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## Top Ladies of Distinction sponsor third annual Fathers and Mentors Breakfast



Harry E. Stewart, Sr., Marcus L. Wade, Rev. Lionel Whitaker, Henry H. Smith, Royce Lynn Whitaker, and Walter Session pictured above are among the fifty-six East Texas fathers and mentors recognized at a Rose City Chapter of Top Ladies. See page 3

## Editorial/Opinion

# The State of Black America: Letters to the Editor

## Washington are you listening?

By Julianne Malveaux

Last week, the nation's leading historic civil rights organization, the National Urban League, came together with the nation's leading historic Black university, Howard University, to hold the first ever State of Black America town hall meeting focusing on the jobs crisis in urban America. The Town Hall, hosted by Howard president, Sidney Ribeau, culminated two days of meetings with congressman and senators on Capitol Hill where Urban Leaguers from across the country made the case: There can be no complete economic recovery as long as already too high unemployment for African Americans continues to go up even as the overall unemployment rate gradually ticks down.

Yes, we were pleased to learn last week that the unemployment rate has fallen to 8.8 percent, the lowest level in two years. And we applaud the actions by the Obama Administration- the Stimulus bill, Health Care Reform and Bank Reform- that have kept the mighty titanic of the American economy from sinking to the bottom of the sea. But this is no time for a victory party. As the National Urban League's 2011 Equality Index reveals, there remain large and widening gaps between the status of African Americans and

Whites in this country, particularly in the areas of economics and children's health. For Hispanics there are big gaps too, especially in the area of college enrollment. And with Black unemployment at 11.3 percent and Hispanic unemployment at 11.3 percent, clearly, it is time to declare war on inequality and unemployment in urban communities of color.

As we stated at the Town Hall, we must not let other major concerns, including war and partisan fights about deficit reduction, distract us from the number one issue facing the American people - jobs, jobs, jobs. The national Urban League's nearly 100 affiliates across the country haven't lost that focus. We remain economic first responders for millions of Americans desperately seeking to rebuild their lives, families and communities in the wake of the worst economic downturn since the Great Depression. We highlighted three outstanding examples at our Town Hall.

Lonnie Grayson, president of Environmental & Safety Solutions, Inc. has been able to win new contracts and double his workforce with the help of the Urban League of Cincinnati. The Urban League of Philadelphia helped David Simms, owner of Eatible Delights Catering, develop

new branding and marketing tools that have boosted his business. And Donna Hodge Harper of Newark, an unemployed casualty of The Great Recession, said that were it not for the job training and job placement assistance she received from the Urban League of Essex County, she doesn't know where she would be today.

Lonnie, David, and Donna show us how to dig urban America out of The Great Recession: Training for 21st century jobs, putting investments in people over the politics of deficit reduction, summer jobs for teens; all of these solutions are part of the National Urban League's 12-points jobs plan. Washington, are you listening?

We are never without options despite the challenges that life brings.

Dear Editor,

I just want to let the supporters of Sweet Union Development Corporation about the upcoming event. The Sweet Union Development Corporation was set up 11 years ago to assist residents of Cherokee, Nacogdoches, Angelina and Houston counties. Our primary goal is to offer as much assistance to as many people as our funds allow. We assist low income and elderly residents with rent payments and help with payment of utility, medical and prescription bills. Each year about this time we are engaged in raising funds to continue to offer assistance to these residents whenever possible. These are our neighbors and friends. We are hosting our annual Gospel Fest on May 28, 2011 and we are asking for a donation. As we are tax exempt, non-profit 501(c)(3) organization, please remember that all donations are tax deductible. Our tax ID# is 75-2796009. Thank you in advance for your continued support and if you have any questions, please feel free to contact Yvonne McCalister at 936-867-4380. Yvonne McCalister

## Holly Springs/Delmar Cemetary Association Successful Day

Holly Springs/Delmar Cemetery Committee and Association had their Annual Community Pride Day on April 23, 2011. A lot was accomplished in the beautification of the cemetery. There were flowers placed on all of the plots, as well as the cutting of small trees and under brush. We would like to thank Maxine Session, Brent Overstreet, Marcus Carter, Matthew Davis, Joe Destin, Lissette Bennett, H.R. Waggoner, and Sandra and Sarai Johnson for their work toward this effort. We would also like to thank all of you that contributed in our Annual drive.

If you know of anyone that has a family or loved ones buried in Holly Springs/Delmar Cemetery and would still like to support our efforts, please contact H.R. Waggoner at (903)-795-3274, Alice Matthew at (903)-795-3866, Sandra Carter at (903)-283-8433, or Sarai Johnson at (803)-693-4747.

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# Celebration of Fathers and Mentors Presented by Top Ladies of Distinction, Inc

Saturday April 23, 2011, the Rose City chapter of Top Ladies of Distinction presented its third annual Celebration of Fathers and Mentors at the Holiday Inn Select, South Broadway Tyler, Tx. Fifty-six fathers and mentors around the East Texas area were recognized and treated to breakfast. Presented were Bishop Winfred T. Arthur, Garth Kasimu Baker-Fletcher, Pastor Mertis McCorry Bartley II, Bishop Dr. James L. Berry, Bishop Rudy J. Bond, Bobby G. Bowie, Demethrius T. Boyd, Willie L. Boyd, Rev. James E. Brice, Sr., Daniel Brooks, Kenneth Nathaniel Butler, Darrell W. Chapman, Stanley Cofer, Rev. Larry D. Collins, Russell Damone Crist, Jr., Jesse Crowder, Jr., Judge Carl Davis, Choice Dudley, Shedrick Dudley, Sr., Everett Dwayne Fletcher, Roy Ford, Henry M. Francis, George Green, Robert N. Haberle, DC, Lorenzo Hampton, Jr., Marvin Hollie, Sr., Michael D. Hollie, Robert L. Holmes, Lurenza Wayne Hutchinson, Sr., Jimmie, R. James, Pastor Isaac Jenkins, Jerry Johnson Sr., George Lee, Rev. Derrick D. Lott, Sr., Darrell Martin II, Michael Anthony Mass, Utah McElroy, Travis Mario McGowan, Charles H. Minnick, Herbert O. Norris, Tony B. Pinson, DeMarcus M Pierson, Dr. Rufus Pollard, Billy Raiborn, Sr., Walter Session, Henry H. Smith, Harry E. Stewart Sr., Marcus L. Wade, Rev. Lionel Whitaker, Royce Lynn Whitaker, Rev. Cortez Williams, and Kelton Wilson. Chapter president is Ella Collins Nelson. Shaton Mosley serves as vice president and Velora Douglas is second vice president. Sandra Allen is Corresponding Secretary, Arvilla Banks is Financial Secretary, Pamela Franklin-Adams is recording secretary, Sylvia Marshall is Parliamentarian, Orenthia Mason is Chaplain, Sandra Nauls Mast is Sergeant-at-Arms, Herwenea Sirles is Publicity/Newsletter, Aiszeleen Stansell is Historian, Rita Swink is Top Teen Advisor, and Vickie Williams is Treasurer. Lastly, chapter founder is Lavergne Madlock.

Top Ladies of Distinction, Inc. manitarian organization with the following as charter members: Mrs. Franchell Boswell, Tyler, Texas; Mrs. Ina Bolton Brown, Houston, Texas; Mrs. Augusta R. Cash, Memphis, Tennessee; Major Ozell Dean, Washington DC; Mrs. Willie Lee Glass, Tyler, Texas; Mrs. LaVerne R. Madlock, Tyler, Texas; Mrs. Ruth Payne Smith, Navasota, Texas; and MRs. Georgia B. Prestwood Nelson, Dallas, Texas. The vision and service of these eight dedicated women created the TOLD story. In 1964 while serving as "first lady" at Texas College in Tyler, Texas, Mrs. Willie Lee Glass was the recipient of a luncheon invitation from Mrs. Lyndon Baines Johnson, "First Lady" of the United States of America and a fellow Texan. Mrs. Glass with her wisdom summoned a former student a Texas College graduate and a Major in the United States Air Force to represent her at this power luncheon. Major Ozell M. Dean, a resident of Washington, DC answered the call to represent one of her mentors; and she was among a multi-disciplinary bevy of outstanding women from all over the world to attend the luncheon. Major Dean was impressed and inspired as a result of what took place at the luncheon. She shared her enthusiasm with Mrs. Glass and also contacted a relative in Tyler, Texas, Mrs. Franchell Boswell. These trailblazers assisted Major Dean in contacting other persons to ascertain if enough concern, interest and strength could be generated among distinguished women (who would agree to work cooperatively) to help alleviate the myriad of problems confronting youth, in our respective communities. A group of distinguished and respected women answered the call. It is from this idea and nucleus that Top Ladies of Distinction, Incorporated had developed into an internationally known



Top Ladies carry out planned program. Orenthia Mason MC for occasion.

and respected public service organization.

The first meeting to establish policies and to enact governing laws from the organization was held June 4, 1964 at Texas College in Tyler, Texas. The purpose of the organization was to marshal the talents, energies and skills of women nationally in a collaborative effort to help alleviate the moral and social problems confronting our youth in the mid-sixties. The organization was born. Since its inception, the organization has expanded its objective to include its focus on youth (known as Top Teens of America), improving the status of women, service to senior citizens, community beautification and community partnerships. Chapters nationwide support the National Council of Negro Women (NCNW), The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), United Negro College Fund (UNCF), and the awarding of national scholarships to at least one in each of TLOD's six geographic areas. Moreover, TLOD has included in its program, a cooperative peer education facet with Top Teens of America and the National Foundation, March of Dimes. Membership in TLOD has grown to include thousands of dedicated, concerned, hard working members. The Ladies represent a cross resourceful

woman power, all of who work in the interest of the more than three thousand Top Teens. Top Ladies support other major thrusts of the organization geared toward enhancing the quality of life for our fellow human beings. Ongoing programs and projects are important to the fulfillment of TLOD's mission. As "shapers of change" members of Top Ladies of Distinction, Inc. have through each administration continued their efforts toward, "Serving Youth and Adults."

Other members of the Tyler chapter are: Calesta Anderson, Pauline Barnes, Sebetha Jenkins Booker, Lillian MiJoi Bowens, Helen Brewer, Steffie Burrell-Hollie, Hester Cotton, Alithia Deckard-Mass, Patsy Doyle, Barbara Fannin, Dorothy J. Franks, Kathy Edwards, Hart, Patsy Hawkins, Ira J. Henry, Lorene Holmes, Darlene Isabell, Linda Isabell, Brenda Johnson-Beedles, Cynthia M. Johnson, Jessie Jones, Johnnie Jones, Gloria King, Conssandra Lewis, Linda Lewis, Ruth Manley, Carrie Mayfield, Shirley McKellar, Krystle McKoy, Kym McCleveland, Vernice Melontree, Willie Jean Mims, Laura Newsome, Ella F. Perry, Sonja Poe, Cecilia Robinson, Johnnie Seastrunk, Ora J. Taylor, Gwen Thompson, Lisa Williams, and Martell Williams.

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June 9th

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## Unemployment down, Black unemployment up

More than 200,000 jobs were created last month, 216,000 to be exact. Coming after the February lift of more than 200,000 jobs, there are those who are saying that economic recovery is around the corner. I don't know what corner they are standing on, but the African American corner took a hit in March, and the Black unemployment rates rise. Some will say the slight increase is statistically insignificant. Try telling that to the African Americans who don't have jobs, or to those who are not in the labor force. Indeed, while the number of Whites who had dropped out of the labor force went down, the number of African Americans out of the labor force went up. The government is on the brink of closing down, with obstructionist Tea Party members determined to shrink the size of government no matter what. They have focused on government workers, but too many of these workers are African American, Latino, and female. Yes, an attack on government workers is an attack on equality, because those who work for governments are more likely to find a fair deal, have a good job, and be paid equitably. The government is on the brink of closing down, but on their way to down time, they have not found time to introduce one piece of legislation that speaks to job creation. Given the numbers that we see this month, this really means they have been unwilling and unable to deal with the jobs crisis in the African American community, as the situation in other communities is getting better. Better does not mean acceptable. There are 13.5 million officially unemployed people in our nation, and the number that have not worked for half a year has risen from 43.9 percent to 45.5 percent in the last month. Labor force participation is at an all time low of 64.2 percent which means that too many people have left the labor force because they think they can't find work, or they can't afford to look. This is the story for all Americans, with the most severe measure of unemployment, the measure that accounts for those who work part time when they want full time work or are only "marginally attached" to the labor market, a whopping 15.7 percent. This means, in real terms, that nearly one in six of us is unemployed. It gets worse, of course, for African Americans. The unemployment population ratio for adult Black men, at 57.2 percent, is nearly 11 points lower than the employment population ratio for adult White men, at 68 percent. In some communities, scarcely half of African American men are working. The same data that takes the overall population from 8.8 percent to 15.7 percent, takes the African American population from 15.5 percent to 27.6 percent, a Depression-era level unemployment rate. Why is this okay? Why has

## Mr. Homer Richards Celebrates 97th Birthday April 30th

Mr. Homer Richards of Jacksonville was born May 4, 1914 in Garrison, Tx. He and his family Homer celebrated his 97th birthday on April 30th with a dinner at his home. Sons are: J.H. Richards of Ft. Worth, Tx and Herman Daisy

Richards of San Antonio, Tx. Daughters are: Vernise Marie Johnson, Verdie B. Mosely, Artie F. Bowens, and Helen Mayfield, all of Jacksonville, Tx.

Mr. Homer has 13 grandchildren and 25 great grandchildren.

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it sparked no national discussion? What does it mean that it is acceptable for the unemployment situation in an entire community to be imperilled? Why is it that nobody really cares? There is joy in some quarters about the fact that significant employment has been created two months in a row. But, there is a cliché that says it takes more than a swallow to bring a spring. In other words, we first of all know that at the rate we are going, it will take until 2018, seven years from now, for us to get back to the number of jobs we had in 2007. With populating growth even then we won't reach the unemployment rate of 5 percent that we experienced in December 2007. Secondly, pessimistic economists, like former Labor Secretary Robert Reich, are suggesting that there is the possibility of a "double dip" recession, and that numbers could not turn back down in a few months if more money is not pumped into the economy. Bankers are keeping their bailout money, having failed to address the foreclosure situation, or to lend small businesses money they need for inventory and revitalization. They are cautiously waiting for better times, but what if Congress had exercised their caution

on them? The bottom line is that while some data suggest economic recovery, the African American community is still riding on the back of the bus. It will take targeted job creation programs to improve on the new unemployment numbers. Is there anyone in Congress who will step to say that these unacceptably high unemployment rates cannot continue?

## Juneteenth Celebration planned in Rusk

Juneteenth celebration and parade in Rusk will take place on Saturday June 18, 2011. Beginning with a parade at 11:00 A.M. The public is invited to participate in the parade and everyone is asked to line up behind Austin Bank parking lot at 10:40 A.M. The parade will go through downtown to Martin Luther King, and will stop at the Conley Park. Essie Hart of Rusk will be the speaker at the celebration which begins immediately after the parade. Refreshments will be served following the celebration in the park.

## City Condemns Unsafe Buildings



At the regular session of the Rusk City Council April 14th meeting, the city moved forward with the clean-up of dilapidated and unsafe property. A public hearing was conducted concerning the status of property located at the following addresses. It was determined according to chapter 152 of the Code of Ordinances that these properties were determined to be unsafe.

A. 1022 West 6th St (.454 acre in the W.M. Anderson Survey, A-70, City of Rusk, Texas, Cherokee County, Texas, described in deed dated August 5, 1980, to Charles Edward Parmley, recorded in Vol. 800, Page 523, Deed Records of Cherokee County, Texas)

B. 212 Collins Street (Northwest corner of Collins Street and Egbert Street intersection; Lot 7, Block 18, Dickinson 1st Addition, City of Rusk, Cherokee County, Texas) Pansy McCaul property

C. 904 Egbert Street (Lot 4, Block 17, Dickinson 1st Addition, City of Rusk, Cherokee County, Texas) Loloater Cook Wallace Estate.

D. 341 Beale Street (.184 acre, more or less, in the John Hundley Survey, A-341, Rusk, Cherokee County, Texas, described in Sheriff's Tax Deed (Tax resale dated June 24, 2009 to Wagoner, recorded in Vol. 1978, Page 555, Official Records of Cherokee County, Texas)

## Poetry

### The Art of Forgiveness

-by Vera Craig

Master Jesus' recommended doses for forgiving each other is not seven times, but seventy times seven; get moving! Let the Son flood your soul with sunlight to thaw your cold heart from an unforgiving spirit because a friend hurt you deeply.

Free yourself of the emotional garbage that has poisoned your mind with foolish pride of holding onto resentment. Are you still smarting from the sting of rejection? Is not an unforgiving spirit a way of punishing the offender? "It is mine to avenge; I will repay", says The Lord.

Let the healing process of forgiving begin whether or not the offender is repentant. Don't play the iffy game of forgiving- forgive. Today is the day to have the assurance that your name is written in The Book of Life.

Is the fractured relationship not salvageable of the offender is repentant extending an olive branch? Reintroduce yourselves, renew the friendship.

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## Fathers and Mentors Recognized - continued from page 3



The selection of outstanding Fathers and Mentors represent Wells, Palestine, Crockett, Tyler, Henderson, Longview, Jacksonville, Rusk, Alto, Grapeland, Bullard, Minneola, Whitehouse and other East Texas towns.

# Congratulations Graduates

# Youth



Charnell Leigh Franklin, daughter of Floyd and Terri Franklin, graduated from Jacksonville Baptist College with a Associates Degree in Science. Charnell will be attending University of Houston in the fall with a major in biology. Charnell is a 2009 graduate of Rusk High School. Charnell is the granddaughter of Walter and Maxine Session and Lula Perry and Floyd Franklin Sr.



Dexter Alex Rhodes, son of A.J. Rhodes and O.V. Rhodes graduated from Jacksonville Baptist College on Friday May 6, 2011. Dexter will be attending senior college in the fall with a double major in Accounting and Pharmacology.



Chynese Simmons is a member of the National Honor Society with a GPA of 94. She is graduating number 98 in her class of 643 students at Tyler Robert E. Lee High School. Chynese is the daughter of Jonah and Latoya Branham, Bill and Shareka Simmons. Her grandparents are Charles and Callie Dearman, and Jack Simmons, and Lorine Lewis, and Roy and Cleo Branham



Mr. James I. Perkins, Citizens 1st Bank President, Cody Glenn, also former Citizens 1st Bank employee and Indianapolis Colts defensive back Cody Glenn, Andrew Melontree of the Tyler Bank and Walter Session, Rusk city Councilman They view 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 about 936 jobs to East Texas.

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# Hollywood's Time - News Around the State and Nation

~ By: Billy "Hollywood" Groves - Crockett, TX.

Former Texas Department of Criminal Justice Spokesman Charles Brown of Huntsville, Texas is a community leader, businessman and a longtime pillar of the community. Brown, a native of South Florida was a great athlete who played football for Prairie View A&M University and later coached high school sports in East Texas. These days he is still youthful looking and active as a businessman who manages his C&G Country Store in Huntsville among his other business endeavors. He is married to my aunt, the late LaVerne Marshall Brown, a Crockett native. Their three sons-- Shannon, Keith, and Charles Labon Brown-- are all well educated professions who have garnered recognition in their respective employment in the areas of engineering, corrections, and government. I spoke with Charles recently. He told me that he and the entire family were extremely proud of his son, Keith Brown of Arizona, who has completed his coursework to earn an executive MBA degree from Arizona State University who will be awarded this Spring.

He went on to say, Keith recently traveled to Cambodia and Vietnam as part of a class project. Keep up the good work Charles "Charley" Brown!

On the subject of domestic terrorism, which has been a hot topic in the media lately, I will say that we (Americans) should be vigilant and aware of home grown terrorism and terrorists, no matter who they are and no matter what group they belong to. The number one way to stop homegrown or domestic terrorism is to positively identify the people involved with homegrown terrorism. We must also under

stand, unequivocally, that being a member of the Moslem religion does not mean that one is an "Islamic Terrorist" or a "domestic terrorist". As an African and a member of the Christian religion, I know that home grown terrorists come in all colors, religions, and genders. My concerns regarding home grown terrorism, in addition to the new "usual suspects" are "old terrorist" hate groups like the KKK, Skinheads, white supremacist organization, and Neo Nazis.

Modern day violent street gangs in America and Mexico also "bear watching" for domestic terrorism. I heard a man on television news say, "If multi millionaire businessman Donald Trump (who has spoken about running for president) wins the presidency, he will become the first president since George Washington to wear a wig". In my mind, whether he is wearing a wig or just has a "different hairdo" it doesn't matter, that's not the biggest problem with Trump being a presidential candidate.

The critical problem with Trump being in the Whitehouse is his ideology, which appears to be seriously flawed as is his idiotic assertion that President Obama shouldn't be president because he wasn't born in America. Movie and television celebrity Whopie Goldberg got it right when she recently asked Trump on the hit television show The View, if he had asked any white president of the United States to show him his birth certificate or offer proof that he was an American citizen. I'm not saying that Trump is a racist or has racist views about Black people, but I will say that he is trying to play the "race card" for reasons (like making money) other than wanting to be president

and serve the Country.

On another note, we are inundated with problems in our African American communities across America and a significant number of them are health related problems. The overuse of salt (sodium) in our diets is the root cause of many of our health issues such as high blood pressure, strokes, obesity, heart disease and other major health concerns.

I've understood the dangers of the over usage of salt for a long time and I have written many articles, and spoken out about it for years. Since the time that I first read about the dangers of salt in the 1980's in the book "Salt the Killer of Man" by my friend Glenn McCool of Houston, along with many years of observing African Americans suffer and die from salt overuse, I've come to the conclusion that salt overuse and other related health issues are as serious of a threat to African Americans as "institutionalized" racism. If you check with the websites on information under the heading "Halt the Salt" you will be able to find out for yourself the dangers of salt overdose. While we are talking about dangerous things facing African Americans, I would be remiss if I didn't mention our modern day prison industrial complexes and judicial system.

We must not forget our incarcerated brothers and sisters of all colors and religions who have been in many cases, kidnapped, exploited and given long cruel and unusual punishments. I am not saying that we don't need laws and jails; what I am trying to convey is that we are putting too many poor people in prison for disingenuous reasons. In other words, check on your folks who are locked up and find out why they are locked up. It may surprise you!

Kudos go out to ETMC hospital in Crockett and their administrator Terry Cutler for the high quality health care services they provide. We've got some important elections coming up locally, including the Crockett Mayoral race and the Houston County Hospital Board Members race. As CEO of the Groves Standard, I endorse Crockett businessman John Jenkins for Mayor of Crockett. The Groves Standard endorses HCHB incumbent member Virginia Lewis, and Barbara Larue, for the Houston County Hospital Board. **Don't forget to Vote.**

Happy Birthday  
Reginal Joel McGowan II  
May 22, 2011



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# Religion

Some people complain because God put thorns on roses, while others praise Him for putting roses among thorns. Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things. Philipians 4:8. The pessimist will see a glass filled to the half-way mark with water as being half empty, the optimist as being half full. And the optimistically creative person will see it as a vase for a rosebud, the optimistic pragmatist as a means of quenching thirst, the optimistic priest as water to bless for baptism! Consider the

benefits of choosing the optimistic route as described in this poem: Two frogs fell into a deep cream bowl. One was an optimistic soul; But the other took the gloomy view, "I shall drown," he cried, "and so will you." So with a last despairing cry, He closed his eyes and said, "Good-bye." But the other frog, with a merry grin Said, "I can't get out, but I won't give in! I'll swim around till my strength is spent. For having tried, I'll die content." Bravely he swam until it would seem His struggles began to churn the cream. On the top of the butter at last he stopped And out of the bowl he happily hopped. What is the moral? It's easily found. If you can't get out-keep swimming around!

## Black History Moment

### James Pike's View of South Carolina During Black Reconstruction

the 1883 Civil Rights Cases the United States Supreme Court ruled that the Civil Rights Act of 1875 was unconstitutional. According to Justice Joseph P. Bradley, who wrote the majority opinion, the Fourteenth Amendment did not give Congress the ability to pass legislation against racial discrimination in public accommodations because "that amendment proscribed only deprivation of

rights by state action." In a radical reinterpretation of the Fourteenth Amendment, the Court argued that only discrimination by states, not individuals, was prohibited under the Fourteenth Amendment. Discrimination by private businesses amounted to infringement of the "social rights" of African Americans, not their civil or political rights. The effect of this ruling was to sanction discrimination by individuals.

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Rusk, TX. 75785

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Contact: Sis. Sandra Carter

Ph: (903) 683-2100

Sunday School 9:45AM - Worship: 11:00AM  
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