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Unemployment Rate Rises To 8.3 Percent; Black Rate Down Slightly

WASHINGTON — The U.S. economy generated jobs last month at the fastest pace since February, a sign it is resilient enough to pull out of a midyear slump and grow modestly even as the rest of the world slows down.

The 163,000 jobs employers added in July ended three months of weak hiring. But the surprising gains weren't enough to drive down the unemployment rate, which ticked up to 8.3 percent last month from 8.2 percent in June — the 42nd straight month the jobless rate has exceeded 8 percent. The Black unemployment rate is 14.1 percent. The latest job numbers, released Friday by the Labor Department, provided fodder both for President Barack Obama, who highlighted improved hiring in the private sector, and Republican challenger Mitt Romney, who pointed toward higher unemployment. Government cutbacks continued to weigh heavily on the job market. The economy lost 9,000 government jobs last month and 660,000 over the past two years.

Private companies have picked up part of the slack. In fact, private payrolls are higher now than they were when Obama took office in January 2009.

In July, private sector job gains were broad-based. Manufacturing added 25,000 jobs, the most since March. Restaurants and bars added 29,000. Temporary help services added 14,100 jobs. Retailers hired 7,000 more workers. Education and health services gained 38,000.

Della Rae local Oregon hero has Rusk, Texas Roots



Della Rae has helped meet the needs of the community through donorsresource.org, the organization she founded. See story page 3.

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EDITORIAL/OPINION

Dissatisfied with Congressman

I attended the Town Hall meeting conducted by Congressman Jeb Hensarling in Rusk, Tx on July 2nd. The Honorable Hensarling presented his views on the Affordable Health Care Act and the resultant Supreme Court Decision regarding same. He reluctantly accepts the Supreme Court decision but now plans to work in the Congress to repeal the Act itself thus causing the Decision to become moot. He spoke at length about possible negative impact the act will have on jobs in our area; he expressed concern about the possible negative impact on small businesses; the impact on availability of physicians to treat patients in the area, and of course the impact the Affordable Health Care legislation will have on the National Debt. I think even the congressman will agree that these "negative impacts" are in fact speculative; and based on the small samples he quoted, they are questionable. I am reminded of my many visits to my health care provider who from time to time prescribes medicine for me. He always cautions me that the drugs may have some negative side effects, but he believes that "known" benefits of the medications far outweigh the "potential" risks. I believe this risk benefit analysis is appropriate when we consider the Affordable Health Care Act (or OBAMCARE) as some of my republican friends delight in calling it. I was disappointed that the Congressman failed to mention any of the benefits. He failed to consider the vast number

that his constituents are now receiving and will continue to receive when his Act is fully implemented. to young people in this district who will benefit from being able to remain covered by their parents insurance until they reach age 26. He apparently does not think that a provision of the Act, when fully implemented, preventing insurers from denying coverage to persons, young and old, because of a pre-existing condition is beneficial. The Act prevents insurance companies from placing annual or lifetime caps on health benefits, but this was not deemed worthy of being mentioned by our congressman during the Town Hall meeting. Nor did he mention that preventive care services are available now without charge thru Medicare and private health plans. I trust that Mr. Hensarling is aware that when fully implemented, 100% of his constituents will have some health insurance, thus contributing their "fair share" to overall health care system. These are just a few of the benefits required by Act. I suspect when my fellow citizens become fully aware of the "actual" benefits of the Act, they will be less inclined to agree with the naysayers who spend their time touting the "possible?" side effects.

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China Sites America on Treatment of Minorities

By Billy "Hollywood" Groves, CEO

I recently heard on Texas had surpassed the number of people in prisons. This recent news is the heels of another China criticizes the rights. While China has record on human rights issues, communist China still about itself to "call human rights issues. China cited America's



putting so many of its own citizens in prisons and they also mentioned the high unemployment of minorities in America.

Before I go any further with this conversation, I want to say that I'm not a China or communist sympathizer or supporter whatsoever; what I am is a Freedom Fighter, a Freedom Writer and a common sense thinker who understands that locking up record numbers of Americans is not the answer. Having said that, I represented that opinion on the subject; I offer my thoughts on this sensitive issue. It was Ray Charles who had a song about "Understanding Is the Best Thing in the World". Ray Charles explained in that song, that couples had to have an understanding with each other in order to have a good relationship. Charles knew that people had to have clear comprehension and an understanding of potential problems so that they could deal with them before they became unmanageable. In my mind, America's judicial jurisprudence does not understand the people who are caught up in its judicial system, and obviously the people who are caught up in this system don't understand the dynamics of the "system". When we examine the root cause of crime and why so many people are sentenced to prisons, we have to look at America's economic situation. It seems like the worse our economy gets, the more people get involved in law breaking activities, trying to survive economically.

Conventional wisdom has always shown us that, African Americans, other minorities and poor whites, have been the folks most victimized by economic inequities and shortages. Now that I have given you a picture of what is fueling the rise of people incarcerated in America's prisons, the next question is "Why are we continuing on this path?" Well, the case can be made that American justice is behind the times and the system is doing the best it can to meet the increase in today's crime wave. Then the case can also be made that Texas prisons and other American prisons are nothing more than elements of America's "Prison Industrial Complex".

The Prison Industrial Complex is a term that has been used to describe America's prison systems. That term came about because inmates in American prisons were being hired as free labor for American companies and American prison systems were making money off incarcerated people. It's a fact American prisons are not trying to rehabilitate incarcerated people anymore. Restorative justice has been pushed aside in favor of punitive measures. The system is not effectively trying to neither educate nor prepare inmates with the skills they need to survive in the real world. If this is truly what's happening (and many people feel this is the case) then we must get an understanding between America's judicial system and the people incarcerated now and those who will be incarcerated in the future. That understanding should start with the judicial system and the powers that be in that system informing Americans about how they conduct business. The system needs to let people under their jurisdiction know the pros and cons of their system and what to expect. The people exercising their authority need to know the real

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Della Rae Launches DonorsResource.org

Lake Oswego, Oregon Hero Roots sprang from Rusk Waggoner Family

H. R. Waggoner of Rusk, better known as Hubert Waggoner, proudly shares the story of his daughters Della and Deborah and the launching of Della's DonorsResource.org., which makes giving simple.

Della founded the organization in 2005 mainly with the help of her sister Deborah and friends. DonorsResource.org connects individuals and businesses who want to donate items with nonprofit organizations that need them. Our message is simple: "Meet a Need. Donate Stuff."

The family moved to a beautiful home in Lake Oswego, Oregon in 2004. Married with children and a stay-at-home mom, in 2005 Della found herself in a slight dilemma. She sold a weekend home. Finding that she had extra dishes, linens and furniture, much more than her family needed, she was eager to share what she had with those less fortunate.

None of the big-name charities she phoned were willing to take all the stuff she wanted to donate. Della called her sister Deborah to see if she knew of a place that would take it. Deborah did not, and she mentioned that she had a stockpile, too.

Della asked friends from the Lake Oswego Mothers Club, but they also had castoffs for which they couldn't find homes. Della says, "We thought, wouldn't it be cool if we combined everything and got it directly to a disadvantaged family."

Then Della thought back to her volunteer work years with the *Childrens Community Clinic* in Portland, which serves disadvantaged community members. Della figured the clinic's staff was bound to know of a family that could benefit from her hand-me-downs. She called and learned about a victim of domestic violence who along with her children, had escaped in the middle of the night with her three small children. They had relocated to Portland with nothing but the clothes on their backs, and were living with the woman's parents in a one-bedroom apartment while they awaited public housing.

Certainly they could use whatever Della and Deborah could drum up.

The sisters got busy. They made a list of what they already had, then gathered additional necessities from generous pals. "The response was amazing," she says. Within days, Della's living room was piled high with furniture, clothing, toiletries, small appliances—whatever the family might need to set up a household they could be proud of. When the woman got her own place, Della and Deborah loaded everything into a van and delivered it to her doorsteps. "It was so emotional," says Della. "The grandparents were there, the children were wide-eyed as we lugged in toys and furniture, and we were all crying and hugging each other. I'll never forget it." On the way home, the sisters were so moved they drove for two miles in silence. Finally, Della turned to Deborah and said, "We're going to keep doing this, right?"

While an attorney friend helped them file for official nonprofit status, Della and Deborah collected more basics for other needy families suggested by the clinic. Word spread quickly throughout the neighborhood, and before long it became clear they would need a warehouse. The Lake Oswego Mothers Club spearheaded fundraisers so that the sisters could afford to rent an \$850-per-month distribution center. Della began contacting local social service organizations, telling them about Sisters of the Community and its mission. She also streamlined the claims process by developing checklists that agencies could use to indicate what families needed. Caseworkers filled out the forms and faxed or e-mailed them to Della, who would then pack up care packages with the help of friends and family. Simon and Sarah, 6 and 4 at the time, pitched in too, adding their own toys and outgrown clothing to the boxes. Within 18 months, Sisters of the Community had distributed more than 20,000 items.

Time passed and changes came in their lives. Deborah got a



Della Rae and sister Deborah Waggoner daughters of H. R. (Hubert) Waggoner of Rusk, Texas.

job. Della had gotten divorced and was preparing to run the organization solo. The distribution center model, though working well, left Della too busy to bring more nonprofits into the loop. A solution came to her one sleepless night: a virtual warehouse, meaning a website where nonprofits could list their needs and individuals could log on to find where to donate things. "I wouldn't need to pay for a storage center or pack boxes any longer, and I'd have more time to spend on publicity and fundraising," says Della. Taking the organization online would also enable Della to eventually connect donors and nonprofits nationwide, fulfilling her dream. So she temporarily stopped taking new donations, distributed what was left and closed the warehouse in October 2007.

In April 2008, she relaunched as DonorsResource.org. "It truly takes a village to pull something like this off," says Della, thankful for the friends and neighbors who provided legal, accounting and other professional services pro bono. The head of a local credit union even wrote a \$5,000 check to help cover the cost of the database and website development. To date, 350 nonprofits in the Northwest have registered on the site. And local companies have

joined the cause: A publisher gave seven crates of books to women's shelters; the Oregon 150 Committee (created to celebrate the state's 150th anniversary) donated its office furnishings to several nonprofits after closing. More than 45,000 items have been distributed, and a nationwide program is in the works.

The Personal Touch While it might seem that an online system makes giving less personal, that's not so, says Della. "You might log on to our site and find out that the church around the corner needs blankets for its homeless shelter. Then you and your family can go over and drop them off." Maybe your high-school-age daughter has an old prom dress. DonorsResource.org can connect her with Abby's Closet, a nonprofit that collects gowns for giveaways. If there's no opportunity for a face-to-face connection, many nonprofits can at least tell you who will benefit from your offering. A woman looking to donate her mother's couch after her death learned that was the last piece of furniture needed by another mom in order to regain custody of her children. "I'm so proud of the difference we've made in our community," Della says.

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Supreme Court Upholds Obamacare

Washington- The Supreme Court on Thursday upheld virtually all of President Barack Obama's historic health care overhaul, including the hotly debated core requirement that nearly every American have health insurance.

The 5-4 decision meant the huge overhaul, still taking effect, could proceed and pick up momentum over the next several years, affecting the way that countless Americans receive and pay for their personal medical care.

The ruling hands Obama a campaign-season victory in rejecting arguments that Congress went too far in approving the plan. However, Republicans quickly indicated they will try to use the decision to rally their supporters against what they call "Obamacare," arguing that the ruling characterized the penalty against people who refuse to get insurance as a tax.

Obama declared, "Whatever the politics, today's decision was a victory for people all over this country." GOP presidential candidate Mitt Romney renewed his criticism of the overhaul, calling it "bad law" and promising to work to repeal it if elected in November.

Breaking with the court's other conservative justices, Chief Justice John Roberts announced the judgment that allows the law to go forward with its aim of covering more than 30 million uninsured Americans. Roberts explained at

length the court's view of the mandate as a valid exercise of Congress' authority to "lay and collect taxes." The administration estimates that roughly 4 million people will pay the penalty rather than buy insurance.

Even though Congress called it a penalty, not a tax, Roberts said, "The payment is collected solely by the IRS through the normal means of taxation."

Roberts also made plain the court's rejection of the administration's claim that Congress had the power under the Constitution's commerce clause to put the mandate in place. The power to regulate interstate commerce power, he said, "does not authorize the mandate."

Stocks of hospital companies rose after the decision was announced, while shares of insurers fell sharply. Shares of drugmakers and device makers fell slightly.

The justices rejected two of the administration's three arguments in support of the insurance requirement. But the court said the mandate can be construed as a tax. "Because the Constitution permits such a tax, it is not our role to forbid it, or to pass upon its wisdom or fairness," Roberts said.

he court found problems with the law's expansion of Medicaid, but even there said the expansion could proceed as long as the federal government does not threaten to

withhold states' entire Medicaid allotment if they don't take part in the law's extension.

The court's four liberal justices, Stephen Breyer, Ruth Bader Ginsburg, Elena Kagan and Sonia Sotomayor, joined Roberts in the outcome.

Justices Samuel Alito, Anthony Kennedy, Antonin Scalia and Clarence Thomas dissented.

Kennedy summarized the dissent in court. "In our view, the act before us is invalid in its entirety," he said.

The dissenters said in a joint statement that the law "exceeds federal power both in mandating the purchase of health insurance and in denying non-consenting states all Medicaid funding."

In all, the justices spelled out their views in six opinions totaling 187 pages. Roberts, Kennedy and Ginsburg spent 51 minutes summarizing their views in the packed courtroom. The legislation passed Congress in early 2010 after a monumental struggle in which all Republicans voted against it. House Majority Leader Eric Cantor, R-Va., said Thursday the House will vote the week of July 9 on whether to repeal the law, though such efforts have virtually no chance in the Democratic-controlled Senate.

House Speaker John Boehner, R-Ohio, said the health care law makes it harder for small businesses to hire. But Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., heaped praise on the court's decision, and the 2010 law, in a Senate speech. "Passing the

"Affordable Care Act was the greatest single step in generations toward ensuring access to affordable, quality health care for every American, regardless of where they live or how much money they make," he said.

After the ruling, Republican campaign strategists said Romney will use it to continue campaigning against "Obamacare" and attacking the president's signature health care program as a tax increase.

"Obama might have his law, but the GOP has a cause," said veteran campaign adviser Terry Holt. "This promises to galvanize Republican support around a repeal of what could well be called the largest tax increase in American history."

Democrats said Romney, who backed an individual health insurance mandate when he was Massachusetts governor, will have a hard time exploiting the ruling.

"Mitt Romney is the intellectual godfather of Obamacare," said Democratic consultant Jim Manley. "The bigger issue is the rising cost of health care, and this bill is designed to deal with it." More than eight in 10 Americans already have health insurance. But for most of the 50 million who are uninsured, the ruling offers the promise of guaranteed coverage, affordable prices. Individuals well as small businesses, will be able to shop for private coverage from a range of competing insurers. The Cleveland Clinic, which has upheld the entire law as written without forcing any changes.

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reasons they are going to prison and why they will be kept in prison for such a long time. I truly believe that if the American people knew what was really growing and sustaining America's prison populations and why there seems to be no end to this madness, I believe we (Americans) would do something about it. A mindset that takes into account that there may be more humane and effective ways of dealing with our fellow citizens, especially those who can be helped and restored to productive, contributing lives, is a good place to start. Not to discount small beginnings, the small nation of Brazil, has a prison educational program which gives its inmates a reduction on their prison sentences for reading a book. The inmate in Brazil has to write an essay about each book he reads. In the process, the inmate gets an education from the book which helps him to cope with life after he leaves prison. Restorative justice can also happen when we

Americans begin to see that many inmates are people whose lives need not be destroyed by prison sentences which are, in many instances, unduly lengthy and harshly disproportionate to their offenses—all because of the politics that fuel the archaic Prison Industrial Complex. The fact that China (of all nations) mentions our prison problems publicly, speaks volumes about the need to address our prison dilemma. God bless America, Africa and the rest of the world.

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Former G. W. Bradford School Alumni Cruise Back to 50's at Reunion



Rusk, TX.- The Thirteenth Bi-annual G. W. Bradford all school reunion was held in Rusk, Texas the weekend of June 15th and 16th. . "The theme for this year was "Cruising Back to the Fifties". Late registration and initial gathering was held Friday night at the Old Bradford Gym on Bradford Campus with casino games and a delicious meal sponsored by the Houston Alumni and coordinated by LaWander Rasberry.

The highlight of the weekend was the "Sock Hop Banquet" held at the Rusk Civic Center beginning at 6:00P.M. Saturday evening with Joe Teague of Jacksonville, class of 1959 as the MC. The classes of 1961 & 1962 celebrated their 50th year anniversary since graduation.

Uni Deveraux Williams class of 1958.

L -R Mildred Thompson Brown, Dorene King Brock, Walter Session, Sherman Johnson class of 1962 celebrating their 50th year anniversary since graduation.



L - R- Roosevelt Simmons, Gail Session Simmons, Marie Bennett Ealy, Jerry Traylor, Sandra Honey Brown and Carolyn Foreman classof 1969.

Jow Teague M. C. for the evening and Carolyn Matthes class of 1964.



L-R Jimmy Singletary, Helen Colston Boston and Shirley Burley Clark class of 1968.

L -R Melvin Session, Andrea Vallier Hughes, Shirley Freney Jones, Maxine Burley Session and Frazier Foreman, class of 1965.

Juneteenth Celebration draws large crowd in Rusk



L to R - Ekua Assaville, Assistant District Attorney Cherokee County, Daphne Session County Attorney Houston County Attorney, Former Tarrant County Judge Sturns and Kimberly Clark, Anderson County Assistant District Attorney. The Juneteenth Parade went through downtown Rusk and the Dickinson 1st Addition to Mt. Pleasant Church on Reeder Street where the Juneteenth Celebration was held. An overflow crowd listened to Tracy Session youth speaker and Tarrant County Judge Sturns main speaker. The Picnic was held in the I. C. Conley Park following the celebration.

Mayor Angela Raiborn and city manager Mike Murry visit with M. C. Jerry Leviston and Tracy Session following the parade and celebration at Mt. Pleasant Church.

G. W. Bradford Reunion



L - R Matthew (Sonny) Watts and Williw King class of 1961 celebrate 50th year since graduation



L - R- J. B. Lamb, Lawanda Waggoner Rasberry and Jimmy Turner, Class of 1970



L - R Hubert Waggoner class of 1956, Lissette Bennett, Dorothy Sneed and Alavin Sneed class of 1959

Religion



Is there a place of eternal punishment?

If you believe in the Holy Bible and if you are a follower of Jesus Christ, then you know the answer is yes. Revelation 19:20; 20:10-15; 21:18 verifies this to be true. The Book of Revelation describes hell as "a lake of fire burning with brimstone".

Hell is the place of eternal punishment for the unrighteous. The New King James Bible and the King James Bible use this word to translate Sheol and Hades, the Old and New Testament words, respectively, for the abode of the dead. Hell also translates *Gehenna*, the Greek form of the Hebrew phrase that means "the vale of Hinnom" - a valley west and south of Jerusalem. In this valley the Canaanites worshiped Baal and the god Molech by sacrificing their children in a fire that burned continuously.

Even Ahaz and Manasseh, kings of Judah, were guilty of this terrible, idolatrous practice. (2 Corinthians 28:3; 33:6).

The prophet Jeremiah predicted that God would visit such destruction upon Jerusalem that this valley would be known as the "Valley of Slaughter" (Jeremiah 7:31-34; 19:2, 6) King Josiah put an end to this worship. He defiled the valley in order to make it unfit even for pagan worship. (2 Kings:23:10).

In the time of Jesus the "Valley

of Hinnom was used as the garbage dump of Jerusalem. Into it were thrown all the filth and garbage of the city, including the dead bodies of animals and executed criminals. To consume all this, fires burned constantly. Maggots worked in the filth. When the wind blew from that direction over the city, its awfulness was quite evident. At night wild dogs howled as they fought over the garbage.

Jesus used this awful scene as a symbol of hell. In effect He said, "Do you want to know what hell is like? Look at Gehenna. "so hell may be described as God's "cosmic garbage dump."

All that is unfit for heaven will be thrown into hell. The word Gehenna occurs twelve times in the New Testament. Each time it is translated as "hell". With the exception of James 3:6, it is used only by Jesus (Matthew 5:22, 29-30; 10:28; 23:15, 33; Mark 9:43, 45, 47; Luke 12:5) In Matthew 5:22; 18:9 and Mark 9:47, it is used with "fire" as "hell fire". So the word "hell" (Gehenna) as a place of punishment is used in the New Testament by Jesus, Him who is the essence of infinite love. In Mark 9:46 and 48, hell is described as a place where "their worm does not die and fire is never quenched. " Repeatedly, Jesus spoke of outer darkness and a furnace of fire, where there will be wailing, weeping, and a gnashing of teeth (Matthew 8:12; 13:42, 50:22-13; 24:51; 25:30; Luke 13:28. Into hell will be thrown the beast and the false prophet (Revelation 20). At the end of the age the devil himself will be

thrown into it, along with death and Hades and all whose names are not in the Book of Life. "And they will be tormented day and night forever and ever" (Revelation 20:10).

The Bible exhausts human language in describing heaven and hell. Heaven is more glorious and hell more terrible than language can express.

The devil who deceived them, was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone where the beast and false prophet are. And they will be tormented forever.

Revelation 20:9

"But the cowardly, unbelieving, abominable, murderers, idolators, and all liars shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death.

Revelations 21:8

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SUMMERFIELD - PINEHILL SCHOOL REUNION

This year, the New Summerfield - Pine Hill School Reunion will be held July 20 - July 22, 2012. All events, except the church service, will be held at the Woodmen of the World, 800 College Ave., Jacksonville.

As in past years, the reunion will officially kick off with a Fish Fry Friday night from 6:00 - 10:00. Saturday's events start with a breakfast from 9:00 - 10:00; a business meeting from 10:30 - 11:45 and a Mix and Mingle from 12:00 - 3:00. Dinner and activities starts at 7:00.

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As for fundraising, that happens on a grassroots level too. When the organization needed \$7,000 to revamp its website, she called and wrote to all her friends and past supporters, requesting that they contribute and spread the word. That brought in about \$3,000. Then she launched a monthlong Della-thon on Facebook, which generated \$800 in the first week alone. A local funder stepped in with the rest. "People are so willing to give—you just have to ask," she says. With everyone's help, DonorsResource.org was able to raise enough capital to overhaul the website and make it more functional.

But there was one more obstacle to overcome. "We needed more hands on deck to achieve all I envisioned," she says. She established a unique internship program with the students at Portland's Riverdale High. In exchange for community service credit, 10 teens have assumed leadership roles in the organization, handling everything from Webesign to social media, under Della's supervision. They've already produced a video, organized events and set up a Facebook page and Twitter feed. Now they're working on

and bringing nonprofits into the fray. "These interns are getting things done," says Della. "Before they came, I felt like I was moving granules of salt. Now we're moving salt mines!" Sometimes you have to be willing to step back and let people help you meet goals you can't accomplish alone, she adds.

How to Donate

DonorsResource.org is simple to use. From the home page, click the "donate" button. Then:

1. Post items like furniture, household goods or office supplies.
2. Nonprofits will receive a notice via email.
3. You will be contacted to arrange pick up or delivery of your donation with the nonprofit who claimed your item.

Della Rae has received many awards for this worthwhile non profit organization, the 2012 - Outstanding Innovative Project Award by Association of Fundraising Professionals

April 15, 2012 - E-Chievement Award from e-town.org
March, 2012 - Della Rae and sister Deborah; Local Hero was featured in Family Circle Magazine.

DonorsResource.org is a simple, proven model of giving that is ideal for both individuals and corporations who want to donate. Nonprofits benefit greatly from DonorsResource.org by using the website to claim needed items, conserving their time and resources. They, in turn, can become donors when passing along items they can't use.

DonorsResource.org features an easy to use, powerful search engine that allows users to find a nonprofit by cause, category or zip code. Users enter in the items they have to donate, enter their contact information and are soon contacted by a certified nonprofit to arrange an appointment for collection.

DonorsResource.org focuses on the connection of actual items. By sharing, we can reduce the amount of needed items being stacked and forgotten in basements, garages and our landfills.

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Rae was nominated as a Symetra Community Champion by Marc Baker of Elliott, Powell, Baden & Baker.

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health problems. Those protections, now standard in most big employer plans, will be available to all, including people who get laid off, or leave a corporate job to launch their own small business.

Seniors also benefit from the law through better Medicare coverage for those with high prescription costs, and no copayments for preventive care. But hospitals, nursing homes, and many other service providers may struggle once the Medicare cuts used to finance the law really start to bite.

Illegal immigrants are not entitled to the new insurance coverage under the law, and will remain one of the biggest groups uninsured. All Americans, insured and uninsured. Starting in 2014, insurance companies will not be able to deny coverage for medical treatment, nor can they charge more to people with Obama's law is by no means the last word on health care. Experts expect costs to keep rising, meaning that lawmakers will have to revisit the issue perhaps as early as next year, when federal budget woes will force them to confront painful options for Medicare and Medicaid, the giant federal programs that cover seniors, the disabled, and low-income people.

The health care overhaul focus will now quickly shift from Washington to state capitals. Only 14 states, plus Washington, D.C., have adopted plans to set up the new health insurance markets called for under the law. Called exchanges, the new markets are supposed to be up and running on Jan. 1, 2014. People buying coverage individually, as Most Republican-led states, including large ones such as Texas and Florida, have been counting on the law to be overturned and have failed to do the considerable spade work needed to set up exchanges. There's a real question about whether they can meet the deadline, and if they don't, Washington will step in and run their exchanges for them.

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Ray Jean McDuff Celebrates Birthday



L -R Derrick McDuff, Anthony McDuff, Ray Jean McDuff and Kim Parks. neice from St. Louis Missouri.

A surprise birthday party was held June 16th at the Holiday Inn Jacksonville, for Ray Jean Parks. Her children gave the surprise event. Her family and many friends enjoyed a full course barbeque dinner and memories of times past as they shared happy stories of evnets in her life.



Max Wesley Carter had lots of fun with cousins, aunts, uncles and grandparents on Saturday, June 16th at his great-grandparents home in Rusk.

Happy Birthday Max Mom & Dad We love you!

~Krystal & Marcus Carter

Mt. Olive Community Church Youth Host Gospel Concert in the Park



A mixed group of young adults and children filled the I. C. Conley City Park on Reeder Street on Saturday, June 23 to enjoy a "Gospel Concert" in the park. Between 4 o'clock and 7 P.M. the crown sat in chairs brought from home and enjoyed gospel singing and food. The occasion was part of the Rusk Junteenth celebration for the month of June and a venture for providing a positive event for area youth.

The event was coordinated by Rev. Mertis Bartley, III shown playing the drums in the background and sponsored by Mt. Olive Community Church.



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