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## Jacksonville home of Miss Yvonne's Soul Food Restaurant



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Pictured are family members who operate Miss Yvonne's Soul Food Restaurant on North Main Street historic site of Miss Melvin's Fish Place: Nicole, Chole, Yvonne and Trish. See Page 3



Historic Building on North Main Yvonne's Soul Food

## Editorial

### Merry Christmas to All!

Maxine Session

Once again we are blessed to celebrate another Christmas, Christ's birthday. Eighty-five per cent of American's confess to be Christians, yet we celebrate His birthday in many different ways. My daughter shared the following poem with us at church Sunday and I would like to share it with you. It really gives us something to think about.

#### "T'was The Night Before Jesus Came"

'Twas the night before Jesus came and all through the house not a creature was praying, not one in the house. Their Bibles were lain on the shelf without care, in hopes that Jesus would not come there.

The children were dressing to crawl into bed. Not once ever kneeling or bowing a head. And Mom in her rocker with baby on her lap was watching the Late Show while I took a nap.

When out of the East there arose such a clatter. I sprang to my feet to see what was the matter. Away to the window I flew like a flash, tore open the shutters and threw up the sash!

When what to my wondering eyes should appear but angels proclaiming that Jesus was here. With a light like the sun sending forth a bright ray I knew in a moment this must be THE DAY!

The light of His face made me cover my head, it was Jesus! returning just like He had said. And though I possessed wordly wisdom and wealth, I cried when I saw Him in spite of myself.

In the Book of Life which He held in His hand was written the name of every saved man. He spoke not a word as He searched for my name; when He said "it's not here" my head hung in shame.

The people whose names had been written with love He gathered to take to His Father above. With those who were ready He tose without a sound. While all the rest were left standing around.

I fell to my knees, but it was too late; I had waited too long and thus sealed my fate. I stood and I cried as they rose out of sight; Oh, if only I had been ready tonight.

In the words of this poem the meaning is clear; the coming of Jesus is drawing near. There's only one life and when comes the last call, we'll find that the Bible was true after all!

## Fox News Anchor Fired for Using the N-Word Fights Back

Fox 29 news anchor Tom Burlington (pictured) broke Commandment #11: Thou shall not use the N-word in the presence of African American people if you are not African American.

And he was fired for it. Justice served, right? But the story doesn't end there. Burlington decided he was being discriminated against because at least two of his black colleagues used the derogatory term freely and were not penalized, and a U.S. District Judge believes he makes a valid argument.

At a staff meeting in 2007, Fox reporters and producers were discussing the symbolic burial of the word by the Philadelphia Youth Council of the NAACP, when journalist Robin Taylor stated that "participants at the burial had said the full word at least a hundred times or more."

Burlington, either in jest or earnest, asked the seemingly innocuous question:

"Does this mean we can finally say the word n\*\*\*\*er?"

According to depositions, Nicole Wolfe, an African American producer on staff, immediately exclaimed: "I can't believe you just said that!"

Because of U.S. District Judge R. Barclay's ruling that the case has enough merit to warrant a trial, for the first time in history, a federal jury will be asked to decide whether it is acceptable for an African American person but not a white person, to use the N-word in a workplace.

The trial is scheduled to begin Jan. 18.

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# Miss Yvonne's Soul Food

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COVER STORY  
by Maxine Session

In the 60's before the popularity of fast food restaurants, there was no shortage of restaurants and cafes that provided good down home cooked food. That is, good southern food cooked as the old folks use to say, "from scratch". Along with the food was good music and never a shortage of friends to help you enjoy it all.

Jacksonville boasted of Willie Howards' Cafe on North Main, Miss Tinsley's Place on Main and several others. Miss Yvonne's Soul Food opened in Jacksonville in September 2009 to bring back that same southern taste of good food. The menu includes a wide variety of tasty foods including meat loaf, chicken and dumplings, smothered steak, smothered pork chops, chitterlings and chicken-fried steak matched by classic Southern sides like turnip greens and candied yams, just to name a few. Home made pies and cakes top the dessert list. The family grows most of the vegetables.

Yvonne, a native of Perry, Oklahoma, migrated from Plano, Texas to Cove Springs. Her husband had relatives there. The family purchased a home and lived in Cove Springs on weekends. They grew a large garden year round and carried a lot of the vegetables back to Dallas to share with family and friends.

The kids grew up and left home and she fell more in love with East Texas. After about eighteen years of working in Dallas as a Nail Tech and driving a DART Bus, she needed a change. She moved to East Texas fulltime. The move brought just the change she needed. The family has been here about twenty-three years. Yvonne credits the grandmother who raised her, the late Mineola Atkinson, and close family ties for being the great cook she is. Mineola was the church cook and at one time or another she cooked at all of the three major restaurants in Perry, Oklahoma. Along with that, she always had a little cafe of her own on the side. Her home was always full of family



Nicole, Yvonne, Chole and Trish

and friends and of course she fed everyone who was hungry. By the time Yvonne was six, she was spending time in the kitchen with her. Mineola felt strongly and voiced often, "A gal who can't cook is a shame!" Yvonne fell right in step with her knowing full well she would not be allowed to grow up and leave Mineola's kitchen without learning her cooking, cleaning and gardening skills, even though at that time she swore she would never be like her. Now she takes great pride in the fact that she is like her grandmother. After graduating High School in Perry, she married and started a family. The family spent five years in California. Like her grandmother, as her kids grew and the birthday parties and celebrations grew, her kids, their friends and the community looked to her to do the cooking. Jacksonville is a small town much

like the one she grew up in and she saw a need for a place to provide home cooking. From that came the restaurant. "My restaurant is truly a blessing from God and I will start by giving Him all the glory" Yvonne Said. Our customers and Jacksonville has been good to us. The business is thriving. She says Bert encourages her to write things down, but she continues to cook from scratch without Each of the daughters have a role to play at the restaurant and are following in their mom's footsteps. There is Nicole Vester, assistant manager; Trish Vester, Chole Johnson visiting from New, York; and Tina Jordon. Yvonne's husband Bert Johnson continues to work his Body Shop in Dallas through the week and spend weekends in Jacksonville helping with the business and spending time with the family. The Johnson's adopted her late sister's son Rashad so they have

one son. They also have grandsons Kambrin and Trevon.

Yvonne says, "I feel our family fits so well in Jacksonville because it is full of families who have deeply rooted family ties that keep them very close together, just as our family does".

The restaurant offers catering to the public. Right now they are closed on Sundays, but will cater affairs for any church or group who needs it.

The restaurant is located in the historic and rustic building on the corner of North Main and Lincoln that was once the Fish Shack.

The restaurant is open daily from 10:30 AM to 6:PM. Take out orders or catered orders can be placed by calling (903) 372-5104.

**WHAT'S COOK'IN****Bread Pudding With Apple-Raisin Sauce**

10 slices whole wheat bread  
1 egg  
3 egg whites  
1 1/2 cups milk  
1/4 cup sugar  
1/4 cup firmly packed brown sugar  
1 teaspoon vanilla  
2 teaspoons sugar  
1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon

1/2 teaspoon ground nutmeg  
1/4 teaspoon cloves  
Apple-Raisin Sauce  
Heat oven to 350F. Spray 9X13-inch baking dish with no stick cooking spray. Overlap bread slices like shingles in 2 rows in prepared baking dish. Beat egg, egg whites, milk, 1/4 cup sugar, brown sugar and vanilla in medium bowl. Pour over bread slices.

Stir 2 teaspoons sugar, cinnamon, nutmeg and cloves in small bowl. Sprinkle over bread slices. Bake 25 to 30 minutes, until browned and top is firm to touch. Serve warm with Apple-Raisin Sauce or at room temperature.

Apple-Raisin Sauce: Stir 1 1/4 cups apple juice, 1/2 cup apple butter, 2 tablespoons molasses, 1/2 cup raisins, 1/2 teaspoon grated orange peel (optional) and 1/4 teaspoon each ground cinnamon and nutmeg in medium saucepan. Bring to boil; reduce heat to low and simmer 5 minutes. Makes 2 cups.  
-Johnny Rivers

**Chicken Gumbo With Rice**

2 tablespoons margarine or butter  
1 medium onion, chopped  
1 stalk celery, chopped  
1 package (16 ounces) frozen blackeye peas

4 cups chicken broth  
1 tablespoon lemon juice  
1 1/2 teaspoons salt  
1 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce  
1/4 teaspoon pepper  
1 bay leaf  
2 cups diced cooked chicken  
package (10 ounces) frozen corn  
1/2 pound okra, sliced  
Hot cooked rice

Melt margarine in large saucepan on medium-high heat. Add onion, celery and green pepper; cook and stir until onion is tender. Add peas, broth, lemon juice and seasonings; bring to boil. Reduce heat to low; cover and simmer 45 minutes.

Add chicken, corn and okra; return to boil, stirring occasionally. Reduce heat to low; cover and simmer 6 minutes or until okra and corn are tender. Remove bay leaf. Serve with rice.  
Makes 12 servings.

**Wesley Snipes Supporters Demanding Retrial**

Phil., Penn.- Following the federal imprisonment of actor Wesley Snipes on a three-year sentence for failure to file income tax returns, a collection of celebrities, politicians, friends, and supporters are demanding the actor receive a fair trial. A group calling itself The Friends of Wesley Snipes is pushing a petition for the famous actor in order to bring awareness to perceived misconduct during his trial. Spearheading the movement is Snipes' wife Nicky and a laundry list of celebrities and supporters including the Rev. Al Sharpton, Denzel Washington, Judge Joe Brown, among thousands of other supporters.

According to CNN, Snipes reported to a Pennsylvania federal prison camp on Dec. 9, 2010 for not filing tax returns in 1999, 2000 and 2001. Though Snipes initially faced felony charges of tax fraud and conspiracy, those charges were later dropped and Snipes was charged with misdemeanor violations.



Mr. James I. Perkins, Citizens 1st Bank President, received the greatest honor 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 Indianapolis Colts, 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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## Breast and Cervical Cancer Screening: Facing Your Fear Saves Lives, Sets Example for Others

Breast and cervical cancer screening can be a tough sell, public health professionals admit. We know it's a good idea but it triggers our fear of the unknown. The Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) offers a few thoughts to get us past that fear. Not one life, they say, has ever been saved by ignoring cancer, but thousands are saved each year by early diagnosis. That's a slam-dunk argument when you consider that about 200,000 American women will be diagnosed with breast cancer this year and another 12,000 with cervical cancer. DSHS helps Texas women improve their odds by providing free and reduced-priced screenings for both diseases. Available services include clinical breast exams, mammograms, pelvic exams and Pap tests. They're offered at more than 200 community health centers, hospitals, regional and local health departments, university-based teaching institutions and other community-based organizations. The

program delivers these services at no cost to low-income women who have no health insurance. Since 1991, more than 200,000 women in Texas have received early cancer screenings through the program. Most receive a clean bill of health, but the ability to find cancer or precancerous lesions at an early stage makes every exam worthwhile. About Breast and Cervical Cancers: Breast cancer is more common than cervical cancer and takes many forms. In addition to screenings by a health care professional, doctors also recommend that women regularly check themselves for:

- A lump in the breast or any area that feels different from tissue around it.
  - Change in a breast's shape or size.
    - Bloody discharge.
  - "Dimpling" or other changes to the skin over the breast, including redness or pitting.
  - Inversion (turning inward) of the nipple.
  - Flaking or peeling of the nipple skin.
- Contact a doctor immediately if you notice any of these changes, even if you've had a recent mammogram.

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## Cynthia Thacker celebrates 93rd birthday



Cynthia Thacker, of Weeping Mary Community Alto, Texas celebrated her ninety-third birthday on November 7, 2010. Children Cynthia Foy, Velma Skinner, Ira Hart, Lee Thacker and grandchildren were present for the celebration.

## Joyce Hunter wins Thanksgiving Dinner for ten



Joyce Bradley Hunter is shown above with thanksgiving dinner for ten.

Joyce Marie Bradley Hunter was the winner of the ten person Thanksgiving dinner raffled off through ticket sales by the Cherokee Brotherhood Community Organization. The dinner was prepared and donated by Felicia and Michael Session and delivered just in time to be served on Thanksgiving day.

## Cherokee County Veterans Celebrate Veterans Day



Veterans Frenchie Henderson, Walter Session, Melvin Session and Emerson Griffin, President of VFW Post # above attend Veterans Day celebration held on the Cherokee County Courthouse November 11th.

## Tiffany Atkins to graduate Stephen F. Austin State University

Tiffany Atkins, daughter of Napoleon Earl Atkins of Rusk and Brenda and Adrian Alexander will graduate from Stephen F. Austin State University of Nacogdoches on Saturday, December 18, 2010. She is a 2005 Killeen High School graduate.

Miss Atkins will receive a Bachelors Degree in Child and Family Development with a minor in Early Childhood Education. She did an internship at Heartbeat Pregnancy Center of Nacogdoches. Her goal is to become director of a center such as Heartbeat in order to give guidance and assistance to young women who are faced with enormous obstacles to getting a higher education.



Tiffany Atkins

Tiffany feels that knowledge gained about available resources which helped her gain success while getting her education will allow her to help other young women in need of guidance and encouragement. She is the mother Jaquarius and Samaria.

## Support For The Scott Sisters

We asked you recently to fight for the Scott sisters' freedom. This week, we need your help fighting for their wellbeing.

Since 1993, Gladys and Jamie have been locked away from their friends and family. They were convicted of being accomplices in a robbery of \$11 and have served 16 years in prison -- even though the teenagers who actually committed the crime served only two years.

As the holiday season approaches, this horrific injustice is even more upsetting. There will be no meals around the dinner table for the Scott sisters. No present exchanges. No parties.

But the Scott sisters do receive notes and letters -- and it would mean so much to them if they heard from you.

Send a short message of support and encouragement to Gladys and Jamie to help them get through one more holiday, until justice is restored: <http://action.naacp.org/page/m/474a37e3/7995a0f2/7ecaa193/2f6155e8/2606841651/VEsF/>

The extremity of the Scott sisters' case makes it unique. But the injustice that they are experiencing is something the NAACP has been battling for more than 100 years.

The fact remains: The criminal justice system in America still disproportionately subjects people of color to unfair sentencing guidelines. Gladys and Jamie Scott are just one example of the countless men and women punished by this shameful truth. That is why we are fighting for the Scott sisters -

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- so that no one has to experience this kind of injustice in the future.

Let Gladys and Jamie know that you're still there for them. Send your message of support and tell them why you are fighting: <http://action.naacp.org/SendMessagesOfSupport> Thank you for giving the Scott sisters

a reason to celebrate this season. Robert Rooks

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## Rice Recognized



Jo Ann Rice and Superintendent  
James Henry Russell

Jo Ann Lester Rice was born in Marshall, Texas, to the parents of Dora Mae Lacy Lester (from Jacksonville, Texas) and the late Henry Conley Lester Sr. At the age of 2, her parents who were both educators moved, to Texarkana so that her father could begin working at the Mail Terminal. She is the first of 4 children, Henry Conley Lester, Jr., Lacy Lester and James Anderson Lester. She has been married to Arties L. Rice for 39 years, and they have one daughter, Josette Rice of Dallas, Texas. Mrs. Rice attended public school in the Texarkana Texas School District. She attended Theron Jones Elementary School, GU Jameson Elementary School, and is a 1968 Graduate of Dunbar High School. In 1968 Mrs. Rice attended Texarkana Community College where she received an AA Degree in Business Administration with an emphasis on Computer Science in 1970. In 1977 the Rice family took a leap of faith, when Jo Ann left her job to return to school full time. In 1979 she received her Bachelor of Science Degree in Elementary Education. She had finally accomplished her life's dream of being an elementary school teacher. She began her career in education at Beverly Elementary school. After several years, Beverly Elementary School was closed and the staff was moved to Theron Jones Elementary (then Fifteenth Street Elementary School), for Jo Ann this was coming home to her neighborhood. She remained a 1st grade teacher there until 1991 when her principals met her at the water fountain one day and said "Have I got a deal for you"? This was the first step in Jo Ann leaving the classroom and moving forward. She was selected as the HOST Coordinator for Theron Jones Elementary School. In the years to follow the HOST program at Theron Jones garnered many state awards and over 250 volunteers.

A new superinten

dent arrived; there was a wind in the air. Jo Ann was granted the opportunity of meeting with the new superintendent, Dr. Larry Sullivan. During their conversation, Jo Ann realized that she had the opportunity of a life time. She must convince the new leader that she was worthy of much more than she had been given. So she said "Let me tell you what I do". She was promoted to Coordinator of the new PIE program in TISD. She was given the opportunity of creating a district wide volunteer, partnership, and parent and recruitment program with a new initiative not only to TISD but Bowie and Miller Counties.

In February 2008, under the Leadership of Superintendent James Henry Russell and Associate Superintendent Autumn Thomas, Jo Ann

Rice was rewarded for all of her hard work and was promoted to Executive Director; she is the only African American Executive Director in Texarkana Independent School District. In May of 2009, Jo Ann was promoted to Assistant Superintendent of Student and Community Development. In March 2007, another dream came true when she was given a talk show on KTEV-TV, under the direction of owners Al and Delphane Davis. You can see her weekdays and evenings as the Host of Out and About with Jo Ann Rice. She still dreams of being the OPRAH of the Ark-La-Tex.

Mrs. Rice is a member of Hamilton Memorial AME Church, where she has served as Missionary President Co-Chair with her husband of the TV Ministry and Leader of the Young Women Initiative. She is currently 3rd Vice President of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. where she has been secretary, financial secretary, Archonette Advisor, and Epsilon Pi Undergraduate sponsor. Other activities include YWCA Board Member, Literacy Council of Bowie and Miller Counties, past President, Wilbur Smith Rotary

Club, past President, Ronald McDonald Charities, Past President, Texas Association of Partners In Education, Past Secretary, Leadership Texarkana Graduate, 2000, Leadership Texarkana Past Curriculum Chair, Conifer Girl Scout Board Member, Junior League Of Texarkana past Executive Committee Member, Crime Stoppers Board Member, Boy Scouts Learning for Life Committee Board Member, Temple Memorial Treatment Center 2nd Vice President, Komen Race for the Cure, Publicity Co-Chair, United Way Loaned Executive, Texarkana Pan Hellenic Council Member, and American Heart

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## NNPA to Reengage Black Americans in Fight Against Aids

(NNPA) The National Newspaper Publishers Association has partnered with the Greater Than AIDS movement and the Black AIDS Institute to reengage Black Americans in fighting the AIDS epidemic by making an historic commitment to cover AIDS in Black America in the nation's Black press. NNPA represents 200 member newspapers and more than 15 million readers. Greater Than AIDS is a national movement to unite and mobilize Americans in response to the AIDS crisis in our country, in particular the devastating epidemic facing Black Americans. The Black AIDS Institute is the only HIV/AIDS think tank in America **focused** exclusively on the impact of HIV/AIDS on Black people.

Thirty years into the epidemic, Black Americans remain disproportionately impacted by HIV and AIDS:

- Although Blacks represent about one in eight Americans, they are one of every two people living with HIV in the U.S.
  - The U.S. Centers for Disease Control released a study in October showing that one in 22 Black Americans can expect to become HIV positive over the course of their lifetime.
  - AIDS is the leading cause of death for Black women age 25-34 and the second leading cause of death for Black men age 35-44.
  - Blacks living with HIV have an age-adjusted death rate that is more than twice as high as that of HIV-infected whites.
- "The importance of educating the African American community about HIV has never been more important than it is today," said Dorothy Leavell, Chair of the NNPA Foundation Board of Directors and publisher of the Chicago and Gary Crusader newspapers. "Although we are excited by breakthroughs in medicine, the fact remains that the number of people living with HIV in our community

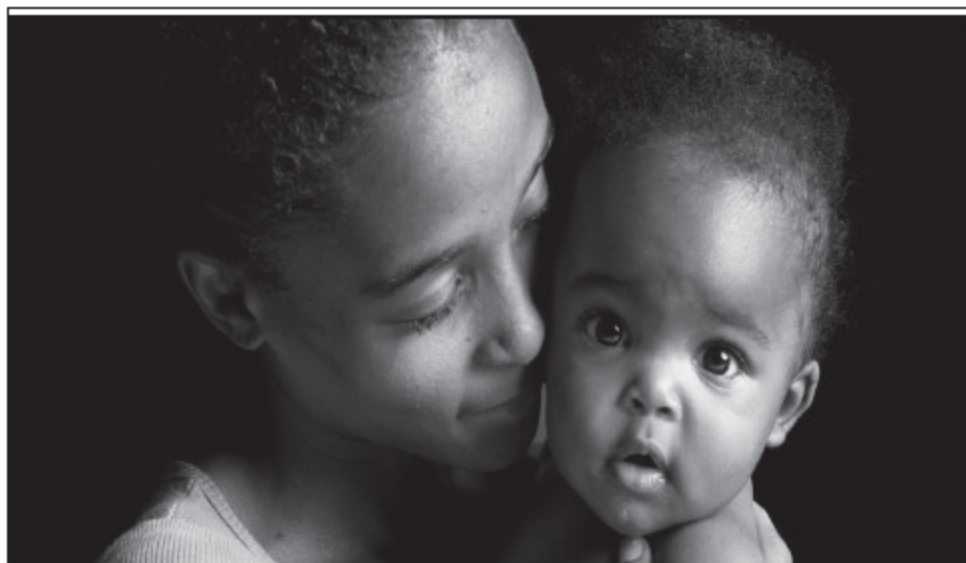
is still high, and that number is growing. We have a lot to do. This epidemic is not over and we all have to redouble our efforts."

"The Black press has been heroic in its effort to confront HIV and AIDS. It was one of the first institutions in Black America to respond to the epidemic," said Phill Wilson, Founder and CEO of the Black AIDS Institute. "With this partnership, the Black press will create opportunities to engage the whole of Black America in a conversation about HIV and AIDS in a way that no other institution in our community can."

The release this year of a National HIV/AIDS Strategy by the Obama Administration marks the first time the federal government has issued a planned response to deal with AIDS in America. That strategic focus, coupled with passage of the Affordable Care Act (ACA), will dramatically increase Black Americans' access to health care. The ACA prohibits insurers from denying health coverage to children with HIV and AIDS; prohibits lifetime caps on coverage costs; and expands Medicaid eligibility of those low and moderate-income people living with HIV.

"We are at a crossroads. This is our best chance yet for ending the AIDS epidemic. The NNPA is uniquely positioned to mobilize Black communities all across this nation," Wilson said. "We need to use the infrastructure we have to mobilize Black people to be engaged in the design and implementation of the National HIV/AIDS Strategy, and the Black press is one of the few institutions in Black

America that can accomplish that." The groundbreaking project will see weekly coverage of AIDS in the nation's Black newspapers; public forums on AIDS in Black America in each of the NNPA's five regions; and public service announcements. The series will launch the first week of December, 2010 in Black newspapers around the country.



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## Mrs. Hazel Johnson

Aug. 11, 1925 - Nov. 13, 2010

On Saturday, November 20, 2010 at 1:00 P.M. a funeral service was held at Mt. Pleasant C.M.E. Church for Mrs. Hazel Wiggins Johnson daughter of the late Gene Sartain and Lezada Penson, was born August 11, 1925 in Palestine, Texas. Saturday, November 13, 2010 in Houston, Texas she entered "Eternal Rest." She received her education in Palestine, Texas. At an early age she confessed hope in Christ and served faithfully as a member of Holly Spring CME Church. Hazel devoted her life to helping others. She was united in holy matrimony with Julius Johnson, to this union three sons and one daughter were born, she was a devoted wife and a loving mother. She was preceded in death

by her husband Julius, a daughter and stepson. To forever cherish her memory she leaves three sons, Waymon J. Johnson (Avis) and Charles R. Johnson of Houston, Texas, Roy Johnson (Loretta) of Jacksonville, Texas; a sister, Lee Willie Delap of St. Louis, MO.; eleven grandchildren; ten great grandchildren and one great grandchild (Jordyn); nieces, nephews; relatives and friends.

## Mrs. Dora Lee Griffith


Jan. 12, 1925 - Nov. 23, 2010

On Saturday, November 27, 2010 at 11:00 A.M. a funeral service was held at Woodville C.M.E. Church for Mrs. Dora Lee Session Griffith was the 7th child of the late Henry Session and Octavia Wickware on January 12, 1925 in Cherokee County, both parents preceded her in death. She received her early education from the Woodville pub

lic schools and was a graduate of G.W. Bradford High School. She also graduated from Texas College in Tyler, Texas. Sister Dora confessed faith in Christ at an early age and united with Woodville C.M.E. Church where she served as Church Treasurer, Food Committee, Director of Christian Education and Mission Circle. She was very active until her health failed. Mrs. Dora Lee Session united in Holy Matrimony to Mr. J.W. Griffith in 1946 that preceded her in death. To his union one son was born John D. Griffith. Later years she united with B.D. Johnson and gained four sons, Larry, Terry, Elmo, and David all of Houston, Texas. She taught school for many years starting out in Weeping Mary (Alto, Texas), then later relocating Houston, Texas and worked for Texas Southern University. She returned to Rusk, Texas to care for her aging parents, she then became employed with G.W. Bradford High School as an English teacher. She also worked for the USDA. Later years she worked for Adult Basic Education until 1996. Mrs. Dora Lee Session "Aunt Dora, Aunt Dean, Momma Dora, and Granny" was a very open, loving, kind with words and actions. She

always made you feel welcome and so very special. There was always peace at Aunt Dora's. She truly loved her Family and her Church. She was the root of many branches to this family and will be greatly missed. On November 23, 2010 God called his Angel Dora to a peaceful rest.

She is preceded in death by four siblings Lieutenant, Belton, Violet and Jewel. She leaves to cherish her memories: Long time companion (50+years) Mr. B.D. Johnson one son, John D.(Faye) Griffith Rusk, Texas; two grandsons, Belvis Singletary, Rusk, Texas and Jeffery Henderson, Cushing, Texas; two granddaughters, Johnita Griffith Rusk, Texas and Natasha Griffith Houston, Texas; seven grandchildren, Vandorian, Cynara, Shondell Janae, Saniah, Javeonte, and Calvary; one sister, Mildred Griffith Tyler, Texas; two brothers, R.L. Session and Lester Session both of Rusk, Texas; sister-in-law, Pearl B. Session; special nieces and nephews, Una Lee Williams, Mable Session, Ruby Jewel, Gail Simmons, Connell Session, Ronnell Session, Melvin Session, and Henry



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Christian-- an adherent or follower of Christ. The word occurs three times in the New Testament: "The disciples were first called Christians in Antioch" (Acts 11:26); Agrippa said to Paul, "You are almost persuade me to be a Christian" (Acts 26:28); Peter exhorted, "If anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed" (1 Pet. 4:16). In each instance, the word Christian assumes that the person called by the name was a follower of Christ. Christians were loyal to Christ, just as the Herodians were loyal to Herod (Matt. 22:16; Mark 3:6; 12:13). The designation of the early followers of Christ as Christians was initiated by the non-Christian population of Antioch. Originally it may have been a term of derision. Eventualu, however, Christians used ot if themselves as a name of honor, not of shame. Prior to their adoption of the name, the Christians called themselves believers (Acts 5:14), brothers (Acts 6:3), or saints (Acts 9:13), names that also continued to be used. In modern times the name Christian has been somewhat emptied of its true meaning as a follower of Christ. To some today, Christian means little more than a European or American who is not Jewish, while others have sought to make its proper use the name of a particular denomination. However, its original meaning is a noble one, of which any follwer of Christ can rightly be proud.

## Aretha Franklin Queen of Soul ill

DETROIT — A community prayer vigil has been held in Detroit for Aretha Franklin, a day before organizers say the singing legend is to undergo a medical procedure.

City Councilwoman JoAnn Watson and others gathered downtown Wednesday to pray for Franklin. Last month, the 68-year-old singer announced she was canceling all concert dates and personal appearances

through May on the orders of her doctors.

Franklin wasn't at the vigil, but in a statement she thanked the City Council, saying "all prayers are good."

A news release announcing the vigil says Franklin's medical procedure is scheduled for Thursday. A message seeking comment was left with Franklin's publicist, Tracey Jordan.



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## Mt. Olive Community Church

911 Egbert Street  
Rusk, TX. 75785

Rev. Mertis Bartley, Pastor  
& wife

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## President Obama to sign settlement to black farmers



President Obama

Legislation opens the way for about 80,000 black farmers to settle claims expected to average \$50,000. Many conservatives see it as an outright raid on the US Treasury that could put taxpayers on the hook for more direct payments to Democratic special-interest groups in the farm sector, namely women and Hispanics who are preparing separate lawsuits. (White farmers, too, are planning to sue the USDA over its loan policies.)

"Any time you're trying to go back and compensate people based on past discrimination, figuring out who should be compensated and how much is always tricky, so the devil's in the details," says Alan Abramowitz, a political scientist at Emory University, in Atlanta.

The Pigford II legislation is the second phase of a lawsuit filed by North Carolina farmer Timothy Pigford, who joined with 400 black farmers to complain about USDA loan policies between 1983 and 1987. In 2006, then-Senator Obama sponsored a version of the current bill, opening up a second settlement process to black farmers and farm families whose claims were caught up in bureaucracy and congressional wrangling over funding.

"Black farmers have waited many years for this day—the end of denied justice, the dawn of a new era of equality," said John Boyd, president of the National Black Farmers Association, in a statement on Wednesday. But critics cite several concerns with the soon-to-be-law. One is that about 33,000 black farms were in existence at the time of Pigford's original filing, yet 80,000 claimants have filed for settlement. Rep. Michele Bachmann (R) of Minnesota, for one, recently called Pigford II "a complete fraud."