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Confederate Flag Insignia Proposed for Texas License Plates

(Austin)—The Texas State Conference of NAACP Branches is asking all Texans of good will to please write the Board of the Department of Motor Vehicles to let them know you oppose the proposed plates that would bear the insignia of a confederate flag on the license plate. The flag in question never flew over the State of Texas according to our own state archives department, was never the official flag of the Confederacy and has been adopted by many hate groups around the nation. After being used by a Northern Virginia regiment during the war, it was adopted by hate groups that used it to terrorize blacks throughout the South after the war. The flag was also used in the 1950's and 1960's as a means of sending a signal to the African-American community that the governments of the South were not in favor of the civil rights movement.

Gary Bledsoe, president of the Texas NAACP offers a haunting analogy:

What is next? If this government-issued license plate is approved, the board should also stand ready to approve a license plate with a swastika on it. Revisionism that tries to paint the Confederacy as a symbol of states' rights could in the same breath repaint the Nazi regime (because after all, didn't Hitler bring Germany out of a recession?). Both symbols are inextricably linked to

horrible human atrocities, and should not be dignified by the state of Texas through a prominent feature on a state-issued license plate.

Whether individuals have a right to display the flag is an entirely separate issue from whether the government should do so on state-issued property. It is important that Texas not go the way of other states like Virginia and Florida that have lost battles trying to keep this hate-filled insignia off of their license plates.

Please send your faxes or emails to both the Commission and the State NAACP Office so that we can keep tabs of the numbers who have weighed in. Recent reports indicate that there were originally 127 people who wrote in favor of the proposed new plates and 9 people who opposed. The numbers and names for the Department of Motor Vehicles are as follows:

Julie Beisert (Julie.Beisert@txdmv.gov), the Liaison for the Board. The main number is 888-368-4689

Angelina College Career and Technical Center, Crockett, Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting

The public is invited to attend the opening ceremonies and dedication of this new regional college facility. The dedication will take place at 11:00 A.M. on August 4, 2011. The dedication will be followed with a ribbon cutting by the Crockett Area Chamber of Commerce. Tours of the facility will be available after

Poverty Rate Among African Americans Nearly Double that of Whites

Washington, DC. -Poverty Rate Among African Americans Nearly Doubled that of Whites.

The U. S. Census Bureau is scheduled to release new numbers on the poverty rate in America in September.

— Annual data released September 16, 2010 by the U.S. Census Bureau indicates that 43.6 million Americans—one in seven people—now live in poverty. This is the largest number of people in poverty in the 51 years for which the estimates are available. The figures also show that African Americans experience poverty at a much higher rate than whites.

“It’s troubling that, in one of the world’s wealthiest nations, one in four African-American households struggle to provide for their families,” said Bishop Don DiXon Williams of Bread for the World’s Church Relations department. “The vast disproportion in poverty rates between African Americans and whites suggests that we must urge our nation’s leaders to do more to end poverty and hunger.”

In 2009, the poverty rate for

African Americans reached 25.8 percent—almost twice as high as that of the general population. One in three African-American children now lives in families that have trouble providing for them. Participation in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program or SNAP (formerly called food stamps) has hit record levels, with African-Americans accounting for 22.6 percent of the 40.5 million Americans who receive SNAP benefits each month. This figure is projected to rise in 2011.

“High rates of poverty and long-term unemployment among African Americans make legislation to extend certain provisions to low-income families extremely important,” said Bishop Williams. Congress can help by voting to extend tax benefits for low- and moderate-income households.”

SNAP, Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC), and the Child Tax Credit (CTC) have been in lifting people out of poverty and helping families respond to the recession. If SNAP benefits were accounted for in calculating the poverty figures, 3.6 million people would be lifted out of poverty in 2009 (compared to 1.4 million in 2008). Similarly, accounting for payroll taxes and refundable tax credits, like the EITC and CTC, almost 3 million children would be lifted out of poverty.

EDITORIAL

What Makes You Happy?



Have you stopped lately to ask yourself this question, what makes me happy?

Most of us have very busy schedules filled with things to do that make other people happy.

The happiest people surround themselves with family and friends, don't care about keeping up with the Joneses next door, lose themselves in daily activities and, most important, forgive easily. High on the list of what makes people happy is their religion, attending church.

In the 1990s psychologist spent a lot of time conducting studies on what makes people sad. Now the trend is just the opposite.

University of Pennsylvania psychologist Martin E. P. Seligman, author of the new book, *Authentic*

Happiness, says the happiest people spend the least time alone. They pursue personal growth and intimacy; they judge themselves by their own yardsticks, never against what others do or have.

Most studies find "Materialism is toxic for happiness." Even rich materialists aren't as happy as those who care less about getting and spending.

Life satisfaction occurs most often when people are engaged in absorbing activities that cause them to forget themselves, lose track of time and stop worrying. "Flow" is the term Claremont Graduate University psychologist Mihaly Csikszentmihalyi (pronounced cheeks-sent-mee-hi) coined to describe this phenomenon.

People in flow may be sewing up a storm, doing brain surgery, playing a musical instrument or working a hard puzzle with their child. The impact is the same: A life of many activities in flow is likely to be a life of great satisfaction, Csikszentmihalyi says. And you don't have to be a hotshot to get there.

Texas' economic forecast calls for rain

by Royce West

Texas Senate

Austin- We knew when we arrived in January that we faced a shortage in the state's budget in excess of \$20 billion. And we knew that talk of raising or generating new funding sources would fall on ears rendered tone-deaf by the Tea Party's no new taxes roar. And now, we know that the repercussions of the budget passed by the 82nd Legislature will last long past the biennium.

The fact that we were thrust into a recently-ended special session is a direct result of how some of my colleagues felt about how we - as state lawmakers - will hand to local school districts a budget that is at least \$4 billion short of what it will take to sustain existing funding levels and will result in the loss of thousands of jobs. Fact also is that somewhere during the latter part of FY13, school districts will run out of money if additional measures are not taken.

My Democratic colleagues made the decision during the regular session that they could not support a budget that for the first time since at least 1949, will not provide for the more than 70,000 new students who show up on Texas' schools doorsteps each year. It's also the first time in decades that a budget vote has been cast strictly along party lines.

There are 19 Republicans and 12 Democrats in the Texas Senate. The outcome of the November 2010 midterm elections, and a surprise defection or two, saw a super-majority of 101 Republicans cement control of the Texas House of Representatives. I often use former President Bill Clinton's saying that elections have consequences. And the consequences of the 2010 elections and the 2012-13 budget will resonate, and yes rain, on many Texans for years to come.

Understand this to mean that House Republicans can meet, form a quorum and pass bills as though Democrats do not exist. The only barrier to a resistance-free path to the governor's desk for legislation that is potentially harmful to our communities is the rule that requires a two-thirds vote to advance any piece of legislation to the Senate floor. One problem: on partisan issues, Republicans wield the means to bypass the two-thirds rule. This happened during the regular session with controversial bills on sonograms and voter ID, and even HB1, the state's budget bill. And also, during a special session the two-thirds rule is often not in place.

The consequences of all this have already begun with school districts - as early as May - announcing personnel layoffs. Statewide, teachers comprise more than 60 percent of a school district's budget. Teachers, teacher aides and support personnel could lose jobs by the thousands because state leadership championed a pledge of no new taxes and due to my colleagues resistance of all measures that would raise revenues.

With the state's flat refusal to raise funds, even by closing millions in tax loopholes, those decisions will be pushed down for cities, counties and school districts to make the unenviable choices of dipping into fund reserves, raising taxes or making cuts. Some combination of the three is all but certain.

The budget will also not fund caseload growth for Medicaid or the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) - which pays healthcare costs for those who are indigent or cannot afford health insurance. Medicaid is paid for by the state matching federal contributions that pay medical providers.

One might ask, 'why don't we use the \$9.5 billion we'll have in the Economic Stabilization Fund, i.e., the Rainy Day Fund?' Well if you haven't been able to track us day-to-day, we have. The Legislature will pay for the shortages in the current FY11 budget with \$3.2 billion from the state's savings account. In addition, the decision to not fund \$4.8 billion in Medicaid caseload growth will call for that running tab to be settled-up by the Rainy Day Fund in 2013. Do the math, it's simple grade school arithmetic, although rising class sizes may make even that task more difficult.

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Racial Disparities in CPS Child Welfare Department

Black children are overrepresented in the Texas foster care system and are less likely to be returned home or adopted once they are removed, according to a new state study.

The study, released this week by the Texas Health and Human Services Commission, was ordered by the Legislature after a Houston Chronicle article in February underscored racial disparities in Child Protective Services.

The study, noting that the disparity is a national phenomenon, found black children are more than twice as likely to be removed from their families as Anglo or Hispanic children and are far more likely to remain in the child welfare system.

"African-American children stay in foster homes longer, have more placements while in care and wait longer to be adopted, if adoption occurs at all," the report said.

Most children are taken into CPS custody because of neglectful supervision, not abuse, and poverty is cited as a major factor. More than 60 percent of the children in CPS come from families with incomes of \$10,000 or less, the report said. While children from black and white low-income families are more likely to end up in foster care, the higher poverty rate among blacks fuels the disparity.

"Because poverty appears to be a significant part of the problem," the report said, "policies that provide resources to support poor families' parenting efforts are likely to promote improved outcomes."

Stephanie Goodman, Health and Human Services spokeswoman, said a follow-up report will be released in July.

"We already knew that poverty

Joyce James, the state's assistant commissioner for CPS, (Now heading the State of Texas Center for Elimination of Disproportionality & Disparities) said there were no major surprises in the report. She said the agency is looking at the raw data to better address the problem.

The state agency has taken steps, James said, including hiring disproportionality specialists, training staff members on cultural competency and partnering with the Casey Family Program to look for solutions.

The agency has contracted with an organization that will try to match each child in state custody with an adoptive family, James said. And caseworkers are making more of an effort to place children with relatives instead of putting them in foster care, she said.

In the Houston region, an advisory task force made up of community members and child welfare professionals also is examining the issue and looking for solutions.

James said that CPS is planning to station some workers in Houston's predominantly black Sunnyside neighborhood to provide better community access to parenting classes and other services.

"We're open and willing to change some of our practices to make sure that the outcomes improve for families and children," she said.

The Rev. Herschel Smith, who serves on the CPS task force, once picketed the agency over alleged racial policies. Now, he said, he is pleased the agency is taking the issue seriously. "We are making some progress," he said.

MELANIE MARKLEY, Houston Chronicle

Wild fires rage in Texas

National Weather Report- An army of firefighters battled a 15,000-acre wildfire Sunday June 19th in Trinity and Polk counties, one of the largest wildfires in East Texas history and just one of dozens burning across the state.

The blaze, called the "Bearing fire," has been burning since Friday afternoon in the Davy Crockett National Forest, about 100 miles north of Houston, said Rae Brooks, spokeswoman at the National Forest Service.

It's called the "Bearing fire" because it started after a person hauling a trailer pulled off the road with a hot wheel bearing, which ignited dry grass nearby, officials said.

No injuries were reported, but the fire destroyed several structures and forced evacuations in some communities. It was only about 40 percent contained Sunday. Statewide, dozens of wildfires destroyed at least 37 homes and forced hundreds of people to evacuate. A few small fires were contained in Harris County over the weekend.

At least 2,500 acres were ablaze in the "Powerline fire" in Jasper County, where containment efforts were hindered Sunday June 19th by high winds. About 30 homes burned in a 3,600-acre fire in Grimes County on Sunday near the community of Stoneham, which is about 60 miles northwest of Houston. At least one person was injured and dozens of buildings were destroyed in that blaze. The civilian was injured after being pinned between two firetrucks. A wildfire near Comfort destroyed about eight recreational vehicles and a community center Sunday. Part of Interstate 10 was closed north of Boerne because of the smoke.

The state's long-standing drought has fueled six of the 10 largest recorded fires in Texas history, according to Texas Forest Service records. Two-thirds of Texas counties — 171 of the state's 254 counties - have been affected by wildfires this year. Nearly 1,900 structures have been lost.

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Ever wonder how to preserve all those great garden vegetables? Well, now you can learn the basics of food preservation right here in Cherokee County! Learn to preserve foods by canning, freezing, dehydrating, pickling, and making jams. Texas AgriLife Extension agents and specialist will provide updated food preservation guidelines and research-based recipes with a focus on food safety. According to Wendi Green, Cherokee County Family and Consumer Sciences agent, this workshop will be helpful for beginners and those who need a refresher course in the art and science of food preservation. For those who are fearful of preserving food, the workshop will have information about the "how and why" of preserving food at home and will include sampling and making salsa. There will be a focus on canning safety, types of equipment to use and proper canning methods.

Texas AgriLife Extension Service in Anderson, Cherokee and Houston counties will host a Home Food Preservation seminar on Tuesday, July 5 in Jacksonville. Family and Consumer Science Agents Holly Black, Anderson County; Wendi Green, Cherokee County and Mandy Patrick, Houston County along with Texas AgriLife

Extension Nutrition and Food Sciences Department Head, Dr. Jenna Anding have collaborated to bring this action-packed, fun-filled program. Registration will begin at 9:45 AM and the program will conclude at 1:00 PM.

This seminar will provide a wealth of information related to canning foods at home and the dehydration and freezing of fruits and vegetables. Participants will walk away with the latest information in home food preservation. The \$25 registration fee MUST be paid prior to the seminar and includes all handouts, sampling, canner testing, tips and guidelines. To reserve your spot, please call the Texas AgriLife Extension Service in Cherokee County at (903) 683-5416 or come by the office located in the Cherokee County Annex at 165 East 6th Street, Suite 104 in Rusk.

According to Green, preserving the bounty of your garden harvest can lead to enjoying the fruits of your labor all year long. It's important to keep food safety in mind every step of the way. Home food preservation is not difficult but it does require following specific directions exactly. Always use tested recipes and directions from a reliable source. Ignoring recommended procedures can result in home canned products that will

make you and your family very ill. Please be safe when canning foods for you and your family," said Green. "Knowledge and recommendations change overtime with scientific developments."

If you are using a pressure canner for your home canning, it is important to have the dial gauge checked each season before you begin using it to help ensure the safety and quality of your food. Weighted gauges remain accurate and do not need to be tested. Low acid vegetables need to be pressure canned. Vegetables such as green beans canned at home require pressure canning. Beans canned in a boiling water canner are not safe. They may look fine coming out of the canner, but may turn cloudy and jars may pop open, even sometimes with force. Participants are encouraged to bring their pressure canners made by Presto, National, Magic Seal and Maid of Honor for FREE testing that will be available that day.

Persons wishing to attend with special needs are asked to call in advance, so that necessary accommodations can be made. Extension programs serve people of all ages regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, sex, religion, disability or national origin.

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NAACP Expresses Dissatisfaction with CNN Fall news lineup



Washington D. C. - The NAACP expressed its profound dissatisfaction today in CNN for their newly announced prime time news lineup, which continues a multi-network trend, excluding

African Americans from prime time slots as anchors and hosts.

"As CNN announced their new schedule, a glaring omission was present -no African Americans were hosts anchors in their prime time lineup", stated NAACP President Benjamin Todd Jealous.

The NAACP is deeply concerned with the lack of African American Journalists in prime timenews, both on cable and national network news shows. In the spirit of award winning African American Journalists, from W.E.B. Debois to Ed Bradley, the NAACP feels it is critical to bring this disparity, and the broader trind reflected in the overall lack of people of color as prime time news anchors, to the attention of the top officials at all of the major broadcast and cable news stations."

Currently there are no African American hosts or anchors on any national news shows, cable or broadcast network, from the hours of 5pm -11pm. The NAACP is especially troubled because these prime time slots are among the most influential in daily news.

The NAACP Hollywood Branch will be setting up meetings with the presidents of the news divisions to address this issue.

Jealous added, "We have come to expect this from likes of , FOX News, but not other networks. We recognize and appreciate that MSNBC often has guest hosts like Rev. Al Sharpton and CNN, CBS and NBC have weekend anchors like TJ Holmes, Don Lemon, Russ Mitchell and Lester Holt.

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Booker T. Washington Bi-annual School Reunion



Alto, TX.- Former students of the Booker T. Washington School of Alto gathered in Alto for their bi-annual school reunion June 17,18,19 2011. Activities were held at their newly constructed Booker T. Washington Community Center with the Saturday night Banquet held at The Rusk Civic Center.

Some alumni were treated to a fun night which included the an up town fashion show and dinner.

The Friday night gospel singing was held at St. Thomas Methodist Church.



Alumni pictured above prepare for dinner. Others are shown participating in the fashion show.

Corinth Missionary Baptist Church, 147 Years

Outside the old church bell rang while inside the congregation and choir raised their voices to praise God and thank him for 147 years of worship in northeast Cherokee County. Corinth Missionary Baptist Church, the first built for blacks in the area, is still home to many descendants of those first families--Clayton, Gordon, Sherman, Redd, Miller and Winn, just to name a few. Pictured seated in front is Melvia Gordon Johnson, the oldest active member, behind her is Corinth Pastor John D. Johnson III and his wife Dawn, next on the back row left to right is Pastor Derry Hinton of God's Holy Word Baptist Church Tyler, and his wife Deanna, next is Dr. Richard and Teresa Hackney of Bullard. (Submitted by Deborah Burkett and Dr. Richard Hackney of Cherokee County Historical Commission.)



Nieshia Denman attends SFA



Nieshia Denman, a May 2011 Jacksonville High School graduate, is now attending Stephen F. Austin University of Nacogdoches, Texas. Miss Denman is majoring in Nursing with plans to earn aBSN and become a Registered

Cherokee Brotherhood Association Recognized



The Cherokee Brotherhood Association was recognized recently for community support by Mt. Olive Baptist Church. Two plaques of recognition were presented. President Oliver Sturns was presented one for outstanding leadership and the other to the organization. Some members of the organization are student mentors for RISD. Each year they sponsor community heritage activities and support graduates with scholarships.

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Religion



A Little bit of faith: Take Time to Pray

by Colleen White

"Hezekiah prayed to the Lord. He said, "Lord you are the God of Isreal. You sit on your throne between the cherubim; you alone are God over all the kingdoms of the earth. You have made heaven and earth" (2 Kings 19:15).

Prayer is the powerful element of a christian's life. How often do you pray? All of us could pray more. Hezekiah went to the Lord in prayer. He acknowledged that the Lord was (is) God of Isreal. He also acknowledged that He is God of all the Kingdoms of the earth. Hezekiah was acknowledging God's power and status. When we pray we need to be like Hezekiah. We need to tell God how powerful He is and that we need Him in our lives. Prayer allows us to tune into a direct line with our Father, God. Prayer allows us to build a relationship with God and to get guidance from Him and to know that He is always with us.

Justice for John Wiley Price

Dallas- The FBI raided the office, home office and his assistants's office of six term Commissisoner John Wiley Price in June. During his years in office Commissioner Price has found himself in crusade after crusade to right the wrong treatment of African Americans. A committee called the Justice for John Wiley Price Committee has been established with an informational meeting scheduled for July 17, 2011 at the Friendship West Baptist Church at 2020 W. Wheatland Road in Dallas. A special presentation will be given by Harley Schlanger, historian, who has documented the continuing illegal actions of the FBI and other government agencies in the targeting of African American elected officials. The FBI policy named " Operation Fruhmenschen" by former FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover began with him and has continued through today. More than 200 people have signed up as volunteers to organize support for the commissioner. Commissioner Price has spent the last 27 years fighting for econolic and political parity for minorities. Interested persons who would live to volunteer should contact the committee at: (214)-779-2771 or e-mail justiceforjwp@gmail.com.

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Sales Tax Holiday

Reminder

AUSTIN-- Representative Chuck Hopson reminds Texas families that the annual back-to-school Sales Tax Holiday starts at 12:01 a.m. on Friday, August 19 and ends at midnight on Sunday, August 22.

"The Sales Tax Holiday is a great way for Texas families to save some money as they prepare for the new school year," said Hopson.

As in previous years, the law exempts most clothing and footwear priced under \$100 from sales and use taxes, which could save shoppers about \$8 on every \$100 they spend. Backpacks under \$100 and used by elementary and secondary students are also exempt. A backpack is a pack with straps one wears on the back. The exemption during the sales tax holiday includes backpacks with wheels, provided they can also be worn on the back like a traditional backpack, and messenger bags.

The 81st Texas Legislature passed HB 1801 (2009) expanding the list to include most school supplies priced at less than \$100 purchased for use by a student in an elementary or secondary school.

"As a parent, I know how expensive it can get at the beginning of the school year," Rep. Hopson said. "This weekend parents have the opportunity to keep more money in their pockets and still buy their children the clothes they need to start school."

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Mt. Pleasant CME Church

One Day Revival

Sunday September 25th
3:00PM

Speaker : Rev. Herman Martin
of Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church
Lufkin, Texas

Rev. Greenie Phillips, PAstor

Woodville CME Men's Conference

Saturday, September 24th
9:00Am - 2:00PM

Conference Speakers

- *Rev. Mikel Smith - New Hope Baptist - Arp
- *Rev. Phal Carter Pleasant Holly - Rusk
- *Rev. Greenie Phillips Mt. Pleasant -Rusk
- *Rev. Gregory Ford Sunshine Baptist - Tyler

Rev. Betty Smith Rogers, Church Pastor
Rev. Melvin Session, Assoc. Pastor

Elm Grove

Baptist Church

Highway 110 North of Rusk
Rev. Timothy Bircher, Pastor
Women's Day Program
Sunday Morning
October

Shady Grove CME Church

Highway 84 East
Rusk, Texas

Church Anniversary
Sunday September 25th
3:00PM

St. Paul Baptist Church

558 N. Main Street
Jacksonville, TX. 75766

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Contact: Sharon Sims
Sunday School 10:00AM
Morning Ser. 11:00AM
Wednes. Bible Study 7PM
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Rusk, Texas

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Sunday Worship 11:00

Rev. Betty Smith Rogers, pastor

Mt. Olive Baptist Church

911 Egbert Street
Rusk, TX. 75785



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Contact: Sis. Sandra Carter
Ph: (903) 683-2100
Sunday School 9:00AM -
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Bible Study - Wednesday
6:00PM

Wells United Christian Church
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Juneteenth Celebration brings large crowd



Rusk - Following a parade through downtown Rusk, a crowd gathered at Mt. Pleasant Church to celebrate the nineteenth of June (Juneteenth). Senior speaker was Essie Hart, teacher, and Junior Speaker Jeremy Bolton, coach, who was introduced by his mom Karen Bolton. Iren Joyce pictured right above introduced Essie Hart. The days celebration was sponsored by the Cherokee Brotherhood and Texas Informer.

Waggoner Family enjoys Family Reunion



Rusk - Generations of the Dee Waggoner family gathered in Rusk in June to celebrate their family heritage. The reunion began at twelve noon on Thursday June 16th at the Cherokee County Electric Coop Community Room and continued through Sunday at the Waggoner Estates on highway 84 East. Pictured above Hubert Waggoner brings those gathered up to date on family history.