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President Barack Hussein Obama Re-elected



NAACP, Latino Decisions and Silas Lee and Associates tell polling data

(Washington, DC) Today, the NAACP, Latino Decisions, and pollsters at Silas Lee and Associates hosted a press briefing on exclusive African American polling data collected on election eve.

"This data underscores the decisive role we played in key battleground states," said Benjamin Todd Jealous, President & CEO of the NAACP. "It reveals opportunities for the GOP to improve its relationship with our community, and suggests the Democratic Party should not assume it will see the 2008 and 2012 levels of Black turnout in 2016."

Highlights from the data are below:

National jobs program is essential to winning the African American vote.

Jobs and the Economy top off the list of most important issues by a wide margin, with 60% of African American voters identifying this, unprompted, as the most important issue. In addition, 95% of all respondents believe the federal government should be engaging in job creation opportunities for all Americans. While respondents overwhelmingly believe that success is determined by self-reliance, they see a very strong and important role for the federal government.

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The United States presidential election of 2012 was the 57th quadrennial presidential election. It was held on Tuesday, November 6, 2012. The Democratic nominee, incumbent President Barack Obama, and his running mate, Vice President Joe Biden, were elected to a second term.
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Thanksgiving Still Important to American Families

Maxine Session

For more than two centuries, days of thanksgiving were celebrated by individual colonies and states. It wasn't until 1863, in the midst of the Civil War, that President Abraham Lincoln proclaimed a national Thanksgiving Day to be held each November.

If you remember, the English Colonists came to America so that they would have the freedom to worship. Thank God we still have that freedom today.

With satellites, the internet and technology so much still unknown about, we are able to see and hear daily the violence and unrest going on in the Middle East.

When we sit down with our families on this Thanksgiving Day, to thank God for the many many blessings He gives to our individual families, we should continue to thank Him for the peace and happiness we still have here in the United States of America.

Dear Editor:

Next month on Sunday, November 11, we will again celebrate Veterans Day. Once again, The American Legion is offering art for your consideration.

As a tribute to the sacrifices of our military forces -- active duty, National Guard and Reserves -- who served in all wars, The American Legion is offering a Veterans Day ad as a free public service. It is also an opportunity to offer area merchants a chance to advertise in your publication in support of our troops at war today as well as all veterans who served our nation in past conflicts. This year we are pleased to offer this product for immediate high-resolution color download at:

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On behalf of The American Legion and our nation's 23-million veterans, I thank you and look forward to your participation on Veterans Day, Sunday, November 11, 2012.

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President Barack Obama Wins Second Presidential Election from page 1

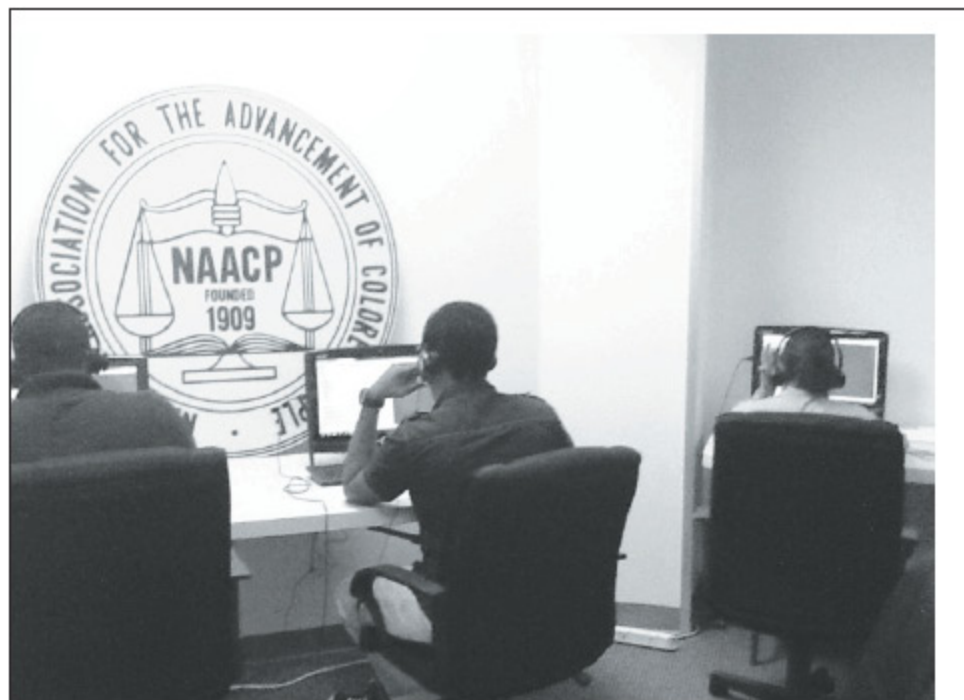
Their major challengers were the Republican nominee, former Massachusetts Governor Mitt Romney, and his running mate, Representative Paul Ryan of Wisconsin.

Although most major media outlets insisted before the election that the race was too close to predict a winner in advance, analysts using statistical models, bookmakers, and betting markets, had Obama as a clear favorite. At around 11:15 PM EST on Election Day, most major television networks called Ohio for Obama, projecting him the winner of the election. At around 1:00 AM EST on November 7, Romney conceded the election to Obama. Obama won 332 electoral votes and carried all the states and districts that he had won in the 2008 election except North Carolina, Indiana, and Nebraska's 2nd congressional district. Leaders from around the world

have congratulated re-elected U.S. President Barack Obama on his success at the ballot box.

Israeli leader Benjamin Netanyahu stated that he "will continue to work with President Obama to preserve the strategic interests of Israel's citizens" and described relations between the U.S. and Israel as "rock solid". Some others within the ruling Likud party were not so optimistic about the relationship, with Knesset member and hoping Obama "resets his course relating to Israel and our region for the next four years". French leader François Hollande said in choosing Obama over Mitt Romney, voters in the United States had voted for "an America of openness and solidarity, fully engaged on the international scene and conscious of the challenges facing our planet: peace, economy and the environment". He listed economic growth, unemployment, and the Middle East as challenges the two politicians would have to face.

Texas Call Center Made Big impact on election results



The NAACP Texas Call Center launched October 18--with a charge to call voters in Texas, Mississippi and California. To date over 30,000 homes have been contacted to remind registered voters to get out and vote.

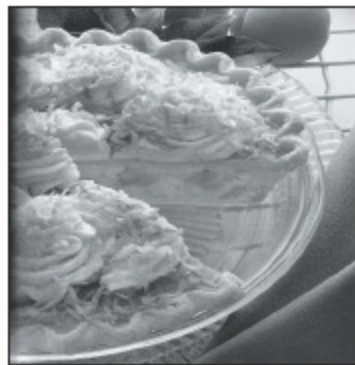
Many of those called were making plans to vote during early voting or on Election Day. The goal was that by Election Day more than 100,000 individuals were contacted and pledged to vote.

Veterans Remembered at Veterans Day Ceremony



Local Veterans gathered on the Cherokee County Courthouse lawn on Veterans Day to give honor to veterans. Pictures above are Rusk and Alto veterans some who participated in the service and some who attended. VFW Post # 3404, Post Commander Emerson Griffin, sponsored the program.

What's Cook'n?



Orange Kist Coconut Cream

1 refrigerated pie crust

Filling:

1 cup sugar
3 tablespoons cornstarch
1 cup water
1/4 cup orange juice
1/4 cup margarine or butter
1 tablespoon grated orange peel
3 egg yolks
1/2 cup coconut, toasted
1/2 cup sour cream
1/2 cup whipping cream, whipped

Topping

1/2 cup whipping cream
2 tablespoons powdered sugar
1/2 cup coconut, toasted
2 tablespoons sliced almonds, toasted

Heat oven to 450 degrees F.
Prepare pie crust according to package directions for *one-crust baked shell* using 9-inch pie pan.
Bake at 450 degrees F. for 9 to 11 minutes or until light golden brown.
Cool completely.

In medium saucepan, combine sugar and cornstarch; mix well. Stir in water, orange juice, margarine, orange peel and egg yolks. Cook over medium heat about 5 minutes

or until mixture thickens and boils, stirring constantly. Cover and refrigerate until just cool, about 1 hour. Stir in 1/2 cup toasted coconut and sour cream. Spoon into cooled baked shell.

In small bowl, beat 1/2 cup whipping cream and powdered sugar until stiff peaks form. Spread over filling. Garnish with 1/4 cup toasted coconut and almonds. Refrigerated 1 hour before serving.

Greens Galore

6 cups water
1 1/2 pounds smoked ham hocks
3 pounds assorted greens
(collar mustard or turnip washed stems removed and cut into pieces)
1 teaspoon sugar
1 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon pepper

Bring water and ham hocks to a boil in large soucepot. Reduce heat to low; cover and simmer. 1 1/2 hours or until ham is very tender. Remove ham; cool slightly. Remove ham from bones. Return to pot; discard bones.

Add greens, sugar, salt and pepper. Cook on medium heat, stirring and pushing greens down frequently, 30 to 35 minutes or until greens are tender.

AFRICAN AMERICANS IN TEXAS AND POLITICS

Racial conflict is a basic feature of Texas history. From 1865 onward its primary political manifestation has been the struggle of African Americans to vote, have their ballots fairly counted, elect their preferred candidates, develop effective coalitions with other groups, and thereby achieve equality of opportunity in a white-dominated society that, from its beginning, relegated people of color to the status of an inferior caste. In 1860, on the eve of the Civil War, blacks made up 30 percent of the state's population. Most were slaves, and even the few who were free could not vote. Emancipation was announced in Texas on June 19, 1865 (Juneteenth), but the newly formed government withheld black political rights. An all-white constitutional convention in 1866 refused to grant suffrage even to literate blacks. The all-white legislature then refused to ratify the Fourteenth Amendment forbidding states from depriving citizens of equal protection of the laws. Seeking to restore plantation discipline, it passed Black Codes that severely restricted freedmen's economic options. And it prohibited voting, officeholding, jury service, and racial intermarriage by freedmen. In July 1867 twenty whites and 150 blacks attended a Republican convention in Houston, where they endorsed free common schools and free homesteads from public lands for blacks and whites alike. Thus began a decades-long tradition of black Republicanism in the state. Despite widespread violence and intimidation

and Democrats, many black men registered for the first election in which they could participate—the 1868 referendum on whether to hold another constitutional convention and elect delegates. More blacks than whites cast ballots, and, with their white allies, they overcame the opposition of the majority of white voters and voted to hold another convention. The Convention of 1868–69, dominated by Republicans, included ten African-American delegates out of ninety. Among them was George T. Ruby of Galveston, a Northern journalist and teacher who had moved to Texas to work in freedmen's schools; he became a well-known Republican leader. All ten were active on committees and presented important resolutions. Though frustrated in attempts to secure certain constitutional safeguards for their people, they contributed to the accomplishments of the convention, which paved the way for the readmission of Texas to the Union in March 1870. The election of Edmund J. Davis, a white radical, as governor in 1869 gave blacks additional influence, as did the election of two black state senators—G. T. Ruby and Matthew Gaines, a minister and former slave—and twelve representatives to the Twelfth Legislature. Dominated by reform-minded Republicans, this body ratified the Fourteenth and Fifteenth amendments and passed several important though controversial laws, including ones establishing a militia and the Texas State Police, open to blacks, to control lawlessness and violence in the state.

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Joyce Faye Dennis Session



CME Church in the Pine Grove Community of Jacksonville, Texas with Rev. James (Dusty) Fuller, Minister Franklin and Rev. Matthew Madlock officiating.

Joyce was born June 9, 1946 to Hugh Dennis and Jessie Lee Meador Dennis in the Pine Grove Community. She was the youngest of seven girls. Joyce grew up in the Pine Grove Community attending Elementary School there and High School at Fred Douglass High, graduating with the class of 1964.

She joined Pennell Chapel CME Church at a young age and at age 16 became the church pianist. Over the years she played for the adult and children choirs and male choruses at Pennell Chapel and Wilson Chapel and church functions around the county. She was dedicated to the Fifth Sunday Services and Shady Green Pastures for many years.

She held many positions in the church and community volunteering where she was needed. She transported neighbors to doctor visits and to the grocery store on a regular basis. She was an active member of the Pine Grove Community Center Board and was part of the Texas Informer Newspaper family, delivering news papers in the Pine Grove Community for seventeen years.

At age 21 she met and Married Alver Dee Session. They were inseparable for 45 years. To the union two children were born. She was retired after working more than thirty years at S & K Church Furniture Company until it closed.

Joyce passed away Monday, October 15, 2012 at M. D. Anderson Hospital in Houston, Texas.

She was preceded in death by her parents, two sisters; Lela Hunter and Myrtle Riden.

She leaves to cherish her memory: A devoted husband Alver Dee Session; one son, Vincent (Angela) Session of Henderson, Texas; one daughter; Tamara Veronica Session of Jacksonville, Texas; Three grand - daughters, Shunterial, Tamarial and Jasmine; one grandson Laterrance; one great-granddaughter (birth expected in December 2012) Ladaiya JaFaye Grady; Four sisters: Opal (Leonard) Montgomery of Jacksonville, Texas, Nellie Howard of Dallas, Vestine Green of Houston, and Shirley Baites of Ft. Worth; Mother-in-law Mary Session, two brothers-in-law; Burnis Session, Walter (Maxine) Session all of Rusk; a special uncle Preston (Fanny) Meador of Jacksonville, A Special neice Louise (Travis) Porter; One aunt Vivian Johnson of Tyler and a large number of neices, nephews, cousins and friends.

Mercy McGowan Funeral Home in Charge and burial at Pine Grove Cemetary.

Services were held Saturday October 20, 2012 for Joyce Faye Dennis Session at Pennell Chapel

Coach Stacy Dewayne Hunter



City of Jacksonville working his way up from sanitation to recreation superintendent to Code Enforcement Officer. He wanted to give back to the community and help children, so he started coaching in 2002. He coached basketball and football where he won numerous awards. He was a father figure to many boys and girls of this community, impacting their lives in more ways than words can describe.

He dedicated many years and countless hours coaching youth football and basketball. He was an active coach until his death.

He owned Stacy's Detail Shop and Stacy's Night club. He was always willing to help others no matter what culture. Often he helped individuals who could not get employment, by hiring them at the club or detail shop. He could never turn his back on anyone, especially his family. He just had a million Dollar Smile and a heart of Gold. He will be greatly missed by everyone he encountered on his heavenly journey.

Stacy leaves to cherish his memories a wife Julie Hunter of Vian Oklahoma; three daughters Jessica Hunter, Jennifer Hunter

Felecia Holman of Tyler, Cossandra (Bernard) Chase, and Veropnica of Jacksonville, Texas. Grandmother Perthenia Holman and father Grady Hunter of Jacksonville. Two nieces, Sophia Holman and Racquel Holman; Three nephews Joshaua Holman of Tyler, Damian Gipson and Jacolby Barker all of Jacksonville, Texas; a host of aunts, uncles and other relatives and friends who will forever cherish his memories.

Pastor Michael Hollie was the Officiant with the service under the direction of Community Funeral Home.

Interment was at Pine Grove Cemetery.

Coach Stacy Dewayne Hunter Remembered

Coach Stacy Hunter was a well-known and well-liked Pop Warner coach in Jacksonville...his personal facebook page says he has also worked for the city of Jacksonville many years working his way from sanitation to Code Inspector.

He was allegedly shot and killed early Saturday morning October 21, 2012

Those who knew Coach Hunter and young peop-e he has coached gathered in Lincoln Park on Thursday evening October 25th. to grieve and remember him. Jasmine Harris, coached by Stacy as a child had this to say, "It was a sad time. People came from everywhere and the park was full. There was not a person there with dry eyes. I didn't want to go, but I had to for Coach Stacy."

Jacksonville Police say Jimmy Deshawn Mosely fatally shot Stacy Dewayne Hunter early Saturday morning. It happened at the club Hunter owns, Stacy's Club located at 2005 North Jackson in Jacksonville.

Mosley robbed Hunter and shot him three times. Police say Mosely turned himself into police at about 6:30 that morning. He has been charged with capital murder and his bond has been set at \$250,000.

The sad twist in the incident is Coach Hunter had counicled with Mosely on more than one occasion and he had had trouble out of Mosley in the past.

Services for forty-three year old Coach Stacy Dewayne Hunter were held Friday, October 26, 2012 at 11:00AM at Central Baptist Church, Jacksonville, Texas. He was born November 1, 1968 to parents Carolyn Holman and Grady Hunter and departed this life October 20, 2012.

He was a member of Carters Chapel Baptist Church and a 1987 graduate of Jacksonville High School. He attended Cisco Junior College and Northeastern State University where he played football and received numerous awards including All Conference, All American and two OIC National Championships. He signed a contract as a free agent with the Philadelphia Eagles.

Stacy was employed with the

C. D. Colston Family Keeps Military Tradition Alive



served as NCOIC of Optometry, Career Field Functional Manager, Flight Chief, Unit Training Manager, Unit Security Manager and Commander's Executive. TSgt Colston has two wonderful children, eleven year old Chaz and eight year old Chase Colston.

Education: 1991 Air Force Basic Training, Lackland AFB, Texas; 1991 Radio Systems Information Operator, Kessler AFB, MS; 2000 Airman Leadership School, Hurlburt Field AFB, Florida; 2001 Radio Systems Mission Planned Course, Keesler AFB, MS; 2003 Ophthalmic Technician Course Sheppard AFB, MS.; 2007 NCO Academy, Goodfellow AFB, Texas; Communications Applications Technology, CCAF.

Military Medals: Joint Service Commendation Medal, AF Commendation Medal (2 Oak Leaf Cluster), AF Achievement Medal (1 oak leaf cluster), AF Good Conduct Medal (6 oak leaf clusters), National Defence Service Medal (1 Bronze star), Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Medal and Humanitarian Service Medal.

The late C. D. Colston - April 4, 1941 - 1943

Charlie D. Colston - January 03, 1968 - December 15, 1969

Technical Sergeant Charles D. Colston Sept. 9, 1991 - present

Covering a span of 93 years, men from the C. D. Colston family have made intermittent contributions to keeping this nation safe by actively participating in the United States Armed Services. C. D. Colston began the family tradition April 1941 and his grandson Charles is still actively participating today, in 2012.

Charlie D. Colston was born in Rusk, Texas on March 26, 1948. He graduated from G. W. Bradford High School in 1967.

On January 3, 1968 Mr. Colston was drafted into the U. S. Army. He completed his basic and Advance Training in Fort Polk, Louisiana and Fort Sill, Oklahoma.

After completing his training, he was deployed to the 4th Division, 6th Battalion and 29th Artillery Squadron in Pleiku, South Vietnam.

After 12 months in Vietnam, Mr. Colston was deployed to Bamberg, Germany for six months. He was honorably discharged on December 15, 1969.

C. D. was born April 4, 1919 in Nacogdoches County, Texas. Later in life he moved to the Shady Grove Community, Rusk, Cherokee County Texas, where he received his elementary and high school education. He attended East Texas College of Vocational Training, Arp, Texas. In July 1941 he married Elnora Jones.

He was then drafted into the U. S. Army Forces in 1941 and served in World War II. He received his honorable Discharge in 1943 after two years of service. Mr. Colston departed this life on February 22, 1999.

Technical Sergeant Charles D. Colston was born in Dallas, Texas on October 20, 1973. He graduated from Business Magnet Center in May 1991 and entered the Air Force on September 9, 1991. Upon completion of initial training he was assigned to Mobility Squadron Patrick AFB, Florida, working as a Communications Systems Radio Operator. He was then assigned to 608th Air Communications Squadron at Barksdale AFB, Louisiana from September 1993 - May 1996. He was then assigned to 39th Communications Squadron at Incirlik Air Base, Turkey where he worked fixed communications support of Operation Deny Flight. Technical Sergeant Colston was then assigned to 17th Special Operations Communication Squadron from June 1996 - November 2003. Sergeant Colston held several Positions. He was team chief on numerous deployments including Operation Allied Force, Operation Enduring Freedom, and Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Sergeant Colston then retrained in November 2003 into Ophthalmic Technician, and was assigned to 49th Medical Operations Squadron Holloman AFB, New Mexico, as the NCOIC of Optometry. He then was reassigned to 17th Medical Operations Squadron at Goodfellow AFB, Texas in January 2007. He

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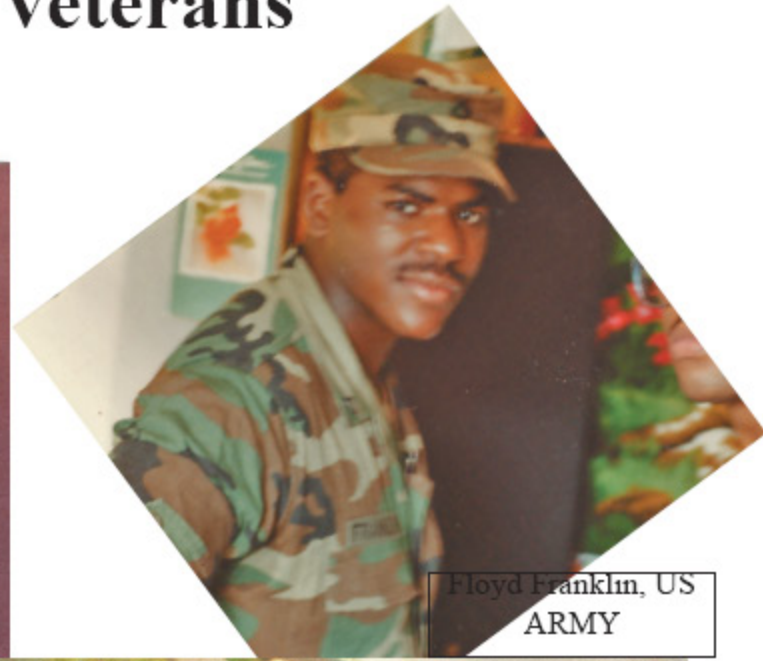
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Walter Session, US ARMY



H. R. Waggoner, US ARMY



Floyd Franklin, US ARMY



Inez Conley, US ARMY



Greenie Phillips, US ARMY

Rusk, TX. Mt. Pleasant CME Church recognized these five veterans in November. Walter Session, H. R. Waggoner, Floyd Franklin, Inez Conley and Greenie Phillips. The veterans service information was made a part of the church's rich history.

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Colin Powell Backs Obama Second Time Around

Washington DC- Former Republican Secretary of State Colin Powell endorsed President Barack Obama for a second term Thursday, telling "CBS This Morning" that he voted for Obama in 2008 but this time was going further and publicly backing him.

"We've come out of the dive and we're starting to gain altitude," Powell said. "The unemployment rate is too high, people are still hurting in housing, but I see that we're starting to rise up." During his CBS appearance, Powell criticized GOP candidate Mitt Romney's foreign policy, saying his positions in Monday night's debate were "quite different from what he said earlier." "I'm not quite sure which Governor Romney we would be getting with respect to foreign policy," he added. "One day he has a certain strong view about staying in Afghanistan but then on

Monday night he agrees with the withdrawal—same thing in Iraq." Powell said that when Obama took over "the country was in very, very difficult straits. We were in one of the worst recessions we had seen in recent times, close to a depression."

"The fiscal system was collapsing: Wall Street was in chaos, we had 800,000 jobs lost in that first month of the Obama administration," he said. "Unemployment peaked at 10 percent, so we were in real trouble. The auto industry was collapsing, housing was started to collapse, and we were in very difficult straits."

"And I saw over the next several years stabilization come back in the financial community," Powell added. "Housing is now starting to come back after four years; it's starting to pick up. Consumer confidence is rising."



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Bipolar Disorder Linked to Premature Birth

: Women with treated and untreated bipolar disorder are more likely to give birth prematurely—before 37 weeks—and have other pregnancy and birth complications, according to a new study. Published in the journal BMJ, the study included 320 mothers with treated bipolar disorder and more than 550 mothers with untreated bipolar disorder. They were compared to mothers who did not have the disorder. Women with treated and untreated bipolar disorder were more likely to have cesarean delivery, instrumental delivery (use of a vacuum or forceps) and a non-spontaneous start to delivery than those without bipolar disorder. The risk was 37.5 percent for treated women, about 31 percent for untreated women and 21 percent for those without bipolar disorder. Treated and untreated mothers also were more likely to give birth prematurely than women without bipolar disorder.

Clinton to Tackle Health Disparities

:Washington DC- Former President Bill Clinton has announced that his foundation will tackle health disparities and preventable disease. Health disparities and preventable illness “are robbing people of a lot of good years. We can’t let that continue,” Clinton said in an interview. Clinton has enlisted four major corporate partners— Verizon, General Electric Co. , Tenet Healthcare Corp. and NBC/Universal—which will start or extend wellness programs in their workplaces and communities to fight preventable illness through free exercise classes, organizing walking groups in poor neighborhoods, bringing farmers’ markets to “food deserts” where grocery stores are rare and smoking-cessation programs. In one of his last messages to the U.S. Congress as president, Bill Clinton declared disparities in health “unacceptable in a country that values equality and equal opportunity for all,” and called for a national goal to eliminate the disparities by 2010.

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Hiring Red, White, & You! Veterans Job Fairs to be Held Statewide November 15th

Provided by the Texas Workforce Commission
MEDIA CONTACT: Lisa Givens

PHONE: 512-463-8556 Longview & Tyler, TX - The Texas Workforce Commission (TWC), in partnership with 28 local workforce development boards and the Texas Veterans Commission will host veterans job fairs statewide on November 15. The job fairs are part of TWC's Hiring Red, White & You! campaign, a joint initiative supported by Gov. Rick Perry, Texas Medical Center surgeon and University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston professor Dr. James H. "Red" Duke Jr., and the Texas Veterans Commission to connect our returning veterans in Texas with employers who are hiring.

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Affirmative Action Today

by George E. Curry

In 2003, the US Supreme Court issued two rulings on affirmative action involving the University of Michigan. In one decision, the court struck down the undergraduate admission program, stating that it was too rigid and smacked of quotas. But in the second decision, it upheld the law school program by ruling that race could be one of many factors taken into consideration during admission. The court's "final" decision turned out to not be so final after all, proving that affirmative action is still not a resolved issue in the US.

In this timely presentation, speaker George Curry discusses the importance of the University of Michigan case; how the Republican Party's future will be determined, in part, by whether it broadens its racial and ethnic appeal; and where we are as a nation 50 years after Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s "I Have a Dream" speech.

Keeping Up with China

Goldman Sachs has predicted that China will overtake the United States as the world's largest economy by 2027. This has profound ramifications for not only the US, but for the global community as well. For example, while the US prides itself on its diversity, China, which is 92 percent Han, does not. The contrasting views of China and the US are significant and will impact how the world does business with this nation of 1.3 billion people. As one author put it, "The West has, for the most part, become imprisoned within its own assumptions, unable to see the world other than in terms of itself."

In this presentation, speaker George Curry - who has traveled to Beijing, Xi'an, and Shanghai - discusses the changes we will undoubtedly see in the next few years - and what we can expect from them.

Washington, D. C. - Issues important to African Americans must remain on the agenda for 2016.

Currently, 93% of respondents remain enthusiastic about President Barack Obama and his administration. Seventy-nine percent of respondents are "very enthusiastic."

However when President Barack Obama is no longer running in 2016, only 47% of respondents were "very enthusiastic" for a Democrat candidacy and 15% say they do not know how enthusiastic they will be. equality and DREAM Act.

A full 93% of respondents favor the Dream Act, which would provide an opportunity for undocumented youth to seek US citizenship (71% strongly, 21% somewhat). In national polling, only Latinos come close to this level of support. Africans Americans support marriage equality for gays and lesbians. When asked about a constitutional right to marry, African

American voters favor this 50%, and only 40% opposed.

For additional questions, contact Jessica Neal at jneal@naacpnet.org or 202-559-9618.

The NAACP battleground poll interviewed 1,600 African American voters who have already voted, or were certain to vote in the November 6, 2012 presidential election. Interviews were conducted via telephone with live callers from November 1-5, 2012. For the 4 individual states (Ohio, Virginia, Florida and Georgia), a minimum of 400 interviews were completed to provide state-specific reliable estimates, and each state is weighted to reflect the known Census demographics for African American voters. The combined four state sample carries an overall margin of error of 2.5%, while each individual state carries a margin of error of 4.9%. Interviewing was administered and overseen by Pacific Market Research.



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