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## African American Exhibit part of Vanishing Texana Museum



The Vanishinh Texana Museum space is housed inside the Jacksonville Senior Citizens building on South Bolton, but is currently under construction. Charalie Esco is taking the lead in developing the African American exhibit to be included inside the museum. The Fred Douglas High School alumni reunion was held in Jacksonville on July 26-27. Members of the class toured the exhibit of Douglas High memorabilia and Jacksonville Black History that is being added to the Vanishing Texana Museum. Viewing exhibit from left to right are Tommy and Verice Tilley of Athens, Willie Howard the president of Fred Douglass reunion association, from Houston, Texas, another alumni and Charlie Esco.

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### It's Time to tell the story

Maxine Session

This is October. Soon fall weather will give us relief from the summer heat and energize us in planning the upcoming holiday season events.

Family reunions have been numerous this summer in our area. About two weeks ago, I received a call from a writer from the Austin, Texas area who was

**.....I am a decendent of two families who lived in Houston County and were survivors of that massacre**

looking for information on the Slocum, Texas Massacre of 1910. It happens that I am a decendent of two families who lived in Houston County (just across the Anderson County line) and were survivors of that massacre. They were the Ollie Burley (my paternal grandfather) family and the Sam Dupree (my maternal great grandfather) family. Will Burley, a relative, was murdered in that massacre.

In 1996 I wrote about the massacre after interviewing the Wilson brothers of Palestine, who are also decendents and several others. The phone call only served to remind me of just how important it is to tell family history to each generation of children in our families. It is also important to have someone write it down from time to time adding, new information on births, deaths and family milestones on who entered which career, etc.,

So, when your family gathers for a reunion, Thanksgiving dinner or Christmas celebration this fall, please remember to schedule time to tell the story of your family

and give copies to different family members.

Family reunions can really help preserve family history. That is the time when family information should be shared. I would not have known my family connection to this tragic Texas history had I not questioned my dad about where he was born and how he came to live in Rusk?

I had a chance two years ago, during a Dupree family reunion in Grapeland, Texas, to share that history (Slocum Massacre) and the ties to our family history with a large gathering of decendents.

So, when your family gathers for a reunion, Thanksgiving dinner or Christmas celebration this fall, please remember to schedule time to tell the story of your family to keep those family ties real. There are really good story tellers in every family, so if not you, then plan ahead and get that great story-teller to do the honors. You never know how those stories inspire and translate to high self-esteem in young people and to keeping family traditions going.

Please, take the time to talk with older family members and write it down. Many times when they depart this life our family history goes with them.

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# Charlie Esco leads the development of new African American museum exhibit

~by Maxine Session

Charlie Esco sits on the board of The Vanishing Texana Museum and is taking the lead in the development of the new addition of the African American exhibit.

A museum is an institution that cares for a collection of artifacts and other objects of scientific, artistic, cultural, or historical importance and makes them available for public viewing through exhibits that may be permanent or temporary. This museum is permanent and has been the trusted home of the history of Cherokee County since 1965. It was originally located in the public library at 302 South Bolton Street which is now the location of the Jacksonville Senior Citizens Center. The exhibits were located at the current library on Jackson Street, but the space was needed.

In December of 2012 the city of Jacksonville agreed to give space in the Senior Building. The building is under construction by Jacksonville city crew since September 9, 2013 with a projected completion date of Thanksgiving 2013. The museum space will take approximately one-half of the building.

The Jacksonville Library Association Foundation has awarded a fifty percent matching grant to the city budget for the museum expansion.

Current board members are Chairperson Sam Hopkins, Vice-Chairperson Charlie Esco, John Thomason, Nancy Nesselhauf, Edna Haberle, Gail Kent, and Barbara Crossman. Planning was begun in January

of this year. The museum is adding to the existing collections new exhibits for the Jacksonville Black History centered around the Fred Douglas High School memorabilia; memorabilia of the Lon Morris College; expansion of the Tomato History; addition of the Texas Cherokees history to the Caddo tribe artifacts; and room for exhibits exchanged with other museums.

Sam Hopkins, Chairperson of the board had this to say, "As chairperson of the museum board, I specifically wanted Charlie Esco to lead the development of the new African American exhibit. Her experience with the Cherokee County Historical Commission has been indispensable in selecting what items would best represent the heritage that we want to preserve. Her leadership in the Fred Douglas High School Alumni Association and her thorough acquaintance with the citizens of Jacksonville insure that the new Black History exhibits will be a valuable legacy for all to enjoy.

**The board has invited the African American Community to define what is important to preserve.....**

Dr. Hopkins continued, "the museum board has invited the African American community to define what is important to preserve and to remember about their history in Jacksonville.



Photo courtesy of Dr. Sam Hopkins.

Members of the Vanishing Texana Museum Board tour expanded floor space inside the Jacksonville Senior Citizens Center. Renovation is being done by the Jacksonville City Public Works Department which uncovered the original 1938 outer rock wall that was hidden away by an earlier project to create more indoor space. Renovations will continue several more weeks before it will open to the public, according to Dr. Hopkins.

Contributions of the Fred Douglas High School memorabilia and other past representations of Jacksonville African American past life, particularly from the early

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history of the citizens who have lived in the community will be appreciated.

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Charlie Esco has played an important role in many areas of the community. She is currently a member of the Fred Douglass Alumni and Sweet Union Baptist Church where she serves as the Christian Education director. She graduated with the class of 59. I am the oldest of eight children four boys and four girls. I have four children all girls. Charlie is currently with the museum, and a member of the United Women of Strength. She recently finished a term on the Cherokee County Historical Commission.

She is the mother of Tracey, Donna, Daphne and Tarrion, grandmother to thirteen grandchildren and fourteen greatgrands.

# Credit CARD Act saves consumers billions, yet more work remains

~By Charlene Crowell

With 71 percent of consumers having at least one credit card, new research findings from two different sources show that the Credit CARD Act, enacted in 2009, is working. The only difference between the reports is just how much consumers are benefitting. According to the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB), the total cost of credit declined by two percentage points between 2008 and 2012, with borrowers saving \$4B in fees that would have been charged if not for the new law.

“The CARD Act was passed with the specific goal of making the credit card market fairer and more transparent for consumers”, said Richard Cordray, CFPB Director. “Consumers need access to credit; we simply want to ensure that they have responsible access to credit.”

CFPB found that in two specific areas, America’s consumers have already saved \$2.5B in over-limit fees which have mostly disappeared. Before the law took effect, these fees were assessed each time a transaction exceeded approved credit limits. The law now limits fees to be charged only once in a single billing cycle but also requires customers to opt-in to the fees. Additionally, late fees have also dropped by \$1.5B and on average dropped in cost by \$6 since the law took effect. A related working paper released days earlier by the National Bureau of Economic Research estimates that the law has performed even better, saving consumers an estimated \$20.8B per year. This estimate, based on an analysis of over 150 million credit card accounts, showed a drop in costs of more than 10 percent for consumers with the lowest FICO scores and an annualized reduction in borrowing costs of 2.8 percent on average daily balances. This report was developed jointly by the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency and academicians from the

University of Chicago Booth School of Business, New York University, and the National University of Singapore.

Either way, the effects of this key regulatory reform are welcome financial relief news for consumers.

Signed into law in May 2009, the Credit CARD Act sought to establish fair and transparent practices in the credit card market. It included specific protections for young consumers, under the age of 21. They now must demonstrate an independent ability to repay the debt or secure an adult co-signer. Since enactment of the CARD Act, credit card holders under 21 have dropped by half.

Other CARD Act requirements include: Customer statements must clearly show how long it will take to pay off the bill if the consumer opts to pay only the minimum amount due, including interest charges;

Card issuers cannot change terms or interest rates on customers who are current on their accounts; and

Customers must be delinquent for 60 days before a rate increase can be imposed.

Even so, the CFPB finds problem areas remain despite these provisions and customer savings. Further and greater regulatory examination may be warranted.

For example, the mailings that offer low and no interest to finance purchases for a specific period of time are known in the industry as deferred interest products. While the offers may appear tempting, it is not widely understood by consumers that if the balance is not paid in full by the designated date, interest will be charged and assessed retroactively to the transaction date.

Similarly, CFPB will closely monitor fees assessed before an account is opened. Some cards include what is known as harvester fees have high upfront costs, e.g. application fees, and low limits. As a result, the initial fees absorb much of the card’s credit limit. Currently not covered by the CARD Act, CFPB’s review of these charges will determine whether it should take action under its authority.

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## Columbus Day holiday Monday, October 14th

Celebrated on the second Monday in October, Columbus Day marks the day in 1492 when Christopher Columbus set foot in the New World. Today, parades and parties in many cities and towns commemorate the holiday across the United States as well as Latin America and Europe. Although it began as a celebration of the accomplishments of one man, Columbus Day has come to mean many things to many people. Italian Americans celebrate the history of their culture, Latin Americans celebrate their ancestors and Native Americans celebrate their people's resistance to invaders. The history of Columbus' voyages and what has happened in the places he claimed for Spain has led to both celebration and protest in many parts of the world.

### Praying for Our Enemies

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the school today”.

Oh, I wasn't talking to them, “Ruby answered. I was just saying a prayer for them. Every day, Ruby and her parents prayed for those screaming people. Why? Because, “Ruby explained. “they need praying for.”

Most of us don't face enemies everyday such as Ruby's. But we always have people in our lives who, for some reason, we consider our foes. When we come across such people, what should we do? Run? Get even? No, God says, Love them. Love your enemies with the love that overflows from me.

A good practical way to show love for your enemies is to pray for them. Have you ever noticed that it's really hard to ask God to help someone and still hold a grudge against that person? Praying for that person melts the resentment, and dislike that we may otherwise feel. Just ask Ruby.

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## Councilman's Corner

~Walter Session

### Rusk City Council meeting and other city business

The September Rusk City Council Meeting was held September 12, 2013 at 5:00PM. Included in the items discussed were the Rusk Economic Development Corporation fiscal year budget was presented by Bob Goldsberry and approved. Bob is the Executive Director of the Chamber of Commerce. He stated Rusk received the highest amount of sales tax ever for the past fiscal year 2012 - 2013 in the amount of \$707,000. Rusk Economic Development received \$204,000. of that from the city.

The council approved a total operating budget of \$4,832,375.00 for fiscal year 2013/2014.

The council accepted an offer of \$90,000. from Walter Preble to pay off the KOA (Kampgrounds Of America) note early. Since the payoff, Walter Preble sold the KOA to Norm and Virginia Otis.

City-wide cleanup day will be again October 12th. Dumpsters will be at Conley Park and the city barn. Items such as batteries, tires, paint cans, and gasoline in mowers will not be accepted. This is the last scheduled cleanup day until spring 2014.

Singletary Library will be more than doubled in size after the scheduled renovations are complete.

The "Tree of Promise" organization is scheduled to work again October 25th and 26th. This is a joint effort between the city of Rusk, various businesses, churches and civic organizations to help make needed property improvements. They are asking volunteers to call 903 539-0081.

The council approved an ordinance levying an Ad Volorem Tax of .46 per \$1,000. on all real and personal property for the tax year 2014.

In District II, the city paved a driveway through Rusk Memorial Cemetery.

The Texas Municipal League Conference is scheduled for October 8th - 11th in Austin. Mayor Angela Raiborn, Mayor Pro-tem Walter Session, City Secretary Cinda Etheridge and Maxine Session will attend.

The first new home from the city Homes Grant is in the first stage of construction. Five more are scheduled.

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disease are most susceptible to flu complications (including pneumonia), people of all ages die from the disease each year.

"It's a serious health problem for adults and children. And it's preventable," says Duchin, who is also a member of the CDC's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP). "We have a way for people to avoid unnecessary doctor's visits, to avoid unnecessary antibiotics, and to avoid hospitalization

Happy Birthday !



Shirley  
Clark

October 5th

## Shutdown

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The government shut down Tuesday morning as congressional lawmakers failed to reach an agreement on a short-term resolution to continue funding the government. The shutdown is the first since 1996.

While more than 800,000 federal workers are furloughed without pay, rank-and-file members of Congress continue to earn their \$174,000 a year salary. And as The Huffington Post's Sabrina Siddiqui and Dave Jamieson reported Tuesday, there's no guarantee that furloughed workers will receive back pay — that decision lies with members of Congress, who will be paid regardless.

Several lawmakers have said they would either refuse or donate their pay throughout the shutdown

## Alto Chamber and Chili's Plan Give Back Charity Night

Alto Chamber of Commerce will hold a Give Back Charity Night on Thursday night, October 17th where Chili's Bar & Grill (Jacksonville location only) will donate to ACC (Alto Chamber of Commerce) through this gracious fundraiser for our Fall Festival event. Mark your calendar, and present to your waiter their flyer announcing the event when ordering at Chili's in J'ville on Thursday, October 17th ALL DAY!

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## Poetry

### SAVE THE JOY

by W. Carwell - Palestine, Tx.

Keep time close to your heart, because once it's gone, it's gone.

Enjoy one another's company because you can't build relationships alone.

Hold fast to your goals, your dreams, and ideas the good and the bad.

Take them with you throughout your day because they'll shape the life you long to

Have. Cherish the good days, the smile, the love and the laughs.

Bring GOD with

You everywhere you go because in him you can find encouragement, and a

Love that will last. Remember to live everyday like it was your last day on earth.

Give forgiveness to the one who mistreated you and let GOD show

You how to relinquish the hurt. Humble yourself before GOD like children at play.

Believe in his power, save the joy for tomorrow, and never forget to pray. The

Bible says "we must count it all joy" each and every day. So when the days come that may bring me bad news. I know my

JOY will provide for me a way to pull through.

SAVE THE JOY

## What's Cook'n

### Bacon and Cheddar Corn Muffins



- 6 bacon slices
- 2 cups self-rising corn bread mix
- 1 Tblsp. sugar
- 1 1/2 cups buttermilk
- 1 large egg
- 4 teasp. butter melted
- 1 cup (4oz.) shredded sharp cheese
- Vegetable cooking spray

Preheat oven to 425degrees. Cook bacon in skillet over medium heat 12 to 14 minutes or until crisp. Remove from heat and drain on paper towel. Crumble bacon.

Heat a 12 cup muffin pan in the oven five minutes. Combine cornmeal mix and sugar in a medium bowl; make a well in center of mixture. Stir together buttermilk and egg; add to cornmeal mix just until dry ingredients are wet. Stir in melted butter, cheese, and bacon. Remove pan from oven and coat with cooking spray. Spoon batter into muffin pan, filling almost completely full. Bake at 425 degrees for 15 to 20 minutes or until golden brown. Remove from oven and let cool.



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## Doretha Johnson retires from Allstate



Doretha Session Johnson of Grand Prairie, formerly of Rusk, retires from Allstate Insurance

Dallas, TX. - After 40 years of dedicated service to Allstate, Doretha Johnson, National Catastrophe Team (NCT), Field Manager for the Western Territory, has announced her decision to retire on November 29, 2013.

Doretha began her career in 1973, and prior to joining the NCT, she served as a Frontline Performance Leader, Frontline Performance Expert (FPE) and was the lead trainer of the first group of adjusters for the Texas Team. In 1998 Doretha transferred to the NCT and served as a FPE.

According to Joyce Washington, Western Territory Market Claims Manager,

Doretha provides a steel-like confidence through her calm and demure approach that has allowed her to be successful in her roles. She will be missed by all and especially by me.

Upon her retirement Doretha is going to enjoy being a full-time grandmother and taking theology classes.

We thank Doretha for all that she has contributed to the Allstate team and wish her the most sincere wishes for a happy, prosperous and well-deserved retirement.

Donald E. Preston  
Communication Manager  
National Catastrophe Team  
Allstate Insurance Company

## Labor Day picnic held



L to R - Walter Session secretary, John Griffith treasurer, Oliver Sturns, president, Melvin Session, vice-pres., Jerry Leviston Chaplain, Sam O'Neal, Michael Session assist. chef, Jerry Hart chef, Tracy Session Parliamentarian.

The Cherokee Brotherhood school and bring the community Back to School Labor Day together. This has been a very busy year for the group as they Picnic was held September 1st mentored students, assisted in the Conley Park. Adults and children alike enjoyed a great meal prepared on outdoor grills. This is an annual event families with problems and community improvement projects. Two scholarships were given this year. held to give encouragement to students as they return to

## Trinity Small has a Happy Birthday



Trinity Small and her cousins celebrated her fifth birthday by seeing the movie "Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs", and a backyard birthday party on Sunday evening, September 28th. L to R: Maury, Gracie, Destyne, friend Ta-Ta, Eddie and Trinity.



# Local Pageant Scheduled

Rusk, TX- A "Little Miss Blessed" beauty pageant has been scheduled for Saturday, November 9, 2013 at Rusk Junior High cafetorium. Competition will begin at 9am.

The pageant is sponsored by the Mt. Olive Community Church Youth Department. All contestants will receive a crown.

The Theme is "Harvest Cuties and Thankful Beauties" The age divisions are 0-12 months, 13 months to 23 months, 2 - 3 years, 4-6 years, 7-9 years, 10 -12 years and 13 plus. A queen and princess will be crowned for each age group. Categories

are: (1) Interview - Age 0-3 years excluded (2) Theme Outfit - all divisions, (3) Beauty/Sunday Best- All divisions. Themes for dress are Harvest, Indians, Pilgrims, etc..

Prizes include Ultimate Grand Supreme \$100.00, Grand Supreme \$50.00 and Mini Supreme \$25.00.

Registration deadline November 4, 2013.

For additional information contact directors Kadrick Session (903) 830-7388/ kdsknowsbest@gmail.com or Cangela at (903)283-6019/ divasofessence@yahoo.com

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# Williams and Hill Wed



Mr. and Mrs. Gary and Amber Hill.

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Church, Alto, Texas. Reverend Clater, performed the ceremony. The reception was held in the fellowship Hall. The happy couple will live in Houston. Gary is formerly of Rusk.

# Faces From The Past



Some of those above are: LeRoy Ballard, Rev. James Wickware, Rev. Jones, James Henderson, Anderson, Frenchie Henderson, George Colston, Rev. Phal Carter, Rev. Bobby Cook, Billy Joyce and Jerry Hart. The picture was taken at Blount Chapel Baptist Church.

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## Coleman loses everything in fire



Dorothy Coleman lost everything in an early morning August house fire. Neighbors, co-workers and community churches came to her aid. Oliver Sturns, president, presents a check to her on behalf of the Cherokee Christian Brotherhood.

## Rusk Chamber of Commerce October Hollow Festival - 10/17/13 - 10/19/13

Make plans to join us for the Rusk Chamber  
of Commerce October Hollow Festival  
scheduled for 10/17/13 - 10/19/13 at the Rusk  
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\$1.00 per ride & Adults \$2.00 per ride.  
Friday, 10/18/13 6:00 PM - 10:00 PM, wrist  
bands will be available.

## Government Shutdown Continues

House Speaker John Boehner (R., Ohio) pinned the blame on his adversaries, saying, "Senate Democrats today slammed the door on reopening the federal government by refusing to talk."

House Republicans launched a new strategy aimed at increasing pressure on Senate Democrats to negotiate with them, only to see it fail in their own chamber Tuesday night. GOP leaders brought forward a series of short-term bills to finance small parts of the government, including veterans services and national parks, through Dec. 15.

None of the bills garnered the two-thirds support needed under an expedited process chosen to highlight House Democrats' unwillingness to fund the popular programs under the Republican plan. GOP lawmakers said they might bring up the bills again later this week in a fashion that would make them easier to pass with just the Republican majority. The lack of negotiations between the two parties and the White House raises the possibility that the partisan divisions that have brought the government to a standstill could impede the ability of the Treasury to pay the government's bills beyond mid-October. Congress has to approve an increase in the federal debt ceiling by then, and failure to do so could bring broader and more troublesome consequences for the U.S. and global economies than the partial government shutdown. "The sad news is that, given the performance to date, that the debt limit extension is coming up in two weeks, and this does not portend responsible action on the debt limit," said House Democratic Whip Steny Hoyer (D., Md.).

Added Sen. Richard Shelby (R., Ala.): "Every day we are The shutdown was sparked because

Republicans were determined to scale back the Affordable Care Act before the insurance marketplaces opened. The GOP-led House refused. There, the calendars are running together."

to fund federal agencies for the new fiscal year, which began Tuesday, without attaching provisions to delay the health law or otherwise curb its reach. The Democratic-controlled Senate rejected each of those efforts.

The Senate also rejected on Tuesday a House measure, approved in the early hours of Tuesday morning, that the two chambers assign a small group of lawmakers to resolve the budget differences. That measure also included curbs on the health law, including a one-year delay in its requirement that individuals carry health insurance.

The idea of passing a series of narrowly tailored spending bills was floated by Mr. Boehner at a closed-door strategy session with rank-and-file lawmakers. Republicans said it showed their interest in trying to blunt the effects of the shutdown.

"It's going to get the aspects of government open that I think most people are concerned about and, along the way, it'll signify to the American people that we're serious about keeping the government open," said Rep. Matt Salmon (R., Ariz.).

But Senate Democrats rejected the strategy, saying their goal was to reopen the entire government. "People shouldn't have to choose between help for our veterans and cancer research," said Sen. Charles Schumer (D., N.Y.). Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid (D., Nev.) called it "another wacky idea" from the GOP, and said: "If they think they're going to come and nitpick us on this, it



President Obama speaks at the Whitehouse Rose garden.

The idea echoed a proposal floated in the past week by Sen. Ted Cruz (R., Texas) to pass individual spending bills in an effort put pressure on the Democratic-controlled Senate.

Some centrist Republicans showed fresh anxiety about the GOP strategy of allowing the government to shut down rather than abandoning the party's demands for Democrats to agree to changes to the health-care law.

Rep. Scott Rigell (R., Va.) said he now wanted GOP leaders to end the spending standoff and pass a bill shorn of health-care riders.

He said he worried about the "economic pain" from the shutdown and concluded that "the wiser path was to recognize that the time had come to fund the government fully."

Other Republicans—including Mr. Boehner himself, in the past—have favored waging their fight for major changes in the health-care law not as part of the short-term extension of government spending but on the coming debt-limit fight.

House Budget Committee Chairman Paul Ryan (R., Wis.) on Tuesday cited the debt-limit bill as the most likely vehicle for negotiations over broad debt-reduction initiatives. "That's what we think will be the forcing mechanism" to craft a deficit-reduction measure later this year,

he said at a news event called to focus on the government-funding standoff.

The White House and Senate Democrats have refused to negotiate conditions for Congress passing the debt limit, saying Congress had a responsibility to allow the Treasury to pay bills that lawmakers had already incurred. "This is not a concession to me," Mr. Obama said Tuesday. "It is not some demand that's unreasonable that I'm making. This is what Congress is supposed to do as a routine matter."

However, White House officials signaled that Mr. Obama would negotiate with Republicans on their broader budget concerns and possibly some tweaks to the health-care law if Congress approved a temporary extension of government funding and debt-limit increase to give officials time for talks. Details of how such an agreement would work were unclear.

One official said the White House would like, in particular, to address broad budget cuts known as the sequester, but also said there are some tax issues on which Mr. Obama and Republicans could reach a compromise.

# Christianity



## Praying for Our Enemies

~Matt. 5:44-45  
by Cheri Fuller

The milling crowd was restless. You could feel the anticipation even though it was only 8 o'clock in the morning. Finally the crowd stirred and the yelling began. Threats. Obscenities. Screaming. All because they were coming silently down the street: the federal marshals... and a small, six year old girl they were guarding. And when she walked home from school, frenzied people again lined the streets screaming and cursing, and threatening to kill her.

Why? Because Ruby Bridges was , the first black child to attend that all-white school. And in New Orleans in 1960, enough people hated the

idea of black and white children sitting in the same classroom that Ruby needed protection from the daily barrage of hate.

You'd think Ruby and her family would bow under the pressure. Even if she didn't quit school, surely she would become depressed and frightened. But she didn't. Ruby was cheerful, happy to be in school. Even her teacher couldn't understand it. "You know, I don't understand this child", the teacher told Robert Coles a psychiatrist who was watching Ruby to see how she handled the pressure. She seems so happy and cheerful.

One day Ruby's teacher watched her stop outside and talk to the crowd. Startled, the teacher mentioned it to Dr. Coles. That night Dr. Coles went to Ruby's home to find out what had happened. Ruby, your teacher said she saw you talking to those people outside

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# Texas Colleges to receive Grants for training

WASHINGTON – Secretary of Labor Thomas E. Perez today announced \$474.5 million in grants to community colleges and universities around the country for the development and expansion of innovative training programs in partnership with local employers. The grants are part of the Trade Adjustment Assistance Community College and Career Training grant program, a multiyear, nearly \$2 billion initiative to expand targeted training programs for unemployed workers, especially those impacted by foreign trade.

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Texas will receive more than \$5.2 million in grant funding to support skills training capacity building at community colleges and other public institutions across the state. San Jacinto Community College and North Central Texas College were among the award winners in this round of funding.

The 57 grants announced today will support 190 projects in at least 183 schools in every state plus the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico. The grants will expand programs in growing industries, such as advanced manufacturing, transportation and health care, and encourage geographic and industry sector collaboration through the development of both statewide and multistate college consortia. The U.S. Department of Labor is implementing and administering the program in coordination with the U.S.

using these public funds will be available through the Open Educational Resources initiative so that others can access and build on successful training models. The U.S. Department of Commerce is also encouraging employers to collaborate with local colleges eligible for funding through this program.

This latest round of funding is fostering deeper partnerships between community colleges, employers and other community partners. This year's grantees have more employer partners than in the past, and many of those employer partners will offer work-based learning opportunities. At least 10 of the individual grants will be focused on these work-based training opportunities and many consortia grants will incorporate similar strategies into their programs. Strong partnerships and work-based training will help ensure that curricula and training are aligned with the practical skills and competencies industries seek from workers.

Speaking in Colorado at Front Range Community College – the lead college in a \$25 million grant to a consortium of nine schools across the state focused on developing a pipeline of skilled advanced manufacturing workers – Secretary Perez said: "These investments in demand-driven skills training bring together education, labor, business, and community leaders to meet the real-world needs of the changing global marketplace. These partnerships strengthen not only the American workforce, but the American economy as well."

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## Obituararies

### Mary Maggie Lois Dansby Polk

Mrs. Mary Maggie Lois Dansby Polk daughter of the late Shelby and Eugene Dansby, was born in Rusk County, Texas May 23, 1923. She was reared in Rusk County and received her education there. She united with Anadarko Christian Church in her youth.

She was united in holy matrimony to Robert Lee Tom Polk and to this union five children were born.

Mrs. Polk departed this life September 27, 2012 at the Lexington Rehabilitation Center in Nacogdoches, Texas.

She was preceded in death by her mother and father, four sisters: Opal Anderson, Naomi Sheppard, Claudia McCall, Ida Robertson, and one son; two brothers, Milton and Calvin Dansby; and one great granddaughter Nykashia Polk.

She leaves to cherish her memory, a devoted husband Robert Polk; three sons, Larry Polk of Nacogdoches, Johnny Polk, Harold (Pearl) Polk, Sr., all of Cushing; one daughter Ruthie (Floyd) Thompson of Mt. Enterprise; two sisters, Ianthia Harris, Kamilla (James) Johnson, all of Dallas, twelve grandchildren, twentyone great grandchildren, three great-great grandchildren, a host of neices, nephews and many other relatives and friends.

## Rev. K. B. Clater Installed as new pastor



Rev. K. B. Clater was installed as new pastor at Lee Springs Baptist Church, Gresham, in September. His son, Rev. Tracy Clater was the speaker for the occasion. Pictured are deacons of the church and Rev. and Mrs. Clater

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# What's new in breast cancer research?

Research into the causes, prevention, and treatment of breast cancer is being done in many medical centers throughout the world.

## *Causes of breast cancer*

Studies continue to find lifestyle factors and habits that alter breast cancer risk. Some studies are looking at the effect of exercise, weight gain or loss, and diet on breast cancer risk. We are also learning more about how genes influence breast cancer. This should happen more quickly now that the human genome has been mapped out.

## *New lab tests*

### *Tumor cells in the blood*

Researchers have found that in many women with breast cancer, cells may break away from the tumor and enter the blood. These tumor cells can be found with sensitive lab tests. While these tests are available for general use, it is not yet clear how helpful they are for patients with breast cancer Treatment

## *Radiation treatment*

For women who need radiation after breast-surgery conserving surgery, newer methods are being studied to see if they work as well as standard treatments in keeping breast cancer from coming back. They can make it easier to get treatment since the treatment can be done on in a shorter time.

## *New chemotherapy drugs*

Because advanced breast cancers are often hard to treat, researchers are looking for newer, better drugs. A drug class has been developed that targets cancers caused by BRCA mutations. This class of drugs is called PARP inhibitors and they have shown promise in clinical trials treating breast, ovarian, and prostate cancers that had spread and were resistant to other treatments. Further studies are being done to see if this drug can help patients without BRCA mutations.

## *Targeted therapies*

Targeted therapies are a group of newer drugs that take advantage of gene changes in cells that cause cancer. Drugs that target HER2: A number of drugs are approved

to target excess HER2 protein. Studies are being done to see how best to use these in treating early breast cancer. Other drugs that target the HER2 protein are being tested in clinical trials. Researchers are also looking at using a vaccine to target the HER2 protein.

**Anti-angiogenesis drugs:** For cancers to grow, blood vessels must be made to feed the cancer cells. Some studies have found that breast cancers with many new, small blood vessels are likely to spread more quickly. Bevacizumab (Avastin®) is an example of anti-angiogenesis drug. Although bevacizumab does not seem to be very helpful in the treatment of breast cancer, clinical trials are currently testing several other anti-angiogenesis drugs.

New drugs are being made that may be useful in stopping breast cancer growth by keeping new blood vessels from forming. Some of these drugs are now being tested in clinical trials.

## Do I Really Need a Flu Vaccine?

If you're over 6 months old, the CDC says yes, you need to get a flu vaccination at the start of every flu season. Despite the fact that we tend to label any illness that makes us sneeze, shiver, or vomit as "the flu," true influenza isn't a trivial illness. It can do far worse than just keep you home from work or school for a few days.

"Hundreds of thousands of people each year are hospitalized with influenza. Between 3,000 and 40,000 people die during any influenza season, depending on the strain that's circulating," says Jeffrey Duchin, MD. He's chief of the Communicable Disease Epidemiology & Immunization Section at Seattle & King County Public Health, and an associate professor in medicine in the University of Washington Division of Infectious Diseases.

Although young infants, the elderly, pregnant women, and people with chronic conditions like asthma or heart

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# Speak Out

# The Legislative part of government shut it down?

Our federal government has three parts. They are the Executive, (President and about 5,000,000 workers) Legislative (Senate and House of Representatives) and Judicial (Supreme Court and lower Courts).

The President of the United States administers the Executive Branch of our government. He enforces the laws that the Legislative Branch (Congress) makes. The President is elected by United States citizens, 18 years of age and older, who vote in the presidential elections in their states. These votes are tallied by states and form the Electoral College system. States have the number of electoral votes which equal the number of senators and representatives they have. It is possible to have the most popular votes throughout the nation and NOT win the electoral vote of the Electoral College.

The Legislative part of our government is called Congress. Congress makes our laws. Congress is divided into 2 parts. One part is called the Senate. There are 100 Senators--2 from each of our states. Another part is called the House of Representatives. Representatives meet together to discuss ideas and decide if these ideas (bills) should become laws. There are 435 Representatives. The number of representatives each state gets is determined by its population. Some states have just 2 representatives. Others have as many as 40. Both senators and representatives are elected by the eligible voters in their states.

The Judicial part of our federal government includes the Supreme Court and 9 Justices. They are special judges who interpret laws according to the Constitution. These justices only hear cases that pertain to issues related to the Constitution. They are the highest court in our country. The federal judicial system also has lower courts located in each state to hear cases involving federal issues. All three parts of our federal government have their main headquarters in the city of Washington D.C.

*The federal government in Washington is currently shut down. Congress failed to pass a budget, sending 800,000 workers home. What do you think should happen to Congressmen when they go to Washington, push personal agendas and forget the people they were elected to represent?*

The following people speak out!



Anthony Johnson - Houston

Donald Davis - Houston

Putting 800,000 people out of work and the rest of us under stress..... They should be put out of office. Their money should be withheld. I say, vote them out!

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# Local Agents win 1st place at National Conference



Wendy Green and Patrice Dunagin

The pictures are of Wendi Green (CEA-FCS, Cherokee County) (Pictured Right) and Patrice Dunagin (Smith County CEA-FCS agent) (Pictured Left) at the National Conference Poster Session where they visited with agents across the nation regarding our SUSD program. The Conference was held in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Their poster won 1st place on the national level under Family Health & Wellness for the development of the Step Up & ScaleDown program. A team of 7 agents developed this program.

*Your life is a sermon. What kind of sermon will you preach? The words you choose to speak may have some impact on others, but not nearly as much impact as the life you choose to live. Today, pause to consider the tone, the theme, and context of your particular sermon, and ask yourself if it's a message that you're proud to deliver?*

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1440	Weekly Grand Overall Odds are 1 in 3.91	\$2	11/27/13	5/26/14
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1349	Set For Life Overall Odds are 1 in 3.96	\$10	11/27/13	5/26/14

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*Happy Birthday  
Cody Glenn  
October 6th*

# Class of 1962 enjoy luncheon



L to R - Letha Colston Northcutt, Mildred Thompson Brown, Sherman Johnson, Charles VanZandt, Tricia Bradley Watkins and Walter Session, members of the G. W. Bradford class of 1962 enjoyed a luncheon at Cheddars in Tyler on October 5th. The group had a great time reminiscing and catching up on the latest happenings with each other.

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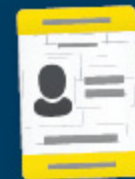
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