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Daphne Session elected Houston Co. Attorney

## BARACK OBAMA Elected 44th President of the United States of America



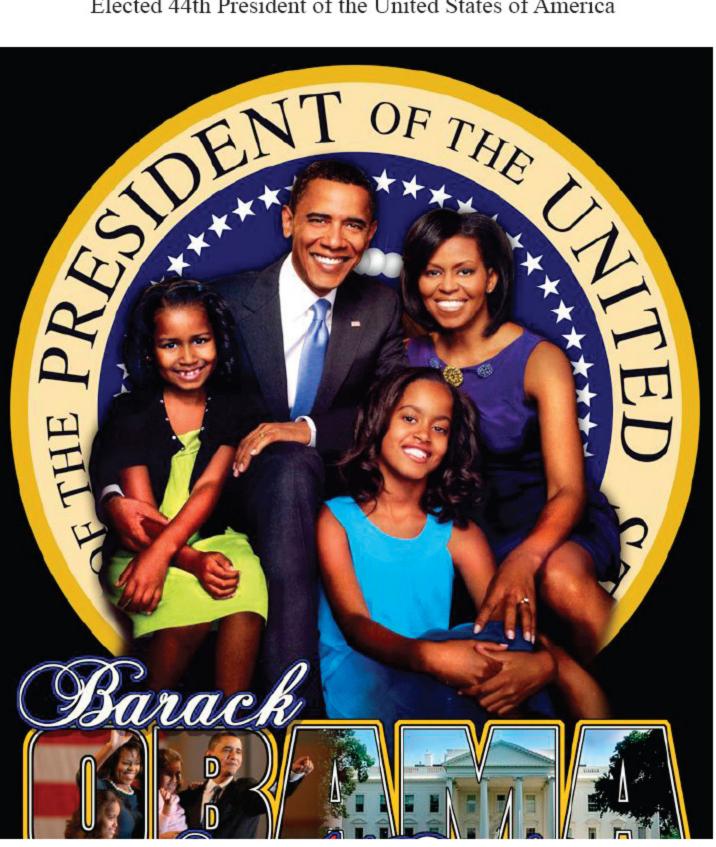
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## U. S. Government Reports Continued Job Loss

The government reported more grim news about the economy last week, saying employers cut 240,000 jobs in October - bringing the year's total job losses to nearly 1.2 million.

According to the Labor Department's monthly jobs report, the unemployment rate rose to 6.5% from 6.1% in September and higher than economists' forecast of 6.3%. It was the highest unemployment rate since March 1994.

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## **U. S. Job Loss Continues**

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Economists surveyed by Briefing.com had forecast a loss of 200,000 jobs in the month. October's monthly job loss total was less than September's revised loss of 284,000. Payroll cuts in August were revised up to 127,000, which means more than half of this year's job losses have occurred in the last three months.

September had the largest monthly job loss total since November 2001, the last month of the previous recession and just two months after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

With 1,179,000 cuts, the economy has lost more than a million jobs in a year for the first time since 2001 - the last time the economy was in a recession.

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Losses across the board Job losses were spread across a wide variety of industries.

Manufacturing lost 90,000 jobs, the leisure and hospitality industries cut 16,000 jobs, and construction employment shrank further by 49,000 jobs.

Terence O'Sullivan, president of construction workers' Laborers' International Union of North America, noted the construction unemploymentraterose to 10.8% - double what it was a year ago. He called the report an "urgent alarm sounding the need to halt our nation's spiraling job loss."

With most economic indicators signaling even more difficult times ahead, job losses will likely deepen and continue through at least the first half of 2009.

"It's pretty clear that we're in a recession," said Robert Brusca, economist at FAO Economics. "There is reason for us to believe we'll see a drumbeat of heavy job losses for a while, and there's room for them to get even worse."

Brusca noted that separate readings on the manufacturing and auto industries indicated economic conditions are the worst in about 30 years.

"We may be in a severe recession, in which case these job numbers are not even big yet," he said, suggesting monthly job loss totals could grow in excess of 300,000 an unemployment could rise to around 7%.

This recession is having an impact on large and small businesses and large and small cities across the country.

## Asleep at the Wheel

by Wendy Green ~ Texas AgriLife

It is estimated that falling asleep while driving is responsible for at least 100,000 automobile crashes, 71,000 injuries, and 1,500 fatalities. A 2006 National Highway Traffic Safety Administration study showed that drowsiness is a significant problem that can make drivers four times more likely to be in a crash or near-crash. While drowsy driving is a problem that can affect all drivers, the problem is most prevalent among young drivers, shift workers, and those who work long hours. The majority of drowsy drivingrelated crashes are caused by drivers who are younger than 25 years.

Teens need more sleep than older adults, but they seldom get enough rest. A 2006 poll conducted by the National Sleep Foundation found that over half of teens admit to driving drowsy during the past year, and 15 percent report driving drowsy once per week.

Teens also are more inclined to drive at night and during the early morning hours when drowsiness is more likely to occur. Parents can help by making sure their teens are getting enoughWhether young or old, drowsy drivers are a danger to themselves as well The risks of drowsy driving can be reduced by educating all drivers to watch out for signs of sleepiness at the wheel.

Know the danger signals of drowsy driving:

- eyes close or go out of focus by themselves;
- trouble keeping your head up;
- can't stop yawning;
- have disconnected thoughts;
- can't remember the last few miles you've driven;
- drifting between lanes, tailgate, or miss traffic signs;
- keep jerking the car back into the lane; or
- have drifted off the road and narrowly missed crashing.

The following are five suggestions to keep alert behind the wheel:

- 1. Be rested Get enough sleep the night before your trip.
- Pick your time Avoid driving during your body's downtime, when sleep is almost irresistible.
- Take a break Schedule breaks every two hours or 100 miles. Be sure to walk or exercise before continuing your trip, and talk with your passenger.
- Make sure both people in the front of the car are awake. A driver who needs to rest should go to the back seat, buckle up, and sleep.
- Pull over If you feel sleepy, pull off the road; find a safe, well-lighted place and sleep. A 15-20 minute nap can be highly restorative.

Nothing takes the place of sleep in preventing a drowsy driving-related crash. Be sure to be well rested before you drive. Most people know how dangerous drinking and driving is; driving drowsy can be just as fatal as driving drunk. Drive Alert...Arrive Alive. This is Wendi Green and until next time, this is Food for Thought. Educational programs of Texas

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## Barack Obama Elected 44th President of Cover Story the United States of America

~by Maxine Session



Obama! Obama! Chants, screams and yes tears shed, took place around the world on the night of November 4, 2008 when Barack Obama was declared winner of the presidential election. The people of America voiced loud and clear Barack their choice with 349 electorial votes to his opponent John Mccain's 162 and vote 65,846,632 popular 57,717,488. McCain's President - Elect Barack Obama, running on the theme "Change We Need", changed the way people around the world see America when he was elected first African American President in the history of this 231 year old country. For President-elect Obama, the road to the Whitehouse was long and rocky and this election marked the end of 21 plus months of grueling campaigning throughout the fifty states.

His story is "the great American Stothat is part of the American Dream the Founding Fathers provided for when they wrote the Constitution of the United States of America.

America The Beautiful has a very sad and crippling history of it's treatment of Black people since the middle 1600s, the deep rooting of slavery and the violence and inequality it spearheaded against an innocent race of people. It is the hopes of many American citizens of all races, as voiced by their vote, that the electing of President-elect Obama will bring an end to racism based on skin color and that little boys and girls everywhere can feel good about themselves no matter what their race.

#### Background

Barrack Obama was born in Hawaii on August 4, 1961. His father Barack Obama, Sr. was born and raised in a small village in Kenya on the continent of Africa. grew up herding goat with his father who was a demestic servant to a British family. Barrack's mother, Ann Dunham a white girl, grew up in Kansas. Her father worked on oil rigs during the depression and then signed up for World War II after Pearl Harbor. He was proud to be a part of General Patton's Army. During the war, Ann's mother worked on a bomber assembly line.

After the war her parents went to school on the G. I. Bill, bought a house through the Federal Housing Program moved west Hawaii. to

Barack's parents Ann and Barack, Sr. met at the University of Hawaii where they were



both students pursing their dreams. Sr. eventually returned to Kenya, and Barack grew up in Hawaii with his mother. They also lived in Indonesia. er moved to New York where he graduated from Columbia University in 1983.

The values of empathy and service taught Barack by his mom and grandparents influenced his decision to put law school on hold after college, and move to Chicago in 1985. He became a community organizer with a church based group seeking to improve living conditions in poor neighborhoods plagued with crime and high unemployment. Although the group helped bring about some success, Barack soon realized that in order to bring about real change in comunities, and policies changed in national politics.

He went on to earn his law degree in 1991 at Harvard where he became the first African American President of the prestiegous Harvard Law Review.

Barack Obama returned to Chicago after graduating from law school to teach constitutional law and to work as a civil rights lawyer. He ran for the Illinois State Senate serving there for eight years. In 2004 he was elected to the United States Senate, becoming only the third African American since reconstruction to become a member of that body of government.

President-elect Obama has a belief in uniting people around politics with a purpose in helping working families. He has a history of working with both Democrats and Republicans and believes that the challenges of a 21st Century globalized world can best be challenged with a unified American. As a U. S. Senator, his first law was passed with Republican Tom Coburn, a measure to rebuild trust in government by allowing every American to go online and see how every dollar of taxpayer money is spent. He has also been the lead voice in ethics reform would root the Abramoff-style of corruption in Congress that has been SO

President Elect Obama will be swon in January 20th. His job will not be an easy one with the failing economy suffering major business closings, 6.5% unemployment and continuing record loss of jobs, the Wall Street Bailout, the Wars in Afghanastan and Iraq and the possible bankruptcy of General Motors, Ford and Chrysler.

Barack met his wife Michell at the corporate law firm where she worked as an attorney in Chicago. They were married in 1992 and have two daughters Malia age 10 and Sasha age 7. Since 1996 she has worked for the University of Chicago as Associate Dean of Srudent Service.

Michelle says her first priority will always be to make sure their girls are continued page 4

## Texas Lottery Commision Executive Director Anthony J. Sadberry Dies

(Austin)- Officials of the Texas Lottery were notified of the death of Texas Lottery Commission Executive Directory Anthony J. Sadberry. The Commissioners and staff of the Texas Lottery offer their condolences to Mr. Sadberry's family.

"Anthony Sadberry was dedicated to his profession and service to the state of Texas", said Jim Cox, Chairman of the state of Texas Lottery Commission. "His contribution to the organization and the image of the Texas Lottery is both noteworthy and greatly appreciated."

Mr. Sadberry had 10 years of service with the Commission beginning as a commissioner appointed by Governor Ann Richards in November 1993 and serving in that capacity until March 2001. He was commission chair from October 1994 to August 1995. He then became Acting Executive Director in January 2006 and was named executive director in June 2006. He held that position until his death.

In a recent interview, Mr. Sadberry spoke of his belief that while conducting his duties as executive director he should maintain an open mind and an open door, remembering his position was to serve the state and not his personal interests.

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## **Session Elected**

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turn out on November 4th.

Daphne Session was elected to
the position of Houston County
Attorney receiving 4, 289 votes
to beat her opponent James Ashworth who received 4,039 votes.

Miss Session was declared the winner following a hard-fought campaign which turned ugly during the last three weeks of the campaign when her opponent threw strong false accusations her way.

"I would like to thank the Houston County voters for their support", She stated. I have been a very active part of the community and have a proven record as past assistant Houston County District Attorney and private practice attorney. Most know the true values on which I stand"

Miss Session has extensive courtroom experience as an assistant
District Attorney in Anderson
County, Smith County and Houston County. She has been in private practice in Cherokee County
and Houston County for the past
two and a half years. She is
the first African American to be
elected to this position.

### President Elect Obama

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healthy and well grounded.

Then she wants to help other families get the support they need not just to survive, but to thrive.

In her travels during the campaign As one who knows what it is like to balance work and family, Michell held roundtables with military spouses. She listened to their stories of what it is like to work hard to keep their families together while their loved ones are away.

Michelle grewup on the south side of Chicago. Her parents Fraser and Marian worked hard to educate Michelle and her brother Craig. Her father had Multiple Sclerosis but he worked as a pump operator for the city of Chicago water department and her Mom stayed home to raise her and Craig. She attended Chicago public schools, then Prinston. She studied sociology and African American studies, graduated in the class of 1985 and earned admission to Harvard Law school.

Michelle is the founding executive of the Chicago chapter of Public Allies, a program that prepares young people for public service. More than 350 young leaders have graduated fromPublic Allies Chicago.

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These Texas Lottery Commission Scratch-Off games will close on November 24, 2008. You have until May 23, 2009, to redeem any tickets for these games:

Game #774 \$1,000,000 Vegas Luck (\$25) Overall Odds are 1 in 2.30

Game #1065 Right on the Money (\$5) Overall Odds are 1 in 3.55

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REPRESTATIVE CHUCK HOPSON THANKS DISTRICT 11 VOTERS FOR RE-ELECTION VICTORY

#### JACKSONVILLE—

Chuck Hopson, expressed his appreciation to the voters of District 11 for giving him the opportunity to return to Austin and represent them in the Texas

House of Representatives.
"I want to thank the voters for their support and trust. I will

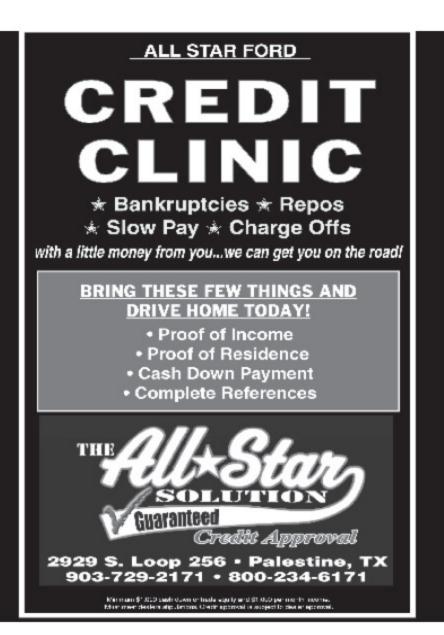
return to Austin to work on the important issues challenging East Texas," said Hopson.

"I want to thank both my supporters and all those who voted for my opponent. Voting is an important process and your voice has been heard."

## Youth weekend deer hunter displays his catch



Crockett, Tx. - The young man to the right displays the deer he bagged on youth deer hunters weekend. He and his dad prepare to process the deer to make chilli, sausage and barbeque.





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## Jasmine Session selected distinguished youth candidate



Henderson, TX. - Jasmine Session, a fourth grade honor roll student at West Rusk Elementary has been selected as a candidate in the 2008 Distinguished Youth of Texas Program to be held in Austin, Texas November 28 - 30th. The event offers a \$1,000. U S Savings Bond that could be won along with trophies in all categories. This is a very exciting and unique ex

perience with a large number of girls her age from throughout the state of Texas participating.

Jasmine has been awarded several outstanding student certificates from her school.

Little Miss Session was salutatorian of her 2005 Kids R Us graduating kindergarten class. She has been a top student in her class every year since.. "We give Mrs. Sarah Robinson and the teachers at Kids R Us credit for the dedication and time they contributed to her strong educational foundation", Said her parents Angela and Vincent Session.

"We appreciate them and are very proud of Jasmine for her efforts."

She is the grandaughter of Joyce and Alver Dee Sessionof Jacksonville and Ras and Lillie Pollard of Henderson.

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## Devin Pace and Gerlisa Colter Texas Small Farmers & Landowners youth speakers



Crockett, Tx. - Texas Small Farmers & Ranchers and Southeast Texas Landowners Association of Texas held their third annual joint Banquet in Crockett at the Bethel Baptist Church Fellowship Hall October 6th. .

The event MC was Mr. Franklin Wagner. Youth speakers were Miss Gerliss Colter and Mr. Devin Pace. Devin is a 2006 Crockett High School graduate. In 2005 he was the Grand Champion Steer owner. He is a member of the Masonic Lodge and he is a rancher.

Gerlisa is a Crockett High School senior involved in basketball, track, 4-H and cattle ranching.

Ms. Vivian Grant was recognized for her support of the Texas Landowners Association.

In attendance were P. A Colter, state President of the Texas Small Farmers and Ranchers, Region II and Wade Ross, State President of Texas Small Farmers and Ranchers and Crispin Skinner State President of the Southeast Texas Landowners Association.

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#### Five Ways To Beat Cancer

∼By Makeisha Lee, Health and Nutritional Advisor

Prostate cancer, colorectal cancer and breast cancer are running rampant in the Black community. People are so scared these days, removing body parts seems to be the solution to beating and/or avoiding the disease. What is the truth about cancer?

First, all forms of Cancer are on the rise due to increased stress/strain induced lifestyles we lead, and unhealthy eating habits. This is a fact based on the latest study conducted by the National Academy of Naturopathy.

Secondly, our body is comprised of trillions of cells that are in a constant state of rejuvenation or cell mutation. Depending what you are either giving your body by way of unhealthy, harmful eating habits, or not giving your body nutritionally will determine you're predisposition to cancer - not genetics. Given this, cancer can strike at will on whomever, whenever the cells are being starved from oxygen, nutrition and clogged with toxins. When ever this type of mal-absorption of sufficient nutrients exists, the immune response is severely compromised, thus giving disease a V.I.P pass within our bodies. So how can we regain control over our inner terrain?

#### Health

Here are 5 anti-cancer foods that offer 3 dimensional properties against cancer - preventative, curative and health promotion:

- Organic Cabbage According to Dr. Murthy of the National Academy of Naturopathy, "Cabbage speeds up metabolism of estrogen and is useful in colon cancer. Carrot juice acts as an antidote to lung cancer."
- Beet Juice This is rich in sodium, potassium, prosperous, calcium, sulphur, vitamins B1, B2, B6 niacin which is known to have cancer curing powers.
- Organic Juices in the Citrus Family - These include lemon, orange and grapefruit. Spinach, lettuce and broccoli juice act as antioxidants.
- 4) Daily Fruits, Vegetables and Protein On a daily basis, no less than 100-150 grams of organic fruits, 100 grams of raw leafy vegetables, 1 fruit or 175-ml. of fruit or vegetable fruit juice should be consumed as the ideal nutritious meal. A clean source of protein is essential for healthy cell function. The first preference for protein source should be raw and meatless.
- 5) Wheat Grass Juice This repairs damaged cells and a cancer patient should be advised to eat fiber rich foods like bran, oats, barley, along with Spirulina to boost nutritional value.

These are 5 of many healthy additions to implement into your everyday lifestyle of preventative actions. Of course, healthy lifestyle changes go a long way in reducing your risk and if already diagnosed with cancer; increasing your overall quality of life and life expectancy. Other external factors should be guarded against such as exposure to carcinogenic (cancer causing) substances and

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Game #1059 Wild Cherries (\$2) Overall Odds are 1 in 4.53

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## Holly's Time by Billy Groves

If a lie is repeated enough, it is believed to be the truth!

What's that old saying about, "If you live in a glass house, don't throw stones". Recent disclosures about the private lives of "celebraties" in politics, religion and society, speak volumes to the validity of that proverb. While I understand that most people have done things in life that are against their basic character, most people don't pursue a career where their vices are part of their work environment.....or do they? These days there seems to be no shame in the games of dishonest individuals living superficial lives in transparent houses. African Americans know all about sheep in wolves clothing who try to make you think our enemies have our best interest in mind, when it's just the opposite.

As absurd as it was recently for the high profile preacher to have an alleged sexual liason with a gay man, after staunchly critizing gay people for years from his leadership position in the church.

is even more bazaare for people to believe the lies and and deceptions told on black people by those in America who perpetuate racial disharmony. In the history of this country everything negative has been blamed on the black man at one time or another. Example: The John McCain campaign worker who scratched a backwards B on her face, blackened her own eye and lied saying a black man had attackd her and done this to her. Thank God for the police officer who investigated the claim. In the past, a group would have rushed out to grab a black man fitting the description she gave and hung him up or locked him up. These racist stereotypes appear to be a a problem we are powerless to change. The truth of the matter is we know where their glass houses are and

where the rocks are coming from. Its time African Americans and other honest Americans realize that at the end of the day it is up to us to keep clear minded and not be swayed by those who perpetuate racial disharmony, miss-education on the facts, deception, mass trickery and remember, people who wrongly invent stereotypes through lies and inuendos do live in glass house. We may not see their hands when they throw rocks, but we cn see where they live. That visibility makes them vulnerable, while they are attacking others. God Bless American , Africa and the rest of the world.

Kudos go out to Pastor Earl and Lavern Harris of Crockett, minister and wife of Bethel Baptist Church of Crockett. They have only been in East Texas a couple of yearsbut have had a positive effect on Houston County. Sis Harris works for Crockett ISD where she does a great job for the people. Pastor Hattis volunteers his time to many East Texas Charities when he is not at their church. Keep up the good work pastor.

Kevin McFarland of HOuston is a 200's Kennard High School graduate He gave this advice for young people, "Keep God first in all things, and everything else will be added." Kevin attends the MIssouri City Church of Christ.

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### Texas Workforce Commission Establishes Veterans Training Fund

(Austin)-The Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) approved a one million dollar training fund to provide employee-driven skills training for recently separated veterans. By establishing the training fund, TWC will provide returning veterans skills upgrades that employers identify as necessary for the future Texas economic growth. Private Texas employers can apply to TWC for training grants by partnering with established training providers such as community colleges, apprenticeship training programs or community based training programs demonstrated experience. Active duty military members exiting the the military may face challenges transitioning to civilian life and the workplace. To assist those veterans, TWC established the Texas Veterans Leadership Program(TVLP), modeled after the successful Vietnam Veterans Leadership Program which TWC Chairman Tom Pauken, himself a Vietnam veteran, established

during the Reagan Administration. Twenty-eight vererans Resource and Referral Specialists (VRRSs) are based in local workforce development areas across Texas to assist their fellow veterans with job-search activities, training opportunities and other resources.

"Through these training funds, veterans- particularly those who have been deployed to Iraq and Afganistan will receive important skills training to meet the demands of Texas employers.

The Texas Workforce Commission is a state agency dedicated to helping Texas wmployers, workers and comunites prosper economically. For details on TWC and the programs it offers in unison with its network of local workforce development boards, call (512 463-8556 or visit www. texasworkforce.org.

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3:00PM Nov. 16, 2008

Pastor: Rev. H.C. Whitaker

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Saturday, Nov. 1, 2008
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## Chandra VAN ZANDT PROMOTED TO MANAGER



Chandra Van Zandt, a 19-year partner, has been promoted to pricing administration manager at the corporate office in Tyler.

In her new role, Chandra will be responsible for ensuring accurate pricing and promotions in the data system, timely communication of pricing information to the stores, and researching and responding to pricing inquiries from category managers, vendors, stores, technical staff, and department partners. Chandra joined the company as a warehouse systems clerk, and later served as a systems operator and

thenasproduce office supervisor. In 2007, she was named SAP project analyst. "This is a great opportunity for Chandra and we congratulate her on this promotion," said Andy Newberry, director of pricing and analysis. "With her experience, dedication and people skills we know she will do a great job. We are excited to have her as a part of our team."

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