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## Minority Lawmakers Want Bill to Close Health Gaps

WASHINGTON (AP) — Black, Latino and Asian lawmakers warned Democratic leaders that any health care overhaul that ignores health gaps between whites and minorities will face stiff opposition.

The lawmakers said they would be hard-pressed to support a bill without a new program providing access to health care for all Americans.

"The public health option has to be there," Rep. Mike Honda, a California Democrat who chairs the Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus, said at a news conference. "If we don't have a public option, there's no discussion."

Republicans are resisting a government health insurance program that would compete with private insurance companies, arguing that the companies would be put at a competitive disadvantage.

Members of the Asian caucus, along with the Congressional Black Caucus and the Congressional Hispanic Caucus, said they plan to introduce legislation this week that includes their wish list for broadening health care overhaul beyond various plans floated in the House and Senate. The three minority caucuses have a total of 91 members, most of them Democrats and enough to help shape the final legislation.



President Barack Obama

Citing federal research showing higher rates of cancer, diabetes, heart disease and infant mortality among minorities, they said they would seek more funds for community health centers that provide care in poor neighborhoods.

The lawmakers also called for expanding a National Institutes of Health center that focuses on minority health concerns, works to improve work force diversity in the medical industry and collects more data to better track disparities in health care.

They said the costs of reaching into low-income, minority communities to improve upfront health care would be more than offset in the long run by preventing expensive procedures and hospital stays.

"Believe me, a comprehensive health care reform bill without the aspects that we're discussing today will be set for failure," said Rep. Nydia Velazquez, a New York Democrat who chairs the Hispanic caucus.

Later, at a discussion of minority health issues at the White House, Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius said the Obama administration is committed to addressing the "alarming disparity in the delivery of quality health care."

Doing so, Sebelius told officials, is critical to lowering health care costs.

Sebelius noted that 75 percent of the nation's \$2.2 trillion health care expenses go toward treating chronic diseases, referring to far higher rates of such diseases among minorities. She said the rising rates of HIV/AIDS among African-Americans is among "the most troubling" developments in U.S. health care.

"Minority Americans not only are more likely to be uninsured, so they don't have preventative care, don't have early intervention, but are less likely to have quality care when they come to seek the care that they need," she said.

## Irving city manager's raise could make him state's highest paid

The City of Irving contract for Tommy Gonzales's annual compensation package is worth more than \$390,000, according to estimates and city documents viewed by The Dallas Morning News. City officials did not publicly release details of the agreement before Thursday's vote, June 11, 2009.

The new contract was approved on a 7-1 vote, with council member Beth Van Duyne dissenting. Council members did not discuss the terms before voting. At the direction of council member Rick Stopfer, City Secretary Janice Carroll declined to provide a copy of the agreement to after Thursday's meeting.

According to a comparison analysis by city officials, the new agreement gives Gonzales a salary and benefits package that probably tops those of his counterparts in larger cities such as Dallas, Fort Worth, Arlington, San Antonio and Austin.

That benchmarking study includes the salaries and benefits of school district superintendents, the heads of DART and NTTA and private executives.

In a prepared statement, Van Duyne estimated that the new lunch each day. To register for camp, come by Safety City at 46th and Avenue U inside Clapp Park or call 767-2712.

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Tommy Gonzales

compensation total amounts to a 110 percent raise for Gonzales since he first became city manager three years ago. Van Duyne said she believes he does a good job but doesn't feel the compensation package is prudent.

"Passing this raise at this time sends the entirely wrong message to our employees and citizens who are doing their best just to get by in this most severe of recessions," Van Duyne said.

Gonzales took the helm of Irving City Hall three years ago after serving as an assistant city manager in Dallas for less than a year.

Before that, he was the city manager of Harlingen and the acting city manager of Lubbock. Gonzales is a former resident of East Lubbock and did attend Alderson Junior High School.

Congrats to Mr. Gonzales!

hands-on the rules of pedestrian, bicycle and traffic safety. More than 6,000 youth go through their programs each year.



## Juneteenth Picnic - 2009 FREE BBQ Dinner

The 19th of June Picnic Committee will start serving Free BBQ Dinners in Mae Simmons Park on Saturday, June 20, 2009, beginning at noon.

There will be no early carry-out dinners. Come one, come all! "We will serve no meat until it's time!"

## Animal shelter fight pushed into Mid July For Decision



Historical Signing - Pictured above are residents of District One & Two who signed documents to file an injunction against the City of Lubbock. Attorney Bill de Haas was retained.

Attorneys for the city and for residents opposing a proposed animal shelter in a historic East Lubbock park will return to court in July.

Neither side could convince Judge Ruben Reyes, 72nd District Court, that the residents opposed to an animal adoption center in Mackenzie Park did or did not have legal authority to sue to stop the project. They will return to argue that issue July 14.

Attorneys on both sides had thought late last week that the hearing would not take place until July. No actual construction on the project is expected for weeks.

But Bill de Haas, who represents the plaintiffs, said his clients told him that equipment like picnic tables and grills had been moved in the area of the proposed shelter. The hearing needed to move forward if construction could begin sooner, he said.

The Southwest Digest learned that there were approximately 60 Lubbock citizens in the courtroom on Tuesday, June 16, 2009.

The group consisted of Blacks and Browns who have come together to show their concern for this important decision which has shown a lot of interest over the past weeks.

## 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 Wednesday of each month, from 12:00-1:00pm at the Chatman Hill Restaurant, 512 E. 23rd St. 806-535-8061

Lubbock Area Client Council meets on the 2nd Saturday, 1:00pm at the Patterson Branch Library

Hub City Kiwanis meets every Tuesday, 7:00pm, 1708 Avenue G

Danbar Alumni Association meets 2nd Saturdays, 4:00 pm

Booker T. Washington American Legion Post 808 meets every 2nd Tuesday at 7:30pm, American Legion Building in Yellowhouse Canyon

Forgotten West Riders meets in 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

Danbar-Manhattan Heights Neighborhood Association meets every 1st Thursday at 6:00 pm and every 4th Thursday at 7:00 pm at the Danbar-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 Sunday 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 & Cherry-Point Neighborhood Association meets the 3rd Tuesday evening of each month at 7:30 pm at Hunt Elementary.

Chatman Hill Neighborhood Association meets the 2nd Thursday of every month at 6:00 pm, at Iles 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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June 19th & 20th  
SHOW 8PM  
DALLAS URBAN COMEDY LIVE  
LARRY & BOB Entertainment Presenters  
7:45 PM 8:00 PM

Friday June 19th & Saturday June 20th, 2009  
8:00pm  
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## Safety City Summer Camp

Safety City wants to prepare your kids for a safe summer at their annual Summer Safety Camp on June 22-26, 2009 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. During the Safety Camp, youth in grades 4-6 will have fun while learning important safety tips during this week-long day camp. Kids will listen to guest speakers, take field trips, go swimming, and watch demonstrations as they have fun and learn about water, bicycle and traffic safety. Cost of the camp is \$75 for the entire week. Snacks are provided, and participants will need to bring a sack

# Chatman Hills Corner

By Doris Reynolds

The 2009 Vacation Bible School of the New Hope Baptist Church will include a Vacation Bible School Outreach Ministry team which will involve a door-to-door to promote neighborhood involvement. If you are interested in working with this Outreach Ministry by joining the meeting on Friday, June 26, 2009, at 6:00 p.m. in the B. R. Moton Fellowship Hall.

Vacation Bible School Coordinators and Brother Ernest Swain, Sunday School Superintendent.

A Father's Day Dinner will be held Saturday afternoon, June 20, 2009, beginning at 4:00 p.m. in the B. R. Moton Fellowship Hall of the New Hope Baptist Church.

There were two Lubbock couples who celebrated their Wedding Anniversaries this

month. They were Dr Heenan & Gerri Johnson on June 8th; and Lester & Bobbie Brown on June 9th.

May God continue to bless each of you!

Let us continue to pray for those who are on the sick and shut-in list. Among them include: Brother Lester Winters who is to have an operation. He is the husband of Sister Buelah Winters. He is a member of the Greater St. Luke Baptist Church.

Rev. D. A. Smith, pastor of Smith Temple Community Church, had his procedure on Monday, June 15th.

Parks and Recreation announces their call for entries for the Sixth Annual Parks and Recreation Photography Competition and Exhibit. The exhibit consists of photographs taken in a City of Lubbock park

(more than 75 to choose from) or park facility, including Lake Alan Henry and is hosted by the Garden and Arts Center located at 4215 University. Entries will be accepted in four categories: Landscape, Nature/Wildlife, People, and Places (architecture, abstracts, etc.). The competition is open to anyone with classifications for Youth (18 years and under) and Adults. There is not an entry fee, but regular entries are limited to five per person.

The members of the St. Matthew Baptist Church announce their Pastor & Wife's 11th Appreciation for Rev & Mrs. Edward Canady will be held Friday, June 19, 2009 and Sunday afternoon, June 21, 2009.

The theme is "Worthy of Double Honour." 1st Timothy 5:7.

Support 19th of June!!

## FASHION FUN

by Shirley Roberson

### SCRUNCH PANTS!

Ladies these pants have a lot to offer. They are sexy, sassy and comfortable.

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Fashion fun...always wear a smile. Fashion tip...just for the fun of it. Happy Juneteenth!

## Celebrating Juneteenth!

### Friends, Celebrants and Supporters of Juneteenth:

It is with great pride and honor, on this 144th anniversary of Juneteenth, (1865-2009), that this greeting goes out to you and to the 44th president of the United States of America. As we do so each and every Juneteenth, let us join hands and acknowledge the shoulders upon which we stand. Let us appreciate each other for the roads we have traveled, the battles we have fought and the obstacles we have overcome. Indeed, together we can move

### Lubbock City Attorney Retiring

Interim City Attorney, Don Vandiver, informed the City Council Thursday that he is retiring at the end of the month. Mr. Vandiver indicated that medical issues had arisen during his tenure as Interim City Attorney that he needed to address.

Don Vandiver has been an attorney for 38 years, with 37 of those years with the City of Lubbock. Mr. Vandiver was appointed as Interim City Attorney for the City of Lubbock in August of last year.

Mr. Vandiver says, "It has been a pleasure to serve the City of Lubbock for nearly four decades, and I wish the very best for the City and each and every citizen."

The City Council has not yet named an Interim City Attorney. The search and selection process for a new City Attorney is still ongoing.

### Youth Bible Stories Time & Jesus

"A Crown of Eternal Life Church" is presenting a Summer Youth Bible Stories Time & Jesus!

This special program is for children ages 3 years to 12 years. It will be held each Saturday afternoon from 3:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m.

Snow cones are \$1.00 per child. All are Welcome to the SOCK HOP!!! Spiritual Music only!!!

Adult supervision is a must! For more information, call (806) 747-0289 or (806) 283-5935.

### SPC to prove courses for law enforcement officers

LEVELLAND - South Plains College Law Enforcement will offer Patrol Tactical/Shooting Simulator Training Monday (June 15) for police officers who need continuing education courses. This class will be conducted in the Law Enforcement Building in Room 109-B from 8 a.m. until 5p.m.

The course is offered at no cost. Intermediate Crime Scene Search will be presented June 22-25 in the Law Enforcement Building Room 109-B. The class will meet from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily.

Interested participants should contact Debbie Hale at (806) 716-2291 to indicate intent to register. The course will fulfill requirements set up by the Texas Commission of Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education (TCLEOSE).

For more information, contact Randy Robertson, assistant professor of law enforcement, at (806) 716-2342.

## New Light Baptist Church News

Sunday morning, June 14, 2009, church services with the spirit being high at the New Light Baptist Church, 3013 Idalou Road, where Rev. Kenneth O. Jackson is the pastor.

Church School started at 9:45a.m. with Sis. Alvera Johnson teaching the lesson titled: "Accepting Responsibility". The scripture text came from Exodus 4:10-16 & 27-31.

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

The pulpit devotion was led by Rev. L. C. Lee with the Senior Choir marching in the choir stand singing "We've Come This Far By Faith." The responsive reading was read by

Rev. Lee, and he read from Psalm 125:1-5. The altar prayer was led by Rev. Henry Edom, with the choir singing "He Is Lord".

Sis. Rochelle Hood read all the morning announcements and told of all the upcoming events which would be taking place. All birthdays for the week were acknowledged. There was the pastoral period which was held by the pastor, and followed by the morning offering.

The Senior Choir sang "Walk With Me Lord" and "Jesus Keep Me Near The Cross." "Amazing Grace" was sung before the sermon.

Rev. Jackson preached the sermon entitled: "A Christian's Influence" with the scripture text coming from Matthew

5:13-16. After the sermon a song was sung.

There was the invitation to discipleship and several came for prayer.

Pray for all pastors and wives of the various churches who surround us in and out of the community. Pray for love, strength and joy.

**Scripture For The Week:** "The earth is the Lord and the fullness thereof and they that dwell there in." Psalm 24:1-2.

**Happy Juneteenth! Remember Why We Celebrate The 19th of June!**



How many of these Matadors can you identify in the photos above? This montage was made possible by Clinton D. Hobby, Jr. There are many former Estacado High School graduates and students who are in Lubbock this week for the All-Class Reunion. Good to have you back home!

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# Church News



**FROM THE DESK OF PARSON D. A. SMITH**

**"The Most Dangerous Man In The World  
Mahoud Ahmadinejad"**

Many American have their opinion as to who is the most dangerous man in the world. This writer has as strong feeling that Mahmud Ahmadinejad, the alleged newly re-elected president of the Islamic Republic of Iran (formerly known internationally as Persia until 1935) is the most dangerous leader in the world.

We admire the openness of President Obama to all leaders of the world; however we are in concert with those who are in disagreement with him in dining with those who exhibits poisonous serpentine behavior toward ethnic groups of their own people and having such a prejudiced hostility toward the people of Israel that they would extirpate its people from the face of the earth.

A blogger wanting relief from an oppressive regime wrote the following: "The Obama Administration should speak up on behalf of the millions of embattled Iranians confronting the IRI to demand fairness and rule of law. As numerous observers have indicated, the "re-election" of Ahmadinejad was an absolute fraud. Numerous voting irregularities were reported, including severe ballot shortages in major urban centers and vote intimidation. In response to Mousavi supporters' legitimate anger, the

IRI has resorted to the brutal repression widely reported in the mainstream media and on the blogosphere.

Throughout this campaign, Mr. Obama promised a "principled" approach to Iran. Showing solidarity with the protesters in the streets is, indeed, a matter of principal. Mr. Obama enjoys a great deal of moral authority in the Middle East and among Iranians - more so, perhaps, than any U. S. President in recent memory. He should seize on the "fierce urgency of now" to take a resolute stand at this critical juncture. Doing so would not damage the credibility or legitimacy of the protesters, as some claim. After all, the students themselves have been heard to chant "Obama save us!" at police stations. The president cannot ignore this cry for help.

An ABC Reporter (Jim Scinto) reported "inside the protest tonight, if you support Ahmadinejad, no police, you criticize him, get pepper spray, tear gas, batons...Anti-government protests have spread to other Iranians cities, incl Rasht. We witness police spraying pepper gas into the eyes of peace female protesters...Two worlds in Tehran tonight. Support Ahmadinejad, free rein. Oppose him, risk police attacks, tear gas, batons,

and arrests."

Whereas, this writer deplors the behavior of Ahmadinejad and the like of his kind, we also have a problem with looking across millions of people and not seeing a face of African descent. History speaks of the ill relationship of the Persians (Aryans) and the Jews. Why didn't this writer see no sons of Ham in the crowd in Tehran and yet there is a cry for support from a son of a father of native Africa who is the most powerful man in the free world? Being mean! Aren't I? Lou Dobbs would perhaps call by thoughts processes: Ethnocentric Politics.

I must say, we as Americans (that's why I'm celebrating Juneteenth because my fore-parents received the news that the Union had force Southern white men to set my fore-fathers free) have a responsibility to stand in solidarity with people when they are denied their rights by regressive regimes. When elections are stolen, our government should protest. When peaceful demonstrators are beaten and silenced, we have a duty to raise our voices on their behalf. And over my objectionable side, we must tell the Iranian people that we are on their side.

For this reason and above ethnocentric politics I believe President Obama and members

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**We Thank God for Jesus  
"Are You Truly Free At Last?"**

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

**Galatians 5:1** - Sit and fast, I bete from, in the liberty where with Christ hath made us free, and be ot entangled again with the yoke of bondage.

Jesus said, go and preach the good news into the dying world. The Church didn't do that. Now look at the sick men, women, boys and girls!!!

**Galatians 6:7** - Be not mocked; for whatsoever a man sow that shall he also reap.

The Church didn't want to do God's work. They wanted man to have rights But Jesus wanted them to know I am the way, the truth to eternal life!!!

**John 8:31-32** - Jesus said, if you continue in my word, then are you my disciples indeed, and shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

**\*\*\*\* Are You Free In Jesus Or Civil Rights???**

The Civil Rights March was the beginning of disobedience in the land. Now we're reaping what we have sowed, and its way out of hand!!!

**Isaiah 55:8-9** - For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, said the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.

Out of that Civil Rights thing came no prayer in our schools. Now the schools have killings,

drugs, condoms. I ask who is the fool???

**Romans 1:21-22** - Because that when they knew God (The Christians), they glorified Him not as God, neither were thankful. But became vain in their imaginations (Dreamers), and their foolish heart was darkened. Professing themselves to be wise. They became fools.

**\*\*\*\* Yes, The Churches Did Rob God!!! \*\*\*\***

Now the world wants their rights to Drugs, Alcohol, Diamonds, Cars and Clothes. They will get anyway they can; not crying for the human souls!!!

(The rights from the Devil. Kill the Girlfriend, Cook and Eat Rights, Woman Rights, Black Rights, White Rights, Child Molestation Rights, Cloning Rights, No Spanging Rights, Abortion Rights, Road Rage, Killing R.Rights, Kill The Family Rights, Kill The Abortion Doctor Rights, KKK Rights, My Space Suicide Rights, Throw My Four Children Off The Bridge Rights, Drive By Shooting Rights, Teacher And Student Sex Rights), and Many More Devil's R Rights)

**Matthew 11:28-30** - Jesus said, come unto me, all you that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke (The Bible) upon you, and

learn of me. For I am meek and lowly in heart, and shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

**\*\*\*\* Then You're Free At Last, Free At Last!!! \*\*\*\***

Jesus was obedience unto death, that he died on the cross of Calvary. I was never a white man's slave. It was sin, and only sin that enslaved me!!!

You see, didn't nobody have to give up their seat while riding the Citibus. My Freedom came from above, and God said that was enough. Didn't nobody have to get kicked and hit, with the Police's Billy Club. My Freedom came down from an above in God's own love!!!

**John 3:16** - For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believes in Him should not perish, but have an everlasting ing life.

Didn't nobody have to get bit in the butt by the Police's vicious dogs. My Freedom came from Jesus' dying ing on that Old Rugged Cross!!!

Didn't nobody have to get sprayed by the Fireman's high pressure hose. My Freedom came on the Sunday morning when Jesus Christ arose!!!

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

## St. Matthew's Baptist Church News

Church services again were well attended last Sunday morning, June 14, 2009, at the St. Matthew Baptist Church where the proud pastor is Rev. Edward Canady.

Services got underway at 10:00 a. m. with Sunday School and Superintendent Sister Shirley Davis in charge.

The subject of the morning lesson was "Accepting ng Responsibility. The scripture text was Exodus 4:10-16, 27-31.

The morning lesson was taught and reviewed by Pastor Canady. The key verse was: "And Aaron spoke all the words which the Lord had spoken unto Moses, and did the signs in the sight of the people." **Exodus 4:30.**

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The morning devotion got underway at 11:15 a. m. with Deacon Edward Williams and Brother Gerald Jackson in charge.

Rev. Canady delivered a wonderful sermon. His subject was "What Are You Afraid Of When Jesus Is On Board." His scripture text was Mark 4:38-41. The Song of Inspiration was "Jesus Is On The Main Line." We always enjoy singing God's Praises!

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The weekly meetings are as follows: Wednesday evening, Mission Ladies meet at 6:00 p. m. Bible Study begins at 7:00 p.

m. Friday evening is Choir Rehearsal, beginning at 5:00 p. m. The Ushers meet at 11:00 a. m. each Saturday.

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Let us remember our sick and shut-in members of the church and the community.

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We are still looking for a Musician at the Matthew Baptist Church. If interested

please call Pastor Canady at (806) 744-2445.

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The St. Matthew Baptist Church is inviting our many friends and churches to come and participate in our Pastor & Wife's 11th Appreciation Service, Rev. & Mrs. Edward Canady.

This year's theme is "Worthy of Double Honour." 1st Timothy 5:17.

Services will be held Friday

evening, June 19, 2009, beginning at 7:30 p. m. And Sunday afternoon, June 21, 2009, beginning at 3:30 p. m.

Come and a part of this celebration!

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Christ came to give us Liberty. By dying in our place, now with new freedom, we are bound to share His Love and Grace!

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Come and Visit St. Matthew!

### Outreach Prayer Breakfast

**Thought For The Week**

The members and friends of the Outreach Prayer Breakfast wants to share this with each of you.

"Don't worry about what people think about you, but worry about what think about God because of you!"

How was your conversation yesterday???

**II Chronicles 7:14** - "If my people which are re called by my name would humble themselves and pray, seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and wi will forgive their sin and will heal their land."

Another scripture to think

about

**Mark 11:22-26** - "And Jesus answering saith unto them, have faith in God. For verily I say unto you, that whosoever shall say unto this mountain, be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea, and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass, he shall have whatever he saith."

(24) - "Therefore, I say unto y you, what things soever ye desire: when you pray, believe that ye receive them and ye shall have them."

(25) - "And when ye stand praying, forgive, if ye have ought against any, that your Father also which is in heaven

may forgive you your trespasses."

(26) - "But if y you do not forgive, neither will your Father which is in heaven forgive y our trespasses."

Think on these scriptures, Saints! Speak to your Mountain, in faith and it will move, according to this scripture.

To all of you suffering people

today, Christ is the answer to all of your problems!

We love you and God does too!

Here are some thoughts submitted to by Sister Ruby Melton of San Antonio:

**God, Our Defender**

Here is a big question. What is God doing when you are in a bind? When the lifeboat springs a leak? When the rip cord snaps? When the last penny is gone before the last bill is paid?...

I know what we are doing. Nibbling on nails like corn on the cob. Pacing floors. Taking pills...

But what does God do?

He fights for us. He steps into the ring and points us to our corner and takes over.

"Remain calm; the Lord will fight for you." (Exodus 14:14)

His job is to fight. Our job is to trust.

Just trust. Not direct. Or question... Our job is to pray and wait.

**When God Whispers Your Name.**

Thank you, Sister Melton! We will see y you next week. Keep reading t his article each week.

Enjoy and have a safe 19th of June Celebration!

Attend some of the activities.

Sister Dorothy Hood, president; Sister Christene Burleson, vice president; and Sister Elnora Jones, teacher.

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# Obsequies

## Royal Williams

Funeral services were held Friday morning, June 12, 2009 for Royal Williams at Pilgrim Baptist Church.

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

Williams, 59, of Lubbock, passed away on Saturday, June 6, 2009 at Covenant Medical Center.

He was born on May 8, 1950 in Bryan, Texas to Andrew Willie and Vercy Mae Williams. He was a graduate of Kern High School in Bryan, Texas. He was baptized on February 5, 1978 at Mt. Olive Baptist church in Marysville, Calif. He joined the United States Air Force in 1969, where he served 21 years of service, with numerous tours overseas (Thailand, Okinawa, Japan, Germany, and England) and also several bases in the United States (Beale AFB, California, and Texas). He retired in January of 1991 with full honors. He is a Vietnam, Desert Shield, and Desert Storm Veteran.

After retirement from the Air Force, he worked at the Frito Lay Plant in Lubbock where he retired after 13 years of service, then for Lyco Industries for two years until his health no longer permitted him to return to work. His hobbies included shooting pool, video games, listening to music, painting, drawing, photography, reading, and playing with his children and grandchildren. Royal just enjoyed being with his family and friends.

On April 15, 1972 he was united in holy matrimony with Betty L. Perry. They were blessed with three lovely children, Natasha, Royal, Jr., and Steven Anthony. He was also blessed with 10 grandchildren. He was an active member of Pilgrim Baptist Church.

He leaves behind his wife, of



37 years, Betty L. Williams, three children, Natasha Rene Williams-Mahmood of Euless, Texas, Royal Williams, Jr. (Melissa) of Colorado Springs Army Base, and Steven Anthony Williams (Patricia) of Levelland; brothers, Alfred Williams, Larence Williams (Dorothy), Willie Earl Williams (Alfreda), and James Williams all of Bryan, and Charles Williams (Cassandra) of Pflugerville, Texas, sisters, Linda Taylor of Bryan and Carolyn Watkins (George) of Austin, and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

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City Code states that "the throwing, placing, dumping or depositing of any lawn trimmings...flowers...vegetation...garbage...or animal waste" on vacant or occupied lots, sidewalks, streets, alleys, or gutters is unlawful. (Sec. 23-13)

Stuart Walker, Director of Code Enforcement, states, "We are reminding citizens to be responsible and finish the job after they mow their yard, trim vegetation, or cleaning their flowerbeds. Please dispose of your brush and clippings to preserve a sanitary environment that is beneficial to the health and safety of Lubbock citizens."

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## THIS 'N' THAT

by T.J. Patterson

IT WAS A VERY GOOD WEEK FOR BETHEL! THIS N THAT ... along with other adults ... was in attendance at the ... VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL ... of the Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church for their annual summer effort ... when more than ... ONE HUNDRED YOUNG PEOPLE ... were in attendance. ... Perhaps the most significant highlights of the four day program was when ... TWENTY FOUR YOUNG PEOPLE ... gave themselves to ... GOD ... when the came to the altar ... after hearing a

presentation by ... MINISTER WALTER BROWN ... This was good to see ... and ... THIS N THAT ... appreciated being able to observe this special effort. ...

GOOD TO SEE JUNETEENTH PICNIC CONTINUED! THIS N THAT ... is glad to note the ... ANNUAL JUNETEENTH PICNIC ... where ... FREE BAR-B-QUE ... is available for those in attendance. ... As ... JOE HATCHETT ... said ... "WE WILL SERVE NO MEAT UNTIL IT'S TIME. ... This picnic will be held Saturday after-

noon ... June 20, 2009 ... beginning at ... 12 NOON ... at the Mae Simmons Park. ... Let's continue to ... SUPPORT ... this special effort. ...

PARADE CHANGE THIS YEAR! THIS N THAT ... advises that the ... JUNETEENTH PARADE ... will be different this year ... beginning at the parking lot of the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center ... at 10:00 a.m. It will continue down Broadway Avenue until it reaches the entrance on Broadway Avenue. ...

ALL JUNETEENTH ACTIVITIES IN MACKENZIE PARK! THIS N THAT ... reminds I hat all ... JUNETEENTH ACTIVITIES ... will be held in ... MACKENZIE PARK ... with an opportunity to visit ... JOYLAND AMUSEMENT PARK!

PENNY HASTINGS THE BARBER SAYS: "YOU ... don't lead where ... YOU ... don't go ... and ... YOU ... don't teach what ... YOU ... don't know!"



## THINK ABOUT IT!

YOU CAN'T HAVE A FUTURE WITHOUT A PAST

by Eidsie Richardson

Recently, this writer wrote in his column about some things that was wrong as the distribution of services to some parts of the City of Lubbock. As far as services, we are concerned the distribution was and still is inequitable. Some things that was already on the drawing board and still was cut down or removed. For example, the ball diamonds on East 19th Street which were approved by the citizens for three by the voters in a bond issue of 6.2 million dollars. Only two were com-

pleted. Therefore, the bond issue was not fulfilled as it was supposed to be done. Really, in the opinion of this writer, it was ignored! We wonder why? Along those lines just take a look on East 19th Street and East Broadway Avenue approaching and exiting the ball fields. It looks like a small field forest which gives a bad impression for visitors and new comers to the area. Even the old timers are immune to and familiar with the area its an every day occurrence to the residents.

As far as the Gateway Funds are concerned, the fly by from the Slaton Highway to the Preston Smith International Airport was concerned it was number twelve on the list of the Lubbock Metropolitan Planning Organization in 2004. Then for some strange reason it was removed from the list even though Mayor Tom Martin was on the committee. Hopefully, one day, he will inform the citizens what happened.

That project, in the opinion of this writer, could stop a lot of confusion from citizens from outside the area trying to get to the airport.

### The Terrible Price of Being Tagged a Reverse Racist

by Earl Ofari Hutchinson

Former House Speaker Newt Gingrich backpedaled from his reverse racist slur of Supreme Court designate Sonia Sotomayor as a racist. A defiant Rush Limbaugh didn't. There's a reason. For more than four decades the reverse racist tag has been the most potent weapon in the arsenal of ultra-conservatives and closet bigots to torpedo affirmative action, cover elected officials and judicial appointees into silence or tepid support of civil rights and poverty related issues and court decisions, and deflect attention from the continued political and economic dominance of well-to-

do white males. Obama's election did not change the racial power dynamic in America.

There is still only a handful of African-American, Latino or Asian CEOs who run Fortune 500 companies or who sit on their Boards of Directors. The overwhelming majority of top, middle and lower corporate managers are white males. There is only one African-American in the Senate, The NAACP Legal Defense Fund notes that the increase in the number of minorities on the federal bench has been frozen during the Bush years. Minorities still make up a small percentage of state and federal judges. The first Latina on the High Court won't change that. Laws and public policy are still made, shaped, and enforced by white males.

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Sotomayor and any minority perceived to be a threat to corporate and political white male dominance will be branded a reverse racist. This is not new. Pounding Sotomayor as a racist has already paid a small dividend. In private meetings with moderate Democrat and conservative Republican Senators, the judge slightly pulled back from the reference she made to herself as a wise Latina in a 2001 speech. She called it a poor choice of words. This won't be the last mea culpa she'll be required to make for her alleged racism before she's confirmed. She'll be under tremendous pressure to assure Senators that she'll play it strictly by the moderate and conservative playbook on any and all decisions that even remotely touch on race and class issues on the bench.

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## In Cinque

by Renetta Howard



Howard

to change. It is similar to getting ready to go to Heaven. Some of us just are never ready to change. We wait until the last minute when sometimes it is too late to do any good even if we do change. Those persons who waited too late, just missed their favorite broadcasts.

The converter boxes are doing a pretty good job if we also have digital antennae to hook up with them. Without cable or satellite, many of us will still see the programs that we watched daily with analog in high definition digital instead. The real problem comes when you try to hook up a new DVD player or VCR to your old television that has been converted to digital. Most old televisions have just one outlet, for cable or an antenna. There is no place to plug in a digital coaxial cable. Some televisions manufactured as late as three years ago, still do not have a digital tuner, or outlets for digital equipment.

Digital may be the way today, but fiber optic equipment is on the way. As fast as we make one hurdle there is another to confront us, and when we cannot conform, we find ourselves in some very miserable situations. It pays to stay informed about the changes that are taking place.

Some of us elderly people are really caught up in cultural lag, big time. We are frustrated with the television, DVD, wireless telephone service, the internet, debit cards and the like. Most of us are familiar with credit cards and have a little knowledge about the internet, but so much about these things escape us. Some Senior Centers offer courses to help the elderly. If you are totally lost, get one of

your grandchildren to show or tell you what and how to deal with the new fangled things that leave us behind. We must get 'in cinque' and make our way to the mainstream of our culture. That may mean buying a new high definition digital television so we can record our favorite soap operas.

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MIAMI, Florida (CNN) — Cleveland Browns wide receiver Donte Stallworth will spend 30 days in jail for a DUI manslaughter that killed a construction worker in March under terms of a plea agreement, prosecutors said Tuesday.

Stallworth, 28, pleaded guilty in a Florida court Tuesday to killing Mario Reyes while driving under the influence of alcohol, said Terry Chavez, spokeswoman for the Miami-Dade state attorney's office. He began serving his sentence immediately.

State attorney Katherine Fernandez Rundle called the judgment "just" and said that



Donte Stallworth

Reyes' family supported the plea agreement. Stallworth cooperated with police and did not have a record of traffic violations or criminal convictions, she said in a news release.

The Cleveland Browns declined comment.

**You Can't Have Future**  
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It is just a confusing means of transportation when trying to get to and from this community. There are those who even get lost at the Slaton Highway and Martin Luther King Blvd, which carries those driving under pass when the fly by could handle this problem without confusion. It could go directly to the airport with out confusion and it would be so much simpler.

Also, another important matter would be for safety when our precious boys and girls are trav-

eling to their school. This, to this writer, is very important. Again, the fly by would be a vital solution to this problem.

The concern about the neglect of what we call old Lubbock and the omission of the total area, not just East Lubbock, but the total inner city, North Lubbock, East Lubbock, Central Lubbock, all of Lubbock except new Lubbock which is the South Milwaukee, Frankford area. Now the proposed Farm Road 1585 area is being considered. There are a lot of people who may not be aware that they are in the same boat as East

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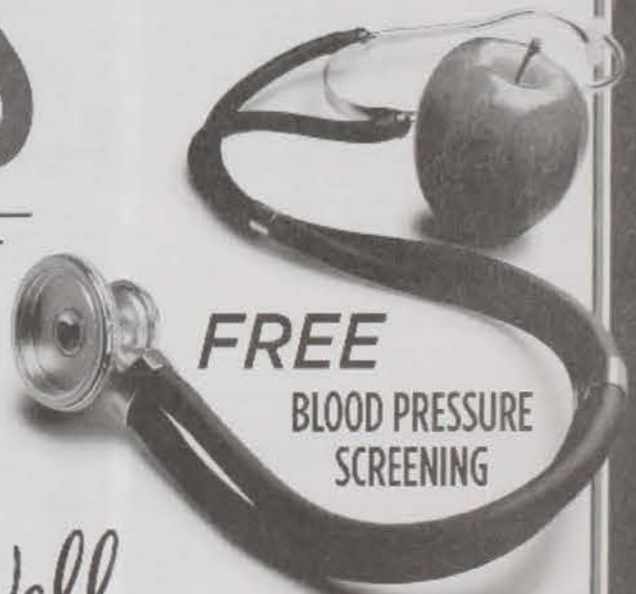
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## Court Records: Singer Usher Files for Divorce



Tameka Foster & Usher

ATLANTA (AP) — R&B singer Usher filed for divorce Friday from Tameka Foster Raymond, less than two years after their glitzy wedding at a Georgia resort.

The 30-year-old Grammy-winning artist, whose real name is Usher Raymond IV, filed the petition in Superior Court in Atlanta. Records posted to the court's Web site did not give any details about the split between the R&B star and his wife, who were married in August 2007.

About 200 people attended the wedding between the two at resort built in the style of a 16th-century-style French chateau on 3,500 hilly acres outside

Atlanta

They have two young sons, 1 1/2-year-old Usher Raymond V and 6-month-old Naviyd Ely Raymond. His wife has three children from a previous marriage.

E-mail and telephone messages to Usher's publicist were not immediately returned.

Prior to the marriage, Usher had a string of public romances, most notably his three-year relationship with Chilli from TLC.

His hits include "Confessions," "Burn," "You Make Me Wanna" and "Yeah!"

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## President issues get out of class pass to 10-year-old

GREEN BAY, Wisconsin (CNN) — How do you get away with skipping classes on your last day of school?

Make sure you get your hands on a presidential pardon.

President Barack Obama held a town hall meeting on Thursday in Green Bay, Wisconsin to discuss his health care agenda — but he also took a little time to write an all-important "get out of school" note.

A young girl named Kennedy attended the town hall with her father, who was called on to ask a question.

Her father, John Corpus, started his query saying he hoped his daughter wouldn't get into trouble for missing the last day of school.

"Do you need me to write a note?" Obama asked. Clearly assuming that Obama was just kidding, Corpus continued with his question — only to be interrupted by the president.

"No, no, I'm serious. What's your daughter's name?" Obama said, as he started to write a note. "I'm going to write to Kennedy's teacher."

He then walked over to the girl and handed her the note: "To Kennedy's Teacher, Please excuse Kennedy's absence... she's with me. Barack Obama"

No word yet on whether the president's get out of school free card did the trick.

## Brandy Comes Off of \$600K for Car Accident



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"Man & Woman of Year - Mae Simmons Community Center Dallas Urban Comedy Line - Civic Center Theater

Friday, June 19th

Juneteenth Prayer Breakfast - French Quarter Bristo

"A Change Is Coming" - Stage Play

Civic Center Theatre

Saturday, June 20th

Senior Citizen Breakfast - Mae Simmons Senior Citizens

Anniversary Freedom Parade - 10 am - Civic Center

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"A Change Is Coming" - Stage Play - Civic Center Theatre

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## New Book Helps African American Youth "Do Anything"

Baltimore, MD

(BlackNews.com) - Carolyn Mattocks has created a new educational program for African American youth called I Can Do Anything. This powerful program features famous African Americans who have excelled in various professions to give African American children a practical introduction to potential career choices and a greater knowledge of the historical achievements and successes of those who have come before them.

The I Can Do Anything book helps youth examine various career options and opportunities by demonstrating the significant achievements that well-known African Americans have made in mathematics, architecture, science, law and entrepreneurship.

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