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## Obama: Civil Rights Leaders Paved My Way

President Addresses Association On Its 100th Anniversary

New York (CBS) — President Barack Obama on Thursday, July 16, 2009, traced his historic rise to power to the vigor and valor of black civil rights leaders, telling the NAACP that the sacrifice of others "began the journey that has led me here." The nation's first black president bluntly warned, though, that racial barriers persist.

"Make no mistake: The pain of discrimination is still felt in America," the president said in honoring the organization's 100th convention. Painting himself as the beneficiary of the NAACP's work, Obama cited historical figures from W.E.B. DuBois to Thurgood Marshall to explain how the path to the presidency was cleared by visionaries.

Obama's remarks, steeped in his personal biography as the son of a white mother from Kansas and black father from Kenya, challenged the audience — those in the room and those beyond — to take greater responsibility for their own future. He told parents to take a more active role and residents to pay better attention to their schools.

Rousing up a friendly crowd, Obama made his first speech so directly linked with race since he took office; the White House says he worked on it for about two weeks. Implicit in his appearance: He is seeking the backing of the powerful NAACP and its members for his ambitious domestic agenda.

The president said that in the current down economy, blacks are suffering high unemployment and are afflicted with more diseases but are less likely to own health insurance. He said that the African-American child is about five times as likely as a white child to be sent to jail.

Obama touted education as essential to improving the lives of all children. He said the state of schools is an American problem, not an African-American one.

"You know what I'm talking about. There's a reason the story of the civil rights movement was written in our schools. There's a reason Thurgood Marshall took up the cause of Linda Brown. There's a reason the Little Rock Nine defied a governor and a mob," Obama said. "It's because there is no stronger weapon against inequality and no better path to opportunity than an education that can unlock a child's



President Barack Obama speaks during the NAACP 100th Anniversary convention in New York on July 16, 2009.

God-given potential."

"We have to say to our children, 'Yes, if you're African-American, the odds of growing up amid crime and gangs are higher. Yes, if you live in a poor neighborhood, you will face challenges that someone in a wealthy suburb does not,'" Obama said, returning to his tough-love message familiar from his two-year presidential campaign.

"But that's not a reason to get bad grades, that's not a reason to cut class, that's not a reason to give up on your education and drop out of school," he said. "No one has written your destiny for you. Your destiny is in your hands and don't you forget that."

Obama expanded his message of equal rights beyond the black communities. He said many Americans still face discrimination.

Racism, he said, is felt "by African-American women paid less for doing the same work as colleagues of a different color and gender. By Latinos made to feel unwelcome in their own country. By Muslim Americans viewed with suspicion for simply kneeling down to pray. By our gay brothers and sisters, still taunted, still attacked, still denied their rights."

Obama also pressed for NAACP members to encourage their young people to find new role models beyond sports or music.

"I want them aspiring to be scientists and engineers, doctors and teachers, not just ballers and rappers," Obama said. "I want them aspiring to be a Supreme Court justice. I want them aspiring to be president of the United States."

To bolster his argument that it's within their reach, he cited his own biography, growing up with a single mother.

"I don't come from a lot of wealth. I got into my share of trouble as a kid. My life could easily have taken a turn for the worse. But that mother of mine gave me love, she pushed me, and cared about my education; she took no lip and taught me right from wrong," Obama said. "Because of her, I had a chance to make the most of my abilities. I had the chance to make the most of my opportunities. I had the chance to make the most of life."

The banquet was sold out as 6,000 people expected to hear Obama speak Thursday night in what organizers are billing as his first address to black America as president, reports CBS station WCBS-TV in New York.

The Rev. Al Sharpton was expected to be in the audience, reports WCBS.

"One of the dreams of the founding fathers and mothers of the NAACP was that we have equal access in the ballot and by getting that we elected and African American president some would say ironically I would say providentially on their 100th year," Sharpton told WCBS before the event.

Sharpton said his heart will be full as he watches the president.

"In my heart will be that dreams can come true and that you may face some down sides, you may face some adversity, but if you hold on you can make things that happen in reality," the civil rights activist said.

## Alberto Gonzales Brings Expertise, Experience to Texas Tech

Written by Sally Post

Gonzales will assist both Texas Tech University and Angelo State University with recruiting and retaining first generation and underrepresented students. He will work with Texas Tech's Office of Institutional Diversity, Equity and Community Engagement in the planning of a first-generation and minority student leadership training and development program.

He also will teach a junior-level seminar course, "Contemporary Issues in the Executive Branch" in the Department of Political Science at Texas Tech. As a visiting professor Gonzales will guest lecture to classes across the campus.

"I am excited that Alberto Gonzales is bringing his experience to Texas Tech," said Kent Hance, Texas Tech University chancellor. "His own upbringing in Houston as part of a migrant family with eight children makes him qualified to tell underrepresented Texas students that college is possible. He will help Texas Tech and ASU prepare our students for success and to be future leaders in the State of Texas and beyond."

Lawrence Schovanec, interim dean of Texas Tech's College of Arts and Sciences, said, "Judge Gonzales brings a unique experience to our classroom. His career in law, government and public service will provide our political science students a rich perspective of the



Alberto Gonzales

executive branch and issues and challenges facing our nation."

Gonzales joined the Air Force after graduating from high school. From there, he sought and received an appointment to the Air Force Academy. He transferred to Rice University and majored in political science. He graduated from Harvard Law School and joined the Houston law firm of Vinson & Elkins. Then Texas Gov. George Bush recruited him as a special advisor on border issues and relations with Mexico. Gonzales also served Bush as general counsel. He was appointed Texas secretary of State and elected to the Texas Supreme Court. When Bush was elected president, he again called on Gonzales to serve as White House counsel and later was appointed Attorney General

## Butch Avery Upset Over Article Which Quoted Him Wrong

Butch Avery, a local R&B singer and bandsman, came to the Southwest Digest office which appeared in the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal on Wednesday, July 8, 2009, entitled "Influential" and written by Kendyl Sebasta.

"I want you all to help clear up what I said. I am you to help me," he said.

In the article, it quoted Avery as saying when asked about how he felt since the death of Michael Jackson who died in his home in Los Angeles, California, June 25:

Avery, replying in the article, said, "He just feels close even though he's gone." He went on to say, "I've always tried to keep up with him and his music."

According to Avery, the part of the article was accurate, but what he is adamant about is the

following: "I think he took a lot from Buddy Holly." This he is very about angry about.

He told the Southwest Digest that Michael Jackson is in a different posture than Buddy Holly. "I realize that Buddy Holly is well known in Lubbock and the South Plains (as of Texas, but you really can't compare the two)," said Avery.

"We are proud of Holly's presentation at the Apollo in Harlem and becoming the first White to appear on that stage and was well accepted by that Black audience in the 1950's," said Avery.

The same evening the article came out, he said, "I participated in the Marvin Sapp Concert at the City Bank Auditorium, and I was really given a hard time by the audience for

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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 Wednesday of each month, from 12:00-1:00pm at the Chatham Hill Restaurant, 512 E. 23rd St. 806-535-8081

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 on the 1st & 3rd Mondays, 7:00 pm, Patterson Library

East Lubbock Chapter AARP meets every 1st Thursday at 1:30 pm, Main Seniors Community Center

Lubbock Chapter of Black Alumni meets every 3rd Tuesday, 5:30 pm, TTU Merker 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 1001 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 JazzFest 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 7:30 pm at the Parkway Neighborhood Center

The Parkway & Cherry-Park Neighborhood Association meets the 3rd Tuesday evening of each month at 7:30 pm at Hunt Elementary

Chatham Hill Neighborhood Association meets the 2nd Thursday of every month at 6:00 pm, at Iles Elementary Cafeteria

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## City Council Says: "No Animal Shelter In Mackenzie Park"



Pictured above are three members of District Two who joined in the law suit against the City of Lubbock with representatives from District One. They are, from left to right, Eddie Pr Richardson, seating; Larry Alexander, center; and Donnell Hooper, right. They were elated over the outcome met by the Lubbock City Council in not build animal shelter in Mackenzie Park.

It finally happened when Blacks and Browns came together and stood up for something which will affect both areas. It all started with a suit filed against the City of Lubbock several weeks prior when this group of plaintiffs filed against the construction of an animal shelter in Mackenzie Park.

The Lubbock City Council, however, in a special meeting Friday afternoon, July 17, 2009, said no to the proposed construction of the animal shelter site in Mackenzie Park and made it necessary for the Lubbock City Council to find temporary and controversy-free home for the animal shelter.

This decision was made after the city councilmembers came out an extensive executive meeting which lasted more than two hours. They (city councilmembers) voted unanimously against placing an animal shelter in any city park or a location which may frustrate neighbors. The city staff was also ordered to improve adoption of pets in Lubbock.

"Yes, it is about time when Blacks and Browns stand up for what they believe, and let those who make policy understand how we feel," said Donnell Hooper, one of the plaintiffs.

Eddie P. Richardson, co-publisher of the Southwest Digest and another plaintiff, said, "We have been looking for this to have happened years ago, filing against the City of Lubbock. It finally did happen."

"When you look at history, the courts have been the only way people of the have not only

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# Chatman Hills Corner

By Doris Reynolds

The New Hope Baptist Church will sponsor its Annual Church Family Picnic on Saturday afternoon, August 1, 2009, at the Booker T. Washington Park, across from the church on Birch Avenue.

The picnic will get underway at 5:00 p.m.

Rev. B. R. Moton is host pastor.

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The Annual Friends and Family Weekend Celebration will be held at the Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church, 2202 Southeast Drive, August 7 thru 9, 2009.

Friday evening, August 7, a Gospel Musical will be held at 7:00 p.m. and feature local talent from the community.

All are invited to attend.

On Saturday afternoon, August 8th, Youth Day will be held in the Booker T. Washington Park. There will be

plenty of games for the young people and the young at heart.

Sunday, August 9th, will be the climax, beginning with Church School at 9:30 a.m.

Te worship hour will begin at 1:00 p.m. with Presiding Elder J. Ford of Dallas as the guest speaker.

During the worship, former Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church members who have many contributions to their church and community will be recognized.

Everything will climax with fellowship in Mae Simmons Park under the pavilion. This park is named in honor of a former member of Bethel who was also a retired educator and principal at Ella R. Iles elementary School.

Rev. Sonia J. Scott, pastor, said our doors are open to the community to come and be with us. "Come and help us cele-

brate," she says.

Brother Robert Moore, chairperson, says, "We are just thankful for all who have worked with Bethel over the years as God is so good to all of us. Come and be a part of this program."

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Let us continue to pray for our sick and shut-in citizens. Among them include: Sister Buelah Winters, who has been a patient at Covenant Medical Center; Brother Lester Brown, a patient at Lakeside Medical Center, Room 201; Sister Dorothy Nash, a patient in Covenant Medical Center, Room 980-S.

Brother Bobby Walker is home and reported to be recuperating nicely. Also, Brother Lester inters is home and is recuperating nicely.

Continue to pray for those who are sick and shut-in.

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by Shirley Roberson

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### Library Activities Set This Week

#### Teen Program at Patterson Branch Library

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#### Teen Program at Groves Branch Library

The Groves Branch Library, 5520 19th Street, invites teens to the library for an afternoon of video games, board games, and refreshments on Thursday, July 30 at 3 p.m. This program is for students going into grades 6 through 12. Call 767-3733 for more information.

Patterson Branch Library, 1836 Parkway Drive, Wednesday, July 29 1 & 2:30 p.m.

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### New Light Baptist Church News

Church services got underway with a lot of inspiration at the New Light Baptist Church, 3013 Idalou Road, where Rev. Kenneth O. Jackson, is the proud pastor.

Church School begun at 9:45 a.m. with Deacon David Chiles teaching the lesson entitled "Commissioning For Service." The scripture text was Leviticus 8:1-13. It was a well received lesson, and one which got everyone in attendance said yes!

The morning worship service begun at 11:00 a.m. with the Praise Team filling the house with God's Spirit.

Rev. Jackson led the pulpit devotion. The Senior Choir marched to the choir stand singing "We've Come This Far By Faith." The responsive reading was read by Rev. Jackson which was Psalm 111:1-10. The altar prayer was led by Rev. Jackson with the Senior Choir singing "He Touched Me."

Sister Rochette Hood read the morning announcements and told of the upcoming events that will be taking place. All birthdays of the week were acknowledged. There was pastoral period held by Pastor Jackson, and the morning offering was held.

The Senior Choir sang "Walk By Me" and "Help, Help, Help," "Amazing Grace" was sung before Rev. Jackson preached the morning sermon entitled "Do You Know Him?" His scripture text was Matthew 7:21-27.

There was the invitation for all on for discipleship and several came for prayer.

All visitors were acknowledged, and were invited to come again.

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Vacation Bible School is being held through July 24, 2009, from 10:00 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. at New Light Baptist Church.

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**SCRIPTURE FOR WEEK:** "Blessed are the poor in spirit for there is the Kingdom of Heaven. Blessed are they that mourn for they shall be comforted. Blessed are the meek for they shall inherit the earth. Blessed are they which did hunger and thirst after righteousness. For they shall be filled. Blessed are the merciful for they shall obtain mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see God." **Matthew 5:3-8**

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May each of you have a very productive week. Remember God is able is all that He does for each of us. Keep Hi close to

your vest during the week.

He has commissioned us to do many task. What is yours? Have you fulfilled what you are about this week? Hope so, because this is a great world in which we all live.

If you are looking for a Church Home, then come and visit the New Light Baptist Church. You will be glad you did so, oh, yes, bring a family member with you! Take care!

### Science Spectrum at the Public Library

The Lubbock Public Library is pleased to present two Science Spectrum programs: Texas Stargazin' and Astronauts in Space. Dates and locations are as follows:

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# Church News



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

"Black Males: Reaching For The Top In America"

The story in last week's Southwest Digest about "Dewberry Discovers His Family Roots Attending Reunion in Bullard" is a great one. The story is one that young black Americans males should be made aware of in today's political environment. It tells the story of how blacks have come from the lowly state of slavery to the present day America where it appears as though young educated whites look with disdain on the less than animal treatment of other human beings.

In July of this year white attending the "Pettigrew Family Reunion," in Tyler, Texas, my childhood friend (Melvin Owens) drove me around showing me the growth of Smith County. One of the communities (Bethlehem) that we visited was the area that included a plantation. This area has developed to the point where houses exceed or close to the value of one-half million dollars. An elementary school in the area far surpasses any school in any of the Lubbock area districts. Guess what? The area is not predominantly white. Blacks have a piece of the pie.

This community that include names from the Dewberry family that I remember from a boy includes: Jean, Columbus, Dave (nickname-Tigum) fed the

Stanton High School (late Robert Gaines, Principal from Watson, TX; East of Marshall) in New Hope Community located on U. S. 69 South of Tyler. The towns from the area were Gresham and Flint. The communities were Bethlehem and Lee Springs.

Those blacks in the area that did not give their acreage of land away to move to Dallas to live on a plot have an investment in America that was provided by their fore-parents who understood one must own a piece of the rock to be an equal partner in America.

The former statement leads me to encourage young black Americans to be productive citizens. Barack Obama as a candidate for the President of the United States of America from a principle party should say to young black males: "get your you know what... together." If you are going to survive in a global society you must go to school and strive to be at the top of the class and move from the negative of yesterday to the positive of tomorrow.

We would encourage young black males to obtain a piece of the rock. Beside investments you should own a piece of land. Let your investments be legal and always consult and keep on a retainer if need be, an attorney. Do not try being a jailhouse

lawyer or an internet lawyer. Hire the real deal!

Black males are encouraged to follow the rules of law to the letter (not spirit) if they want to climb higher mountains. While it appears that you are free, it is only in part! The English language is one of the most complex languages in the universe. While something may read as if it is exact, does not necessarily mean that it is identical in mathematical value or logical deduction. 2 plus 2 may equal 4 in common mathematics. However, 2 plus 2 may equal three in a chemical analysis. A guarantee under the 14th Amendment to the United States Constitution states that one must treat individuals or class of individual under the same as it treats other individuals or classes in like circumstances. Equal protection under the law means an employer who agrees not to discriminate against an employee or job applicant because of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, physical or mental disability or age. If this were true there would be no need for the EEOC.

Again I cannot state it emphatically enough in our present political, economic and social environment, for black males to succeed, they must follow the "rule of law". This allows them to climb higher

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## We Thank God for Jesus "America In Her Miseries"

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

**Exodus 20:3-5** - You shall have no other Gods before me. You shall not bow down yourself to them, nor serve them; for the Lord your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children even unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me.

When America started out, she worshipped and praised only the true God She became increased with wisdom and many riches. Now thinks she's a God!!!

**Revelation 3:13-17** - Jesus said, he that has an ear, let him hear what the spirit said unto the churches, because you say, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing. And know not that you are wretched, miserable, poor, blind and naked.

America can do heart, ear, nose, kidney, and lung transplants. She thinks she is wise, but that is what the Bible calls a fool, when wise is in your own eyes!!!

**Proverb 12:15** - The way of a fool is right in his own eyes. But he that listens unto counsel is wise.

America can see hat she is in trouble. The blind man without eyes can see. She turned her heart and mind away from God, and now look at her miseries!!!

**Isaiah 1:7** - The Lord said, your country is desolated, your

cities are burned with fire. Your land, strangers devour it in your presence, and it is desolate as overthrown by strangers.

Many of her miseries came when she, like Adam and Eve, wanted to do it their way, and wanted to give rights to the people: to ask God They didn't pray!!!

**Luke 19:14** - Jesus said, his citizens hated him, and sent a message after him, saying, we will not have this man to reign over us.

**\*\*\*\* JESUS SAID, I'M THE ONLY WAY, AND THE ONLY TRUTH!!!! \*\*\*\***

God wants people to have only one right, and that all mankind to be saved. That is why Jesus died for the sins of the world, and then rose from the grave!!!

**John 3:16** - Jesus said, for God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son, that whosoever believe eve in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

When the Church Leaders of America went away from Holy Word of God, to do their own thing, and went with what a dreamer had in his heart!!!

**Jeremiah 23:25-26 & 28** - The Lord said, I have heard what the prophets said, that prophesy lies in my name, saying, I have dreamed, I have dreamed. How long shall this be

in the hear of the prophet that has adream. Let im tell a dream, and he that hath my word, let him speak my word faithfully. What is the chaff to the wheat?

(The Devil's Rights are wrong: Throw Your Children Off The Building Rights, Teacher Having Sex With A 1 Year Old R Rights, The Family Rights, Drunk Driving Rights, Drugs In School Rights, Black Rights, White Rights, Drive By Shooting Rights, Abortion Rights, Condoms In Schools Rights, Kill The Abortion Doctor Rights, Road Rage Killings Rights, Shaking Rights, Killings The College Rights!!!)

Church Leaders of America did give out Mankind R Rights, and they're wrong. One woman removed prayer out of school, and it was where it belonged!!!

**\*\*\*\* THE DEVIL USED ONE WOMAN TO BE ALL THE CHURCH LEADERS!!!! \*\*\*\***

**Isaiah 56:10-11** - The Lord said, his watchmen are blind. They are all ignorant. They are all greedy dogs. They cannot bark. Sleeping, lying down, loving to slumber. Yes, they are greedy do dogs which can never have enough, and they are shepherds that cannot understand and They all look to their own way everyone for his gain. From his quarter (\$10,000 Anniversaries).

## St. Matthew's Baptist Church News

Church services wee well attended last Sunday morning, July 19, 2009, at the St. Matthew Baptist Church ch, 2020 East 14th Street, where the proud pastor is Rev. Edward Canady.

Church services got underway with Sunday School beginning at 10:00 a. m. with Superintendent Sister Shirley Davis in charge.

The morning Sunday School lesson was entitled "Commissioning For Service."

The scripture text was Leviticus 8:1-13. The morning lesson was taught by First Lady Shirley Canady, and was reviewed by Pastor Canady.

The key verse was: "And he poured of the anointing oil upon Aaron's head, and anointed him, to sanctify him." Leviticus 8:12.

Everyone enjoyed the lesson.

The morning worship hour got underway with Brother

Gerald Jackson and Deaconess Ethel Williams in charge. A continuing in prayer, was done by Sister Annie Stanley. Praise God for the spirit.

The Senior Choir of the St. Matthew Baptist Church sung out of their hearts and souls for the Lord.

The morning sermon was delivered by Rev. Walter Jackson. His subject was "Church Where Are You?" His scripture text was Genesis 3:7-

10. The Song of Inspiration was "Blessed Assurance"

Our weekly meetings include the following: Mission meets at 6:00 p. every Wednesday. Bible Study at 7:00 p. m.

Friday evenings the Choir Rehearsals is held at 5:00 p. m.

On Saturday mornings, our Ushers meet at 11:00 a. m.

Do others know from how w at home, at work, at play?

That we have Jesus in our hearts and live for Him each day!

Thought For The Week: "We please God when our walk matches our talks."

Here are a few thoughts: So I have come down to rescue them from the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land into a good and spacious land.

a land flowing with milk and honey - the home of the Canaanites, Hittites, Amorites, Perizzites, Hivites and Jebusites.

Exodus 3:8

Life's a voyage that's homeward bound.

Herman Melville

If you are looking for a church home, then come and worship with us this coming Sunday morning. Bring a family member with you and praise the Lord with us! God is awesome! God Bless eac of you!

Unknown.

"Some books are to be tasted, others to be swallowed, and some few are to be chewed and digested." Francis Bacon

Thanks for reading, Saints. Sister Dorothy Hood, president; Sister Christene Burlison, vice president; and Sister Elnora Jones, teacher.

## Outreach Prayer Breakfast

A few truths to think about. Read them ad think about them seriously.

Are you tired of being religious? Are you going through rituals without being empowered. The anointing offends some people, because the anointing want be manipulated later. He anointed is free. You have to receive it as a free gift. Greed received freely give man ain't elect the anointing it's not bought with a rice. Readers and leaders all over this world are trying to prove that God is dead, but, Saints, if that's true who operates the sun and moon, the air, death and life.

We don't have the time to continue to discuss the many wrong sin our world, without

trying to put forward a effort to right them. e don't have a lot of time to go to convention workshops, Leadership meetings, and return u rn, a better person, ready to make others around you much better. The fields are white, Saints, he said, and laborers are few!

Let us keep in mind that in East Lubbock, West Lubbock, North Lubbock, and South Lubbock, as well as the homeless, dope pushers, alcoholics, prostitutes, AIDS victims imns, bums and thieves. Sin in high places.

If we go forward in bringing in the Harvest. We don't have time to judge anybody. Just use your power to witness to them effect effectively. Don't try to

initiate other ministries. You have the power. Ask the Lord to lift you up where you belong.

He will lead you to your perfect place that no one else can fill. The longer you stay with God, the less he speaks to you. He knows you know what he said, and he sees you doing!

"Let's Pray, Saints"

Out of all the ugliness in the world, Lord, let the beauty of your precious son Jesus Christ

shine through our hearts. Even into every community, class room, church, home and work place, humbling people as it flows with your Holy Spirit touch in su such powerful way that many souls we will be saved. The sick will be healed, Y Young People be saved, the Sick will be healed, Young People will lay down their weapons, and put on the whole Armour of God, and march through this City tearing down at rong holes of evil on all sides of Lubbock,

and all over t he world. Thank you for your guarding angel who watches all over us all. I the name of Jesus, I pray. AMEN.

Thought of The Parson had been disturbed by a person who read much too fast during responsive readings.

"We shall now read the Twenty-third Psalm—in unison." He paused. "Will the lady who is always by the still waters while the rest of us are in green pastures, please wait a minute until we catch up?"

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# Obsequies

## Robert Clark "Bobby" Ponder

Dallas, Texas -- Funeral services were held for Robert Clark "Bobby" Ponder, III on Tuesday, June 30, 2009, at the Sandra Clark Funeral Home Chapel. Elder Kiamba Knowlin of the Derrick Temple Church of God in Christ of Rock Island, Illinois, was the officiant.

Mr. Clark was born to Robert and Mary Ponder in Lubbock, Texas. He was raised in Dallas, and attended D.W. Carte High School. Robert had a special love for music, and he enjoyed cooking, especially grilling.

Preceding him in death was his father, Robert C. Ponder, Jr.; maternal grandparents, Gilbert and Johnnie Bell Greenwood, and his paternal grandparents, Robert and Bertha Ponder.

Robert leaves to cherish his memories: mother, Mary Helen Ponder; daughter, Amy Elizabeth Fagan-Ponder; sister, Karla Patricia Ponder; brother, Gerald Duncan of Lubbock, Texas; nieces, Alexandra and Kasey Ponder; and a host of relatives and friends.

Interment as held in Laurel Land Memorial Park of Dallas under the direction of Sandra



Clark Funeral Home of Dallas.

## Walter Cronkite's passing: A death in everyone's family



To a younger generation, the very idea of widespread grieving over a TV news anchor may

be hard to fathom, as is the concept of a large part of the population being happy to get their news from just one, generally loved figure. They have no reference point for Walter Cronkite, who died Friday at 92, because his kind, rare enough in his heyday, does not exist anymore.

So they just have to take it on faith when we tell them that few TV figures have ever had as much power as Cronkite did at his height — and even fewer have used it as carefully. For nearly two decades, from 1962 to 1981, he was the anchor-chair voice of the CBS Evening News, and for most of that stretch, he was the predominant news voice in America. But it was a calm voice, warm, dispassionate and apolitical. A voice that informed, and sometimes soothed, but never inflamed.

That's why we called him "uncle," and why a decade after he left the air, polls still named him "the most trusted man in America."

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Natural abilities had much to do with his success, but it also helped that he was in the right place at the right time with the right background. Cronkite was a well-regarded print war reporter, who moved to TV in 1950, just as CBS was beginning to put its team in place. He quickly rose at the organization — the term "anchorman" was coined for him when he served as the lead reporter at the 1952 convention — and was perfectly placed to grow with the medium just as the medium was growing into a major force.

The '60s and '70s were plush times for the three broadcast networks, who pretty much had TV to themselves. And at CBS at least, the network responded by treating the news division as a well-funded public trust. In turn, Cronkite did everything he could to make sure our trust was justified.

Compared to newscasters today, what's most remarkable about Cronkite is not so much what he did as what he didn't do. He didn't appear on 10 broadcast-casts a day, chattering about everything from the latest political scandal to the newest big-screen blockbuster. He was a newsman, not a personality, who rarely made the talk show circuit. He kept his opinions to himself — and generally, himself to himself.

In Cronkite's eyes, his job was to tell us the news, not what he thought about the news, and to tell us what people did, not what he thought they might do or why they might do it. For most of that 20-year stretch, we knew little about his personal opinions beyond his love of the space program, on that subject, he was a zealot. But there weren't many people who were anti-space in those days, so being pro-space didn't cause much controversy.

It's precisely because of his fabled impartiality that his two most famous on-air breaks in the pattern had such power. One was a tear that he allowed to fall when he was reporting the death of President Kennedy in 1963, a moment far more moving than any of the emotion-porn gushing anchors are prone to today. The other was an editorial he gave in 1968 after a special report on the TET offensive, proclaiming his belief that the Vietnam War could not be won



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— which apparently convinced President Johnson that middle America, and middle-aged America, had now turned against the conflict.

No one is ever universally loved or respected; there were those who thought Cronkite was too stuffy and conservative, and those (like Archie Bunker) who

When a man like that dies, how can we not grieve?

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## Word of Thought From Ruby Melton Burned Biscuits

by Nadene Johnson

When I was a little boy, my mom liked to make breakfast food for dinner every now and then. And I remember one night in particular when she had made break-fast after a long, hard day at work. On that evening so long ago, my mom placed a plate of eggs, sausage and extremely burned biscuits in front of my dad. I remember waiting to see if anyone noticed! Yet all my dad did was reach for his biscuit, smile at my mom and ask me how my day was at school. I don't remember what I told him that night, but I do remember watching him smear butter and jelly on that biscuit and eat every bite!

When I got up from the table that evening, I remember hearing my mom apologize to my dad for burning the biscuits. And I'll never forget what he said: "Baby, I love burned biscuits."

Later that night, I went to kiss Daddy good night and I asked him if he really liked his biscuits burned. He wrapped me in his arms and said, "Your Momma put in a hard day at work today and she's real tired. And besides—a little burnt biscuit never hurt anyone!"

You know, life is full of imperfect things...and imperfect people. I'm not the best housekeeper or cook. What I've learned over the years is that learning to accept each other's faults—and choosing to celebrate each other's differences—is one of the most important keys to creating a healthy, growing, and lasting relationship.

And that's my prayer for you today. That you will learn to take the good, the bad, and the ugly parts of your life and lay them at the feet of God. Because in the end, He's the only One who will be able to give you a relationship where a burnt biscuit isn't a deal-breaker! We could extend this to any relationship in fact—as understanding is the base of any relationship, be it a husband-wife or parent-child or friendship!

"His master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things.

I will put you in charge of many things.

Come and share your master's happiness!"

Matthew 25:21

I don't know what your destiny will be, but one thing I do know: the only ones among you who will be really happy are those who have sought and found how to serve; those who have sought and found how to serve.



# Editorials • Comments • Opinions



## THIS 'N' THAT

by T.J. Patterson

**GOOD TO SEE BLACKS AND BROWNS COMING TOGETHER!! THIS N THAT** ... was glad to see representatives from the **BLACK AND BROWN COMMUNITIES** ... coming together to send a **MESSAGE** ... that the majority of residents in **DISTRICT ONE AND DISTRICT TWO** ... didn't want the **ANIMAL SHELTER** ... in **MACKENZIE PARK**.... This group filed suit in order to get the attention of the **LUBBOCK CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS**.... and because of this ... the **LUBBOCK CITY COUNCIL** ... decided not to **BUILD ANIMAL SHELTER** ... in either a **NEIGHBORHOOD PARK OR AN AREA WHICH WOULD CREATE CONFUSION** ... in the area.... This is good to see ... and ... hopefully ... in the future ... if there any other situations ... then there will be concerned citizens ... who will

stand for is better for the **TOTAL CITY**.... **THIS N THAT** ... says a special **THANKS FOR A JOB WELL DONE!!!**  
**STILL NEED TO BE CUT DOWN!!! THIS N THAT** ... is still hoping that the **WEEDS** ... at the corner of **GLOBE AVENUE & EAST 24TH STREET** ... would be cut before re there will be a **VERY BAD WRECK** ... if nothing is done about correcting this area.... In the past ... the City of Lubbock ... has been sensitive about this kind of a situation.... Anyway ... there needs to be something done about this matter. Hope so!!!  
**PENNY HASTINGS THE BARBER SAYS: "SOME BOOKS** are to be tasted, others to be swallowed, and some few are to be **CHEWED AND DIGESTED!"**  
**TOO MANY BURGLARIES IN EAST LUBBOCK!** **THIS N THAT** ... is very

upset ... because of the **LARGE NUMBER** ... of **BUSINESS BURGLARIES** ... happening in the East Lubbock Area.... In this number is the number of burglaries in the **SOUTHWEST DIGEST OFFICE**.... Hopefully ... the number will cease ... as this should not happen in any area.... Let's be about our business of being **GOOD CITIZENS!!!**  
**THANKS CHEF TYRONE WILLIS!!! THIS N THAT** ... appreciates the special effort of **CHEF TYRONE WILLIS** ... of the Holiday Inns ... s for **FIVE YEARS** ... along with Each One Reach One ... has been responsible for **FEEDING SCORES** ... of young people in the Chatman Park area.... This was done ... last Saturday ... July 19, 2009.... What a time it was ... and especially for the **BEAUTIFUL BOYS AND GIRLS** ... who had a ball eating hamburgers & hot dogs!!!



## THINK ABOUT IT!

YOU CAN'T HAVE A FUTURE WITHOUT A PAST  
 by Edsdie Richardson

Recently, this writer wrote in this 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 unequatable. 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 completed. 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 newcomers to the area. Even the old timers are immune to and familiar with the area its an every day occurrence to the residents.

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. It is just a confusing means of transportation when trying to get to and fro in 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 without confusion, and it would be so much simpler.  
 Also, another important matter would be for safety when our precious boys and girls are traveling 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 Lubbock.  
 One of the major problem areas is 34th Street with the bad water lines and many other problems. You see, we have no objections to progress and development in the right vein, but don't omit what you already have to move into new territory. Let's take care of home first.  
 You cant loose what really never had.

## In Cinque

by Renetta Howard



It appears that the one word which is heard quite a bit now is 'downsize.' We first saw and heard about it as businesses started to downsize and reduce their work forces. Of course they claimed that they were cutting costs or becoming more cost effective. In many instances, that meant cutting their work forces in the United States and taking their business abroad where labor was less cost effective. In some foreign countries, businesses pay laborers a tenth of what they would pay American counterparts. The worst part about this is, those goods made in foreign countries are specifically manufactured for American consumption and priced for mega profits.  
 Just the other day, while shopping, I decided to check out the origin of the items which I wanted to purchase and one out of ten items was made in the USA. It does not matter what you want or desire, it appears that 90% (ninety percent) of the

merchandise in the stores and markets of the United States have been made in a foreign country. I purchased some KODAK Easy Share photo paper for my printer and it was made in Germany. Finished in the USA for Kodak-Eastman Kodak Company in Rochester, NY 14650. The ink for my Hewlett Packer printer which I purchased ... may be the product of one or more of the following countries: Ireland, Singapore, or Malaysia." The AT&T wireless adapter for my computer was made in China. The new most popular converter boxes, RCA and MAGNAVOX, designed to help us watch high definition television, were both made in China. A century ago, it was fashionable to have items from a foreign country. Today, it is senseless.  
 One would think that a country with the ability to send a crew of men to the moon forty years ago would have the ability to make whatever is necessary to help this country to be and remain healthy economically. Of course if few workers in this country earn money, it would seem that few people in this country could purchase the items made in the foreign countries by American companies. UNDERPAID American workers are paying for overpriced goods made by American com-

panies in foreign countries. All who are not able to financially make the purchases, secure debt using credit and eventually file bankruptcy. This is also the reason so many homeowners have suffered foreclosures or downsized their homes. Too many companies, American companies have exploited American people.  
 It has also been discovered that the reason it is difficult to communicate with people in business over the telephone is because they ARE foreigners in their own country communicating to you in their best English about your American company's business. Your call may be placed in your area code, but you have no idea where it eventually ends up after you go through the automated answerer. It is time for us to get 'in cinque' and take inventory of where our American dollars are being spent and which companies exploit us the most. Americans

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**"Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that." - Martin Luther King, Jr.**

## Animal Shelter Public Hearing Update

The City of Lubbock will not hold a public hearing on Tuesday, July 28, 2009, to consider locating the proposed new Animal Shelter at the Mackenzie Park site. The City advertised a public hearing for this purpose and also sent out letters to affected parties in order to comply with state laws and obtain public comment.

The City Council has decided to locate the new shelter on non-park property after hearing the concerns of citizens in a number of areas of Lubbock. A new Animal Shelter facility remains a goal for the City, therefore a new site is still being pursued so that the City can move forward with the proposed project in an expeditious manner.

The City will hold a regular City Council meeting on Tuesday, July 28, 2009.

### Gerald P. Jackson Will Hold Book Signing

The Tate Publishing and Enterprises enterprises will sponsor a Book Signing Event for Gerald P. Jackson at Hastings Bookstore, 82nd & Slide R Road.

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For more information, please email Gerald at gjackson@ross-roadchurch.org or chocho.jack@gmail.com

At first glance, the numbers are dispiriting: African Americans have 2.3-times the infant mortality rate as non-Hispanic white Americans. They are four-times as likely to die of complications related to low birth weight as Caucasian infants.

These statistics from the Office of Minority Health paint a bleak picture, one that is further reinforced by the fact that African American mothers are 2.6-times more likely than Caucasian mothers to begin prenatal care late or not at all.

With that in mind, it's time for a dose of encouragement. Let the change begin in August during National Immunization Awareness Month.

What do infant mortality and immunization have in common? A lot, in fact. Neonatal care begins well before a baby is born and helps to ensure that an infant is born healthy. Immunization begins during a baby's first months and ensures that a child remains healthy. Failure to receive either effective neonatal care or early immunization can go a long way toward contributing to infant and early-childhood mortality.

Sadly, African Americans with lower incomes lag behind when it comes to immunization as well. A recent survey from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) National Immunization found that only 73.9 percent of African American children received a

complete series of recommended vaccinations compared with 77.4 percent of Hispanic children and 77.9 percent of Caucasian children.

The CDC explained the disparity this way: Children who live below the poverty level are less likely to be vaccinated than children who live at or above the poverty level. Because a substantial percentage of black children live below the poverty level, coverage for black children overall is low compared with white children.

The CDC's recommended immunization schedule for children aged birth through six years suggests timely vaccination against hepatitis A and B, diphtheria-tetanus-pertussis, polio, measles-mumps-rubella and other potentially serious or deadly diseases is essential. The schedule, which all parents should study, may be found at <http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/re/cs/schedules>.

Additionally, UnitedHealthcare's "Source4Women" Web site ([www.uhc.com/source4women](http://www.uhc.com/source4women)) offers guidelines on childhood immunizations as well, and your local library can help you investigate important vaccination information and schedules.

To encourage increased immunization compliance, the CDC highlights several programs at [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov). These include Immunization Information Systems, which consolidates immunization information in one location

while identifying populations at high risk for vaccine-preventable diseases and targeting interventions; Vaccines for Children, which provides free vaccines to doctors who serve eligible children; and Immunization

Program Evaluation (IPE), which explores whether immunization activities are implemented as planned and outcomes have occurred as intended, thus shaping effective immunization programs.

## During 'Immunization Awareness Month,' Neonatal care and vaccination go hand in hand

By Corliss Hill, national director of UnitedHealthcare's Generations of Wellness



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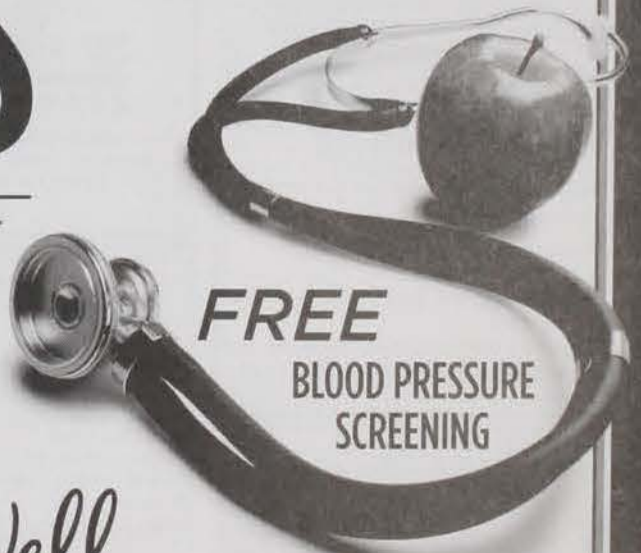
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## James Sisters In Chicago, Illinois

The James Sisters met for an "All Girl's Vacation" in Chicago, Illinois on June 12, 2009.

The older sister, JoMarie, and Betty (middle sister), and the youngest sister, Gwen, came from Detroit, Michigan, while Ernestine (second oldest) from Lubbock met them.

They were accompanied by their daughters, nieces, daughters, nieces, daughter-in-law, and a friend.

They had a glorious time, and if God allows, they plan to meet in Washington, D.C. in 2010.

Ernestine was overjoyed to see her sister JoMarie traveling and enjoying herself.

JoMarie was left with some paralysis after suffering a stroke some years ago.

The girls all belong to Mrs. Wilma James, a longtime resident of Lubbock.

They aren't wait until 2010 when they come together again.



The James Sisters In Chicago, Illinois



"What a time in Chicago!"

## University Medical Center donates blood gas machine to SPC

**REESE CENTER** – University Medical Center recently donated a blood gas machine to the Respiratory Program at South Plains College. The machine will provide hands-

on experience for SPC students.

"UMC has been very supportive of our program," said Steve Haney, SPC Program Director for Respiratory Care. "I feel that we have an excellent relationship with Ron (Edwards). He has been very generous by donating equipment to help with the training of our students."

"We are very thankful to have the support from such a major health care facility," Haney added.

Edwards is the director of Respiratory Therapy at UMC.

The Respiratory Care Program at SPC focuses on the diagnosis and care of people who experience cardiopulmonary disorders. The

program provides the education necessary for graduates to become employed as competent, registered respiratory therapists.

The closest training facility to Lubbock is Midland or Amarillo.

"SPC is very appreciative of UMC's donation," said Marla Cottenoir, dean of Health Occupations at SPC. "It is important that our students are exposed to equipment used in the workplace which better prepares them to practice after graduation."

For more information, contact Haney at (806) 716-4625 or Cottenoir at (806) 715-2332.

## Row over US black scholar arrested

ATLANTA, Georgia (CNN) – Boris Kodjoe owns a mansion in Atlanta. But when he goes to answer his door, the black actor knows what it's like to be an out-cast.

"When I'm opening the door of my own house, someone will ask me where the man of the house is, implying that I'm staff," said Kodjoe, best known for starring in Showtime's "Soul Food."

It's a feeling some African-Americans say is all too common, even to this day in America. No matter your status or prominence in society, you're still typecast. That's why the recent arrest of Henry Louis Gates Jr., one of the nation's most prominent African-American scholars, has stirred outrage and debate.

Jelani Cobb, an author and professor at Spelman College in Atlanta, says it's troubling on many levels when "one of the most recognizable African-Americans in the country can be arrested in his own home and have to justify being in his own home."

happen to him, yeah, it can happen to any of us."

That's a sentiment echoed by Jimi Izrael. "If a mild-mannered, bespectacled Ivy League professor who walks with a cane can be pulled from his own home and arrested on a minor charge, the rest of us don't stand a chance," Izrael wrote Tuesday on The Root, an online magazine with commentary from a variety of black perspectives that's co-founded by Gates.

"We all fit a description. We are all suspects."

In an interview with The Root, Gates said he was outraged by the incident and hopes to use the experience as a teaching tool, including a possible PBS special on racial profiling.

"I can't believe that an individual policeman on the Cambridge police force would treat any African-American male this way, and I am astonished that this happened to me,



Henry Louis Gates Jr. was arrested last week on a charge of disorderly conduct.

and more importantly I'm astonished that it could happen to any citizen of the United States, no matter what their race," Gates said. "And I'm deeply resolved to do and say the right things so that this cannot happen again."

Gates was arrested last Thursday in broad daylight at his Cambridge, Massachusetts, home for disorderly conduct -- what the arresting officer described as "loud and tumultuous behavior in a public space." The charge was dropped Tuesday on the recommendation of police, and the city of Cambridge issued a statement calling the incident "regrettable and unfortunate."

Gates had just returned from a trip to China when a police officer responded to a call about a potential break-in at his home that was phoned in by a white woman. According to the police report, Gates was in the foyer when the officer arrived.

The officer asked Gates to "step out onto the porch and speak with me," the report says. "[Gates] replied, 'No, I will not.' He then demanded to know who I was. I told him that I was 'Sgt. Crowley from the Cambridge Police' and that I was 'investigating a report of a break in progress' at the residence.

"While I was making this statement, Gates opened the front door and exclaimed, 'Why, because I'm a black man in America?'"

According to the report, Gates initially refused to show the officer his identification, instead asking for the officer's ID. But Gates eventually did show the officer his identification that included his home address.

"The police report says I was engaged in loud and tumultuous behavior. That's a joke," Gates told The Root. "It escalated as follows: I kept saying to him, 'What is your name, and what is your badge number?' and he refused to respond. I asked him three times, and he refused to respond. And then I said, 'You're not responding because I'm a black man, and you're a white officer.'"

Known as Skip by friends and colleagues, Gates is the director of the W.E.B. Du Bois Institute for African and African-American Research at Harvard University, and an acclaimed PBS documentary.

While Gates' arrest lit up talk radio and blogs, it prompted others to defend the police against charges of racial profiling.

## No Animal Shelter

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munity could be heard, plaintiffs, he said.

"When you believe in what you are doing, and are persistent and have faith, no task is impossible. Recent example is the coalition which was formed to keep the shelter out of Mackenzie Park."

Larry Alexander, another plaintiff, said, "We need to show our young children we are concerned about their future. By coming together, Black and Brown, was a great beginning!"

The City Council cancelled a July 28th public hearing which was set for the Mackenzie Park location as this site has been eliminated from location.

Hooper summed up this effort as a "great experience and the people were heard." He concluded, "We can't quit now!"



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