery, where she made cheese rolls and butter chess pies.

Mae was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Gary; and Sherry, Lawrence and Dorothy.

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# In Cinque

By Renetta Howard



This is a new year in a new millennium and just when we get the idea that things are looking up, especially during Black History Month, shortly after the second inauguration of the first United States President of color, we find that a very crude and rude awakening occurs. I could not believe the news that someone had the audacity to slap a nineteen month old baby on an airplane.

According to the ABC News, the child Jonah Bennett who was in his mother's arms starting crying because of the pressure in his ears, according to his mother and the stranger, a 60 year old man who was occupying the seat next to her, allegedly told the mother to "Shut that n-word baby up." He was supposedly so drunk until when she asked him what he had said, that he fell into her face, what he directly, then smacked Jonah.

The 'smack' allegedly left the child's eye swollen and bleeding, causing his mother to be 'scared to death.' According to the report another male passenger in another row of seats heard the derogatory language and witnessed the slapping of the child. The perpetrator, one Joe Hundley is the president of an aircraft parts company in Idaho and he has been charged with assault in an Atlanta federal court. His attorney has promised that he would be pleading not guilty.

A crime committed in an airplane is a federal crime. Slapping a baby anywhere, should be a federal crime. Slapping a baby of color by an individual of another ethnic group because he is of color should be a crime of hate. The way I see it, this indi-

vidual should be charged with at least three crimes: slapping a baby; slapping a baby in an airplane and slapping a baby because he is Black.

Further, it should be illegal to board an airplane while intoxicated, as I recall there is a limit to the number of drinks one can have which are purchased on a plane. Those two are allegedly not enough to become inebriated if consumed on the airplane if one was sober when boarding the plane. It appears that inebriation is more lethal than firearms at this point. While scanning for contraband, there needs to be a mechanism to scan for inebriation when boarding a plane. Sitting next to a drunk on a plane is bad enough without being assaulted by one. Sitting in front of one can be a problem.

I recall being banged in the head by a drunk who was in the seat directly behind me from Chicago to Memphis one holiday. I thought a child was playing and hitting me to discover that it was a female who was drunk and should have deplaned in St. Louis. She had to be taken off the plane on a stretcher. It was a relief.

Alcohol and Drunks is not my cup of tea. I have no statistics, but I feel certain that way too many unpleasant occurrences are the results of the use of alcohol by someone who does not know his limits and should not indulge. It is like hatred, passing laws against it does not cause it to end. Let us get 'in cinque' and pray for more help and education for those individuals and groups who are not aware of their limits.

### Remember Black History

Olive Baptist Church, where he was pastoral leader, and his health failed him.

Reverend Thomas received many accolades including Young Pastor of the Year in 1978; Honorary Citizen of Lubbock in 1980 and Distinguished Service award in 1988. Reverend Thomas was appointed by Jim Culp as the West Texas Field Coordinator and hosted two successful state meetings and started the Equippers Conference of West Texas, which is still currently active. In 2005 he was

## To The Youth of Lubbock, Texas

By Inmate #1802937

I am writing to you from a prison cell today about finding inner peace and your true path in life!

I want to ask you a question. How many of you think God put you on earth to sell drugs, gang bang, rob or steal as your true path in life?

I sincerely doubt that Jesus Christ died on the cross for our sins for any of us to make either one of these things our career path!

Me, myself, chose a life of drug dealing as a career path and felt nothing could ever happen to me! I was so arrogant that I had the nerve to pray to God to keep me safe from the police! Of course, I got what every hustler gets -- a prison sentence!

I write to you now to let you know the true path in life. God blessed each and everyone of us with a skill and talent.

Read your Bible and build your relationship with God so that you my find that path in life and your "Inner Peace!"

I promise you it's a lot easier than finding that "Inner Peace" and path in life from a prison cell!

Being a prisoner or convict doesn't make you cool or hard. It makes you a fool for not listening when you had a chance!

**(Editor's Note: If there are any of you who like to write to Inmate #1802937, then address your letter to the: Southwest Digest, c/o Inmate #1802937, P. O. Box 2553, Lubbock, Texas 79408. We'll get your letter to him. Hopeful, he will contact you. Ye Ed)**

honored with the African America award for his commitment, dedication and leadership.

Pastor Thomas served two consecutive terms as president of the Black Church Fellowship and was appointed again in 2012 until his health began to fail.

Special appreciation goes out to all the members of New Mount Olive Baptist Church of Littlefield, Texas. Also, a special thank you to Ray Travenia, all of the ministers of the West Texas area Caprock Plains Association and the Llanos Altos Baptist General Convention of West Texas.

Pastor Thomas was preceded in death by his wife, Charles Ruby Thomas; five sisters; two brothers; and one son, Raymond.

He leaves to cherish his memories four sons, Pastor H.K. Thomas, Jr. (Betty), Joe, Terry, and Tony; six daughters, Shirley (Gerald), Regina, Vicki (Stephen), Tonette (Mike), Kim, and Becky; one brother, Leon Thomas; 11 grandchildren; 38 great-grandchildren; special friends, Mrs. Gwen, Mrs. Jackie and Sue; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends

### R. J. & Octavia Givens Honored

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Rev. Christopher S. Moore, Senior Pastor of Victory in Praise Christian Fellowship, served as Emcee.

Acknowledgement of special guest was done by Ms. Maxine Asmah, J.D., MSLS.

The theme song, "Heaven Help Us All", was sung by Mr. Pervus Evans. Also, a special tribute in song was done by Dr. Marion Williams, The Kings of Kings, and Mr. Evans.

A Tribute to the Givens were done by Ms. Chantell Bagley and Mr. T. J. Patterson.

Recognition of Past Honorees were done by Black Faculty and Staff as well as Recognition of Black Faculty & Staff was done by Ms. Eranestine Frazier, Ms. Kathleen McPherson, and Ms. Wendy Ross.

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# THIS N' THAT

by T. J. Patterson

**YOUNG BLACK MEN & WOMEN, OLDER BLACKS STOOD TALL! THIS N THAT .... wants .... YOUNG BLACK MEN & WOMEN .... as well as .... BLACK BOYS & GIRLS .... to know that there were many .... BLACK MEN ^ & WOMEN .... who stood for in past years ... so you would have a much better lives.... At one time .... there were segregation .... and places as a Black person .... you were not allowed to enter.... but here comes .... .. BLACK MEN &**

**WOMEN ....** who stood for you.... When you see some of them .... let them know you appreciated what they had done.... Or you may be aware of one of their family members in Lubbock ..... and let them know you appreciate what they have done.... Remember .... **YOUNG BLACK PEOPLE ....** we are all standing on the shoulders made some things happen... As we continue to celebrate .... **BLACK HISTORY MONTH** ..please remember what did happen for all of us!! **God Bless!**

### Parson Smith Continued from 3

in a segregated school in Oxford, Pa., but left after several years because the school "provided no intellectual stimulation."

This is part of the story of a black man who reached the top while not forgetting his black brothers and sisters in all walks of life and encouraging them to reach for the stars.

by her parents; one sister; and two brothers.

She leaves to cherish her memories a loving church family and many friends. Memorial contributions may be made to the Youth department of Greater St. Luke Missionary Baptist Church in honor of Ms. Jackson.

### Longtime Resident: Nelda Jackson, Succumbs Here



sonary Baptist Church for over fifty years where she served as assistant superintendent of Sunday Church School.

Nelda was preceded in death

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### Pastor Thomas Dies

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the U.S. Army. After serving his country, Reverend Thomas relocated to Lubbock and united with Charles Ruby Thomas in holy matrimony, to this union many children were born including, Shirley, H.K. Jr., Raymond, Joe, Gina, Vickie, Tonette, Terry, Tony, and two Godchildren, Kim and Becky.

At age 35, H.K. was called to the ministry at New Mount

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# More Obituaries

## Evelyn Bell

**Albuquerque, New Mexico** — (Special) — A niece of Ralph Hodge, Evelyn Bell, was funeralized on Saturday afternoon, February 9, 2013, at the Macedonia Baptist Church of Albuquerque, New Mexico with Rev. N. Darnel Smith, pastor, officiating.

Arrangements were entrusted to Daniels Family Funeral Services of Albuquerque.

Evelyn was born in Lubbock, Texas on November 7, 1944 to Julia Mae Hall and L. Ray Hall. She lived there until 1967, and then moved to Albuquerque, New Mexico.

She met and married Mark Bell in 1972. Together, they had a son, Mark Anthony Dixon Bell, and four step-children.

She met Tommy E. Hillard in 1989; they never married, but spent a lifetime together until his death.

Mrs. Bell was called home early Saturday morning, February 2, 2013.

She left behind four children: Cynthia Ann Dixon, Dewayne

Dixon, Herman Ray Grant, and Mark Anthony Dixon; ten grandchildren: Ranisha Monique Dixon, Craig Lee Dixon, Danny Joe Dixon, Markisha Joann Dixon, Mark Dewayne Dixon, Desiree Colton, Tyron Colton, Britanee Vandivier, Erica Young, and Laquisha Young; nine great-grandchildren. She is also survived by her mother, Mrs. Julia Mae Burns, an uncle, Ralph Hodge of Lubbock, Texas, and a host of other relatives and friends.

Through all the ups and downs, Mrs. Evelyn Ray Bell lived a lifetimes worth!



Rev. Dr. & Mrs. Justin Lawrence & Daughter

## Ordination Held For Rev. Dr. Justin Lawrence

Members of the Faith First Baptist Church held the ordination service for Rev. Dr. Justin Lawrence on Sunday afternoon, February 17, 2013, at the Community Baptist Church.

Rev. Larry Brooks, pastor of Community Baptist Church, was the Catechizer.

Dr. Lawrence was called as the Senior Pastor of Faith First Baptist Church, 1504 East 15th Street, on December 3, 2012. He currently services as an Assistant Professor of Justice/Public Administration at Wayland Baptist

Church and has earned a Doctor of Jurisprudence and Master of Business Administration from Texas Tech University.

Dr. Lawrence has also earned a Master of Arts in Religion in Pastoral Counseling and Master of Arts in Religion in Evangelism/Church Planning from Liberty Theological Seminary.

Dr. Lawrence is also scheduled to receive a Master of Divinity in the Fall of 2014.

The Southwest Digest welcomes Rev. Dr. Justin Lawrence and Family to Lubbock.

## Jessie Mae Grice

Funeral services for Jessie Mae Grice were held on Monday afternoon, February 11, 2013, at St. James Baptist Church with Rev. Johnnie Barnes, pastor, officiating.

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

Grice, 81, of Lubbock, passed away on Monday, February 4, 2013.

She was the seventh child, born on March 16, 1931 in Marlin, Texas to Frank and Magnolia Fisher.

She was a loving daughter, sister, mother, grandmother, great grandmother, aunt, and friend.

She is preceded in death by her parents, one brother, and five sisters.

She leaves to cherish her precious memories two daughters,



Barbara Franklin and Wanda Grice; one son, Bobby Blue; eight grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. The family wishes to thank the staff at UMC Cancer Center for all their loving care.

## Freda Faye Norris

**Abernathy, Texas** — Funeral services for Freda Faye Norris, 58, of Abernathy, were held Saturday afternoon, February 16, 2013, in First Baptist Church with the Rev. Mike Davis, pastor of the First Church of the Nazarene, officiating.

Burial followed in Abernathy Cemetery under the direction of Abell Funeral Home & Flower Shop of Abernathy, Texas.

Mrs. Norris died Monday, February 11, 2013, in Lubbock, Texas.

She was born March 11, 1954, to Cleopha and Josie Mae (Cooper) Hood in Abernathy.



She married Larry Wayne Norris in 1972 in Lubbock. She was a member of the First Church of the Nazarene and had been em-

## Raymond Bogus

Funeral services were held on Tuesday morning, February 19, 2013 at Community Baptist Church with Pastor Larry

played with Abernathy ISD since 1986.

She participated in the Walk to Emmaus in 2006, and had a passion for cooking and cleaning. She was also good at directing others, or bossing as many would say.

Freda is survived by her husband, Larry Wayne Norris, and her mother, Josie Hood, both of Abernathy. Freda and Larry were blessed with four sons, all surviving their mother, Terry Norris of Long Grove, Okla., Scott Norris and Nathan Norris, both of Abernathy, and Larry Norris Jr. of Amarillo, Texas. She is also survived by three brothers, Randy and Ricky Hood, both of Abernathy, and Mickel Hood of Lubbock; two sisters, Virginia Hood of Abernathy, Texas, and Anita Wilson of Oklahoma City, Okla.; and 14 grandchildren, Jordan, Austin, Tyler, Joshua, Larah, Jackson, Taislee, Eric, Zachary, Haley, Chloe, Matthew, Amaya and Liam.



Brooks officiating.

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

Bogus, 60, of Lubbock, passed away on February 14, 2013.

Raymond was born on March 18, 1953 to the parentage of Mildred Bogus and the late Columbus Bogus. Raymond attended Lubbock Public School and graduated with honors from Dunbar High School. After high school, Raymond attended Langston University and graduated Cum Laude. Following graduation, he was hired by the Texas State Comptroller and worked as a tax assessor and col-

lector. He was transferred to Austin where he lived for several years. After he moved back home to Lubbock, he worked as a substitute teacher.

He leaves to celebrate his memories his mother, Mildred Bogus; his brother, Paul Hereford; his sister, Carolyn Isaac; two nieces.

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## Stafford Johnnie Cleveland

Stafford Johnnie Cleveland was funeralized on Saturday morning, February 9, 2013, at Community Baptist Church with Rev. Larry Brooks, pastor, officiating.

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

Cleveland, 65, of Lubbock passed away on February 1, 2013.

Stafford was born on November 18, 1948, in Littlefield, Texas, to the parentage of Claude and Betty Cleveland. Stafford moved to Lubbock in 1979, where he met his loving wife, Ann. Stafford attended two years of college in Compton, Calif., and served in the U.S. Army from 1967 to 1969.

Stafford worked as a certified welder for Johnson Manufacturers in Lubbock, as well as Bryson Tank and OPI in Odessa, Texas.

Stafford was preceded in death by his parents; his grandmother, Olivia Shaw; one son, Bura Anthony Cleveland; two sisters, Lynette Taylor and Pamela Johnson; four aunts; and one uncle.



He leaves to cherish his memories his wife, Ann Cleveland; son, Stafford Cleveland Jr.; daughters, Tiffany Thompson (Jerry), and Candice Cleveland-Isaac (Tyson); seven grandchildren, Antoinette Lias, Michael Thomas, Shacola Thompson, Norman Eason, Tiffany Eason, Keshone McKnight and Ziyuri Cleveland; four great-grandchildren; four sisters, Sylvia McDaniel-Jarmon (Millard), Jannie McGee-Intosh, Sheila Cleveland and Demetrius Cleveland; one aunt, Francis Willard; one uncle, Billy E. Shaw; a sister-in-law, Shand Russell-Brown (Marcus); and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

## Claudell Morgan

Funeral services for Claudell Morgan were held on Sunday afternoon, February 10, 2013, at the Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. Seventh-Day Adventist Church.

Morgan, 64, of Lubbock, passed away on Saturday, February 2, 2013.

Claudell was born on March 11, 1948, to Freddy Lee Morgan and Leola Morgan Glaspie.

May God continue to bless the Morgan family in all that they do in this life. It let's all of us know that God is able, no matter the circumstances in anyone's life.

God is love, and let's not forget that each day of our lives, He shall the answers to our lives.



get that each day of our lives, He shall the answers to our lives.

## Former Lubbock Resident Succumbs In Houston: Mrs. Mildred "Sissy" Borden

Houston, Texas -- Special -- Funeral services were held for Mrs. Mildred "Sissy" Borden on Saturday afternoon, February 2, 2013, at the Christian Home Baptist Church with Rev. Ben Ray Lillie, Sr., pastor, officiating.

Interment was held in the Houston Memorial Gardens of Pearland, Texas.

Honorary pallbearers were Andrew Chew, Terrance Chew, Anthony Stewart Coleman, Joe Wilborn, Charles Wright, Eddie Moshay, Walli People, Michael Anderson, and Vincent Howard.

Special recognition was given by American Legion Post 808, Family and Friends of W Wichita Street Greater True Faith Missionary Baptist Church.

On December 19, 1915, Mildred Mitchell was born in Forreston, Texas, Ellis County, to the parentage of Robert and Minnie Mitchell. Her nieces renamed her "Sissy" where after her friends, neighbors and other family members started calling her. Her great grandchildren affectionately renamed her "Sissy B."

Mildred Borden accepted Christ at an early age. While residing in Lubbock, Texas with her husband, George Borden, she united with New Hope Baptist Church where she was a member of the Usher Board until her health failed her. She was also a member of the American Legion Post 808 where she remained an active member until her death.

Mrs. Mildred Borden answered the gentle call to eternal rest on Wednesday, January 23, 2013. Those who await her arrival on the other side are her parents, husband (George), sisters: Gladis Scott and Dorothy Richardson; brothers: Herbert, Robert, and Buster; sons: Eli and



Lonnie; grandchildren, Perry and Belinda Rena; great grandchildren, Alonzo, Chanta, and Roderick.

Mildred "Sissy" Borden leaves her previous angels to cherish her life: daughter Bertie Chew of Houston, Texas; six grandchildren: Sharon Tuere Omodele, and Rosalind, both of Houston, Texas, Pamela Diana (Aaron) of DeSoto, Texas, Lonnie, Jr. (Diane, Patricia (Timothy) and Dwight of Dallas, Texas; twenty-one great-grandchildren; eleven great-great grandchildren; extended family Linda Boyd; her three children and Shari Medford; a host of nieces, nephews, neighbors "Wichita Street", and many friends and family in Lubbock, Texas.

## Mary Frances Jordan Spencer

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She leaves to cherish her memories two sons, Ramon (Claudette), and Raymond Jr. (Mary); two daughters, Bennie Russell (Roosevelt Jr.), and Kathy Larry (Bobby Jr.); two sisters, Faye McGee and Rachel Adams; sisters-in-law, Jean Jordan and Margie Spencer; one brother-in-law, the Reverend Perry Spencer; 14 grandchildren; 33 great-grandchildren; eight great-great grandchildren; and a host of other relatives and friends. The family would like to give a special thanks to Dr. Dyer and staff at University Medical Center.

Remember Black History Month!



Hadiya Pendleton

## 15-Year Old Girl Killed in Chicago After Performing At President Obama's Inauguration

Hadiya Pendleton, a 15-year-old girl who performed at President Obama's recent inauguration, was shot and killed in Chicago as she talked with her friends. Witnesses say she and her friends were in a park when suddenly a man opened fire on the group, and Hadiya was shot in the back as she tried to escape. Witnesses believe she was mistaken for the wrong person.

Her father, Nathaniel Pendleton, spoke at a news conference that was held in the same park where his daughter died. He commented, "He took the light

of my life." Then speaking directly to the killer, he said: "Look at yourself, just know that you took a bright person, an innocent person, a non-violent person."

Hadiya was indeed a bright person. She was an honor student, a contributor to her community, and ironically, a spokesman against gang violence. In 2008, she was featured in a YouTube public service announcement against gang activity. The family and the Chicago police are offering an \$11,000 reward for information about the gunman

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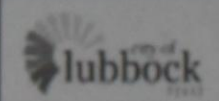
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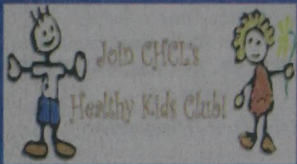
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