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LORETTA LYNCH FIRST BLACK WOMAN TO HOLD THE NATION'S TOP LAW ENFORCEMENT JOB



New York U.S. Attorney Loretta Lynch

The Senate Judiciary Committee has approved Loretta Lynch's nomination to be attorney general, sending it to the full Senate. The vote was 12 to 8, with three Republicans joining all committee Democrats in voting in favor of Lynch. She is also expected to win approval by the full Senate, though the timing is uncertain. The 55-year-old Lynch now serves as U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of New York. She would replace Eric Holder and become the first black woman to hold the nation's top law enforcement job. Several Republicans said that Lynch's support for the legality of the president's executive actions on immigration disqualified her. But GOP Sen. Orrin Hatch of Utah, who voted in her favor, said those critics were ignoring Lynch's long record of distinction.

Ferguson Police Routinely Violate Rights of Blacks



A Justice Department investigation will allege sweeping patterns of discrimination within the Ferguson police department and at the municipal jail and court, a law enforcement official familiar with the report said Tuesday.

The report, which could be released, will charge that police disproportionately use excessive force against blacks and that black drivers are stopped and searched far more often than white motorists, even though they're less likely to be carrying contraband. County police officers on Florissant street in Ferguson on Aug. 18.

The Justice Department also found that blacks were 68 percent less likely than others to have their cases dismissed by a municipal court judge, and that from April to September of last year, 95 percent of people kept at the city jail for more than two days were black. 95 percent of people kept at the city jail for more than two days were black, according to the official.

In short, the DOJ has found evidence of racism among Ferguson's police department, which is 94% white even though the city is around 67% black.

The official says the report will allege direct evidence of racial bias among police officers and court workers and detail a criminal justice system that prioritizes generating revenue over public safety.

There's Still Time! Deadline Extended for State Fair of Texas College Scholarship Applications

Attention seniors - it's not too late to send in your applications! Due to the recent winter weather conditions and school cancellations statewide, the State Fair of Texas is extending the deadline for college scholarship applications to Friday, March 6, 2015.

Eligible recipients for the Pete Schenkel Scholarship include graduating high school seniors from five Dallas Independent School District high schools in the Fair Park area - Irma Lerma Rangel Young Women's Leadership School, James Madison, Lincoln, North Dallas and Woodrow Wilson High Schools. The Youth Scholarship Program also awards scholarships to graduating Texas high school seniors who have participated in competitive livestock events held at the State Fair of Texas.

Recipients receive a \$5,000 grant, renewable in \$1,250 annual increments if the student maintains a 3.0 GPA while working toward a college degree at a Texas university and/or community college. Get more details on how to apply at BigTex.com/scholarship. **ALL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS MUST BE POST-MARKED BY MARCH 6, 2015.** For additional information, please contact scholarships@bigtex.com. The State Fair Scholarship Committee meets in March to select the candidates for this year's awards.

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Teacher Relives High Notes Of Career, Retires After 45 Years



The walls that were once covered with music notes and faces of composers were bare. Various trophies and accolades collected over the last four and a half decades were boxed. The dry erase board is how students would learn the notes Do, Re and Me, but at the end of this day it was permanently erased.

Betty J. Bush took one last look at her classroom before her last day of her career. Looking back over her empty classroom, tears began to fill her eyes.

"I think I'll mostly miss the children," Bush said days into her retirement. A few days before she was a music teacher, a title she held for 45 years.

She began her teaching tenure with Dallas ISD in 1970. After spending her first year out of college teaching in Las Vegas, Bush received the call she had been waiting for.

"In the middle of my first semester teaching," Bush recalled. "I got a job offer from Dallas ISD, so I accepted."

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Dallas Park and Recreation Job Fair March 14

The City of Dallas Park and Recreation Department is hiring creative, innovative and customer service friendly individuals for full-time, part-time and seasonal positions. The department is hosting a free job fair from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, March 14 at the Centennial Building at Fair Park.

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Preregistration for the fair is not required. However, jobseekers are encouraged to view job descriptions and to apply for these and other city job openings online at www.dallascityhall.com before the event. Park and human resources staff at computer stations throughout the venue will assist anyone unable to complete an application ahead of time. Candidates can bring resumes and appropriate certifications and/or licensing to the event.

Applicants must be at least 18 to apply. Aquatics positions require applicants to be 16 and older. Valid picture ID and proof of eligibility to work in the United States is required to apply for all positions.

The public can visit www.dallascityhall.com or call Dallas Park and Recreation at (214) 670-4100 for information.



Dallas: Too Busy Growing To Hate!



STUDENTS STAGE WALKOUTS OVER COMMON CORE TESTS



Hundreds of Albuquerque High School students stage a walkout in Albuquerque, N.M. on Monday, March 2, 2015, to protest a new standardized test they say isn't an accurate measurement of their education. Students frustrated over the new exam walked out of schools across the state Monday in protest as the new exam was being given. The backlash came as millions of U.S. student's start taking more rigorous exams aligned with Common Core standards. (AP Photo/Russell Contreras)

AP Photo in Mattie's March folder

Teacher Relives High Notes Of Career, Retires After 45 Years

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The year prior both Dallas and Houston school districts passed on her employment, she notes.

A daughter of Marshall, Texas, Bush graduated from the town's only high school. She later went on to receive her bachelor's degree in music from Wiley College, a historically black college.

With a calm and soft voice, Bush recounts the bulk of her years were spent as a middle school music teacher.

"Middle school was my favorite age level. It's an age when they can do more with holding their pitch and their voices are developing," Bush said.

Her love of music began at an early age. Bush's earliest memories of tapping her fingers against the ivory keys of the piano were played while on top of her dresser. Her parents took notice, and by six-years-old she received her first upright piano.

From there, she received music lessons and perfected her craft as a pianist at her church by accompanying the junior choir at Mt. Zion Spiritual Church in Marshall.

With Dallas ISD, she began teaching at John B. Hood Middle School in the Pleasant Grove area, and eventually

moving to the Kimball feeder pattern as the music teacher at T.W. Browne Middle School. She taught at Browne for 27 years.

Bush says over the years past students have sung her notes of high praise.

"Just this past weekend I ran into one of my former students who introduced me to her young son. He said to him, 'Son this was my music teacher, and if I was acting up all she had to do was point at me and I would straighten up,'" Bush said after softly chuckling.

Flattered by their remarks, she admits it was music to her ears.

While at T.W. Browne, where she spent the bulk of her teaching career, Bush became impressed with the raw talent of her students. Beginner musicians can pose a challenge to learning difficult content, but she taught quite a few advanced in their abilities. During ensembles, those students who had enough fundamental skills found themselves often performing solos, while Bush focused on directing the choir.

"I had an ensemble that traveled to various churches to play and my most outstanding students like Cassandra Miller and Joel McGuire were so skilled, I let them play on their own,"

said Bush.

Students like the Dallas gospel-singing duo the Andrew Brothers were among the standouts she taught.

Her days leading songs and traveling around town with music hopefuls hit a low note when she was moved from her once thriving program at T.W. Browne to the primary level.

As T.W. Browne's enrollment numbers began to fall, Bush's role was harder to justify. As a result, in 2008 she was moved to Bayles Elementary School in east Dallas.

The kids were younger. Their voices had not yet matured. There were no pianists with the skill she had seen like at T.W. Browne. There was no choir.

In spite of the abrupt move, Bush never lost sight of her passion for music.

"What kept me teaching so long were the students," Bush said.

Inspired by what they would discover beyond the notes of a song, she believed they in turn would learn to sing and play for others just as she has done for the last 45 years.

With plans to return to the district as a substitute teacher, she has set plans for the coming days.

"Well, at least for the first 30 days all I plan to do is rest," Bush said.

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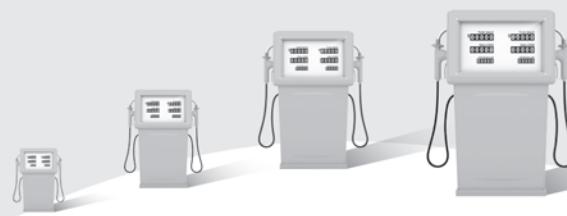
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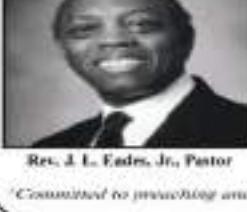
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The Supreme Court Must Uphold The Affordable Care Act



BY CONGRESSWOMAN
EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

The Affordable Care Act, the signature piece of legislation passed by Congress and signed into law by President Barack Obama, is being challenged once again by opponents of the landmark legislation. Since its inception the law has made healthcare coverage available to millions of Americans who could not afford to purchase insurance for themselves and their families.

The same justices that upheld the constitutionality of the law in a five to four decision in 2012 are now being asked whether or not the federal government is permitted to give subsidies to individuals and families in those states that chose not to establish their own healthcare exchanges.

The four plaintiffs in the case, King v. Burwell, argue that federal subsidies should only be awarded to people in states that established their own exchanges. The administration

says that they are wrong, and that Congress would not have passed legislation that treated people in different states differently.

The Supreme Court decided to hear the case after the plaintiffs were unanimously rebuffed by a federal appeals court in Richmond, Virginia. Federal Judge Andre Davis, one of the nation's most highly regarded jurists, said that a ruling in favor of the plaintiffs would result in "millions of Americans" losing their healthcare coverage. Oral arguments before the Supreme Court commence on March 4th.

Health and Human Services Secretary Sylvia Burwell, who is named as the defendant in the case, said that many people who have signed up for coverage under the Affordable Care Act will be severely penalized if the Supreme Court rules in favor of the plaintiffs. Many of them will not have any health coverage because they cannot afford it without the assistance of the government, she said. The overwhelming majority of those who receive subsidies are low and middle-income people who reside in southern states such as Texas.

The current challenge to the Affordable Care Act is backed by the Competitive Enterprise Institute whose former chairman, Michael S. Greve, was quoted as saying that the administration's healthcare legislation should be "killed as a matter of political hygiene."

If the plaintiffs are successful

approximately eight million people in 34 states, including Texas, which decided not to establish its own exchange, could possibly lose their healthcare coverage. Those in states that did establish exchanges would most likely see significant increases in their premiums, according to insurance industry analysts.

In the most recent enrollment period, which ended on February 15, nearly 1.2 million Texas residents signed up for a health plan on the exchange administered by the federal government, according to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

There are politicians in our country who have made it their mission to destroy the Affordable Care Act since it was signed into law. In the House of Representatives, Republican legislators have attempted to repeal the law more than fifty times.

Providing affordable healthcare for its citizens is one of the most progressive and visionary steps that the American government has taken in the past century. I am hopeful that a majority of the justices on the Supreme Court will realize that, and rule in favor of the Affordable Care Act. Any other decision would be tragic for millions of people, and for our democracy.

Celebrating The Life of Mrs. Ellen Doris Woodfork Arnold

Mrs. Ellen Doris Woodfork Arnold was born on June 24, 1913 in Somerville, Texas to John Wesley and Nellie Harris Woodfork. She was the youngest of eight children born to this union. Mrs. Arnold celebrated her 100th Birthday in 2013. She worked as a maid in private homes and later became a beautician in her own business. She was a volunteer at Martin L. King, Jr. Elementary School formerly known as Colonial Elementary. She served her community as a precinct chair and general poll worker. She died on Wednesday, March 4, 2015 and



leaves to cherish her family: Dr. Alfred L. Roberts, Sr. (son), Billie Kerl Roberts (daughter-in-law), Alfrelynn, LaTasha, and Alfred Jr. (grandchildren), Alfred Jeremiah and Lailah Anais (great-grandchildren), and a host of cousins, nieces, and nephews. The homegoing celebration will be held on Thursday, March 12, 2015 at 12 noon at St. Luke "Community" United Methodist Church, 5710 E. R. L. Thornton Freeway. The Viewing will be from 10am-12noon. Arrangements are entrusted to Community Funeral Home, Waxahachie, Texas.

Celebrating The Life of Cecil E. Anderson L.H.D.

Cecil E. Anderson, L.H.D. was born to the parentage of Caleb and Anna Kelly in Cameron, Texas on May 13, 1908. She accepted Christ an early age and joined Bethel AME Church in Cameron, Texas.

Mrs. Cecil graduated from O. J. Thomas High School in Cameron, Texas. Received a BS at Huston Tillotson; Med at Prairie View A & M University.

She was married to the late Luther James Anderson and to this union, 2 children were born, Jacqueline and Kelly Ray. Mrs. Cecil as she is called by almost everyone who knew her and Gran Gran by her grandkids.

Education was truly her passion and she has paved the way for educators today. As an educator, she was passionate,

gifted and creative. Mrs. Cecil taught grades 1-8 in Troy and Bocholt's Texas for several years. Mrs. Cecil went back to Cameron, Texas to teach school, and commuted back and forth from Dallas, Texas to Cameron, Texas until she retired in 1975 and made Dallas her home permanent home. Mrs. Cecil sponsored the Miss OJ Thomas High School pageant and the Student Council. She retired with 44 years in education and has membership with the teachers Retirement Association. Mrs. Cecil was the director of the building fund pledges for the construction of the Newton Hospital in Cameron, Texas, coordinator of the Western Division of the March of Dimes, den mother for 14 Boy Scouts, precinct

Chairman of the Republican Party #3318 and provided fruit baskets at Christmas time for the elderly in the community for many years. Mrs. Cecil has travel extensively over the Continental

United States of America, Southern Caribbean and Aruba. This does not tell her life story; it just gives you a glimpse of her life. She was preceded in death by her husband, daughter,

mother and father, grandparents, 4 sisters Letona, Dorothy, Iris and Geraldine, 2 brothers Elmwood (Bud) and Hartford. She leaves to cherish her memory son Kelly Ray of Dallas, Texas, One special Granddaughter and grandson (caregiver) Ursula (Brian) Medlock, of Red Oak Texas, granddaughters Shaniqua W Williams of Dallas, Texas, Kalimah and Konesha Anderson of Cincinnati, Ohio, Stacey (Brian) Anderson of Dayton Ohio. Great, grand's Crystal (Damien) Lewis of Seagoville, Texas, Golden (Cherelle) Dotson, Darylneisha, Jasmine and Daryl Dotson all of Dallas, Texas, A'Layah and Arayana Anderson all of Cincinnati, Ohio, Winston and Alphoso Williams of Dallas, Texas. Great grand's Ja'Tavian, Preston, Bryon, Cameron, Nia, Deja, Tamia, Jada, Jalaya, Golden Jr., Kayden, Jazza, Dar'Yanna, AKA Donnie. Sisters Dr. Maxine Boles of Dallas, Texas, Hortense Montgomery of Wichita Falls, Texas. Very special niece Miosha shaun (Brian) McCann of Grand Prairie, Special nieces Yola (John) Givens of Waxahachie, Texas, Tasha (Ricky) Bell of Wichita Falls, Alyane Mitchell, Kathy Webster all of Dayton, Ohio, Debra Duncan of Waco, Texas. Nephews Michael (Debra) Kelly, Elmwood Kelly Jr. of Atlanta, George. Special family friend of the family Bobbie Dibbles of Dallas, Texas and a host of relatives and friends.





BY DR. ESTER DAVIS

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Katrina "Pennie" Pitre is the President and CEO of Skyline Ranch and Banquet Facility. So many couture-minded member of society recognize her as the high end sales associate, with record sales, at Neiman Marcus for many years. Pennie has an outstanding record of service in this community. She has served on the board at St. Phillips School and Community Center, American Heart Association, Dallas County Foster Care. She

is currently on the advisory board for the Dallas International Street Ministries.

Every year for the past 31 years, the Dallas Black Chamber of Commerce host the renown "Quest For Success" Luncheon. I decided to take a high profile in-depth look at the six(6)honorees for 2015. Katrina "Pennie" Pitre is our 2nd guest quest honoree to be featured here.

The Skyline Ranch has dual responsibility. Pennie's husband/partner, Robert Pitre, a passionate outspoken businessman and visionary, share the responsibilities of the non-profit side of Skyline Ranch, Pitre Vision, a program exposing youth to wholesome

outdoor fun. The ranch is never without company. Even when leaving their church, children follow them to spend the day at the ranch hiking, swimming, fishing and of course, mingling with the horses. Skyline Ranch has welcomed international, national and local guest, celebrities and convention visitors to the grounds. Their son, Jordan, can be seen leading horseback trail rides on the sprawling acreage.

I am reminded of a story Robert Pitre shared with me about the family that I thought was really cute. Some years ago, the Skyline Ranch First Family was featured in the Dallas Convention & Visitors Bureau Guide. It was a good picture of Robert,

Pennie and Jordan... with Jordan mounted on one of the horses. When Jordan saw himself, he announced to his parents that "next year I want to be in the picture by myself". Wonder which side of the aisle he got that from!!!

Back at the ranch, added accolades to Mrs. Katrina "Pennie" Pitre for your willing working spirit and inspiration to this community which serves as a profound image to the world.

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Katrina "Pennie" Pitre

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