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Janette Moore Alto ISD teacher ready for new school

Patricia Russell-McCloud
to speak at Jarvis"Opening
Convocation



One of America's most renowned motivational speakers, Patricia Russell-McCloud, will serve as speaker for the President's Opening Convocation at Jarvis Christian College on Tuesday, September 9, 2008 at 11:00AM at the Smith-Howard Chapel. Each year she speaks to more than 200,000 people in private and public organizations in the US and internationally. She encourages listeners to surmount every obstacle that stands between them andthe possible. Her client list includes AARP, National Association of Women Business Owners, AT&T, Women's Food Service Forum, Wal-Mart and Proctor & Gamble.

Dr. McCloud earned her Juris Doctor degree from Howard University School of Law. The President's Opening Convocation is a traditional event that formally opens the academic yer for Jarvis. The event is open to the public.

Free Marriage Education Classes Available Statewide cut License Fee

A new state law, which took effect Sept. 1, encourages couples to attend free marriage education classes before taking the plunge. Couples who complete the skills-based course will also pay less for their marriage license.

House Bill 2685 increases the marriage license fee to \$60. However, the fee will be waived for couples who complete an eight-hour premarital class, and those couples can forgo the 72-hour waiting period to get married. Counties may continue to charge up to \$12 in local fees for a marriage license.

The state's healthy marriage initiative, called "Twogether in Texas," promotes free, skills-based marriage education classes and provides couples – both married and those contemplating marriage – with the tools they need to manage the challenges inherent in relationships. Classes include eight hours of training focusing on communication skills, conflict resolution and other elements of a healthy marriage.

"We hope to empower couples with a new skill set; a marriage skill set based on conflict resolution and communication," said Jeff Johnson of the Texas Health and Human Services Commission, which is responsible for setting up

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EDITORIAL



Maxine Session

Are we players on the world stage?

Everybody is so busy. If you listen to what people are saying around you, Conversations are like sounds from a movie clip....."School is starting soon. But it was just out, it seems, a few weeks ago. The presidential election is just weeks away. Is Iran producing nucleu weapons? What is the schedule for Monday night football and Friday night high school games?"

Meanwhile, Tyler Perry's next movie "The Family that Prays" will be in Theaters September 12th. Oprah's "The Color Purple" live performance will hit the Texas stage September 20th in Houston and October 4th in Dallas. By now if you don't have tickets for the Color Purple, it's probably too late. Is there a way to keep up with it all?

August 30, 1963 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. spoke before 200,000 people giving what has become known as the

the most important speech ever given in American History, the "I Have A Dream" speech. It was given on the steps of the Washington D. C. Lincoln Memorial. August 30, 1963. Little did Dr. King or anyone else know then that forty-five years later the words from that speech would have resounded around the world in churches, community buildings, forums and yes the legislative chambers of government capitols.

No one knew just how powerful an impact those words would have on the hearts of many American people who for so long had characterized anyone different as inhuman and unworthy. Those words have made a difference in the rights and lives of all Americans...Black Americans, women, gays, the disabled, children and many, many others.

The civil Rights Act of 1964 was signed by President Johnson less than a year after King made his speech. He was very deserving of the Nobel Peace Prize which he was awarded in 1963.

The United States is known around the world. It has been known as one of the richest and most powerful countries to be reconed with on all fronts. And though it talks a great story on human rights, it is well known around the world for its ill treatment of African Americans. Now that a man with mixed ancestry of white and black is running for the highest office in the land, America is being watched to see how this plays out. The world is watching the United States as though the government and citizens are actors on a stage. The outcome is going to be a true test

as to just how far America has evolved to become that of Dr. King's Dream.

There is nothing essentially wrong with power. The problem is American power is unequally distributed.

~Martin Luther King, Jr.

THE TRUTH CLINIC

Dear Mr. Obama

~James Breedlove

It is crunch time and the right wing attack dogs have been released en masse with explicit orders to track you down, force you into a state of turmoil by nipping at your heels on nonsensical pretext, and flood the presidential landscape with irrelevant garbage designed to focus voter attention toward emotional bias and away from the reality of their economic suffering and uncertain future. Mr. Obama, with only three months remaining until the November election extreme care must be exercised by your campaign to not become side tracked by the concerted scorched earth tactics of the Republican party. Truth, facts, and issues are beside the point. The strategy is to keep you so occupied defending the inanities that you will be perceived as a naïve, inexperienced, and confused do not fit to assume the mantle of president.

While these unwarranted negative campaign tactics must be responded to quickly and decisively the efficient and effective use of your campaign resources must not be totally directed at neutralizing McCain's surrogate minions. In other words, Mr. Obama, you cannot let the McCain camp control the terms of the presidential discussion. You orchestrated an especially brilliant primary campaign that resulted in your becoming the presumptive democratic presidential nominee. The knowledge, insight, and complete understanding of the practical nuances of the democratic primary/caucus process permitted your campaign to skillfully maneuver to victory over what is perhaps the most formidable political dynasty of the last two decades.

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Janette Moore teacher and certified administrator ready for 2008-2009 school year

"The seeds of success planted in a child's mind today secures a successful future for the world of tomorrow."

Alto, TX- Most parents push to their children the idea that "Education is the key to success", and until recent years, children seemed to buy into it. It has been proven that Education reduces costs to tax payers and contributes to a better world. Prison administrators now look at fourth grade (pass/fail) test scores to project the number of prison beds needed ten years into the future. Every dollar spent to keep a child in school reduces the future possibility of paying the cost to house and feed that child as an adult prison inmate, or as a teen parent.

The 2005 Texas Education Agency Peims report showed 11,650 dropouts and another 65,511 students leaving the Texas public school system to attend private schools, homeschools or for various other reasons. East Texas public schools have followed this trend with some districts losing enough population to drop UIL ranking from 5A to 4A, from 4A to 3A and so on.

What is the problem and what is the solution? Different people give different answers to both questions. Some feel the guidelines set by TEA for public schools goes against what they feel is best for their children. This includes allowing the TAKS Test to make null and void 12 to 14 years of passing grades by keeping a student from graduating if that student fails TAKS. These guidelines do not apply to private schools and homeschool. The TAKS Test is not a part of their requirements.

Whatever the problem and whatever the solution, the teacher remains the key in any setting, be it public, private or homeschool.

Janette Moore of Alto, a certified teacher and certified Mid-Management Administrator (principal), is among that special group of dedicated teachers who remain loyal to her dream of

making a difference in the lives of students.

Ms. Moore begins her 23rd year in teaching as a third grade teacher in the Alto ISD. She taught past years in Athens ISD,

in talking to her students, she has found most have almost no routine in their lives. When she was a child the daily routine after arriving home from school was to get out of your school clothes into play clothes,

Like adults, they face difficult times in their lives. She says this is necessary because parents spend less time with their children and more hours at work. This increases the burden on the schools, otherwise, the kids are the ones who suffer. Janette

says that while she really enjoys teaching, her goal is to use her Mid-management administrator certification in a principalship role at either the elementary or middle school level to reach a greater number of students. If she was given a wish to make changes in the Texas public schools arena, she says she would have legislators pass legislation that would shorten the school year for students and teachers, allowing school to begin after Labor Day without going to school into the month of June. She would have them legislate TAKS into non-existence allowing teachers the freedom to teach and students to learn with a mixture of learning styles as in the old days..... with field trips to supplement

classroom lessons, outdoor classrooms, and hands-on learning experiences.

"Schools must be accountable but not by continuously adding new TEKS each year", Said Ms. Moore.

Janette still believes that "It takes a village to raise a child". When the children of her family were not under the watchful eye of their parents, aunt Ella across the way saw everything. If somebody was in the yard when they should have been in the house, or down the road when they should have been in the yard, she was the first to correct the situation and report to the parents.

Janette Moore is the daughter of J. B. & Jessie Moore of Alto.

She is a member of Weeping Mary Baptist church where she is church secretary, organizes senior citizen programs and teaches the Junior Sunday School class.

Janette says she is excited and very ready to begin the school year.



Janette Moore pictured here with her Lufkin ISD 2003 third grade class.

Lufkin ISD, Nacogdoches ISD and is now beginning her 2nd year teaching at home in Alto ISD.

Janette is a 1982 AISD graduate. She says because of family lifestyle changes, students and schools have undergone many changes since she began teaching. "The children are just wonderful, but they have too much responsibility.....too many things to deal with. Parents are less involved with school and with kids; therefore kids are forced to make complicated decisions about what time to go to bed, what to eat, what to wear and what is priority, watching a movie, playing a game or homework!

All of this makes it difficult for teachers to keep them interested in academic, she said. "When a child has watched movies or played games until 1:00AM., how do you keep that child awake? How do you keep that sleepy child on task?"

Ms. Moore went on to say

eat your afterschool snack, do your chores then "sit down and get that homework done". The law laid down by her parents was "no games, no T. V. and no company" until that homework is done! It didn't matter how grown up you thought you were, through the week on a school night the T. V. was off and everybody was in bed by ten.

Janette says Mrs. Eurette Waddleton, Ms. Linda Skinner and Ms. Irene Joyce were Alto ISD teachers who impacted her life and were very inspirational for a lot of kids who really didn't have anyone to speak for them.

Like them, she tries to fill the role of a second mother to her students by taking time to listen to them, to talk to them, to counsel with them and to use every tool of the trade that experience has taught her, to inspire their learning.

OBITUARIES

Mrs. Vera Lee Miller "Curly"

(September 7, 1936-July 22, 2008)

On September 7, 1936, in Palestine, Texas, Bishop Tyree & Queen Ester Walker Barrett became the proud parents of a beautiful baby girl whom they named "Vera Lee". She was the second of eleven children.

Vera attended Flint Hill High School, and graduated in 1955.

Vera accepted Christ into her life at an early age and united with Mt. Comfort AME Church. Later she joined Greater Brown Spring Baptist Church and was an active and faithful member, she served as President of the Usher Board for many years.

Vera married in Holy Matrimony to Ulyless Miller on July 24, 1956. This union was blessed with nine children.

Vera worked at Lobo Little Mexico for 17 years. She retired in 1997.

On July 22, 2008, in Dallas, Texas, Vera descended to Heaven on the Wings of Angels. She was preceded in death by her parents: Bishop Tyree & Queen Ester Barrett. In-laws: Dexter & Maggie Barrett Miller. Paternal Grandparents: Burl & Cora Jones Barrett, Maternal Grandparents: Jimmy & Lou Della Gray Walker.

Those left behind to cherish the many loving memories of Vera Lee are: Loving Husband: Ulyless Miller, Sr., 5 sons: Roderick Miller,

Kenneth (Cheryle) Miller, Ulyless (Christie) Miller, Jr., Bennie (Chemerlee) Miller of Palestine, Quincey (Lisa) Miller of Waco, 4 daughters: Dorothea Bryat, Joyce Miller, Alma (Roger) of Arlington, Margaret (Twany) Carter of Cedar Hill, 6 Brothers: Artis Barrett, Bishop (Tessie) Barrett, Lawrence (Becky) Barrett, Charles (Ida) Barrett, Bennie (Janice) Barrett, Thomas (Bettye) Barrett of Fort Worth, 4 Sisters: Vern Mallard, Odessa (Raymond) Session, Patricia (Lewis) Miller, Dianna Ross of Fort Worth, 17 Grandchildren, 4 Great Grandchildren, a host of nieces, nephews, relatives, other relatives and many friends.

Mr. Jesse Johnson (January 25, 1945-July 11, 2008)

Graveside services for Mr. Jesse Johnson were held on July 17, 2008 at the Jacksonville City Cemetery. He was a member of the Church of God In Christ. Rev. Walter Scott officiated. Mr. Johnson was survived by his wife, Lenda Johnson of Jacksonville, Tx. and three sons: James Johnson of Lufkin, Tx.; Wayne Johnson and Edward Johnson both of Jacksonville, Tx. Two daughters: Marion Johnson of Jacksonville, Tx. and Gearldine (Guy) Jefferson of Reklaw, Tx. Ten grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren and 6 great-great grandchildren.

Ms. Regina Michelle Williams

(April 4, 1970-August 1, 2008)



Funeral services were held Wednesday, August 6, 2008, 11:00 AM at Faith Temple Full Gospel Pentecostal Church in Bullard, Texas, with Pastor Alice Cumby, Officiant and Superintendent, Donnie Timmons Eulogists. Ms. Williams passed away in Tyler August 1st after a long illness. Burial was at Running Springs Cemetary Frankston, Texas.

Regina was born in Tyler, Texas to the parents of Odell Shamblin and Marilyn Williams. She attended early school years in Frankston. Later the family moved to Rusk where she graduated Rusk High School in 1988.

She was a member of Shady Grove Church of God in Christ of Rusk, Texas. where she was a Sunday School Teacher and Church Secretary. She was employed fulltime with Rusk State Hospital Rusk, Texas more than fifteen years as a Rehabilitation Therapist Techician and part-time with Brookshires until she became ill. Her mother Marilyn Williams preceded her in death.

Survivors are her father Odell Shamblin Jr., Frankston; two sons Jarmon L. Williams and Jamodrike L. Williams both of Bullard; one daughter Rakevia S. Mathis, Bullard; one brother Malcolm Williams Henderson; one sister Cassandra Williams, Jacksonville. Arrangements under the direction of Community Funeral Home.

Forrest Blackshire, Jr.

Aug. 12, 1944- July 17, 2008

Services for Mr. Forest Blackshire, Jr. of Lancaster, Texas formerly of Alto, Texas, were held Saturday, July 26, 2008 at Weeping Mary Baptist Church with Rev. Ike Wiley officiating and Rev. K. B. Clater Eulogist. Mr. Blackshire attended school in Alto, Texas and was a professional model and a veteran of the U. S. Army.

He was preceded in death by his parents, four brothers, two daughters and one sister.

Survivorsd are three sons: Brian L Richard, Forest Blacksire, III an Tarrance Blackshire all of Dallas; three daughters: Rose M. Walker, Felicia Blackshire and LaTonya Johnson all of Dallas; two brothers: Vernon Blackshire and Ed Lease Blackshire both of Jacksonville; four sisters: Ollie Myles, Mary Jones of Jacksonville, fourteen grandchildren and thirteen great grandchildren. Interment was at Saint Thomas Chapel Cemetary of Alto, Texas.

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Lola Mallard, Delois Tucker



L to R -Dorothy Lamb, Carolyn Johnson, Gail Simmons, Byron Bennett and Mary Foreman.



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Former G. W. Bradford students Classes were represented by pictured attendees from classes 1938 through 1974. Mrs. Elnora Colston and Mrs. Elsie Colston were

members of the class of 1938. Traveling the farthest distance were Lessie(Peco) Johnson and Laurice Gonzales Reed and their daughters of California. *Con't page 7*

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**Confederate Flag Continues
to Stir Controversy**

Crockett, TX.- School Board Members from across the state of Texas attended the Texas School Board Institute in Santa Fe New Mexico recently. Among those were Dr. Ruth Watson a longtime Houston educator, formerly of Crockett. Dr. Watson is a Crockett High and Sam Houston State University graduate. The Institute was hosted by former TEA Commissioner, Dr. Mike Mosley and former HISD Board President Dr. Don McAdams, founder of the Center for Reform of School Systems. Kudos go out to Dr. Watson. She is the daughter of Ms. Earlie Grooves and the mother of Destiny who plays basketball for Spring High School.

At the time of me writing this article, the two Houston County Sheriff Deputies accused of or alleged to have violated the civil

rights of a 20 year old Black man, were still on paid administrative leave. They were alleged to have kidnapped, beaten, tazed, pistol whipped and left him on a rural county road with no shoes. This incident has racial overtones. The HCSO deputy with the most alleged involvement recently organized a Sons of Confederate Veterans Chapter in Crockett.



I personally believe that any individual or group involved with any kind of Confederate Organization (this is the United States of America consisting of 50 states) should not, I repeat should not be a part of any legitimate law enforcement agency anywhere in America.

The Confederate Rebel flag, its logo and its symbols have always been used by hate groups such as the KKK, Neo Nazis, Aryan Brotherhood and Skin Heads, to intimidate black people.

Since the incident with the young man, many people have expressed their sentiments about my take on this alleged abuse.

Some insane *sounding* black man by the name H. K. Edgerton wrote

one of the newspapers for which I write a column, chestising me for attacking the Confederate Rebel Flag. He said he was born in the deep south and had donned a Confederate Rebel Uniform in 2002 and marched 1,606 miles from Asheville, North Carolina to Austin, Texas. He said he did it again in 2007 for the five year reunion.

Edgerton said he wanted to set the historical record straight and according to him Black men and women earned a place of honor and dignity under the glorious banner(Confederate Rebel Flag). He said he is a proud honorary life member of the Texas Division of Confederate Veterans and probably holds more memberships in Confederate Sons organizations than any man alive. When I first read about Edgerton, I said to myself, this man is either the biggest "fool" in the world or he's the biggest "tool" in the world. Well, it turned out he is a "tool" of those who are using him to distort history. What Edgerton failed to mention is the multitude of Black people who were enslaved, raped, intimidated, beaten, bodyparts cut off, hanged and murdered

in various other ways under the Confederate Rebel flag. People don't want to talk about it, but read your American History.

I can't find research to back it, but I'm sure some Black people did support the South during the Civil War; however, if they did, they were fighting to keep themselves and their brothers and sisters in slavery, because that's what the Civil War was all about. After I read Edgerton's letter I had a chance to read one by Tommy Holmes, white man, who said he is a recruiter for the Sons of the Confederate Veterans of Carthage, Texas. He went on to say they are not a racist organization. He said they have members who are doctors, lawyers, and other professional people. He also said he has met many young African Americans at National SVC Conventions and reunions who are proud to be a part of the SVC and support the heritage of their family's participation in the Civil War. I will say this to Tommy Holmes, real African American men and women do not and will not honor a flag that is the symbol of hated acts cast against them and their ancestors, which caused damage to them that our race has not yet overcome.

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Wendy Rodriguez celebrates her Quinceanera



Crockett, TX.- Wendy Rodriguez celebrated her Quinceanera (Sweet 15) June 28, 2008 in Crockett, Texas with family and special friends. Her escort was her cousin Kevin Murillo. Wendy's table of honor consisted of her closest friends; Adrian Wooten, Lee Martinez, Shay Graham, Paul Morrison, Kayla Bradford, Woodrow Jones, Sarah West, Daniel Stone, Teresa Murillo, Gerardo Ramirez, Erika Tenorio, Porfirio, Karen Rivera, Jose Chavez, Alyssa Amjad, Jeremy Minchew, Cynthia Rodriguez, Yesica Hernandez, and Josue Murillo.

beginning of a new stage in the life of a young lady. Wendy's cousin Evelyn Saucedo offered Wendy with her last doll as part of the Hispanic tradition. Pastor Ray Flores from Corpus Christy, Texas was in charge of the ceremony. He ended the event with a special prayer asking God to guide Wendy in her journey to adulthood.

After the ceremony family and friends enjoyed a meal catered by Don Rafa's of Crockett and a delicious cake from Terri's Cakes of Rusk.

Wendy is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bernardo & Rita Rodriguez of Crockett, Texas.

A Quinceanera represents the



Artemus and Debra Unwine and their daughters of Charles Town West Virginia visited the Informer office recently. They were passing through East Texas on vacation. The Unwine's were in Texas to attend the Arnwine Family Reunion held in Houston and to visit family in Cuneo, Texas.

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It was held at the Dogwood Hills Baptist Church Hwy 79 North, Palestine, Texas with the Rev. Marvin Hollie performing the ceremony.

The wedding reception was held at the Knights of Columbia Hall there in Palestine.

One Love, Two Hearts:

Adriana Sturns and Antonio Tilley exchanged wedding vows on Saturday July 19, 2008. The beautiful candle light ceremony and the reception was held at the VFW Hall in Henderson, Texas. Mr. & Mrs Tilley are from Rusk, Texas.



Born Lottie Vivian Dansby on July 26, 1910 in Laneville, Texas, was Married to Clephous Robert Carter. They wed July 26, 1937 in Laneville Texas. This year they are celebrating their 71st anniversary, and Lottie Vivian Carter 98th birthday. Clephous Carter was born November 25, 1912 in Texas. They had 8 children 7 boys 1 girl, they have 28 grandchildren they have 42 great grand children, and 6 great great grand children. They currently reside in Southwood Nursing home in Henderson, Texas.

Age to Marry rests with US Government

In the United States, all but one state requires that a couple be 18 in order to marry without parental permission. Nebraska sets the age of majority at 19. Although a few states will waive this requirement if there is a pregnancy, teenage couples may still have to have court approval.

A few states allow pregnant teens or teens who have already had a child to get married without parental consent but these couples must have permission from a court.

Even with parental approval, many states require court approval when a person is 16 years old or less.

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Behold the People: R. C. Hickman's Photographs of Black Dallas, 1949-1961



Theater, 1955. The Center for American History, The University of Texas at Austin R. C. Hickman Photographic Archive (VN 85-43-000279a)

"There was only one theater in downtown Dallas we were allowed to attend and that was the Majestic. Even there, we were only allowed into six or seven seats in the uppermost part of the balcony we called the 'buzzard roost.'" - R. C. Hickman

R. C. Hickman was a Dallas photographer whose thousands of images produced from 1949 to 1961 document aspects of life in an African American community in Texas. His photographs depict a community largely invisible to white Americans - thoroughly a part of mainstream America by virtue of accomplishment and lifestyle but excluded from it because of race.

Mr. Hickman worked as a commercial portrait photographer, as a photojournalist for several black newspapers in Dallas, as a freelance photographer for national black publications such as Jet, Sepia and Ebony and as a photographer for the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP). His images reveal his awareness of the broad community context within which individuals survive, grow and understand themselves.

Confederate Flag *con't from page 6*

Personally I think there has recently been a surge in racist group activities, which people don't talk about, because the US is on the brink of electing a black man as president. "Nuff Said".

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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 and Nebraska Runing Back, Cody Glenn, also 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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a statewide network of marriage classes. "Many people rush into marriage, often overlooking basic necessities like housing arrangements, finances and relationship counseling."

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The 200TH Anniversary of the abolition of the Trans-Atlantic Slave Trade in the United States of America.

From 1619 to 1808, for 189 years, black people went from indentured servitude to outright complete in

Texas State NAACP 72nd Annual Convention October 9th – 11th, 2008

~by Linda Lydia

The Texas State Conference of NAACP Units is pleased to announce that their 72nd Annual Convention will be held October 9th through 11th, 2008, at the Hilton Airport Hotel in San Antonio, Texas.

The keynote speaker will be newly appointed NAACP National President and CEO, Benjamin Todd Jealous. Other noted speakers will include Dallas County District Attorney Craig Watkins; the first African-American to hold this position and Kemba Smith of the Kemba Smith Foundation.

At the convention, NAACP will present numerous events and public seminars such as health & wellness workshops with medical professionals on-site to do diabetes checks, HIV testing, blood pressure

checks, and much more. Thursday a Community Health Fair will be held to allow access to the East Bexar County residents (the location to be announced at a later date).

Included in these public seminars will be information for Texas Veterans at the Veterans Pavilion on health, insurance, education, and pay as well as other benefits available to past, present, and future veterans. National & State Veteran Affairs administrators will be conducting these sessions. The informational workshops will be open to the convention registrants and all veterans in the San Antonio and surrounding areas.

There will also be free public/consumer seminars on predatory lending, criminal justice, financial education, state agencies & Minority vendors, Red Cross Training and

network meetings and youth & college programming. Vendors are welcome to seek information about participating or presenting their products at the convention. Events or seminars listed as "free" are open to the public and presented as a public service.

For nearly one hundred years, it has been the talent and tenacity of NAACP members that has saved lives and changed many negative aspects of American society as a champion of social justice whose mission is to ensure the political, educational, social and economic equality of all rights of all persons and to eliminate all racial hatred and racial discrimination. The NAACP was founded on February 12, 1909 in New York City, New York.

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Oct. 2, 2008

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Keep Rusk Beautiful



The recently-formed Keep Rusk Beautiful organization proudly presents its first Pride Award to Walter & Carol Prebble, owners of the Rusk KOA. Since their purchase of the campground from the city of Rusk in 2006, the Prebbles have spent endless days, weeks, months and years steadily improving: updating sites, adding flowers, bushes and trees, a pool, and beautiful rustic cabins.

Keep Rusk Beautiful, under the guidance of Chairman Teresa Langley, is working with Rusk to raise public awareness on ways to improve the appearance of Rusk. The Pride Award will be presented each month to a different business or residence which helps to enhance the beauty of Rusk. Let's all join them in making Rusk BEAUTIFUL!



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- 2.) 1 sm. cabbage, quartered
- 3.) 1 pound package of mini carrots
- 4.) 2 (14 1/2 ounce) Lg. can Mexican flavored stewed tomatoes
- 5.) 1 small chopped onion (optional)

Place all ingredients in a crock pot. Season to taste with salt (salt substitute) and pepper. Cover and cook on low 5 to 6 hours.

Easy Carrot-Apple Cake

- 1 package carrot cake mix
2/3 cup Crisco vegetable oil
3 eggs
1 cup applesauce

Combine mix, oil, eggs in medium size bowl and beat at medium speed for 2 minutes. Add applesauce and beat 1 minute. Pour into greased and floured bundt cake pan. Bake 35 to 40 minutes at 350 degrees or until toothpick stuck in middle comes out dry.

noose when he drove past people who had attended a massive civil rights march in Jena on Sept. 20. Munsen had faced up to a year in prison after pleading guilty in April to a misdemeanor charge of interfering with the marchers' federally protected right to travel.

The marchers were waiting in Alexandria for a bus home to Tennessee. They had been protesting the criminal cases against six black teenagers charged with beating a white student at Jena High School in 2006.

Teen draws four months prison for noose intimidation

ALEXANDRIA, La. (AP) -- A Louisiana teenager who hung nooses off the back of his truck to intimidate a group of black civil rights demonstrators has been sentenced to four months in prison. Federal prosecutors say 19-year-old Jeremiah Munsen displayed the

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Dear Mr. Obama

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THE TRUTH CLINIC
By James Breedlove

If you are to achieve victory in November then the same type of maximization strategy used to attract delegates in the primary must be adapted to be responsive to the nuances ingrained in the Electoral College. As the 2000 election showed it is possible to win the popular vote and still not be elected president.

The Electoral College is a unique voting system that is designed to give proportionate power to the states based on their votes. The number of electoral votes allocated to each state is equal to the number of representatives and senators the state has in the Congress. Currently, the total number of electoral votes is 538 and a candidate must receive 270 of the 538 votes to win the election.

All states—except Maine and Nebraska—employ a winner-takes-all method that awards their presidential electors as an

indivisible bloc. This means that a candidate winning the popular vote, even by the razor thin margin of 50.1 percent, in 48 states plus Washington, D.C. takes all of the electoral votes in that state. However, in Maine and Nebraska one elector is selected from each congressional district by popular vote with two additional electors selected by the statewide popular vote.

So what must campaign Obama do to win in November?

While conventional polls must be taken into account they cannot be the basis for making critical decisions. The vast Obama organization of professionals and grass roots volunteers should be divided into units of attack commandoes, holding armies, and persuasion mentors who will be specifically trained for their respective duties. The attack commandoes will monitor and instantly respond to the divisive and diversionary negative ads, blogs, and statements made by the McCain campaign. The mission is to expose and neutralize the negative information before it becomes rooted in the public discussion. They will also counter with pro-active insight into the horrors of a third term Bush presidency and questions

tortured for five years qualifies as leadership experience. The holding army's objective will be to keep voters that are already supporting the Obama candidacy from being unduly influenced by the McCain attacks and switching allegiance.

Persuasion mentors have the responsibility to interface with and work tenaciously to bring borderline and undecided voters into the Obama fold by addressing any misconceptions, doubts, and misunderstandings on how the Obama positions are in the voter's best interest. Additionally, each of the field groups will continuously gather firm evidence on voter intentions. This information is especially important in areas with large contingents of independents, white working class voters, and white women loyal to Clinton. Accurate voter data gathered by your dedicated field team during face to face meetings is more accurate than the telephone polls taken by the networks and other media outlets. Wait until the last possible moment, just prior to the nominating convention, to announce your Vice President. Why? So you

can take advantage of the latest data from your field organization in identifying which voter blocks are tenuous. Each of the potential VP candidates brings a particular voter constituency to the campaign. The critical voters that you need to achieve your goal of 270 electoral votes should be a prime factor in selecting the VP that can deliver those crucial votes.

Continue to act presidential, not with arrogance or patronization of the common people, but with the self assurance that you are that special someone that the people can look up to. While the opposition tries to characterize you as elitist and out of touch with the average American, in reality Americans want a leader who can rise above the fray and look, act, and think like a president. They are not looking for a beer buddy.

If you stay focused on your agenda of change and abiding faith in the decency of the American people on November 5th you will be the president of these United States of America.

~James Breedlove

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