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## State Board of Education to debate social studies standards

Whose History?

BY IMANI EVANS

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Association

The never-ending battle over historical memory has become a high-profile tableau in Texas. On May 21, the 15-member State Board of Education will be making its final vote on revised social studies standards that will largely determine what students will be taught about U.S. history—including such hotly contested issues as civil rights, the Great Society, anticommunism, and the separation of church and state—for the next 10 years. What has made this round of revisions a national story is the

unabashed efforts of the seven-member bloc of Republicans on the Board to rewrite history with a decidedly conservative spin. “[The proposed standards] serve a two-fold purpose,” said Texas NAACP President Gary Bledsoe. “One is to minimize Blacks and Latinos, their accomplishments, their efforts, even suggesting that the successes that minorities have had is a result of white benevolence rather than minority agitation.” “The other part is that what they’re proposing would brainwash students. They’re adopting a curriculum that would teach individuals that the Republican philosophy is the proper philosophy in that they should become Republican.”

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## Dorothy Height Dies at age 98



Funeral services were held Thursday, April 29, 2010, at the Washington National Cathedral. Ms. Height led the National Council of Negro Women for decades and marched with the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. Her leadership role was one spent on the front lines fighting for equality, education and to ease racial tension. She died in April at age 98.

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## Crawfords Enjoy More Than Sixty-two Years of Married Life



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## Editorial

**Mothers  
are the  
most  
precious  
gift God  
gave  
the  
world**



Maxine Session

Two and a half year old Destyne and five year old MaKayla were playing together the other day. For a long while they got along without problems. Everything MaKayla did Destyne did it too. MaKayla got a book, sat in a chair, crossed her legs and pretended to read. Destyne got a book, sat in a chair, crossed her legs and pretended to read. MaKayla got on the floor with a coloring book and crayons, Destyne did it too. Finally MaKayla noticed what was happening and said out loud, "Tell her to stop copying me!" I explained to MaKayla that she was the big girl and Destyne wanted to be like her.

To all the young ladies who are mothers and those who are not, watch how you live your life, somebody is watching you.

Happy Mother's Day to mothers everywhere, especially to all the wonderful mothers in my life; my mother-in-law Mary Session who lives every day to the fullest at age eighty-seven; Inez Conley and Cecil Frazier; to my sister Shirley, my Aunt Elizabeth Rivers, who has the energy of a twenty-five year old especially when she is baking enough to feed an army; my three wonderful daughters Kathy, and Terri and Daphne, who are the very best mothers to their own children, the children in the family and many, many others whose lives they touch everyday.; Tonya who in spite of being a woman, raised a son and has taught him how to be a man; Shun whose children were better than blessed when God placed them in her arms;; to my high school classmates Shirley, Andrea, Doretha, who are still so close to my heart; to Louise, Linda, Lois who have been my BFFs forever, to Joyce, Polly, Irene, Essie, Dorothy, Sarai, Lola, Hazel, Ann, Kaye,

### A TRIBUTE TO MOTHERS

Before I was a Mom ,  
I never tripped over toys  
or forgot words to a lullaby.  
I didn't worry whether or not  
my plants were poisonous.  
I never thought about immunizations.

Before I was a Mom ,  
I had never been puked on.  
Pooped on.  
Chewed on.  
Peed on.

I had complete control of my mind  
and my thoughts.  
I slept all night.

Before I was a Mom ,  
I never held down a screaming child  
so doctors could do tests.  
Or give shots.  
I never looked into teary eyes and cried.  
I never got gloriously happy over a simple grin.  
I never sat up late hours at night  
watching a baby sleep.

Before I was a Mom ,  
I never held a sleeping baby just because  
I didn't want to put her down.  
I never felt my heart break into a million pieces  
when I couldn't stop the hurt.  
I never knew that something so small  
could affect my life so much.  
I never knew that I could love someone so much.  
I never knew I would love being a Mom .

Before I was a Mom ,  
I didn't know the feeling of  
having my heart outside my body..  
I didn't know how special it could feel  
to feed a hungry baby.  
I didn't know that bond  
between a mother and her child.  
I didn't know that something so small  
could make me feel so important and happy.

Before I was a Mom ,  
I had never gotten up in the middle of the night  
every 10 minutes to make sure all was okay.  
I had never known the warmth,  
the joy,  
the love,  
the heartache,  
the wonderment  
or the satisfaction of being a Mom ...  
I didn't know I was capable of feeling so much,  
before I was a Mom .

~Author Unknown

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# Eugene and Clara Bell Crawford weave family legacy to be admired



Mr. and Mrs. Crawford center front pictured with their fourteen children, eight boys and six girls: Wilsonell Pollard, Ella Bell Pollard Johnson, Gene Crawford, Robert Crawford, Don Carl Crawford, Rachel Pollard Grant, Leveta Crawford, Andre Crawford, Maxie Crawford Willis, Alfred Ray Crawford, Wilson Crawford, Tracy Crawford, Hershell Crawford, Wanda Kay Crawford.

The world was a much different place when Eugene and Clara Bell were newly weds in 1948. Young couples did their courting on the church grounds on Sunday afternoons between morning and evening service or walking down country lanes as they held hands.

Roads downtown were unpaved. Families drew drinking, washing and bathing water from a well. They took it all in stride then and

today they are both still as busy as bees in a hive. He was born in the Anadorko community to Lewis and Ira Crawford. He attended Fairview school and finished twelfth grade at Henderson school. He was from a family of three boys and one girl. Eugene worked fifty years at Townley Lumber Company before retiring. Clara Bell was born and raised in Fairview. She attended Fairview

school, also. Her parents were young mothers of this generation have a difficult time managing two children, but Clara Bell worked away from home, and still was able to manage her family. With the help of her mom Corine and her aunt Rosie, babysitting, she worked 30 years at Texas Basket Factory in Jacksonville until she retired. November 22nd the Crawfords

will celebrate sixty-two years of marriage.

He spends time on his tractor gardening and mowing and working beside her as a volunteer in the many projects she participates in. The children all have families of their own and are spread across Texas, but still take the time to give back to the Fairview Community. (See Crawfords page 14)



## Crump Law Camp Seeks Applicants

The National Bar Association is seeking applicants for the Crump Law Camp which was established for students entering the 9th through 11th grades and between the ages of 14 and 17 to introduce them to the judicial system. The goal of the NBA camp is to encourage young people at an early age to become lawyers and seek legal careers in the future. By 2050 more than half of the people in this country will be of color. More than 90% of the nation's lawyers are white, as are more than 80% of the students enrolled in law school. Yet more than 30% of the United States is comprised of people of color. The NBA is seeking applicants to attend this camp from every ethnic group and its selection process is non-discriminatory.

The first inaugural two week camp was held during the summer at Howard University School of Law through a grant by the Ford Motor Company Fund in 2001. Campers were and will be housed on the Howard University campus and live in a protected camp environment. Open enrollment is available to students across the country but emphasis will be on enabling students from low income families to attend. Tuition for the camp will vary depending upon family income. The tuition covers transportation to and from Washington, D.C.; housing; meals; educational materials; and expenses for field trips. The camp provides students with an exciting academic and social agenda in the Washington, D. C. area. The competitive highlight of the camp is the Evett L. Simmons Mock Trial Competition. The four winners of this competition are invited to the NBA's Annual Convention.

> Camp begins July 11, 2010. Applications are available on the NBA website is [www.Nationalbar.org](http://www.Nationalbar.org) <<http://www.nationalbar.org/>> <<http://www.nationalbar.org/>> <<http://www.nationalbar.org/>> and are to be mailed to the following address:

> National Bar Association Crump

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## State Board

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The NAACP has been one among a handful of organizations—others include LULAC (League of United Latin American Citizens), the National Alliance for Education, and the American G.I. Forum—fighting a rear guard action against the impending changes through impassioned testimony at Board hearings and efforts to mobilize their members statewide.

When implemented, the standards will dictate to textbook publishers what their books must contain in order to be adopted in the huge Texas market. And as far as textbooks are concerned, what happens in Texas doesn't stay in Texas. Since Texas is one of a few states that purchases textbooks as a state rather than leaving it up to local districts (and the second-largest after California), there is a strong economic incentive for publishers to skew the content of their books—even those that will be sold in other states—toward what will find favor in the Lone Star State.

The process began in January with the assignment of each grade level to teams of writers comprised mainly of subject matter experts. Once it began to appear, however, that the writing teams' work would not sufficiently conform to the wishes of the conservative bloc, the faction, led by Don McLeroy of Bryan-College Station, began to take a more active role in shaping the final product.

McLeroy, elected to the Board in 1998 and serving as chair from July 2007 until May 2009, describes his mission as one of advocating for "accurate, balanced, and unbiased" history, even as he allows that people may respectfully disagree on what counts as "accurate" history.

However, in a quote given in a recent article in *Washington Monthly*, McLeroy is less coy about what he himself considers unbiased history: "But we are a Christian nation founded on Christian principles. The way I evaluate history textbooks is first I see how they cover Christianity and Israel. Then I see how they treat Ronald Reagan—he needs to get credit for saving the world from communism and for the good economy over the last twenty years because he lowered taxes."

Among the tangible results of the McLeroy view of history, according to critics: a retelling of the story of civil rights as being less about minority struggle and more about the generosity of whites; relegation of Thomas Jefferson to the margins because of his views on church-state separation; an attempt to rehabilitate the infamous Senator Joseph McCarthy; and inclusion of language alluding to the "unintended consequences" of LBJ's Great Society.

"These subjective, biased revisions turn the very notion of civil rights on its head, ignoring the clear historical record of organizing by women and ethnic minorities to gain equal rights in the face of majority opposition," said the NAFE in a letter to the Board. "It would be an insult to those Americans who sacrificed so much—in some cases, their lives—for the cause of civil rights to present this skewed view of history in our public school classrooms."

Amendments to the curriculum proposed by the Board's minority members such as Mavis B. Knight of Dallas and Latina Mary Helen Berlanga have been repeatedly stymied by party-line votes, leading Knight to charge the Board's conservative members with subordinating history to their own ideological agenda. Berlanga's unsuccessful effort to increase the number of Latino role models in the curriculum reportedly led her to storm out of the Board's March 12 meeting.

"What is at stake is that our youth are going to be put so far behind the curve when we allow the [Board] to record as they would like it to have been rather than the way it was," said San Antonio NAACP president Marvinette Smith, a co-signer of the NAFE letter.

In theory, textbook publishers could produce one textbook for Texas, and another for everyone else. But this usually proves too costly in practice. And California, the one state large enough—and liberal enough—to counterbalance Texas, has put off purchasing new textbooks until 2014

because of its budget woes. In other words, what happens on May 21 will likely make a large—and irreversible—splash in the contentious waters of history teaching in Texas and beyond.



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## TEXAS LOTTERY COMMISSION

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The second largest jackpot in the country is in *Lotto Texas*®. The jackpot for Wednesday's drawing will be an estimated \$87 million, the highest *Lotto Texas* jackpot since the \$145 million record was set in June 2004.

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## Brown Vs Board of Education marked this month

**Dorothy Heights**  
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*Above Picture: In this Aug. 28, 1963 file photo, Dorothy Height, right, National President of the National Council of Negro Women and Director of the center for Racial Justice of the national YWCA, listens as the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., gestures during his "I Have a Dream" speech as he addresses thousands of civil rights supporters gathered in front of the Lincoln Memorial for the March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom in Washington, D.C.*

*Height, who as longtime president of the National Council of Negro Women was the leading female voice of the 1960s civil rights movement, died Tuesday, April 20, 2010. She was 98. (AP Photo, File)*

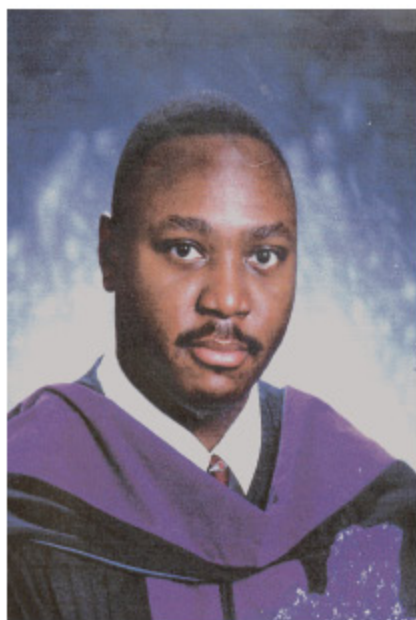
Dorothy I. Height, 98, a founding matriarch of the American civil rights movement whose crusade for racial justice and gender equality spanned more than six decades, died early Tuesday morning of natural causes, a spokesperson for the National Council of Negro Women said.

She died at 3:41 a.m. at Howard University Hospital, a spokesman there said.

Ms. Height was president of the National Council of Negro Women for 40 years, relinquishing the title in 1997. The 4 million-member advocacy group consists of 34 national and 250 community-based organizations. It was founded in 1935 by educator Mary McLeod Bethune, who was one of Ms. Height's mentors.

**Happy 87th Birthday!**  
**Mary Session**  
**May 3, 2010**

## Frederick F. Williams is Dallas Executive Assistant City Attorney



Prosecution Division. Then he moved to the community Prosecution Division and served as the Community Prosecutor for South Dallas/Fair Park. While in South Dallas/Fair Park, Frederick was successful in utilizing proactive enforcement methods to combat quality of life problems that plague the community. Following his stint in community prosecution, he moved to the General Litigation Division, where he represented the City in lawsuits involving massage establishments, sexually oriented businesses, dance halls, eminent domain and civil claims.

April 2008, following two years in general litigation, he was appointed Chief Prosecutor.

As chief prosecutor, beginning April 2008, Frederick supervises a staff of 27 employees, including seventeen attorneys. In addition to his supervisory duties, Frederick functions as general counsel for the municipal courts building, handles all administrative duties involving the Prosecution Section, and provides training for the city departments, including Dallas Police, Code Enforcement and Public Works and Transportation.

Frederick is the son of O'Neal and Margene Williams of Jacksonville.

Education: Texas Wesleyan University School of Law J. D., University of Texas at Tyler B. S. in Criminal Justice.

Affiliation and Activities:  
Admitted to the State Bar of Texas

May 2000, Dallas Bar Association, (DBA), American Bar Association, DBA Minority Participation Committee.

Prior Experience

Assistant Attorney General, Tyler, Texas 2000,  
Private Practice, Longview, Texas.

**The power is ours  
to determine our  
destination by the  
course of life that we  
follow, or to obscure  
it by the one that we  
fail to follow.**  
**-Bertha W. Richardson**

Attorney Frederick F. Williams, a 1984 Jacksonville High School Graduate, joined the Dallas City Attorney's office in 2001 and began his career with the City of Dallas



Mother's from page 1

Ladora, Debbie, Rita, the Bradford reunion committee, who I enjoy spending time with; Helen, Letha, Georgia; to my granddaughters who are mothers and not yet mothers;

Krystal, Tiffani, Jazz, Nell, Vivian, Shonda; to my neices Tamar, Kim and Wyvonne; to Mollie and Hattie my Texas Publishers Association family who are the best newspaper publishers ever; and many others of you. Thank you for

all you do to make this world a better place for others. My prayers for you are that you be blessed and may the blessings you pass to others come back to you many, many times over.  
Happy Mothers Day!!!



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May 22, 2010



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# Dudley - Hawkins Vows Exchanged



Cynthia Dudley and Alvin Hawkins were married at 11:00 a.m. on January 21, 2010 in Cozumel, Mexico

The bride is the daughter of the late, A.C. Skinner and Inez Reggie of Alto.

The groom is the son of Sarah and Tom Jenkins of Lufkin.

Aunts and Uncles of the bride are: Ester B. Reggie, Beatrice Ross, Lois Dickerson, Mary Griffin, Loretta Hood, Arthur Reggie, Rostene (Moonie) Green, Tressie Brooks, and G.W. Parker. Sisters and Brothers of the bride are Alice Martin, Brenda Mapps, Barbara Thacker, James Skinner and Arthur Skinner. The Bride is employed with Willowbrook Surgery Center in Nacogdoches. The groom is self-employed in Real Estate.

# Delmar Holly Springs Community Pride Day Held



From Left to Right: Walter Session, John Wesley Waggoner, Hubert Waggoner, LaDora Carter, Erly B. Polk, Mrs. Erly B. Polk, Maxine Session, and Sandra Carter. Not pictured is Kadrick Session and Sarai Johnson.

The Holly Springs Cemetery Committee held a community pride day at the cemetery on Saturday, April 17th. Volunteers brought tools and spent the morning mowing, trimming trees, picking up debris, resetting headstones, and cutting brush. The group enjoyed soft drinks, water, and just good old fashioned fellowship. Erly B. Polk, a community native who now lives in Tyler and his wife, drove to Rusk to participate in the clean up. Others who participated were members of the cemetery committee, H.R. Waggoner, Sandra Carter and LaDora Carter. John Wesley Waggoner, community member, and Walter and Maxine Session of Rusk along with Kadrick Session were also volunteers. If you have relatives there and need information about the next meeting contact one of the committee members at 903-795-3274.

*The way of a superior man is threefold: Virtuous, he is free from anxieties; Wise, he is free from perplexities; Bold, he is free from fear. -Confucius*

# Harris - Miles To Wed



LaShonda LaDae Miles and Eddie W. Harris announce their approaching marriage. June fifth Two thousand ten at six 'O Clock in the evening. The ceremony will be held at Mt. Pleasant Methodist Church one thirty-eight Reeder Street, Rusk, Texas.

LaShonda is the daughter of Delaine Miles and Terri Miles. Eddie is the son of Kathy Harris and the late, Eddie D. Harris.

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## Sowels and Portley wed



Tasha Rochell Sowels Portley



Mrs. Inez Reeder Conley of Rusk enjoys a visit from her nephew, George Reeder, his wife and children of Tyler.

## Two Receive Masters Degree



Best friends to the end! Shanequa Redd-Dorsey and Shinnitta Davis-Foreman both graduated from LeTourneau University with their Master's Degree in Educational Leadership. Shanequa is the daughter of Billy and Ruthie Redd. Shinnitta is the daughter of Winifred and Helen Whitaker. Shanequa is employed with Jacksonville ISD as a High School coach and Shinnitta is a fourth grade Math teacher for Rusk ISD. They both have future plans on one day becoming administrators.

Tasha Rochelle Sowels is the daughter of Jerry (Sharon) and Virginia Sowels of Jacksonville, Texas. The groom is Brandon Curtis Portley of Moore Station, Texas. He is the son of Randolph and Freddie Portley of Longview, Texas. The couple was married at Benson CME in Jacksonville, Texas on April 17, 2010. The ceremony began at 5:00 p.m. Reverend Joel McCalister officiated the double ring ceremony. Brodrick McGee, Vanessa Bell, Steve Warren. She was given in marriage by her father Jerry Sowels. The beautiful bride wore a strapless white corset style pickup gown with beaded lace applique with organized pick-up skirt and lace up the back with a chapel trim. The wedding party: Maid of Honor Tanisha Tilley (honorary); Bridesmaids: Christina Ewing, Chantel Gideon, Roshunda Jones, Sherry McCullough, Calandra Robinson, Angela Sowels; Junior Bridesmaid: Sage Sowels; Flower Girls: Kyndle Lilly, Swquoia Polk; Ringbearer: Tyran Hadnot; Bible Bearer: Roderick Grey, Brayden Evans; Best Man: Garreth Portley; Groomsmen: Brodrick Evans, Vernon Glover Chrishilly, Courtney Linvell, Keeland Majors, Walter Vaughn; Junior Groomsman: D'Kaybrien Lilly; Ushers: James Smith, Michael Sowells, Lorenza McCullough. The reception was held at The Challenge at the Woods in Jacksonville at 6:30 p.m. The honeymooners will enjoy a seven day Caribbean Cruise. The Bride has an Associate Degree in nursing and will complete her Master's in nursing. The Groom has a Bachelor's Degree in Management and Administration Business. The couple will reside in Tyler.



# Religion

## How does a person get to heaven?

~By David A. Stewart

## Christopher Reunion Set

Hello Family Members. It is time for the Family Reunion again and I hope that the year 2010 was a healthy and prosperous year for you and I hope that God will continue to bless you throughout this year 2010. The Family Reunion will begin on Friday, June 25, 2010 with the Fish Fry at 6:00P.M. at the home of Dana & Moze Tinsley, Highway 110 in the Elm Grove Community. The Family Dinner will be Saturday, June 26, 2010 at 2:00P.M. at the VFW South Highway 69 Rusk, Texas. We are looking forward to having a happy and joyous time getting together and love each other. We are asking that each family pay \$50.00. Please send in your money by June 4, 2010. If you have any questions or need directions please contact: Ruby Christoper-President Home Phone:(903)683-4835 Ray Christopher-Vice President Home Phone:(903)683-2024 Please send your money to: REgena Atkins Secretary/Treasurer 415 County Road 1315 Rusk, Texas 75785 Home Phone:(903)683-2696 Thank you in advance!

If you ask most people this question, they will say something like, "If you do more good things than bad things, God will probably let you into heaven." The above thinking will reserve your place in hell. You need FAITH IN THE BLOOD OF JESUS. There are no good deeds that you can do on your own that will erase the sins that you have committed. Jesus SHED BLOOD for your sins. He came to save you from teh GUILT of past sins and the POWER of sin over your life. You are about to read the most important information that you will ever read. It is called the gospel of Jesus Christ.

The word "gospel" means "message"\*. The gospel is God's message to mankind. If you will yield to the gospel, you will be reconciled to God and you will escape eternal damnation in hell and the lake of fire. Besides all of this, you will have abundant life right now as you walk with the Creator of the universe--in spite of all the woes the world will throw at you. If you are full of doubts, ask Jesus to help you to understand and to be willing to be saved.

*\*many say the word gospel means, "good news" but in actuality it is only good news for those who receive it with singleness of heart. To others it is the stench of death...eternal death. Revelation 14:6-7 tells us the message of the everlasting gospel--"Fear God, and give glory to him; for the hour of his judgment is come: and WORSHIP HIM that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters." There is only one way to do this through the blood of Jesus Christ. REPENT ye and BELIEVE the gospel!*

**1. The Bible says that nobody is good enough to get into heaven. Each one of us has broken God's commandments--not one person is excepted. You have personally lied and committed other sins.**

For al have sinned, and come short of the glory of God. (Romans 3:23)

[L]et God be true, but every man a liar...(Romand 3:4)

**1. I don't care how much "good" stuff you do, you still can't go to heaven. You are dead in tresspasses and sins. Your good deeds do not commend you to God in any way. You've ignored Him chosing to live life the way YOU see fit.**

But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away. (Isaiah 64:6)

According to the above verse, we still come up short even when we try to do good deeds BECAUSE we are not doing them under God's authority. We do them cause WE think they are good. We ignore what God says.

It doesn't take much thinking to know that the unregenerate man has broken this commandment every day of his miserable life. Ungrateful, unthankful to the God that hath provided life to his carcass.

For those stuck on their "good" deeds like hellbound papists (who go about to establish their OWN righteousness instead of hearkening to the Bible,) if we could earn our way into heaven, Jesus died for nothing!

God is Holy. We are sinful. By His very nature, God cannot have fellowship with us sinners. There is no amount of "good" that we can do to make up for our crimes against God. They must be punished. And teh wages are DEATH. Somebody has to DIE. Oh you'll die physically, sin requires that. But you've got a choice about dying spiritually...

**1. In spite of your wickedness**

rebellion, God loved you enough to send His ONLY BEGOTTEN Son to die for your sins. The Bible says, "...thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people FROM their sins." (Matt 1:21). Jesus did not die so that you could keep sinning and go to heaven. He came to save you from the GUILT and the POWER of sin. Jesus DESTROYED the works of the devil on calvary (I John 3:8). When you are unsaved, sin hath dominion over you. Sin is your boss and you can't do anything BUT sin. You are under the wrath of a holy and just God. Murderers, thieves, fornicators, lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God, rebels and all other spiritual lepers will nto inherit the kingdom. The blood of Jesus is the propitiation for our sins. That means the blood took away teh guild of the sins we've committed AND it has ushered us into a Father child relationship with the Lord. Through the blook of Jesus, we are to serve sin no more.



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## REDCO and Rusk City Council approve TJC LVN Program to operate in Rusk



BR-Standing- City Manager Mike Murray, Austin Young, Charles Hassell, Bob Goldsberry, Ted Debs, Larry Long. FR-Sitting- Mayor Angela Raiborn, TJC Assistant to Paul Monagan, Paul and Maxine Session. Paul Monagan is dean of the TJC Allied Health and Nursing School. Plans have been approved by the Rusk City Council to operate a new Licensed Vocational Nursing program in Rusk in the fall semester of this year. The class will be operated at the Rusk State Hospital facilities formerly used by SFA for a Registered Nurses Program. Twenty students will be accepted into this program along with the 20 accepted into the Jacksonville program.

## Sabrina Session to attend RuskTJC LVN Program



Rusk, TX.- Sabrina Session Green, a Rusk native who now lives in Alto, is excited to know that she can attend LVN School this fall without having to continue her drive to Tyler everyday. "I am currently a student at Tyler Junior College," She said. "I had applied at four LVN program locations including Lindale, Tyler and Jacksonville". I was so dissapointed when I was placed 5th on a waiting list for Tyler. Now I am told that I have been accepted to the Rusk location, which means I can be here at home and not have to drive.

She says her sister Pam completed the program 2 years ago and is now working on her RN Certification. "Getting my basics out of the way on campus was alright, but I'm really glad to be on my way to getting this certification," She stated.

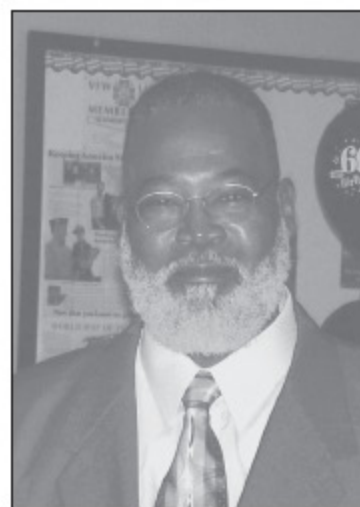
## Polly Christopher Surprised with Birthday Party



Polly Christopher

Polly Christopher was given a surprise birthday party by her children Raychelle and Allen and husband Ray, Saturday April 24th at the Cherokee County Federal Credit Union meeting room. A Roast and Toast Session gave the guest an opportunity to take Polly down memory lane and thank her for making a difference in their lives. The guest were served refreshments and games of Bingo were played.

About 40 people attended the party including James and Mae Francis MacLaughlin of Blairs Virginia and aunt, Opal Carr of Indianapolis.



Deacon Jerry Leviston will deliver his first sermon as a misister on Sunday evening July 18th at Mt. Olive Baptist Church. The public is invited to attend. Rev. Mertis Bartley is the pastor.

**Success is to be measured not so much by the position that one has reached in life as by the obstacles which one has overcome while trying to succeed.**

~ Booker T. Washington



**OBITUARIES**

**Mr. Milton Marvis Christopher**

(February 28, 1933-April 19, 2010)

Milton Marvis Christopher was born February 29<sup>th</sup>, 1933 in the Elm Grove Community to the late Herman and Mattie Turner Christopher.

He received his formal education from Elm Grove Independent School District.

Milton accepted Christ early in life and united with Mt. Hebron Presbyterian Church and remained a member until death.

At a special time in his life, he met and married Miss Carrie Lee Randall on February 28, 1964.

On Monday, the nineteenth day of April, twenty-thousand-ten, the Lord called Mr. Milton Marvis Christopher by his name, to come and take his rest.

He leaves to cherish his memories: a devoted wife and friend, Mrs. Carrie Christopher for 46 years, two daughters, Zalinda(Roy)Colston and Debra Christopher of Rusk, Texas; two brothers, Carea Christopher, San Diego, Ca and Herman Christopher, Jr. of Rusk, Texas; one sister, Opal Carr of Indianapolis, Indiana; one special sister(niece) Mae Frances McLaughlin, Blair, VA; seven grandchildren, fifteen great-grandchildren; a host of nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

**Mr. Curly Williams**

(April 4, 1938-April 21, 2010)

Curly P. Williams was born to the union of the late Odie Williams and Arzella Hill Williams on April 4, 1938. He accepted Christ at an early age and united with Elm Grove Baptist Church in the Elm Grove Community, Rusk, Texas. He received his elementary education from Elm Grove Elementary School, in Rusk, Texas and attended Fred Douglass High School in Jacksonville, Texas until he became ill. He was an exemplary student and loved sports. He enjoyed spending time with his family, and he especially, loved the Christmas season.

After he became ill spent time at the Rusk State Hospital. Upon his death, he was residing at the San Antonio State Hospital, San Antonio, Texas. This was his home for approximately ten years. The people at the San Antonio State Hospital were dear to him, as he was to them.

On April 21, 2010 Curly departed this life, and went to receive his reward from the Lord. He was preceded in death by his mother, Arzella Hill Williams; father, Odie Williams; brother, Shelby Williams; stepbrother, S.L. Nays and many aunts and uncles.

Although he is no longer with us, his memory and legacy will continue to live in the hearts of those who love him: his stepmother, Gladys Williams of Jacksonville, Texas; two brothers, John Williams and Billy Williams, of

Jacksonville, Texas and Charlie Bob Nays of Rosenberg, Texas; four sisters, Iris Borsay of Dallas, Texas; Gloria Verdell Jones of El Paso, Texas; Jewel Ogonji of Silver Spring, Maryland; Era Robertson of HOuston, Texas; a host of nephews, nieces, cousins and friends.

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# BLACK CONFERENCES AND CONVENTIONS

## THE TRUTHCLINIC ~James Breedlove

While Black Americans may be on the short end of realizing the American Dream there is one area where they are definitely the superstars; holding conferences and conventions to discuss the Black condition in America.

The Rev. Al Sharpton's National Action Network (NAN) was the latest black organization to exhibit its conference/convention credentials when it convened a four day version of saving Black America at the First Corinthian Baptist Church in Harlem, New York and the Sheraton New York Hotel and Towers from April 14-17, 2010. The highlight of the convention was the leadership forum convened on the final day where black leaders representing a diverse range of constituencies pledged a plan of action to mitigate over a 12-month period many of the issues such as education reform, unemployment, and health care that impact people of color. Rev. Sharpton in stressing the importance of the Measuring the Movement:



James Breedlove

Black Leadership's 12-Month Action Plan special forum focused on the measurable action that can be taken to improve the quality of life for African-Americans. He emphasized that, "everybody needs to make a commitment. Let's hold everyone accountable." The real question is: How can everyone be held accountable when no one has been assigned or accepted responsibility for the actions needed? This is the type of misdirected mindset that results from emotional conference rhetoric.

Is there anything substantially new to be learned about being Black In America or the host of issues that confront Black America that hasn't already been sliced, diced and dissected over the years by think tanks, civil rights organizations, activist groups, news organizations, historians, and TV specials?

Are these convention and conference organizers and attendees not aware of the annual definitive reports on blacks published by organizations such as the National Urban League, the Pew Charitable Trust, United For A Fair Economy, and the U.S. Census Bureau? Have they completely overlooked the well documented books that

included The Hidden Cost of Being African American by Thomas Shapiro, Dr. Claud Anderson's Black Labor/White Wealth or the multitude of black historical perspectives from intellectuals such as Eric Foner, John Hope Franklin, W. E. B. DuBois, Frederick Douglas, and Booker T. Washington?

These resources paint a vivid portrait of the black condition in America. They documented and validated how the enormous racial wealth gap that perpetuates racial inequality in America and the methods of intergenerational transfer of wealth used to advantage by Whites appear to make racial inequality a permanent American fixture. The Census Bureau tells us each year that more black men are dropping out of high school and being jailed at disproportionately high rates. Black poverty rates seem to be fixed at three times the white rate.

Black Americans have been disproportionately affected by HIV/AIDS and that disparity is growing larger each year. Black women, the cornerstone of the black family, now are approximately 70 percent of all new HIV diagnoses. These and the other issues that are constantly being discussed at black conventions and conference are important but the successful implementation of any change strategy depends on less talking and assuming total responsibility for remedial action. United For A Fair Economy estimates it would take 1,600 years to close the wealth gap at the rates

of progress made since 1970. Without a quantified self-directed strategy Blacks will continue to be bought off with underfunded politicized programs that do nothing more than maintain the status quo.

There is no valid reason for Black leaders to continue to hold conventions and conferences to discuss the black problem in America. The problems are not only well known but well documented. What is needed are working meetings that assign responsibility to black leaders to quantify a specific problem, initiate specific actions to fix the specific problem and to keep the effort funded and active until the problem is fixed.

Structured thinking and dedicated implementation is the basis for a united strategy for dealing with Black problems discussed by activists such as Rev. Al Sharpton and Tavis Smiley. If a national program is too difficult then start at the state level, or county level, or city level.

It is possible to quantify definitive action plans for individual areas of housing, schools, crime prevention, transportation, infrastructure development and any other element needed to make our communities the quality places we dream about. Blacks have got to assume the ultimate responsibility for their own destiny to stop the give-today, take-back-tomorrow cycle of perpetual stagnation that results from the majority establishment controlling the black agenda. James W. Breedlove

Comments or opinions may be sent to the writer at: [www.truthclinic.com](http://www.truthclinic.com)

## Crawfords from page 3

**Clara Crawford, Fairview Community Center board member and project coordinator, spearheaded volunteer labor and about fourteen years of fundraising, planning, completion of documents and attending meetings which resulted in the building of a new well equipped community center.**

Currently, Mr. and Mrs. Crawford, their children and their children's children are contributing to the building of a new church, Fairview Baptist Church. Plans are to have the church completed this year.

Mr. Crawford's favorite saying is "Get A Job and Keep It." Their children listened. They are all employed from the military to Real Estate and most own their business.

Mrs. Crawford says, "To get a blessing, you must first be a blessing to others."

Juneteenth Parade and Celebration Saturday, June 19, 2010. Parade Lineup 1045: Downtown Rusk begins 11:00AM.



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11:30a.m.-1:00p.m. Parade

1:30p.m. - 3:30 Picnic - Dallas Chapter at Jim Hogg Park Hwy 84 East (Approximately 2 miles) look for sign

## Saturday Night - June 19th The Legacy (Semi-Formal Attire)

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## Education



Krystal Carter

Harvard University Announces "No Tuition for some Students"

Seniors, I know by now you have long since completed your application for college admissions, filed your FAFSA and completed umpteens of scholarship applications. If you have not, its not too late, but you must hurry. The following is information released from Harvard University. Many other universities such as The University of Houston and Stephen F. Austin have announced virtually the same information to assure any student desiring a college education has the opportunity.

Harvard University announced over the weekend that from now on undergraduate students from low-income families will pay no tuition. In making the announcement, Harvard's president Lawrence H. Summers said, we are not doing enough.

"When only ten percent of the students in elite higher education come from families in the lower half of the income distribution, We are not doing enough in bringing elite higher education to the lower half of the income distribution."

If you know of a family earning less than \$60,000 a year with an honor student graduating from high school soon, Harvard University wants to pay the tuition. The prestigious university recently announced that from now on undergraduate students from low-income families can go to Harvard for free... no tuition and no student loans!

To find out more about Harvard offering free tuition for families making less than \$60,000 a year, visit Harvard's financial aid website at: <http://www.fao.fas.harvard.edu/> or call the school's financial aid office at (617) 495-1581 (617) 495-1581.

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## Al Sharpton protests Arizona Immigration Law



the country to march in Arizona - and get arrested, if necessary - to stop the controversial new law. "We cannot sit by and allow people to be arbitrarily and unilaterally picked off as suspects because of the color of their skin," Sharpton said.

He spoke at Pilgrim's Rest Baptist Church, in New York, a predominantly Black congregation, which was filled to capacity with a huge overflow crowd perhaps numbering in the thousands.

Arizona - In April, Arizona Gov. Jan Brewer signed into law Senate Bill 1070, the nation's toughest immigration law, making illegal immigration a state crime and requiring police to question people about their immigration status if officers suspect they are among those in this country illegally. Constitutional questions raised by the law, according to current and former government officials and legal experts, are provisions that may violate protections against unreasonable searches, allowing police to stop people solely to prove their immigration status.

Rev. Al, standing with local clergy, elected officials and a leader of the Hispanic Federation, said he would mobilize people from across

His dramatic speech fired up the emotions and when the meeting was over, the streets were filled with thousands of lighted candles as they marched and chanted the three miles to the Capitol Mall.

Earlier in the day actor/director Danny Glover met with Phoenix mayor Phil Gordon to lend his support for the Latino community in Arizona.

The Bill faces a slew of legal challenges and a review by the U.S. Department of Justice that was ordered by President Obama. "When I heard about it, it reminded me of Nazi Germany," said Hispanic Federation President Lillian Rodríguez López. "It reminded me of South African apartheid."

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