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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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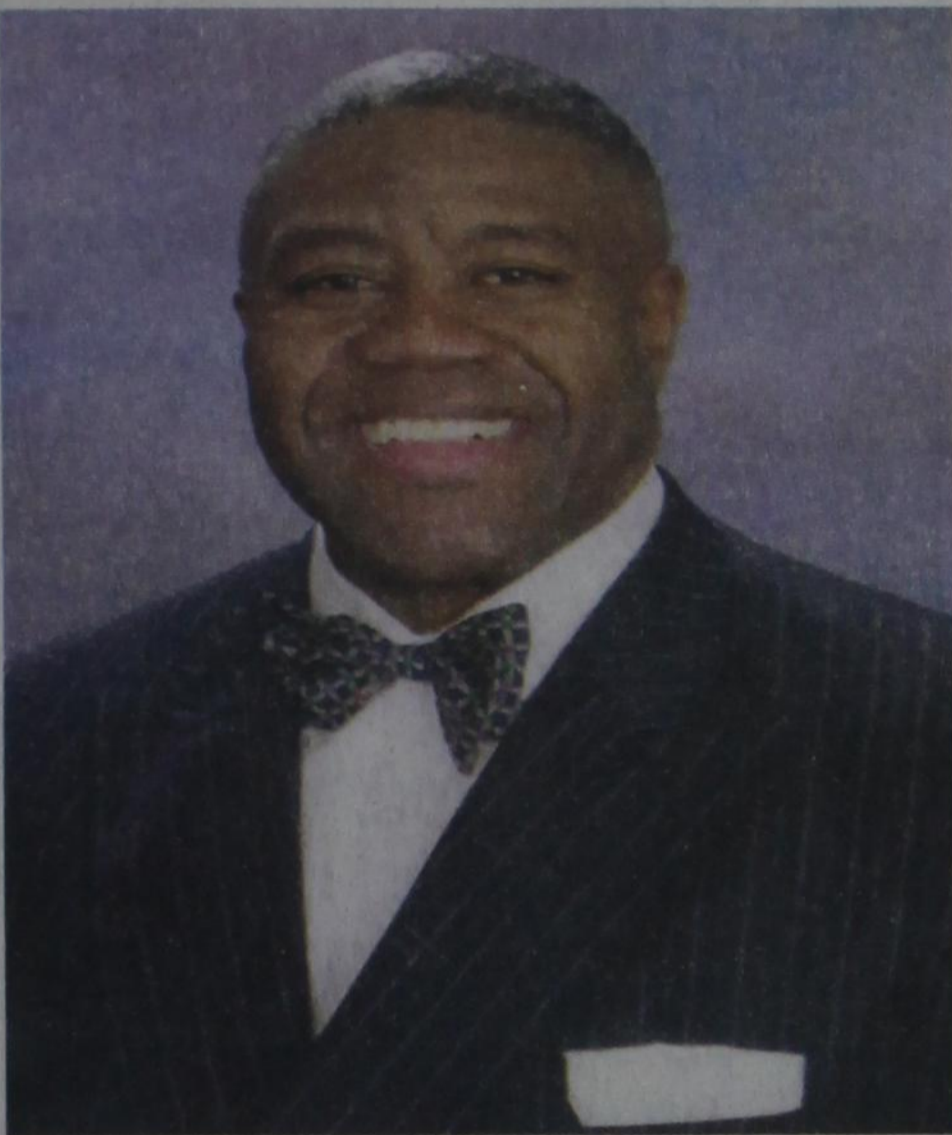
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Patterson Named Speaker For 43rd Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration



Rev. T. J. Patterson, Jr

The 25th Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration will begin Friday evening, January 17, thru Monday evening, January 20, 2013. During this four day celebration the events include a recognition banquet, youth night, citywide service, and gospel night.

This year's theme for the 43rd Celebration is: "Continue The Work From The Past For A New Beginning." Ephesians 2:10; Philippians 1:6.

The keynote speaker for the annual event at the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center on Sunday evening, January 19, 2013, beginning at 5:30 p. m. will be Rev. T. J. Patterson, Sr., pastor of Elm Grove Baptist Church of Fort Worth, Texas.

Patterson is the second child of T. J. Patterson, Sr. and the late Bobbie Gean Patterson. He is married to the love of his life, Ursula Patterson and is the father of three wonderful children, Thomas III and Lauren Elise. Pastor Patterson is the proud Pastor of Elm Grove Missionary Baptist Church ("The Grove") in

Fort Worth, Texas.

Reverend Patterson has a passion for serving God and caring for God's people. This passion has been developing over his entire life from his humble beginnings on Avenue B in Lubbock, Texas where he lived in the early years of his life. He is a proud graduate of Dunbar-Struggs High School and he received his undergraduate degree in Political Science from North Texas State University.

As a youth and adult, he was active in his church, school and community and accepted Christ at an early age at the Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church, Lubbock, Texas, under the leadership of the late Reverend A.W. Wilson.

Additionally, Pastor Patterson is a licensed attorney, who in 1990 received a Doctor of Jurisprudence from the Thurgood Marshall School of Law on the campus of Texas Southern University in Houston, Texas. He has served on the senate staffs of State Senator John Montford of Lubbock and State Senator Rod-

ney Ellis of Houston. In addition, he has served as an Assistant Attorney General and Chief of the Civil Enforcement Section of the Financial Crimes Division of the Texas Attorney General's Office, and became the first African-American to serve as a Senior Assistant City Attorney in the legal department of the City of Fort Worth. Currently, he serves as the Manager of Legislative Affairs in the Governmental Relations Department for the City of Fort Worth, Texas, where he spends time in Austin, Texas during Texas Legislative sessions and travels to Washington D.C. to represent his city before congress for the benefit of the citizens of Fort Worth.

While Reverend Patterson has been to many places and encountered many people, he counts none of it as delightful and more worthwhile than serving god's people through teaching and preaching the word of God. His walk in the ministry has called for him to serve as ministry leader in the Young Peoples Department at St. James A.M.E. Church, Denton, Texas. He organized and led the Boys Rites of Passage Program at Windsor Village United Methodist Church, Houston, Texas and at Mount Sinai Missionary Baptist Church, Austin, Texas. Also, at Mount Sinai under the leadership of Pastor A.W.A Mays, he was ordained in 1996 to serve as a deacon. He accepted his call to preach God's Word in 2001 and preached his first sermon in July of that year.

Reverend Patterson and his family have been serving the members of Elm Grove Missionary Baptist Church for the past three years. And he declares that no one will beat him loving God's people.

Join the Southwest Digest and the Commemorative Council of Lubbock for the 43rd Martin Luther King, Jr. celebration as we celebrate and praise the Lord!

Mackey Completes Journey at Texas Tech



Zaquia Shaneathia Mackey was among the 2013 graduating class of Texas Tech University. Commencement exercises were held on Friday, December 13, 2013 at the United Spirit Arena. Zaquia received her Bachelor of Science in Exercise Sport and Science. Zaquia began her higher educational journey after graduating from Estacado High School. She was also named as one of the first recipients of the

T.J. & Bobbie Patterson Scholarship. The purpose of the scholarship is to provide financial assistance to local students who demonstrate high academic achievement, community involvement and need. A young lady well deserving of that scholarship, and as a graduate of Texas Tech University, it can be said that she is a very deserving young lady. Congratulations Zaquia Shareathia Mackey.

Photos of Visitation To Lubbock County Detention Center



Pictured above are photos of men and women of Lubbock who visited persons incarcerated at the Lubbock County Detention Center on Christmas Day, December 25, 2013. Those visited were very appreciative of those Lubbock citizens who visited them.

This was the 27th visit on Christmas Day to encourage those inmates to do their very best in life and realize that Christmas Day, December 25, 2013, is the first day of the rest of their lives.

Among those who visited were: T. J. Patterson, members of Friends & Families, and others of the Lubbock community. (Photos Courtesy of Shelia Renee Patterson-Harris)



Kaylan Walton



Tavion Morgan



Abriana Mojica



Adolfo Charre

Dunbar Students Named For December, 2013

The Principle and staff of the Dunbar College Preparatory Academy is proud to announce the Teens of the Month.

Honorees for 6th garde are Jaden Phillips(not pictured) and Jose Perez. Seventh grade students include Abriana Mojica and Adolfo Charre. And the ninth grade honorees are Kaylan Walton and Tavian TMorgan.

Each of the students chosen participates in extra curricular activities and has shown thorough their conduct and attitudes that they are serious about the education they receive These students were chosen by the principle and



Jose Perez

staff because of their integrity, hard work and dedication to school and the southwest Digest.

The Southwest Digest the teachers and staff of Dunbar, the parents, and these students for their effort and the pride they exhibit each day at Dunbar.

Eddie Dixon Named As Sculptor Of Cole Statue



Eddie Dixon

Photo Courtesy of A-J Staff

There could not have been a better choice for the artist picked to erect the sculptor of Timothy Cole, a wrongly convicted rapist. The City of Lubbock named renowned local artist, Eddie Dixon, to put his crafty hands to work on a very important project. City leaders hope to bring Cole back as an inspiration of faith, determination and forgiveness through this work of art.

Dixon hopes to finish a 10-foot-tall likeness of Cole in May. The sculpture, which will be cast in bronze, will be part of a memorial city leaders are planning to install on 19th Street and University Avenue. The statue depicts Cole as a college student wearing a sweater vest and penny loafers. On the left shoe is the year he was convicted. On the right, the year he died.

Dixon said the sweater vest look was inspired by Lubbock City Councilman Todd Klein. But according to Cole's brother, Cory Sessions, the attire was similar to what his brother would wear to school.

Klein led the effort in the City

Council to approve the memorial. "The theme of the memorial is about lessons learned and moving forward with a spirit of forgiveness," he said. "Let's do everything we can to prevent it from happening again."

Cole was the first person in the United States to be posthumously exonerated for a crime he didn't commit. He was convicted in 1985 of raping a fellow Texas Tech student and was sentenced to 25 years in prison. In 1999, he died from complications from asthma while still incarcerated. Cole's exoneration was based on DNA testing that revealed Jerry Johnson, a man already serving a prison sentence for an unrelated crime, was the attacker in Cole's case.

Dixon said he used Cole's mug shots to capture Cole's image, but the statue's facial expression of determination came from the stories of Cole's perseverance and faith that he would be proven innocent.

Session was moved to tears when he saw the statue of his brother a few weeks ago. He stated that I caused him to think of his mother who passed away in October, and wished that she could be around to see the work of art.

The statue will be positioned so its gaze falls on the Texas Tech law school, with its body directed to the church parking lot where the crime he was wrongly accused of committing took place.

Dixon has been commissioned to produce sculptures of

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South Plains College Announces Classes for the Spring

SPC spring photo classes offer educational opportunities

LEVELLAND – South Plains College will offer a variety of photography classes for photo enthusiasts of all levels. The courses will cost \$50.

The Digital Jump Start at South Plains College Reese Center class will be offered from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Jan. 18 in Building 8. A second Digital Jump Start at SPC Reese Center is set for 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Jan. 25. This class is the first in a series of classes on digital photography.

On Feb. 8, a Digital Jump Start class will be offered from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at SPC Plainview Center, 1920 W. 24th St.

An Intermediate Photography Class will be conducted at SPC Reese Center from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Feb. 22 in Building 8.

The Levelland Studio Light Class will be offered from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on March 8 in Room 122 of the Technical Arts Building on the Levelland campus.

The Outdoor Advanced Lighting Class will be offered from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. on March 29 at the SPC Reese Center campus in Building 8.

The Spring Fandango trip to a designated location is planned for May 10. The locations will be announced. Price to be determined.

The instructor will be Wes Underwood, Photography Specialist for South Plains College. To register for classes contact Underwood, call (806) 716-2215 or email; wunderwood@southplainscollege.edu.

SPC to Offer New Concealed Handgun License Course

LEVELLAND – South Plains College will offer the new, shorter Concealed Handgun License course on Jan. 11 (Saturday) in the Law Enforcement Technology building in Room 115 on the Levelland campus.

Class will begin at 8 a.m., and will include breaks every hour and a one-hour break for lunch. The classroom portion will be completed by 3 p.m. and the length of the range portion will depend on the number of students. The cost is \$70 for students seeking their first license, and \$25 for students wanting a refresher course before renewing their license. Although renewals are now handled strictly online, the 15 or more changes in Texas firearms law last summer make a refresher course a good investment.

The course covers the laws pertaining to concealed carry and to the use of force or deadly force. Safe gun handling and storage, including storage with children in the home, are covered, as is non-violent dispute resolution.

Students will need a handgun and 50 rounds of ammunition. They must pass a 25 question written test, and demonstrate safe and proficient gun handling, scoring at least 70 percent on a shooting test at distances ranging from three to 15 yards.

Students may call Kasey Reyes, at (806) 716-2341 or email kreyes@southplainscollege.edu to enroll.

LOCAL HAPPENINGS

Parks and Recreation Mae Simmons

Monday-Friday
•After School Program, 3:30 pm, \$10/week, Ages 6-12, LISD will transport children from Alderson and Ervin Elementary schools. Pre-registration required, Simmons Community Center.

MLK Celebration Set for January

MLK Commemorative Council of Lubbock invites the public to our upcoming MLK Celebration events:

Friday, January 17, 2014
Individuals of Distinction Award Banquet 7:00 pm, Lubbock Memorial Civic Center

Guest Speaker: Donna Smith, wife of TTU Head Basketball Coach.

\$30.00 per person
Saturday, January 18, 2014
Youth Night. 6:30 pm, Dunbar College Preparatory Academy (2010 East 26th Street in Lubbock).

Sunday, January 19, 2014
Citywide Service 5:30 pm, Lubbock Memorial Civic Center

Guest Speaker: Rev. TJ Patterson, Jr. Pastor Elm Grove Baptist Church, Ft. Worth, Texas.

Monday, January 20, 2014
Gospel Night. 6:30 pm, Greater St. James Baptist Church, (117 N. Mulberry Avenue—E. Loop 289 & Idalou Road).

For information visit www.facebook.com/mlkoflubbock or email: mlkccol@gmail.com

We Want Your Input!

The 2014 Citizen Advisory Committee is holding three public meetings to hear citizen input on City needs for a possible City of Lubbock bond election.

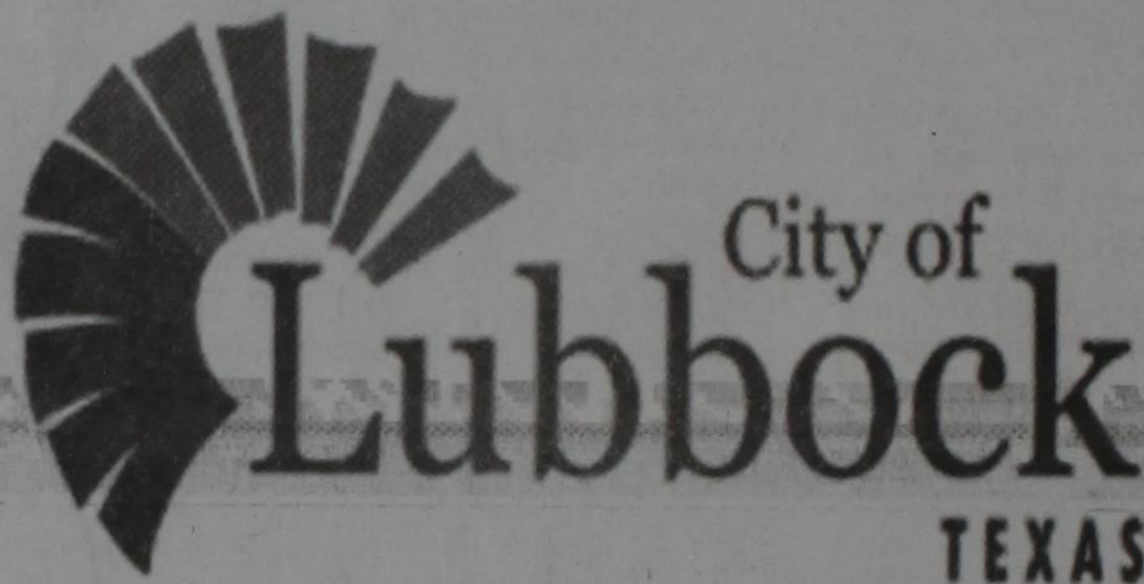
We invite you to attend and let us know what you think. The meetings will be:

Monday, January 13 at 7:00 p.m.
Estacado High School Auditorium
1504 East Itasca Avenue

Tuesday, January 14 at 7:00 p.m.
Irons Middle School Auditorium
5214 79th Street

Thursday, January 16 at 7:00 p.m.
Mackenzie Middle School Library
5402 West 12th Street

We look forward to seeing you there!



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

John 20:21-23 -- Jesus said, Peace be unto you; as My Father hath sent Me, even so send I you.

Jesus sent the CHURCH into the world to PREACH FORGIVENESS OF SIN. But THE CHURCH didn't do that. They were DISOBEDIENT LIKE ADAM AND SINNED!!!

James 14:16-17 -- But now you rejoice in your boasings; all such rejoicing is evil. Therefore to him that know to do good, and do it not to him it is sin.

God told Adam in the garden, of what tree he was not to eat. And God told THE CHURCH to tell the WORLD OF HIS SALVATION WAS FREE.

Matthew 28:19 --- Jesus said, Go You therefore, and teach all nations Baptizing them in the name of The Father, and The Son and The Holy Ghost.

Now THE CHURCH wanted to be like Adam, with the right to do their OWN THING. Now look at THE WORLD, AND ITS RIGHTS: SHAME, SHAME, SHAME!!!

Isaiah 1:4a -- Yes, a sinful nation, a people laden with iniquity, a seed of evildoers, children who are corrupted. They have forgotten the Lord.

**** THE RIGHTS OF MAN HAVE ROBBERY TO GOD!!! ****

(The Devil's Rights; Gay Rights, Abortion Rights, Black Rights, KKK Rights, White Rights, No Prayer in School Rights, No Spanking Rights, Drugs in School Rights, Drive By Shooting Rights, Condoms in Kindergarden Rights, Shacking Rights, Shootings in School Rights, Kill the Family Rights, Cloning Rights, Killing Policemen Rights, and many more Rights of the Devil!!!)

I, Billy B.J. follow that SELFISH LIE; thinking only of my so called Rights. But then one day MY LIFE CHANGED; THE DAY I MET JESUS CHRIST!!!!

I put JESUS IN MY LIFE. Now that is so SWEET; HE PUT THE DEVIL RIGHT UNDER MY FEET!!!

Matthew 6:24-- Jesus said, No man can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one, and love the other.

Didn't nobody have to give up their SEAT on the CITIBUS. My freedom came from HEAVEN. GOD SAID, THAT'S ENOUGH....Didn't nobody have to get HIT with the policeman's BILLIE CLUB. My freedom came from GOD'S ONLY BELOVED.....Didn't nobody have to get BIT BY THE POLICE DOGS. My freedom came FROM OUT ON CALVARY'S CROSS.....Didn't nobody have to get SPRAYED

WITH THE FIREMAN'S WATER HOSE. MY FREEDOM CAME.....ONE SUNDAY MORNING WHEN JESUS CHRIST AROSE!!!

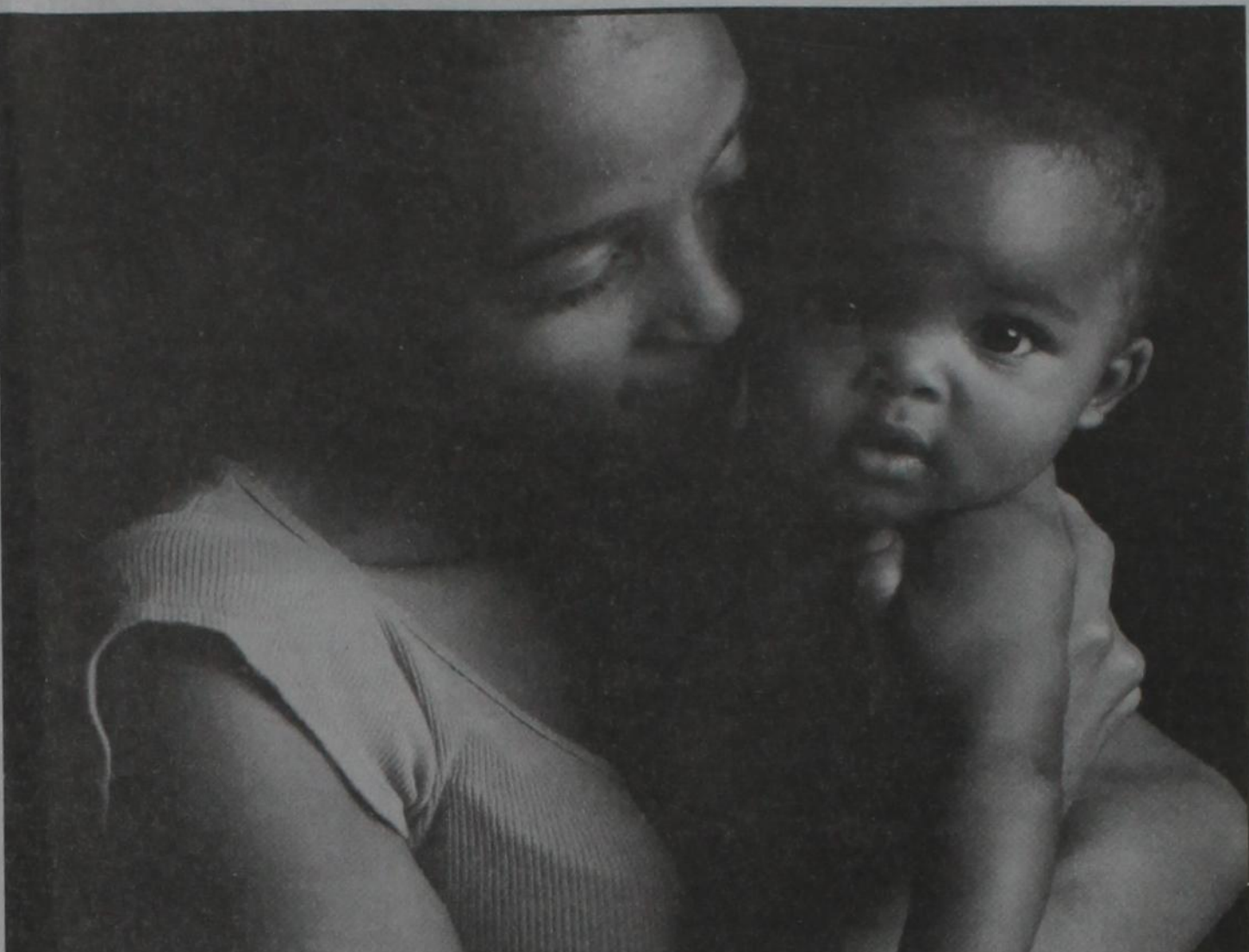
John 8:36--Jesus said, If the Son therefore shall make you free, you shall be Free indeed(truly).

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St. Matthew's Baptist Church News

Again, church services were well attended at the St. Matthew Baptist Church, 2020 East 14th Street, on Sunday morning, January 5, 2014, where the proud pastor is Rev. Edward Canady.

Services begun at 10:00 a. m. with Sunday School. Sister Shirley Davis, Superintendent, was in charge.

The teacher of the hour was Sister Shirley Davis and what a wonderful lesson for all to hear.

The Sunday School lesson was entitled "Living With Justice and Mercy. The Unifying Topic was "Honoring the Sabbath." The main thought was found in Luke 6:9, KJV.

The Sunday morning devotion was conducted by Deacon Edward Williams and Minister Rodrick Scott.

Pastor Canady entered the Church on "I'll Fly Away."

The morning sermon was delivered by our pastor, Rev. Edward Canady. His subject was "The Battle Belongs to the Lord, but He Will Give Me the Victory." His scripture text was 1 Samuel 17:42-47. It was enjoyed by all in attendance.

The morning announcements were read by Our First Lady, Sister Shirley Canady.

The Weekly Meetings held at

the St. Matthew Baptist Church are as follows:

Missionary Society meets on Wednesdays at 5:00 p. m.

Bible Study is held at 6:00 p. m. on Wednesday evening.

Choir Rehearsal is held at 2:00 p. m. on Fridays.

Brotherhood meets Saturdays at 5:00p.m.

Ushers meet on Saturdays at 5:00p.m.

It is of great importance for you to attend our meetings.

Let us remember and pray for our sick and shut-in citizens. Remember, your prayers are very important to us. God is able!

If you are looking for a Church Home, then come and visit with the members and Pastor Canady at the St. Matthew Baptist Church, 2020 East 14th Street.

Also, bring a family member with you. Come and praise the Lord with us! You'll be glad you did. Remember our doors are always open for you.

Thought For The Week:
What happens to us is not as important as what God does in us and through us.

God Bless Each of You!!

Eddie Dixon Named as Sculptor Continued from page 1

prominent historical and military figures, including the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.; astronaut Willie McCool, a Coronado High School graduate; and Eugene Bullard, the only black fighter pilot during World War I. His works can be seen at the Pentagon, West Point, the Smithsonian Air and Space and the Smithsonian National History museums.

stood on to inspire him and feels that it radiates through the piece itself. Session said his brother never gave up on the justice system that put him in prison. He hopes the statue will become a source of inspiration to people who have fallen on hard times.

No better artist could have been chosen to bring Timothy Cole to life in the form of still art, than Eddie Dixon, whose work epitomizes honesty and integrity.

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Obsequies

Clarence Lee Ervin, Sr.



African American linemen for Southwestern Bell in the mid-fifties. Clarence was the ultimate family man, a devoted husband and father, and a proud American and supporter of growth in the community. Although many will miss his physical presence, his life and legacy will be missed forever. Clarence was preceded in death by his grandmother, Margie Walker; his parents, Ed and Rosie; his wife, Joan; three sisters, Alene Ervin, Fayrene Ervin and Mary Ervin; one brother, Jimmy Fred Ervin. He leaves to cherish his memories: two sons, Tyrone and Clarence Jr.; brothers, Titus Ervin, Henry Lee Ervin and Randall Ervin; grandchildren, Sharlene Ervin, Yyannia Jennings, Shala Ervin-Robinson, Shawnette Ervin and Shauntay Ervin; great-grandchildren, Jennifer, LaDijia, Quentyn, Raquia, Raquerria, Aysia, Trenton, Jennifer, Za'Maijia and Annaye; nieces, Aquanetta Lewis, Vickey Reed, Daphne Morgan, Linda Hall, Denise White, Tracy Jackson, Carla Snell and Mary Ervin; nephews, Daryl Snell, Andrew Smith, Doyle Snell, Steven McGraw, Anthony McGraw, David Summers, Johnnie Ray Summers, Ephriam Jr.; and a host of other relatives, church family and friends. Celebration of life services were held on Monday, December 23, 2013, at 11:00A.M. at New Hope Baptist Church. Interment followed at the City of Lubbock Cemetery under the direction of Griffin Mortuary.

Clarence Lee Ervin Sr. LUBBOCK-Clarence Lee Ervin Sr., 87, of Lubbock passed away on December 16, 2013. Clarence was born on December 12, 1926, in McKinney, Texas, to the parentage of Ed Ervin and Rosie Walker. He attended public school in McKinney where he excelled in athletics. After completing high school, he became a member of U.S. Army, serving from September 21, 1945, until April 21, 1952. He achieved the rank of Staff Sergeant and was a decorated soldier receiving the Silver Star and Purple Heart after being injured in combat. During his tenure in the military, he was united in matrimony to Joan Y. Ervin; from this union came two sons, Tyrone and Clarence Jr. Clarence Sr. and Joan were inseparable for almost 65 years, until her death in September 2012. Clarence became a member of New Hope Baptist Church where he was a faithful servant in the choir and on the deacon board until his health began to decline. Clarence as well as O.C. Horton became the first two

Lisa Michelle Smith Gambles



Lisa Michelle Smith Gambles LUBBOCK- Lisa Michelle Smith Gambles, 52, of Lubbock passed away on December 18, 2013. Lisa was born on January 8, 1961 in Lubbock, Texas to the parentage of George and Lottie Mae Smith. Lisa was raised with a spiritual foundation, had a bubbly personality, and was an extremely hard worker. In 1979, Lisa graduated from Dunbar High School at the top of her class. She had a passion for volleyball and home economics. She excelled in sewing, decorating, arts and crafts and more. Lisa was blessed with her first child, Jocelyn Brenee' Gambles, two years after graduation. Ten years later her loving son, Demetri Dion Gambles, was born. In her early adult life, Lisa was a manager at McDonald's for over 5 years. In March 1992, she began working for St. Mary's Hospital in the Food and Nutrition department. Lisa held various positions prior to transitioning to the newly named Covenant Lakeside Campus, where she accepted a role in the call center. Lisa earned several awards for her work performance, values and ethic. She was best known for her caring, vibrant personality, and her uncanny ability to make those around her feel special and loved. Lisa loved traveling with her daughter and attending her son's athletic competitions. Lisa was preceded in death by her parents, George Washington Smith, Sr. and Lottie Mae (Crawford) Smith. She leaves to cherish her memories her daughter, Jocelyn Brenee' Gambles (Ashley); her son, Demetri Dion Gambles; sisters, Estell (Benie), Sharon (T.J., Sr.), Patricia (Ver-nice), Paula (LaVance), Vera, and Chalene; brothers, George, Jr., David Earl, and David Lynn; nieces, Angela, and Wykecia; nephews, Malcolm Davis, DaMario, Kendrick, and Kinzey; and a host of other nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. Celebration of life services were held on Tuesday, December 24, 2013 at 10:00 A.M. at St. Luke Missionary Baptist Church in Lubbock, Texas. Interment followed at Peaceful Gardens Cemetery under the direction of Griffin Mortuary.

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Beulah Lee Cage Winters



Beulah Lee Cage Winters LUBBOCK- Beulah Lee Cage Winters, 78, of Lubbock was born to the late Nelson, Sr. and Clara Cage on September 3, 1935 in Lorena, Texas. She passed away on December 21, 2013 at Covenant Hospital. She attended Lorena Public School and Dunbar High School. In 1947 the family moved to Lubbock, Texas, and she joined Bethel A.M.E Church. Beulah was a very faithful member at Bethel until her death. On November 27, 1955 she married Lester Winters, Jr. She leaves to cherish her memory her husband of 58 years; a sister, Lovie Cage; two brothers, Nathan (Ja Nette) of Lubbock and Clemmie (Jessie) of Columbus, Ohio; a sister-in-law, Jewel Jefferson of

Houston, Texas; and a host of nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins, Funeral services were held at 1:00A.M. on Saturday, December 28, 2013 at Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church in Lubbock. Interment was held at the City of Lubbock Cemetery under the direction of Ossie Curry Funeral Home.

Maud Ester Ervin Cooper



Maud Ester Ervin Cooper, 72, of Lubbock passed away on December 19, 2013. Maud was born on May 2, 1941 in DeBerry, Texas to the late Albert Ervin and Jennie Brown Ervin. She began her Christian journey at an early age at Evergreen Baptist Church in DeBerry. In 1960, Maud graduated from

Booker T. Washington High School in Elysian Fields, Texas and relocated to Lubbock. She joined Mackenzie Terrace Baptist Church where she continued her membership until her passing. Maud married Clyde L. Cooper, Sr., and to this union five children were born. She leaves to cherish her memories her loving husband and friend, Clyde L. Cooper, Sr.; children, Clyde L., Jr. (Tammy), Camell, Tommie E. (Vickie), and Janilyn K.; 7 grandchildren, siblings, Bobbie Jean, Hallie Marie(Lorenzo); Albert J. and Tommy E. (Tommie); and numerous nieces, nephews, other relatives, Celebration of life services were held on Monday, December 23, 2013 at 2 p.m. at Mackenzie Terrace Baptist Church.

Gloria Jean Childers



Gloria Jean Childers SPUR-Gloria Jean Childers, 57, of Lubbock, Texas went to be with the Lord on Wednesday, Dec. 18, 2013. She was born on July 6, 1956 in Spur, Texas. Gloria was a lifelong member of Lakeside Baptist Church in Spur, Texas. She enjoyed reading and spending time with her grandchildren. Gloria is survived by her children, Cory Childers of Lubbock, Texas, Tamara Childers of Lubbock, Texas, Lanika Green of Midland, Texas, and Harl Lee Childers of Lubbock, Texas. She is also survived by two sisters, Lenetta Richardson of Wichita Falls, Texas, and Dorothy Scarlett Sapp of Lubbock, Texas; one brother, Cal Walker of Spur, Texas; and nine grandchildren. Services were held at 2:00 P.M. Monday, December 23, 2013 at the First Baptist Church in Spur, Texas with Reverend Wilson Perry officiating, and under the direction of Zapata Funeral Home. Interment followed at the Spur Memorial Cemetery.

'Duck Dynasty' star's free speech rights weren't violated

By LZ Granderson, CNN Contributor



LZ Granderson

Editor's note: LZ Granderson writes a weekly column for CNN.com. A senior writer for ESPN and lecturer at Northwestern University, the former Hechinger Institute fellow has had his commentary recognized by the Online News Association, the National Association of Black Journalists and the National Lesbian and Gay Journalists Association. Follow him on Twitter @locs_nLaughs.

(CNN) -- Louisiana Gov. Bobby Jindal got involved in the "Duck Dynasty" controversy Thursday by tweeting his response to A&E's decision to suspend Phil Robertson for his inflammatory remarks in a recent GQ interview.

"I remember when TV networks believed in the First Amendment," he wrote, adding, "it is a messed up situation when Miley Cyrus gets a laugh, and Phil Robertson gets suspended."

The truth is it is a messed up situation when a governor rumored to have his sights on the presidency doesn't understand the breadth of the First Amendment.

LZ GrandersonThe Federal Communications Commission did not send officials into the of-

office of Nancy Dubuc, president of A&E Networks. The FBI did not threaten to put Robertson away, and the Internal Revenue Service didn't freeze his bank accounts.

This is what the First Amendment protects us from -- laws being made that restrict freedom of religion, the press and/or speech. It does not protect us from how society responds to the expression of one's religion, the press or speech.

Robertson's boss punished him for his remarks. The government didn't.

Now for those out of the loop, Robertson -- a 67-year-old Louisiana native and a star of "Duck Dynasty" who holds a master's in education -- said, "I never, with my eyes, saw the mistreatment of any black person," and the black people he worked with "were godly; they were happy; no one was singing the blues."

He also compared homosexuality to bestiality and quoted a Bible verse that essentially said anyone who is an adulterer -- which according to Matthew 5:32, includes "anyone who

marries a divorced woman" -- is going to hell.

There's a lot to chew on in the interview. (To his credit, Robertson issued somewhat of a mea culpa which, in part, read, "We are all created by the Almighty and like Him, I love all of humanity. We would all be better off if we loved God and loved each other.")

But the interview had a lot for some to be offended by, especially given the number of black, gay and divorced people there are in the United States. And while conservatives such as Sarah Palin want to drape Robertson's remarks with the banner of Christianity, the truth is not everyone who identifies as a Christian subscribes to anti-gay beliefs.

Just as not everyone who identifies as a Christian believes black people were happier before the civil rights movement or that marrying a divorced woman is adultery. This variation in religious expression in general and Christian denomination in particular are also protected by the First Amendment.

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In Cinque

By Renetta Howard



Our First Lady of the United States of America, Mrs. Michelle Obama, has put forth a great effort to insure that our youth eat healthy and get the exercise that they need. There are a great number of initiatives toward this effort in our country and in some places it is having an effect. Young people are more concerned about what they eat and how it affects their bodies and their minds. It will be a great benefit to this country if all of the initiatives are very successful and the weight of our population slims down, live a healthier lifestyle and extend the lives of Americans.

The AARP has been very instrumental in attempting to help the aged population with diet and exercise. Many seniors are getting out and getting more exercise than the average teenager and staying in physical shape. Some insurance companies are picking up the slack and covering the costs of gymnasium fees for some seniors. The insurance companies are more now into preventive measures which will cut down on insurance costs and that is good. What is really plaguing me is the large number of adults who weigh four to six hundred pounds and are not able to walk.

I used to feel really, really sorry for obese people when I would see them struggling to put one foot in front of the other or having trouble rising from a sitting position, or getting into a motor vehicle or waiting for the

extra length of the seat belt on an airplane. I used to feel so bad when I would see them in the handicap carts in the stores, wherein in some instances, there was more of them hanging outside the cart than in it. I could imagine the discomfort that they were bearing. I do not feel bad about it anymore!

With all of the exercise and diet initiatives, information, help groups, programs especially for the diabetic individuals I do not feel sorry anymore. Statistics have shown that most obese individuals also have diabetes. They are fat because they do not stop eating until they cannot take another breath that will allow them to swallow another mouth full of food. An exercise in self-control is needed. The obese individual must be willing to learn to exercise self-control.

When an individual who weighs less than two hundred pounds is suffering from a joint which needs replacement and goes into a store and cannot find a handicap cart because the over-eater is using it, it makes him very upset. There needs to be a law against excess obesity which is handicapping. We will not live forever if we eat right and get enough exercise, but eating too much and too much of the wrong thing not only put the obese at a disadvantage but also individuals with natural handicaps and those attributed to old age. We need to get 'in cinque' and drop some pounds; drop them 'like they are hot.

BEYOND

THE RHETORIC

by Harold Alford

Charter Schools in Wisconsin Great Alternative



Across the nation our public schools are not performing as they should or as they used to. There is so much attention given to improving our public schools but the successes are far and too few. According to the National Assessment of Adult Literacy, American literacy rates have not changed in over ten years. With all the attention we are giving to public education there is just no improvement by using the traditional methods. Just reading alone is a factor in national security, economic attainment, access to health care and the chance of full participation as a 1st class citizen. According to the US Department of Justice, "The link between academic failure and delinquency, violence, and crime is welded to reading failure". Yes, 85 percent of all juveniles in our juvenile court system are functionally illiterate. Over 70 percent of inmates in our prisons cannot read above a fourth grade level.

As the great Booker T. Washington stated, "We cannot be truly free without an education." We as a nation must come up with new direction as the same old methods are failing us while education levels and literacy in many rival nations are improving and pulling away from the achievement of US schools. Alas, the state of Wisconsin has stepped up and created an alternative. The state legislature of this progressive state has author-

ized a comprehensive Charter School Program. The state has three types of charter schools.

The first is a basic Charter School. Here is the definition: "Charter schools are public, nonsectarian schools created through a businesslike contract or "charter" between the charter governance board and the sponsoring school board or other chartering authority. The Wisconsin charter school law gives charter schools freedom from most state rules and regulations in exchange for greater accountability for results. The charter defines the missions and methods of the charter school. The chartering authority holds the school accountable to its charter. The charter school motto is Autonomy for Accountability."

The Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction justifies the above via this explanation: "Wisconsin established charter schools to foster an environment for innovation and parental choice. They can exist as living laboratories that influence the larger public school system and introduce an element of competition within that system. Charter schools are created with the best elements of regular public schools in mind. Their leaders may experiment with different instructional theories, site-based management techniques, and other innovations. They learn, sometimes by trial and error, what works best for their student population. Regular schools can observe and learn from what happens in the charter school and make similar improvements. Through this process, the entire public school system is continually challenged to improve itself."

They also demand parental involvement. Parents can participate in choosing upcoming curriculum changes, technology methods and encouraging the entire community to stay involved with all school programs and give input for new direction.

Children's Defense Fund

Human Rights Activist's Child Watch Column



'We Must Never Give Up!'

The United States Senate's failure to pass common sense gun safety measures -- the Manchin-Toomey Amendment to expand background checks to keep guns away from underage or dangerous people, and amendments to ban assault weapons and high capacity magazines designed only to kill as many human beings as possible -- is a moral failure of great magnitude. Once again the safety of children has been sacrificed by political leaders in service to the gun lobby. As Americans do we value guns more than the lives of children? Do we really want to continue to have political leaders who kowtow to the threats and money and half-truths of the gun lobby and who think their political jobs are more important than the right of children to live and learn and grow up in safety?

The fight to protect children, not guns is not over because:

Ninety percent of Americans want a universal background check. This includes 94 percent of North Dakota voters, 89 percent of Indiana voters, 89 percent of New Hampshire voters, 84 percent of Arkansas voters, and 79 percent of Montana voters—all states where at least one senator went against the will of their constituents and of the American people. Getting 90 percent of Americans to agree on anything is extremely difficult.

It must be working! The greater Milwaukee area has 37 charter schools running with many more on the "books". As typical public schools are closing and/or consolidating, charter school expansion is there to fill the void.

Now the state has come up with another version of a charter school. That is a 2R Charter School. They are identical to a regular charter school except their authorizers can be the city of Milwaukee, University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee, University of Wisconsin - Parkside or the Milwaukee area technical college district board.

Wait, they also have one more version of a charter school. There is the Virtual Charter School. "Virtual charter schools are publicly funded, nonsectarian schools that are exempt from many regulations that apply to traditional public schools and that offer some of their classes online. They began operating in Wisconsin during the 2002-3 school year. Pupils typically attend from their homes and communicate with teachers using e-mail, by telephone, or in online discussions. During the 2010-11 school year, 17 virtual charter schools enrolled 4,110 pupils. Most were high schools. Currently there are 25 virtual charter schools."

It is very apparent that the state of Wisconsin has developed a model program for many other states that have urban centers that could use improvement and innovation towards the better product it is putting out through their school system. One thing is clear -- there is no room for street gangs, drugs and general violence in a charter school system. It makes a school a place for learning and achievement plus preparation for the future. Oh, if Cleveland, Detroit, Chicago and many other cities with challenging school systems would try to emulate this successful program. It could make a wonderful change. What are we waiting for? We are talking about our children's future.

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THIS N' THAT

by T. J. Patterson

IT WAS A GREAT VISITATION AT THE LUBBOCK COUNTY DETENTION CENTER ON CHRISTMAS DAY... DECEMBER 25, 2013...but there were problems...THIS N THAT...learned from the chaplain...that there are more than 400 churches in Lubbock County, but...THERE IS NOT ONE PROGRAM SPECIFICALLY DESIGNED FOR WORKING WITH PERSONS WHO ARE INCARCERATED...IN THE LUBBOCK COUNTY DETENTION CENTER...THIS N THAT believes there should be a program from at least one or more of these churches that could work with those individuals...MALE AND FEMALE...who are incarcerated paying their debt to these alleged problems they have committed. THIS N THAT BELIEVES...there is nothing wrong with having a problem in life, if one only recognizes what he or she has done...and IS WILLING TO CORRECT it immediately...THIS N THAT would hope in the very near future that something is done with the churches in Lubbock, Texas to work with these individuals... Amongst the folks we saw on Christmas Day...we saw many females...who were white,

black and brown...who are expectant MOTHERS...Now the child isn't responsible for what the mother has allegedly done, so there should be an opportunity...TO HELP THOSE YOUNG PEOPLE...who will be born at the Lubbock County Detention Center or perhaps in a state penitentiary...What we're saying is that...during Christmas, we need to look at WHAT JESUS WAS ALL ABOUT... why He was born and do what is expected of us to help make those individuals who have allegedly committed a crime do much better in their lives... some will change, but not all... LET'S AT LEAST ATTEMPT TO HELP... those who want to help themselves...In the black community...we saw a number of individuals who look like THIS N THAT...who need help...It's amazing that we see the lack of support from the black church to work with these individuals who need help IMMEDIATELY...Now THIS N THAT doesn't have all the answers but with all sincerity...we believe with some encouragement we can help change some of those individuals who have done something perhaps they shouldn't have done...ANYWAY...the 27th visitation was a

very exciting one...More than 20 people who were a part of the Team that went to the jail and spent 2 ½ hours visiting and singing God's praises in hoping that those who are incarcerated understand why we were there...NOT to show off, NOT to turn ON, but to turn TO someone and show goodness for people. WE THANK GOD for the opportunity and hopefully come the year of 2014 there will be less people who are incarcerated at the Lubbock County Detention Center...because people like...YOU...became involved and visited those persons who need our help...We're not talking about visiting one person...we're talking about visiting a multitude of those who need our help... So may GOD continue to bless each of you... is my prayer... AMEN!...Last but not least, we want to take this opportunity and thank...THE LUBBOCK COUNTY SHERIFF, SHERIFF KELLY ROWE for allowing us to participate and visit those persons which we are attempting to help at this particular time... THANKS FOR ALL YOU'VE DONE SHERIFF...We're be back next year with YOUR HELP and GOD on our side.

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Brenda Williams-Harrison

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Brenda Williams-Harrison, 58, of Lubbock, passed away on Dec. 30, 2013. Brenda was born on Nov. 18, 1955, in Olton, Texas, to the parentage of Melvin Williams Sr. and Clarise Taylor. Brenda graduated from Estacado High School in 1975. Brenda was preceded in death by her grandmother, Loviene Sheffield; her parents, Melvin Williams Sr. and Clarise Taylor; one sister, Opal Mae Williams-Brasfield. She leaves to cherish her memories: her companion, Willie Harrison; two sons, Kevin

Williams (Rosary) and Ticy Bean (Tiffany); her daughter, LaCona Harrell; her father, Robert Taylor; four sisters, Cecelia Robinson (Ronnie), Rosa Nell Williams, Teresa Williams and Eleanor Caro (Curtis); five brothers, Melvin Williams Jr. (Blenda), Bobby Williams, Robert Taylor, David Taylor (Rachael) and Julius Williams (Rosa); 14 grandchildren; and a host of other relatives and friends. Celebration of life service was held on Monday, Jan. 6, 2014, at 2 p.m. at New Hope Baptist Church. Interment followed at the City of Lubbock Cemetery under the direction of Griffin Mortuary.



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'Duck Dynasty...

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Not that it really matters. Robertson didn't falsely yell fire in a crowded theater -- which Supreme Court Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes Jr. said was not protected by the First Amendment back in 1919 -- so he is legally free to say whatever he wants to GQ about anyone he wants.

But that does not mean he is protected from how people react to what he says.

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This is where Jindal -- as well as those who believe Robertson's suspension violates his constitutional right to free speech -- get it wrong.

You can say some stupid stuff -- whether it's Paula Deen dropping the N-word, Alec Baldwin dropping the F-word, Jesse Jackson using a derogatory word for Jewish people as he talks about New York City -- or Bobby Knight infamously saying, "I think that if rape is inevitable, relax and enjoy it." -- and the First Amendment will keep you from going to jail. But it is not a get-out-of-jail-free card in the eyes of society.

And if you don't believe me -- try walking into your boss' office and call him or her a big fat idiot with ugly children.

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Dwyane Wade and Gabrielle Union Engaged



Dwyane Wade and Gabrielle Union

NBA star Dwyane Wade and actress Gabrielle Union are now engaged. He proposed to his longtime girlfriend this past week, and she reportedly quickly accepted. They posted the news via Twitter and Instagram while they were attending a team Christmas party.

Wade posted "She said YES!!!" to his accounts, and also posted a picture of Gabrielle wearing a large diamond solitaire on the ring finger of her left hand. It will be the second marriage for both Union, 41, and Wade, who is 31. So far, no date has been announced.

Wade has spent his entire basketball career with the Miami Heat since he was drafted in 2003. He and his team have won three championships, including last year's big win with Lebron James.

Union is a long-time actress that has starred in several films including Bring It On and Think Like A Man, along with the BET series Being Mary Jane.

Lorenzo Bryant, Sr.



Lorenzo Bryant, Sr. was born October 20, 1925 in Itasca, Texas. Lorenzo was united in holy matrimony to Faye Dell on August 28, 1947 in Pittsburg,

Texas and to this union six boys were born. The family lived in Lubbock for 44 years, and then moved to Como and united with Independent Misionary Baptist Church under the leadership of Rev. Dave Young. Lorenzo was a faithful member until his health failed him. He leaves to cherish his memory six sons, Lorenzo, Jr., Anthony(Susan), Harry(Fay), Rodney(Yolanda), Bryan Kevin, Ralph(Doreen), 16 grand, 24 great-grand and two great-great grandchildren. Services were held December 14, 2013 at Pilgrim Baptist Church in Lubbock, Texas.

Obsequies

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Johnny Lee Porch



Johnny Lee Porch LUBBOCK- Mr. Johnny Lee Porch, 87, of Lubbock passed away on December. 22, 2013. Johnny was born on December. 18, 1926 to the parentage of Richard and Savannah Porch in Quanah, Texas. Johnny was raised in a loving home under strong principles of faith, hard work, and dedication to family. At an early age he met and married Louise Bledsoe. To this union seven children were born. Johnny was a great husband, father, and overall family man. Those who

knew him will truly miss his presence. Johnny was preceded in death by his loving wife, Louise Porch; and two daughters, Norma White and Gwendolyn Moses. He leaves to cherish his memories three daughters, Joyce Nichols, Gussy Carter, and Sharon Wright; two sons, Johnny Lee Porch, Jr. and Robert Lee Porch; two sisters, Carolyn Sheffield and Iola Griffin; one brother, Richard Lee Porch; one brother-in-law, Julius Sheffield; 15 grandchildren, Shana, Angela, Alicia, Alvorton, Jr., LaShonda, Otrice, Hyacinth, DeAndrea, Marcus, Christopher, Iris, Melissa, and Natasha; and a host of other grandchildren, nieces, nephews, other relatives, and friends. Celebration of life services were held on Monday, December. 30, 2013 at 11:00A.M. in Griffin Chapel. Interment followed at Peaceful Gardens Memorial Park under the direction of Griffin Mortuary.

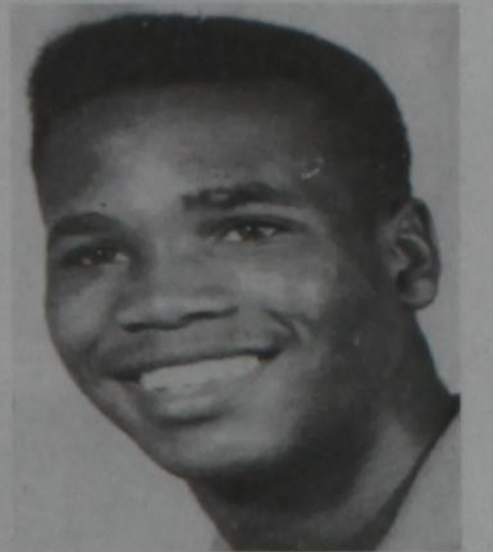
Charles Austin



Charles Austin was born to Christine Austin and Goriee Toliver of Lubbock, Texas. Charles grew up in Lubbock surrounded by family and friends. He lived to entertain and majored in Culinary Arts as a result. He recently worked at Cargil

Meat Solutions for the last 8 years. He leaves to cherish his memory companion of 14 years, Sandra Coleman, children, Doran Austin, Serenia Austin, Teyvian Coleman Chamaine Wilburn, Destenee Johnson, Marinda Griggs, Jenica Simmons, three grandchildren, Desani Wilburn, Alyjae Graves and Ja'Corien Wilson, four sisters, Shirley Mtchell (Odell) and JoAnne Toliver of Lubbock, Joyce Austin of San Antonio, and Gina Toliver of Dallas; two borthers, Hosea Austin and Ladell Toliver of Lubbock. He is preceeded in death by his mother, siblings Bobby, Donnie, and Sheila, and children, Sabrena and Charles, Jr.

Columbus Klenclo



Columbus Klenclo LUBBOCK-Columbus Klenclo, 63, of Lubbock passed away on Friday, December. 27, 2013. He was born to Willie Hoyd Klenclo and Exar Louise Klenclo on January. 21, 1950. He married Linda G. Lang on January. 15, 1963. He attended Estacado High School and worked for the City of Lubbock and University Medical Center until his retirement. Columbus was preceded in death by his wife of 50 years, Linda; his father, Willie; and two sisters, Alberta Rigsby and Sandra Klenclo. Those left behind to cherish his memory are: his mother; his daughter, Talaya Lang; his granddaughters, Lakiya and Ebony Lang; one brother, Lawrence; sisters, De-lores Andrews of Virginia

Beach; Linda Johnson and LaNell Williams of Denver, Colo.; LaGloria Portee, Laverne Bradley, and Patricia Canada of Lubbock; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends, Funeral services were held at 11:00A.M. Thursday, January. 2, 2014, at Victory and Praise COGIC in Lubbock, Texas.

Abraham Ugene Michael Cleaver



Abraham Ugene Michael Cleaver LUBBOCK-Abraham Ugene Michael Cleaver Abe, 21, of Lubbock, passed away on Jan. 1, 2014. Abe was born on June 18, 1992, to Michael Cleaver and Francene Goodson in Lubbock, Texas. Abe attended and graduated from Estacado High School, class of 2010. Abe was an exceptional athlete who played fullback and defensive

end for Estacado. Abe had a warm and bright smile, and was very well mannered and always seemed to uplift his family and friends. Those who had the pleasure of knowing him will truly miss his presence. Abe was preceded in death by his grandfathers, James Lee and Arthur Richards. He leaves to cherish his memories: his mother, Francene Goodson; father, Michael Cleaver; two sons, A'bravion Cleaver and Aun'Trell Cleaver; one sister, Janie Hicks; his grandmothers, Louise Lee and Deloise Richards; and a host of cousins, relatives and friends. Celebration of life services will be held on Tuesday, Jan. 7, 2014, at 11 a.m. at Community Baptist Church. Interment will follow in City of Lubbock Cemetery under the direction of Griffin Mortuary.



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