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Circle of Ten grants agency awards totaling \$76,500.



Expanding Capacity opportunities for Nonprofits Alto 2nd Round Awardees. Front Row: Bob Quillin-Lufkin Adult Learning Center; Dean Perkins, Bob Christiansen, Mary Mitchell & Carey Palmer- Alto Economic Development Corporation.

Back Row: Cecil Verdel, Donna Blakemore, Tracy Clater, Charles Ann Smith, & Terra Thacker-New Hope Youth Center.

Pam Anderson, A Circle of Ten, Inc., announced three agencies' grant awards, totaling \$76,500, to build their capacity to address previously identified Greater Alto Area Community priorities. Awardees include New Hope Youth Center, \$21,500; Lufkin Adult Learning Center, \$20,000; and Alto Economic Development Corporation, \$35,000. These funds

are made possible through the US Dept of Health & Human Services "Expanding Capacity Opportunities for Nonprofits" (ECON) grant, bringing \$460,000 in competitive subgrants in the North Tyler and Greater Alto Areas. A myriad of raining and technical assistance is also available to Community & Faith-based nonprofits geared to increase their capacity to provide im

proved and/or increased services. ECON is an initiative of A Circle of Ten, Inc., based in Jacksonville, TX, who will, along with several-cooperating entities, provide much of the training and technical assistance. The subgrant funds will be used for additional capacity building such as attainment of 501c3status, implementation of records systems, equipment, staff/volunteer

development, and hiring of consultants offering specialized services.

Each of the awardees' will focus on two or more of the previously identified community priorities, determined earlier this year during several priority setting meetings as part of the efforts of the Alto Area Rebuild America Initiative.

Baseline priorities include community and economic development.

Editorial



Remember
to vote!

In just a few weeks the local and state elections will be over and everyone including candidates and elected officials, can get back to business as usual. Those of us who vote can cast our ballot as early as October 18th. With all the talk about the state of Texas facing a budget shortfall as great as 18 to 21 billion dollars, it makes a person sit up and listen. It also makes you wonder who will have to tighten belts and do without. I wonder how being without the necessary billions is going to affect us all. Oh, well, the powers that be will probably raise our taxes again.

Meanwhile, we should probably focus on those things that fill our lives with joy and contentment. I'm still amazed at once thinking when the kids graduated college and left the nest that there would be time to lounge around and read all the great books I've loaded the bookshelves with over the years. Not so. Where does the time go? Today I spoke with Betty Easley of Alto, November cover story, and in about two minutes she rattled off a list so long, it sounded like she was still employed fulltime.

Anyway, enjoy this beautiful fall weather and try to find time to read a good book or take a nice long ride through the beautiful East Texas countryside.

Letters To the Editor

Letters in Support of Bill White

When Bill White first announced for mayor of Houston, many thought he had no chance. He was not handsome enough. He was too modest and too soft spoken. Most damaging of all, he had a reputation for telling the truth. But he did win, and he did continue to tell the truth. He said he would bring order to Houston's finances, and he did. He said he would co-ordinate the traffic flow in downtown, and he did. He said he would repair the infrastructure (even in long neglected neighborhoods), and he did. He said he would appoint both Republicans and Democrats to high positions and he did. He said he would represent all the people and he did. He took on the polluters. He went regularly into the toughest sections of town on a bicycle and got to know those who lived there. He and his wife Andrea (a real treasure to any community in her own right) often went to the homes of school dropouts, and got them to return to class - all this while making Houston a major player in the global community. Small wonder that he won every subsequent race by huge majorities.

None of this surprised me, however, because I already knew a lot about Bill White before he entered politics. He and Andrea and I are in the same SundaySchool class, a class he teaches regularly, and always brilliantly. He genuinely believes that every person is a child of God. That is why he is willing to listen to opposing points of view without being threatened. That is also why he used his considerable intellect and organizational skills to care for the scores of thousands of refugees who suddenly descended

on Houston during hurricane Katrina and Rita. This moment of tragedy was likely Houston's finest hour.

Right now our state and our nation are in genuine peril. We are split asunder, unsure of ourselves, and losing our position in the world. Integrity seems to be a distant memory. Bill White is one of the very rare people currently in public life to understand that real leadership requires getting us to turn to one another rather than against one another. He has proven that he can bring out the best in a community. We really need him.

Gene Decker

Houston Texas and Jacksonville

As a candidate for Governor Bill White has visited East Texas numerous times. His wife, Andrea, has made repeated appearances here. Whether meeting voters in small, informal gatherings, or speaking before crowds at large events, the Whites have demonstrated a plain-spoken modesty that is refreshing after ten years of a tough-guy, go-it-alone, Governor Rick Perry.

But why is Bill White the right person to be our next Governor? As a native Houstonian, I watched White in action as Mayor. His accomplishments earned him high respect from a broad spectrum of voters. Twice he was reelected by large majorities of Democrats, Republicans, and independents voters. And there was good reason for such diversity. White approached every challenge in a non-partisan way. Votes on legislation passed by city council during his tenure never fell along party lines. When Katrina hit and the levees failed, devastating New Orleans, he had a viable plan to shelter the 250,00 victims who would soon seek refuge in Houston.

The whole world witnessed the compassion and humanity Houston accorded to victims of disaster who had nowhere else to turn.

In Texas we have a choice: we can reelect a Governor who, for ten long years, has turned state government into a huge political machine. A Governor who said, "No!" to real education reform. A governor who refused our state's share of federal stimulus money just when we needed it the most, and who has put into motion a frivolous lawsuit to repeal the healthcare reform passed in the UNited States Congress. A Governor who is arrogant and out of touch with the real concerns of Texans.

On the other hand, we can vote for Bill White, whose accomplishments are legendary, and yet who has the humility to hit the road and ask people all over Texas to give him a chance to work for them as Governor. The choice is ours.
Suzanne Morris
Rusk, Texas

Rick Perry takes for granted that East Texans will reelect him Governor in November. But what has he done to earn our votes? Perry bills himself as a Christian Conservative, but I don't see him living the Christian life. At taxpayer expense, he leases a \$10,000 a month apartment while renovating the Governor's mansion. He grows wealthy with special interest money, hiding behind a "blind trust". His office is a revolving door for any lobbyist.

Thankfully we have a refreshing alternative to Rick Perry this November:

White has been crisscrossing East Texas for months, appearing at gatherings large and small.

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Jarvis Christian College to Honor Four at Pioneer Hall of Fame Reception on October 9, 2010

Hawkins, TX.- Four distinguished individuals will be honored by Jarvis Christian College on Saturday, October 9, 2010, during the Seventeenth Annual Pioneer Hall of Fame Enshrinement and Reception. The reception will be held in the E.W. Rand Center Mirror Room beginning at 6:30PM.

The Jarvis Christian College Pioneer Hall of Fame honorees are given special recognition for outstanding contributions each has made to his or her community, society at large, and Jarvis Christian College. The 2010 Pioneer Hall Inductees to be honored will include:

Dr. Ralph Brown, Detroit, Texas
Dr. Glendora Carter, Houston, Texas
Mrs. Annlil Driver, Houston, Texas
Dr. John Johnson, Quitman, Texas

The public is invited to join the College President and First Lady, former Pioneer Hall of Fame members, Inductees, the Jarvis Family, and friends to honor the 2010 Inductees. For more information about this event or to make your reservation for attendance, contact Ms. Emma Robinson at 903-769-5724 or email erobinson@jarvis.edu. Admission is free and donations will be accepted.

Democrats open campaign headquarters

Jacksonville, TX.-The Cherokee County Democrats celebrated the grand opening of their 2010 Democratic Campaign Headquarters at 115 E. Commerce, Jacksonville. Attendees included Cherokee County Attorney Craig Caldwell; Democratic County Chairman Caesar Roy; President of the Texas Democratic Women Joanna Reagan; Past President of the Texas Democratic Women Susie Blackmon; Dr. Richard Hackney, candidate for State Representative; Marlene Jowell candidate for County Judge; Commissioner Pct. 4 Byron Underwood candidate for re-election and Preston Meador candidate for Justice of the Peace, Pct. 3. The headquarters will be open Monday - Friday 10 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

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Join the Texas Legislative Black Caucus and the Texas Coalition of Black Democrats in voting early for Bill White, October 18 - 29



Sylvester Turner, State Representative, Chairman, Texas Legislative Black Caucus

"As a legislator for 20 years in the Texas House, I know what it takes to be effective. Bill White will fight as governor, as he did for many years as mayor, to improve life for all Texans. I am very appreciative of Bill White's leadership and commitment on affordable electric rates, high wage jobs, and better education."



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Pol. Adv. Bill White Campaign

POETRY

My Color My Crime

~By Michael Guinn

Somewhere in a crowded mind
I lost myself.

Somewhere between now and
then

My past became my future
And like rats amazed,
I followed the scent of
tomorrow's cheese
Only to be trapped
By my own self-defeating
dis-ease.

With third eye blind,
I couldn't see a heart untouched, I
couldn't feel

My soul silent, I had no voice
So I hid beneath my skin,
denied the love within

And saw me running from the man
I could never be
A million thoughts jaywalked inside
my mind
causing traffic jams in time
But I just kept on running

Alarms went off,
sirens screamed
But I ignored the messages
in my dreams
And kept right on running
With the stench of road kill
on it's breath
time breathed death down
the back of my neck
Like minute cheetahs
in hot pursuit

Hunting my heritage, preying upon
pride

And I could not shake these hatez
Caught from behind

I realized that my color
was not my crime
Only time!
and I could no longer hide from the
man I refused to be.

Singletary Memorial Library is holding a Book & Bake Sale

Rusk, TX. - Friends of the Singletary Memorial Library is holding a book and bake sale to be held October 18,19,20 from 10 a.m. to - 2 p.m., Oct. 18-20, at the Rusk Civic Center, 555 Euclid St. in Rusk. Proceeds from the sale will be used to apply towards the \$2,800 match for the Technology Grant the library recently received to upgrade computers. Open House will also be held at Singletary Memorial Library on Thursday, Oct. 21, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. We will also be having a Membership drive for new Friends of the Library. The library is offering many new programs and we are in need of more dedicated volunteers for our after school tutoring, computer and GED classes. If you have an hour a week to volunteer we could sure use your help. We are also taking on a new look. The Cherokee County Master Garden

ers have adopted the library as a project and have began a new landscaping project in our front yard, using plants that our children can enjoy such as a root beer plant as well as many plants that will be attracting many types of butterflies as well as birds. Stop by and visit with us.

**Grapeland, Texas
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Mr. James I. Perkins, Citizens 1st Bank President, received the greatest honor that can be bestowed upon an individual. January 29, 2008 the Stephen F. Austin College of Education was named the James I. Perkins College of Education in his honor. Seated here, Mr. Perkins and Nebraska Husky, Cody Glenn, also former Citizens 1st Bank employee; Andrew Melontree of the Tyler Bank and Walter Session, Rusk city Councilman. They are viewing a thank you card to Mr. Perkins from Rusk State Hospital Employees and Superintendent Ted Debs for support given to RSH. The card is signed by each employee and has been framed and placed on display in the bank. RSH provides 936 jobs to East Texas.

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Flu Shots from page 10

from Slurpees), the barely noticeable sting from a shot is a trivial price for a season's worth of flu protection. And if you're relying on the old "I don't need shots because I never get the flu" excuse, Kaspar notes that influenza strains vary from year to year. Even in the (unlikely) case that you had some natural resistance to last year's flu, this year's model still could flatten you like a steamroller.

Some people, Kaspar acknowledged, are in great health and just not that worried about flu. "They should be concerned, though, if only for their kids, friends, co-workers and strangers they come in contact with. For all of these people, seasonal flu means a week or more of lost school, lost work time and maybe even lost pay."

Knowledge is Good Medicine In addition to promoting immunization, DSHS also wants us to know more about flu prevention and special risks. For example, the agency is hopeful that the 2010 flu season will be milder than last year and include no unusual threat on par with the H1N1 cases of last year. But folks with chronic health conditions or suppressed immune systems.

even "regular" flu can pose a serious risk for children, the elderly and such as heart or lung disease, kidney disease, neurologic disorders. Other groups with elevated risk include pregnant women and people who are obese (with Body Mass Indexes of 40 or higher).

"Also, for reasons we don't fully understand, some perfectly healthy people without any high-risk conditions may become extremely ill and even die from influenza," Kaspar said. "It's worth protecting yourself regardless of your health status."

Even people who've had their shots should practice smart prevention strategies at home, at work or in public. Learn more about these steps at TexasFlu.org. In addition to those tips, try to stay as warm as you can this winter. Although sweaters and mittens aren't quite the mighty weapons against flu that our parents and teachers once believed, Kaspar conceded that, "Mom wasn't totally wrong. There does seem to be an association between cold weather, low humidity and respiratory infection."

As great as prevention is, the best way to avoid seasonal flu is to get your shots. If there's no program available in your workplace or school, call 2-1-1 or DSHS' toll-free hotline, 800-252-9152.

Texas' Fostering Connections effort kicks into gear

Assistance for relative caregivers available under new state program



Senator Royce West

AUSTIN - Today, Oct. 1, 2010, the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services' (DFPS) new Permanency Care Assistance program becomes fully operational. The program was created through legislation authored by State Sen. Royce West (D-Dallas) during the 2009 legislative session. The new law holds the promise of better outcomes for children who are not able to be adopted and would otherwise grow up in foster care.

The Permanency Care Assistance Program provides financial assistance to relatives who first become foster parents, care for the child or youth for six months, and then accept permanent legal custody of the child. At that point, the family becomes eligible for financial assistance the same as with traditional foster care programs. By law, compensation eligibility to families under the Permanency Care program goes into effect today (Oct. 1, 2010). custody of the child - will begin to receive fi-

gram requirements - including gaining full To date: The first family to complete proAnother 129 children now live with relatives who have become foster parents to take advantage of the new program and are expected to accept custody over the next few months.

"All too often kids if foster care find themselves in tough situations through no fault of their own," said Sen. West. "They need our help. Because studies show children do better when placed with relatives, this program provides the financial assistance many relatives need when they want to help by taking a child into their home. In addition to providing better outcomes for the kids, the program saves the state money, because it costs less than foster care."

DFPS officials estimate that had the Permanency Care program not been created, those 129 children could have spent a collective 1,000 years in foster care before aging out as they became adults. Persons interested in the Permanency Care Assistance Program should contact the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services.

For more information please contact: DFPS Local (Region 3): Melody Rockwell - 972-820-1901; melody.rockwell@dfps.state.tx.us; State Office: Cory Jones - 512-438-4352;

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Hollywood's Time

First Things First

By Billy "Hollywood" Groves



This discussion is an update fueled by the light sentences recently received by former Houston County Sheriff deputies, Henry Doyce "H.D." Gresham and James "Jim" Clark, in federal court in Lufkin.

These relatively, inconsequential sentences speak volumes about the injustices that are being perpetrated almost daily against African Americans in our United States judicial system. As a matter of fact, poor and disadvantaged, white people, Hispanics, and other folks deemed unworthy or undesirables by the "powers that be" in our American judicial system get treated badly as well.

U.S. Magistrate Judge Keith Giblin sentenced Gresham to four months in federal prison and Clark to three months in prison, respectively. Excuse my outrage, but when a person receives a three or four-month jail sentence you think about someone who has committed a minor crime. Gresham and Clark (white officers) kidnapped, pistol whipped, tasered and violated just about all the civil and human rights of a twenty-year old black man, Damion Taylor. I fully believe that if it had been black lawmen that did this to a twenty-year old white man, we would still be hearing letters and words of outrage from all areas of Crockett, Houston County, and beyond. At the time that I am writing this article, I have yet to see one letter or one person publicly defend Damion Taylor. Although I've spoken

with many citizens, of all colors, including other law enforcement people about the Damion Taylor case, almost all of them agreed that Damion Taylor was done wrong, but not one of them would go public with their thought. In my mind, that's part of the problem. People who consider themselves to be good citizens and good Americans are willing to "look the other way" when it's politically incorrect. As the old adage goes, Silence gives consent."

As one of my journalistic mentors, the late Bud Johnson, would say this is the time when the theme music from the old "Twilight Zone" television show should be playing. I don't know what produced that "deer in the headlights" reaction from local citizens, many who claim to be Christians. Maybe they prayed in silence for divine intervention for Damion Taylor, because they certainly didn't have a visible or tangible response. My thoughts are similar to the late civil rights warrior, Fannie Lou Hammer's, thoughts. She once said, "You can pray until you faint, but until you get up and do something, nothing is going to change."

I strongly invite anyone who feels the sting of this injustice to let your outrage be openly known. Contact Judge Keith Giblin, the Houston County District Attorney, and any powers that be in the Houston County Courthouse, to let them know your sentiments. Write them. Write the local newspapers, write the U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder's Office, write the Texas Attorney General's Office, the FBI, and any agency or individual who can help correct this travesty of justice.

Remember there are some of the same people who, last year, gave a black man (Rickey Gilmore) in Crockett 75 years in prison for a relatively, small amount of drugs. How can justice be fair and impartial when the foxes are guarding the hen house?" God Bless America, Africa, and the rest of the world!

Re-Elect Teresa Phifer



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Obituary

Bobbie Jean Jordan Martin

Funeral services were held for Mrs. Bobbie Jean Jordan-Martin, Tuesday, October 5, 2010 at West Union Faith Ministry Rusk, Texas. She was born to loving parents, the late Samuel Jordan and Earnestine Atkins in Rusk, Texas, on April 8, 1943. Bobbie attended George W. Bradford High School and was a graduate of the class of 1961. She later attended Clavary Theological Seminary where she received a degree in Associate Arts, in Religious Education in 1995. Mrs. Martin also attended Nursing School and Beauty College. She joined in Holy Matrimony to her better half, Vernon Maurice Martin Sr., on December 3, 1963. Forty seven years were shared by the two children born to the union: Shelley Maria Jones and Vernon Maurice Martin, Jr. Mrs. Martin accepted Christ at an early age and joined the West Union Faith Ministry in Rusk, Texas and later, the Faith Family Church in Diboll, Texas. She had been employed by Rusk State Hospital for several years as a Psychiatric Nurse. Later, she became a housewife and a devoted and dedicated grandmother. Bobbie was also a Foster Parent.

She and her husband took part in the raising of more than forty children. On Wednesday, September 29, 2010, God called Bobbie Home at the age of 67, at Memorial Health System of East Texas, Lufkin, Texas.

Left to cherish her memories are: Her loving husband of forty seven years, Vernon Maurice Martin Sr, of Corrigan, Texas; One daughter, Shelley Marria Jones of Corrigan, Texas.; One son, Vernon Maurice Martin, Jr. of Moscow, Texas: Three grandchildren, Nevea C. Mathis, Sam M. Martin, and Nala P. Martin; A daughter-in-law, Katrena Martin, Three sisters, Joevelyn Powell, Ruby Richards and Kathrine Jordan. Three brothers, James Parks, Jr., Samuel Jordan and Fred Jordan; Four sisters-in-law and a wealth of other relatives, and loving caring friends. Mrs. Martin was preceded in death by: Her father, Samuel Jordan; Her mother, Earnestine Atkins, and a brother, Holic Jordan.

Rev. Jimmy Foreman church pastor was the officiant with Colonial Mortuary of Lufkin in charge of final arrangements. Burial was at City Memorial Cemetary, Rusk, Texas.

Aaron Marion Ware

Funeral Services for Aaron Marion Ware were held at the Church of The Living God September 11, 2010 in Crockett, Texas. He was born May 20, 1960 to Dayton and Eddie Lee Ware.

Aaron was a graduate of Crockett High School class of 1978. Later he met and married Ms. Flora Davis. To this union four children were born. He passed away September 8, 2010, in Jacksonville, Texas.

He was preceded in death by his parents: Dayton and Eddie Lee Ware, son: Clifton Davis, and siblings: OJ and Horace Ware. Those left behind to cherish his memories are: Wife: Flora Ware, Grapeland, Tx., Sons: Aaron (Vernetrial) Davis, Crockett, Tx., DeMorris (MaShay

la) Ware, Kennard Tx., Ryan Ware, Grapeland, Tx., Brothers: Richard Ware and Family, Madisonville, Tx., Dayton Ware Jr. Crockett, Tx., Melvin Sandles, Huntsville, Tx., Sister: Eddie Mae (Reginald) Marshall, Tyler, Tx., Grandchildren: Aaron Davis Jr II, Arionna Davis, Shaelynn Smith, Triston Spurgeon, Hannah Spurgeon, Clifton Davis Jr., Grace Davis and a host of nieces, nephews, and other relatives and friends. Bishop John L. McKnight and Rev. Chester Whitaker officiated the service and Emanuel Funeral Home was in charge of final arrangements with burial at Cambell Cemetary in Halls Bluff Community.

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Meador is a retired Military veteran. He served six years as board Member of the Jacksonville Independent School District. He is a graduate of the University of Texas. Meador is presently serving his community as Chairperson of the Board of Directors of the Pine Grove Community Improvement Corporation.

**EARLY VOTING STARTS OCTOBER 18, 2010
ELECTION DAY IS NOVEMBER 2, 2010**

Pd. political advertisement



National Environmental week luncheon, September 15, 2010 at Rusk State Hospital. Pictured L to R. Rebecca Martin, Patrick Session and LaToyia Hawkins.

Texas Publishers Association, Inc. recognizes officers



Austin, TX.- L to R - Tommy Wyatt, Austin Villager, Parliamentarian; Dairy Johnson Corsicana Examiner, Secretary; Mollie Belt, Dallas Examiner, Vice President; Hattie Kelly, Power Pages, Farmersville, President; Maxine Session, Texas Informer, Rusk Treasurer. Each officer was recognized for contributions made to the organization which represents twenty-eight black owned and operated newspapers in the state of Texas. Each was presented a plaque at the September Austin Meeting on behalf of TPA, Inc. by Hussein Ali, Publisher of the San Antonio Observer and the San Antonio Register.

Lue Ann Williams Graduates STAR Beauty College



Lue Ann Foreman Williams, of Jacksonville, Texas graduated from Star Beauty College of Tyler, Texas on Tuesday, September 22, 2010.

Each student is required to complete fifteen hundred clock hours, over a period of ten months to become a cosmetologist. Attendance days and times are Tuesday-Saturday 8:30-5:00pm., with Saturdays being mandatory. A student can register any month in the year, Star college takes in students every month and every month students graduate. Upon completion of required hours, graduation is held every 3rd Wednesday of the month.

The State Board Written Test and Practical Test is taken after that in order to obtain a license. The school also offers classes for esthetician, or nail

technician license.

Mrs. Williams is the mother of three and the grandmother of seven. She drove a bus for Jacksonville Independent School District thirteen years, coming in contact with many young people who she encouraged to follow their dreams. She had this to say, "It is never too late to follow your dreams. When you do, not every day is a good day, but if God blesses you with strength to open your eyes and start your day then I feel like the scripture says, I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." She does not know where she will be working, but will take her Practical Test in Richardson, Texas at the end of October. She wishes to thank God, her church family at Seminary Heights Church of Christ, Jacksonville; her family and the teachers at Star College. She also says, "Good luck to all the other students from Star College who are going into their careers and "No matter where I am I hope to see you there."

Michael Session Earns CDL License



Michael Session recently completed training at the Tyler Junior College Career Trucking training program. He received a CDL License, and Tanker Endorsement.

Michael went through a career change in May 2009 when he was laid off work with a pipeline company.

Michael and his wife Felicia are members of the Weeping Mary Baptist Church. The couple and their children live in Rusk.

He is the son of the late Travis Session and Joann Parks Pipkin of Dallas and the grandson of the late Raymond Session and Lithana Session.

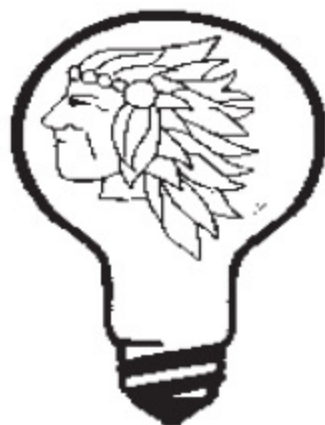
President Makes Chicago Stop



President Barack Obama dropped into his hometown for a few hours Thursday to energize Democrats behind Alexi Giannoulias and fight off Republicans looking for a highly symbolic midterm victory by capturing his former Senate seat. Obama's brief homecoming visit, the sixth of his presidency, was the second fundraising trip in as many months to help Giannoulias.

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Texas College Schedules October Community Breakfast

Texas College will honor Tyler city councilman and Saint Louis Baptist Church Pastor, Ralph Caraway at the October Community Breakfast on October 28, 2010 at 7:30a.m. As a part of their community service and outreach, they continue to celebrate individuals who are making positive contributions to the greater community. The public is invited to attend.

The breakfast will be held at Texas College, Gus F. Taylor Gymnasium 2404 North Grand Avenue, Tyler, TX 75702



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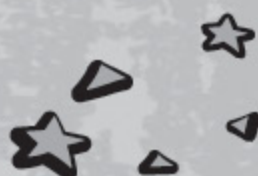


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ASK A.J.



A. J. Rhodes

You don't want to hear the truth but, you know!

know what the Bible says about race and skin color, yet they continue to perpetuate racism and the mistreatment of black people.

They teach their young children to dislike and to distrust black people as soon as they can walk and talk.

We can all take comfort in the fact that God is working it out in his own time. Interracial marriage is on the rise. Have you gone to the mall on a Saturday? Have you been near a Pre-K or Kindergarten campus at pickup time? The percentage of racially mixed marriages and children is higher than the census reports. You can look at physical features.....naturally full lips, that some women pay thousands of dollars to get through surgery and naturally brown skin that others pay dearly to get from tanning beds or from being sprayed every week. Like the lady in the parrot story, most racist people know how they feel about black people and they know about the unfair treatment they burden black people with, from looking over them when they apply for a job to the low expectations they have for black kids in the classroom. And why are there campuses in Cherokee County with NO Black teachers in the classrooms? What's up with that?

The Tea Party People remind me of the fifties and early sixties when KKK members held meetings in downtown areas here in East Texas. Its a known fact that many Klan members held city and county

offices. Black people could not vote because there were threats made against them if they even tried.

The language Tea Partiers use remind me of the actions of people in the klan in earlier days who were so mad at the Federal Government because of the laws passed that granted equality to black people. And now they have illegal Mexicans working for them while they rant and rave about putting them out of the US.

Is that the bottom line to why so many express anger toward Washington? We see what happens when federal dollars are not accepted by the state of Texas. Govenor Perry turned down stimulus dollars and now we have public schools that don't have teacher materials to teach to the new testing requirements put in place by the last legislature, plus the \$21 billion dollar debt Texas is facing right now. They are not angry at him.

And Sarah Palin? Have all her followers stopped to listen to what comes out of her mouth? What can she do with the federal deficit? The people she would put in the white house?

God help us all!

Flu Shots Are a No-Brainer Decision

Ever driven the family across town for all-you-can-eat barbecue and dessert buffet? Congratulations! You've already faced more expense, physical discomfort and health risk than a decade's worth of seasonal influenza shots.

So if you're an immunization holdout, the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) has an urgent message for you: It's flu season again, shots are available and none of the standard excuses for avoiding them hold water.

For example, DSHS' Dr. Bob Kaspar says there's no record of anyone getting flu from a flu shot — ever. "We use inactivated vaccines [containing killed viruses] in the shots. And when you're vaccinated it may reduce the risk of infecting other people with high-risk conditions."

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Texas Lottery Wins a Batchy Award for best television

(AUSTIN) – Texas Lottery Commission Executive Director Gary Grief announced today that the Texas Lottery won a Batchy Award for best television production under \$25,000 for a 30-second spot supporting the Dallas Cowboys scratch-off game. The winning spot was produced by TracyLocke of Dallas. A Spanish-language version of the ad was also produced by LatinWorks of Austin. “This award is the product of collaboration between our staff and the advertising vendor,” said Grief. “We strive to make our ads fun, entertaining and informative, and we are proud to see the hard work of our creative team pay off with this prestigious award.” Sponsored by the North American Association of State and Provincial Lotteries (NASPL), the Batchy Awards are named for Ralph Batch. An industry pioneer, Batch was elected as NASPL’s first president in 1971 and promoted the advantages of lotteries exchanging information and collaborating on joint ventures. For more information about the Texas Lottery, please visit the official website at www.txlottery.org.

Co-habitation More Common Churches Troubled

The number of unmarried couples living together rose 13 percent from the previous year, according to the U.S. Census Bureau.

This year, there are 7.5 million opposite-sex unmarried couples living together - up from 6.7 million in 2009, reported the bureau on Thursday. The year before had witnessed a two percent drop after a five percent rise in co-habiting couples between 2007 and 2008.

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What Is Hell?

"A lake of fire burning with brimstone" Rev.:19:20; 20:10

HELL — the place of eternal punishment for the unrighteous. The NKJV and KJV use this word to translate Sheol and Hades, the Old and New Testament words, respectively, for the abode of the dead.

Hell also translates Gehenna, the Greek form of the Hebrew phrase that means "the vale of Hinnom"—a valley west and south of the Jerusalem. In this valley the Canaanites worshiped Baal and the god of Molech by sacrificing their children in a fire that burned continuously. Even Ahaz and Manasseh, kings of Judah, were guilty of his terrible, idolatrous practice (2 Chr. 28:3; 33:6). The prophet Jeremiah predicted that God would visit such destruction upon Jerusalem that this valley would be known as the "Valley of Slaughter" (Jer. 7:31-34; 19:2, 6). In his religious reforms, King Josiah put an end to this worship. He defiled the valley in order to make it unfit even for pagan worship (2 Kin. 23:10).

In the Time of Jesus the Valley of Hinnom was used as the garbage dump of Jerusalem. Into it were thrown all the filth and garbage of the city, including the dead bodies of animals and executed criminals. To consume all this, fires burned constantly. Maggots worked in the filth. When the wind blew from that direction over the city, its awfulness was quite

evident. At night wild dogs howled as they fought over the garbage. Jesus used this awful scene as a symbol of hell. In effect he said, "Do you want to know what hell is like? Look at Gehenna." So hell may be described as God's "cosmic garbage dump." All that is unfit for heaven will be thrown into hell.

The word Gehenna occurs 12 times in the New Testament. Each time it is translated as "hell."

With the exception of James 3:6, it is used only by Jesus (Matt. 5:22, 29-30; 10:28; 23:15, 33; Mark 9:43, 45, 47; Luke 12:5). In Matthew 5:22; 18:9; and Mark 9:47, it is used in the New Testament by Him who is the essence of infinite love.

In Mark 9:46 and 48, hell is described as a place where "their worm does not die and the fire is not quenched." Repeatedly Jesus spoke of outer darkness and furnace of fire, where there will be wailing, weeping, and gnashing of teeth (Matt. 8:12; 13:42, 50; 22:13; 24:51; 25:30; Luke 13:28). Obviously this picture is drawn from Gehenna.

The Book of Revelation describes hell as "a lake of fire burning with brimstone" (rev. 19:20; 20:10, 14-15; 21:8). Into hell will be thrown the beast and the false prophet (Rev. 19:20). At the end of the age the devil himself will be thrown into it, along with death and Hades and all whose names are not in the Book of Life. "And they will be tormented day and night forever and ever" (Rev. 20:10b).

Because of the symbolic nature of the language, some people question whether hell consists of actual fire. Such reasoning should bring no comfort to the lost. The reality is greater than the symbol. The Bible exhausts human language in describing heaven and hell. The former is more glorious, and the latter more terrible, than language can express.

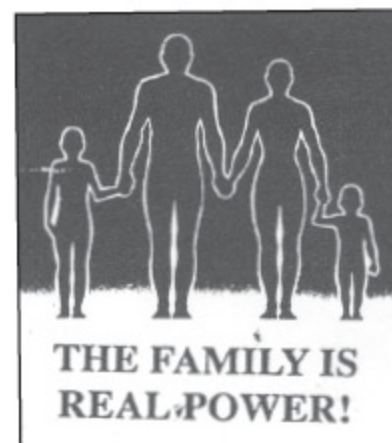
RETAIL MERCHANTS ASSOCIATION OF TYLER CHARITABLE FUND AT EAST TEXAS COMMUNITIES FOUNDATION AWARDS \$100,000 IN GRANTS

SEPTEMBER 24, 2010: East Texas Communities Foundation is pleased to announce the recipients of a \$100,000.00 grant from the Retail Merchants Association of Tyler Charitable Fund. Through the generosity of the Retail Merchants Association of Tyler, a charitable fund was established at the Foundation to provide annual grants to support designated charities benefiting Smith County.

This year, the Foundation received 19 applications requesting over \$360,000 in funding toward a total of approximately \$3,200,000 in project costs. The following organizations and projects were selected for 2010:

Grantee	Grant Designation
Boys & Girls Clubs of East Texas	After-school program scholarship assistance
City of Tyler Communications Department	Community branding and marketing campaign
Discovery Science Place	Arts and Science Integration Program
East Texas Area Boy Scout Council	Leadership EASTEXAS Program
East Texas Regional Food Bank	BackPack Program
Goodwill Industries	Purchase equipment for recycling program
Salvation Army	H.E.L.P. Program
Tyler ISD Foundation	Teacher and Campus Grants Program
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by Tommy Wyatt

The Texas Publishers Association (TPA), the Black Press of Texas, held a candidates screening on Saturday, Sept. 25, 2010 in Austin. All candidates for statewide races were invited to appear before the publishers.

Five candidates responded to the invitation from the publishers Screening Committee. They were David Porter (R) and Jeff Weems (D); Hank Gilbert (D) for Commissioner of Agriculture; and Hector Uribe for Commissioner of the General Land Office and Bill White for Governor.

TPA is a non partisan organization made up of African American newspapers from across Texas. The organization has been in operation since 1986. They conduct screenings for both the primary and general elections.

The publishers voted to endorse the following candidates: Bill White for Governor, Hector Uribe for Commissioner of the General Land Office, Hank Gilbert for Commissioner of Agriculture, and Jeff Weems for Railroad Commissioner. TPA feel that these candidates would work best for the state and with the African American community to solve many of the problems that we face in the state.

TPA President Hattie Kelly says, "we encourage the African American community to support these candidates and exercise every opportunity to vote in statewide and local elections." While there are other candidates on the statewide ballot, TPA does not endorse any candidate who does not appear before the organizations screening meetings. However, these candidates may be endorsed by the papers in their respective communities.

Alto Brotherhood of Christian Men Meet



Alto, Tx.- The Alto Brotherhood of Christian men held their monthly meeting in September at the Weeping Mary Baptist Church. Special guest for the meeting was Dr. Richard Hackney, candidate for State Representative, District 11. Pictured are B. T. Tilley, Rev. Ike Wiley, Church Pastor, Arthur L Harrison, Willie Brown, Cecil Verdell, Woodie Ross, J. B. Moore, Ony Helburn, Larry Jenkins, Earl Hackney, Minister Billy Chancellor and Dr. Richard Hackney middle front row.

Several of the wives and women of the church served dinner in the church dining room following the meeting.

The group is made up of men from each church in the area. Monthly meetings are held at a different church each month.