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Keith Lollis McDonald's
Owner Says new oatmeal takes
off



McDonald's scrumptious oatmeal has taken a tasteful twist. In addition to the hugely popular Fruit and Maple Oatmeal, they're now offering Apple Cinnamon. Atlanta-area McDonald's owner-operator Keith Lollis says his customers can't get enough of the healthy addition to the menu. "It's our newest flavor, we recently introduced it. It contains red and green apples, walnuts [and] cream for only \$1.99 plus tax. We've hit the mark with the oatmeal. We offer a variety of healthy menu options. We have at least six items that are 300 calories or less; we offer smoothies, bottled water, and orange juice. We are not just offering burgers and fries like we did in 1955."

Lollis owns three McDonald's restaurants in the Atlanta area, including the City of Hapeville (across from the old Ford plant), one on Riverdale Road and another on Camp Creek Parkway; each offers free WiFi. "I've been an owner for five years — two of them in Atlanta and three of them in Dallas," shares Lollis, a Morehouse College graduate.

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America Celebrating a King



Dr. Kings philosophies and ideas focus on seven areas of concern: The community of man, racism, civil rights, justice and freedom, faith and religion, nonviolences and peace. See Pg.3.

EDITORIAL

Texas Redistricting Chaos

A Supreme Court decision recently blocked a set of maps that would have been used by election officials around the state of Texas. A redistricting dispute between the state and minority groups has turned the legality of two sets of rival electoral maps into a question mark, creating uncertainty about the election schedule and what impact changing it will have on local elections, voter turnout, state party conventions in June, Gov. Rick Perry's presidential bid and county budgets.

Less than ninety days before the March 6, Texas Primary, election offices are in limbo.

Lawyers, lawmakers and a San Antonio panel of federal judges are now debating delaying the primary and splitting it into two elections because of the uncertainty after the Supreme Court's decision to hear the case. But as they argue the political and legal consequences of maintaining, pushing back or splitting the primary, local election administrators are worried about the practical side of preparing for upcoming elections.

Hundreds of variations of Democratic and Republican ballots would have already been programmed and proofed by each party. The machines that count absentee ballots and electronic votes on Election Day would have completed, or be in the middle of, testing.

Oh well, everything is in a wait and see mode.

ALL GOD'S CHILDREN

(A M E R I C A ' S WIRE) WASHINGTON-In an often expressed dream for a better America, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. called upon Americans to honor "all God's children" and their rights to equality and justice. His powerful voice and leadership would be welcomed in the turbulent world around us.

Forty-three-years after the March on Washington, Dr. King's dream of equality for all remains unrealized – the impact of racism persists and children of color still live with the consequences of the racial divide embedded in American society. Our leaders face mounting fiscal challenges, yet we urge the nation not to abandon children in need. As the struggling economy brings fear and despair to families and communities, America must marshal its resources to assure that our children have opportunities to thrive.

There is an intersection between Dr. King's dream and efforts by government, non-profit advocates and communities working to improve the quality of life for vulnerable children.

Recent census data soundly demonstrates the challenges we face, as a nation, in assuring that future generations can succeed. The poverty rate for children in the U.S. is at 20.7 percent, with 35.7 percent of African-American children living in poverty, 33.1 percent of Hispanic children, 17.7 percent of white children and 14 percent of Asian-American children.

Even more disturbing is that those numbers are rapidly increasing. The census also found that 1.4 million children fell into poverty for the first time in 2009.

Efforts to revive the economy will grow even more difficult in the future if the nation doesn't address child poverty. The Center for American Progress says that in 2007, even before the recession, the economy took a \$500 billion hit from child poverty because of increased costs and decreases in productivity. In fact, economists estimate that child poverty resulted in a 4 percent decrease in the U.S. gross domestic product.

for health care and criminal justice. But the statistics don't tell the entire story. There is an emotional toll on Americans when we recognize that our nation is failing our children. We cannot relegate millions of children to a future without opportunities, a destiny of poverty and social exclusion. That is not the American Dream, and it is an anathema to Dr. King's dream for our nation.

We must embark on new ways to overcome current child and family poverty statistics and the trajectories they portend. Clearly a shift in federal budget priorities is needed. England has proven that child poverty can be dramatically reduced, if it becomes a national priority. Since 1994, England has cut its child poverty rate by more than 50 percent by establishing public policies such as these: providing tax incentives to single parents for finding jobs, improving public benefits for parents, increasing the minimum wage, allowing parents of young children to request flexible work hours and implementing a comprehensive preschool program. The Center for American Progress says that if \$90 billion a year for 10 years is used to fund policies addressing child poverty, the United States can reduce child poverty by 41 percent.

Furthermore, the nation must also address the legacy of the mythology of racism that fueled the nation's early economic engines, jumpstarting the United States' meteoric rise to its position as a world power. Racism played a critical role in the development of this country. Its hallmark was systematic dehumanization codified into law for centuries. Related inhumane, destructive and exclusionary practices left indelible impressions in the minds and hearts of people. These impressions or beliefs became feelings and memories (both conscious and unconscious) that have been passed down through generations. Related behaviors are encoded in the patterns of families, communities, ordinances and organizations.

The legacy of our racialized past remains embedded in today's societal structures, continuing to negatively



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Black America Celebrating a King

The Terror and brutality that reigned in the lives of black people in the south prior to Dr. King and the Civil Rights Movement explain why

As across American, East Texans celebrate Dr. King's Birthday each January with musicals, marches, speeches, plays, parades and much more in celebration and in teaching about Dr. King as a person, promoting his place in history.

Much of the teaching and the planning of celebrations are rooted in the Black church and some educational institutions.

Dr. King was a man with plans and dreams to become a Baptist preacher, who instead, by the time he died at age thirty-eight had led millions of people into shattering the Southern System of Segregation of the Races. Shattering with that, many of the overt abuses of human and civil rights against people of the black race.

White and colored only signs were posted in every rural and city town in the south, segregating schools, restaurants, hotels, theaters, housing; drinking fountains, waiting rooms, lavatories as well as from city hall to the county courthouse. Much of it aimed at hurting the human dignity of black men women and children in the worst kind of way. Race prejudice and discrimination existed in the north as well. It was subtle with the techniques of psychology and policy.

Being a Black person in America was not a comfortable existence. From the more than 300 years of slavery with all its horrors to the 1900's world of Jim Crow, what state legislators didn't think of local officials did. For example, South Carolina laws forbade blacks and whites from playing checkers together or looking out the same factory window. In Atlanta an African American could not "swear to tell the truth"



using the same Bible as a white witness used. A Louisiana law required all circuses, shows, and tent exhibitions to maintain two ticket windows, spaced at least 25 feet apart with separate ticket sellers for blacks and whites. Along with such statutes were the practices that became southern traditions of racial life. Whites called a black man "boy" and blacks called a white man "Mister". Black children couldn't begin their school year until after Columbus Day as they were needed to harvest white people's crops. A black person had to step off the sidewalk when encountering a white person, place money on a store counter to avoid touching a white salesperson's hand. Public hangings of black people took place at the whim of any white man who had the mind to punish a black person.....men women or children. Jim Crow practices were even more devastating emotionally than Jim Crow laws.

Beginning in 1890, when Mississippi led the southern states in amending their constitutions to exclude most black people from voting, any chance of of changing the

segregation laws through the vote ended. As a result of the disenfranchisement of black Southerners, jury pools were exclusively white. The required payment of Poll Taxes and literacy test requirements, as well as property ownership requirements effectively kept black people from their constitutional right to vote. The United States Supreme Court, for whatever reasons, legitimized segregation. Over a period of two decades had gained after the Civil War. the court deliberately eroded the legal protections and freedoms of African Americans.

Don't challenge white people was the advice black parents gave their children for generation after generation because of the rigid caste system that allowed only a few African Americans to break free. Southern laws and customs created an almost insurmountable barrier to education, to self-esteem, anything other than a menial job, and to living the American Dream. Black people had

no choice but to avoid confrontation. Many African Americans turned to their faith. Faith gave them the moral principals and inner strength to carry on with daily life and for some to resist their oppressors.

King married Coretta Scott, on June 18, 1953, on the lawn of her parents' house in her hometown of Heiberger, Alabama. They became the parents of four children; Yolanda King, Martin Luther King III, Dexter Scott King, and Bernice King. King became pastor of the Dexter Avenue Baptist Church in Montgomery, Alabama, when he was twenty-five years old, in 1954. King then began doctoral studies in systematic theology at Boston University and received his Doctor of Philosophy on June 5, 1955, with a dissertation on "A Comparison of the Conceptions of God in the Thinking of Paul Tillich and Henry Nelson Wieman".

Dr. King was born January 15, 1929 and was assassinated in Memphis Tennessee on April 4, 1968.

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Preventing Reading Problems

designed to prevent problems in literacy from developing rather than trying to correct a problem after it is established. For the most part, such programs have been used in first and second grades. Several of these have proven very effective when compared to conventional compensatory reading programs. Research report that while 77% of the students in their early intervention project were reading at a primer level at the end of first grade, only 18% of a comparison group who participated in a traditional title 1 program achieved that level of reading proficiency. While almost half (47%) of the students in the conventional title 1 program remained nonreaders at the end of first grade, only 7% of the early intervention students were nonreaders. Thus, a growing body of evidence suggests that almost all reading problems are preventable. A review of the research literature indicates that there are at least 5 early reading intervention programs that have documented effectiveness. 2 of the 5 programs success for all, and the Winston-Salem Project involve comprehensive reorganization of the entire classroom routine; all students in the grades in which the program is implemented are affected. In the Winston-Salem Project all first and second grade reading/ language arts instruction was reorganized around form major, thirty minute blocks of activities: teacher directed group reading activities, word learning activities, writing, and self-

selected reading. In addition, in the school that served a very high proportion of at-risk students, an additional 45-minute block of time for very small-group instruction was included. During this small group instruction time, students had additional opportunities to practice reading, writing and word learning activities. The Boulder Program and Reading Recovery are add-on, pull out programs; They are added to whatever approach to language arts instruction is being used in a school.

The reading Recovery Programs which originated in New Zealand, has been widely implemented in the United States and in several other countries as well. It is exclusively a first grade one-to-one tutoring program. Reading Recovery is also recognized for the extensiveness of its teacher training program, which is conducted over the course of a year with fully certified teachers. The Early Intervention in Reading program. Regular first and second grade classroom teachers work for an extra twenty minutes with the 5 or 6 students who are encountering the greatest amount of difficulty in learning to read. All 5 programs clearly acknowledge that the small group or individual early intervention instruction that students receive in an addition to, not a substitute for, the instructor they receive as part of the regular classroom programs. However, even when early intervention instruction is added to an effective existing reading program, there is also the anticipation that the sound practices that are part of the early intervention program will become infused into regular classroom instruction if they are not already part of it. All of the programs reflect a model of reading as an active, meaningful Constructive process. Before reading activities are used to build or activate relevant background knowledge, concepts, and vocabulary. Students are taught to monitor their reading to ensure that what they are reading makes sense. They are taught strategies for connecting word recognition errors that detract from meaning, and they are given opportunities for reacting and responding to selections they have read. All of the successful programs often students special instruction on a daily basis for periods ranging from 20 to 45 minutes. It is also noted that the highest number of students who work with one teacher in any of these early intervention programs is seven. Programs such as Early Intervention in Reading and the Boulder Project present evidence that many children can make significant progress when instruction is given to small groups of students; however, there is no question that one to one tutoring is the most powerful form of intervention. These programs use methods and material that help students to recognize words accurately and rapidly, and to group words into meaningful phrases—the three dimensions of fluency. There is clear evidence encouraged to reread a book several times once it has been introduced. or frustration for students, each new look is introduced with as much support

There is evidence that the repeated reading of a text leads to improved word identification skills and comprehension to avoid failure evidence that unless students become fluent in their ability to identify words, they will have difficulty concentrating their attention or comprehending and responding to the texts they read. To build fluency, students these programs also include activities that help students focus on and become familiar with printed words (not copy them) is a very effective approach in developing word recognition and reading skills. For example, in the Early Intervention in Reading Program the students select a sentence to write. The teacher then encourages each student to think about the spelling of each word and to write as much of the word as he or she can. When a student is reading aloud, a teacher must decide when to coach a child in the use of strategic behavior and which strategies and skills to teach the child to use. When students are writing, decisions must be made about how much and which forms of support should be given. All of the early intervention programs stress the importance of cooperation between home and school. The most common form of assessment in these early intervention program is checking the students' oral reading of texts that have been part of instruction. Various terms such as running record, miscue analysis, and oral reading checks are used to describe the recording of a child's oral reading performance. All of the programs I have described rely almost exclusively on certified teachers to deliver the intervention procedures so that the training that is provided builds upon an existing foundation of professional preparation. Though this is not a characteristic that is reflected in the research articles about the early intervention programs, it is a characteristic that is very evident if one talks with or observes teachers in these programs. This characteristic likewise is not reflected in the research literature but, again, is very evident when one observes the programs in operation. Every child has the right to develop into a thoughtful, competent reader.

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Women in Tyler to announce 2012 honorees

The Women in Tyler Planning Committee will host a reception to introduce the 2012 honorees soon. The 2012 Women in Tyler Day's 14th Annual Luncheon will be held on March 22, 2012, to honor these "Women Who Give." The time is 5:30 p.m., Monday, January 9, 2012 at the McClendon House located at 806 W. Houston Tyler, Texas. The public is invited to attend to meet the 2012 honorees and learn why they were chosen.

Nomination committee members and honorees will be available before and after the meeting for interviews outside of the McClendon House.

Women in Tyler was founded in 1999 as a way to celebrate Women's History Month and to honor women who have contributed to the quality of life in our community. Each year, a planning committee has gathered to select women who are then honored at a celebratory luncheon held each March.

"What makes this celebration unique is its diversity and ability to bring the whole community together," said Daye Collins, who co-chairs the nomination committee. "It brings together women who might never know each other, from different professions and different social groups." Past honorees have included women who have made their mark in the arts, in business, through volunteerism, courage in the face of difficulty, in historic preservation, health care, education and many other areas.

New Property Tax Exemption for Veterans' Surviving Spouses

(AUSTIN) — Texas continues to do its part to keep helping military veterans and their families. A full homestead property tax exemption that began in 2009 to help totally disabled military veterans will extend to their surviving spouses after January 1.

"This new provision will help families who have been a part of the tremendous sacrifice that veterans have given our country," said Texas Comptroller Susan Combs. "Texas voters overwhelmingly passed a constitutional amendment that will allow surviving spouses of totally disabled veterans to continue to claim a full homestead exemption and not pay property taxes on their home."

In 2009, veterans began receiving an exemption for the total appraised value of their residential homesteads if they have received 100 percent disability rating or are considered unemployable by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. Based on information provided by appraisal districts, about 35,300 veterans currently receive that exemption.

The homestead exemption for surviving spouses of veterans who received the exemption begins January 1. Senate Bill 516 allows the total Follow us on Twitter! Get quick Comptroller news and information you need to do business in Texas.

homestead exemption if a surviving spouse does not remarry after a disabled veteran passes away and the property remains the homestead of the surviving spouse. Surviving spouses would have to apply for the tax exemption through their county appraisal district. The application form containing property tax exemptions has been updated for residents and appraisal districts to use. It can be found at <http://www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/taxforms/50-114.pdf>.

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Throughout his college years and even during his career as a prosecutor in San Diego, Calif., his cousin was always recruiting him to join the wonderful world of McDonald's owner-operators. "He would say to me, 'At some point in your career, you may want to make a detour. Come talk to me and I will let you see how to run the business.' I gave it a try in 2004."

When asked to share business tips for someone considering becoming a franchisee, he says, "Save your money. Be flexible in your plans. The timing can be either fairly fast or slow. Also, be engaged in the business. Do your due diligence from the accounting side of the business to the operational side. It's all-encompassing and not one of those businesses where you can check in and operate remotely. You are intimately involved as both owner as well as operator."

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Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

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Holly Springs-Delmar Cemetary Management Group Meets



L-R H. R. Waggoner, Sandra Carter, Sarai Johnson and Alice Matthew members of group.

To join the group contact one of the members at the numbers below: (903) 795-3274, (903) 795-3866, (903) 283-8433 or (903) 683-4747.

Rusk, TX. - The Holly Springs - Delmar Cemetary Management Group held the last meeting for the fiscal year 2011 on December 10th. An evaluation of the 2011 goals showed all goals met for the year except for the raffle, which was tabled and will be considered again in 2012.

Donations and some volunteer services received in 2011 maintained the cutting of the grass on an as needed basis, clearing the brush and undergrowth, the clearing and trimming of large and small trees, the application of weed killer control to the new growth and the burning of brush collected from cuttings. The first 2012 meeting will be held Saturday, February 18th, at 9:00Am at the Texas Informer Office Building 941 Loop 343. The meeting is open to the public. Bids will be taken on the upkeep of the cemetary. The committee is still seeking new volunteers. This is an opportunity to do good deeds for the Holly Springs-Delmar Community Legacy.

Madam C. J. Walker Revolutionized hair care for

African Americans

Madam C. J. Walker was the first Black female millionaire. She was born Sarah Breedlove in Delta Louisiana December 23, 1867. Her parents were poor farmers and former slaves. They lived in a rundown shack on a plantation on the Mississippi River, sleeping on a dirt floor and picking cotton from sunup to sunset. She was orphaned at age seven. Her husband was killed when she was twenty. At age 38, working as a washerwoman, in St. Louis to support herself and her daughter, she found herself going bald and began experimenting with medicines and secret ingredients to grow back her hair. She developed a formular with sulphur as a main ingredient that grew her hair faster than she lost it. She began selling the pomade which she called "Miracle Hair Grower". She opened beauty schools and trained agents.



L to R- Nate McGowan, Tre' McGowan, birthday boy and Reginal Joel McGowan, II with Tre' blowing out the candle on his first birthday cake, December 14th. The party was held in Rusk the home of Kathy Harris, his grandmother. His grandmother Angela, aunts uncles and cousins of Alto and Rusk were present along with his grandfather Reggie. Tre' is the son of Joel and Vivian McGowan of Tyler

Thompson- Teague- Sneed Foundation shares Holiday spirit of giving with five local families



Rusk, TX.- The spirit of giving is high on the agenda for the Thompson-Teague-Sneed Foundation. November and December were busy months for Johnny Thompson of Dallas, Joe Teague of Jacksonville and Alvin Sneed of Grand Prairie. On a Saturday in the month of November the three brought a large variety of men women and children clothing to Rusk, set up at the Informer office on the loop and gave them away to everyone who could make use of them.

Christmas was special for nineteen children in five families in the Rusk area. The foundation members shopped for clothing, toys and food items for Christmas dinner. The items were packaged separately for each family and delivered the week of Christmas.

“We just want to show that we care. Giving of what we have is the best way to do that”, Said Johnny Thompson. This was the second Christmas the foundation gave a hand to local citizens in helping to make their holidays brighter.

Johnny (Billy), Alvin and Joe are all native Ruskites, born, raised and educated here in Rusk. Their close friendship with each other goes back to kindergarten days. Even tho they all moved away, Rusk and the people here remain special in their hearts.

Lto R- Floyd, Alvin, Johnny , and Joe pause to visit after delivery of clothes, food and toys to five families and a total of nineteen children in the area including the children pictured here.

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L to R - Alvin Sneed, Joe Teague and Johnny Thompson visit with mother and children in this family after deliving food and gifts.

Religion



Things to remember that make life's choices easier

* Walk in obedience to God's Word- *"one who turns away his ear from hearing the law, even in his prayers is an abomination."* (Proverbs 28:9)

* Bring all your concerns confidently before God- *"Certainly God has heard me; He has attended to the voice of my prayer."* (Psalm 66:19)

* Remember to pray in times of trouble- *"The eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, and his ears are open to their cry... The righteous cry out, and the Lord hears, and delivers them out of all their troubles."* (Psalm 34:15, 17).

* Make it a goal to replace worry with prayer- *"Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God"* (Philippians 4:6)

* Cultivate prayer as a ministry- *"Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints"* (Ephesians 6:18)

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1324	Texas Lottery Black II - Overall Odds are 1 in 3.32	\$10	11/26/11	05/24/12
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1257	Mega Jumbo Bucks III - Overall Odds are 1 in 3.40	\$10	01/04/12	07/02/12
1298	Neon 9's - Overall Odds are 1 in 4.86	\$2	01/04/12	07/02/12
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Comptroller's Office Offers Vital Resource for Business Owners Looking for Answers to Their State Tax Questions

(AUSTIN) — Understanding state tax responsibilities can be a daunting task for business owners. As the owner of a ranch operation herself, Texas Comptroller Susan Combs knows the unique challenges facing business owners and is committed to providing resources to assist in success.

During the month of January, the Comptroller's office will conduct 16 free taxpayer seminars across the state. At these seminars, taxpayers can learn how to properly fill out sales tax forms, filing and paying taxes electronically and e-services to help taxpayers manage their accounts online. Comptroller representatives will be available to answer questions and provide assistance to attendees.

"We want to empower Texas

business owners by making resources and information accessible. Conducting these seminars and making our team of tax specialists available provides much needed expert guidance," said Comptroller Combs. "A strong and diverse business community is the key to Texas' long-term economic strength," said Comptroller Combs.

A complete list of locations, dates and times of the taxpayer seminars is available at www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/seminars.html. Those who are unable to attend the seminars can call the Comptroller's tax assistance line at 1-800-252-5555. Tax forms and tax information can also be found on the Comptroller's website, www.window.state.tx.us.

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Holly Wood's Time



Billy "Hollywood" Groves

Is the GOP the New Face of Segregation?

By Billy "Hollywood" Groves,
CEO of The Crockett, Texas
"Grooves Standard"

day Republican Party, except for a few individuals of color, the GOP is mostly made up of one race of people. One doesn't have to be a rocket scientist to understand that when you deliberately separate one group of Americans from another group of Americans, usually it's for a distinct purpose. The purpose in all of this recent (last few years) GOP gerrymandering in my mind, is to divide America along racial lines. I truly believe the leadership of the Republican Party is not happy with Americans of all races, ethnicities, colors, religions, and diverse backgrounds living, cooperating and interacting with each other as one cohesive nation.

This strategy is nothing new—divide and conquer is a timeworn maneuver. If you divide a nation, you can conquer that nation. Modern day GOP members know that Americans these days are more united as a people than they have ever been in the past. They also know that Americans come to admire and respect other Americans when they have the opportunity to live, work, socialize and vote together. I will end this conversation by saying, as a man who believes in God, I don't hate the Republican Party; I just know that their policies and mindsets are racially, socially and economically divisive and self-serving.

For a long time the GOP has not shown any proclivity to work with any Americans (other than a few token, racial stereotypes) who are different from themselves.

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Tuskegee Airmen - Black History in Motion

Coming soon to a theater near you!



Based on a true story, The Tuskegee Airmen chronicles the experiences of the first African-American fighter pilots in the U.S. Army Air Corps. Using Hannibal Lee (Laurence Fishburne) as a focal point, the movie follows the airmen from their initial training at Tuskegee, Alabama, through their combat assignments during World War II. Featuring fascinating vintage military planes and exciting air-combat footage, the film also depicts the racism encountered by the pilots. In one example, the airmen are forced to give their seats on a crowded train to German prisoners of war. Even after the airmen complete their training, the military brass is reluctant to trust them in battle. But First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt publicizes their plight by going to Tuskegee and having one of the African-American pilots take her for a plane ride, and shortly thereafter the airmen are assigned

a combat role. Eventually they join with other African-American pilots in the 332nd Fighter Group where their skill in protecting bombers from enemy fighters finally earns them the respect they deserve. The screen story was co-authored by Robert Williams, one of the pilots trained at Tuskegee. ~ RovCast
Andre Braugher - Benjamin O. Davis

Laurence Fishburne - Hannibal Lee
Cuba Gooding, Jr. - Billy Roberts
Bennet Guillory - Hannibal's Father
David Harrod - White Pilot #1
Brett Jones - Right Waist Gunner
Johnny Judkins - White Pilot #2
Tim Kelleher - Lt. Wesley (B17)
Ed Lauter - General Stevenson
John Lithgow - Senator Conyers
Janet MacLachlan - Hannibal's Mother
Christopher McDonald - Major Joy
Willie Minor - Black Prisoner
Perry Moore - Reggie Newton
Rosemary Murphy - Eleanor Roosevelt
Allen Payne - Walter Peoples
Marco Perella - Col. Sirca
William Earl Ray - Tank
Courtney B. Vance - Lt. Glenn
Ned Vaughn - Capt. Butler (B-17)
Eddie Braun - Tail Gunner
Malcolm-Jamal Warner - Leroy Cappy
Vivica A. Fox - Charlene
Rick Snyder - Chairman Cassidy
Daniel Hugh Kelly - Col. Rogers

"Courageous" - Sunday Feb. 19, 2012-2:00pm The Mt. Pleasant CME

Church Family invites you to join us to watch the movie "Courageous". "Courageous" is a movie about 4 men and their journey to become better men, fathers, husbands and leaders in a God-honoring way. February is Black History Month. Come socialize and fellowship as we recognize the God fearing men of our lives. Bring your family and the seat cushions, we will bring the popcorn, hotdogs, pickles, candy, nachoes and soft drinks.

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As a keen observer of political trends, I can't help but notice the gerrymandering done by Republicans in America over the years. The dictionary defines the word gerrymander as, "arrangement of the political divisions of a state, county, etc., made to give one political party an unfair advantage in elections". Former Texas U.S. Congress-man Tom "the Hammer" Delay, a Republican, and his GOP buddies did a controversial gerrymandering job on Texas voting precincts a few years back. That Texas gerrymandering initiative, which many minorities are calling illegal, is currently being challenged in the courts. While gerrymandering has been part of American politics for a long time, the way the Republican Party has aggressively utilized it these days evokes thoughts of past racial segregation and voter disenfranchisement. For starters, the way the GOP has drawn their Republican voting maps clearly not only strengthens the GOP district, but isolates and puts African Americans and other minorities in large precincts with less representation. In other words, they weaken minority precincts by consolidating residents of these neighborhoods into fewer voter precincts. The end result of this GOP gerrymandering, in the mind of this seasoned journalist, is a modern day map of how to bring back old time segregation. The problems that America went through during the era of Jim Crow Laws and more recent segregation practices are well documented. It was a dark period in our history for African American

These 4 Things Happen Right Before a Heart Attack

By S.A. Nickerson

Every year, approximately 785,000 Americans suffer a first heart attack. And 470,000 who've already had one or more heart attacks have another one. The scary thing is that 25 percent of ALL heart attacks happen "silently," without clear or obvious symptoms.

Even when symptoms occur, they can be so mild or vague, most people don't even realize it's heart-related (unless they are made aware). Four things in particular are the most sinister signs of a silent heart attack. These four things are the focus of a recent video presentation by renowned cardiovascular expert Dr. Chauncey Crandall: Silent Heart Attacks: A Special Newsmax Heart Health Report. According to Dr. Crandall, the reason silent heart attacks go untreated is because people don't even notice the symptoms, so he created a

special video presentation to show the four things to look for that may be a silent warning — before it's too late to intervene and survive the damage.

Silent Heart Attacks: A Special Newsmax Heart Health Report Timing is the most critical factor for survival. Statistics show a clear link between delay in treatment and disability or death — the amount of time that elapses between the first sign of symptoms and receiving care.

That's why knowing what to look for in terms of symptoms is critical, especially when they're the kind that most people don't think to associate with a heart attack — like the four things in Dr. Crandall's video, Silent Heart Attacks: A Special Newsmax Heart Health Report.

Originally developed as an educational tool, this video quickly went viral, surpassing five million viewers in just a few short months.

What's Cook'in



8 servings

Buttermilk Biscuit Sausage Pinwheels

- 1/4 cup shortening
- 2 cups self-rising flour
- 1 cup buttermilk
- 1 pound ground pork sausage

In a medium size bowl, thoroughly mix the shortening into the flour. (Optional: A pastry blender or a food processor can be used.) Add the buttermilk and mix. On a lightly floured surface, knead the dough gently,

adding additional flour if it is too sticky. Roll out into a 9 X 12-inch rectangle. Spread the sausage over the dough. Roll up like a jelly roll, starting from the short side of the rectangle. Chill for 30 minutes.

Preheat oven to 425 degrees. Cut the chilled dough into 1/2 inch slices. Place on lightly greased baking sheet. Bake for 25 to 30 minutes or until sausage is cooked and dough is brown.

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As a nation, we actually perform quite well in reading achievement when compared to other industrialized nations or to past performances here in the United States. Nonetheless, reading problems remain common in many of our schools. The results from the successful early intervention programs strongly suggest that many of these problems are preventable. It is also encouraging to note that many features are shared by these successful programs. A serious consideration of these common features maybe very helpful in the design of new programs. It seems important to note the sizeable number of teachers and judges in needed. for example, a "picture walk" is often used as a reading activity. Another frequently used technique is shared reading, in which the text is read just by the teacher as students follow along in the text. Then as a group, students progress to reading the text with teacher help is needed. The

types of texts more frequently used in early intervention programs are predictable texts. The earliest books used in the programs tend to have a close match between pictures and texts, have recurring language patterns, and include repetition of language elements, which make them easy for students to read. Reading new texts and rereading familiar texts also ensure that students in these programs engage in meaningful, connected reading. This is hearing about characteristics of early intervention programs. Those are the characteristics of good reading instruction in general. e of you. Until next time take care of yourself.

-Mrs. Ferlich July-Arrington

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