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President Obama lauds House for passing health care bill

WASHINGTON – Capping a long day and a consuming political journey, President Barack Obama celebrated the passage of health care legislation with hugs, high fives and an emboldened attitude. Said the president to the nation, "Tonight, we answered the call of history."

At nearly midnight in Washington, with a big swath of country asleep or headed that way, Obama strode into the ornate East Room with Vice President Joe Biden backing him. There was no hour too late for the president to embrace this moment.

"I want to thank every member of Congress who stood up tonight with courage and conviction to make health care reform a reality," Obama said as the top members of his own health care team stood beaming nearby. "I know this wasn't an easy vote for a lot of people. But it was the right vote."

Obama was proud but not unrestrained in victory, mindful that the Senate still has not gotten to a companion bill to fix



President Barack Obama makes a statement to the nation Sunday night following the final vote in the House.

problems with the one that just passed. The sense in the West Wing was one of perseverance after a debate with so many turns and doubts.

"We did not fear our future," Obama said. "We shaped it."

The final day had been a low-key one for Obama. No more fiery speeches, no trips to Capitol Hill, no ventures outside the White House gates at all.

Instead, the most visible spokesman for health care reform spent the final day of an

exhaustive lobbying campaign out of public view.

Aides said he was roaming the West Wing, getting updates, calling lawmakers with thanks as a huge legislative win was imminent.

As the president said when he crashed a morning meeting of senior staff, this was a big day. But the spotlight fell on the House of Representatives.

The first glimpse of the president on Sunday did not come

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T. J. Patterson, Jr., Manager of Legislative Affairs for the city of Fort Worth, is shown visiting with his cousin, Congressman Emanuel Cleaver of the 14th Congressional District, Missouri, last week while attending the Congressional Session of the National League of Cities (NLC).

Congressman Cleaver will become the President of Congressional Black Caucus in January, 2011.

Emanuel Cleaver spit on, called 'n' word by tea partiers but still votes for health-care reform

Calling Congressman Emanuel Cleaver II the "n-word" and spitting on him isn't the way to winning his vote. Go figure. Cleaver wouldn't be bullied and voted for health-care reform, which passed the House 219-212 last night, sending the bill to President Obama to sign into law.

Earlier this weekend, tea party protesters chanted "Kill the bill, nigger" at Cleaver and members of the Congressional Black Caucus who attended a speech on health care by the president on Saturday.

"It was a chorus," Cleaver told McClatchy Newspapers. "In a way, I feel sorry for those people who are doing this nasty stuff--they're being whipped up. ... I decided I wouldn't be angry with any of them."

The Washington Post reported that Cleaver was spit on while walking to the Capitol to vote, which led Capitol Police to escort him inside the building "out of concern for his safety." The

spitter was arrested, but Cleaver declined to press charges.

"This is not the first time the congressman has been called the "n" word and certainly not the worst assault he has endured in his years fighting for equal rights for all Americans," said Danny Rotert, Cleaver's spokesman. "That being said, he is disappointed that in the 21st century our national discourse has devolved to the point of name-calling and spitting."

The ugliness wasn't just racist. It was homophobic. Congressman Barney Frank was also reportedly called a "faggot!"

Republicans and Tea Partiers are disowning the spitters, racists and homophobes. Although there are deniers who claim this was all orchestrated by Democrats or a fabrication by Cleaver. By the way, Congressmen John Lewis, Andre Carson and House Majority Whip James Clyburn all confirmed the story.

Federation of Choirs' History 56th Celebration Sunday, March 28, 2010 At Greater St. Luke Baptist Church

The Federation of Choirs was born in the minds of the late Ms. Sedalia Solomon, the first choir director, and the late Mr. Oscar M. Iles, the first president. The organizational meeting was held at the New Hope Baptist Church, and the first session was held April 25, 1954.

The purpose of this organization was to create a closer fellowship between the churches in the community and to produce another method of worship to God in song. The organization could not function apart from the heads of the churches, therefore the Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance had to approve the organization before it could be properly organized and give service. The churches represented at the initial organizational meeting were: Bethel African Methodist Episcopal, New Hope Baptist, Carter Chapel, Rising Star Baptist, Mt. Gilead Baptist, and Mt. Vernon Methodist Churches.

Twenty-eight years later, the growth had been gradual and more than the allotted number of church choirs had joined. During the twenty-eight years of existence, two presidents had served the group, namely, Mr. Oscar M. Iles, who served until his death; and Mr. A. L. Smith, who served until his death in 1981.

There were four secretaries: Ms. Patterson, Carter Chapel

C.M.E. Church; Ms. Ruby Jay, New Hope Baptist Church; Ms. Maunita Terrell, Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church; and Ms. Joan Y. Ervin, New Hope Baptist Church. Ms. Ollie Coleman, Assistant Secretary, who served as Assistant Secretary.

During later years, Ms. Desma Moore was Director of Music in preparing the Maass Choir for the Anniversary.

In 1981, Arlee Jackson became President after the death of Brother Smith. Grover Colvin was treasurer and Samuel Curtis became Director of Music.

In 1998, President Jackson made the following appointments: Ms. Bennie Sims and Ms. Francis Bell became a part of the Secretarial Assistants after Ms. Coleman's retirement.

In 2000, Grover Colvin retired and the following appointments made by President Jackson:

Ms. Bennie Sims, Treasurer; Ms. Francis Bell, Assistant Secretary; Thomas Payton, 1st Vice President; Rodney Collins, Staff, and Secretary Emeritus, Ms. Ollie Coleman.

Anniversary Reception Committee: Ms. Mary Stevens, Chair after the retirement of Sister Ora Keys; and Sister Lottie Smith, Chair.

In 2006, Brother Jackson re-

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Community Meetings

* African American Chamber of Commerce, Lubbock meets on the 3rd Wednesday of each month, from 12:00 - 1:00 pm at the Chatman Hill Restaurant, 512 East 23rd Street.

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

* Hub City Kiwanis meets every Tuesday evening, 1708 Avenue G.

* Dunbar Alumni Association meets 2nd Saturdays, 4:00 pm.

* Booker T. Washington American Legion, Post 808, meets every 2nd Tuesday at 7:30 pm, American Legion Building in Yellow-house 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 Merket Alumni Center.

* Dunbar Manhattan Heights Neighborhood Association meets every 1st Thursday at 6:00 pm and every 4th Thursday at 6:00 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 at 7:00 pm, Educational presentations and demonstrations.

* Texas Juneteenth Cultural & Historical Commission - Lubbock Affiliate meets at Patterson Branch Library, every 3rd Thursday at 7:00 pm.

* West Texas Chapter of 100 Black Men of West Texas meets 3rd Monday evenings at 7:00 pm at Parkway Neighborhood Center.

* The Parkway & Cherry-Point Neighborhood Association meets the 3rd Tuesday evenings, 7:30 pm at Hunt Elementary School.

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

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How Many Of You Remember These Dunbar Panthers State Champions?

(Editor's Note: These photos are in black & white as color was not possible when taken).

How many of you remember these Dunbar High School Panthers who were State Champions in 2A Basketball? These games were played at Prairie View A&M College in Prairie View, Texas. These outstanding young men were not allowed to compete with white schools. This is where the Negro Community became so important.

If you can identify the years these championships happened,

we will reward you with a two-year subscription to the Southwest Digest.

As you can see, there are four teams who won, but one was disqualified. Which one was it?

Were there anymore Dunbar Panthers that won the State Championship? If so, name their coach.

Send your answers to: Dunbar Panthers Championships, P. O. Box 2553, Lubbock, Texas 79408 by Friday, April 2, 2010. Early postmark wins.

More Dunbar stories are

forthcoming. All Class Reunion will held July 8 - 11, 2010.



Coach Ernest P. Mallory
Legendary Panther Coach



Dunbar Middle School Students Of The Month Of March, 2010



Brasha Patton
6th Grade



Nicole Redriguez
7th Grade



Christina Puente
8th Grade



Julez Torres
6th Grade



Roland Trevino
7th Grade



Izaiah Reyna
8th Grade

The Southwest Digest is proud to show the photos of young people, grades 6th through 8th grades, who have made outstanding contributions to their family, Dunbar Middle School, and the community dur-

ing the month of March, 2010. Not only have they done well this month, but are outstanding students throughout the year. It is our hope they will continue to make great strides in all they do in life.

Most of all, we are hoping they will begin to set goals for their lives. They are not too young to begin to decide what they would like to accomplish in life.

We are just proud of them, and wish them the very best. Just continue to do the right thing, and work collectively with your school mates.

FASHION FUN with Shirley Roberson SPRING TEASE!

Spring is bringing lots of excitement and fun for you and your family, some popular fashionable items are.. beautiful colorful

plaids, large floral prints, ruffle tops, light weight fabrics with a mixture of bright colors and bronze tones. Sateen sheen long shirts in vivid colors. Wide belts, narrow belts and of course high waisted belts. Short full circled skirts is leading this spring in the world of mini skirts. Think prints this spring, beautiful, colorful prints.



Fashion tip..always wear a smile!

Fashion..just for the fun of it!

New Light Baptist Church News

On Sunday morning, March 21, 2010 church services got started at New Light Baptist Church, 3013 Idalou Road, where Rev. Kenneth O. Jackson is the proud pastor.

Church School started at 9:45a.m. with Sister Alvera Johnson teaching the lesson for the adults entitled: "Committed To A New Community" and the printed text came from Ruth 1:1-9; 14b-16. Sister Angela Mosley and Sis. Rochelette Hood taught the lesson for the youth. Breakfast was served afterward.

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

Rev. Jackson led the pulpit devotion. The Senior Choir went in the choir stand singing "Bye And Bye". The respon-

sive reading was read by Rev. Jackson and it came from Psalm 103:1-22. The altar prayer was led by Rev. Jackson with the choir singing "My Soul Loves Jesus".

Sister Hood read all the morning announcements and told of all the upcoming events that will be taking place. There was the pastoral period that was held by the pastor then the offering were taken up.

The Senior Choir sang "Two Wings", led by Sis. Angela Mosley and "I'm Willing" which was led by Sister Diane Hicks. "Jesus Keep Me Near The Cross" was led by Deacon Carlton Hicks and was sung before the sermon. Rev. Henry Edom preached the sermon titled: "God's Instructions" with the scripture text coming from Luke 1:26-37. "I Surrender All" I was

sung after the sermon. There was the invitation to discipleship that was held and several went up for prayer. All visitors that was in attendance was acknowledged by Sister Brenda Manahan.

Pray that the lesson we study in our church school is a reaffirmation that no matter what the situation your lord is in control.

SCRIPTURE FOR THE WEEK: Love is patient, love is kind, love doesn't envy isn't boastful, isn't conceited, doesn't act improperly, isn't selfish, isn't provoked, doesn't keep a record of wrongs. Finds no joy in unrighteousness, but rejoices in the truth, bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

1 Corinthians 13:4-7

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THIS 'N' THAT

by T.J. Patterson

DANGEROUS INTERSECTION AND NEEDS TO BE UPGRADED! THIS N THAT as well as many other Lubbock residents were amazed of the death of a 59 year old Lubbock man **MARVIN BLAYLOCK** who died within an hour after the impact on Wednesday afternoon March 17, 2010 and was pronounced dead in the hospital..... This happened about 2:00 p. m. **THIS N THAT** learned from citizens who live in the area there are accidents happening at this corner **PARKWAY DRIVE & 100 EAST ZENITH AVENUE..... THIS N THAT** is asking our Lubbock City Councilman **FLOYD**

PRICE and our School Board Member **VERNITA WOODS-HOLMES** to initiate some kind of an effort to have this intersection looked into and see what can be done to upgrade it..... It is very important that this be done because of the large amount of traffic to **ALDERSON MIDDLE SCHOOL, PARKWAY UNITED SUPERMARKET & PATTERSON LIBRARY** as well as those who live in this area.... Surely this can be looked into and hopefully a very **POSITIVE SOLUTION** will become a reality..... When we receive information about this situation **THIS N THAT** will advise.....

MATADORS NEED A COMMUNITY PARADE! THIS N THAT has learned from many of you that those **2010 STATE BASKETBALL CHAMPIONS** **THE ESTACADO HIGH SCHOOL MATADORS** need a **COMMUNITY PARADE** It could begin in downtown Lubbock and end up on the campus of **ESTACADO HIGH SCHOOL**..... With many positive resources we have in our community this wouldn't be difficult to do..... The entire Matador Basketball Team could be the **MARSHALS** plus the **MATADOR MARCHING BAND** and introducing the new principal of Estacado High School **DR. A. C. AYERS** by him being a participant in the Community Parade..... Of coursethere are so many groups and organizations who could add to this well needed effort..... Anyway just a suggestion if the **ESTACADO HIGH SCHOOL PTA & ESTACADO ALUMNI ASSOCIATION** with the cooperation of the many **CLASS REUNIONS** this could become a very **POSITIVE PROGRAM** and it would be one in which all would be proud.... Will someone or group pick up this and make it happen? Hope so!!



THINK ABOUT IT!

Federally Funded Racism On Our Highways

by Eddie P. Richardson

In 1977 was one of the last major non-violent civil disturbances in Saint Louis. Black contractors shut down Interstate 70 one day, that won the full attention of the Governor who opened the doors and increased training funds for the small fledging contractors. The numbers increased for a while, but now Missouri has fallen back to 0.8 percent Black participation. We are going to have to go back to the streets again and this time do it en masse across the nation. Lets shut down a couple of dozen Interstates where we will make it clear

made a contribution. At his time it is like colonialism. They take our resources use it for their benefit and deny us any possible benefit. This racist activity evolves the corruption in the highway construction industry. Corruption is the "first cousin" to bigotry. There is a massive amount of bid rigging, cartel and monopoly activity and real estate conspiracy in this industry and there is no room for strangers such as Black contractors to come in and expose the racketeering that goes on. Yes organized crime profiting from federal funds and regulations. It just doesn't seem American.

to do it, but when we do, it must be done nonviolently and professionally

Please note this is just contracting numbers. When we finally the employment data it will be ten times worse. Here is where we can make a big change. Highway or Flat construction is the simplest form of construction. You need no more than an 8th grade reading and math level. If we are building skyscrapers, airports, terminals, schools and stadiums, we should be participating in laying asphalt and grinding roads. To get our fare share will improve the quality of our lives and make this a better nation. It is our money and we demand to take part in its activity. They should stop the stealing. If you want to see exactly what your state is doing with its highway dollars go to www.nationalbcc.org you will find the total details.

Stop The Bigotry
This funding basically comes from the federal tax assessed on you and me when we buy gas for our vehicles. The money is forwarded to Washington D.C. and is dispersed state by state accordingly. Every dollar that comes to a state should have the representation of those who

We must bring the ills of this discrimination to the television sets and front pages of our newspapers as we successful did in the former struggles. Stopping the traffic on different expressways around the nation at the same time on various occasions will certainly bring attention to the issue. It appears we may have

Witness: Michael Jackson's Doctor Stopped CPR To Hide Drugs

By Thomas Watkins, Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — As Michael Jackson lay dying in his bedroom in a rented mansion, his doctor stopped CPR on him and delayed calling paramedics so he could collect drug vials at the scene, according to an employee of the pop star who called 911.

Alvarez told police he arrived at Jackson's home around 10:20 a.m. He was awaiting instructions for the day in a security trailer outside Jackson's rented mansion when, at 12:17 p.m., his phone rang. It was Jackson's personal assistant Michael Amir Williams, who said Jackson was in trouble.



Dr. Conrad Murray

Alberto Alvarez, who worked as Jackson's logistics director, told investigators that after receiving a distress call from another worker June 25, he rushed up the stairs of Jackson's home and entered a bedroom to find the singer lying on a bed with his arms outstretched and his eyes and mouth open.

Alvarez said he was "frozen and stunned" when he saw Jackson on the bed.

At his side, Jackson's personal physician, Dr. Conrad Murray, was administering CPR with one hand.

Murray then grabbed a few vials with rubber tops and told Alvarez to put them in a bag, Alvarez told investigators. Alvarez picked up a plastic bag from the floor and Murray put the bottles inside, then Murray told Alvarez to put that plastic bag inside a brown canvas bag, according to the account.

Alberto, Alberto, come quickly," Murray said, according to a statement obtained by The Associated Press. "He had a reaction, he had a bad reaction."

Alvarez said Murray then told him to remove an IV bag from a stand and put it in a blue canvas bag. He did, and noticed the bag had a connector with a milky white substance in it. Alvarez didn't say what happened to the bags, nor did he identify what was in the vials.

The account and other statements obtained by the AP depict a grisly scene in Jackson's room in the final minutes before paramedics arrived.

Two days after Jackson's death, under several hours of questioning by police, Murray eventually directed them to a closet in Jackson's bedroom. In it, they found propofol and other sedatives in a bag.

Jackson's death at age 50 was ruled a homicide caused by an overdose of the powerful anesthetic propofol and other sedatives.

Murray's lawyer, Ed Chernoff, rejected the notion his client tried to hide drugs. He also noted Alvarez was interviewed twice by police and gave different accounts of what happened in Jackson's bedroom. During the first interview, Alvarez did not mention being told to tidy away medicine vials.

The possibility that Murray may have tried to hide evidence is likely to be a focus as prosecutors move ahead with their involuntary manslaughter case against him.

"He wasn't putting bottles in a bag and trying to hide them," Chernoff said. "We are confident that a fair trial will ferret out the truth."

11TH YEAR OF CESAR E. CHAVEZ CELEBRATION

The Cesar E. Chavez Commemoration Committee will pay tribute to American hero and civil rights leader, Cesar E. Chavez, during Lubbock's 11th Annual Cesar E. Chavez People's March and Celebration, which will be held Saturday, March 27, 2010.

On the day Jackson died, Murray waited until the bags were filled before telling Alvarez to call 911, according to Alvarez's statement.

The event is organized by a citizen driven committee, and the march attracts people from all backgrounds and helps build public awareness about Chavez's legacy. Last year about 500 marchers walked in honor of Chavez.

The documents also detail an odd encounter with Murray after Jackson was declared dead at a nearby hospital. Murray insisted he needed to return to the mansion to get cream that Jackson had "so the world wouldn't find out about it," according to the statements, which provide no elaboration.

Alvarez and the others who gave the statements, Williams and driver/bodyguard Faheem Muhammad, could be key wit-

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In Cinque
By Renetta Howard

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Spring has sprung, so to speak, except for the freezing rain and snow in some of our locales, but this is the time of year when we kind of clean up our spaces, de-clutter and throw some of our cares to the wind. Of course, this is not the wisest thing that one could do in this day and age. Ironically, the carefree days of living in America, or any country for that matter are definitely history.



book and some whom I have not had, but nevertheless know, and one picture of a person with whom I worked with over thirty years ago, but have had no electronic contact. This made me wonder just how deep this social networking on the internet really goes. I have been leery of it for quite sometime, but convinced more so now, that it is not for me. One reason Facebook is not for me is that I have read about an

individual who socialized with a coworker mentioning sending them pictures of a picnic, which somehow revealed that a hacker had gotten into their workplace computers, to discover that important information as well as funds from the workplace financial account were missing. We have heard in the past about hackers getting to bank accounts of millionaires because they got information from electronic sources or unscrupulous workers in banks and other businesses. Just last year, many bank accounts were compromised by a worker in a clearing house. We trust banks. We must trust someone, but it behooves us all, to get 'in cinque' and pay very strict attention to who gets our private information, because it IS NO LONGER PRIVATE!

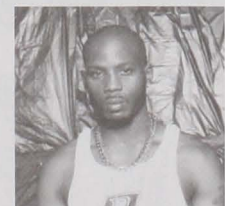
Never in the history of the world, has there been a time when the human being had no privacy. It has felt this way a very long time, but this should be common knowledge to everyone by now. I just received an E-mail a few days ago that confirmed for me that there is no place to hide anymore. Not only can you get directions to any particular place now, but you can get a picture of the place you are looking for. On that picture is an icon to enable you to see all around the place you want to see. All one has to do is insert the address into a box and it will take you directly to where you want to go. I looked up my previous address and behold, there it was down to the blades of grass surrounding the house. I could view everything surrounding the area on that street, including the rusty bars on the building across the street. What a powerful camera. That makes one wonder about sites like Facebook.

I have been invited to join Facebook by at least four people, only two of them that I personally know. I said "No thanks," to all of them, but the last one did not just invite me to join but sent examples of names without pictures of people whom I have had in my address

Rapper DMX Ordered to 6 Months in Phoenix Jail

By The Associated Press

PHOENIX (AP)—A judge has ordered rapper DMX to spend six months in a Phoenix jail for violating probation and to undergo a mental health evaluation.



DMX, whose real name is Earl Simmons, admitted in court Tuesday to a single violation of probation for failing a drug test last June. He was arrested March 9.

leased from jail earlier if he's accepted into a drug rehabilitation program.

The 39-year-old rapper was released from jail in May after serving a 90-day sentence for felony convictions including cruelty to animals, theft and two drug counts.

County authorities have arrested Simmons five times, including an August 2007 raid on the rapper's north Phoenix home where they found 12 neglected dogs, three buried dogs, drugs and a cache of weapons.

Mariopa County Superior Court Commissioner Christine Mulleneaux says he could be re-

Obama lauds House for passing health care bill

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until late at night, after the final House vote on legislation to re-vamp health insurance rules for millions of people. But the announcement that he would give such a statement underscored that Obama was sensing victory — and history.

Beforehand, the White House released two photos showing hand-picked images of a president in a serious fight for votes until the end.

In one, Obama was on a cell phone talking to an unidentified lawmaker from the office of his chief of staff, Rahm Emanuel. The president was surrounded by Emanuel and four other legislative and political advisers. There wasn't a smile in the room.

The other photo showed Obama in the Oval Office, sleeves rolled up, working the phones again in conversation with another unnamed lawmaker.

Obama called more than a dozen lawmakers on Sunday and got in touch with more than 90 during the week, the White House said without identifying them.

Before nightfall, the only burst of Obama news came in a press release around 4 p.m.

Obama revealed he would issue an executive order to make sure that the emerging health

care legislation would uphold all federal funding restrictions on abortion. That step had the enormously important effect of locking in the votes of a bloc of anti-abortion House Democrats.

After that, around the White House, it was mostly a matter of counting down until the House acted.

Obama watched the main House vote on the Senate-approved health care bill in the Roosevelt Room with Biden and about 40 other members of the White House staff. When the bill won enough votes to pass, the room burst into applause and hugs.

Had this been any other spring day in Washington, Obama might have ventured out for basketball or golf.

Not on this Sunday, when no hint of taking the vote for granted would be allowed.

However, Obama did have time, like many Americans, to absorb the reality of his own busted March Madness bracket.

The president picked Kansas to win the men's NCAA basketball title; the Jayhawks fell in a big upset on Saturday. The basketball tournament continued Sunday, when some TVs in the West Wing were tuned to the games and other carried the action on the House floor.

Obama caught some of both.

56th Anniversary of Federation of Choirs

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tired after 25 years of serving as President of the Federation of Choirs. Sister Sims was elected as President. Other officers were Vice President, Thomas Payton; Secretary, Ms. Joan Y. Ervin; Assistant Secretary, Ms. Francis Bell; St Staff Assistant, Rodney Collins; and President Emeritus, Arlee Jackson.

In 2007-2008, President, Ms. Bennie Sims; Vice President, Ms. Barbara Johnson; Secretary, Ms. Joan Y. Ervin; Assistant Secretary, Ms. Francis Bell; Treasurer, Ms. Sarah Harris; Financial Chairpersons: Ms. Tara

Fields, and Ms. Rosemary Sampson. Reception Chair, Ms. Diane Thomas.

In 2009-2010, President, Ms. Bennie Sims; Vice President, Lamont Ford; Secretary, Ms. Barbara Johnson; Assistant Secretary, Ms. Francis Bell; Treasurer, Ms. Sarah Harris.

The 56th Anniversary of the Federation of Choirs will take place Sunday afternoon, March 28, 2010, at the Greater St. Luke Missionary Baptist Church, East 26th Street & Cedar Avenue, where the proud pastor is Rev. J. H. Ford.

Thank God For Jesus

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away, and the lusk thereof: but he that do the will of God abides forever.

Many members taken upon themselves; to claim a special seat in Church.

And if you're in their Seat, when they come: move; **OR GET YOUR FEELING HURT!!!**

Revelation 3:13,15,16 --

Jesus said, he that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit said unto the Churches. I know your works, that you are neither cold or hot. I would you were cold or hot. So then because you are lukewarm, and neither cold or hot, I will spurn you out of my mouth.

Come for Me, all of you who are tired and have heavy loads, and I will give you rest.

Matthew 11:28

As long as Jesus is one of many options, He is no option.

As long as you can carry your burdens alone, you don't need a burden bearer. As long as your situation brings you no grief, you will receive no comfort. And as long as you can take Him or leave Him, you might as well leave Him, because He won't be taken half-heartedly.

But when you mourn, when you get to the point of sorrow for your sins, when you admit that you have no other option but to cast all your cares on Him, and when there is truly no other name that you can call, then cast all your cares on Him, for He is waiting in the midst of the storm.

Charter school in tough neighborhood gets all its seniors into college



The school offers an extended day--170,000 more minutes over four years compared to its counterparts across the city--and

more than double the number of English credits usually needed to graduate.

Even the school's voicemail

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The entire senior class at Chicago's only public all-male, all-African-American high school has been accepted to four-year colleges. At last count, the 107 seniors had earned spots at 72 schools across the nation.

Mayor Richard Daley and Chicago Public Schools chief Ron Huberman surprised students at an all-school assembly at Urban Prep Academy for Young Men in Englewood this morning to congratulate them. It's the first graduating class at Urban Prep since it opened its doors in 2006.

Huberman applauded the seniors for making CPS shine.

"All of you in the senior class have shown that what matters is perseverance, what matters is focus, what matters is having a dream and following that dream," Huberman said.

The school enforces a strict uniform of black blazers, khaki pants and red ties -- with one exception. After a student receives the news he was accepted into college, he swaps his red tie for a red and gold one at an assembly.

The last 13 students received their college ties today, to thunderous applause.

Ask Rayvaughn Hines what college he was accepted to and he'll answer with a question.

"Do you want me to name them all?"

For the 18-year-old from Back of the Yards, college was merely a concept--never a goal-growing up. Even within the last three years, he questioned if school, let alone college, was for him. Now, the senior is headed to the prestigious Morehouse College in Atlanta, Ga. next fall.

Hines remembers the moment he put on his red and gold tie.

"I wanted to take my time because I was just so proud of myself," he said. "I wanted everyone to see me put it on."

The achievement might not merit a mayoral visit at one of the city's elite, selective enrollment high schools. But Urban Prep, a charter school that enrolls using a lottery in one of the city's more troubled neighborhoods, faced difficult odds. Only 4 percent of this year's senior class read at grade level as freshmen, according to Tim King, the school's CEO.

"I never had a doubt that we would achieve this goal," King said. "Every single person we hired knew from the day one that this is what we do: We get our kids into college."

College is omnipresent at the school. Before the students begin their freshman year, they take a field trip to Northwestern University. Every student is assigned a college counselor the day he steps foot in the school.

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