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Thousands march in D.C., Detroit and New Orleans to Reclaim The Dream



Al Sharpton, Tom Joyner and thousands of others March forty-seven years after the 1963 March On Washington to Reclaim Dr. King's Dream.

Washington D. C. - Forty-seven years to the day after the original August 1963 March on Washington, thousands hit the streets in D. C., Detroit and New Orleans. Sharpton's group started at Dunbar High School in Northwest Washington and marched to the Tidal Basin, several long blocks from the Lincoln Memorial which was occupied by Glenn Beck and a group of conservatives. Sharpton said, "We come because the dream has not been achieved. We've made a lot of progress. But we still have a long way

to go." He said his group at the Tidal Basin - site of a planned King memorial - was not looking for a confrontation with those at the Beck rally.

The 1963 March, came at a heightened time of racial division in American and the oppression of Blacks, just as this one comes at a time of class and race division which is causing oppression of not only Blacks, but the middle class which includes a mixture of all races.

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President Obama Unveils plan to create more jobs

President Barack Obama used Labor Day as an opportunity to unveil a new \$50 billion plan to create jobs and bolster the economy. The plan revolves around boosting the nation's infrastructure to expand roads, railways and runways.

During his speech, the president also took the opportunity to criticize Republicans for turning down many of his measures. He joked that their slogans said that they are talking about him "like a dog." The president said that his

goal is to rebuild 150,000 miles of roads, 4,000 miles of rail and 150 miles of runways. He said that he'd like his rail system to go coast-to-coast. He also wants to invest in a strong high speed rail system similar to that which they have in Europe and China. is "no we can't," and The primary objective of Obama's new plan is to create jobs. This has been a pounding frustration for the administration since Obama was elected. The recent jobs numbers showed a slight increase in unemployment to 9.6 percent,

skyrocketing to 15.6 percent. All of these issues matter to the president, especially with mid-term elections coming soon. Share One additional challenge for the president as he works to spend us out of our misery is that Republicans are attacking him on the deficit. Perhaps because they are having trouble finding other talking points, the

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DALLAS COWBOYS SCRATCH-OFF TICKET RETURNS WITH NEW \$250,000 INSTANT-WIN

(AUSTIN) – The Texas Lottery® has once again teamed with the Dallas Cowboys to offer a special scratch-off ticket sure to please Cowboys fans and lottery players alike. This year, the Dallas Cowboys scratch-off game is even bigger with a top instant-win prize of \$250,000. Players can also enter second-chance drawings for a chance to win unique Cowboys fan experiences, tickets and other great prizes.

“The success of the original Dallas Cowboys game introduced last year led us to offer fans of the team a new game with a higher top prize and more than twice as many second-chance prizes,” said Texas Lottery Commission Executive Director Gary Grief. “We are confident that this game will help us continue to generate revenue for the Foundation School Fund, which supports public education in Texas.” “We are thrilled to once again be joining up with the Texas Lottery,” said Jerry Jones Jr., the Chief Sales and Marketing Officer for the Dallas Cowboys. “Last year we saw firsthand the excitement that went along with winning some of the unique second-chance prizes, and this year’s game will give our fans even more opportunities to be a part of the Dallas Cowboys. Just as importantly, this program will continue to help the youth of Texas by supporting education.” The Dallas Cowboys game launched on August 2, and features more than \$43 million in total prizes, including almost 7,000 second-chance prizes as shown below.

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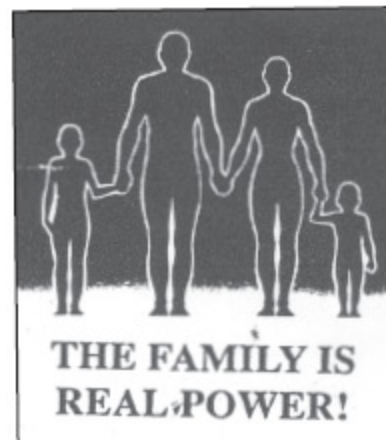
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Five second-chance drawings will be held for the Dallas Cowboys game, and the entry deadline for the first drawing will be September 17 of this year. Players can enter for a second chance to win by filling out the back of each non-winning ticket, affixing a first-class stamp and mailing. For detailed instructions and game information, please visit the official Texas Lottery website at www.txlottery.org.

Tyler Perry’s movie “For Colored Girls” to be released this fall

Tyler Perry will release “For Colored Girls”. November 5, 2010 This movie explores the plight of black women and has made the leap from stage to screen with this ensemble drama directed by Tyler Perry, and starring Janet Jackson, Loretta Devine, Hill Harper, Thandie Newton, Whoopi ... Goldberg, Kerry Washington, and Macy Gray. It will be in theaters November 5, 2010.



The Anderson County Historical Commission Announces
Dedication ceremonies will be held as follows:
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2010
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Reclaim The Dream March honors anniversary of 1963 March On Washington

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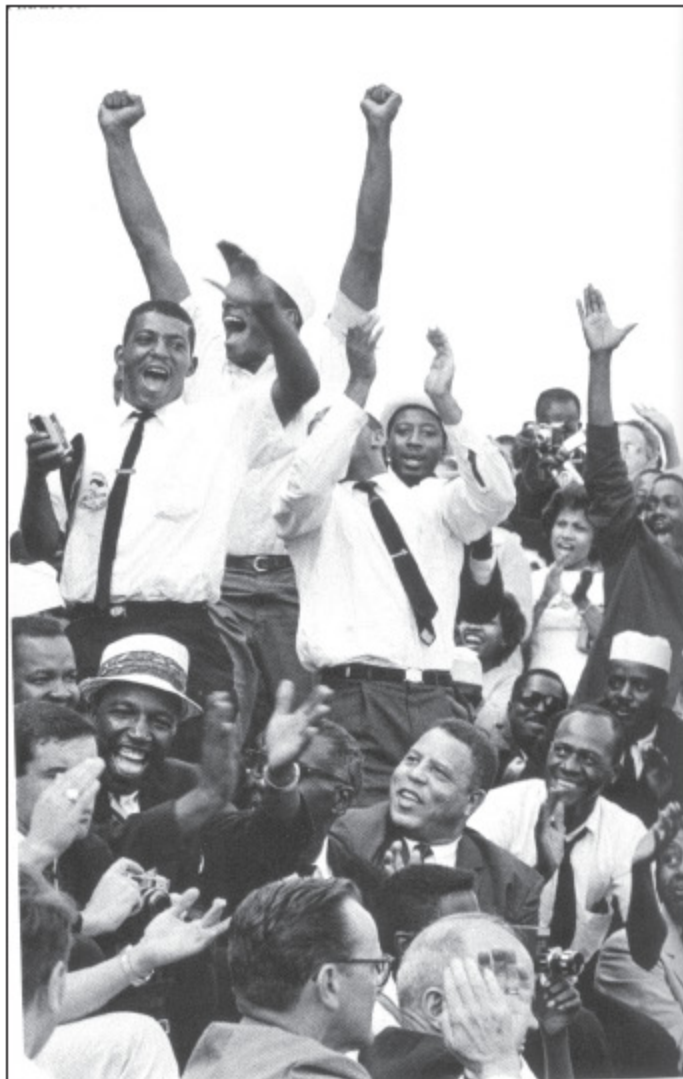
A Red and green flag waved in the hot afternoon breeze expressed the whole point of the march in one word, "JUSTICE". The chanting and singing of the group could be heard blocks away. "What do we want? JUSTICE! When do we want it? Now!

The event could easily have been mistaken for the event that took place forty-seven years earlier around the reflecting pool in front of the Lincoln memorial, only the characters were different. This march obviously rekindled the movement to refocus the nation on the plight of the historically oppressed black people still facing racial disparities that are as clear to those who drive the wheels of disparities in jobs, economic power and unfair law enforcement as to those who watch it happen.

The 1963 march on Washington changed the United States of America when a coalition of several civil rights organizations, all having a different approach and addressing a different part of the civil rights agenda came together and carried out the largest demonstration ever held on American soil and the first to gain national news coverage.

The "Big Six" organizers were James Farmer (of Wiley College Marshall, Texas) of the Congress of Racial Equality, Martin Luther King, Jr. of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, John Lewis of the Student Nonviolent Coordination Committee, A. Phillip Randolph of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters, Roy Wilkins of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, and Whitney Young, Jr. of the National Urban League.

The stated demands in 1963 centered around racial disparities in every aspect of American life for black people. They demanded civil rights legislation to eliminate racial segregation in public schools; protection for demonstrators against police brutality; a major public works program to provide jobs; the passage of a law prohibiting racial discrimination in public and private hiring a \$2.00 an hour minimum wage; and self government for the District of Columbia which had a black majority. In an interview after the march Martin Luther



250,000 people of various races, creeds and nationalities came together from all parts of the nation for jobs and freedom. The historical demonstration did build the momentum that led to the passing of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. This scene was replayed August 28, 2010 in Washington D. C., Detroit, and New Orleans, Louisiana.

King, Jr., III said, "You may remember my father, in 1967 and early 1968 was focused on economic empowerment, bringing together poor Blacks and poor Whites and poor Native Americans and Americans from all walks of life. Today we are here talking about economic empowerment for all. And so I hope that we understand in love that this is not about a left side or a right side. This is about God's side in terms of doing that which is good, just and right for all of America. Not for a republican, or a Democrat or an Independent, but for every American. That's what Dr. King's Dream was about." The March was named "Reclaim the Dream" because of a rally held the same day, led by FOX News host Glenn Beck, leader of the conservative Tea Party movement, widely known for its anti-President Barack Obama and perceptually anti-Black perspective. The Beck crowd stood on the



DR. King addresses the crowd with his famous "I Have A Dream" speech.

Washington Mall in a "Restoring Honor" rally which drew a near solid white crowd in the same spot, the Lincoln Memorial, where Dr. King gave his speech. Beck had said the date was a coincidence, but many saw it as disrespectful to the legacy of the civil rights leader.

Rev. Sharpton made the statement at the beginning of the march that "They may have the mall, but we have the message. They may have the platform, but we have the dream. If you understand dreaming, you can dream anywhere."

Saturday's march to the King Memorial, another in Detroit with the Rev. Jessie Jackson and another on Sunday in the lower 9th Ward in New Orleans, reinforces Rev. Sharpton's point that people around the nation, wherever they are, are daring to mobilize. Many are preparing to vote in mid-term elections November 2nd. Others are simply feeling the need to do something. As they come to the realization the racial disparities in just about every category are as outrageous today as they were forty years ago.

A "One Nation" march on Washington, led by the NAACP and some 200 other organizations around the nation will be held October 2nd, illustrating the passion of this moment in history. "We need you back here on 10-2010," shouted Ben Jealous, National President NAACP, citing the aim to pull our country back together again!

Despite the focus on the key issues of disparities by the Reclaim The Dream crowd, lurking in the background was the perceived insult by the Beck crowd

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Religion

The Revelation of God

According to the Bible, God has made Himself known in a variety of ways. "The heavens declare the glory of God" (Ps. 19:1). "For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead." (Rom. 1:20). But while God is revealed in His creation and through the inner voice of human conscience, the primary means by which He has made Himself known is through the Bible.

God has revealed Himself through His mighty acts in the words of His messengers, or spokesmen. Either of these ways is incomplete without the other. In the Old Testament record, none of the mighty acts of God is emphasized more than the Exodus - God's deliverance of the Israelites from Egyptian bondage. As He delivered His people, God repeatedly identified Himself as their redeemer God: "I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. You shall have no other gods before Me" (Ex. 20:2-3).

If they had been delivered with no explanation, the people of Israel would have learned little about the God who redeemed His people. The Israelites might have guessed that in such events as the plagues of Egypt and the parting of the waters of the Red Sea, some supernatural power was at work on their behalf. But they would not have known the nature of this power or God's purpose for them as a people.

God also communicated with His people, the nation of Israel, through Moses, to whom He has already made Himself known in the vision of the burning bush. God instructed Moses to tell his fellow Israelites what had been revealed to him. This was no impersonal force at work, but the God of their ancestors, Abraham, Issac, and Jacob. In fulfillment of His promises to them, God was acting now on behalf of their descendants.

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Rusk, Tx. - These George W. Bradford School students and teacher Leona Glasper pose in front of the school for the above picture in the early 1950's. Front row left to right are: Calvin Sneed, John Westley Waggoner, J. L. Burley, Hurbert Waggoner, and Morris Lacy, Jr.. Second row left to right are: unknown, Gertrude Smith, Bonnie Pearl, Mary Magdelene Mallard, unknown, unknown, Meryland Carter, Howard Carter. Third row left to right are: Hubert Foreman, unknown, Lonzo Hicks, Mrs. Leona Glasper- teacher, Marie Dupree, Claude L. Slaughter, Johnny Mae Williams, J. B. Ward and Donnie Mae Foreman.

This picture is from the files of H. R. Waggoner. The students were identified and named by J. L. Burley who now lives in Nacogdoches, Texas. If you can identify either of the students he could not name, please let us know. If you have pictures from the past you would like to have placed in faces from the past, please e-mail to informernews08@aol.com or mail a copy to P. O. Box 332, Rusk, Texas 75785.

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Our 44th President of the United States of America, Barack Obama, is widely known as a sports fan and a talented basketball player. His success thus far in his presidency has this journalist using a football analogy to sum up the job he is doing. President Obama is an outstanding leader who continues to advance our march toward recovery on all fronts. He has not fumbled the ball and he has kept his attention on crossing the goal line and making us a great nation once again. The football analogy is appropriate because it "speaks volumes" to the difficult, but effective, strategies President Obama has utilized in maneuvering past his opponents to score decisive wins in domestic and foreign arenas.

One of the great attributes that President Obama and every great leader possesses, is "thick skin" or mental toughness. He has not let criticism; disapproval of his policies; a drop in his popularity in the polls; and attacks from the right wing political groups and individuals deter him from his duties. I truly believe that those who adamantly oppose the president and his policies could somehow look beyond their prejudices and biases to really evaluate the facts surrounding the president's policies, the facts would speak for themselves.

Being president of the United States requires leadership of the highest order. Like it or not, he is the quarterback of our national team. President Obama has to make decisions which he thinks are the best for America, despite the

blocks he has faced from others, including some of his constituents. His outstanding abilities and courage are why he was elected in 2008 to lead America back to the top after 8 years of the Bush administration's defeats. His leadership skills are why he has made, along with the necessary Congressional support, the hard choices needed to propel this country toward victory. While there are many who are cheering for President Obama, there are also many who are not his fans, to say the least. Untold stories, allegations, unfounded personal attacks, character assassinations and outright lies are among the obstacles he has to overcome. Often, insults have been thrown at the President with the velocity of footballs. My gut feeling is that a look at the "stats" will do nothing for the true Obama haters, but further confuse them. Ultimately, history will need to ensure his place in its presidential hall of fame.

To sum it up, if your favorite NFL team was on a losing streak, would you have a problem with the color of politics of the quarterback who shows up and leads them to the playoffs and a shot at the Super Bowl?

God bless America, Africa and the rest of the world.

The Anderson County Historical Commission Announces the Dedication of Two Official Texas Historical Landmarks

Frederick Douglass and Nathaniel
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Dedication ceremonies will be held
as follows:

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25,
2010**

**Palentine, Texas
10:00 a.m.**

**Frederick Douglass Elementary
School 1405 Calhoun Street
12:00 p.m.**

**Nathaniel A. Banks Elementary
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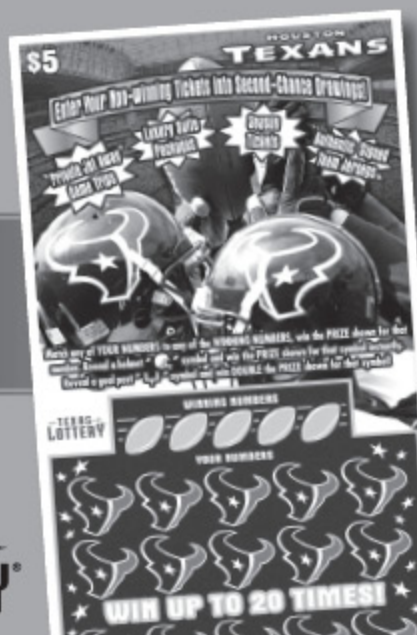
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Rusk Eagle youth Cheerleaders gearup for making some noise and boosting Eagle spirit at the Saturday game held at RHS Eagle Stadium.



Above Adam & Lola Mallard enjoy a surprise birthday party given to her by their children. Lola's 70th birthday was celebrated September 4th at the Southern Hotel Rusk with lots of family and friends.



Rusk Eagle Youth Football & Cheer Association parents and supporters come out in full force to enjoy games at Rusk High School Eagle Stadium on Saturday against Jacksonville teams. The teams will play each Saturday in September.



Lo to R - Walter Session, Tracy Session, Melvin Session, Travis Session, Floyd Franklin (new member), Jerry Hart, President Oliver Sturns, Michael Session (new member), Jerry Leviston and John Griffith. Cherokee Brotherhood Association members present t-shirts to new members at their August monthly meeting.



To the left, These youth are celebrating Labor Day at the Back To School Picnic held Sunday, September 5th at the I/ C. Conley Park. A record attendance showed one hundred youth and close to fifty parents in attendance. The event has been held by the Cherokee Brotherhood Association each year for more than twenty-seven years. The youth played basketball, football and made good use of the playground equipment

while the hot dog and hamburger meal was being prepared by the men.

**Happy Birthday
Trinity Small
September 26th**

Failed Legislation stops Black Farmer's Settlement



The ire that black farmers and their advocates are currently feeling has two targets: the Senate's failure to vote the money to complete the farmers' settlement with the U.S. Department of Agriculture, and President Obama's recent generous offer to white Arkansas farmers. Both examples of political expediency are bitter reminders of black farmers' second-class status.

For five months, the Senate has blocked passage of legislation that contains money to fund the USDA's \$1.25 billion settlement of the second bias suit lodged by blackfarmers. The agreement, called Pigford II, is supposed to redress past USDA racial discrimination cases.

In 1997 Pigford I, the first USDA settlement, provided 13,000 farmers with \$50,000 each and debt relief. Timothy Pigford, a North Carolina farmer, and 400 other African Americans had filed a class-action suit against the USDA, alleging bias in allocation of farm loans and assistance. For decades their complaints were ignored or got a slow response. Pigford II occurred after the USDA admitted that thousands of other black farmers' claims from

the 1990s went uninvestigated.

John Boyd, founder and president of the National Black Farmers Association, says that bills to fund the settlement have failed seven times in the Senate, and a black-farmer attachment was taken out of the recent farm-aid disaster bill. "We have been working on our restitution for 26 years," Boyd says. In August alone, Senate Republicans blocked the settlement twice. Gary R. Grant, president of the Black Farmers and Agriculturalists Association, asks, "Don't these legislators in states suffering economically know the money will boost the income in their state?"

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Happy Birthday
Tony Teague
September 16th

Top ten book releases in September by African American authors



The following books by African American authors have been suggested for great reading. Terry McMillan's "Getting To Happy", tops the list, with "Mother Wit", by Dera Williams and Angelia Menchan close second.

Before You Suffocate Your Own Fool Self by Danielle Evans

Can't Help But Wait by Naija

Color Me Jazzmyne by Marian L. Thomas

Game, Set, Match by Nana Malone

Getting to Happy by Terry McMillan

The Grace of Silence by Michele Norris

Hell's Diva by Anna J

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The Polls Don't Speak For Me!

few freedoms outside their home environment. August 28, 2010 African Americans and other races again, took to the streets to call attention to many of the same conditions that exist today, not only for Blacks, but poor Whites and Latinos. Since the civil rights legislation, many white women, gays, and black men and women have used that law to gain their legal, lawful right to equality on the job, fair employment, equal housing and much more, yet,..... in the year 2010 we see in the news and sometimes in our very own communities, blatant police brutality, discrimination in the business world, and yes unfair treatment of minorities in education. Don't mention unfair hiring practices. All you have to do is look at our county courthouse, where no black faces are seen wearing the title of employee, to know

that the evils of racism and discrimination are alive and well. Black people pay county taxes too, yet they are denied jobs there as though their families don't have to eat.

Not only are we, in 2010, still facing racism and other problems of the sixties, but now the threat to take away the "Freedom To Worship" has raised its ugly head. The main stream media has stirred up controversy surrounding the building of a Muslim Mosque twelve blocks from Ground Zero, in New, York. I have heard a dozen news commentators say," 75% of the American people are against the building of that Mosque and the building of any Mosque on American soil should be banned. Nobody ask me nor the people I converse with on a daily basis how we feel. When did they talk to 75% of the American people? The polls don't speak for me! The church leader in Florida who

plans to burn Korans on September 11th has taken it upon himself to protest the building of the Mosque in New York saying he is doing it in memory of those killed by terrorist there. I wonder does he even know the names of any who perished there? Many of those people were of the Muslim faith. Where is he getting his information? Did he speak with survivors? I also wonder if he has even read the Koran. We need not have a war of words to begin interference with our freedom to worship. I am a Christian like 85% of all Americans. I would be shocked if anybody of another faith even talked about piling up and burning copies of the Holy Bible.

I guess the pollsters will announce that a poll says 75% of Americans agree with burning Korans. What happened to "Do unto others as you would have them do you"? The polls don't speak for me!

The March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom took place in Washington, D.C., on August 28, 1963. Attended by some 250,000 people, it was the largest demonstration ever seen in the nation's capital, and one of the first to have extensive television coverage. The results of that march was the passing of the 1964 Civil Rights Act.

Black people were living under deplorable conditions with



Mr. James I. Perkins, Citizens 1st Bank President, received one of the greatest honors that can be bestowed upon an individual. January 29, 2008 the Stephen F. Austin State University College of Education was named the James I. Perkins College of Education. Seated here are Mr. Perkins, Indianapolis Colts Defensive Back, 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 approximately 936 jobs to East Texas.

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Reclaiming The Dream

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whose philosophy led the anti-civil rights movement of the 1960's. Sharpton concluded, "While they are down there, they ought to have Abe Lincoln tell them why he fought against state's rights and held the union together. they ought to read Dr. King's speech. And then they need to talk to some of us who came up the rough side of the mountain. That's why we are marching. Ain't no trouble. We wouldn't disgrace today by allowing you to provoke us. No matter what you do, we are going

President's Plan

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to celebrate those who laid down their lives to give us a chance. Obama as a tax and spend president. This criticism seems questionable in light of the fact that President George W. Bush spent hundreds of billions of dollars on the Iraq war and gave quite a few tax cuts to the wealthy that ended up increasing our national debt a great deal. It appears unlikely that President Obama will get any of his measures passed any time soon. Additional spending by Democrats is likely to be perceived unfavorably by voters with elections coming up this fall. Even his fellow party members are hesitant to commit to spending additional funds.

Black unemployment has risen to The president's plan is a very good idea. America's infrastructure is falling apart, and there are thousands of roads and bridges in serious disrepair.



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Mechanically speaking, the human eye is a paradox — simple to understand but (so far at least) impossible to replace. As the Texas Department of Assistive and Rehabilitative Services (DARS) puts it, we have "One Pair, No Spare."

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"A dollar every six years isn't much, but BEST has helped thousands of Texans get vision screenings and treatment they otherwise couldn't have afforded," DARS program support specialist Kathleen Wolfington said of the legislatively authorized donation program. "These services wouldn't exist without voluntary contributions. They're the only funding source we have."

Early Detection is Best What does that buck pay for? According to Wolfington, BEST promotes better understanding of vision loss and its causes, supports early detection through regular vision screening and helps Texans who lack insurance or other financial resources cover the sometimes steep cost of medical treatments, including eye surgery. BEST targets the major causes of permanent vision loss and blindness: diabetic retinopathy, glaucoma and detached retina. Detached retina often leads quickly to vision loss but retinopathy and glaucoma can lurk for years before causing obvious effects.

"Retinopathy basically is a result of bleeding inside the eye," Wolfington said. "It's a frequent component of diabetes and

everyone who has diabetes is at risk. It's a sneaky condition because you can have it for quite a while without realizing it. But detecting it early through screening gives you a much better shot at prevention."

Glaucoma, a result of optical nerve damage caused by inner-eye pressure, also can go undetected for long periods and has a better prognosis when detected early, Wolfington said.

"That's why we also pay for non-diagnostic vision screening and encourage annual exams. They're painless and non-invasive. Your physician can spot many potential vision problems with just a quick look and the 'puff of air' [non-contact tonometry] test." Sometimes, vision loss can be headed off through indirect means such as managing diabetes through lifestyle changes.

BEST also can help when acute problems require prompt intervention through surgery, drug-based therapy or other medical means. These treatments aren't cheap, and many Texans couldn't afford them without BEST's help. "Even if we can't cover the whole cost of treatment we often can make it more do-able for them," Wolfington said. But only if enough Texans continue to check the box on drivers license and state ID forms — an option that once came up every four years but now happens only at six-year intervals. "Keep BEST in mind when you're filling out your application and remind your friends, family members and co-workers," Wolfington said. "And if you do choose to support us, please write out our full name: the Blindness Education, Screening and Treatment program." To learn more about BEST, go to www.dars.state.tx.us and click first on Blind Services, then on Blindness Education, Screening and Treatment program.

Texas Health Matters, a Texas Health and Human Services publication.
Comments to: Russell Smith, (512) 424-6966.

THANK YOU

to the Pierce family:

Maxine, Jerry Don and Jeremy

The volunteer hours you spent and the motivation you inspired in others to volunteer touched the lives of so many people who came through the church doors this summer. We will forever be thankful to God and to you for the many kind deeds you performed. The finishing touches you put on the annex are a true work of art. It is our prayer that God continues to bless you and give you the strength to continue making the world a better place.

Mt. Pleasant CME Church Pastor & Members
Rusk, Texas 75785

What's Cookin'



**Pumpkin Pie
Cake**

- 1/2 cup (1 stick) margarine or butter, melted
- 1 package (2 layer size) yellow cake mix
- 1 1/2 cups sugar or Splenda
- 4 eggs, divided
- 2/3 cup evaporated milk
- 1/2 cup brown sugar
- 1 can(29 oz.) pumpkin
- 1 1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/2 cup (1stick) margarine or butter, softened
- 1/2 cup chopped Pecans/walnuts
- Cool Whip Whipped Topping

Heat oven to 350 degrees F. Grease and flour 13 X 9 inch baking pan. Mix melted margarine, cake mix and 1 of the eggs in a large bowl.

Measure 1 cup cake mix mixture; set aside. Press remaining cake mix mixture onto bottom of prepared

pan. Beat pumpkin, 1 cup of the sugar, milk, brown sugar, cinnamon and remaining 3 eggs in large bowl with electric mixer on medium speed until smooth. Poor into crust lined pan.

Mix reserve 1 cup cake mix mixture and softened margine in small bowl. Ad nuts and remaining 1/2 cup sugar/splenda; mix well. sprinkle over pumpkin mixture.

Bake 1 hour or until knife inserted 1 inch from edge comes out clean. Cool on wire rack. Top serving with a Cool Whip

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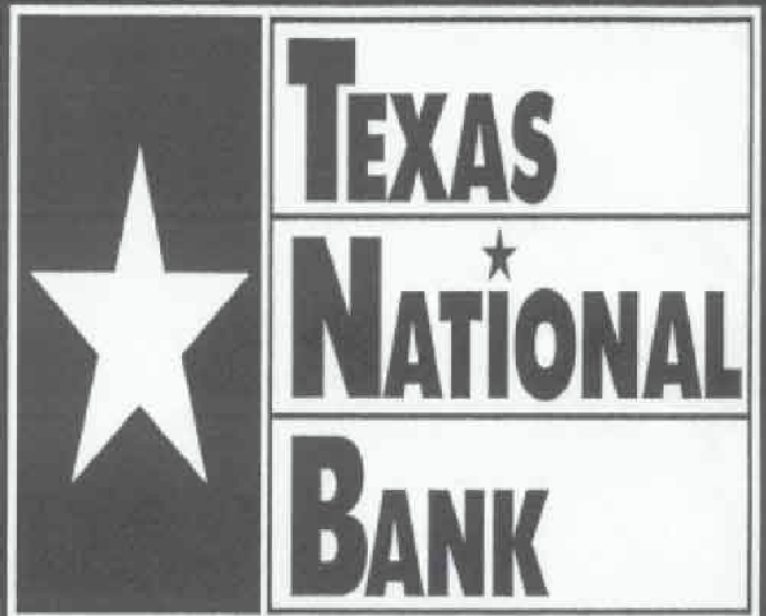
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(Election Day is November 2nd Early voting begins October 11th)

Pol. Adv. paid by Re-Elect Phifer Campaign Ray Penn, Treasurer, P. O. Box 56, Alto, TX. 75925

Rusk Annual Pioneer & Heritage Festival Scheduled

Rusk, TX.- The Rusk Chamber of Commerce is hosting their 15 Annual Pioneer & Heritage Festival on October 2nd and Rusk Civic Center, located at 555 Euclid Street in Rusk, Texas! So come out for the day and enjoy our pioneer demonstrators, confederate soldiers, crafts, food court and much, much more! Have mom bring her favorite jar of "Jam and Jelly", but leave the family recipe at home. You never know that might be the winning \$25 prize. And if Grandmother's quilt is still in that hope chest we would love to see it as we have a room designated for the 5th Annual Quilt Show. The festival begins at 9am and goes to 3pm. Hey, if grandpa want to sit back and enjoy a game a chest bring him to the Ross Senior Activity Center located in the

Civic Center. We've got it All!

After a day of seeing old friends, shopping and kicking back with a turkey leg. Brush off your cowboy boots....and dig out those tight blue jeans cause it's an evening of "BOOT SCOOTIN" fun as country music stars come to town! Pat Waters along with a special appearance by Chad Brock will be at the Rusk Civic Center, located at 555 Euclid Street. Ticket office opens at 4pm with an admission of \$15.00, \$12.00 if you prepay at the Rusk Chamber office located 184 S. Main St. Concert begins at 6pm and if Rusk Rocks the night we will do it all again next year with an even bigger venue.

For more information check out www.RuskChamber.com or call 903-683-4242.....See ya there!

The Booker T. Washington Community Center

The Booker T. Washington Community Center of Alto has been constructed by the Booker T. Washington Alumni at the site of the Former Booker T. Washington High School. The building is 95% complete with the recent installation of ducts, the eaves and sheetrocking of the walls. Fundraisers are being held to complete the interior of the building to 100%. Fundraisers are scheduled and volunteers are needed. If you would like to volunteer or make a donation, please mail to: Booker T. Washington Community Center, P. O. Box 141, Alto, Texas 75925 or contact El Thacker, Margie Coleman, Charles Coleman or Cecil Verdell at 936 858-2336.



The Booker T. Washington Community Center located on hwy 69 North Alto, Texas has been constructed and is almost ready for community use. The center will be available to the community for use by families, community organizations, churches and individuals. For more information contact El Thacker at 936 858-2600, Margie Coleman 936 858-4327 or Charles Ann Smith at 936 858-2178.



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Cherokee Civic Theater presents "Willy Wonka"

Rusk, Texas - What do Oompa Loompas, squirrels and psychedelic adventure down a chocolate river have in common? A fantasy tale of "pure imagination"! Join Willy Wonka, the Candy Man Kids, and a host of characters as they spin Roald Dahl's delightful legend of "WILLY WONKA," the owner of a magical and mysterious chocolate factory, who is ready to retire and is looking for someone to take his place. With the songs you know and love from the family movie "Willy Wonka & the Chocolate Factory," it's a fable about a boy who finds a golden ticket in a Willy Wonka chocolate bar and heads off to see the Willy Wonka factory with his grandpa and other people. It's designed to bring out the "kid" in you. It opens before your very eyes, live, on stage, at the historic Cherokee Civic Theatre in Rusk, Friday-Sunday, Oct. 1-3; and Friday & Saturday, Oct. 8-9. If you want a glimpse of paradise, "WILLY WONKA" will happily

and musically guide you through the streams of confectionery to your destination. Castanya Breen directs an impressive, massive cast, bedecked in colorful costumes through this fantasy tale. Produced by Laura Cunningham; music and Lyrics by Leslie Bricusse and Anthony Newley; adapted for the stage by Leslie Bricusse and Tim McDonald; based on the book "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory" by Roald Dahl. Roald Dahl's Willy Wonka is presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International. All authorized performance materials are also supplied by MTI, 421 West 54th Street, New York, N.Y. 10019. Phone 212-541-4684, Fax 212-397-4684. www.MTIShows.com. "WILLY WONKA" will be performed October 1, 2, 3, 8 & 9, at the historic Cherokee Civic Theatre, 157 W. 5th Street in Rusk. For further information, call 903-683-2131 or visit their website: www.cherokeetheatre.net.

Home Modifications Available for Persons with Disabilities

**in Cherokee, Gregg, Harrison & Rusk Counties
Open Application Period Begins August 23
Through September 24**

Kilgore, TX (August 23, 2010) - ETCOG's housing program, Housing East Texas, announces a 30 day open application period for persons with disabilities in need of accessibility modifications to be served through the 2010 Amy Young Barrier Removal Program. Housing East Texas has been allocated \$225,000 to serve a minimum of fifteen clients in Cherokee, Gregg, Harrison, and Rusk Counties whose household incomes do not exceed 80% of the Area Median Income (AMI). The application period opens August 23, 2010, and will close on September 24, 2010. The program provides one time grants for home modifications specifically needed for accessibility such as wheelchair ramps, lowered cabinets, flashing lights, etc. Due to limited funding, applications will be competitively scored. Funds are targeted to allow for reasonable accommodation or modification for homeowners or a member of their household with disabilities needing assistance to fully access their home. Applications and the Area Median Income (AMI) for Cherokee, Gregg, Harrison, and Rusk Counties are available to download on the ETCOG website or you may call 903.984.8641 x235 for a mailed copy. For more information contact ETCOG's Housing Manager, Karen Cline, at 903.984.8641 x220. About ETCOG The East Texas Council of Governments (ETCOG) is a voluntary association of counties, cities, school districts and special districts within the fourteen-county East Texas region. ETCOG assists local governments in planning for common needs, cooperating for mutual benefit and coordinating for sound regional development. Established in 1970, ETCOG, either directly, or through its contractors, provides programs and services for East Texas seniors, employers, and job seekers. ETCOG and its contractors also build the 9-1-1 emergency call delivery system, provide peace officer training and homeland security planning services; and deliver rural transportation services, business finance programs, and environmental grant funding for the region.

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- Game #830 Instant Bingo (\$2) Overall Odds are 1 in 4.20
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- Game #1008 Tic-Tac-Tex (\$1) Overall Odds are 1 in 4.67
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- Game #1021 Double Doubler (\$2) Overall Odds are 1 in 4.31
- Game #1036 Lucky Times 7 (\$7) Overall Odds are 1 in 3.34
- Game #1048 Money Maker (\$5) Overall Odds are 1 in 3.55
- Game #1053 Giant Jumbo Backs (\$5) Overall Odds are 1 in 3.69

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Pastor: Rev. Travis McGowan

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Pastor: Rev. T.J. Davis, Jr.

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903.683.5876
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Rusk "Feed The Children Ministry" held at Mt. Pleasant CME Church



L to R.-Volunteers Tiffani McGowan, Saral Johnson, Chamell Franklin, Liz, Darryl McGowan, and Flo Bostick finish out the days sack lunch preparation as one of the last participants of the day waits for her lunch.

Rusk, Tx.- To add a little fun and nutrition to their summer, Rusk children were treated to a sack lunch each day from July 9th through August 20th and a book to take home for summer reading. Twenty-four volunteers worked approximately 392 hours to prepare 1,146 sack lunches. The sacks contained a sandwich, chips, cookies or fruit cup/watermelon and juice. Fridays the lunches varied with hot dogs or pizza and ice cream.

Other volunteers were Ella Proctor, Shirley Clark, Kerry Tubbs, Jeremy Pierce, Nate McGowan, Sally Wallace, Joy Mathe, Minnie Hooper, Lois Teague, Jasmine Harris, Janis Hamilton, Sarah Pierce, Waldine Walker,

Tim Walker, Jerry Don Pierce and project coordinators Maxine Pierce and Maxine Session.

Those making donations in addition to members of both churches were Marlene Jowells, Charlie Burfoot, and Toni George who donated watermelons. First Baptist Church donated books from pre-k level to high school. The Sunday School Classes and anonymous donors from First Baptist and Mt. Pleasant members donated money and food supplies to make the program possible.

This event marked the first time an event of this kind was provided in joint effort by two churches. No person requesting a lunch was turned

Children of Cherokee County Enjoy Summer Program



Students and staff participate in summer the Cherokee County Summer Youth Program.

During the summer month of school vacation, most children in the Cherokee County area spend endless hours with nothing to do. This was not the case for youth that attended the Cherokee County Summer Youth Program at Lon Morris College, Jacksonville, Texas. The program started June 2nd and ran through August 13, 2010. Program hours were from 7:00 AM until 5:00 PM. Monday to Friday. Youth from age five to fourteen attended the program and enjoyed arts and crafts, volleyball, and special emphasis was placed on reading, math and science. The children were fed two meals a day and two snacks. They watched movies and went swimming at the Lon Morris where they were supervised by certified life guards, Program Director, Gloria Mays states that the program has been a

success and she looks forward to next year and she hopes that parents will register their children early. The program was sponsored by HII/MA Counseling and Intervention Services of Texas. Ms Mays gives thanks to all business owners and citizens who helped support the program and youth of Cherokee County. She would also like to thank all workers and volunteers assisting with the program, and the Lon Morris College. When the program ended August 23rd planning began immediately for the next year. We know there is a need for programs of this kind," Mays said. "Our goal was to give children a positive rewarding summer months. If you would like to volunteer or donate to our program, please contact Mays at 903-283-6089.

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