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Rusk Chamber announces banquet

Tickets are still available for the Rusk, Texas Chamber Annual Banquet, but are selling fast. The banquet is scheduled for Saturday, January 10, 2009 at the Junior High School Cafeteria. Doors open at 6 p.m. and diner will be served at 6:30 p.m

Tickets may be purchased at the chamber office, please call (903) 683-4242 to reserve your seats. Cost is \$20 for individual tickets. All of the quarterback, full-back and wide receiver tables are sold out. There are still a few regular tables available for purchase. Cost for these eight place tables are \$160.00 each.

As a reminder, raffle tickets are available for a 42 inch flat screen television to be given away at the banquet. Tickets are \$5 each or five for \$20 and are available at Austin Bank, Citizens 1st Bank, Cherokee County Teachers Federal Credit Union, Franklin Bank, Harry's Building Materials, Southern Cherokee Federal Credit Union, Texas National Bank and True Value Hardware.

Inauguration Day Excitement Hits US for 44th President Elect Obama



Staff Writer

The Barack Obama Inauguration Day excitement has hit the United States in full force. Young adults to those senior citizens from all walks of life, are making arrangements for the day of this unbelievable event. So many Americans felt it from the beginning. One lady said, "I missed his Democratic Convention Keynote speech in 2004 but I saw him on *The Opra Winfrey Show* some months later. I heard him when he sat comfortably down in front of thousands of Americans and expressed his honest beliefs about where he stood on many issues.

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Chandra VanZandt earns Corporate Office Promotion

Tyler, TX.- Chandra Van Zandt, a Brookshires 19-year partner, has been promoted to pricing administration manager at the corporate office in Tyler. She is the daughter of Charles and Louise Van Zandt of Tyler and the granddaughter of Lorene White of Rusk, Texas. In her new role, Chandra will be responsible for ensuring accurate pricing and promotions in the data system, timely communication of pricing information to the stores, and researching and responding to pricing inquiries from category managers, vendors, stores, technical staff, and department partners.

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Editorial

Maxine Session



Miracles Do Still Happen

The local news reported recently the story of a church in Longview, Texas where the pastor began praying about a year ago, for a million dollars to build a new church. The news story told of an anonymous donor who just donated a check for a million dollars to build that church.

In your day to day life when problems arise that you can't seem to find a solution to, remember miracles do still happen, if you believe.

My grandson shared the following story with me and I would like to share it with you. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

The Tablecloth

The brand new pastor and his wife, newly assigned to their first ministry, to reopen a church in suburban Brooklyn, arrived in early October excited about their opportunities. When they saw their church, it was very run down and needed much work. They set a goal to have everything done in time to have their first service on Christmas Eve. They worked hard, repairing pews, plastering walls, painting, etc, and on December 18 were ahead of schedule and just about finished. On December 19 a terrible tempest - a

driving rainstorm hit the area and lasted for two days. On the 21st, the pastor went over to the church. His heart sank when he saw that the roof had leaked, causing a large area of plaster about 20 feet by 8 feet to fall off the front wall of the sanctuary and just behind the pulpit, beginning about head high, was a large hole in the wall. The pastor cleaned up the mess on the floor, and not knowing what else to do but postpone the Christmas Eve service, headed home. On the way he noticed that a local business was having a flea market type sale for charity so he stopped in. One of the items was a beautiful, handmade, ivory coloured, crocheted tablecloth with exquisite work, fine colours and a Cross embroidered right in the centre. It was just the right size to cover up the hole in the front wall. He bought it and headed back to the church. By this time it had started to snow. An older woman running from the opposite direction was trying to catch the bus. She missed it. The pastor invited her to wait in the warm church for the next bus 45 minutes later. She sat in a pew and paid no attention to the pastor while he got a ladder, hangers, etc., to put up the tablecloth as a wall tapestry. The pastor could hardly believe how beautiful it looked and it covered up the entire problem area. Then he noticed the woman walking down the centre aisle. Her face was like a sheet. "Pastor," she asked, "where did you get that tablecloth?" The pastor explained. The woman asked him to check the lower right corner to see if the initials, EBG were crocheted into it there. They were. These were the initials of the woman, and she had made this tablecloth 35 years before, in Austria. The woman could hardly believe it as the pastor told how he had just gotten the Tablecloth. The woman explained that before the war she and her

husband were well-to-do people in Austria. When the Nazis came, she was forced to leave. Her husband was going to follow her the next week. He was captured, sent to prison and never saw her husband or her home again. The pastor wanted to give her the tablecloth; but she made the pastor keep it for the church. The pastor insisted on driving her home, that was the least he could do. She lived on the other side of Staten Island and was only in Brooklyn for the day for a housecleaning job. What a wonderful service they had on Christmas Eve. The church was almost full. The music and the spirit were great. At the end of the service, the pastor and his wife greeted everyone at the door and many said that they would return. One older man, whom the pastor recognized from the neighbourhood continued to sit in one of the pews and stare, and the pastor wondered why he wasn't leaving. The man asked him where he got the tablecloth. He told the pastor how his wife had made one like it years ago when they lived in Austria before the war and how there could not possibly be two tablecloths so much alike. He told the pastor how the Nazis came, how he forced his wife to flee for her safety and he was supposed to follow her, but he was arrested and put in a prison. He never saw his wife or his home again and about all the 35 years in between. The pastor asked him if he would allow him to take him for a little ride. They drove to Staten Island and to the same house where the pastor had taken the woman three days earlier. He helped the man climb the three flights of stairs to the woman's apartment, knocked on the door and he saw the greatest Christmas reunion he could ever imagine.

Beautiful story.... makes you understand that things happen for a reason True Story - submitted by Pastor Rob Reid. Who says God does work in mysterious ways..

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100 year old Nacogdoches Zion Hill Cemetary is SFA geological project

Nacogdoches, TX. - In the late 1990's the Weems Cemetary long forgotten and long discarded was discovered in Rusk Cherokee County Texas. Located about 1000 feet west and south of the Hwy 69 and FM 343 intersection, most who live near it are unaware that it exists. After the discovery of it, effort failed in getting help from county, city and local citizens to clean the area. It continues to lie overgrown and forgotten.

Unlike the Rusk Weems Cemetary, The Zion Hill Cemetary located in Nacogdoches, Texas is getting some much needed and long overdue attention from Stephne F. Austin State University geology, and archeology department faculty and students as well as university students in the geology, sociology and anthropology clubs. The cemetary was established in the late 1800's as part of Zion Hill Baptist Church.

Research records from The Center for East Texas Studies, Stephen F. Austin State University, show that Zion Hill Baptist Church Cemetary is located on the west side of Park Street near the Lananna Creek Bridge. This small cemetery which was once larger than two acres is now just a small area left when the city of Nacogdoches expanded into the area which was once a segregated African American community. In the 1960's the city changed the direction of the creek located near and cut Park Street through the cem

etary destroying the resting place of many burried there.

It appears on the Hoya Land Office's 1922 plat map of the area as Lot 8 of Block 5, and is identified as a "Colored Cemetary." The oldest grave in the cemetery is that of Julia Harris, which is dated February 8, 1897. Center research shows the small cemetery has many unmarked graves, which seems to indicate that the graveyard is much older than that date.

Just to the west of the cemetery is the original location of Zion Hill Baptist Church, which was built there in 1897. The Zion Hill Baptist Church is the oldest Black congregation in Nacogdoches.

Cemetaries used by African American Communities, in many instances, are the only records of the existence of people burried there. Proper birth certificates and death certificates were never recorded on them by city and county officials.

The SFA Professors say there are about 40 unmarked graves in the cemetery with 30 marked one. They guess that there are possibly more unmarked graves directly beneath Park Street which currently runs through through the original land owned by Zion Hill Baptist Church. They hope to research and restore it to keep a part of Nacogdoches history from fading away.

Obama

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I didn't know how or when but I knew he was about to make a difference in "Politics as Usual" in the United States." For months now the media had gone back and forth with the debate about who he really is and what he really believes; even after the November 4th 2008 election that declared him the winner.

More than one million people are predicted to attend the January 20th inauguration.

VanZandt

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Chandra joined the company as a warehouse systems clerk and later served as a systems operator. She was then promoted to office supervisor. In 2007 she was named SAP Project Analyst. "This is a great opportunity for Chandra and we congratulate her on this promotion", said Andy Newberry, director of pricing and analyst. "With her experience, dedication and people skills, we know she will do a great job."

Teenager appointed to school board in West Texas

El Paso, TX. - School board members in the Socorro public school system in El Paso appointed Tanya Kayla Loya, 18, to fill a seat on the board whan a former member resigned in November.

Tanya, a University of Texas El Paso junior, was choosen over former school board presidents, educators and past candidates.

In her new position, Tanya will deal with economic problems threatening the district budget, help select a new superintendent for the district which has more than 40,000 students.

The seat she holds will be up for election in May. She plans to run in that race.

Tanya is a junior political science major like no other. She entered high school at the afe of 12 and graduated high school at age 16.

The El Paso Times reported the teenager said she is going to come in and do her job without having a personal agenda and without being swayed. She understands that her role as a school board trustee is to gain an overall concensus of everyone at-large in the community.

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Charles Van Zandt releases blues Collection



Charles VanZandt is a gifted singer from Tyler, Texas with strong roots to Rusk, Texas. There must be something special in the water down there, because the piney woods country of East Texas has spawned many talented blues and soul performers over the years. Charles has been working the clubs, dance-halls and concert venues for sometime with his gut wrenching emotion and smooth delivery. His 45 of "Cummins Prison" on Echo records did well down south, and the flip side "Lovers Land" is still sought after by northern soul collectors in Europe and the UK. Presently Charles is finishing a new collection of songs that capture the old spirit with new compositions and fresh vital energy. on a hot combination with these musicians. It is a timely collabo-

ration that puts strong emphasis on the groovy sound now enjoyed by young people and those who enjoy what we call "Grown Folks Music". The 45 is being re-released to high demand and a collection of his recordings from the seventies has been remastered for release.



Recently Charles came together with Seattle soul instrumentalists Satellite 4 for a series of shows and sessions. Charles says he hit soned vocal atop a hard and heavy sounding rhythm section. Satellite 4 has the feel and tempo he likes, and the camaraderie between the guys is natural. Charles Van Zandt puts real experiences in his lyrics, and says most of the stuff in his songs happened to him directly. One of the songs, "Hail Mary," was written by Nashville songwriter Denise Draper, and gets an incredible response every time it's played. Charles said


he initially didn't care for the song when he heard the demo, but eventually became attached to the thing, having a realization that the song fit him perfectly. Spring and Summer 2009 BELONG to Charles Van Zandt, you'd best believe he is going to cover some ground. Plans are being firmed up for some festival dates and a string of club appearances. New writing and production progresses every day, with life experience and real drama working it's way into each song. It will be worth watching how Charles Van Zandt and the Satellite 4 grow and branch out. Go to and stay tuned to www.myspace.com/thesatellite4.

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Ray Christopher Given Surprise Birthday Dinner



A surprise birthday dinner was held for Ray Allen Christopher, Sr. on November 22, 2008 at the Southern Cherokee Federal Credit Union in Rusk, Texas. The event was hosted by his wife Polly and children Raychelle and Allen and attended by about fifty guests who were greeted by the honoree and treated to a program of fun entertainment and a delicious full course meal. Pictured above left of right standing are family members Jimmy, Jennifer, Allen, Raychelle, Polly, Cynthia, and Stacy. Seated are the honoree Ray Allen Sr. and mother Grace Christopher.

Jerry Leviston Roasted at Birthday Surprise Dinner



A surprise birthday dinner and roast was held for Jerry Leviston on December 6, 2008 at the VFW in Rusk, Texas. Sandra (Honey) Brown was Mistress of Ceremony and his brother-in-law Frazier Foreman of Dallas, formerly of Rusk was Master of Ceremony. Friends and family were treated to a hilarious time as his son Jamaal and nephew Melvin (Wolf) Session, II conducted a roast of the honoree.



Guests were treated to a full course sit down dinner and oldies music with D. J. Chamberlain Hart and wife Stephanie.

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Pictured: Charles Hassell and employees of Citizens 1st Bank, along with members of Keep Rusk Beautiful Committee

The Keep Rusk Beautiful organization proudly presents its monthly Award to Citizens 1st Bank and Executive Vice President, Charles Hassell. Through the years, the bank's beautiful landscaping has been the highlight of Rusk's historic Square. 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!

Tuskegee Airmen Invited to 1st Whitehouse Inauguration

President-elect Barack Obama has invited all Tuskegee Airmen to attend his inauguration on January 20. Two members of the Red Tail Project's Board - Joseph P. Gomer and Roscoe Brown, Jr. - are among the Airmen who will attend. On March 24, 1945, Roscoe Brown Jr. became the first 15th Air Force pilot to shoot down a German fighter jet - a Messerschmidt Me 262.

Both Roscoe and Joseph have been featured in local and national media. Both are American pilots from the first all-black flying unit, the Tuskegee Airmen from World War II. The Airmen - while facing rampant racial discrimination back home, as well as indignities at the front - were responsible for destroying more than 250 enemy aircraft on the ground and 150 in the air during World War II. About 1,000 Americans of African ancestry completed their flight training at Tuskegee Army Air Field Tuskegee, Alabama. Despite initial obstacles, 445 went overseas

as combat pilots in the European Theater of Operations, Flying "bomber escort" and



ground attack on 15,533 sorties between May, 1943 and June 9, 1945, the Tuskegee Airmen compiled an enviable Tuskegee Record. None of the bombers they escorted were lost to enemy fighters. They destroyed 251 enemy aircraft and won more than 850 medals. Their record was not without losses, however, with sixty-six (66) Tuskegee Airmen killed in action.

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She leaves to cherish her memory three children: Eric Foreman, Keith Foreman and Tracey Foreman Cambell; ten grandchildren; Crystal (Jarvis I) Bonds, John Christopher Cambell, Jr., Matthew Foreman, Courtney (Kendric) Belfield, Brittany Cambell, Shelby Foreman, Brya Cambell, Kirsten Foreman and Kaelin Foreman; five Great-grandchildren; Jarvis Bonds II, JAda Bonds, Aaliyah Bonds, Naomi Bonds, Nigel Belfield; one brother, Charles Denman of Jacksonville, TX; two sisters; Hazel Sessions and Elizabeth Rivers of Rusk, Texas; one sister-in-law, Jean Denman of Tyler, Tx, many neices, nephews other relatives and friends. Interment was Forest Park East at Weber, Texas.

WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?

As we prepare to celebrate Christmas, the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, we also look back over the year 2008 and prepare to begin the year 2009. Our lives and the world is ever changing. We have experienced births, the beginning of new life and deaths, the saying goodbye to those we love who have touched and shaped our lives...yet the world keeps turning.

In 2008 we witnessed everything from the US involvement in two wars to the failing of the American Economy. And yes, the election of the first African American President of these United States. We are prayerfully hoping to see a change from war to peace, from poverty to plenty and from sadness and stress to happiness. How do we get from here to there? It won't happen overnight, but it can be done.



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Ms. J's 411

Where do we go from here? We go forward into 2009 with a positive attitude and ideas about how we can play some small part in helping to make the world a better place to live. We become more benevolent to others.

That does not always mean using money. Sometimes a smile and a kind word can make someones day. It could be making a telephone call to or running an errand for some one sick and shut-in or volunteering at a soup kitchen, a hospital or community organization. It could mean volunteering to help construct a family home through Habitat for Humanities. It could mean you taking the time and making the effort to organize a community project that will fill a need or simply volunteering to mentor a child.

I guess what I am saying is "God Helps Those Who Help Themselves". Those of us who can are going to have to help ourselves and those who can't do it all by themselves. **THINK ABOUT IT.** God bless you until next time.

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Why does racism continue and those who perpetuate it pretend that it does not exist?

Barack Obama was elected 44th President by Black, White Hispanic Asia and many other races in America. Following the election of Barack Obama as the 44th President of the United States and 1st African American in the history of this country to be elected to the position, much negative and racist conversation and action took place in the homes of some white Americans, in the halls and classrooms of many schools and in workplaces across Texas. I say Texas because I can vouch for what happened here. I have talked with family and neighbors and yes even experienced. The day after the election black kids were taunted at school. Parents were upset by what their

kids came home and told them. One student was suspended for wearing an Obama t-shirt. One fifth grader told her grandmother her white classmate told her she hoped someone would kill Obama.

At some high schools in East Texas Black students were told they could not say President Elect Obama's name on campus. A football player at the University of Texas got on the coach's web page and posted a message from the coach that said "go get a gun". Thank god he was suspended.

In the workplace many white and black Democrats told that for days co-workers fostered an attitude of anger and did not discuss the election in the presence of anyone but those who felt the same.

As a black race we have been subjected to a lifetime of white presidents. We helped to elect them and we have given them respect, deserving or not. From the beginning of this country until the eighties black women worked in the homes of white Americans running their home and raising their children.

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Civil Rights Presidential Inaugural Ball

Washington, DC (BlackNews.com) - Forty five years ago, SCLC founder Dr. Martin Luther King Jr, had a dream. He foresaw the day in which the greatness of America would be realized...a day where Americans would be judged by the content of their character rather than the color of their skin.

Together with the NAACP, CORE, A. Phillip Randolph Institute, labor unions, and the SCLC, Dr. King marched on Washington and elsewhere to make the dream a reality. "The election of Barack Obama as the 44th President is a historic milestone in the realization of this dream" says National President and CEO of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC).

In celebration, SCLC will host "The Civil Rights Presidential Inaugural Ball" on the evening of January 20, 2009 featuring some of the nation's civil rights pioneers who helped pave the way for this

remarkable day. The Black Tie GALA will take place on Tuesday, January 20, 2009 from 7:30 pm to 1:00 am at the L'Enfant Plaza Hotel, 480 L'Enfant Plaza, SW, Washington, D.C. 20024.

The host committee which includes; Southern Christian Leadership Conference, A. Phillip Randolph Institute (APRI), MLK National Memorial Project Foundation, Inc., National Action Network, National Coalition on Black Civic Participation (NCBCP), National Council of Negro Women, Inc. (NCNW), Rainbow Push Coalition and other leaders of justice invites you to celebrate this magical day with a spiritual retrospective look at its long and windy road and join them for this once-in-a-lifetime gala.

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Hollywood's Time

Crockett, Tx. News & Views by
Billy "Hollywood" Groves



With the election of Barack Obama as 44th President of the United States came the understanding that the power of the

who voted for change.

Kudos go out to our new Houston County Attorney Daphne Session who represents change by becoming the first African American to hold that position in the history of this county. Daphne is the daughter of the great Walter and Maxine Session of Rusk, founders and publishers of the Texas Informer Newspaper. Keep up the good work Daphne.

Pat Lee of Houston is an accounts manager in the daytime and a standup comedian at night, performing in Houston. I had the pleasure of talking with Pat, a 199's graduate of Crockett High School who served his country in the U. S. Army. He told me he has developed a fan base and will soon be opening his own comedy club in Houston. He went on to say he is available to do comedy in East Texas upon request. He is really looking forward to performing here. He is the son of Pearl Robinson of Houston and the cousin of popular singer Tony Henry a Crockett native who was with him when we talked. Pat can be reached at 832-298-6649.

High fives go out to Cartier Martin of Houston who is averaging 20 points a game for the NBA developmental league.

Cartier Martin is the son of former Crockett High All American Basketball player Melvin Wooten. Cartier played at Kansas State University four years where he was an All Big 12 Selection and played probasketball in Turkey last year.

The Johnson Brothers of Crockett and Huntsville owners of the Dead End Barbershop of Huntsville are now hosting the F & M Club in Grapeland, Texas on Saturday nights. Untwan Johnson told me that they are inviting all East Texas to check them out by stopping by the club for a visit. The Johnson brothers Untwan, Elbert Wayne "Bev the Barber" and Brandon "Boo" are the sons of former Grapeland football star Elber Wayne Johnson.

An East Texas thanks goes out to the following people who make East Texas a better place: Dr. Ruth Watson, Dr. Helen King, George King, Karen Baxter, Daphne Session, Rev. R.P. Taylor, David Baxter, Harvey Stewart, Latervivnce "BaBa" Patton, Margie Patton, Dr. Brenda Achinson, Clyde Delvin Atchinson, Victoria Essien, Dr. Ianthia Fisher, Leslie

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vote is the most important tool we have for change. I think we can finally put to rest the old saying, "Why should I vote? My vote doesn't count anyway."

It is no secret that a certain segment of our society would never vote for an African American for President. Most voters understood that fact going into the 2008 elections, but despite the nay sayers, doubters and apathetic voters, and uncertainty among voters, we "the people" stepped to the voting booth on Election Day 2008 and made history. It took real Americans of all races to get Barack into the Whitehouse. African Americans could not have done it alone.

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WHAT'S COOK'IN**Southern Corn
Spoon Bread**

- 2 cups hot milk
- 3 tablespoons butter or margarine
- 2 cups Stove Top cornbread stuffing mix
- 1 cup whole kernel corn, drained
- 2 eggs beaten
- 2 tablespoons chopped green onions
- 2 teaspoons sugar or Splenda

Heat Oven to 350 degrees.
Using 1 and 1/2-quart casserole dish, mix in hot milk and butter until butter is melted. Stir into milk and butter stuffing mix, corn, eggs, onions and sugar until well blended.
Bake 45 minutes or until done.

Sweet Potato Pudding

- 2 cups raw grated sweet potatoes
- 1 cup milk
- 1 cup sugar
- 2 eggs, slightly beaten
- 2 tablespoons margarine or butter
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/4 teaspoon ground nutmeg
- 1/4 teaspoon salt

Heat oven to 350 degrees.

Grease 1 and 1/2 quart casserole dish. Place grated sweet potatoes evenly around the inside of the dish.

Mix all other ingredients in a large bowl.

Pour into casserole dish covering grated potatoes.

Bake 1 hour or until firm in the center. Serve warm.

Makes approximately 8 servings.

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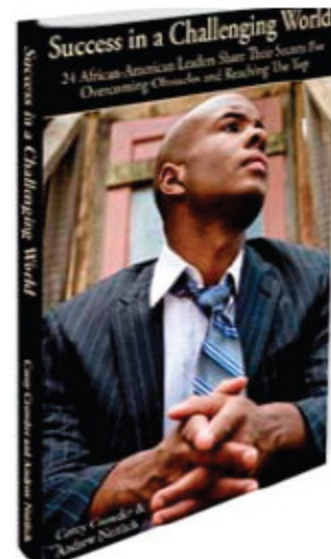
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