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Rusk Eagles Youth Association Registers two hundred twenty-two

Funds Available to Enforce Underage Smoking Ban

According to Mario McGowan, since 2009 plans have been in the works to organize a youth football program in Rusk, Texas. For more years than many parents can remember, they have driven their youngsters to Jacksonville, and surrounding areas to learn the fundamentals of football and to enjoy the sport. Registration for the Rusk teams began in February of this year. Volunteers, mentors, sponsors and parents came together on a Saturday in early April for a day of registration, measuring for uniforms and for providing physical exams for the registrants. All fees have been paid to the Tri-County League which will provide mouth pieces for the players and t-shirts. Required physicals have been given to the youth participants, insurance has been secured on participants, helmets, pads and uniforms have been ordered and a Rusk ISD playing field has been secured.

The only obstacle to be overcome is the securing of a concession stand to sell refreshments. A concession stand is necessary to provide profits from refreshments to pay the referees. "We have spoken with RISD officials and those in charge of managing both the home and visitors concession stands and been turned down," said two of the board members. All teams in the Tri-county



F-Row: Rusk Eagles Youth Football and Cheer Association Board members David Matlock, treasurer; Sam O'Neal, Vice President; B-Row -Oliver Sturns, Football Commissioner; Yvonne McGowan, secretary; Mario McGowan, President. Not pictured; Ray Foreman, David Matlock, Bruce Bradley, Jerry Hill and Dana Martin.

League use the concession area of their school district.

"We would certainly hate to have our Rusk youth miss this great opportunity for lack of a concession stand," stated one parent. The number of youth registered swelled on April 5th to two hundred twenty-two.

The Rusk Association joins the Tri-County League which includes: Bullard, Troup, Jacksonville, Arp, John Tyler, Brownsboro, Chapel Hill, and Carlyle. The league is divided into divisions. Rusk will be informed

(AUSTIN) — Schools and local law enforcement agencies battling to keep tobacco out of the hands of children can get financial assistance from the Texas Comptroller's office.

Grants ranging from \$1,000 to \$150,000 can be used for specific activities such as tobacco education for kids, tobacco retailers and court personnel; keeping schools and school events tobacco free; and sting operations to catch retailers selling tobacco products to minors.

"Consistent education efforts show kids and retailers that Texas is serious about preventing young people from taking up an extremely costly habit — in terms of money spent on tobacco and the high cost of tobacco related illnesses," Texas Comptroller Susan Combs said.

The deadline to apply for 2010-11 grants is May 7, 2010, for schools with on-campus law enforcement and May 14, 2010, for police departments, sheriffs, constables and district attorneys. The available grant amount for law enforcement agencies depends on the number of tobacco retailers within a jurisdiction. The grant amount available for school districts is based

A Message From Tyler Perry

I was looking through my personal photo album the other day, and I ran across some pictures of my mother from last year. I was looking at her face in these pictures...she was so happy. I had asked her to take a walk with me, as I was trying to get her to do a little exercise. She was so tired since she had just come in from dialysis, but whenever I asked her to do something she would always put on a smile and try it. She and I walked very slowly up her driveway. She



was laboring but still so happy. She was telling me how much she loved her house and how thankful she was. She said she never would have imagined being able to live in such a fine house (her words). She said she always wanted to know what it was like to live like Mrs. Chancellor (from "The Young and the Restless") and wondered what it would be like to have a maid and "now I know" she said. We laughed about that for a second and then I asked her how that made her feel... she quickly said "loved." So, as I looked at that picture, I thought about that moment with tears in my eyes and I began to get really sad. Then I looked down at the bottom of the picture and saw the date, it was January 4th 2009. I asked myself this question, if someone had told me that by the same time next year she would have passed, would I have any regrets? I thought about it for a few seconds and I can honestly say that I have no regrets. With that thought, I felt the greatest sense of peace come over me. I

feeling. I know that I did everything in my power for her. I can truly say there is not one thing I would I change. I didn't realize how much of a blessing that was until I thought about it. I want to ask you that question today. Think about this...if I said to you, by this time next year, someone you love the most will not be here, would you have any regrets?

What a thought, right?

We waste so much time on petty grievances and arguments, being angry about things that don't really matter. If I can tell you anything, it would be to fix the things you have done wrong. We live in so much fear by not telling the people we love how much they mean to us, or never even revealing to them that we love them.

You don't want something to happen to the person you love and not have had to have a chance to fix it. Or, for something to happen and you let that person go to the grave not knowing they were truly loved. The guilt can be overwhelming. So take some time today to mend some fences and make peace. Give some love and get some love. Even if you try and the other person doesn't want to hear it, you will rest better knowing that you tried to fix it, that you tried to share it. Just knowing you tried, period, is enough to give you peace. This life is short and no man knows the day or the hour.

Tyler Perry

Guardianship, Other Volunteer Programs Offer Critical Support for Older Texans

Every two weeks or so, Elizabeth and Doris repeat a tradition developed over eight years of friendship.

Around dinnertime, Elizabeth, an Austin attorney and volunteer senior guardian, picks up 77-year-old Doris at a small group home for older people with disabilities. They drive to a nearby fast food restaurant where Doris orders a cheeseburger and medium Coke. They chat and laugh for about 30 minutes, then Elizabeth drives Doris back home.

"Even though it's only five blocks or so, Doris always kids me that my sense of direction is awful and I'm getting hopelessly lost," Elizabeth says. "I play along and pretend I'm also lost and panicking — until

we reach her house and both act amazed that we've found our way back. It's silly, but we both love it." we reach her house and both act amazed that we've found our way back. It's silly, but we both love it."

The laughs and standard jokes (such as Doris pretending to filch quarters from Elizabeth's coin tray) are a joy for both women, who also enjoy occasional outings such as a trip to the circus.

However, the guardianship relationship serves another, more serious need for frail, pixieish (4'11") Doris, who has mental retardation and lacks any family support system.

Through a program offered by the local nonprofit organization, Family Eldercare, Elizabeth monitors Doris' mental and physical health status, communicates with service providers about her needs and stands ready to advocate for her legal rights and make limited health care authorizations

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Tyler Area Women of Distinction Named

In recognition of "Women's History Month" thirteen women of distinction were recognized and presented at The New Days Ministries Annual Miracle Center Awards Luncheon Saturday, March 6, 2010. Every day women around the world

make history with their contributions in all walks of life including the field of medicine, politics, law, communications, education, the arts and fashion.

The purpose of *Women's History Month* is to increase consciousness and knowledge of women's history. The public celebration of women's history began in 1978 as "Women's History Week" in Sonoma County California.

The Women's Movement of the sixties caused women to question their invisibility in traditional American history books and from this inspired women to document their own history producing many female historians.

Communities such as Tyler have chosen to celebrate "Women of Distinction" in March each year to raise awareness of contributions made by local women.

M. J. Porchia, was hostess for the upscale luncheon which provided a beautifully decorated banquet setting with background music where each honoree was introduced as she was escorted from the entrance of the large center to her table. Cynthia Freeman introduced each and M. J. Portchia gave opening remarks and the welcome. Espanola Mitchell gave the invocation. Music was provided by Charles Shaw & Company. Lunch was served then presentations which included a detailed biography, were made to each honoree.

Gay Brookshire was presented by Sheilia Pullins, Shayla Beck by Vanessa Billington, Dr. Jeanette Deas Calhoun by Nita Fields, Judith Cantua by Mary Fields, Myra Everhart by Tracie Timmons and Dr. Edna Houston was presented by

Baily Tyler. Dr. Dorothy Jackson-Nauls by Paulette Blair, Mary Elezabeth Jackson by Tricia Watkins, Dr. Bennie Webster by Tequecie Meek and Dr. Shirley Erwin McKellar by Vicki Champion.

Dr. Shirley JoNetta Erwin McKellar Dr. Shirley J. McKellar, Retired American Soldier, United States Army, is teh founder and Chief Executive officer of McKellar-McKellar-Ntaka and Associates,

Dorothy Jackson - Nauls MD-Dr., Jackson-Nauls, was raised in Tyler, Texas. She is 3rd child of 8 born to Mr. & Mrs. C.W. Jackson. She attended Tyler Schools and graduated from Robert E. Lee High School. Upon graduation



L-R front row- Jeanette Deas Calhou, Ph.D.; Shayla Beck, UD Tyler Boys & Girls Club; Nora McDaniels Davis, classical pianist & teacher; Dorothy Jackson-Nauls, MD; B-Row - Dr. Bennie Webster, Ph.D., Myra Everhart, V. P. Consumer Lending Southside Bank; Mary Elizabeth Jackson, V.P. Trinity Mother Francis Hospitals & Clinics; Daphne Session, Houston County Attorney; Maxine Session; Publisher Texas Informer Newspaper, retired Teacher & Administrator; Dr. Shirley JoNetta McKellar, CEO McKellar-McKellar-Ntaka; Not Pictured: Judith Cantua, Publisher LaOpinion Newspaper; Gay Venable Brookshire, Christian Women's Job Corps.

Daphne Session and Maxine Session, mother and daughter, were presented the Legacy Award by Sonya Blair. Nora C. Davis, who recently celebrated her 91st birthday, was presented the Centurion Award by Jessie Lewis.

Jacqueline Griffin recognized the former honorees from past years. Martha Tims presented door prizes and closing remarks were given by Reginal Garrett, New Days Community Church Pastor. The annual luncheon was held at 12:00 noon in the NDCC Center at 901 North Broadway, Tyler, Texas.

many successful projects in East Texas. She is especially proud of the work associated with sexually and physically abused women/children.

In 1991, Dr. McKellar and her freind, Sally Sanders, started an early childhood education school. This also included an after school mentor-mentee program.

Dr. McKellar is also a Registered Nurse Clinician, Major (retired) from the United States Army Nurse Core. She also served as the Officer-in-Charge of Combat Life Saving School.

from high school she headed for Grambling State University where she received a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Chemistry/Biology. She later obtained her Doctorate of Medicine from Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences. She completed her Residency in Family Medicine from the University of Maryland. Completed further study in Obstetrics/Gynecology and

General Surger She is a Diplomate of the American Academy of Family Medicine. After establishing

a brief practice in Oklahoma, Dr. Nauls returned to Tyler and joined the medical practice of the Willow Wellness Center. recieved two war ribbons and two war medals for her work.

Success is awarded those who dream of endless possibilities who, through determination and perserverance, continue climbing mountains and following rainbows.

Hollywood's Time

by Billy (Hollywood) Groves

I got to witness some very important history recently at the Dedication Ceremony of a Texas Historical marker for desegregation of Texas public schools. The event was spearheaded by Dr. Lynn Ray Ellison of Texas City and held at the George Washington Carver Museum and Cultural Center on 1165 Angelina Street in Austin.



Rev. Robert Andersons of El Campo, Pastor of Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church in El Campo, delivered the invocation. He is a graduate of E.A. Greer High School in El Campo. Judy Colbert Taylor a graduate of Lanier High School in Freeport gave the greeting. Chester Houston of Wharton, a Wharton Training High School graduate, spoke on the occasion. Delores Penrice of Texas City is a graduate of T.L. Pink High School in Glen Flora, Texas. Delores sang some beautiful renditions of some old Christian classics to the large audience. Dr. Lynn Ellison was the keynote speaker and the man who started the movement to gain recognition for Black high schools that were closed due to integration.

Dr. Ellison did a great job of explaining the historical significance and importance of those Black high schools of the past to America and present generations. He went on to speak about former Black high schools like Austin Anderson High which produced great athletes like the late NFL star Dick "Night Train" Lane. He commended the Groves family of Crockett for their statewide endeavors, introduced Dr. Helen Groves King of Huntsville, a Crockett Ralph Bunche high graduate as the distinguished guest who would read the proclamation and unveil the Texas State marker. Dr. Ianthia Groves Fisher of Crockett was at the ceremony and was enshrined in the George Washington Museum as an Outstanding Texan, along with Dr. King, Dr. Ruth Groves Watson of Houston, a Crockett native and I (Billy "Hollywood" Groves). There were 200 Outstanding Texans who attended Black High Schools of the past who were enshrined at the

integration closed those schools.

Dr. Ruth Simmons, former NFL and SMU football star Jerry LeVias, Dr. Lynn Ellison, former NBA star Joe Caldwell, State Representative Alma Allen, Dallas Lawyer and Civil Rights activist Lee Alcon, Travis county judge Samuel T. Biscoe, former Harris county judge Andrew Jefferson (a Crockett native), Lillie J. Anderson, Ed L. White, Texas Association of School Board of Austin, Harold Adams, Clarence Caldwell and Griggs Owens, were some of the Outstanding Texans introduced at

the G.W. Carver Museum. Para Agaboga, is the site coordinator for the George Washington Carver Museum in Austin. She had this to say about Ed Roby of Austin Ed is a retired Austin ISD administrator who played football at Prairie View A&M University with NFL star Ken Houston. He described the dedication the Dedication Ceremony. "Today marks the memory and dedication of those schools who often had the least but turned out the best." as a great thing, adding that "we need to remember our history." Ed is also on the board of the Prairie View A&M University Interscholastic League Museum in Austin. I asked Ed about the P.V. League Museum and what advice did he have for young people. He said the Prairie View A&M University Interscholastic League Museum holds all the sports records, team and individual records of those Black High School of the past. He added that the names and records of educational accomplishments, one act plays, bands and choir completion of those schools are also included in the Prairie View A&M University Interscholastic Museum in the Griffin building in Austin. "Go to school and obey your parents", was his advice for young people.

J.T. Newsom of Lancaster, California, is a Booker T. Washington High of Texas City graduate who drove from California for the Ceremony. J.T. was very excited about the dedication of the State marker. He gave me this advice for young people. "The first thing young people need is, an

education then self improvement, then they need to be family oriented and be law abiding citizens." Griggs Owens of Ft. Worth, is a former Booker T. Washington High school of Texas City graduate and former star athlete. Griggs displayed an approving smile throughout the ceremony and said he was very happy to be there. He attends Mr. Olive Baptist Church in Ft. Worth, where Rev. N.L. Robertson and Rev. James Thompson are the pastors. Griggs gave me this advice for young people. "Young people need to stay in school, find the direction they need to go in, have patience and stick with it." Lillie "Bushtail" Anderson of Texas City, Booker T. Washington High graduate also and a former basketball star had this to say about the program. "It is a great way to show respect and bring recognition to all Black High Schools that were closed due to integration."

Rev. Robert L. Anderson, Pastor of Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church in El Campo is a graduate of E.A. Greer High School in El Campo, gave me this advice for young people. "Salvation and education will carry you through life." Rev. Clay Spears of Wallis, Texas, Pastor of Greater New Faith Church in Wallis was at the dedication program. He gave me this advice for young people. "The harvest is ripe and the labor is few". Charles Akins of Austin is a graduate of Austin Anderson High School. He told me he was proud to be a part of the Dedication Program

and gave me this advice for young people. "Stay in School". Bertha Sadler Means of Austin is a former educator and the wife of the late great Dr. James Means who taught at Houston Tillotson College in Austin for many years. Mrs. Means simply described the dedication as "Wonderful". Rev. Will Collier of Corpus Christi graduated from Solomon M. Coves High School in Corpus Christi and Virgee Smith, a 1959 La Marque High graduate told me they really enjoyed the Dedication Program. Johnny Lee Roberts of Wharton, is a graduate of Wharton Training High School. He gave me this advice for young people. "Try to go to school and get an education, because education is the key to the future." Barbara Alexander of Austin a 1960 graduate of Austin Anderson High School was having a wonderful time at the Dedication. She gave me this advice for young men. "Pull your pants up". Delores Duffie of Texas City gave me this advice for young people. "No matter where you are in the community or home, stay in school and you can do anything your heart desires. The Dedication Ceremony of a Texas Historical Marker for Desegregation of Texas Public School was a successful event which gave recognition and respect to a forgotten American institution. Special thanks go out to Dr. Lynn Ray Ellison of Texas City who got the entire movement started, the Booker T. Washington former students of Texas City and everyone else involved with this historical event.

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writing articles on the subject, I was more than willing to help as were Johnny and Vera Allen of Texas City and Crockett. The historical marker was placed in front of the George Washington Carver Museum as a lasting tribute to those Black schools that were closed forever due to integration. The people I met the day of the dedication and the comments they made are far to numerous to mention in this one column. However, I salute all the students, teachers and staff of those important historical American Schools of the past. Here are some of the names of the people I met in Austin at the George Washington Carver Museum: Dabbs McGregor Woodfin, Harold Adams, Rev. James Daniels, Gloria "Billie" Lee, Renea Flether, Alma Dixon, Bobbie Garratt, Harold Simmons, Mary Parker and Beatrice Mayes. Special Kudos go out to Bernadette Phifer, curator of the George Washington Carver Museum and Mrs. Duwanna Dukes of Austin, The Travis County Historical Commission and the Texas Historical Commission. ***This column is sponsored by Customer's Choice in Crockett. Chris and Lynn Martinez managers.***

Harvard University Scholarship Announcement

Harvard University announced over the weekend that from now on undergraduate students from low-income families will pay no tuition. In making the announcement, Harvard's president Lawrence H. Summers said, "When only ten percent of the students in elite higher education come from families in the lower half of the income distribution, we are not doing enough. We are not doing enough in bringing elite higher education to the lower half of the income distribution." If you know of a family earning less than \$60,000 a year with an honor student graduating from high school soon, Harvard University wants to pay the tuition. The prestigious university recently announced that from now on undergraduate students from low-income families can go to Harvard for free... no tuition and no student loans! To find out more about Harvard offering free tuition for families making less than \$60,000 a year, visit Harvard's financial aid web site at: <http://www.fao.fas.harvard.edu/> or call the school's financial aid office at (617) 495-1581.

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1/2 cup sour cream

Heat oven to 325 degrees fahrenheit. Grease 9x5 inch loaf pan.

Mix flour, baking powder and salt in small bowl. Beat butter and sugar in large bowl with electric mixer on medium speed until light and fluffy. Add eggs, 1 at a time, beating wll after each addition. Beat in vanilla. Add flour mixture alternately with sour cream, stirring until smooth. Pour into prepared pan.

Bake 1 hour and 10 minutes or until toothpick inserted in center comes out clean. Cool 10 minutes; remove from pan. Cool completely on wire rack.

The Shady Grove Church of God In Christ, pastor, Supt. Donnie Timmons will be giving a benefit for Sis. Louise Jefferson, who became a member under the leadership of Elder Allen in the early seventies.

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Greening up

Warm weather is finally waking our lawns up. The weeds and the grass are starting to fight it out for dominance in our home landscapes, and for many of us, the grass we are cheering on is St. Augustine. Here in East Texas, this warm season grass gives many a home owner a soft carpet for bare feet in the summer. It also can give many a home owner a headache if it's giving them problems.

There are some general best practices for maintaining your St. Augustine lawn that can help avoid some of those headachy problems. Food and water are the first places to start.

Fertilization should begin three weeks after the grass turns green and when the late frost chances have passed. If your soil hasn't been tested, a good fertilizer ratio is 3-1-2 for nitrogen, phosphorous and potassium (for example 15-5-10 or 21-7-14.) Apply 3/4 to 1 pound of soluble nitrogen per 1,000 square feet of lawn every 8 weeks, or 1 to 1 1/2 pounds of slow-release nitrogen every 10 weeks from March until your last fertilization just prior to first freeze.

Irrigation of a St. Augustine lawn may be necessary during the hot dry months, and is certainly needed during establishment, but this is the first place to look if there are problems occurring in your lawn. The key note is to water only when the grass needs it. When you do water, wet the soil up to a depth of six inches then wait until the grass is showing signs of drought stress (a dull, bluish color, rolled or folded leaves, and footprints that do not "spring back") before irrigating again. Overwatering in our warm humid climate leads to fungal growth that could mean Take All Root Rot or Brown Patch, which can be very difficult to control. For the best results with St. Augustine grass, don't water on a set schedule; rather, wait and see what the grass has to say to you regarding its water needs.

Pesky weeds can cause some grief, but a healthy dense lawn is the very best form of weed control, so following the best practices for fertilization and irrigation will keep your lawn's best foot forward and can save you some money on herbicides.

If serious problems do occur on your grass, one of your first steps should be getting a soil test to check for nutrient deficiencies and pH. Some of the lawn fungal problems thrive at particular pH levels and within certain deficiencies, so knowing where your lawn stands can make it easier to diagnose and treat those problems.

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of the division they are assigned and the teams they will play in May.

Teams are Flag A & B Football for 4, 5 to 6 year olds, Freshmen age 7 to 8, Sophomores A & B ages 9 to 10, and Juniors age 11 to 12. Games will be played in September. Practice will be held the last week in July on Tuesdays and Thursdays 6 to 7:30P. M. There will be four home games.

The cheerleader camp will be held July 26th through 30th Rusk High School.



This junior cheerleader performs a cheer for onlookers.



Kevin Shaw, Konner Gayle, Cameron Matthews Michael Hackney and Ronnie Matthews.



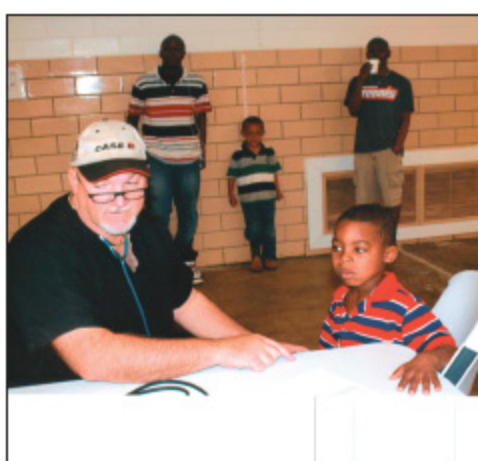
L to R: Coaches: Bill McDowell, Ronnie Matthews, Keith Gayle, Deondray Jackson, and Kevin Shaw.



These youth are ready for some football and can harly wait for July.



Nurses Mary Foreman and Katy Session Examiner youth.



Nathan Cummins completes physical on Amajah Lewis.



Nurses Jerry Leviston and Tracy Session pictures with cheerleaders who registered and received physicals for upcoming season.

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Destyne Harris looks on as nurse Tracy Session takes her blood pressure. McKayla Glenn patiently awaits her turn.



These two youth happily pose with Cody Glenn, Indiannopolis Colt NFL Football Player, who was on hand to give support to the youth and coaches.

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Dallas, Tx- On July 19th - 25th 2010 North Texas will send 6 teens to represent the DFW metroplex at The 13th Annual Brave New Voices International Youth Poetry Slam Championships in Los Angeles Ca. This event selects 50 of the top teen poetry slam programs from all over the world to compete for the title of International Youth Poetry Slam Champions.

Spear headed by Renown National Performance Poet and East Texas Native. Michael Guinn, the team has been meeting weekly for over a year in preparation of a north texas wide competition April 15th, which will help select 6 of DFW's best youth poets. Those poets are Auymen Rahim, Jennifer SPotts, Catlin Woodall, Asia York, Daniella Willis, Ades Giwa-Bello. The competition was be held at he South Dallas Cultural Center 3400 Fitzhugh In Dallas from 6:30 to 9PM. It was a free family friendly event. The age ranges for contestants are 13 to 19. Teen poets from as far away as washington dc

are vying to be apart of this year's **FIRST EVER YOUTH TEAM!**

This International Competition was created by Youth Speaks.Org as a creative way of mentoring young minds to appreciate the art of creative self expression via poetry and spokenword competitions. Brave New Voices has been televised as an award winning documentary on HBO as presented by Entertainment Mogul Russell Simmons.

For one week these youth will gather in Los Angeles to attend wokshops, listen to actors, speakers and other notable literary figures in preparation for what is one of the **BIGGEST** poetry slam competitions on EARTH!

Michael states "that he simply grew tired of our DFW youth not being recognized as progressive thinkers and artists with mind blowing messages of hope and triumph!" Michael holds weekly workshops with youth from all over.

For more on the Youth Poetry Slams and their historical journey contact Mike Guinn (817) 412-3964 www.mikeguinn.com email @ jordanmichaelg@yahoo.com

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CATHOLIC CHURCH'S MURKY RESPONSE TO SEX

But whosoever shall offend one of these little ones which believe in me, it were better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and that he were drowned in the depth of the sea. (Matt 18:6)

secretive response of the Catholic hierarchy who often did not report abuse crimes to civil authorities, and in many cases reassigned the offenders to other locations where they continued to have contact with minors that is causing both Catholic and non-Catholics to question the sincerity of the Church in dealing with abuse cases.

The Catholic sex abuse crisis, so prevalent in the United States some eight years ago, is now garnering headlines in Europe and a number of other countries.

The latest abuse allegations include charges that the current Pope (then Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger) failed to act against a US priest accused of abusing up to 200 deaf boys at St John's School for the Deaf in St Francis, Wisconsin, between 1950 and 1974. According to Church documents, an archbishop wrote in 1996 to the Vatican office in charge of abuse cases led by the future Pope to complain about the abuses of Fr Lawrence Murphy. A canonical trial was authorized but was later halted. As the scope and magnitude of these sex abuse allegations grows it is the casual and

In the latest cases that directly accuse the Pope of being involved in cover-ups the Vatican has attacked the media saying there was a conspiracy against the church. The church may very well have enemies, and if it does, the church's misguided approach to undermine the abuse scandals has provided them a mother lode of weapons to continue their conspiracies.

Church officials seem to be more concerned with protecting the Church from scandal and limiting legal liability for the harm done to victims. Using slow and defensive practices similar to those reported by Laurie Goodstein, a columnist for the New York Times, reporting on the Boston clergy abuse scandal in

January 2002, the bishops "behaved more like Senators or CEOs engaged in damage control than as moral teachers engaged in the gospel." To avoid accountability, the hierarchy of the Catholic Church shifts blame for the child sexual abuse crisis to other issues. Church officials have argued that media coverage of the issue has been excessive given that abuse occurs much more frequently in other institutions.

Archbishop Timothy Dolan's in his Palm Sunday homily said the Pope was suffering some of the same unjust accusations once faced by Jesus.

He added: "What deepens the sadness now is the unrelenting insinuations against the Holy Father himself, as certain sources seem almost frenzied to implicate the man."

And a homily by the papal household preacher, Raniero Cantalamessa, said the words from the Book of Lamentations and Jeremiah take on "particular significance if they are read in reference to the present moment of serious hardship we priests of the Catholic Church are experiencing." He also likened the flood of allegations that the pontiff has covered up sex abuse cases to the "more shameful aspects of anti-Semitism.

The perverse defenses offered by the Vatican, after decades of sexual abuse and rape of children, are only making matters worse for the Catholic Church. The failure of Church leadership to directly address the abuse problem and to make policy changes to prevent future occurrences only makes the responsible hierarchy look guilty.

It is clear the Vatican does not understand that this scandal could well destroy the credibility of the Roman Catholic hierarchy. If the pope expects his subordinate

managers to take and accept responsibility for what happens in their organizations, then he has to do the same. That is true of any leader.

The strategy of denying everything, admitting nothing, and making counter-accusations is a losing game. While addressing a crisis of this magnitude is painful, considering the complexity of the Catholic Church's organizational structure, it must start with the pope admitting mistakes the Vatican has made, including his own and flow downward.

The pope has been forced into a difficult situation. He is the supreme pontiff revered as infallible on matters of faith and morality and direct heir of apostolic succession. Saying that "nothing can undo the wrong you have endured" to the Irish abuse victims implies the lack of authority to change the secret Vatican tribunals that protect bishops and priests.

During a recent visit to the United States Pope Benedict admitted that he is "deeply ashamed" of the clergy sex abuse scandal that has devastated the American church. He pledged that pedophiles would not be priests in the Roman Catholic Church. While the number of abuse cases in the United States has declined there has been a significant increase in reported cases in other countries.

The only way to get to the bottom of this issue is to come clean: repent, confess, accept the requirements of justice, and introduce a level of transparency in the Vatican to prevent cover ups in the future.

James W. Breedlove

Comments or opinions may be sent to the writer at: www.truthclinic.com

Please Vote Tracey Session Trustee Rusk ISD School Board



Tracey Session
Well known and liked by
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**Early voting begins April 27th
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Tracey is:

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- * A 1984 RH Graduate
- * A Licensed LVN
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- * Ordained Elder of the
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OBITUARIES

Corine Burley Price

November 22, 1925- March 8, 2010

Services were held at Shady Grove CME Church in March for Ms. Corine Burley Price with Rev. Lonnie Johnson, Rev. W. D. Brown and Rev. Phal Carter officiating.

Corine Marie Price was born November 22, 1925 in Rusk, Texas. She was the only child to the parents of the late Geneva (Henderson) Harrison and John Burley. She dedicated her life to Christ at an early age and continued to work on this path until her going. Corine was a bright and fruitful person. She graduated from Jack Yates High School in Houston, Texas with Honors. She then pursued her college degree at Prairie View College. There she graduated with honors. She also attended Texas College in Tyler, Texas.

In 1945, Corine was united in marriage with her high school sweetheart Clinton Price until his death. From that union she bore four children: Glenda Woodward, Linda Price (deceased) Sandra Doss, and Gregory Price. Corine was a very caring and dedicated mother. She worked at Macy's for thirty years. She was the owner of Price Limousine Service Company in San Francisco California. She worked on the City planning zoning committee in Rusk, Texas. She was the church treasurer and secretary at the Shady Grove CME church. When she moved to Rusk from California she became attached to so many children. Children in the community was her

other job. She helped and loved so many throughout her community who called her Moma Corine. She will be joined in heaven with her mother, Geneva H. Harrison, husband, Clinton Price, her father John Burley, her daughter Linda Price, and her brother John Burley, Jr.

She leaves memories to her three precious children; Glenda Woodward, Gregory Price and Sandra Doss of San Francisco, California, Beulah Burley, Wichita Falls, Texas; Aunts Pearl Sessions of Rusk, Texas, Marjorie Jackson, Wichita Falls, Texas and Maxine Roberts of Dallas, Texas; one sister Wanda Owens of Dallas, Texas; grandchildren; Andre and Lakeisha Price, Armon and Sarena Woodward, Aladdin and Roise Woodward, Jawan Crismon, Serena, Tiffany; Great grandchildren; Alliyah Bruton, Armon Jr., Jasmine, Tatiyana, Dojosam, Carie, Trina and Corey, Jai, Samaria, Taasan and Tosh, all from California; great-great grandson, Premire Whitley; God children; Michael Cook, Bobbie Cook and Nicky Cook; three nieces nephews Rodney, Anmgela and Velmasha Jefferson of Dallas, Texas and Calvin Price of California, Corey Burley of Grand Prairie, Texas, and many other relative and friends. Burial was at Plainview Cemetary under the directions of Williams Funeral Home.

Neda Joyce Session Cox

April 30, 1957-March 31, 2010

Services were held recently for Neda Joyce Session Cox at West Union Baptist Church Rusk, Texas with Rev. Jimmy Foreman, Rev. Phal Carter and REv. Bobby Cook officiating.

Neda Joyce Cox the daughter of J.C. and Iwanda Session was born April 30, 1957 in Rusk, Texas.

Wednesday morning, March 31, 2010 at her residence, she entered "Eternal Rest." She was reared in Rusk and attended Rusk public school and confessed faith in Christ and united with West Union Baptist Church.

She met and married Cleo Cox with whom she lived a very happy and devoted life.

Mrs. Cox was employed at Birmingham Health Care for 32 years until her health failed.

She was preceded in death by her father, J.C. Session and a brother Ronnie Session.

She leaves to cherish her memory a loving husband, Mr. Cleo Cox, a daughter Charlene Hunt (Shane Baker); three sons, Mr. Clifton (Kim) Hunt, Royce (Fromia) Hunt and Bill (Cookie) Hunt all Rusk, Texas; fifteen grandchildren; two step daughters Monica Cox and Dersie Renee (Tony) Churchman of Jacksonville, Texas; eight sisters, Theresa (Mike) Cook, Lisa (Authur Lee) Session, Pearl Sessions (Ronnie) Morrison, Sharon (Authur Ray) Ross, Bobbie Sue (Jerry) Foreman, Delois (Melvin) Jones, Neda Marie (Henry) Ervin and Wanda Carol (L.C.) Session all of Rusk, Texas; one brother Cleotis (Abell) Session of Dallas, Texas; one aunt, Joe Ella Ross of Wichita Falls, Texas; sisters-in-law Jimmie (Melvin) Hartfield of Newton, Texas, Virginia (Michael) Earl of Moore Station, Texas; four uncles Joe Williams, Johnny Williams and

Dale Williams of Dallas, Texas and Clarence Williams of Ft. Worth, Texas; a host of nieces, nephews, relatives friends and a God Sister, Ms. Trudy Cook of Rusk, Texas.

Interment was at Rusk Memorial Cemetary under direction of Williams Funeral Home.

Smoking Ban

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Volunteers

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activities on predictable days and hours. Training is provided and experienced personnel are on hand to answer questions and address any concerns volunteers may have. It's amazing how much satisfaction can come from something that takes so little time," Elizabeth said of her relationship with Doris. "I feel like I'm getting as least as much out of this as she is."

If you'd like to volunteer for guardianship programs or other volunteer services for older people, call the Department on Aging and Disabilities Services at 800-252-9240. You'll be connected to your nearest area agency on aging, which can fill you in on volunteer opportunities in your area.

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Hello Dupree Family,

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The date of the family reunion is June 25-27, 2010. The fish fry is on June 25 the Reunion dinner is on June 26 both is at the Crockett Family Resort.

There will be plenty of games, activities and there is a swimming pool.

Parents please take your kids to the pool DO NOT let them swim unsupervised. There is a charge for the pool for those not staying at the resort.

Please give us information on your special occasions so we can input them in our program.

If you haven't paid your dues you still have time.

Dues are:

\$30.00 family

\$15.00 singles

(A FAMILY CONSISTS OF THE PEOPLE THAT RESIDES IN YOUR HOUSE)

The MENU will be:

Ribs	Sausage
Beans	Potato Salad
Hotdogs	Nachos

We are asking for desserts PLEASE.

F – forgetting those things that oppress and bind

A_ and pressing forward with a made up mind

M_ motivating one's self by praying to the Lord

I_ in every situation make wise choices to worship our God

L_ live, laugh and love Y_ yesterday is gone forever, cherish the memories and remember the best is yet to come!!

Volunteers

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on her behalf on situations in which Doris might become the victim of financial exploitation, abuse or neglect. Although the manager of Doris' group home works hard to help and watch over her, the regular support from Elizabeth is invaluable. Guardianship just one of many services offered by Family Eldercare with funds from the Texas Department of Aging and Disability Services and other public and private agencies and donors. They also can arrange or provide include service coordination, money management, homemaker service, low-income housing, elder shelter and more.

Elizabeth, like many volunteers, says her contributed hours deliver a unique sense of satisfaction. "It's such a minimal amount of time, and it makes us both happy. Companionship is all Doris has needed from me so far, but she's gradually getting more frail and I'll be ready to give more help when she needs it."

In addition to community volunteers like Elizabeth, Family Eldercare has professional care managers who serve as legal guardian agents for hundreds of clients each year. Their care managers also train and support volunteer guardian advocates, who assist clients one-on-one to ensure their needs are being met.

For people who meet income guidelines, Family Eldercare and similar organizations around Texas provide free guardianship to elders and qualifying people with disabilities. Most of these non-profits have constant need for people to serve as volunteers for their guardianship and advocacy programs, as well as other area-specific services.

Their programs accommodate volunteers' employment hours by allowing them to schedule volunteer

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SPEAK OUT!! Governor Rick Perry talks of Texas Succession, making Texas an Independent Republic.

Is this Reality? The first time Texas joined the union was December 29, 1845. Because of the Civil War, in 1861, Texas seceded from the Union and joined the Confederacy. "When the war ended in April 1865, Texas was still considered to be in revolt (the last battle of the Civil War was fought on Texas soil after the surrender at Appomattox). A state of peace was declared as existing between the United States and the other Southern States on April 2, 1866. President Andrew Johnson did not issue a similar proclamation of peace between the U.S. and Texas until August 20, 1866. The citizens of the independent Republic of Texas elected Sam Houston president but also endorsed the entrance of Texas into the Union. The likelihood of Texas joining the Union as a slave state delayed any formal action by the U.S. Congress for more than a decade. In 1844, Congress finally agreed to annex the territory of Texas. On December 29, 1845, Texas entered the United States as a slave state, broadening the irrepressible differences in the United States over the issue of slavery and setting off the Mexican-American War. Texas was the last of the Southern states to be readmitted to the union in 1870. Texas joined the union for political reasons which included security. 2010 Texas receives US Government funds for education, highways, the space program, unemployment, health care, social security, disasters like Hurricane Ike and much much more. Jul 16, 2009 ... Rick Perry rejected \$555 million in federal stimulus Funds. Is it likely the citizens of Texas would vote to secede from the United States?

What do you think would happen to Texas's working class and poor if federal funding was cut off in the wake of becoming an independent state?

The following people speakout!!



Dana Martin
No, it isn't likely that Texans would vote to secede from the union.

I have a problem with that. Working class Texas citizens are already struggling to pay for necessities. Texas classrooms don't need more kids per teacher or to have high rates of layoffs because he chooses to refuse funds.



T. J. Teague
No, Texas can't stand on it's own!

Texans can't pay for it's own Army or any of those other programs. More citizens would be devastated than not, with higher school dropout rates, and crime would go up.



Nikki Skinner

No. He's just talking crazy. It would cause too many problems. People are just beginning to find jobs. When people don't have and can't get their

own, white collar crime on down will go up. I don't think the governor has really looked at the real damage such a thing would do the average Texan.



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"Judge not lest ye be judged"

I was shocked, confused, bewildered
As I entered Heaven's door,
Not by the beauty of it all,
Nor the lights or its decor.
But it was the folks in Heaven
Who made me sputter and gasp--
The thieves, the liars, the sinners,
and the trash.

There stood the kid from seventh
grade

Who swiped my lunch money twice.
Next to him was my old neighbor
Who never said anything nice.

Herb, who I always thought
Was rotting away in hell,

Was sitting pretty on cloud nine,
Looking incredibly well.

I nudged Jesus, 'What's the deal?
I would love to hear Your take.

How'd all these sinners get up here?

God must've made a mistake.

'And why is everyone so quiet,
So somber - give me a clue.'

'Hush, child,' He said, 'they're all in
shock.

No one thought they'd be seeing
you.'

JUDGE NOT!!

Remember...Just going to church
doesn't make you a

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Dignity

**Dignity is the ability to stand
strong and tall
in the face of adversity
while being able to bow to the
elderly
and crawl with the children**

**Dignity is taking a stand
for your beliefs
Without closing your mind
to another's opinion**

**Dignity is being an example
your deeds
and through your words
avoiding gossip, anger and lies**

**Dignity will manifest itself in
the warmth of your smile,
the depth of your love,
and kindness for your fellowman**

By Mychal Wynn

**HOPSON APPOINTED TO STATEWIDE
ENERGY COUNCIL**

AUSTIN – Representative
Chuck Hopson (R, Jacksonville)
was appointed to the Texas
Energy Council (TEC)
recently by Speaker Joe Straus.

"I am pleased to appoint
Representative Hopson to the
Energy Council," Speaker Straus
said. "He will provide a much-
needed East Texas perspective
on critical energy issues."

The Texas Energy Council is a
nonprofit, non-partisan organization
of professional and educational
societies dedicated to serving the
energy industry in Texas. The
Council was originally founded in
1988 as the Dallas Energy Council
changed to the North Texas Energy
Council in 1996, and changed to
the Texas Energy Council in 2007.
"I am honored to serve on this
excellent Council, and thank
Speaker Straus for his consideration
of me for this appointment," stated
Hopson. This Council facilitates
cooperation in national energy

policy matters among the energy-
producing states of the Southwest,
including Alabama, Alaska,
Arkansas, Colorado, Louisiana,
New Mexico, Oklahoma,
Texas, and Wyoming, plus the
province of Alberta, Canada.

The membership is comprised of
over 5000 members from these
various organizations, and is
headquartered in Dallas, Texas.
The TEC provides a forum for
all energy-related professional
societies and educational
institutions to communicate issues
and transfer technology among its
members and the general public.

"The development of competent
energy policy plays a crucial part in
the future of East Texas as well as
the entire state. I am fortunate to be a
part of that process and look forward
to working with the members
of the Texas Energy Council."



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Shunnon Ratcliff given housewarming for new home



Left to Right Front Row: Sonja Morgan, Veronica Johnson, Shirley Ratcliff, Shunnon Ratcliff, Queen Brinson, Deniece Moore, Shirley Clark, Esterlene Henderson.

Left to Right Back Row: Terri Franklin, Kimberly Clark, Edna Boykin, Tonya McDuff, Daphne Session, Kim Haggerty, Wyvonne O'Neal, LaDora Carter and Sandra Carter. Not pictured: Maxine Session. These ladies hosted a housewarming for Shunnon Ratcliff. She built a lovely new home in the Elm Grove Community of Rusk. Not pictured Maxine Session. Co-workers, friends and family visited between the hours of 2:00P.M. and 4:00PM.

Fair Housing Scholarship Essay Contest

High School Seniors Eligible to Participate in \$250 Fair Housing Scholarship Essay Contest April Declared Fair Housing Month

Kilgore, TX (April 7, 2010) - To celebrate the 42nd anniversary of the National Fair Housing Act of 1968, ETCOG is sponsoring a scholarship essay contest for East Texas high school seniors, and has signed a resolution declaring April to be Fair Housing Month

throughout the 14 county East Texas region.

Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, as amended, prohibits discrimination against any person on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, age, handicap, familial status or national origin in the sale or rental of units in the housing market. ETCOG will award a \$250 scholarship to the student who writes the best essay about the Act's importance and

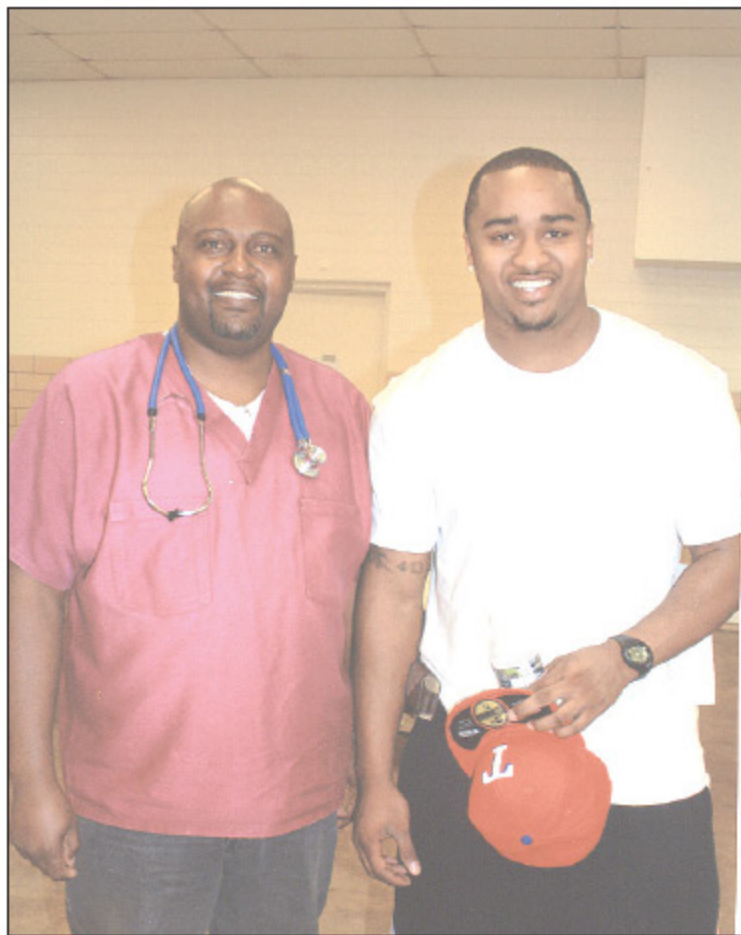
personal relevance to be used at any post-secondary educational institute of the student's choice. The contest aims to make seniors aware of the importance of fair housing and equal opportunities for all people and to begin thinking about how fair housing will impact them personally. The deadline for submissions is Friday, April 23, 2010 at 5:00 p.m.

To download the contest flyer visit www.etcog.org or for more

information, contact ETCOG's Housing Manager, Karen Cline, at 903.984.8641x220. For information on fair housing or to report possible fair housing discrimination, call the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's toll-free hotline at 1-800-669-9777.

About ETCOG The East Texas Council of Governments (ETCOG) is a voluntary association of counties, cities, school districts and special districts within the fourteen-county East Texas region.

Tracy Session Seeks Seat on Rusk ISD Board of Trustees



Tracy Session and Cody Glenn Support Rusk Youth Football and Cheer Association on Registration Day.

NFL player for the Indianapolis Colts, Cody Glenn, Rusk native and Tracy Session pose for picture on Rusk Youth Football and Cheer registration day. Tracy is running for Rusk School Board Trustee. Early voting starts April 26th and continues until May 4th, with regular voting on May 8th. Voting is being conducted at the RISD administration building from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m.

Tracy graduated Rusk High School in 1984 and is employed as a licensed vocational nurse at the TDCJ Skyview unit Rusk since 1996. He has been married to Lisa Session since 1988. They are the parents of five children and grandparents of five grandsons. Three of their children and two of their grandsons currently attend Rusk schools. He is active in the community, giving his time and service in many areas. He is a deacon at Pleasant Holly Presbyterian Church, a member of the Cherokee Brotherhood Association whose agenda is to provide guidance and serve as role models and mentors to the youth of Rusk. He coaches youth baseball and basketball.

Tracy works with school personnel in Rusk Schools mentoring children. Even before working with the school program, he advised and encouraged young men and women of this community. One of these young men was Cody Glenn. He has known Cody since he was a child, talking to him and encouraging him to work toward his goals.

Tracy believes in giving back to his community. Growing up in Rusk and attending Rusk schools helped to make him the successful man that he is today. He wants to do his part to continue this town's tradition of developing successful men and women. Please vote for Tracy Session Trustee Rusk ISD Schoolboard.



Mr. James I. Perkins, Citizens 1st Bank President, received one of the greatest honors that can be bestowed upon an individual. January 29, 2008 the Stephen F. Austin College of Education was named the James I. Perkins College of Education in his honor. Seated here, Mr. Perkins, Cody Glenn NFL Indianapolis Colt and former Citizens 1st Bank employee; Andrew Melontree of the Tyler Bank and Walter Session, Rusk city Councilman. They are viewing a thank you card to Mr. Perkins from Rusk State Hospital Employees and Superintendent Ted Debs for support given to RSH. The card is signed by each employee and has been framed and placed on display in the bank. RSH provides 936 jobs to East Texas.

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