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Dr. Cordell Adams of Dallas, formerly of Jacksonville, Texas, returns home for book signing at local Colleg library. . He signs book as purchaser looks on. Join him again at Norman Activity Center on Commerce for signing on Thursday, February 5th. See page 3.

National News

January 19th Dr. King's 80th Birthday Celebration

It took 15 years to create the federal Martin Luther King, Jr., holiday. Congressman John Conyers, Democrat from Michigan, first introduced legislation for a commemorative holiday four days after King was assassinated in 1968. After the bill became stalled, petitions endorsing the holiday containing six million names were submitted to Congress.

Conyers and Rep. Shirley Chisholm, Democrat of New York, re-submitted King holiday legislation each subsequent legislative session. Public pressure for the holiday mounted during the 1982 and 1983 civil rights marches in Washington.

Congress passed the holiday legislation in 1983, which was then signed into law by President Ronald Reagan. A compromise moving the holiday from Jan. 15, King's birthday, which was considered too close to Christmas and New Year's, to the third Monday in January helped overcome opposition to the law.

Tavis Smiley and Nationwide Insurance announce results from recent opinion poll survey on today's economic picture among African Americans

Recent survey confirms the struggle and what people are doing about it

Columbus, OH — On Monday, February 23, Tavis Smiley, talk show host and community advocate, will be available for several radio interviews to discuss a recent opinion poll survey conducted by Nationwide Mutual Insurance Company (Nationwide).

The survey polled consumers around the country on their perception of the financial picture in the country and how they were fairing in today's economic crisis. The survey indicates the percentage of African Americans

Spike Lee black history maker

Besides Woody Allen, no other filmmaker has had more films on the big screen in the last 20 years than Lee. From 'She's Got to Have It' to

'Jungle Fever' to the critically acclaimed and Oscar-nominated 'Do The Right Thing,' Lee's production company, 40 Acres & A Mule Filmworks, has produced more than 35 films since 1983. In 2008, the Atlanta native released his latest film, 'Miracle at St. Anna,' a story about blacks fighting in WWII that stars Derek Luke and Michael Ealy.



Tyler Perry after Diana Ross to star in new movie



Staff Writer

While promoting his new soon to be released "Madea Goes to Jail", Tyler Perry is letting it be known that he is after Dianna Ross to star in another movie that he plans to produce. While doing press appearances to promote his newest film, 'Madea Goes To Jail', which opens Feb. 20, producer-writer-director-actor Tyler Perry discussed how he wanted music legend Diana Ross for an upcoming film. Tyler says he has sent flowers, talked to the man who walks her dog and inquired about where she is. "The script for the movie is done. I wrote it in 1995. I have to do a rewrite, and I don't do rewrites", Says Tyler. He went on to say the name of the film

is "A Jazz Man's Blues."

He says Miss Ross would be a major part of the film, along with Ben Kingsley, Cicely Tyson and Kimberly Elise and himself along with someone else. Because he has not been able to reach the legend, he says he is not close to getting the film done. "Because we haven't seen her act in a long time, and because of what she brought to 'Lady Sings the Blues.' My film is set around 1947, around that same time. I would love to let people know how powerful an actress she is. Tyler says. These are the people I want, and until I get them, I won't put the movie on the books."

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indicating their biggest financial worry. Also a percentage of those talking about the situation and doing something about it.

Those stations interested in this opportunity should contact Bob Cunningham at (614) 249-3091 or via e-mail at cunninb1@nationwide.com

When: Monday, February 23
Specific times: TBD

Where: Teleconference

Dr. Adams, Ophthalmologist, extends talents to writing

"Light Bread" released with more to come.

by Maxine Session

Cover

John F. Kennedy was elected President of the U. S. in November 1960. In 1961 Nineteen year old Chubby Checker's recording "The Twist" hit the top of the record charts across America. September 1962 two minutes into round one Sonny Liston knocked out Floyd Patterson to become the world heavyweight champ. New Orleans's Tulane University permitted the first five black students to enroll February 25, 1963.

At the onset of a summer rain East Texas's atmosphere smelled of wet dirt from the many still unpaved red dirt streets. Still a segregated society, the all black high school was the center of activities for the black community. School plays, athletic events and of course, education for African Americans kept the schools abuzz.

Cordell Adams was born during this era. His early years were filled with a chain of happy events surrounding his close knit family that included his mother Cordelia, father Claude, sister Claudette, brother Rickey and grandmother Leola Cox. Now as an adult, well settled into his first career as an ophthalmologist, he has opened a new chapter in his life as an author. He has released the first book called "Light Bread". The second book in the series, "Pot Liquor" is due to be released in coming months. "Light Bread" is a book of fiction set in the 1960s, a time passed but etched in history and the minds of those blessed to have lived through that period. The lead character Veola Cook, inspired by the life of his grandmother Leola Cox, is a caring person filled with wisdom, insight, and the goodness to lend a strong shoulder and a helping hand to anyone in need. More than 3000 copies of the novel were sold during the first three months.

Cordell was one of the popular kids in school smart and well liked by those who came in contact with him. A 1979 graduate of Jacksonville Senior High School, Jacksonville, Texas, he has the distinct honor of being the first black valedictorian. He excitedly tells of the close ties he and classmates still have today, even some from those long ago kindergarten years. "As a child my



Local Jacksonville citizens look on as Dr. Adams signs copies of "Light Bread". Lois Teague waits in line in the background to have her personal copy autographed.

brother and sister were a little older," Dr. Adams said. "Daddy taught at Stephen F. Austin and Southeastern Oklahoma State University. They always had "Daddy Stories" to tell. I just couldn't wait until I had some to tell." He didn't have to wait long to tell those Daddy Stories and now in his writings, to tell "Grandmama" Stories".

Dr. Cordell Adams is known locally, state-wide, and nationally, for his academic and medical excellence. In his solo practice, he offers complete medical eye evaluations with sub-specialty training in glaucoma. Cataract extractions, medical treatments, laser eye surgery for certain eye diseases, and glaucoma surgery are his areas of expertise. Dr. Adams purchased his medical practice in 1992 acquiring some 6000 charts and medical records. Now, he has approximately 24,000 files, and still continues to grow. Sixty percent of the practice is devoted to general ophthalmology, including visual assessment and contact lens fittings. Since high school, Dr. Adams has continued to set the highest of standards for himself. His honors, achievements, and conquests have been unparalleled in his strive for higher education.

His formal education: -B.S. in Chemistry, Summa Cum Laude (with highest honors) May 1982 from Southeast

ern Oklahoma State Univ., Durant, OK -MD degree in May of 1986 from Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, TX -Academic Fellowship, Ophthalmic Pathology ('87-'88) Armed Forces Institute of Pathology, Washington, DC -Residency, Ophthalmology (88-91) Univ. of California College of Medicine, Irvine, CA and as -Who's Who among Physicians, and -Three time recipient of Physician Recognition Award from American Medical Assoc. Chief Resident the last year of '90-'91-Clinical Fellowship, Glaucoma, the renowned Jules Stein Eye Institute of UCLA, one of the top five ophthalmology programs in the country, '91-'92 His achievements and honors are numerous. Some of them are:

- first African-American from his university accepted to Baylor College of Medicine
- accepted to medical school at age 20
- President's Leadership Scholar-National Piano-Playing Guild Scholar
- Phi Delta Epsilon Medical Fraternity President
- National Research Service Award from the National Institute of Health
- author of book chapter, The Clinician's Guide

He believes that one of the keys to his success is being able to provide a complete array of services for his trade in a setting that is relaxing, inviting, and enjoyable. The waiting area is designed to look and feel like a living room, loaded with collectibles. It is no wonder his business in the heart of Baylor University Medical Center, downtown, has international exposure and referrals.

Patients have commented that going to see Dr. Adams is like going to see family or friends. Reading the novel "Light Bread" and following the realistic stories about Veola Cook is also like visiting with an old friend. Dr. Adams is scheduled to be at the Jacksonville chamber of commerce, Feb 5th, and the books can be purchased locally at Texas Basket Factory, May Drug (these copies are autographed) and at Barnes & Noble, Tyler. For more information go to: www.sweettaterpiepublishing.com



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State Representative Hopson files tax relief amendment

AUSTIN-- State Representative Chuck Hopson (D-Jacksonville) has re-filed a proposed bill and constitutional amendment to bring real tax relief to Texas families by raising the homestead exemption to \$30,000. Rep. Hopson believes this is a fiscally appropriate and conservative way to offer tax relief. House Bill 668 would double the state's homestead exemption from its current level of \$15,000.

"Doubling the homestead exemption is the best way to give Texas homeowners the kind of property tax relief we are all looking for," said Hopson. "We have bipartisan support in both the House and the Senate for a homestead exemption, and my hope is that this bill will pass and do what is best for the homeowners of Texas."

House District 11 residents are encouraged to contact Rep. Hopson and his staff in his capitol office at 512-463-0592, or district office at 866-233-5100.

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Eighty First Legislature Opened ~ Rep. Chuck Hopson Sworn in for 5th Term ~

AUSTIN--Rep. Chuck Hopson leagues on passing a budget that was sworn in January 13th for his 5th term in the Texas House of Representatives.

"I am overjoyed at being able to continue serving the great people of District 11 for a 5th straight term. Many issues important to our community are on the table this session--and I'm going to work with my colleagues and newly elected Speaker Joe Straus to address our shared priorities for Texas," Hopson said.



Rep. Hopson has been meeting with local business and community leaders to address issues important to the district. In particular, local water issues and education are on the list of concerns. Hopson will work closely with all House members to ensure that policies important to East Texas are addressed in Austin. "One of the challenges this session will be the budget. I'm looking forward to working with my col-

leagues on passing a budget that is sound, and good for the citizens of House District 11. We need to spend our money wisely," Hopson said. "I am eager to tackle the issues affecting families in my district," Hopson said.

"I'm in Austin to serve as the voice of my constituents and I'm committed to that calling. Rest assured that the in-

terests of Panola, Rusk, Cherokee and Houston Counties will be heard in the Capitol this session." The Texas Legislature will stay in session for 140 days between January and May. This is the 81st session since Texas entered the Union in 1845.

District 11 residents are encouraged to contact Rep. Hopson and his staff in his capitol office at 512-463-0592, or district office at

Timmons birthday and 30-year ministry celebrated



Rusk Mayor, Angela Raiborn, presented a plaque of recognition to Superintendent Timmons as a momenta of the great occasion in his life.

Superintendent Donnie Timmons, wife Evelyn and Shady Grove Church of God in Christ celebrated his sixtieth birthday and thirty years in the ministry on December 27, 2008.

Speaker for the event was Bishop David Houston, pastor of Smith Temple COGIC, Tyler Texas.

The Shady Grove COGIC members and Supt. Timmon's family hosted the banquet style occasion with full course dinner which was held cafeteria.

Timmons is the pastor of Shady Grove COGIC and a member of the Rusk Ministerial Alliance.

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Daphne L. Session sworn in as Houston County Attorney



Pictured above are Houston County elected officials that were sworn in on January 1, 2009



County Attorney Daphne Session pictured with Cisd Board member Claude Watson and niece.

Crockett, TX. - Daphne L. Session was sworn in as Houston County Attorney on January 1, 2009. The state of Texas is divided into 254 counties. Miss Session is one of only three black county attorneys in the history of the state of Texas and the first black female.

11:00 AM on January 1, 2009, the District Court Room at the Houston County Court House was filled to capacity with Houston County Officials, their families and well wishers. It was an emotional moment for Attorney Daphne L. Session, her family and friends as the honorable Pam Foster Fletcher, It was an emotional moment for Attorney Daphne L. Session, her

family and friends as the honorable Pam Foster Fletcher, Judge 349th Judicial District, administered the oath of office to Miss Session. It had been a long and difficult year and a half of endless campaigning to get to this moment. But she was finally there and had finally opened the doorway for other African Americans by demonstrating that it could be done.

May 2006 she became the first African American to open a private practice law office in Cherokee County and Houston County and prior to that the first African American Assistant District Attorney in both Anderson County and Houston County. Daphne feels that what she has accomplished is nothing out of the ordinary. In private practice she has taken on many challenges to

defend her clients both private pay and court appointed and as a prosecutor seeing that justice was administered fairly. She understands well that the stereotypical image of an East Texas Prosecutor is not that of an African American or a woman. Miss Session is the daughter of Rusk City Councilman Walter Session and wife Maxine Session. She was born and raised in Rusk. Daphne graduated Sam Houston

State University with a Bachelor Degree in Criminal Justice and Texas Tech School of Law with a Doctor of Jurisprudence Degree in 1999. Other newly elected Houston County officials sworn in were Donna Kaspar, District Attorney; Pam Foster Fletcher, District Judge; Roger Dickey, Commissioner Pct. 1; Pat Perry, Commissioner Pct. 3; Darrel Bobbitt, Sheriff; Dannette Millican, Tax Assessor-Collector; Morris Luker, Commissioner Pct 1; and Kenneth "Red" Smith Constable Pct. 2.

Hopson's Former District Administrator Engagement Announced

Crockett, TX.- Jeana Pierce Brooks and Richard Culp are proud to announce their upcoming marriage on March 14, 2009. A reception will be held at Mosley Ranch after a private wedding ceremony. Jeana is the daughter of JoAnn and the late Charles Pierce of Tyler, formerly of Jacksonville, and Richard is the son of Danny and Sherry Culp of Crockett. Jeana worked as District Administrator for Representative Chuck Hopson and is currently the President of the Crockett Area Chamber of Commerce. Richard is currently employed as an electrician for Conam in Alaska.

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East Texas Foster Adoption Collaborative Expo

Tyler, TX.- January 24, 2009 10:00AM to 2:00PM there will be held an East Texas Foster Adoption Collaborative Expo at Marvin United Methodist Church. There are over 300,000 children living in foster care in Texas. Most are removed due to abuse, neglect or abandonment. More are entering care every day. The need for caring adults to help with this growing problem is exponential! You can save a child, you can save a life! The event will raise public awareness about foster care/adoption, information about how to become a foster/adoptive parent. Guests will learn how to get involved with children in the foster care system through fostering and adoption.

You don't have to be rich to foster or adopt. You just have to be willing. (Many resources will be avail-

able and training may begin immediately at no cost.)

The interesting thing about this group is that they have come together leaving their individual and separate recruitment desires behind. This group is determined to find homes for children across East Texas through a non-partial strategy that allows them to be much more effective in their mission. This event is the kick-off for an on-going educating of the public regarding the needs of children living in foster care.

Contact: East Texas Foster Adoption Collaborative President Leslie Deen at

1412 West S. W. Loop 323 Tyler , TX 75701 whites@awfc.org 972-616-0095

<http://www.easttexasfosteradoption-collaborative.com/>

Houston, TX (BlackNews.com) - The Houston Chapter of the National Black MBA Association (NBMBA) will host its 12th Annual Leadership Empowerment Scholarship and Awards Banquet on Thursday, February 26, 2009 at the Power Center at 12401 S. Post Oak @ South Main, Houston, TX 77045. This year's event begins at 6 p.m. with a silent auction to raise funds in support of educational initiatives for students. The theme is Creating Opportunity in the New Era of Change.

The annual event is part of the Houston Chapter's work as a champion of leadership and involvement with the community from which its membership is drawn. It is also a way to strengthen the ties among the Association's members, corporate partners and the local community. "We are excited about the banquet and honored that Roland Martin will be the keynote. "As a chapter we assist in the development of our future Leaders of Tomorrow. We are proud as the Houston Chapter has awarded in excess of \$200,000 in scholarships to more than 200 deserving graduate and undergraduate business

students," states Dr. Wendy Johnson, Houston Chapter President.

The keynote speaker, Roland S. Martin, is a nationally award-winning journalist and is the author of Listening to the Spirit Within: 50 Perspectives on Faith, and Speak, Brother! A Black Man's View of America. Mr. Martin is a commentator for TV One Cable Network and host of The Roland S. Martin Show on WVON-AM/1690 in Chicago. He is also a CNN Contributor, appearing on a variety of shows, including Paula Zahn Now, Anderson Cooper 360, Lou Dobbs Tonight, and many others. He has appeared numerous times on MSNBC, FOX News, Court TV, BET Nightly News, BBC News, National Public Radio, The Word Network, America's Black Forum, American Urban Radio Networks, the Tom Joyner Morning Show and NPR's News and Notes. He is the former executive editor/general manager of the Chicago Defender, the nation's largest Black daily newspaper. He has also worked as managing editor of the Houston Defender and the Dallas Weekly, which he led to a number of local, state and national journalism awards.

The Houston Chapter of the National Black MBA Association was formed in 1983. The organization has empowered African Americans who aspire to pursue both undergraduate and graduate degrees in the field of business. For more information or to purchase tickets please go to www.houstonblackmba.org, call the chapter office at 713-866-6573. For sponsorship or silent auction information, contact Banquet Co-Chairs: Cassandra Robinson-Bacon (cassandrarobinson@yahoo.com), Cherrilyn Nedd (cbnedd@sbcglobal.net) or Andrea Browne (aybee314@yahoo.com).

A press conference will be held before the banquet from 4:30-5:30 p.m. in the Power Center's VIP room. To RSVP for the press conference please contact V. Michelle Stephenson, PR Chair at michelle@vmscommunications.net or 281-773-1672.

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- 1 teaspoon dry mustard
- 1/2 teaspoon black pepper
- 1 teaspoon salt

Mix all ingredients well. Place in covered container. Refrigerate

Broccoli Corn Bread

- 2 boxes Jiffy Cornbread mix
- 1 cup cottage cheese
- 1 10oz box frozen chopped broccoli (thawed)
- 4 beaten eggs
- 1 medium chopped onion
- 1 1/2 sticks oleo melted

Mix all ingredients well. Pour unri greased 9 X 12 pan.
Bake at 350 degrees

ASK A.J. .?



Which was worse? The plight of the Iraqy people eight years ago or African Americans in slavery in the US?

A. J. Rhodes

Dear A. J., some of us were discussing the Iraq War recently. It's almost impossible to figure out the cost of that war to Americans in money and human life. It seems that our government switched the reason for starting that war from weapons of mass destruction to human rights. Our ancestors were used and dehumanized here on American soil for more than 300 years. Why did the U S government not rescue them and why won't they admit to the damage the white race did/still doing to the black race?

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A lot of people are trying to get past slavery and all it's cruelty, but the damage has been done and believe it or not, it is documented. Just like you and your friends were talking, no doubt in an all minority group, people of the white race talk and many still believe the stereotypes of old that were used to keep black people in slavery.

If you have white family or friends, ask them sometime. I'm sure they will tell you. There is serious fall-out seen today in hiring practices in public and private offices right here in our county. The harrassment by law enforcement against black people is still a result of it. (Unspoken anger on both sides.) Low test scores in the classroom is a result of one of the biggest problems we have in East Texas. That is young white females who still believe the stereotypes, teaching young black males, the ones whose culture they know nothing about and the ones they continue to damage. To answer your question, economic greed took priority over 300 years of rape, castration, starvatiion, hanging and degredation of our ancestors. To me, that was much worse than the plight of the Iraqy people eight years ago and the war devastation they live in today.

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Obituaries

Mrs. Ivell Jones Pinson



Services for Mrs. Ivell Pinson were held Saturday, December 20, 2008 at the Crockett

Road Church of Christ, Palestine, Texas. She was born January 5, 1920 to the parents of the late Sullivan and Mary Jones in Palestine, Anderson County, Texas.

She was a member of the Neches School Road Church of Christ where she taught Sunday School for many years. She was very faithful and active in her church for many years until her health failed.

She was married to Joseph C. Jackson III in 1942. He preceded her in death in 1952.

In 1960 she was married to the late Yancy Pinson who preceded her in death in 1981.

Ivell was preceded in death by her parents, siblings: Ola Mae, Albert, Arthur and Hayes Jones.

She leaves to cherish her memories daughters; Nancy Ruthelma Jackson Miller, Golda Lamada Jackson Pinson; Sons: George Edward Jackson, LaCharles Pinson and Marcus L. Pinson; Sisters: Ophelia J. Barnett, Rosie C. House, Velma M. Cornwell; Grandchildren: George E. Jackson, Jr., Steven I. Miller, Vanessa I. Miller, LaTesia Pinson Davis, Trinette L. Pinson Kirby, Avery A. Kirby, Carter Kirby, Dena Davis, and Xavier Davis and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and other relatives and friends.

Officiating were Minister Dan Manuel and Eulogist Brother Earnest Mills. Interment was at Pinery Cemetery under the directions of McCoy Funeral Home.

Mrs. Elnora Jones Colston



Services for Mrs. Elnora Colston were held Saturday, January 3, 2009 at Woodville CME Church

She was born October 5, 1921 to the late Monroe and Adeline Jones in Rusk, Cherokee County, Texas. She received her early education from the Woodville and Shady Grove Public Schools and was a graduate of Rusk Bradford High School. She confessed Christ at an early age and united with Woodville CME Church, where she served as a faithful member until her death. She was president of the Ursher Board and served in many capacities for the Mission Circle including writing a monthly column for the Texas Informer for several years. She was a member of the Royal Hope Chapter #336 OES where she served

for many years. July 1941 she was united in marriage to Mr. C. D. Colston who preceded her in death.

Elnora Colston's life came to an end December 30, 2008 at Margaret's House in Longview, Texas.

She leaves to cherish her memories one son: Charlie (Sharon) Colston, Dallas, Texas; two daughters: Helen Boston and Evelyn (Reverend Vandell) Smith of Longview, Texas; three sisters: Mrs. Vesta Richards, Mrs. Elsie (George) Colston, and Mrs. Lula Colston all of Rusk, Texas; four grandsons: TSG Sergeant Charles Dewayne Colston, USA Air Force, San Angelo, Texas, Derek Smith, Lewisville, Texas, William "Scottie" Smith and Ray Boston, Jr. of Longview, Texas; two granddaughters: April Smith, Frisco, Texas, Kymberlee Colston, Dallas; Three great-grandsons: Mason Smith, Chaz and Chase Colston; a host of nieces, nephews, relatives and friends including special friends The Goodman Family. Rev. Joe Ratford, church pastor was the Officiant. Interment was under the directions of Williams Funeral Home at Woodville Cemetery.

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Annex is located at 165 East 6th Street. Most applicants spend about 5 hours on the training and testing. Applicants are encouraged to bring a pocket calculator with them.

Texas Department of Agriculture's Senior Pesticide inspector

will be offering Federal Agricultural Worker Protection Standard

training following the event for any needing that certification. For

additional information on the private applicator contact the Cherokee County Office of Texas AgriLIFE Extension at (903) 683-5416.

STUDENT INTERNSHIP HELP

Columbus, OH - Find Internships.com was recently launched as a comprehensive online directory for students looking for active internship programs. The site is 100% free to use, and lists hundreds of local and national opportunities that are available for 2009.

Typically, an internship is when a student works part-time for a major company or organization to gain valuable work experience and skills. At the end of the internship, the intern is often considered for full-time employment. If not hired, the intern can still benefit greatly by adding the experience and their newly-acquired skills to their resume and portfolio. This can be very impressive to other employers.

Every year, hundreds of thousands of students take advantage of internship opportunities. It is not uncommon to hear about students that worked their way to the top of a major company, after starting out as an intern.

FindInternships.com was created to increase the amount of such success stories. The site lists tons of the latest opportunities from major corporations, government agencies, and even has listings for minorities and women. The site also publishes a free weekly email newsletter featuring new internships, students jobs, and scholarships as they become available.

For more details, visit:
www.FindInternships.com

LEGAL NOTICE

These Texas Lottery Commission Scratch-Off games will close on December 15, 2008. You have until June 13, 2009, to redeem any tickets for these games:

Game #1056 Texas MLB (\$5) Overall Odds are 1 in 3.83
Game #1060 Indiana Jones™ (\$5) Overall Odds are 1 in 4.22

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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 Nebraska Husky, 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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Sunday Worship Service
 11:00 AM

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 Contact: (903) 683-3441



Mt. Olive Baptist Church

911 Egbert Street
 Rusk, TX. 75785

Rev. Mertis Bartley, Pastor
 & wife
 Evangelist Stella Bartley
 Assistant Pastor

Contact: Sis. Sandra Carter

Ph: (903) 683-2100

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203 Reeder Street
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Simpson Chapel Continues New Year Watch Tradition



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Photmontage and Article: Suzanne Steed

Simpson Chapel, Tadmor, Texas, held the “watch meeting year service” seeing the old year out and welcoming in the new year. This tradition is in its 44th year of celebration. Originally the ‘watch’ was held in a very small church that seated 100. Today the celebration is held in a new church with cathedral ceilings complete with modern furnishings, sound and musical system and seats in excess of 300 people. Brother Alfred Scott of Simpson Chapel began the program with songs of praise and was assisted by the Simpson Chapel Choir. Simpson Choir quickly brought the crowd into a sway of harmony and praise. After this, the men of the church gathered together in songs of praise. The pastor of Simpson Chapel is Pastor Lionel Whitaker from LA., he jokingly stated, meaning little Alto, Texas.



Valder Beebe Show
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One In A Million Love Affair

Dallas entrepreneur couple James and Valder Beebe, were inducted into 2007 National and Texas Black Marriage Hall of Fame by The Alliance for North Texas Healthy Effective Marriages (ANTHEM) coalition and The Marriage Day Marriage Hall of Fame. James and Valder began with a sweep-you-off-your-feet romance here in Dallas. As the authors of the summer 2009 release “Living the Joys & Love of A Successful Marriage” Seminars and upcoming book want others to have

The Beebe’s “We celebrate LOVE in all forms each February.” We [James & I] celebrate our anniversary Valentine’s Day, so this is a great month for celebrations. This year we want you to nominate your married or soon-to-be-married; Family, Friends or Yourself as a “Celebrity In Love”. We are selecting 4 couples (at random) to win. Winners selected will receive either a copy of Intimate Issues by Linda Dillow and Lorraine Pintus (Waterbrook) or Diana Kirschner, Ph.D, Love in 90 Days:

The Essential Guide to Find Your Own True Love (Center Street).

To win, visit www.valderbeebe.com, select REGISTER to participate. Winners will be posted on www.valderbeebe.com, March 1st also, nominations close 2/25/09. Winners will be notified by e-mail 2/27/09. This celebration is sponsored by “20 Inspirations for Living the Joys & Love of A Successful Marriage”. Visit our LOVE Celebration section on <http://valderbeebe.com/modules/content/index.php?id=23>.