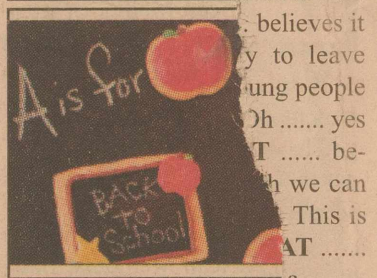
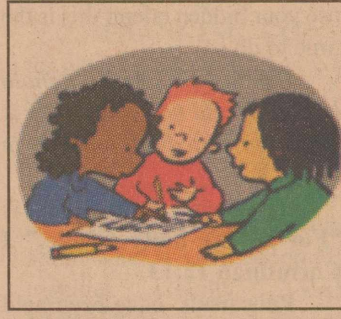
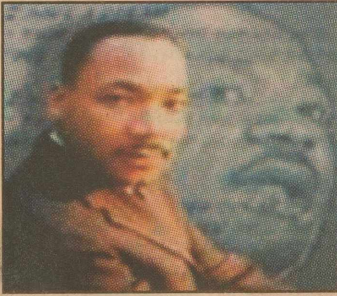


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Community Meetings

* 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, Great Saint Luke Missionary Baptist Church.

* 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 Tuesday evening at Bryon Martin Technology Center, 3401 Avenue Q, beginning at 5:30 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 2301 Avenue A.

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Civil Rights icon Julian Bond has died



In this Oct. 13, 2006, file photo, Julian Bond, chairman of the Board for The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, gestures as he talk to the media about the organization at The University of South Carolina in Columbia, S.C. Bond, a civil rights activist and longtime board chairman of the NAACP, died Saturday, Aug. 15, 2015, according to the Southern Poverty Law Center. He was 75. (AP Photo/Mary Ann Chastain, File)

Julian Bond, a Civil Rights titan and longtime leader of the NAACP, died Saturday night, August 15, 2015, in Fort Walton Beach, Fla. He was 75.

A public face of activism for

civil rights throughout his life, Bond led the Southern Poverty Law Center and was the first African American nominated for vice president of the United States. He also served in the

Georgia Assembly for 20 years.

Bond, the longtime board chairman of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, died after a brief illness, according to a statement released early Sunday by the Southern Poverty Law Center.

Reaction to Bond's death came from all corners of the region and the world.

In a tweet, the Rev. Jessie Jackson called Bond "a friend and fellow traveler who with courage, set the moral and academic tone of our generation."

Cornell Brooks, president and Chief Executive of the NAACP, wrote on twitter: "The life and legacy, the eloquence of Julian Bond's example, yet speak to the present and future of the NAACP and the nation."

A native of Nashville, Julian Bond was considered an icon of the civil rights movement and led the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee, SNCC.

As a student at Morehouse College, Bond helped found SNCC and served as its communications director.

Bond later served as board chairman of the 500,000-member NAACP for 10 years but declined to run again for another term in 2010.

Horace Julian Bond was born Jan. 14, 1940 to Julia and Horace Mann Bond, who was the president of Fort Valley State College. The elder bond was also the first black president of Lincoln University, a historically black university in Pennsylvania.

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Sister Elurd Conner Devenport

Sister Elurd Conner Devenport Honored During The Annual Friends and Family Celebration

The Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church sponsored its Annual Friends and Family Celebration on Sunday afternoon, August 9, 2015. Guest speaker for the services was the Rev. DeShun Avery, pastor of the First Progressive Baptist Church, who delivered a dynamic message on the theme, "Praising God In Unity," Philippians 2:2.

Serving as Master of Ceremonies was Brother Sammy Sanders. Sister Sarah Bunton gave the Call of Celebration; with Brother Bennie Jordan offering prayer. Sister ReJeanne Sylvester read the scripture.

The Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church presented a motivating Praise Dance.

Sister Alyssabeth Pinkard gave a well received welcome. The occasion was presented by Sister Lesa Rollison who gave the biography of the honoree, Sister Elurd Conner Devenport.

Sister Devenport was received by the congregation of well wishers. She was presented a token of appreciation for her contributions to her family, church and community.

Sister Devenport was born November 25, 1929 to Wilhite and Emma Conner in Brenham,

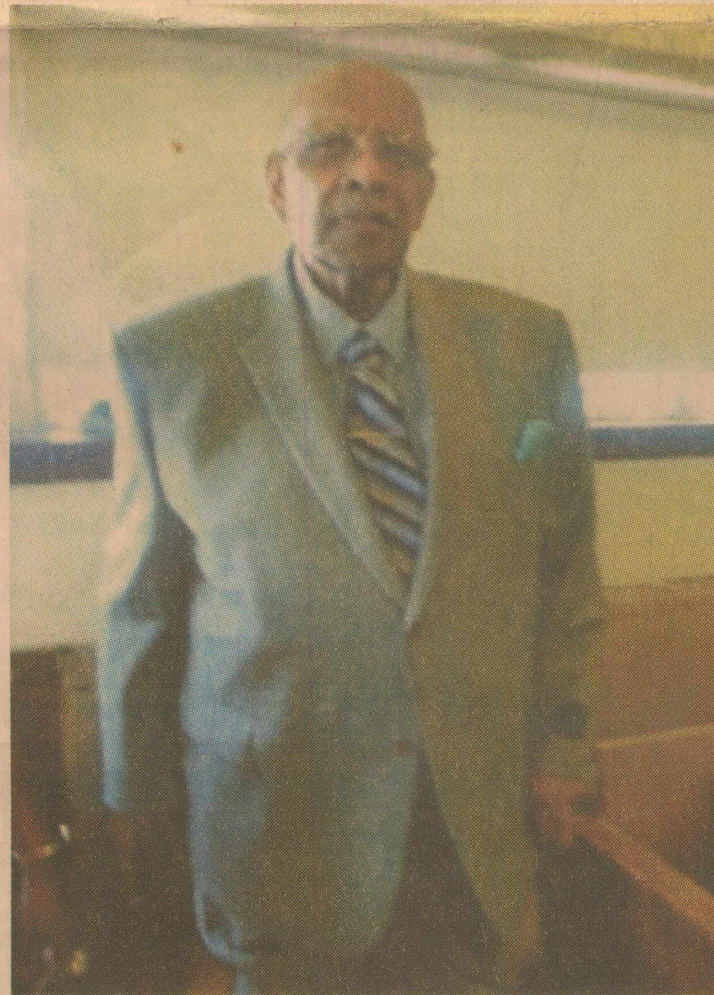
Texas. She is one of eleven children born into this union. Her history reveals her mother only completed the 7th grade; her father the second grade; her grandmother was a slave, but made the value of an education and making an honest living was instilled in all of the siblings and has been carried down throughout the generations.

In her teens, Sister Devenport worked for a doctor cleaning the house and ironing clothes for 50 cents an hour while saving for college. When she graduated from high school, she gave the doctor her two weeks notice and told him that she would be leaving for college. He told her that she could have her job back if "everything didn't work out." Needless to say, she never went back.

She enrolled at Texas Southern University in Houston, Texas in 1947, and got a part-time job with her sister at the renowned "Groovy Grill", flipping burgers after classes. She was no stranger to hard work, because growing up in the country, she knew from experience what 'ringing a chicken's neck' meant.

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"We Still Love Our Dad, George Lewis!"



George Lewis

Although Father's Day 2015 has come and gone, George Lewis had a great Father's Day on Sunday, June 21, 2015. All of his children were here to celebrate with him, his eight girls and one son, Curtis.

The family arrived in Lubbock on Thursday, June 18th, and all were with their daddy until Tuesday, June 23rd. All will advise they had a blast hanging out with their Dad.

While all were together, they made sure they pampered him and showed him a good time. He had a full body massage. This was something he had never had in his life. He said he really enjoyed it.

The suit and shirt, he's wearing was one of his Father's Day gifts. He just looked amazing to his children.

He turned 89 years young on May 22, 2015. Brother Lewis keeps himself busy. He's still an Usher at the Agape Church of God in Christ, and wherever he goes.

He's always willing to work. At present time, he has a part-time job which he's been very dedicated to over the years. His children count it a blessing, because a lot of young people won't get up and go to work.

Brother Lewis gets around better than a lot of people and he's their age double. It's nothing but a blessing. We pray every day that God gives him strength to go another day.

Even though the brother, Curtis, is a Dad also, he cooked the best turkey and dressing you'll ever want to eat. It was a full course meal. It was awesome!

His sisters always gets Curtis a Father's Day gift, or he'll feel left out. As the sisters made known, Curtis is their spoiled Baby Brother.

Remember if your Dad is still alive, please cherish him, because, if it wasn't for him, believe it or not, you wouldn't be here.

This article was written by the Lewis Family.

Mrs. Catherine McCormick Will Celebrate Her 103rd Birthday On August 28th

Mrs. Catherine McCormick will celebrate her 103rd birthday on Friday, August 28, 2015.

Mrs. McCormick moved to Lubbock, Texas from Granbury, Texas in 1946.

She united with Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church where she served faithfully in several auxiliaries: Missionary Society, and Sunday School for several years.

Later she united with Smith Temple Church where she has served as Past Mission President; faithfully attended Sunday School, and is currently the "Mother of the Church."

After moving to Lubbock, she was owner & bookkeeper of

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Mrs. Catherine McCormick

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first to publicly release a workforce demographics report earlier this year. They were commended for doing so, and so far, experts say they are the most aggressive at addressing the issue.

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In Cinque

By Renetta Howard



It is the time of the year when most families have their family reunions and both sides of my mother's family scheduled their reunions on the same days and I was forced to attend my mother's maternal side of the family reunion because I was chosen to be the keynote speaker at the family banquet. The subject was "Submitting In Love Through Unity."

After mulling over the subject, I was finally able to muster up a discourse on the subject. Our family Chairman is a Presbyterian minister and in researching, I discovered that love and unity is the main thread of that denomination and then understood why he had chosen such a topic. Interesting enough, one of the first things that I learned was that we need to really understand the power of love and its role in unity. Luther Vandross sang a song about the 'power of love', but at the time, to me it was just a song.

We cannot have unity without love. In unity, we have spiritual maturity. Our ancestors had spiritual maturity in spite of living a life too often below the poverty level. They loved each other, supported each other with physical help, moral help, financial help, emotional help and above all spiritual help. They attended church on every occasion that they could, depending on the weather, the work and their ability to be mobile. They did not have telephones, many motor apparatuses, or a profuse amount of cash, but they did survive by helping each other with whatever they had. No family was hungry, without domicile or clothing. Many small two to four room houses sheltered as many as a dozen of people without complaints. They had their fill on whatever food was available. They worked hard to maintain a sustainable liveli-

hood. Every member of the community submitted in love to family and community obligations because there was unity; family unity, community unity and ethnic unity.

The description of the family will have to be rewritten since the Supreme Court has made the status of same sex cohabitating couples legal. It used to be a father, mother and children were a family, but with legalization of same sex marriages, we must now recognize two mothers or two fathers and children as a family. Further, two women or two men without children are now couples, rather than only a man and a woman. Even with this new definition, there still has to be love to have unity in which there is submission for the whole entity. Love is the ingredient that holds the couples together to make parents of children. Love holds the community together as a whole and that same love holds the family together.

Our modern day family is scattered across the country, the globe even, and too often we have family members who could benefit from submission in love through unity of our family. Historically, we have had 'love' families and love has brought the American family a long way. Our coming together from across the miles to a reunion of family members is a symbol of 'submitting in love through unity.' A strong family united in love is a happy family. May we get 'in cinque' and make our family reunions the ones where we submit in love through unity and stay happy.

I never remember feeling tired by work, though idleness exhausts me completely.
Sir Arthur Conan Doyle

President Jimmy Carter is still working and work will save this nation

By Glenn Mollette

America is only as good as our workers and doers. Dreamers are critical. Faith is vital. However, faith and dreams without works are dead.

Everywhere I travel these days I see Nigerians, Kenyans, Egyptians, Asians and of course Hispanics doing jobs all over the United States. They seem to occupy 90% of the maid service jobs in hotels and to dominate the taxi industry. In many areas the Chinese and Mexicans appear to be the ones opening new restaurants. Two of the best restaurants in my town are the local Mexican and Chinese restaurants. Farmers desperate for workers and cheap labor bring Mexicans into America legally by the thousands on H-2 Visas. Farmers reportedly say the Mexicans will do the cheap labor jobs that Americans won't do.

I keep hearing that these Internationals are doing the jobs that Americans won't do.

Why is this? Too many Americans are quite happy to survive on a government check and food stamps rather than work.

Disabled Social Security, SSI and food stamps are disabling this nation. Too many people are willing to survive rather than work and try to better themselves. For all the people who truly deserve these benefits I say God bless you. I'm glad America can help. For the rest of the liars and thieves who work harder at cheating the system rather than trying to earn a paycheck then it's time that your lazy ways end and you start paying back all the money you've stolen from your country.

President Jimmy Carter, age 90, has demonstrated an ethic of hard work. The President's retirement package is generous. He could have lived in an exotic retirement spot the rest of his life but he kept working. His labor

THIS N' THAT

by T. J. Patterson

EAST LUBBOCK CAN BOUNCE BACK WITH ALL OF OUR HELP! THIS N THAT will continue to believe that with the **POSITIVE HELP OF MANY EAST LUBBOCK RESIDENTS** we can grow in many areas..... There are so **MANY TALENTED CITIZENS** who reside in this area..... Just think what would happen if we begin to capitalize on the many resources in this area..... Can you imagine what would really happen if we would put our **FUNDS TOGETHER** and quit saying what we can't doand start

THANKING GOD for what he has allowed us to accomplish..... It appears as though many of us look at the **NEGATIVE POSITIVE OF THE SITUATION** and begin standing vertical about what we can accomplish together..... Really **EAST LUBBOCK** in the opinion of **THIS N THAT** there is no other area in Lubbock who has the resources to move to higher ground..... There is no doubt about it it will take a **LOOT OF HARD WORK** but through it all there is nothing we can't accomplish to-

gether..... As adult citizens **THIS N THAT** believes it is our responsibility to leave something for the young people coming after us..... Oh yes **THIS N THAT** believes there is so much we can accomplish together..... This is why **THIS N THAT** will continue to believe a **5 STAR BANK** can work in **EAST LUBBOCK**..... There is no doubt about it by working together much will happen in **EAST LUBBOCK!** So let's come together and put together a **PLAN OF ACTION FOR EAST LUBBOCK!!!**

for Habitat for Humanity has been remarkable plus all of the other national and international diplomatic efforts that he has performed. Thus, Carter has remained sharp and has continued to be a working American. Carter recently announced he has liver cancer that has spread to other parts of his body. Our thoughts and prayers go out to he and his family as he now battles for his life.

If abled Americans would go back to work and start doing some of these jobs that Internationals are doing we could begin to take back some of our country.

Many of the illegals would go home because there would not be work for them to do. They are surviving well here because there is so much work to do!

Americans would become healthier physically and mentally. Many Americans have just enough financial support to watch television all day and then do little else with their lives. Millions of Americans are on massive amounts of medication and taking antidepressants and pain medicine each day. They know their lives are going

nowhere and many become suicidal. In the meantime their eating and exercise habits are unhealthy and they become obese with declining health. This is further dragging our nation down because it costs hundreds of millions each year to treat all the people who are on welfare. If they were working to feed themselves they would be doing something meaningful. They would be out of the house and their health would be better thus saving the nation billions in medical and other welfare costs.

Homebound welfare Americans also produce children. Many of these children become second-generation welfare recipients because that's all they have

learned to do. This vicious cycle is eroding the very core of America that made us great and that core is the heart to work.

We truly need to get our good paying jobs back in America. However, we are only going to lose more if we aren't willing to work.

Glenn Mollette is an American Syndicated Columnist and Author. He is the author of eleven books and read in all fifty states.

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Safety City Hosts Summer's Night Drive-In Movie

Gather up the kids and head over to Safety City on Friday, August 21, 2015, for a Summer's Night Drive-In Movie. Guests are welcome to arrive early, bring bicycles, and ride around Safety City from 5:00 to 8:30 p.m. before the movie starts. Kids can sit on their bikes or bring blankets and lawn

chairs for more comfortable seating. This summer's movie is Disney-Pixar's "Planes" beginning at 8:30 p.m. This event is free and fun for the whole family!

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Obsequies

Author Lee Lofton

Funeral services for Author Lee Lofton were held on Friday afternoon, August 7, 2015, at the Mt. Gilead Baptist Church with Overseer J. J. Johnson, pastor, presiding.

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

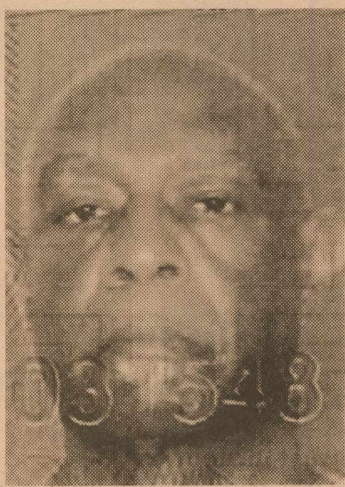
Lofton, age 67, of Lubbock, Texas, passed away on Wednesday, July 29, 2015.

He was born on March 15, 1948, to the parentage of Frank and Frankie Lofton in Taylor, Texas.

He attended Shallowater Public Schools, and participated in the FFA program.

He was employed with the City of Lubbock, and retired in 2012.

Author was preceded in death by his parents, Frank and Frankie Lofton; one sister, Earnestine Hines; one brother,



James Lofton; and a daughter, Teresa Brown.

He leaves to cherish his memories: one brother, Jerry Lofton; sisters, Savannah Lofton and Barbara Jackson; a brother, Cornelius Lemuel; maternal grandmother, Mattie Belle Fowler; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Catherine K. Person-Wilson

Garland, Texas -- Funeral services for Catherine K. Person were held at the New Generation Holiness Church on Saturday afternoon, August 1, 2015, with Pastor Cornelius Yates officiating.

Catherine, age 61, passed away on Monday, July 27, 2015.

She was born to the parentage of Herbert and Olivia Moore on December 5, 1954 in Lubbock County, Texas. She was the eighth child of ten, including: Leo Thomas, Roger Thomas, Billy Thomas, Julia Monroe, Trudy Pitts, Annie Lang and Helen Jean, Herbert, Jr. and Joseph Moore.

Catherine attended Estacado High School in Lubbock, Texas where she graduated in 1973. She spent the majority of her life in Home Health Care. She was privileged to care for her father and brother, Herbert Moore, Jr. and Sr. before their passing and helped several family members to transition through life. She led many people to Christ while serving them. Catherine received Christ at an early age and her two sons will remember her as a woman after God's own heart. Catherine was fun to be around and she kept everybody with her outgoing personality. Catherine was preceded in death by both parents, three sis-



ters: Julia Monroe, Annie Long and Helen Jean Moore; three brothers: Pastor Roger Thomas, Billy Thomas and Herbert Lee Moore, Jr.

Catherine leaves in succession: her husband, Nathan Wilson; sons: Pastor Christopher S. Moore (Melody) of Lubbock, Texas and LaMichael M. Moore of Dallas, Texas; two brothers: Deacon Leo Thomas, Jr. of Lubbock, Texas and Bishop Joseph Moore of Houston, Texas; one sister, Trudy Pitts of Dallas, Texas; two brother-in-laws, Elmo Monroe and James Pitts; eight grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; one aunt, Mabeline Yates; one uncle, George Lewis; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends who will cherish his memories.

James "Ricky" Tillmon

Funeral services for James "Ricky" Tillmon were held at the Greater St. Luke Baptist Church on Tuesday afternoon, August 4, 2015, with Pastor Cory Powell as officiate and eulogist.

Rev. J. H. Ford is host pastor. Interment was held in Peaceful Gardens Memorial Park under the direction of Griffin Mortuary & Funeral Home of Lubbock.

Tillmon, age 53 of Lubbock, Texas, passed away on Monday, July 27, 2015.

James was born on August 16, 1961 to Pink Tillmon, Jr. and Melvina Rogers Tillman.

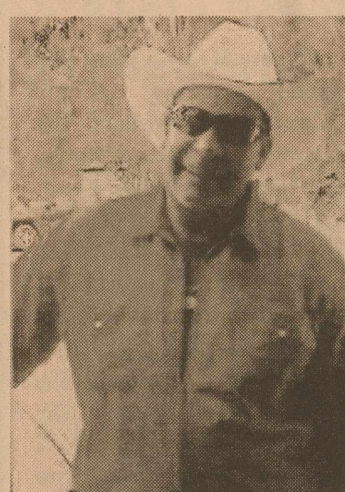
He attended Lubbock Public Schools and graduated from Dunbar High School.

Ricky united in holy matrimony with Mary Belinda Oats on December 25, 1995, and to this union two children were born, namely; Cameron Oats-Tillmon and Nicholas Oats-Tillmon.

He worked in the plumbing industry. His love was family, friends, horses and western movies. Everyone knew him as "Ricky."

Ricky was preceded in death by his parents, Pink and Melvina Tillmon; a brother, Ray Charles Tillmon, Sr.; and grandmother, Ellen Tillmon.

He leaves to cherish his memories: his wife, Mary Belinda Oats; three sons: Cameron Oats-



Tillmon, Nicholas Oats-Tillmon, both of Lubbock, Texas, and Damon Perryman of Austin, Texas; three sisters: Ellen Alexander (James), Annie Tillmon, and Cheryl Tillmon, all of Lubbock, Texas; two brothers, David Tillmon (Brenda) and Ray Charles Tillmon, both of Lubbock, Texas; one grandchild; 10 nieces, 12 nephews, and a host of great nieces and nephews; other relatives, his dog, Shadow; and friends.

Active Pallbearers were: Andy Vasquez, Wendall Fay, Willie Fay, II, Jasmine Tillmon, Keith Tillmon, and Bobby Ray Cobbs.

Honorary Pallbearers were: Shannon Robins, Anthony Justice, Cameron Oats-Tillmon, Marlon Priestly, Kwamane Russell, and Nicholas Oats-Tillmon.

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Jaylon Ju'Juan Brown-Dial

Funeral services for Jaylon Ju'Juan Brown-Dial were held Saturday morning, August 8, 2015, at the Greater St. Luke Missionary Baptist Church with Rev. J. H. Ford, pastor, officiating.

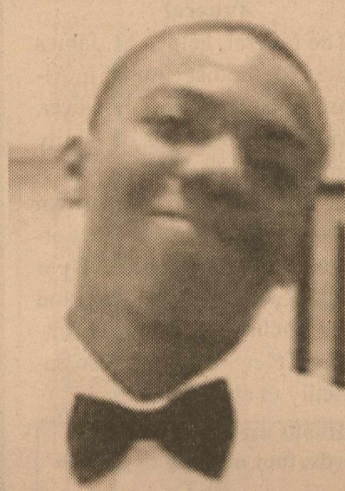
Interment followed in Peaceful Gardens Memorial Park under the direction of Griffin Mortuary & Funeral Home of Lubbock.

Brown-Dial, age 19, passed away on Sunday, August 2, 2015.

Jaylon was born on October 1, 1995, to Keisa Dial and James Brown in Lubbock, Texas. He accepted Christ at an early age and was baptized by the family pastor, Rev. J.H. Ford.

Jaylon graduated from Estacado High School, class of 2014. He had aspirations to attend college and impacted many of the youth in the community. Jaylon was respectful, outgoing and had a smile that could brighten anyone's day. He will truly be missed by all who knew him.

Jaylon was preceded in death by: his great grandparents, Lee



Andrew and Ethel Dial; Edward Brown and Thelma Woods; and two great-uncles and one great-aunt.

He leaves to cherish his memories: his parents, Keisa Dial and James Brown; stepfather, Vida Overstreet; grandparents, Peggy Dial, Gloria Johnson, LeRoy Love and James Bibbs Jr.; sisters, Mirakle Bradley and Ja'Walia Brown; brothers, JaQuan Brown, Reginald Johnson, Jyea Marion Dial-Moore; several special sisters; and a host of other relatives and friends.

Adaulph Lee Prince

Funeral services for Retired M/Sgt. Adaulph Lee Prince were held at the Church of the Nations on Saturday afternoon, August 8, 2015, the direction of Griffin Mortuary & Funeral Home of Lubbock.

Prince, age 63 of Lubbock, passed away Wednesday, July 29, 2015.

He was born on December 12, 1951, in Sikeston, MO, to the parentage of Mrs. Marie Bell and Mr. Robert Troupe.

Adaulph became a Career Airman in the U.S. Air Force in 1971. During his tenure he was an Aeromedical Superintendent. He earned many awards including Air Force Commendation medal, Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Air Force Overseas Short and Long Term Tour Ribbons and several others.

He retired from the U.S. Air Force in 1992 at Reese Air Force Base in Lubbock, Texas, after providing 20 years of service. Upon retiring he worked for the



New Mexico Military Institute in Roswell. He became an educator and served in various teaching capacities as a Special Educator.

Prince was preceded in death by his parents, Marie Bell and Robert Troupe.

He leaves to cherish his memories: his wife, Benay Prince; daughters, Sheeleah Prince and Cyndee Prince; one brother, William H. Prince (Anita); one sister, Bethany Bean; aunt, Luetta Arnold; sisters-in-law, Pamela Cole, Valerie Cole, Leslie Cole, Raedelle Pope, Tracy Cole; brothers-in-law, Victor Cole and W. David Pope; and a host of other relatives and friends.

England Trucking Company in Cedar Hill, Texas where he received his CDL license.

His greatest passions were singing, writing music, drawing, playing computer games and playing with his children, younger cousins, nephews and neighborhood children. He loved and cared for others, always making people smile and

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Treaderrion Dewayne Crowder

Daingerfield, Texas -- Funeral services for Treaderrion Dewayne Crowder were held on Tuesday afternoon, June 16, 2015, at the Daingerfield High School with Bro. Fred Crowder officiating. The eulogist was Bro. Fred Dewayne Crowder.

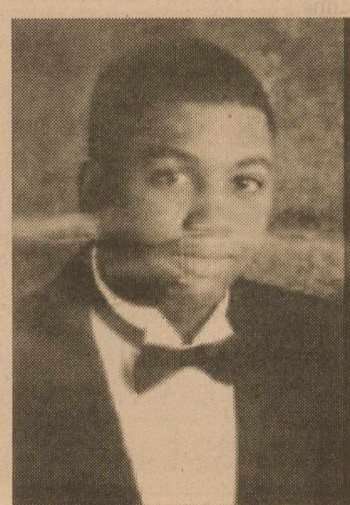
Interment was held in Edwards Cemetery of Mt. Pleasant, Texas under the direction of

Curry-Welborn Funeral Home of Mt. Pleasant, Texas.

Bro. Crowder passed away on Friday, June 12, 2015.

He was born August 20, 1990 in Pittsburg, Texas to the parentage of Fred Dewayne and Dedra -Lafayette Crowder.

He attended Pittsburg School District and graduated from Daingerfield High School in



2008. He was a member of the Sheppard Street Church of Christ. He worked for Iefert as a licensed truck driver.

He attended Northeast Texas Community College and C.R.

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Bobbi Kristina's Aunt: "The Brown Vs. Houston Family Feud is Just Getting Started"

Atlanta, GA — This past weekend, during Bobbi Kristina's funeral, her aunt, Leolah Brown (the sister of Bobby Brown) was escorted out by security when she interrupted the eulogy speech that was being given by Pat Houston, the sister-in-law and former manager for the late Whitney Houston.



Leolah Brown, sister of Bobby Brown and Bobbi Kristina's aunt

When she was outside, she then told reporters what she yelled out during the eulogy: "I told her that Whitney is going to haunt her from the grave" and that the family feud was "just getting started".

Mad about the invitations

Brown also expressed frustrations over the invitations, which apparently encouraged attendees not to send flowers, but to contribute instead to a foundation run by Houston.

How did this start in the first place?

The Brown/ Houston family feud seemed to have started back in 2012 when Bobbi Kristina's mother, the later singer Whitney

Houston, was found dead in a bathtub after an apparent overdose in her Beverly Hills Hotel. The Houston family reportedly blamed her husband, singer Bobby Brown, for introducing her to drugs. Of course, Brown denied the accusations.

But this past year, Bobbi Kristina, the couple's 22-year daughter, was also found unconscious in a bathtub in her Atlanta area home and remained in a coma for months before she also died. This seemed to re-ignite the family feud with finger-pointing, and also involved Bobbi Kristina's boyfriend Nick Gordon, who the family suspects had something to do with her death. Gordon, however, was not in attendance at the funeral.

Tyler Perry attended the funeral

The funeral, held at St. James United Methodist Church in Alpharetta, Georgia, was, however, attended by hundreds of family members and friends, including both the Houston and Brown families. Other notables that attended included Atlanta Mayor Kasim Reed, singer Monica and actor Michael Jai White. Filmmaker Tyler Perry was also reportedly in attendance.

Habits are like comfortable beds; they are easy to get into BUT difficult to get out of.
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Black Father of Five Jailed & Indicted For Child Murder Despite Police Testimony Stating No Eye Witness or Physical Evidence That Ties Him To The Murder



Nick Hillary (center) with his Family

Nationwide — New York resident & military veteran Nick Hillary (www.truthfornick-hillary.com) is an African American father of five children who's life has been turned upside down for a murder he did not commit.

On October 24th, 2011, a 12-year-old boy, Garrett Phillips (who is white), tragically lost his life. Nick Hillary is charged with murdering 12-year-old Garrett Phillips inside Phillips' Potsdam home. Phillips was found strangled and suffocated.

A police lieutenant and a former police chief said under oath that there's no evidence tying former Clarkson University soccer coach Oral "Nick" Hillary to the killing of a 12-year-old boy. Potsdam police Lt. Mark Murray and former Chief Edward Tischler said in court documents that there's no evidence placing Hillary at the 2011 crime scene, the Watertown Daily Times reported.

In the court documents, Tischler stated that neither Hillary's

fingerprints nor DNA evidence were able to connect Hillary to the boy's death. Both Murray and Tischler stated that there are no witnesses who saw Hillary at Market Street apartment on the day Phillips was killed.

Hillary was reindicted on murder charges in January 2015 after the charges were dropped in October, 2014. The original charges were dropped due to accusations that Rain and other prosecutors improperly questioned witnesses and injected their own opinions to the grand jury.

Hillary's new trial will begin in November 2015.

"This is a case that is screaming for justice and every American needs to know about it. The DA prosecuting Nick Hillary ran her campaign promising to convict him for the crime. Hillary life & reputation have been destroyed and he has been threatened with bodily harm by members of the community. Nick Hillary deserves justice," said Hillary's legal counsel, At-

torney Lisa Marcoccia.

Nick Hillary has a Civil Rights Law Suit Pending against Potsdam Police Department that was initiated two and a half years before he was charged with murder.

In October 2010 Hillary wrote an official complaint against Deputy Sheriff John Jones stating that Jones threatened to enter his home and physically assault him. In January 2011 Mother of victim (Tandy Cyrus) wrote an official complaint against deputy sheriff John Jones that he has threatened her and she fears for the lives of her son.

And He said, "I tell you the truth, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Therefore, whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

Matthew 18:3-4

Man in prison 35 years without conviction gets new trial

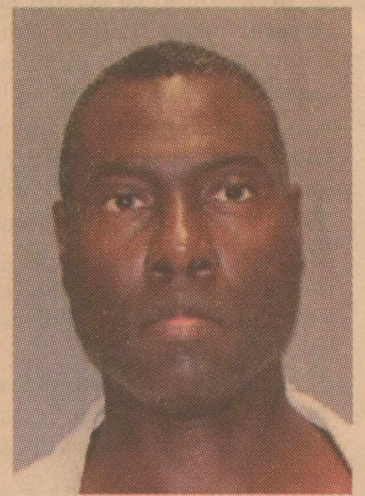
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Robert L. Johnson, Chairman, The RLJ Companies
Photo Credit: Melissa Golden

Statement by Robert L. Johnson Applauding the White House and Xerox Corporation For Adopting the RLJ Rule Which is Based on the NFL's 'Rooney Rule'

Bethesda, MD — For the past four years, I have been urging the Congress and the White House to encourage corporate America to voluntarily implement and adopt the RLJ Rule — the RLJ Rule which encourages companies to interview qualified minority candidates and minority businesses for procurement opportunities is based on the NFL's Rooney Rule. I am therefore delighted that Xerox Corporation and the White House have agreed to adopt a version of the RLJ Rule which they call the 'Wilson Rule'. As I have stated many times, it doesn't matter what name a company chooses to use to identify their commitment and support of the initiative, as long as it is consistent with the innovative spirit of the RLJ Rule to embrace creative ideas that support minority diversity.



Jerry Hartfield

A retrial begun on Monday, August 10, 2015, for a Texas inmate imprisoned an additional 35 years after an appeals court ruling overturned his conviction.

Prosecutors say they may be partially responsible for the delay in retrying Jerry Hartfield, 59, but Hartfield is also responsible for not seeking the retrial, the Associated Press reports.

The Texas Court of Criminal Appeals overturned Hartfield's capital murder sentence in 1980 because a juror who expressed reservations about the death penalty should not have been dismissed for cause. Though the ruling overturned only the sentence, state law at the time required a new trial. Three years later, Texas' governor commuted Hartfield's sentence to life in prison.

In 2006, a fellow inmate informed Hartfield that because of the appeals court ruling, it appeared there was no sentence to commute. Hartfield sought a retrial or release from prison with the inmate's help.

Hartfield no longer faces the death penalty because of a 2002 U.S. Supreme Court ruling that barred the execution of mentally impaired people. Hartfield's IQ of 67 is below the threshold, a psychologist testified on Friday.

Hartfield was convicted in

1977 in the pickaxe murder of a bus station ticketing agent. Hartfield confessed, but he later said the confession was "bogus." Another piece of evidence was an unused bus ticket at the crime scene that had his fingerprints.

If Hartfield is convicted again, he will immediately be eligible for parole, according to the AP story.

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James 5:16

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Back to School!

More Obituaries

Milton Busby

Funeral services were held for Milton Busby on Tuesday afternoon, August 11, 2015, at the Divine Love Church, with Pastor Kenneth Burns officiating.

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

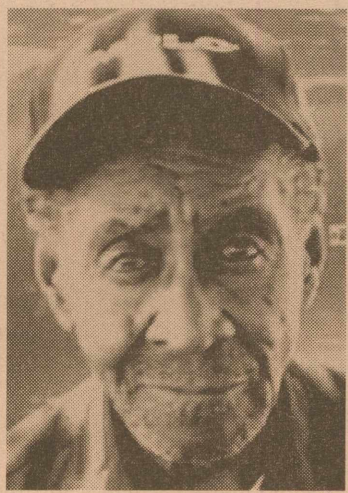
Busby, 89, of Lubbock, Texas, passed away on Wednesday, August 5, 2015.

Milton was born on August 20, 1925, in West Station, Texas, to the parentage of Will & Leatha Busby.

He was raised in West Texas until he joined the U.S. Army in February 1953. He was deployed to Korea in June 1953 and was one of the first black soldiers to assist with training problems in Korea.

He was honorably discharged in 1956. Milton returned to Muleshoe, Texas, where he met Ethel Lewis, to whom he was common law married; they raised three children.

Milton retired from Friona Transport in 1994 but continued to do farm work until his health



begin to fail. He dedicated his life to Christ in 1997 and became a valued and faithful member at St. Luke Baptist Church.

He was a loving son, husband, father and friend to many people. All who knew him will truly miss him. His parents and one grandson, John Busby, preceded him in death. He leaves to cherish his memories: three daughters, Dorothy Busby, Evelyn Busby and Bessie Green; 18 grandchildren and a host of great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Mark John Blackwell

Funeral services for Mark John Blackwell were held on Wednesday afternoon, August 12, 2015, at the Mt. Gilead Baptist Church with Overeier J.J. Johnson, pastor, officiating.

John Blackwell, 86, of Lubbock, Texas, passed away on Monday, August 3, 2015.

Mark was born on October 18, 1928, to the parentage of Elmyra and Arvie Blackwell in Coffman County, Texas.

Mark was raised under principles that are love and hard work. He was a loving son, brother, husband, father and friend. Mark was always willing to provide a helping-hand to



those in need. He enjoyed spending time with his family and close friends and always had an inviting smile on his face. He will truly be missed by all those who knew him.

Mark was preceded in death by his parents; three brothers, M.C., Moses, and Manuel Blackwell.

He leaves to cherish his memories: his loving wife, Mennie Doris Blackwell; daughters, Peggy Blackwell (Chris), Barbara Blackwell (Sharod) and Deidra Blackwell Miller (LaCarl); sons, David Blackwell and Wayne Blackwell; four sisters, Michelle, Daisy Mae, Emme Lou and Marie; one brother, Arron Blackwell; and a host of grandchildren, great-grandchildren; great-great-grandchildren; nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Sister Elurd Conner Devenport Honored During Family & Friends Annual

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Sister Devenport graduated with her degree in Education in 1952 and sought out to find a job teaching. She ventured to Lubbock, Texas where her uncle, Bill Goldstein, offered her a job at his restaurant/tax office until she found a teaching position.

She was hired at Dunbar High School under the tutelage of the late Mae D. Simmons, when Dunbar High School was housed in the Ella R. Iles Elementary School building on Date Avenue. She worked there for 7 years until she was transferred to Wheatley Elementary School where she retired in 1996.

Mrs. Devenport taught hundreds of children and their children's children. She was the epitome of value of a teacher who really cared for them all and taught them valuable life lessons.

She is currently very active in her church, Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church. She attends African Methodist Episcopal Conferences in the 10th Episcopal District as well as conferences in the General Church. Mrs. Devenport as a member of the Stewardess Board and continues to work untiringly with the Mau Jones Missionary Society. Over the years, Sister Devenport has

Former Bozeman Elementary Teacher, Rubye Henderson, Succumbs In Oklahoma

Chickasha, Oklahoma -- Funeral services for Rubye Jewel Henderson, a former teacher at Bozeman Elementary School, were held Friday morning, July 17, 2015, at the First Baptist Church in Chickasha, Oklahoma with Pastor Lewis Gurley officiating.

Interment was held in Fairlawn Cemetery in Chickasha under the direction of Brown/Christian Funeral Home.

She passed away on Sunday, July 12, 2015.

She was born July 6, 1927 in Clarksville, Texas where she was reared by her beloved grandparents, General and Luna Henderson, and mother, Ophella, who preceded her in death.

Rubye Jewel was a long time resident of Chickasha where she accepted Christ at an early age and attended the First Baptist Church. She attended and graduated from Lincoln High School in 1945. Upon graduating from high school, she enrolled in Samuel Huston College in Austin, Texas and received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Sociology.

In 1966, Rubye decided to return back to college and earned her teacher certification with honors from Oklahoma College of Liberal Arts in 1966. She began her career as an elementary school teacher with the Lubbock Independent School District in Lubbock, Texas. She was a dedicated teacher at Bozeman Elementary School where Clarence Priestly was principal.



She retired and returned home to Chickasha after 26 years of dedication, commitment, and service in the field of education. Rubye received many accolades during her professional tenure.

She has served the Church in different capacities including Sunday School teacher and Missionary Society.

She was also an aficionado of historical scrap booking, an avid reader and lifelong learner. Rubye inspired family members to trace and embrace the family history through her oral interpretations, documentations and visuals.

She was a devoted mother of two sons, Don Carroll and Sidney Henderson, both of Chickasha, Oklahoma; and two daughters, Sherri Henderson of Austin, Texas and Kerri Yusuf of Hutto, Texas. She is also survived by her brother, Raymond Mitchell of Lakewood, Colorado; grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Willie B. Slay

2015. Willie was born on January 19, 1939 to the parentage of Isiah and Leola Slay in Limestone County, Texas. Willie was one of 13 children born to this union.

He attended Mart Public

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Slaton, Texas -- Funeral services for Willie B. Slay were held on Saturday morning, August 15, 2015, at the Mt. Olive Baptist Church with Rev. C.C. Peoples, pastor, officiating.

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

Slay, 76 of Lubbock passed away on Wednesday, August 5,

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Julian Bond Dies

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Bond was involved in civil rights protests around Atlanta with other Atlanta University Center students, including sit-ins at dime stores, Woolworth's and Rich's department store.

The AUC students at the time received a letter from then-Southern Christian Leadership Conference Director Ella Baker, inviting them to come to Raleigh to meet other young black students engaged in sit-ins. It was

there that Bond and other students helped found SNCC.

"There were hundreds of black students like ourselves," Bond said. "We felt, we can do this too, as we had done it. We can keep this thing going."

Bond and SNCC, led by James Forman, Bob Moses, and Marion Barry, played pivotal roles in the Freedom Rides, which aimed to desegregate bus systems, and organized mass

black voter registration drives in the South.

After Selma and the passing of the Voting Rights Act in 1965, African-Americans around the South were finally able to run for office.

Bond was elected to the Georgia House of Representatives in 1965, one of 11 who were the first black members elected to the Georgia Assembly in 58 years, the result of reapportionment and a special election after the Voting Rights Act.

Statement by Robert L. Johnson Applauding the White House and Xerox Corporation For Adopting the RLJ Rule

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As you know, I have been a proponent of the RLJ Rule which speaks to giving minorities an opportunity to prove that they can compete at the highest levels of business. In fact, on December 13, 2011, at a Congressional Black Caucus-sponsored meeting with the President at the White House, I presented the RLJ Rule personally to President Obama and he said he 'liked the idea' and would give it to his then Jobs Council for consideration and today, I am pleased that the White House has now decided to put its weight behind the RLJ Rule.

On July 22, 2014, seven bipartisan Members of the U.S. Senate, led by Senator Tim Scott (R-SC) introduced Senate Resolution 511 (S.R.511) encouraging all U.S. companies and local and state governments to support the RLJ Rule. Senate Resolution 511 states in part – the Rooney Rule and the RLJ Rule would improve the economy of the United States and the experience of the people of the United States; and whereas ensuring the increased exposure and resulting increased advancement of diverse qualified candidates would result in gains by all people of the United States through stronger economic opportunities.

The decision by Xerox today to implement their version of the RLJ Rule will hopefully motivate other Fortune 500 Companies to recognize the compelling need to encourage minority and ethnic diversity in hiring at every level and to encourage procurement opportunities for qualified minority businesses. The primary goal of the RLJ Rule is to make certain that minority Americans are given the opportunity to compete as equals

and contribute with their talent to the growth of the United States economy both nationally and on a global scale.

Robert L. Johnson is Founder and Chairman of The RLJ Companies and Founder of Black Entertainment Television (BET).

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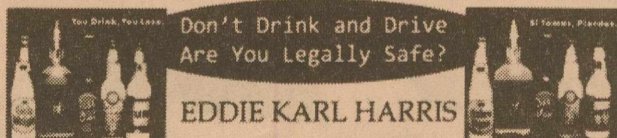


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SURELY, THERE ARE THOSE WHO WANT TO SEE THIS CORRECTED! This photo was published in the August 6, 2015 edition of the Southwest Digest, and comments were received about getting it corrected. This sign is located at the corner of Birch Avenue and East 19th Street.

Mrs. McCormick
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Dan's Garage, later she purchased D & K Grocery. Due to her health, she sold the business.

Mrs. McCormick also served as President of the Dunbar High School P.T.A.

Catherine worked for Lester's Jeweler. Later, she was employed to work for Skibell's where she held the position of Receiving/shipping clerk; lay-away and gift wrapper until her retirement.

Catherine, the oldest living African American woman in Lubbock, served as Grand Marshal for the 2015 Juneteenth

Freedom Parade.

Catherine is the mother of two children, Walter Gates, who is deceased, and Maxine McCormick. She has two grandsons: Rev./Attorney John McCormick (Erica) and Rev./Dr. Ralph McCormick (LaKeisha). She has one great-granddaughter, Erin Janae McCormick; and one God grandson, Jeff Austin (Janice).

If you meet this outstanding lady, she tell you she loves the Lord. She's always willing to do her part in seeing that Lubbock, Texas is a better place for all of its citizens.

Happy Birthday, Mrs. Catherine McCormick!!

**And Jonathan, Saul's son,
arose and went to David into the wood,
and strengthened his hand in God.**

Psalm 33:20, 22

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