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Army Staff Sgt. Donnell Franklin ends third Iraq tours Deadline for registering to vote is Monday, October 6, 2008.

Early voting in person may be easier than you think. You don't have to stand in long lines on Election Day. Registered voters may vote early at a location convenient to them within their political subdivision. Early voting in person generally starts 17 days before each election and ends 4 days before each election. Early voting for the May uniform election date begins 12 days before the election and ends on the 4th day before the election. If you can drive or if you have a friend or relative who can drive you, you don't even have to get out of the car. Call ahead to notify the early voting clerk that you want to vote from your car. This procedure is called "curbside voting" and is available to any voter who has difficulty walking or standing for long periods. The election official will bring your ballot to your car outside the polling place. Curbside voting is available during early voting and on Election Day. State and Federal law requires

all early and Election Day polling locations to be physically accessible to voters with disabilities. Call your election official for information on your particular voting sites.

Vote early in person (you don't need to vote in your precinct, you can cast your ballot at any early voting site in your county which is convenient to YOU) or vote early by mail (this is done by requesting an application for a ballot to be mailed to you or downloading an application form). Voting early in person is convenient and, unlike early voting by mail, you don't need an excuse.

Early Voting dates are October 20-October 31, 2008. Contact your county registrar for voting locations.

To request an application ballot to be mailed to you (ABSENTEE), [click here](#). Or request an application for a ballot (absentee) by mail, [here](#).

Contact Information: 1.800.252.VOTE (8683)
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Army Staff Sargent Donnell Franklin enjoys stateside following third tour of duty in Iraq. See full story pg.3.

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EDITORIAL



Maxine Session

Sometimes,
just
listen!

It would behoove us to be mindful of the attitude we display with others even during a casual encounter, because we never know what intersection in the road of life that person is going through. Our area was visited again in August by people from New Orleans, Beaumont and other Hurricane Gustav evacuees. It must be devastating to be forced away from home and have no where to go. Each time this happens we have the opportunity to increase the support we give, even in the form of a smile or just listening.

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Letter to the Editor

The November election is only a few weeks away. Early voting begins October 20th and ends October 31st. Following shortly thereafter is our National voting day on November 4th.

I implore you to take advantage of this historic opportunity to elect Democrat "Barack Obama" the next president of the United States. Senator Obama is uniquely qualified for this office. He is the only candidate who can effectively bring much needed change and reform to our government.

I urge you also to vote for the local Democratic candidates:

Re-elect State Representative Chuck Hopson, a tried and true veteran of the Texas House.

Judge Dwight Pfifer, a learned, fair and impartial judge, should be re-elected District Judge of the 2nd District.

Mr. Moody Glass Jr., who has served as Commissioner of Precinct 3 in an exemplary manner should be given another term.

I am also going to cast my vote for newcomer Deborah Shreve for Tax Assessor/Collector. Mrs. Shreve will bring a wealth of experience, talent and dedication to that office.

It is also time to elect Mark Green, a veteran of several political battles, to the Constable position in Precinct 2.

Lets vote for Barack Obama and give him a team to work with by voting the "Straight Democratic Ticket".

Please vote!!!

Caesar A. Roy, Chairman
Cherokee County Democratic Party

Early voting

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- October 31, 2008.

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Sgt. William Donnell Franklin completes three combat tours of Iraq

Cover Story
by Maxine Session



Staff Sargent(E-6) William Donnell Franklin and daughter Lisa Franklin

Sargent Williams was so pleased to be home. He said he just enjoyed being in Jacksonville and seeing the addition of so many new businesses and the community improvements that were made while he was away.

Sargent Franklin has been awarded the Army Commendation Metal, The Army Achievement Medal and The Army Good Conduct Medal. Ms. Franklin says, "While my son was in Iraq, we prayed constantly for his safe return'.

God granted that, and we are thankful. We are very proud of the manner in which he has served his country."

In April 2008, she received a letter from his commander and the Department of the Army, announcing that William would be returning home in May and telling of the great job he did there. She was so proud of the letter that she shared it with friends and family.

"We continue to pray for those who are still on combat tour in Iraq and hope it will all end soon," Says Ms. Franklin.

At the present he is stationed with the 1st Battalion 15th Infantry Regiment in Fort Benning Georgia.

"You can't just sit there and wait for people to give you that golden dream, you've got to get out there and make it happen for yourself."
~Diana Ross

terrorism, and to free the Iraqi people.

A U. S. Central Command, Combined Forces Air Component Commander Report, indicated that as of April 30, 2003, there were a total of 466,985 U. S. personnel deployed for Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Those very brave U. S. Soldiers, Marines, Airmen and Women, National Guard, Coast Guard and Reserve did not hesitate to answer the call to duty issued by the U. S. Government. William Donnell Franklin of Jacksonville, Texas is one of those brave young soldiers who answered the call.

A 1997 Jacksonville High School graduate, William enlisted in the United States Army in August, 1997. Since the invasion of Iraq, Staff Sargent Franklin has completed three combat tours of service in Iraq participating in Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Donnell is the son of Fannie Franklin of Jacksonville. He has two brothers Myron Franklin and Raymond Franklin of Jacksonville, a sister Paulette of Canosha, Winconsin and a little daughter Lisa Franklin, of Stockbridge, Georgia.

Born and raised in Jacksonville, Texas, Willam played football with the Fighting Indians until an ankle injury caused him not to be able to play. He attended New Prospect Baptist Church where he sang in the youth choir. His mom says he was the kind of teenager who mentored to other teens. He listened to their problems and tried to help them with a solution. He was always calling home to say, "Mom, I'm bringing a friend home with me to spend the night. He has no way to get home."

He began living his dream of becoming a career soldier soon after enlisting. Following basic training he was assigned to the 21st Infantry Regiment, Fort Benning, Georgia, the 66th Transportation Company Kaiserslauter, Germany, 15th Transportation Company Fort Sill, Oklahoma, 1st Battalion 15th Infantry Regiment Fort Benning, Georgia. Combat tour I Operation Iraqi Freedom January to July, 2003, Combat tour II Operation Iraqi Freedom January 2005 to December 2005 and Combat tour III Operation Iraqi Freedom March 2007 to May 2008.



June 27, 2008 the city of Jacksonville welcomed Staff Sargent Franklin home to Jacksonville recognizing him for his service to the country. FR-1 to r Councilman Hubert Robinson, Sgt. Franklin and Mayor Robert Haberle. BR -1 to r Councilman Kenneth Melvin and Councilman Jeff Smith.

Jacksonville, Texas - September 12, 2002 George W. Bush, President of the United States, addressed the United Nations Security Council formally making the call for the invasion of Iraq on the grounds that Iraq had weapons of mass destruction. Key U. S. allies, including France and Germany were critical of plans to invade Iraq arguing for continued diplomacy and weapons inspections. After considerable debate, the UN passed Resolution 1441, which authorized the resumption of weapons inspections by UN inspectors and promised "serious consequences" for noncompliance. The Resolution assured that there would be no invasion of Iraq without further consultation of the UN Security Council.

November 13th UN inspectors returned to Iraq. As of February 2003, they had found no weapons of mass destruction. In February 2003, U. S. Secretary of State Colin Powell addressed the United Nations General Assembly, continuing the U. S. case to gain United Nations authorization to invade Iraq. The United States and seven other countries proposed a U.N. Resolution authorizing the invasion of Iraq. NATO Members Canada, France and Germany together with Russia urged continued diplomacy. The resolution failed.

The United States decided to pursue the invasion of Iraq without U. N. authorization. In March 2003, the United States, United Kingdom, Spain, Australia, Poland, Denmark and Italy began preparing for the invasion of Iraq.

On March 17, 2003 President George W. Bush addressed the nation, demanding that Saddam Hussein, Iraqi leader and his sons Uday and Qusay surrender and leave Iraq within forty-eight hours.

On March 18, 2003 the United States along with the other six countries, began bombing Iraq without United Nations authorization.

The reasons stated for going to war against Iraq were to disarm Iraq of weapons of mass destruction, to end Saddam Hussein's support of

OBITUARIES

Coyl Newsome

July 20, 1926 - August 11, 2008



Services for Mr. Coyl Newsome were held Saturday August 16, at Sweet Union Baptist Church Jacksonville, with Rev.

H o r a c e

Williams and Minister Julia Session conducting the service. Mr. Newsome was born in Navarro County to the parents of Kennie and Roxie Elder Newsome. He was a lifelong resident of Cherokee County.

His parents, four brothers; Hubert Newsome, Sr., Charlie Newsome, Edward Newsome and Ollie Newsome and three sisters; Katharine Mays, Alice Jones and Clara Flourney preceded him in death.

He leaves to cherish his memory a devoted wife of 64 years Pearlina Newsome of Jacksonville, two brothers Troy (Everline) Newsome, Tucson Arizona, Robert Newsome, Corsicana, Texas; two sisters Valentine Sullivan, Athens Texas and Betty Joe Bowman, Mesquite,

Texas; and sister-in-law Ethel (Isaac) Battle Jacksonville, Texas.

His brothers' children whom he loved as his own: James (Regina) Newsome, Debra (Darnell) Kenerson, Anita (Wardell) Starling, Houston, Bobby (Yvonne) Newsome, Billy Newsome, Shreveport Louisiana; Glenda Faye Goree, Hawthorne, California; Ella (Jim) Ricks Aurora, Colorado; Sammie (Harry) Long, Florence Alabama; Hubert Newsome, Jr., Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; Sandra (Travis) Thompson, Jacksonville; and a host of other relatives and friends.

Burial was under the directions of Mercy-McGowan Funeral Home and interment at Jacksonville City Cemetery.

Ms. Lillie B. Gray

January 17, 1917- August 20, 2008

Services were held August 23rd for Ms. Lillie Bell Chancellor Gray at Grant Chapel A.M.E. Church in Palestine, Texas. She was born in Athens, Texas January 17, 1917 to the parents of Ira and Roxie Chancellor. She attended the Baxter Community Schools and worked for Dairyland and Palestine ISD. She was a member of Grant Chapel A.M.E. Church, the Order of the Eastern Star, Lawrence Cemetery Committee and served on the local

NAACP Advisory Board. She was married to Mr. Robert Gray, Jr. and to this union five children were born. She leaves to cherish her memory two sons: Joe (Edna) Gray, Palestine, William Gray, Houston; two daughters Ivanell (Sam) Thompson, El Paso, Peggy (Eillie) Owens, Tyler; Brother Ray (Shirley) Chancellor, Houston, two sisters Veltus Sharpe, Dallas; Patsy (St. Luke) Sanderson, Dallas; Uncle George Barker, Athens; two sisters-in-law; Lue Jimmie (Matthew) Green, El Paso, Lattie Gray Lincoln, Dallas, Twelve Grandchildren, 13 Great Grandchildren, 3 Great Great Grandchildren, a host of nieces, nephews, and other relatives.

Mrs. Josephine Caldwell Ellis

Sept. 23, 1911- Aug. 14, 2008

Services were held August 20th for Mrs. Josephine Caldwell Ellis at Mount Calvary Baptist Church Palestine,

Texas with Rev. Dwight Callier and Rev. R. C. Emanuel Officiating. She was born in Mabank, Texas to the parents of Ivory and Myra Kissentiner Pierce. As a child she joined Rock Hill Baptist Church and attended Cuney Public Schools. She passed away August 14, 2008 in Elkart Texas. She leaves to cherish her memory one sister; Ms. Jewel Phillips, Arlington, TX.; Children: Dr. Gwendolyn (Rev. Dr. Ben) Morrison, Ft. Worth; Booker T. (Jean) Caldwell, Houston; Clarence (Margaret) Smith, Galveston, Tx.; Robert C. (Doris) Ellis, Houston; Henry E. Ellis, Houston; Dennis W. (Tammie) Ellis Palestine, Lula B. Ellis, Palestine; Annie B. (Angus L.) Jackson, Houston; Evelyn J. (Reginald) Green, Houston.

A host of Grandchildren, Great Grandchildren, nieces, nephews and other relatives and friends.

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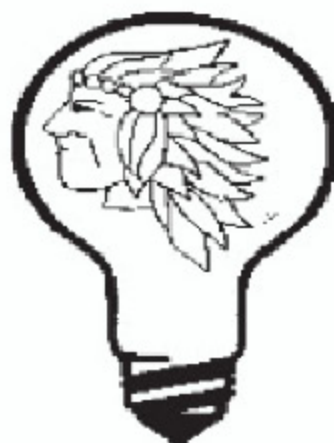
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L to R - Maxine Session, Texas Informer - Hattie Kelly-Texas Publishers Association President and Mollie Belt- Dallas Examiner, Vice President. Ms. Kelly presents Certificate of Appreciation to each..

Dallas, Texas - Texas Publishers Association held its monthly meeting for August at the Soul Food Restaurant in Dallas. Certificates of appreciation were presented by President Hattie Kelly publisher of Power Pages News Farmersville, Texas to publishers and TPA officers Maxine Session of the Texas Informer and Mollie Belt of the Dallas Examiner for dedication and hardwork to the association.

Members present were: Tommy Wyatt Austin Villager, Hussein Ali, San Antonio Observer, Dr. Richard

Wachuku, African Herald, Willie Hobdy Kuumba Heritage, Garland News Journal and Metroplex South Star; Walter Session, Texas Informer, James Belt, Sr., Dallas Examiner. The next meeting is scheduled for Saturday, October 11, 2008 in San Antonio, Texas. The December meeting will be held in Dallas. For more information go to > www.texaspublishers association.com

Ramona Alexander Walden launches "10 til 2" franchise

FortWorth, TX.-RamonaS.Alexander Walden, daughter of Rev. Vernell and N. Sue Alexander, has launched a lucrative venture in the Dallas/ Fort Worth area specializing in linking professional people who do not wish to work fulltime with businesses in the area for part time employment. Walden, a Jacksonville, Texas native is a 1982 Jacksonville High School graduate and a graduate of the University of Houston. She obtained her Master of Science Degree from Purdue University'sKrannert School of Management. Ramona also attended the Universityof Dallas and earned her MBA in

finance to hone her financial skills.

Ramona took the plunge and purchased a franchise called "10 til 2", a staffing agency that places college-educated professionals into long-term part-time positions.

Her human resources knowledge and management skills are a natural fit for the venture. A stay at home mom, she states, "I don't think learning and building up business skills is a waste of time, but you want to make sure that where that path leads you is where you want to go."

When racism is truly dead, the people of planet earth will be "FREE AT LAST, FREE AT LAST, THANK GOD ALMIGHTY WE ARE FREE AT LAST".

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Preston's Point of view.

Is Racism Dead?

I believe Barack Obama is the presidential candidate who can lead this nation across the threshold into the GREATNESS OF A NEW AMERICA. I believe that Barack Obama is the presidential candidate who can lead America closer to the NEW "PROMISED" LAND. A land where all Americans can truly strive to reach their full potential without references to race, creed or color.

French Hooper joins US Army

Rusk, TX. - French Hooper, son of Minnie and Frenchell Hooper, has joined with the United States Army.

French left home June 30, 2008 and is in basic training at Ft. Knox, Kentucky.

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Hollywood's Time
by Billy (Hollywood) Grooves
Crockett, TX.

Vernon "Jiggie" Mosley

was raised around cattle and farm animals and i displayed heifers and steers in high school for competition. " He said his family owned property in Trinity, but when a friend showed him 972 acres of prime ranch property near Crockett, he purchased it and later added to it with more acres to make the 2000 acre ranch. After purchasing the

Vernon "Jiggie" Mosley Jr. of Crockett is a twenty-seven year old successful African American business man who breeds and sells deer for a living. I got to sit down and talk with this remarkable young entrepreneur, founder and CEO of his record label "Billionaire Records and owner of the 2000 acre Mosley Ranch located on State Hwy west of Crockett, Texas. My first question to him was, "How did a young Black man from Trinity, Texas get involved with the deer breeding and selling business"? He smiled and reclined in his desk chair, surrounded by computers office documents and equipment, this is what he told me. "My family has always been involved with farm animals. My father the late Vernon Mosley, Sr. raised Brahman and Hereford cattle in Trinity. I



land he noticed that there were a lot of deer on the property. Following a suggestion for a friend, he built a high deer fence to keep the deer on the property. He purchased a number of registered deer and began to study different deer breeding operations. Mosley said once he got started in the deer business, it became a success almost

immediately. Beginning the business in 2002, he now owns in excess of 200 white tail deer. I asked Mosley about the price of a full grown deer and who buys them. He said he has sold deer for as much as \$50,000. The people who buy them are usually big time hunters, breeders and deer business owners from all across America.

Vernon "Jiggie" Mosley Jr. Office



The Mosley Ranch has a deer lodge which accomodates hunters for a fee. There is a thirteen acre reservoir and many lakes and ponds stocked with Florida hybrid bass and crappie fish. According to Mosley, there is something fun to do on the ranch for every member of the family. Youth groups come to the ranch to hunt, fish and sightsee. He recently hosted a group of students from Yates High School in Houston who got to learn about deer and ranch life. I asked Vernon about his role models, his family and any advice

he has for young people. His role models are his parents, the late Vernon Mosley, Sr. who was a rancher and a construction worker. His mother, Jo Ann Mosley of Trinity, who is still the matriarch of the Mosley family today. He also credits his Trinity High School agriculture teacher, Mr. Jones as being inspirational in his life. He graduated from Trinity High in 1997.

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Cherokee Brotherhood Back to School picnic



l to r- Travis Session, Sam O'Neal, Jerry Hart, Phal Carter, John Gffith, Oliver Sturns- President, Melvin Session, Walter Session, Frenchie Henderson, and Tracy Session hosted the annual Labor Day Back to School Picnic for area youth in the Conley Park, Rusk. Member not pictured, Jerry Leviston. The youth enjoyed grilled hamburgers, hotdogs and trimmings.



Hurricane Ike brought down this beautiful old Oak tree onto the roof of the home of Ms. Ozell Cook of Rusk. Branches knocked a hole through the roof and ceiling of her livingroom. The community was without electrical services four days.

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Cody Glenn



Lincoln, Nebraska - Rusk's Cody Glenn, no. 34, makes defensive play for Nebraska Huskies. Watch for Cody during the Saturday night Oct. 4th showdown against the No. 4 Missouri Tigers. Kickoff is set for 8:10 p.m. with national television coverage by ESPN.

Thacker celebrates birthday and driving career



Crockett, TX.- Nakeshia Thacker is the daughter of Eric Bureson of Crockett and Sherrill Thacker of Alto, Texas. Nakeshia moved from Crockett to Lufkin and is a driver for the Transit Mix Concrete and Materials Company.

She will be celebrating her 29th Birthday Saturday October 4th, in Dallas, at the State Fair. Nakeshia sends a big Hello to all that know her in Crockett and Alto, Texas. *Picture and article by Suzzane Steed.*

Jarvis to Honor Five at Pioneer Hall of Fame Banquet on October 11, 2008

Five distinguished individuals will be honored by Jarvis Christian College on Saturday, October 11 during the Fifteenth Annual Pioneer Hall of Fame Enshrinement Banquet. The banquet will be held in the Anthony Robinson Varsity Gymnasium beginning at 7:00 p.m.

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 2008 Pioneer Hall Inductees to be honored will include:

- Mrs. Ever Grace Derrick, Gladewater, Texas.
- Rev. Derry Henry, Dallas, Texas.
- Rev. Claude Maples, Dallas, Texas.
- Rev. Orenthia Mason, Tyler, Texas.
- Mrs. Claria Morgan, Dallas, Texas.

In addition to being formally recognized, each recipient will receive an engraved commemorative gift as well as an artistic rendering that is professionally hand drawn of each honoree. These artistic renderings will be on display prior to the start of the banquet during a reception which starts at 6:00 p.m. in the Mirror Room. Afterwards, the renderings will be retired to the Pioneer Hall of Fame archives on campus.

To find out more details about this event, ticket information, hotel information, or to make your reservation for attendance, contact Mr. Gary Whitaker, Director of Alumni Affairs, at (903) 769-5751.




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Sharon Reed celebrates birthday



Frankston, TX. - Sharon Reed was honored with a fiftieth birthday party hosted by her Husband Joe and daughter. The celebration was held August fifteenth at the Holiday Inn Select, Tyler, Texas where co-workers, family, and friends were treated to dinner and dancing. Mrs. Reed was a teacher and diagnostician for JISD and is currently Director of Special Education, Athens ISD.

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Mosley attends Bowens Pilgrim Baptist Church of Trinity. Rev. Robert Thomas is the pastor. I ask him about other African Americans in the deer business. He said there are only a few in Texas that he is aware of, but he added their businesses are successful as well. He encourages other African Americans who are into ranching to try the deer breeding business. During the time that I was at the ranch, Vernon was receiving calls and visiting with people about the business. He was checking and answering e-mail about his stock and the ranch. In essence, Vernon "Jigge" Mosley is a super hardworking young man, dedicated to his ranch, deer business and other endeavors. He is the epitome of greatness and humbleness combined with an unrelenting work ethic and spirit, which makes him a special unique East Texas Businessman.

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SECRETARY RICE CALLS LACK OF BLACK DIPLOMATS "UNACCEPTABLE"

Fairfax, VA (BlackNews.com) - U.S. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice recently called the paucity of black Americans at her agency "unacceptable," saying that she would like to see more African American students interested in foreign affairs careers. Speaking in Washington, D.C. at a conference convened by the White House Initiative on Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs), Rice commented on how she can participate in an entire day of meetings at the agency without seeing "somebody who looks like her." She later called on HBCUs and other conference attendees to help address this disparity. For the past fourteen years, the Institute for International Public Policy (IIPP), a program of the United Negro College Fund Special Programs Corporation (UNCFSP) has worked to increase the number of students from



HBCUs participating in the IIPP's Fellowship Program. The Fellowship—which also includes Hispanic Americans, Native Americans and Asian-Pacific Islanders—is one of the nation's most prestigious programs for minority students interested in pursuing careers in international affairs. For the past fourteen years, the Institute for International Public Policy (IIPP), a program of the United Negro College Fund Special Programs Corporation (UNCFSP) has worked to increase the number of students from HBCUs participating in the IIPP's Fellowship Program. The Fellowship—which also includes Hispanic Americans, Native Americans and Asian-Pacific Islanders—is one of the nation's most prestigious programs for minority students interested in pursuing careers in international affairs. Darryl Crompton, IIPP Director says, "Our goal has always been to put highly educated, well-trained professionals into the international affairs pipeline, preparing them to

eventually assume leadership roles; the IIPP surely represents Secretary Rice's call for global workforce diversity. We're proud that seventy two percent of our Fellows are women and one hundred percent are from underrepresented groups. As Secretary Rice suggested, the time has passed when the only face America sends abroad is white and male." Rice spoke bluntly about her desire to see a Foreign Service where black Americans are highly visible and directly involved in the development and promotion of America's foreign policy. Crompton responded saying, "Our organization has a 14-year track record recruiting students from HBCUs. The number of IIPP Fellows from these institutions grew in 2008 and we are working with several HBCUs to increase the pool of applicants again for 2009." The IIPP has placed more than 300 Fellows in more than 50 countries across the globe. Over a five-year period, students participate in international policy institutes, study abroad during their junior year,

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Putting the Palin Phenomenon into Perspective

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Barack Obama warned Americans in his acceptance speech at the Democratic National Convention that America is in too much trouble to indulge in 'a big election about small things.' In spite of this dire warning it is evident that many Americans still approach the presidential election of 2008 focusing on irrelevant, divisive and sometimes fictitious issues while remaining completely indifferent to the magnitude of the leadership choice they are about to make.

John McCain, the Republican nominee, energized his lackluster campaign when he selected Sarah Palin, the little-known governor of Alaska, as his vice president. She instantly became the super star of the Republican Party when she introduced herself as just an average "hockey mom" who took on her state's "good old boy" political establishment and pummeled them into submission. Sarah Palin is tough: she shoots, skins, and eats caribou. She is disciplined: raising five kids while pursuing a public career. She lives her values: she has a Downs-syndrome baby that she refused to abort. She has the image of the ideal conservative mom: pretty, perky, Bible-toting, and managing the ideal conservative family. And she fits the stereotypical image of small-town America: working class, pulling herself up from hockey mom and the PTA to city council, Mayor, Governor, and VP candidate.

Her acceptance speech at the Republican National Convention was what most politicians can only dream about. It not only vindicated McCain's selection for lukewarm evangelicals but ignited convention loyalists with an enthusiasm that had been lacking in the campaign for months.

But along with the acclaim, the spotlights, and the stardom came the media inquiry: Who is Sarah Palin and what are the credentials that permitted her to trump over favorites like Joe Lieberman, Mitt Romney, Tim Pawlenty, and Tom Ridge?

When the reporters and news analysts began to dig into Palin's

This approach is nothing new. For many years conservative strategists have been focusing campaigns away from hard reality to powerful symbolisms based on well defined social and family concerns. They have invented and promulgating catch phrases such as liberal elite and tax and spend party that appeal to the emotions of a non-discerning voters. The tactic is to divert attention from difficult realities to powerful symbolism. Conservative family values are articulated as simple metaphors that address a theoretical utopia instead of current reality: good, evil, authority, the use of force, toughness, discipline, and individual responsibility. Thus, social programs are immoral because they violate discipline and individual responsibility. Guns and the military show force and discipline. Man is superior to nature, therefore, no serious environmental concerns. In foreign policy, strength is use of the force. In fundamentalist religion, the Bible is the ultimate authority and gays are an abomination. These are the values at the heart of radical conservatism. This is what has been ingrained in John McCain, how he was raised up and how he plans to govern. This is what he shares with Sarah Palin. While the Palin-McCain ticket is weak on the major realities it is strong on the symbolic metaphors of politics that Republicans are expert at marketing. One would think that debating the realities, the issues, and the hard truths should be enough as America confronts worsening domestic and international problems. But the irrationality of the political mind in its response to powerful manufactured symbolism cannot be ignored. Sarah Palin was placed in a rigidly guarded safety zone, handed carefully scripted sound bites, and to date has not been allowed to campaign on her own or be interviewed by any major media outlet. While her convention speech garnered super high political ratings



James Breedlove

were anxiously expecting a message on how America would be different under McCain/Palin leadership.

What America got was a gilded road to nowhere that undoubtedly is supposed to connect to the infamous bridge to nowhere that Palin has flip flopped on. The speech was devoid of policy changes or discussion of issues that concern everyday Americans. The ideology promoted by Bush and Cheney looks out for the rich, forces the poor to be on their own, uses force as a first resort in foreign affairs, threatens civil liberties and has government making important decisions for you without your input. This ideology has placed America at the doorway of moral and economic bankruptcy. This is the same anti-democratic ideology being shared by John McCain and Sarah Palin. Senator Hillary Rodham Clinton succinctly admonished Americans who may be considering another four years of Bush's failed leadership when she stated, "No Way, No How, No McCain". Now those same Americans, with good reason, can add "No Palin" to that refrain.

James W. Breedlove

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Vernon's only sister Veronica Mosley is a 199 graduate of Trinity High and a Texas A&M graduate. She works for Houston Mayor Bill White. Mosley went on to say Mrs. Pat Anthony of Trinity was one of his role models. He describes her as a community leader and mother to just about everybody in Trinity.

His advice to young people "Be yourself, be honest, stay focused on whatever you are doing be it school or job, be careful about who you call friends, research whatever field you want to get into and put in the work it requires. Vernon Mosley says he practices just what he preaches....He is at work on the ranch each morning about 6:30AM. His record label "Billionaire Records" just released a new CD entitled "Now or Later by rapper Gangster One, July 22, 2008 in Houston. He has produced several rap artists and country western singing stars on the label in the past. Because of the success of the ranch and the time it demands, he only has Gangster One on his label. He emphasized that he is a hands on person when it comes to his businesses and right now his hands are on the deer business.

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 - 1/2 red pepper, chopped
 - 2 cloves garlic, minced
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 - 1 tsp dried rosemary leaves
 - 1/2 tsp pepper
 - 1/2 pound chicken livers, chopped
 - 1/2 cup chopped pecans
- Cook bacon in large skillet on medium heat until crisp. Add green onions, pepper, and garlic;

cook and stir until tender. Stir in contents of vegetable/seasoning packet, water, rosemary and pepper. Bring to a boil; add chicken livers. Reduce heat to low; cover and simmer 5 minutes or until chicken livers are cooked through. Stir in stuffing crumbs and pecans; cover. Remove from heat. Let stand 5 minutes.

Lucille's Southern Fried Chicken

- 3 1/2 pounds chicken pieces (skinned - optional)
- 1 1/2 tsp. salt
- 1/4 tsp pepper
- 1 flour
- 1 1/2 cups buttermilk
- 1 1/2 cups shortening
- 1 egg

Season chicken using salt and pepper. Mix buttermilk and egg in bowl. Place flour in plastic or paper bag. Heat shortening in skillet. Dip chicken in buttermilk mixture. Drop in flour and coat well. Drop in hot shortening and cook until brown on both sides. Place on paper towel and let drain.

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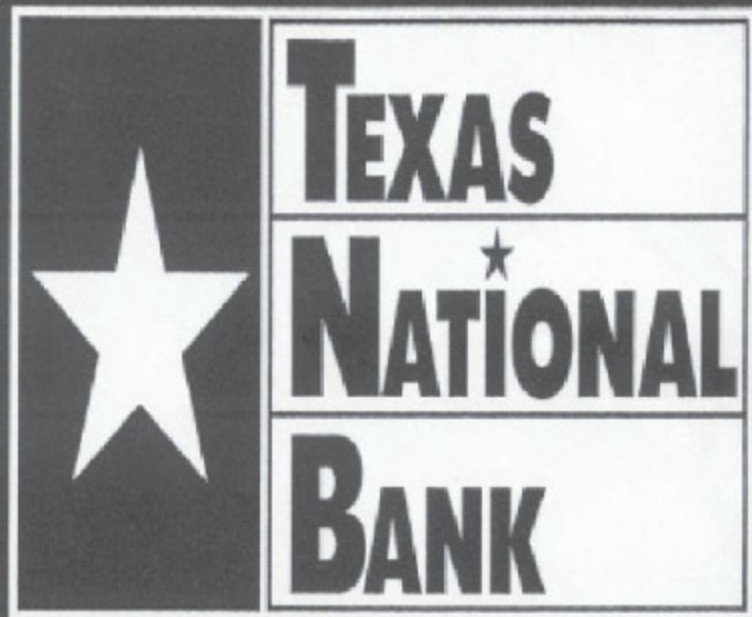
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This rockin' day of fun will contest of bands after bands, a food court, arts and crafts and information booths, Karaoke Contest Finals, a Battle of the Band competition, USACI triple point 'Sound Off' Competition and more great bands.

A new addition to the J'ville Music Jam is the Motorcycle Rally a fund raiser benefiting Crisis Center of Anderson and Cherokee Counties. Registration for the rally is \$20.00 per person which includes all events and games. Early registration includes a T-Shirt and Rally pin and registration is available at www.jacksonvillerally.com. Registration will begin that Saturday, October 4th, 8:30 a.m. at the Norman Activity Center, 526 E. Commerce. The Poker Run will begin at 9:00 a.m.; with the last bike out at 10:00 a.m. Rally events include a poker run, bike games, bike show and more.

The main stage lineup for the day will be One Knee Falls (winner of 2007 Battle of the Bands), 2008 Contest of Battle of the Bands, Rusty Lively & Deep in the Shed, Kasey Lansdale & the Daletones, Robert Banks & Band and the headliner Grant Cooks & Friends.

The second stage located inside the Norman Activity Center performers will be previous Karaoke Contest winners, the 2008 Karaoke Contest Finals, David Hendley, Bill McGee & Uncle Stick and Educators with an Attitude, which is the Joe Teague ensemble featuring Charles Denman as vocalist.

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Preston's Point of View

by Preston Meador

Is Racism Dead?

In June 1788, nine states had ratified the constitution of the United States, assuring the adoption as the Law of the land. The original constitution contained three specific references to race or class; Article I, Section 2 and 9, and Article IV, Section 2.

Since that noble beginning over 200 years ago, America has grown to become the most powerful nation on planet earth. She attained this status in spite of some serious growing pains.

In the wee hours of the dawning of this nation, she had an encounter with growing pains. The framers of the constitution knew that slavery cut against the grain of every fiber of the human experience. But, in order to nurture the infant nation and to secure the adoption of the constitution, the pain of compromise was felt. Out of that infamous compromise came the three-fifths of a man theory. Five slaves were counted as three persons for the purpose of taxation and representatives.

The cancer was allowed to fester and spread for seventy-three years. Then, in what has been termed as the nation's darkest hour, a treatment for the cancer was set in motion. The treatment placed north against south, neighbor against neighbor, and brother against brother in a bloody civil war. The cancer was extracted, but the scars are yet visible.

Another growing pain hit in 1896, when the Supreme

Court ruled in the case of Plessy v. Ferguson that separate but equal facilities for white and black persons were



Constitutional. The law was allowed to exist for fifty-eight years. Then, in 1954, in the monumental Supreme Court Case of BROWN V BOARD OF EDUCATION, the high court unanimously struck down the doctrine of separate but equal.

America Most of the nation's growing pains have centered around racism. Since nineteen fifty-four, America has experienced a number of growing pains. The pain of discrimination throughout the 1950s and 60's. For the most part, legal treatment was prescribed. Many laws were enacted in an effort to cure the sickness, but, laws alone could not get to the core of the problem. Until the men and women of this nation are willing to extirpate the core of the problem, we will no doubt continue to be hampered by it.

Hardly a day goes by that racism can't be seen, felt or heard. It seems to be ingrained into the basic psyche. If America is to reach its full potential, it must acquire a different mind set.

IS RACISM DEAD? I THINK NOT! But, if men and women across this nation and around the world would take the time to remove the nourishment of ignorance, hate, fear, and indifference, racism will simply die of starvation.

We stand at the threshold to enter a new America. An America that reaches its full potential. The new America hinges on the results of the 2008 presidential election. I truly hope the next president of these United States will be one that can lead this nation across the threshold into the GREATNESS OF A NEW AMERICA.

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