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Obama Outlines Plan to Address Disparities in America's Justice



BARACK OBAMA

the American story.
"Like Katrina did with poverty, Jena exposed glaring inequities in our justice system that were around long before that school-yard fight broke out. It reminds us of the fact that we have a system that looks away too many young, first-time, non-violent offenders for the better part of their lives — a decision that's made not by a judge in a courtroom, but by politicians in Washington. It reminds us that we have certain sentences that are based less on the kind of crime you commit than on what you look like and where you come from. It reminds us that we have a Justice Department whose idea of prosecuting civil rights violations is trying to roll-back affirmative action programs at our college and universities; a Justice Department whose idea of prosecuting voting rights violations is to look for voting fraud in black and Latino communities where it doesn't exist."

"From the day I take office as President, America will have a Justice Department that is truly dedicated to the work it began in the days after Little Rock. I will rid the department of ideologues and political cronies, and for the first time in eight years, the Civil Rights Division will actually be staffed with civil rights lawyers who prosecute civil rights violations, and employment discrimination, and hate crimes. And we'll have a Voting Rights Section that actually defends the right of every American to vote without deception or intimidation.

Washington, D. C. — In an address at the Howard University 2007 Convocation Ceremony, U.S. Senator Barack Obama will salute Howard University's students, faculty and legacy; and outline his commitments to addressing the disparities that continue to persist within America's legal system.

Obama's commitment to ensuring that every citizen is afforded equal and fair justice under the law includes:

- He will rid the Justice Department of ideologues and political cronies and staff the Civil Rights Division with qualified civil rights lawyers who will make it a priority to prosecute civil rights violations, employment discrimination, and hate crimes.
- He will create a Voting Rights Section that actually defends the right of every American to vote without deception or intimidation.
- He will work every day to ensure that this country has a criminal justice system that inspires trust in every American, regardless of age, or race, or background. Every person accused of a crime should have a qualified public attorney to defend them. Obama will recruit more public defenders to the profession by forgiving college and law school loans.
- He will ensure that we have crime policy that is both tough and smart. This means if you are convicted of a crime involving drugs, you will be punished. However, the punishment for crack cocaine should not be that much more severe than the punishment for powder cocaine when the real difference between the two is the skin color of the people using them.
- He will review mandatory minimum drug sentencing to see where we can be smarter on crime and reduce the blind and counter-productive warehousing of non-violent offenders. And he will give first-time, non-violent drug offenders a chance to serve their sentence, where appropriate, in the type of drug rehabilitation programs that have proven to work better than a prison term in changing bad behavior.

Howard University Convocation Speeches Excerpts of Obama Speeches

"It was here, within the halls of this campus, where Thurgood Marshall huddled with the brilliant minds of his day to craft the arguments in Brown v. Board that ignited a movement that changed the world. And it is because of these victories that a black man named Barack Obama can stand before you today as a candidate for President of the United States of America."

But I am not just running to make history. I'm running because I believe that together, we can change history's course. It's not enough just to look back in wonder of how far we've come — I want us to look ahead with a fierce urgency at how far we have left to go. I believe it's time for this generation to make its own mark — to write our own chapter in



An unidentified man (left) is shown with former Dallas Mayor Pro Tem Don Hill and wife after receiving news he was indicted Monday.



Former Dallas City Council member James Fantroy, who is battling cancer and kidney disease, is arriving in a wheelchair.

14 Named in Dallas City Hall Corruption Probe Monday Morning

Dallas — Monday morning, October 1, 2007, was a shocking day for citizens in the Black community in Dallas. On this morning, federal prosecutors announced a sweeping conspiracy charges against State Representative Terri Hodge, former Mayor Pro Tem of Dallas Donald Hill, low-income developer Brian Potashnik and 11 others.

According to the report in the Dallas Morning News, the charges contained in a 166-page indictment included bribery and kickbacks that Hodge and Hill allegedly accepted to exchange for using their offices to help Potashnik's company, Southwest Housing, gain construction contracts.

Also in a separate indictment, prosecutors accused former city council member James Fantroy of embezzling federal funds in excess of more than \$10,000 from Paul Quinn College, an historical Black college in South Dallas.

Former city planning commissioner D'Angelo Lee and Shelia Farrington, Mr. Hill's wife, also were named, along with Cheryl Potashnik, Darren Reagan, Allen McGill, Jibreel Rasha, Rickey Robertson, Andrea Spencer, Ronald Slovaček, Kevin Dean and John Lewis.

It was the week before when a grand jury handed up seal indictments. The indictments culminated with an FBI investi-

gation into public corruption in Dallas that began publicly over 27 months ago, when federal agents.

State Representative Hodge refused to comment as she walked into the courthouse and into an elevator. She was with her attorney, Larry Jarrett, a former assistant U. S. attorney who was a candidate for Dallas County district attorney in the last election.

Mr. Jarrett admitted that another client, former NFL athlete Kevin Dean, would also surrender this week. Mr. Dean's company, KDAT, was named in a federal subpoena during the FBI investigation.

Albert Black, former chairman of the Greater Dallas Chamber of Commerce, went to the courthouse to offer support



Pictured above is Dallas commercial developer Darren Reagan who was indicted Monday on bribery and extortion charges, according to his attorney.



State Representative Terri Hodge, Dallas, is shown arriving at the Earle Cabell Federal Building & Courthouse in Dallas.

A Review Of Recent Events

by Eddie P. Richardson

The recent controversy is the renaming of a street in East Lubbock. It is not a main or busy street in the community. The questions to be asked are: Why? What is the underlying factor?

The first thing is compare it to the naming of Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd. which took nearly twenty years, and the location do fit the case.

In the Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd. Effort, there were groups, committee studies, and various concerns working for the name change which were working with groups, organizations, public hearings, petitions signed by citizens living in the affected area. They were not signed by people from the national, state or others geographical areas.

This event is being presented as a race relations enhancement, but the results will cause a racial divide among Blacks and Browns. The true reason for the proposed renaming project has not been brought to the community. Really, everything should be disclosed.

The North & East Lubbock Community Development Corporation (NELCDC) apparently been sabtaged since John Hall left for Washington, D. C. He was to receive a promotion Monday, October 1, 2007, as a GS-15 with HUD.

You see when someone from the inside he serves as a city councilman says: "The program is spending good money for bad — along with the oil problem. You see, the true feeling, according to some insiders, the hiring of the new executive director, was not in its best interest, but to work against him and the program. Another interesting question is ponder: Why did Jim Reilb, with national connections in this professional field, and recommend an individual like a John Hall, with high finance experience at least be interviewed rather than destroy the much needed program and individual?"

The biggest disgrace and lack of respect of all is fighting in church and the arrest being made in church shows a disrespect for the dead, and, most of all, the sacred house of God.

An unusual event and an even unusual event at the recent 30th Anniversary Banquet of the Southwest Digest Banquet was the failure of Mayor David Miller to recognize a sitting city council member. It was just a rather strange posture or City Councilman Floyd Price not to be recognized by Mayor Miller.

This happened on Sunday afternoon, September 23, 2007, when young Lubbock policemen marched Crown East 7th Street withdrawn high powered weapons. Now in all my years of watching the Lubbock Police Department, this would not have happened had they (policemen) been older. No, this would not have happened in this posture. This kind of an event that instigates riots in cities. The question to ask: "Would this have happened in New Lubbock?"

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Community Meetings

- This is a list of what is happening in Lubbock, to help complete the unfinished, community-building work of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
- African American Chamber of Commerce, Lubbock meets on the 3rd Monday of each month, from 5:30-6:30pm at the Parkway Community Center, 405 MLK Blvd., 806-771-1815
- Lubbock Area Client Council meets on the 2nd Saturdays, 1:00pm at the Patterson Branch Library
- Hub City Kiwanis meets every Tuesday, 7:00pm, 1708 Avenue G.
- Dunbar Alumni Association meets 2nd Saturdays, 4:00 pm
- Booker T. Washington American Legion Post 808 meets every 2nd Tuesday at 7:22pm, American Legion Building in Yellowhouse Canyon
- Forgotten West Riders meets on the 1st & 3rd Mondays, 7:00 pm, Patterson Library
- East Lubbock Chapter AARP meets every 1st Thursday at 1:00 pm, Mae Simmons Community Center
- 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 6:00 pm and every 4th Thursday at 7:00 pm at the Dunbar-Manhattan Heights Neighborhood Outreach Center at 1301 East 24th St.
- West Texas Native American Association Pot Luck Supper meets on alternating months prior to meeting, meetings held on 2nd Saturday of each month 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 Native American Association meets 2nd Saturday each month at Groves Library, 5520 19th Street, 7:30 p.m.
- West Texas Chapter of 100 Black Men meets the 3rd Monday evening at 7:00 pm at the Parkway Neighborhood Center.
- The Parkway Guadalupe & Cherry-Point Neighborhood Association meets the 3rd Tuesday evening of each month at 7:30 pm at Hunt Elementary.
- Chattam Hill Neighborhood Association meets the 2nd Thursday of every month at 6:00 pm, at Jles Elementary Cafeteria.

If you have an announcement you want to appear in this paper, there are three ways to get information to us:

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Chatman Hills Corner

By Doris Reynolds

The community is invited to attend the 26th Appreciation Services for Rev. & Mrs. J. H. Ford, pastor and wife of the Greater St. Luke Missionary Baptist Church. Closing services will be held Sunday afternoon, October 14, 2007, at 3:00 p. m. with Rev. R. T. McNeil, pastor of the Greater Saint James Baptist Church of Odessa, will be the guest speaker. The theme will be: "Faith, Obedience and Grace." II Peter 1:2-3.

A Musical will be held at the church, 306 East 26th Street, on Friday evening, October 12th, beginning at 7:00 p. m.

The annual banquet will be held Saturday evening, October 13th, at the Lubbock Country Club, beginning at 6:30 p. m. Tickets are \$25.00 per person.

The well-known preacher, Sister L. E. Moore of Dallas, will be in Revival at the St. Matthew Baptist Church, 2020 East 14th Street, Thursday and Friday evenings, October 11th and 12th, beginning at 7:00 p. m. Services will close on Sunday afternoon, October 14th, beginning at 3:00 p. m.

Rev. Edward Canady, pastor, is inviting all citizens to attend and hear this 'Woman of God' preach the word.

"We are inviting all to be in

attendance of this special Revival," says Rev. Canady.

Rev. Gladys Smith, pastor of the A Crown of Eternal Life Church, is inviting the community to come and attend a special reception on Sunday afternoon, October 21st, from 3:00 p. m. to 5:00 p. m. at 1301 50th Street, Suite 10B. It is a come and go affair, and there will be coffee and donuts.

Let us continue to pray for our sick and shut-in citizens. Among some of our citizens shut-in include: Sister Norma Davis, Sister Doris Ragland, Sister Mary Ella Tucker, Sister Dorothy Nash, Brother Rudolph Belvins, Sister Bernice Wright, Sister Emma Rowe, Sister Lillie Smith, and Sister Charlie Bell Pratt.

Also, let us not forget those families who have lost loved ones. Prayer goes a mighty long way. This week another family has lost a loved one, and who knows it could be you or your writer's family next week. Remember, God is able. No matter our present conditions, God is always present.

It has been learned that Asya Harris, daughter of Sheila and Shaun Harris, auditioned for an opportunity to sing at one of the Lady Raiders' women basketball game. She was selected and will sing the National Anthem November when they play Alcorn University. She is excited about this opportunity. When you see her, let her know you will be hearing her at the game.

Dr. Norman Stiggers, who was a former pastor of the Martin Luther King Seventh Day Adventist Church, was in town last Saturday morning and preached the morning sermon. He was accompanied by his wife, Dr. Stiggers has recorded a CD.

Have you had an opportunity to attend one of our Lubbock Public Schools. If you have not had an opportunity, then do so as soon as possible. Remember, our young people need to see us in person on their campus.

If you get an opportunity, then go by the main office and make arrangements to eat lunch on campus. Anyway, if you get an opportunity, please visit a school campus.

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26th Appreciation Set For Pastor & Mrs. J. H. Ford At St. Luke Missionary Baptist Church

The public is cordially invited to attend the 26th Appreciation Services for Reverend and Sister J. H. Ford on Sunday afternoon, October 14, 2007, at 3:00 p. m. at the Greater Saint Luke Missionary Baptist Church, 306 East 26th Street.

The theme is: "Faith, Obedience and Grace." II Peter 1:2-3. Reverend R. T. McNeil of Greater Saint James Baptist Church of Odessa will bring the message.

Leading up to Sunday's event will include a Musical on Friday evening, October 12th, 7:00 p. m. at Greater Saint Luke Missionary Baptist Church. On Saturday evening, October 13th, beginning at 6:30 p. m. with a banquet which will be held at the Lubbock Country Club. Tickets for the banquet may be obtained for a \$25.00 donation.

Chairpersons are Sister Rowanda Toler and Sister Barbara Harris.

Make your Vote Count Register & Vote!

In Remembrance



John Wilkerson

Funeral services for John Wilkerson III, 28, of Lubbock will be held at 7pm Friday, Sept. 28, 2007, at St. Luke Baptist Church. Burial was follow at Peaceful



J.B. Wiley

Jerberdick "JB" Wiley, 29, of Lubbock, passed away Sept. 22, 2007. He is survived by his mother, Delinda Young; his sib-

lings, Jerrell Young and Ebony Young; his children; his grandparents, Mildred Richardson and Arthur McQueen, Jr.; his great grandmother, Annie Contee; a host of aunts, uncles, great aunts and uncles, cousins, and friends. He is preceded in death by his father, Lesier Young; grandmother, Joan Wiley Holder and grandfather, Eddie Young Sr.

Services will be held at Full Armor Ministries, Saturday, Sept. 29, 2007 at 2 p.m.; burial will be at City of Lubbock Cemetery under the direction of Griffin Mortuary

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Garvis Sterling

Garvis Lonzella Sterling, 91, passed away Sept. 25, 2007. Visitation will be Friday, Sept. 25, 2007 from 6-9 p.m. at the funeral home.



Tonney Younger

Tonney Annette Younger, 47, of Lubbock passed away on Sept. 22, 2007. She leaves to cherish her memory: one daughter, Danna Colomb; one son, Brandon

Fluellen; her mother, Nancy Clemons; her grandmother, Mable Willis; two sisters, Diane Scott and Nancy Brown; four brothers, Bobbie Clemons, James Clemons, Lance Clemons, and Anthony Cameron; four grandchildren, Fabian, Christanna, Branny, and Christopher; a special aunt, Geneva Holmes; a god-daughter, Deauna Moorer; and a host of other relatives and friends.

Services were held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 29, 2007, at Triumph Baptist Church in Slaton. Burial was held in Englewood Cemetery under the direction of Griffin Mortuary & Funeral Home of Lubbock.

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Reverend William Williams

Williams To Speak at Church Anniversary
Pastor Madoc Thomas and

the members of the Mount Vernon United Methodist Church are inviting the entire Lubbock community out to hear special guest speaker Reverend William Williams of Omaha, Nebraska during ring the Church's 82nd Anniversary Celebration.

Reverend Williams is the pastor of Rockbrook United Methodist Church in Omaha and a Nebraska Equal Opportunities

FASHION FUN

by Shirley Robinson

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AT YOUR BETTER DEPARTMENT STORES

FASHION TIP: Always wear a smile! FASHION - Just for the fun of it!

Commissioner. Williams was the first African American appointed to a large predominantly Anglo congregation on in the city of Omaha. He also served for seven years as the District Superintendent of the Nebraska Annual Conference and was a former Mount Vernon's pastor from 1986 to 1989.

Some of the members of the church feel the 82nd Church Anniversary is a celebration of faith, as it commemorates a milestone of over eighty years of blessings. They are quick to add that Mount Vernon is living proof of God's amazing grace, as the church has been through many trials and tribulation, including a devastating fire in 1965 that destroyed the church building, but not the spirit of the congregation that worships there.

The celebration will take place Sunday, October 14th, at 3:00 p. m., East 23rd Street & Cedar Avenue.

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Church News



From the Desk of Parson D.A. Smith Deceiving Humans in our Midst

A group of intellectual and I were discussing the issues that affect our lives in the workplace. One of the giants of knowledge stated the problem that we face in the workplace is our corporate leaders live in the past. The intellectual spoke firmly in the negative of how the person who is akin to this writer in human profile as being "stuck in the 70's and 80's" with no vision for the future. These leaders of a corporation were implied as visionaries of the past stagnating the growth of the future because of social and intellectual laziness.

This intellectual whose boots were polished with barnyard sarcasm remind me of George Bush presidential term accusing Barack Obama of "intellectual laziness." Being called "intellectual lazy" is derogatory in its true sense. It is akin to one of the seven deadly sins: Sloth.

The Carpathian Report says of this statement the following: "I can certainly understand that Bush White House is going to have less than kind words for Barack Obama. The Illinois senator is running for president, vowing to undo Bush's mistakes. But of all the possible criticism for the president's team to make, this might be the single most ridiculous.

As for Obama, a senior White House official said the freshman senator from Illinois was "capable" of the intellectual rigor need to win the pres-

idency but instead relies too heavily on his easy charm. "It's sort of like, 'That's all I need to get by,' which bespeaks sort of a condescending attitude toward the voters," said the official, speaking on condition of anonymity. "And a laziness, an intellectual laziness."

The writer continues-Yes, the pot is calling he kettle lazy. The audacity. Of all the possible disparagements, the Bush White House wants to accuse Barack Obama of "intellectual laziness"? Seriously?

Has this senior White House official ever taken a close look at his or her own boss? You know, he's the one who doesn't like to read long policy papers or newspapers. He's the one who's taken more vacation time than any president in American history. He's the one who's never shown a hint of intellectual curiosity about any subject. He's the one who publicly mocks those with advanced post-graduate degrees.

In contrast, there's Sen. Obama, the Harvard-trained lawyer who taught constitutional law, wrote two acclaimed non-fiction books, and by all appearances, has a genuine thirst for knowledge...

For goodness sakes, the Bush gang isn't in a position to accuse anyone of intellectual laziness. Least of all Obama. For that matter, Brendan Nyhan raises a good point: "I'm also troubled by the

use of 'laziness' as the grounds to attack the first serious black presidential contender. I assume it was unintentional, but can't we talk about Obama without language that echoes racist stereotypes?"

We commend this writer on his insight. My intellectual friend thoughts were in this same vein: racist stereotypes? Is it still true in 2007 that African Americans are looked upon as not having the ability or IQ of other groups? If this thought prevails and is true, African Americans must have an IQ lower than the president of the United States must. He was at best a C-Student.

Intellectual laziness is helping me to understand the present administration. Is this why leaders of countries like to China are draining us dry economically while holding our debt note and countries like Mexico turning the United States into Mexico?

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"America Has Cursed Her Children"

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

WE THANK GOD FOR JESUS

"America Has Cursed Her Children"

Revelation 2:7a - Jesus said, he that has an ear let him hear what the spirit said unto the Churches.

Luke 23:28 - Jesus said, daughters of Jerusalem, weep not for me, but weep for yourselves, and for your children.

As you can see, we're living in the last and evil wicked and hateful days. Jesus said, expect that the days be shorten, there would be no souls saved.

Matthew 24:7; 11-12 & 22 - Jesus said, for a nation shall rise against nations, and kingdoms against kingdoms, and there shall be famines and pestilences, and earthquakes in divers places. And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many, because iniquity shall abound. The love of many shall wax cold, and except those days should be shortened, there should be no flesh be saved, but for the elects sake those days shall be shortened.

***** We're Living In The Last Evil Shorten Days!!! *****

America is so full of lying and killings, and even in her government, there is no truth. She needs to return back to the Bible. She knows that's what she needs to do!!!

Jeremiah 3:22 - Return, you back sliding children, and I will heal your backslidings. Behold, we come unto thee; for you are the Lord, our God.

***** The Blind Is Leading The Blind!!! *****

America knows her children are in trouble, and can't fix the problem. She needs to back to God, and back to the Bible where we came from!!!

Isaiah 1:6-7 - The Lord said from the sole of the foot even unto the head there is no soundness in it. But wounds, bruises and petrifying sores as they have not been closed. Neither bound up, neither mollified with ointment. Your country is desolated; your cities are burned with fire. Your land with strangers (From Mexico) devour it in your presence, and it is desolate as overthrown by strangers.

***** Have You Seen The Illegals??? *****

America tells her children: don't drink alcohol. It is no good for you. Then she shows it to them on every sports program. What will they do???

Micah 2:1 - Woe (Cursed) to them that devise iniquity, and works evil upon their beds! When the morning is light, they practice it, because it is in the power of their hands.

America knows alcohol and

cocaine are no good, and it's bad for the brain. As long as she is making money, money, money, she has no shame, shame, shame!!!

Isaiah 5:20 - Woe (Cursed) unto them that call evil good, and good evil, that darkness for light, and light for darkness. That put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!

America is full of liquor stores on the corners of many cities and towns. Her country is full of alcoholics, but she keeps the drugs around!!!

Deuteronomy 13:31 - You shall not do so unto the Lord your God; for every abomination to daughters, they have burned in the fire to their gods.

America has let the TV show acts on sex, bumping and grinding as in dry sex!!! She has so many teenage mother, and no fathers. What do you expect???

Proverbs 6:27-28 - Can a man take fire in his bosom, and his clothes not be burned? Can one go upon hot coals and his feet not be burned?

America is one country that has allowed to her honor go way down. She gives rights to freedom of speech to curse words, no matter how it sounds!!!

If King 17:17 - They caused their sons and their daughters to
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St. Matthew's Baptist Church News

Services were well attended last Sunday morning, September 30, 2007, at the St. Matthew Baptist Church, 2020 East 14th Street, where the proud pastor is Rev. Edward Canady.

Services got underway with

Sunday School beginning with Superintendent Sister Luella Harris in charge. It was another wonderful lesson taught by Sister Harris, and reviewed by Pastor Canady. The subject of the morning lesson was "Recognizing The Right Woman." The scripture text

was Genesis 24:37-40; 48.

The morning worship our began with devotion conducted by Sister Annie Onasanya and Sister Barbara Johnson.

The St. Matthew Baptist Church Senior Choir sung again

out of their hearts and souls for the Lord. What a time!

Pastor Canady delivered a powerful morning sermon. His subject was "Have You Met Him For Yourself?" His scripture text was John 4:42.

Let us remember our sick and shut-in members. This week includes the name of Sister Bernice Hameed. Let us continue to pray for Sister Hameed.

Remember all the sick and shut-in. Just a little kindness (someone on the sick and shut-in list will go a mighty long way. Let us not forget those who are down today. Tomorrow it could be one of us who are fortunate to be well this week. Remember, God is able! He knows what we need and when we need it.

Let us not forget the Revival which will feature Sister L. E. Moore of Dallas who will be preaching at St. Matthew Baptist Church on October 11 & 12 and closing out on Sunday after-

noon, October 14th, beginning at 3:00 p.m.

The public is invited to attend.

Thought of the Week: "Wise people don't just admit wrongs; they strive to avoid a repeat performance."

If you get an opportunity to attend church on Sunday, then

just go and worship the Lord and He will be with you all through the week.

Remember is God is able, and He is always there.

Outreach Prayer Breakfast

This week the members of the Outreach Prayer Breakfast are praying for the Body of Christ, and the Nation.

Father, in the name of Jesus, we confess your Word concerning healing. As we do this, we believe and speak your Word. It will return to us void, but will accomplish what it says it will.

Therefore, we believe in the name of Jesus that all who reads 1 Peter 2:24, Isaiah 53:3 will know that by his stripes we are healed and with his stripes we were healed. And Jesus, you took our infirmities and bore our sickness. Therefore, with great boldness and confidence, we say on the authority of that written word that we are redeemed from the curse of the law, and we refuse to tolerate its symptoms. "SATAN," we speak to you in the name of Jesus, and say that your principalities, powers, and your spirits who rule the present darkness, and your spiritual wickedness in heavenly places are bound from operating against the people of God. In anyway, we are property of the Almighty God, and we give you no place in these. We dwell in the secret place of the most high God. We abide, remain stable, and fixed under the shadow of the Almighty. Now Father, because we reverence and worship you, we have the answer of your word that the angels of the Lord encompass round about us and deliver us from every evil work. No evil shall befall us. No calamity shall come near our dwellings. We confess the word of God abides in us, and delivers perfect soundness of mind, wholeness in body, and spirit from the deepest parts even to the joints and the whole body. Your word in meditation and life to our flesh, by the law of the spirit of life operates in us and makes us free from the law of sin and death.

We live on the whole armor of God, and the shield of faith

protects us from all the fiery darts of the wicked. Jesus, you're the high priest of our confession, and we hold fast to our confession of Faith in the word. We stand unmoving and fixed in full assurance that we have health and healing now in the name of Jesus. (AMEN).

Once this has been prayed, believe. Thank the Father that Satan is bound, and continue to confess your healing and thank God for it.

We eat the world's diet. Check it out! Check what you're putting in your bodies! Some of it makes

us sick. Our Lord will hold true to his part. Thanks for reading, Precious People. You will be blessed by doing so. Have a Blessed New Year!

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MILLER:**

The news of the Parker Group moving to Dallas in early 2008 is unfortunate. It is also unfortunate that this move is laid at the feet of the City and City officials. I have reviewed the letter of the Parker Group lawyer upon which talk show commentary is feeding today. For the benefit of our citizens, I must respond to this misinformation that "by replacing [the Parker Group] with Blue Cross, it cost taxpayers \$409,000 up front."

First. And second. And third. As your Mayor, I will always act for the betterment of all citizens and taxpayers of Lubbock, Texas. The City has, to date, saved more than \$4,000,000 of taxpayer dollars by changing its Health Benefit Plan over to Blue Cross Blue Shield. In the first year of LISD's changeover to Blue Cross Blue Shield from the Parker Group, it saved more than \$3,000,000. These are your dollars. These are your dollars. I voted to make this change and I did it for you. Government fiduciaries should act in the best interest of those they are elected to represent and not in the best interest of specialized interests. It is true that the City has elected to exercise its contractual rights to audit the

Parker Group's actions during the time it had the City's contract. While there is some dispute over the amount of money due the City, even taking the sum to which the Parker Group publicly admits, the city is owed more than \$600,000.

However, the audit is not nearly complete. The City has brought litigation to enforce its right to view documents necessary to complete the audit. At the time the City entered the contracts with the Parker Group, the Parker Group guaranteed that the hospital discounts delivered to the City would be as good as, or better than, that in effect in October 2003. We seek to test this guarantee because it involves tax dollars over which the public has entrusted us, and Lubbock citizens expect, and deserve, to know there is oversight over the expenditure of their money.

We do not take pleasure in the departure of the Parker Group, or any other business, from our city. In fact, we would like this company to stay. However, we will not be deterred in doing what we know is right in seeking recompense from any contractor where, by their own admission, money is owed the City. Should this company elect to move its operations to Dallas, we wish them well.

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The storm pounded the coast of Texas and Louisiana and generated a tidal surge that devastated homes and businesses in Holly Beach, Cameron and other small Louisiana communities in its path.

"While many people associate the 2005 hurricane season with Katrina, Hurricane Rita also left a trail of devastation," said Gil Jamieson, FEMA's Associate Deputy Administrator for Gulf Coast Recovery. "We are there for those communities as they recover and rebuild, and we will be there for them until the job is complete."

So far, FEMA has provided more than \$914 million in Public Assistance funding toward debris removal, hurricane-related emergency services and repair and reconstruction of the infrastructure that Rita damaged in Texas.

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TWC Accepts Credit Cards for Unemployment Insurance Tax Payments

AUSTIN - Texas employers now have the option of paying their quarterly Unemployment Insurance (UI) taxes by credit card, the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) announced today.

"Texas employers requested this expanded service, and we are pleased to make the online credit card payment system available to them," TWC Commissioner Representing Employers Ron Lehman. "By utilizing the latest technology, TWC can make the quarterly UI tax payment system more efficient for employers."

TWC collects UI taxes from Texas employers for the Unemployment Compensation Trust Fund, which funds UI benefits to workers who become unemployed through no fault of their own and who are actively seeking work. Employers subject to UI taxes include those paying \$1,500 in wages in a calendar quarter or having at least one employee during 20 different weeks in a calendar year.

Previously, Texas employers made quarterly UI payments by check, bank debit or electronic funds transfer. Now most of the state's more than 400,000 employers have the credit card option. Larger employers, such as those paying \$250,000 or more in UI taxes annually, still are required to pay by electronic funds transfer.

To make payments by credit card, employers need to register on the TWC Web site's Unemployment Tax Services' page at <http://www.twc.state.tx.us/ui/tax/entaxinfo.html>.

The TWC site offers secure, encrypted payment processing. TWC will not retain credit card information between financial quarters. For the third quarter ending October 1, employers have

until October 31, 2007, to make payment.

The strong economic climate has helped to decrease demands on the UI trust fund, with UI claims down more than 30 percent over the past four years. Over the past 12 months, Texas employers have added 229,000 jobs, representing a 2.3 percent annual growth rate - nearly double the national rate of 1.2 percent for the same period.

Covenant to Provide Free Screenings for Depression

LUBBOCK - Do you have feelings of hopelessness or pessimism? Can't sleep or concentrate? Are you irritable and distracted? Have you been experiencing changes in appetite or weight? If so, you may be suffering from a mental health disorder.

Covenant Health System will offer free, anonymous mental health screenings on National Depression Screening Day, Thursday, Oct. 11, from 8 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. at Covenant NeuroScience Institute, 3610 22nd Street, third floor.

The screening is an opportunity to learn more about the illnesses of depression and manic depression, complete a brief screening questionnaire and speak one-on-one with a mental health professional. If necessary, you may be referred for a complete evaluation and provided a list of clinicians or facilities in your area.

"The depression screening is a nationwide program to help family members and friends discover if a loved one may have signs of depression," said Ron Rains, director of Behavioral Health Services. "The screenings are not a diagnosis, but a test to see if there are indicators of depression."

There will be an educational video about depression, followed by a screening questionnaire and a short interview. The screenings will be conducted by a mental health professional.

Lady Raiders Sponsor Game, Set, Match Reading Program

Carl Groce receives Intercollegiate Tennis Association grant

LUBBOCK, Texas - In an initiative to extend their leadership and support to the community, the Texas Tech women's tennis team and head coach Carl Groce will inaugurate the Game, Set, Match Reading Program. The program is designed to promote excellence in the classroom, as well as character-building through the competition of sports.

The program kicks off this week at Iles Elementary, who was one of six elementary schools in the Lubbock Independent School District to be awarded exemplary status by the Texas Education Agency. The team held a celebration last week to honor Iles at the Booker T. Washington park with a barbeque, and held a USTA tennis clinic on the tennis court they had redone over the summer for the local neighborhood.

"It's a great opportunity," said Groce. "I'm very happy to be able to kick off another season of tennis clinics and the new reading club. It is a great honor for Iles, as we have been holding tennis clinics with their students and faculty, and want to congratulate them on their success."

The USTA/ITA awarded Groce a grant to help fund her initiative, and to promote their "Tennis on Campus" programs. Nearly \$19,000 in funding by the USTA will be provided to its' ITA-member schools this fall, and a total of 21 programs are projected to work with over 1,000 participants.

For more information on the Game, Set, Match Reading Program, please contact Carl Groce at (806) 742-3355 ext. 254.

Bishop T. D. Jakes Senior Pastor/Founder The Potter's House of Dallas, Inc. Comments On Jena Six

Jena, Louisiana. Like most of America, I had never heard of this small town of a little less than 3,000.

A few months ago, had you asked anyone outside of Jena if they ever heard of it, you would have been greeted with blank stares.

Today, the question is not if you have heard of Jena, Louisiana, the question is if you haven't.

Jena, Louisiana is at the center of a heated controversy fueled by allegations of racism that carry an unpleasant reminder that the events and actions that brought so much shame to the South during the 50's and 60's still exist today.

The "Jena 6", as dubbed by the media, has ignited a fierce debate over racism in America and has motivated busloads of Americans, from all across the country to make the journey to Jena, Louisiana and to do as our fathers and mothers did during the civil rights movements of the 60's: to march, to protest, and to demand justice.

While I am a firm believer that marching and protesting raises awareness, our parents and the previous generation took that route because for most, that was their only option, their only way to voice their displeasure, their only way to fight. It is effective at raising awareness and showing support.

Today, many of us have the financial resources to support the fight against injustices by exploring other options. It is equally important that we help the families fight this very expensive battle. Helping can be done in many ways Those who have no sources can give time or volunteer to help.

Most of us can do something. I have decided to make a \$6,000 donation to the "Jena 6" defense fund.

Additionally, I will continue to monitor the case and will make additional financial contributions as I am led to do so.

I reach out and challenge those of us who can, to contribute financially to the defense of these young men. Perhaps you are unable to be there physically. Your schedule like mine may not always allow you to show up on a particular day or time.... However, I challenge those of us who can to give financially, not for publicity, not for fame, not for notoriety, but because it is the right thing to do.

There is an old saying, when you are searching for something, "It is better to light a candle and see, than to scream blindly into the darkness." Financial support combined with raising the awareness of an injustice by protest, is a powerful resource that can yield incredible results.

I implore you to, after we have so vividly pointed out the injustices that still haunt our country, to provide the financial backing to allow them to fight the good fight.

It is our responsibility to ensure that justice is served and I challenge each one of you who can, to make a financial contribution so these young men will have the chance to stand up and defend themselves. If all of us do what we can, the job will get done.

STATEMENT BY THE VETERANS HISTORY PROJECT OF THE LIBRARY OF CONGRESS AMERICAN FOLK LIFE CENTER

Recent media coverage has portrayed veterans who have donated interviews to the Veterans History Project (VHP) at the Library of Congress American Folklife Center as having made "fraudulent" claims regarding the Congressional Medal of Honor.

The Veterans History Project (PL 106-380) is a congressionally mandated, public-participation oral history project to gather and preserve the personal wartime recollections of veterans. Its objective is to build a body of personal histories, housed in the American Folklife Center of the Library of Congress, which illuminate the human element and further enrich our own understanding of Americans who have served in 20th- and 21st-century conflicts.

It is not an official military record archive and is intended, only to supplement, not substitute for, the historical record. As such, the VHP, which currently houses

more than 50,000 oral histories and collections, does not verify the accuracy of accounts that are provided to the project.

VHP periodically verifies collections that reference the Medal of Honor, which are a matter of widely accessible public records, and we have enhanced our internal systems to help ensure the accuracy of future Medal of Honor recipients. However, our review of these most recent claims indicates that there has been no intent whatsoever to provide false information.

Releasing the names of honorable individuals gratuitously and wrongfully as having misrepresented the truth does them a disservice, and undermines this effort to preserve important, personal stories of war that otherwise would have been lost.

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THIS 'N' THAT

by T.J. Patterson

BLACK COMMUNITY NEEDS TO KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON! THIS N THAT as mentioned several issues that the **BLACK COMMUNITY** needs to completely know what is going on about the renaming of Canyon Lake Drive to **CAROL CHAVEZ DRIVE** In memory of this Hispanic leader..... Regardless of when and where it is named **THIS N THAT** is advising there needs to be more communication with the citizens of the Black Community in East Lubbock About the upcoming proposal..... according to some there is a petition going around with approximately 5,000 signatures about the name change Also it has been talked about the support of **U. S. SENATOR BARACK OBAMA** for the name change..... There is a lot of disagreement with this proposed name change and Black people are not aware of this petition and are very unhappy with what is taking place about this proposed name change..... In looking back over history it shows that it took over twenty years to change **Quirt Avenue** to **Martin Luther King, Blvd** and there was a **Tri-Ethnic Committee** consisting of a Black, Hispanic and White.... All bases were covered and the East Lubbock was aware of what was going on.... As a result of this togetherness it was easier to get the street renamed but this present effort doesn't have any resemblance of what took place to rename **Quirt Avenue**..... **THIS N THAT** may not have all the answers to the problems but is in a position to advise that there needs to be a hearing on this pro-

posed renaming of this street You see when a people live in the area affected and there is no communications through the Black Church or other organizations in that area it brings about problems..... Therefore this proposed name change should go through the same process as the naming of **MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. BLVD.** This needs to be passed on by our City Councilman **FLOYD PRICE** and let the Mayor and City Council know what is happening in the Black Community in East Lubbock..... In other words **COU NCILMAN PRICE** bring forth your leadership as it is definitely needed at this time..... Hopefully the Lubbock City Council will delay this renaming until all bases have been covered..... When you hear about this kind of a situation it reminds one of statement made by the late **REV. KADO LANG**, pastor of St. James Baptist Church when he said "Your arms don't reach that far." In other words unless you live in the Black Community You really don't how we may think.....

BLACK PASTORS & MINISTERS WE NEED YOUR VOICE! THIS N THAT is hoping the **LUBBOCK INTERDENOMINAL MINISTERIAL ALLIANCE (LIMA)** will become vocal about the proposed renaming of Canyon Lake Drive which is expected to be on the Lubbock City Council on Thursday morning October 11, 2007 **THIS N THAT** is hoping there will be a representative from LIMA

to express their position on this issue.... And will be on record on LIMA stands..... **THIS N THAT** is hoping our **BLACK PASTOR & MINISTERS** will take a positive stand on this issue.... Unless there is **BLACK LEADERSHIP** at this time .. it will bring back problems the Black Community doesn't need..... So **BLACK PASTORS & MINISTERS** we are looking forward for your leadership.

PENNY HASTINGS THE BARBER SAYS: "LOVE PEOPLE and not things use things and **NOT PEOPLE."**

NEED TO GET INVOLVED WITH N&E LUBBOCK PROGRAM! THIS N THAT Is asking that we as **BLACK PEOPLE** get involved with the **NORTH & EAST LUBBOCK COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (NELCDC)** as there are many opportunities for this program..... It has begun and has been moving at a steady pace but we as a people have done our part to see that it survives.... At the inception the City of Lubbock Pledged \$1 Million Dollars but that is almost gone..... As a people we need to see what we can do to help this program move in a greater direction.... It will and can work that is if we are all in the same page.....So come onAnd let's get involved and help this program..... as our children will benefit from what we will do today.....



Think About It!

It Has To Be For Us, For Us!

by Eddie P. Richardson

Being a publisher of a Black newspaper, you run into many situations, but one thing this publisher learned a long time ago is that if you are a good columnist, reporter, editor or commentator, you will not have a huge following behind you if you tell the truth like it really is.

We have a lot of complaints. Drug dealers that we know about, and parents who shout in church on Sunday - and their kids are so called "gang banging" on Monday - while they criticize other people's kids. We cannot let this kind of a thing continue to happen in our community. If we are going to be the Black Press, then we must be the Black Press, and we have a duty to inform the people.

It all goes back to our kids. Do we love them? Do we talk to them? Do we let them know we really care? Our kids are not bad, we just have bad parenting. The kids just do not have the family guidance and someone to care.

Most of the gang kids do not have family guidance and someone to care for them, i.e. mother, father, grandparents, or other siblings. They are trying to get by in

a mean and cruel world. Our kids are loving, caring kids, but they have had to survive alone. There were o one to care for them, say they do when ask, but they don't. Things will not get any better until we rediscover the family. The family structure has broken down, that is, in many instances.

With the demise of the family, this opens the door for babies having babies; gangs and the other things which our society doesn't approve of.

The family has to come back in order for us to come back as a people. One of our longtime beliefs is parents going to jail or being fined when their eight-year-old is caught for breaking the curfew. In some instances, eight-year-olds have parents who are afraid of them.. In some instances, parents can tell you where their dog or cat is, but cannot tell you where their child is or what he or she is doing. If you want to really get down to it, we need to cut out welfare, WIC and other assistance programs to healthy young women who are not trying to better their condition by getting positive employment or an education.

An education or job development will help their condition, no matter what station in life they are in at the present time.

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appreciate your concern and perhaps that of others and support what you have written. First of all, what place in East Lubbock could have accommodate the program and what and how much was paid for the affair. You have no idea or knowledge. Our facts would blow your mind. One needs their facts before thy critique. Anyway, thanks for your concern. The thought of having a place in East Lubbock makes a lot of sense. The Ed)

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time supporter of the "Digest." I keep hearing from that I'm being too hard and harsh or Master who always want things or gatherings of this nature on his turf. We have several schools in East Lubbock where events could have been held, more accessible to those who were not able to attend this event held in West Lubbock. East Lubbock is way overdue for a cultural center that will o can be the place where events and revenue can be used for the progression of East Lubbock. I feel this can be done once we as a people are lead by leaders who can look around and push for the things that East Lubbock doesn't have that is more than a reasonable need.

In closing, keep on doing what you are doing and maybe one day, there will be a radio station that we (East Lubbock) can say it's addressing open mike issues!

Maurice Williams
(Editor's Note: We really

Letter To Editor

30th Anniversary Should Have Been In East Lubbock!

Dear Mr. Patterson & Mr. Richardson:

Allow me to say many thanks and continued success in your endeavor to be the written voice for East Lubbock and its extended borders. I wasn't living in Lubbock at the inception of what is commonly called "The Digest," because your paper is the only true voice of its type that has the advantage of keeping us abreast of local, state, national and international news. A city of Lubbock's size is way overdue in having a "Black" radio station that could or should be a voice of addressing community issues, music for the religious listeners, old school music, jazz, hip hop music and other things that are likely to address our culture. I don't see this as a basis statement. The Bible I read has a scripture that embellishes what happens to people who are lacking knowledge.

God bless you and Mr. Richardson, because you guys and other staff members have spent 30 years trying to address this social and cultural ill that can keep us in the dark.

As far as the banquet held in you'll endeavor and the day it was held, Texas Tech or UMC benefited financially from this. I have one critical question. Why is it that there's a rhetorical statement, "If it's to be, it's left up to me?" An event that honored the "Digest" really should have been held in East Lubbock. We have been your

In Cinque

by Renetta Howard



Howard

eral and anyone else who can help us. There is a fine of about \$11,000 for telemarketers who call numbers from the "Do Not Call List." Report them if they call you. Let the state make some money.

An acquaintance of mine who is employed by the telephone company has advised me that on October 10, 2007, cell phone numbers will be released to the telemarketers. This has not been a problem in the past because cell phone numbers are not in the telephone directory. Whether or no they will be published is not known at this time, but if we do not want to be bombarded with calls from telemarketers, we need to register our cell phones on the "Do Not Call List" at 868-382-1222. Just as the house phone, the registration will be good for five years.

Some of us may have forgotten when we first called in to register our home telephones, but

when the five years are up, our numbers will be dropped from the "Do Not Call List." That means that if we want to continue to have peace during the dinner hour, we need to register again. It is worth the peace to register. Nothing is worse than trying to eat your warm evening meal when your telephone rings and someone you do not know is on the other end trying to sell you something. Ironically, the telephone companies are just as bad. Since the telephone lines belong to them, I try to tell them nicely that I have what I want and want no more.

The best way I have found to eliminate the telephone company calls is to tell them that I do not understand what they are saying

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Sunday, October 7 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. (Open to the public)

The community has been very generous in providing donated items for the book sale, with proceeds benefiting the programs and services of the Lubbock Public Library. An estimated 175,000 items will be available, including adult and children's books, videos, DVDs, and audiobooks. Most adult hardback books are \$1.00 and paperbacks are priced at fifty cents each. "Better Books" are priced at an average \$4-5 and silent auction items will also be available to the highest bidder. For more information, please call 775-2852.

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TWC Accepts Credit Cards for Unemployment Insurance Tax Payments

AUSTIN - Texas employers now have the option of paying their quarterly Unemployment Insurance (UI) taxes by credit card, the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) announced today.

"Texas employers requested this expanded service, and we are pleased to make the online credit card payment system available to them," TWC Commissioner Representing Employers Ron Lehman. "By utilizing the latest technology, TWC can make the quarterly UI tax payment system more efficient for employers."

TWC collects UI taxes from Texas employers for the Unemployment Compensation Trust Fund, which funds UI benefits to workers who become unemployed through no fault of their own and who are actively seeking work. Employers subject to UI taxes include those paying \$1,500 in wages in a calendar quarter or having at least one employee during 20 different weeks in a calendar year.

Previously, Texas employers made quarterly UI payments by check, bank debit or electronic funds transfer. Now most of the state's more than 400,000 employers have the credit card option. Larger employers, such as those paying \$250,000 or more in UI taxes annually, still are required to pay by electronic funds transfer.

To make payments by credit card, employers need to register on the TWC Web site's

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pass through the fire, and use division and enhancements, and sold themselves to do evil in the sight of the Lord to provoke him to anger.

Unemployment Tax Services' page at <http://www.twc.state.tx.us/ui/tax/emitaxinfo.html>.

The TWC site offers secure, encrypted payment processing. TWC will not retain credit card information between financial quarters. For the third quarter ending October 1, employers have until October 31, 2007, to make payment.

The strong economic climate has helped to decrease demands on the UI trust fund, with UI claims down more than 50 percent over the past four years. Over the past 12 months, Texas employers have added 229,000 jobs, representing a 2.3 percent annual growth rate - nearly double the national rate of 1.2 percent for the same period.

The Texas Workforce Commission is a state agency dedicated to helping Texas employers, workers and communities prosper economically. For details on TWC and the programs it offers in unison with its network of local workforce development boards, call (512) 463-8556 or visit www.texasworkforce.org.

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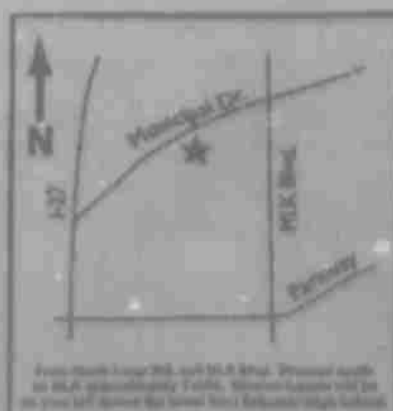
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