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Native Americans protest the Dakota Access pipeline construction in North Dakota which would cross their sacred ancestral lands and run under the Missouri River, their sole drinking water supply.
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Larry Walker II, Coach Walker and Barry Walker

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Birth of a Nation

The movie is now in theaters across the nation. For history buffs and those who don't know about the history of the slave, Nat Turner, go see the movie. It will hold your attention while giving you a look at what his life was like.



VOTE
Derrick Holman
Constable
Pct# 4
Early Voting begins
October 24th.
Voting Day
Nov. 8, 2016



EDITORIAL



Maxine Session

The past one or two years an anonymous donor has constructed and made available to anyone who wants one crosses with the message "JESUS IS LORD"

As the donor probably wanted, the signs are placed in yards all over East Texas. What a wonderful idea!

The crosses send a message about the households of those who live there. I wonder if the residents who placed the crosses in their yard thought about that. ?

What Is the Message ?

I would imagine that the main message sent from the cross placed in someone's yard is "JESUS IS LORD of this house.

If He is Lord of the house then great things should be happening there.

Some of those things are

- (1) Love abides there
- (2) The people love the Lord with all their heart, body, mind and soul
- (3) The people who live there give praise to our Lord and Savior, praying daily
- (4) They believe that Jesus is Our Lord and Savior and their faith is in Him
- (5) They love their neighbor as thyself
- (6) They know where to turn for forgiveness when they sin
- (7) They read and study the bible with a greed for knowledge
- (8) They attend church with a passion for knowledge and an understanding of the word, after all if they don't attend church why would they want to go to heaven?



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Longtime Coach Larry Walker inducted into RISD Wall of Honor



Pictured front row left to right - Oliver Sturns, Coach Larry Walker, Lapoleon Atkins, Tracy Session. Back row left to right Tommy Cleaver, Rev. Jerry Leviston, Sam O'Neal, Rev. Phal Carter, Travis Session and Walter Session

Rusk, TX. - Dr. Scott Davis, RISD Superintendent introduced Coach Walker from the Eagle field to a standing room only crowd during half time of the Rusk Eagle versus Alto Yellow Jackets homecoming football game. He talked about the Wall of Honor and Coach Walker then gave the microphone to Tracy Session, RISD Schoolboard member who read Coach Walker's biography. The content of the biography has been placed on the plaque with a picture of Coach Walker. The plaque will be placed on the wall inside the entrance to the Eagle Swink Stadium.

Others inductees who have been honored are James I Perkins-1955 honor student and president and chairman of Citizens 1st Bank since 1971; Dr. Jim Swink 1953 RH graduate and top male student who was top male student in class and TCU runner up for the Heisman Trophy.

Coach Dough Jordon who graded RH in 1956. He was an all around athlete playing football, baseball, basketball and track. He taught and coached at RH 23 years.

Dr. Jimmy Lewis Lovelady, a 1959 RH graduate, obtained ED.D. Degree in education and taught 34 years at Angelina College.

Coach Larry Jay Walker, I dedicated 42 years of his life to educating and coaching RISD students. He graduated from George W. Bradford High School in 1955. He played football, baseball, track and basketball and was a standout member of the 1955 Championship football team that went to Quarter Finals.

After high school graduation, Coach Walker attended Mary Allen Jr. College of Crockett, Texas on a football scholarship. He later received a full football scholarship to Butler College, Tyler, Texas and graduated with a Bachelor's Degree in 1959.

He received a Master's Degree in Science and Physical Education from the University of Texas in 1979.

Drafted into the U. S. Army in 1959, Coach Walker served two years and was drafted a second time serving another year for a total of three years. He proudly served his country in Kansas, Louisiana and overseas in Japan and Korea.

Upon ending his successful tour with the US Army, he lived and worked in Tyler. In 1963 Coach Walker returned home to Rusk and George W. Bradford High School. He began his career in education as assistant coach, under head coach J. W. Carter, as physical education instructor and girls coach in basketball, football, track and baseball.

The 1954 Supreme Court decision in Brown vs the Board of Education caused George Washington Bradford School to cease being an institution of learning in 1968. That year Coach Walker's homeroom class was the last to be intergrated into Rusk High School. After intergration he taught part-time at Rusk Elementary con't page 9

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TEXAS
LOTTERY

WHAT'S COOK'N

Easy Old Fashion
Cooked Banana
Pudding

Ingredients

- 3/4 cup plus 1 tablespoon sugar
- 1/3 cup cornstarch
- Pinch of salt
- 3 cups milk
- 8 eggs, separated
- 3 tablespoons butter
- 1 tablespoon pure vanilla extract
- 3 cups vanilla wafers
- 4 ripe bananas, thinly sliced
- 1/2 teaspoon cream of tartar

Directions

Preheat oven to 350°F. In a large saucepan, combine 1/3 cup sugar, cornstarch and salt; stir until blended. Mix in milk. Cook over medium heat, stirring constantly until thickened and boiling. Boil 1 minute, then remove from heat.

In a small bowl, whisk egg yolks, then whisk in about 1/2 cup of hot custard until blended. Pour yolk mixture back into saucepan of custard; cook over medium heat,

stirring, 2 minutes. Stir in butter and vanilla until blended.

Place vanilla wafers on bottom of a shallow 2-quart casserole dish. Top with layers of banana slices and custard. Repeat layering, ending with custard.

In a large mixing bowl, beat egg whites and 1/4 cup sugar at low speed until frothy. Add cream of tartar; increase speed to medium and gradually beat in remaining sugar. Beat until egg whites hold stiff peaks.

Spoon meringue over hot custard immediately, making sure that meringue touches baking dish on all sides (this prevents it from shrinking). Transfer to oven and bake until golden, about 20 minutes. Remove pudding from oven and cool 1 hour. Refrigerate at least 4 hours before serving.

CHRISTIANITY

WHAT MUST I DO TO BE
SAVED?

How can I know if I am saved? A self-test?

Since the evidence of genuine salvation is the presence of the Holy Spirit within the individual, how can this be verified? 1 John 5:13 informs us that the entire Book of 1 John was written so that we can know that we possess eternal life in Christ. Do you know for absolute certainty that, if you were to die tonight, you would go to Heaven?

The Bible is very clear on the necessity of a person being "Born Again" if they are to receive eternal life. Jesus coined this term, in John 3:3-7, when he told Nicodemus, "You must be born again" to enter into the Kingdom of Heaven. Since this necessity is so critical, Satan has attacked it with all his might for two thousand years, causing most "Christian" churches to stop teaching this doctrine, even though no one can be saved without undergoing this wondrous spiritual conversion. However, Satan's most effective weapon against being Born Again has been, and still is, confusion. Fortunately, Jesus lovingly made this transformation process very simple, so simple that even those who are not educated can understand. There are several steps to becoming Born Again, listed below: Understand that ALL men ever born are sinners. Romans 3:23. Since man is an imperfect sinner, and God is a perfect God, no man can save himself. Matthew 5:48. You must also be very sorry for your sins, and want to have them forgiven. This is known as Repentance. The word Repent means to both be very sorry for your sins, and to want to not sin anymore. When the sinless Son of God, Jesus Christ, shed His precious blood on the cross at Calvary, He died for the sins of His people in their place as a sacrificial substitute. And in doing so, He suffered the wrath of God the Father upon their sin. He paid the penalty for that sin in His own body and purchased their eternal redemption. This enables Him to give as a free gift His own holiness and righteousness to those who believe in Him and trust Him for salvation, making them absolutely

perfect in God's sight! Romans 6:23 says, "For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." None of us deserve to be saved; in His love and mercy God extends grace to those who will believe. Grace is defined as "undeserved favor" and perhaps this little acrostic will help you to remember its meaning: God's Riches At Christ's Expense. [The true meaning of GRACE]

Now, you are probably thinking, 'How can I obtain this free gift of eternal life?' Again, the Bible is not silent. In Acts 16:25-33, the jailer anxiously asked Paul, "What must I do to be saved?" Paul answered "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved ..." verse 31". You must BELIEVE on Jesus Christ as your personal Lord and Savior. To truly believe, you must place your complete faith and trust in Christ and rely upon Him as your only hope of salvation and eternal life. This is a matter of the heart and you cannot hope to deceive God by putting on an act because He knows everything about you. Now, you are probably thinking, 'How can I obtain this free gift of eternal life?' Again, the Bible is not silent. In Acts 16:25-33, the jailer anxiously asked Paul, "What must I do to be saved?" Paul answered "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved ..." verse 31". You must BELIEVE on Jesus Christ as your personal Lord and Savior. To truly believe, you must place your complete faith and trust in Christ and rely upon Him as your only hope of salvation and eternal life. Saving Faith is trusting in Jesus Christ, and Him alone, for your Salvation.

One of the best indicators of the New Birth is a genuine understanding of the Word of God. There will be no fireworks or brass bands playing, just a wonderful calm that is deep down inside. So when the Word begins to make sense, to speak to your heart, and convict you of sin in your life, it is

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Family and Friends Day
 3:00pm Sunday,
 October 23rd

Rev. Vertis Thacker, Pastor
 (The public is invited to attend)

Elm Grove Baptist Church
 Highway 110 North
 Rusk, Texas

Women's Day Celebration
 11:00a.m.
 October 23, 2016
 Speaker
 Minister Brenda Mallard Davis
 Timothy Bircher, Pastor
 (The public is invited to attend and Dinner will be served)

Mt. Olive Baptist Church
 215 Collins Street
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October 23, 2016
 3:00pm
 Speaker
 Rev. J. R. Mumphrey
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 Sam O'Neal, Deacon
 Mary Foreman, Choir President

New Community United Methodist Church
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Family and Friends Day
 October 9, 2016
 3:00pm


Speaker
 Rev. Larry Smith Fellowship Baptist
 Dallas, Texas

Pastor, Rev. Edward Smith

HEALTH

What are the most common symptoms of sickle cell anemia?

Symptoms of sickle cell disease include anemia, frequent infections, episodes of pain, delayed growth and vision problems. Hand-foot syndrome, or swollen hands and feet, may be one of the first signs of sickle cell disease in infants, according to Mayo Clinic. Sickle cell disease is an inherited disorder in which the body makes sickle-shaped red blood cells. Normal red blood cells are circular in shape and carry an iron-rich protein called hemoglobin. In people with sickle cell disease, the blood cells contain abnormal hemoglobin called sickle hemoglobin. This abnormal protein causes the red blood cells to be sickle, or crescent, in shape. These cells commonly block blood flow in the vessels of certain limbs and organs. Once the blood flow is blocked, the risk of infection increases and pain and organ damage may result, according to the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute. Sickle cell is caused by a gene mutation, which is passed down through autosomal recessive inheritance. Individuals who have the disease have received the defective gene from both parents, Mayo Clinic explains. As of June 2015, no mass cure for sickle cell disease is available. Treating it generally becomes about managing pain and preventing infections, strokes and organ damage in addition to treating complications as they arise, according to the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute.



Happy Birthday
Sandra Thompson
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Changing America's Narrative: The New Black History Museum Opens on the National Mall



African Americans reenact the civil war in full dress



Celebrities attending opening

By Marian Wright-Edelman
(President, Children's Defense Fund)

"In the shadow of the Jefferson Memorial, the Lincoln Memorial, the King Memorial, and the front yard of the Washington Monument, like a phoenix, our museum will rise... Believe me, if we can build a museum... there's nothing that you can't do. There's nothing you can't reach. There's nothing you can't teach, but it begins with the vision, and it begins with a vision that maybe nobody else can see."

— Dr. Rex M. Ellis, Associate Director for Curatorial Affairs, National Museum of African American History and Culture

The September 24 opening of the National Museum of African American History and Culture was the realization of a dream that's been a very long time coming, beginning a century ago when Black leaders first proposed a memorial to Black Civil War veterans. Dr. Rex M. Ellis, the museum's Associate Director for Curatorial Affairs, speaking to young teachers during the Children's Defense Fund's 2016 Freedom Schools® training program, shared his hopes that the museum will help light the way for the next generation of Americans and that the museum's vision will "change the master narrative of our nation": "When people come to the Smithsonian now, they're not just going to hear about American art or American history... We have

a 76-ton train, a segregated train car that was built and adorned as a segregated car in the 1940s. We brought that train all the way from Berea, Kentucky, down 14th Street. It took two 16-wheelers to bring that 76-ton train down, and then two cranes... that lowered it into the museum, and as it was lowering into the museum, I said to the director, 'We are bringing a part of our history that will [be here] forever' — because we had to put the train in, and then build the roof over the top of it. So the train is going to be there. Segregation is going to be there. Segregation and lynching and slavery and everything that we have gone through as a people is now a part of a master narrative."

Dr. Ellis shared how special the opening of this museum is to him: "For museums around the world, the question is are we going to contribute to the solution to the problems and challenges of our nation and our world, or are we going to sit back like Nero and watch Rome burn to the ground? Our plan is to use our museum as a way to make America better. The new museum opens at a critical inflection point in our nation's history. By capturing America's struggle to overcome our birth defect of slavery and our ongoing struggle to close the gap between America's creed and deed, for the first time our children will be able to accurately learn the too often hidden or misstated history of America. With this museum, I hope

"new generations of children will grow up not only learning the truth about who we are and where we came from but also what they can do to create a more equal and just America. The struggle to build the museum often seemed to mirror the story it was trying to tell. One that required grit, determination, and persistence — a struggle Dr. Ellis feels was well worth having : "When we began back in 2005, we had nothing. We had no building. We had no collections. We had no land to put a building on and very little money. We had a very small staff of about three people. Now, just 11 years later, we have a staff of over 180 people, nearly 37,000 objects, five acres of land that shares our neighborhood with the Washington Monument and the White House and the United States Capitol and the National Park Service and 18 Smithsonian museums."

Dr. Ellis continued: "Many said it could not be done. 'How are you going to raise over \$540 million and a building that you say will have over 300,000 square feet and seven stories? It's too much,' they said. 'It can't be done,' they said. 'It will certainly take more time to build, and what about collections? How are you going to find a world-class collection? Most of the stuff worth having museums have already collected. You're not going to get the good stuff. Bet you don't have anything from Michael Jackson.' Yep

, we got a vest he wore during his Victory Tour and one of his signature gloves — but that's not all. We've got Chuck Berry's Cadillac, but that's not all. We've got Maybelline, his guitar. But that's not all. We got hip-hop artist Chuck D's jacket. The original funkmaster George Clinton, we got his Mothership. We got Prince's tambourine."

Dr. Ellis went on as the audience cheered: "We got Nat Turner's Bible. We got Harriet Tubman's shawl. We got Radio Raheem's boombox from Do the Right Thing. We got a training plane flown by Tuskegee Airmen. We got the Olympic torch that Muhammad Ali signed in the 1999 games in Atlanta, his headgear, his training robe, and on and on and on... we never stopped believing that we could do it. We could build this museum. We could make it happen. We didn't give up, didn't turn back, didn't listen to those who said that we would fail, and the more people saw and experienced our belief, they caught the fever too."

The African American experience has always been an integral and essential part of the larger American experience. Now, with this beautiful and powerful new museum finally open in the heart of the nation's capital, many of those connections that help complete the true and full American narrative are on full display. Acknowledging our shared American past and all of the ways it echoes in the present is the only way to keep moving forward together. Only the truth can make us free.

Marian Wright Edelman is President of the Children's Defense Fund whose Leave No Child Behind® mission is to ensure every child a Healthy Start, a Head Start, a Fair Start, a Safe Start and a Moral Start in life and successful passage to adulthood with the help of caring families and communities. For more information go to www.childrensdefense.org.

Marian Wright Edelman says that she hopes that new generations of children will grow up not only learning the truth about who we are and where we came from but

Minister Davis Women's Day Speaker



Minister Brenda Mallard Davis was the speaker for the Elm Grove Baptist Church twenty-third annual Women's Day Service. The Elm Grove Community Choir, Mt. Pleasant Church Choir and Rev. Timothy Bircher church Pastor provided the singing. Regena Simmons introduced the speaker and dinner was served to those in attendance.

Richards Green Wed



Jalane Green and Darrick Richards were married in a beautiful double ring ceremony in October in Alto, Texas. He is the son of Roxie and Weldon Richards and she is the daughter of Peggy and G. L. Green.

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a very good indicator that you have the Holy Spirit of God residing within you. You see, a Christian obtains a new spiritual nature by the New Birth, but he does not get rid of the old nature he was born with. That is why it is so vitally important that we "grow in grace and knowledge of Jesus Christ" (2 Peter 3:18). We must cooperate with the Holy Spirit as we walk through this sinful and spiritually defiling world around us. The Holy Spirit literally takes up residence within us when we are Born Again and will never leave us nor forsake us. With this comes the "Love for our God...our Lord and savior with all of our heart, mind, body and soul and the love for our neighbor as our selves..

Another wonderful evidence of genuine salvation is found in the "fruit of the Spirit" (Galatians 5:22) that will take place in our daily lives as the Holy Spirit works within us. His presence will be manifested to the outside world by means of the love, joy, peace, longsuffering, faith, etc., they see in us! Then, the Bible tells us in Romans 8:16 that, "The Spirit itself (lit. Himself) beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God." In other words, the Holy Spirit living deep within us tells us that we belong to God.

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Obituaries

French L. Hooper

Funeral services for French L. Hooper were held Saturday September 24, 2016 at Mt. Pleasant CME Church Rusk, Texas with Rev. Claudell Anderson officiating.

He was born June 6, 1940 in Reklaw, Texas to the parents of Arthur Lee Hooper and Eddie Marie Hogg .

Mr. Hooper lived in Rusk for the past twenty-five plus years. He was self-employed before retiring and loved working outside gardening and spending quality time with his grandchildren.

His earthly life came to an end September 19, 2016.

He was preceded in death by both parents and his son Frankie Hooper.

He leaves to cherish his memory his wife Minnie Hooper; sons French B. Hooper, Rayford Hooper, Frederick Hooper and David Hooper, daughters: Kendra Hooper, Eustacia Hackney, Carolyn Polk and Debbie Jackson; sisters: Shirley Richards, Pearl Polk, Ora Lee Piro; and a host of neices, nephews and other relatives and friends. Service was under the direction of Community Funeral Home of Jacksonville.

Rose Marie White Jones

Services for Rose Marie White Jones were held Sunday, September 4, 2016. at the Rock Hill Presbyterian Church with Pastor James Fuller Eulogist and Rev. Travis McGowan Officiant. Rose was born to the late Christian C. White and Maudie Thompson White in Jacksonville, Texas. She attended elementary school at Pine Hill Community School and graduated G. W. Bradford High School in 1965.

She was a member of Rock Hill Presbyterian Church since she was a child. She was very passionate about her work at the church being a dedicated choir member and president, ordained Elder and missionary. She conducted bible and missionary studies in her home.

Rose met and married Eddie Wallace and to this union two sons were born. She later met and married Earl Jones who preceded her in death.

Rose was also the mother of three daughters. Her number one priority was her children and grandchildren. She loved cooking for the church and family gatherings. She believed in family unity and was always there to provide a shoulder to lean on, with advise and a willingness to listen to problems. She was referred to as Momma Rose.

She worked for a Dallas Handbag Company 15 years. After moving back to East Texas, she worked as a cook and bus driver for New

Summerfield

On August 28, 2016 the angel knocked on her door and took her to enter eternal rest.

Rose Marie White Jones leaves to cherish her memory daughters Vanessa Kay (Rickey) Levens, Jacksonville, Texas, Denise VanZandt of College Station; a son Kelvin (Amanda) Wallace of Jacksonville; one sister Carzett (Jimmy) Clayton of Troup Texas.; twenty-six twenty-six grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and other family and friends. Services were conducted by Community Funeral Home and enternment was at Union Hill Cemetery, New Summerfield, /texas.

Trump Win could tear down Nation

from page

Trump and his supporters are dangerous. It is frightening that a presidential candidate can continue to deliver outright lies and has not been run out of town on a rail. But it is actually more than that. Leading the birther movement against Obama, threatening to put Muslims under surveillance, proposing a wall along the border with Mexico and an escalation of deportations, allegedly, as a means of cutting crime, tells us that Trump understands nothing about the experiences of those of us of color. Worse, he is quite prepared, in the face of the history of the U.S., to play with matches in a field of unstable dynamite. Trump isn't stupid; he knows precisely what he is doing and he knows how he is motivating

ISD.

So, it really comes down to this: No matter who is elected, people of conscience will need to put and keep pressure on the next administration. At the same time, don't deceive yourself. Ultra-right-wing forces will play on Trump's victory in order to push us further over the edge into a racial dystopia.

Black America went through a racial dystopia after the defeat of Reconstruction and found itself in the hell of Jim Crow. Asian America went through the persecution of the Chinese and Japanese, the annexation of Hawaii, and a genocidal war against the Filipinos. Latino America went through the seizure of the northern third of Mexico and the later seizure of Puerto Rico, along with the constant demonization of their people and their heritage. Native Americans have faced constant efforts aimed at the violation of their sovereignty, and, indeed, their extermination. We do not need a President who takes us anywhere close to that world again. Bill Fletcher, Jr. is a talk show host, writer and activist. Follow him on Twitter, Facebook and at www.billfletcherjr.com.

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Texas Voters: Get the facts about Voter ID law

Byline (Texas Secretary of State Carlos Cascos.)

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If the voter does not possess and cannot reasonably obtain one of the seven forms of approved photo ID, the voter has additional options when casting their ballot in person. As provided by court order, if a voter does not possess and is not reasonably able to obtain one of the seven forms of approved photo ID, the voter may vote by (1) signing a declaration at the polls explaining why the voter is reasonably unable to obtain one of the seven forms of approved photo ID, and (2) providing one of various forms of supporting documentation.

A voter whose photo identification has been lost, stolen, suspended, revoked or expired more than four years does not possess one of the acceptable forms of photo ID, and, if the voter cannot reasonably obtain a replacement of the identification that was lost, stolen, suspended, revoked or expired or another form of acceptable photo ID, the voter is eligible to present a supporting form of identification execute a Reasonable Impediment Declaration, and, assuming they otherwise qualify, vote a regular ballot.

Supporting documentation can be a certified birth certificate (must be an original), a valid voter registration certificate, a copy or original of one of the following: current utility bill, bank statement, government check, or paycheck, or other government document that shows the voter's name and an address. Government documents that include a photo must be original and cannot be copies. If a voter meets these requirements and is otherwise eligible to vote, the voter will be able to cast a regular ballot in the election.

Voters with a disability may continue to apply with the county registrar for a permanent exemption to showing approved photo ID (which now may be expired no more than four years) at the polls. Also, voters who (1) have a consistent religious objections to being photographed or (2) do not present one of the seven forms of approved photo ID because of certain natural disasters as declared by the President of the United States or the Texas Governor, may continue to apply for a temporary exemption to showing approved photo ID at the

polls. In addition, voters age 65 or older, those with a disability, or those who will be out of the county during both early voting and Election Day may vote by mail. The deadline to request a ballot by mail is Oct. 28.

The General Election is Nov. 8. Early voting runs from Oct. 24 to Nov. 4. The last day to register for the election is Oct. 11. I am currently traveling throughout Texas to talk as part of a non-partisan, bilingual voter education campaign called Vote Texas. This campaign seeks to ensure all voters in all communities understand when, where, and how to vote. Vote Texas is reaching, among others, voters in urban and rural communities, senior citizens, first time voters, military members, and minority groups.

My team and I are committed to reaching the voters of our great state. For more information regarding voting requirements and voter ID, please visit VoteTexas.gov or call 1-800-252-VOTE.

Coach Walker drove a school bus for student transportation and athletic events almost as many years as he coached. He impacted the lives of his students and their parents in a positive way earning their love and respect.

Coach Walker's love and dedication to children and coaching enabled him to teach 42 years in RISD, 17 at Rusk Junior High and 25 of those spent at Bradford High and Rusk High.

He retired in 1995 after 32 years. Two years later he returned to coaching and teaching science and history. In 2008 he went home to stay.

Larry Jay Walker, I is married to Bettie Joe Walker, a former RISD teacher. They have three children, Djuana Walker, Barry Shun Walker, Larry Jay Walker, II and one grandson, Brandon Walker. All four were educated in RISD, graduating from Rusk High and going on to each earn a Master's Degree.



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A Trump Win in November Could Tear this Nation Apart



By Bill Fletcher, Jr. (NNPA Newswire Columnist) Alright, team, we are getting close to the finish line: Election Day November 8. We have witnessed the first debate, between Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump, and while I would argue that Clinton won, Trump made enough arguments to reinforce some level of confidence among his supporters. After having a comfortable lead over her Republican opponent, current poll numbers suggest that Clinton's lead has almost vanished in key states; reasons why the race has tightened are still up for debate. There are four presidential candidates on the ballot: Hillary Clinton (Democrat), Donald Trump (Republican), Gary Johnson (Libertarian Party) and Dr. Jill Stein (Green Party). The reality is that

the presidential choice comes down to either Clinton or Trump. Johnson has about an 8 percent showing in the polls and Stein about 3 percent. What voters have to decide is not only where will they come down, but also the importance of other races that will be decided November 8. Thus, my first plea is that everyone votes. Each vote, as we saw in Florida in 2000 and Ohio in 2004, can be potentially critical. A second issue is that races, in addition to the presidential race, are critical. The United States Senate, as of this moment, is a toss-up between the Republicans and Democrats. We could find ourselves with a small Republican majority, a small Democratic majority, or a literal tie. So, even if you find yourself dissatisfied with the Presidential choices, there are other races that will make a real-world difference. The third issue, however, is one that hit me, yet again, in watching the debate.

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Faith communities mobilize to protect vulnerable voters on election day

(WASHINGTON, D.C.)--- Longtime Christian social justice movement, Sojourners is leveraging its network of people, partner churches and social justice organizations to witness and confront voter intimidation on Election Day. Volunteers will help maintain a peaceful voting experience, especially for vulnerable voters who are being targeted. Many volunteers will be well-versed in non-violence training; which could be very important if the political polarization in this country continues to spiral downwards.

Recent unsubstantiated claims of a "rigged" election or the need to watch for fraudulent activity at the polls is stirring vigilantes - some have been quoted in the media discussing racial profiling and even violence. See Boston Globe coverage.

"Deliberately suppressing voting rights is the most effective technique for those seeking to obstruct the changes brought about by the new demographics in this country," Jim Wallis, founder and president of Sojourners, said. "That is a fundamental moral issue, a democracy issue, not just a partisan one."

The Sojourners led "Matthew 25: Witness the Vote" campaign asks participating organizations to be a faithful presence at the polls by providing food, water, chairs, support

and a watchful eye if necessary. Volunteers will be prepared to report any suspicious activity and offer their phones should anyone need to consult with attorneys regarding activity at the polls.

"Every vote is crucial in this election," Lisa Sharon Harper, chief church engagement officer at Sojourners said. "We want to safeguard the right to vote-- a right many people have died for."

In swing states like North Carolina, Ohio, Wisconsin, Pennsylvania, Virginia, Florida, and Michigan, where voter suppression tactics have been prevalent, voter protection efforts are particularly important.

"It should be said that certain candidates and office holders going back to Richard Nixon's Southern Strategy have appealed to white racial resentment to win votes, often by using coded language," Wallis said. "But this year we are seeing an unprecedented amount of open appeals to bigotry, xenophobia, and racism."

The "Matthew 25: Witness the Vote" campaign is calling church leaders to show up in clergy collars and bring members from their congregations - even church choirs to serenade and sustain people in line at the polls. Participating churches will be using the hashtag #WitnessTheVote. Voter protection resource materials created for the campaign can be

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Oil pipeline Standoff at Standing Rock continues

(North Dakota) - Hundreds of Native Americans from across the country have gathered in North Dakota to protest the construction of a massive oil pipeline in what has become the least talked about police standoff in recent history. The pipeline would run under the Missouri River. The Missouri River, the longest river in North America, has for thousands of years provided the water necessary for life to the region's original inhabitants.

Last Saturday, as they attempted to face down massive bulldozers on their ancient burial sites, the pipeline security guards attacked the mostly Native American protectors with dogs and pepper spray as they resisted the \$3.8 billion pipeline's construction, fighting for clean water, protection of sacred ground and an end to our fossil-fuel economy.

Standing Rock Sioux set up the first resistance encampment in April, calling it Sacred Stone.

The Keystone Pipeline System is an oil pipeline system in Canada and the United States, commissioned in 2010. It runs from the Western Canadian Sedimentary Basin in Alberta to refineries in Illinois and Texas, and also to oil tank farms and an oil pipeline distribution center in Cushing, Oklahoma. The pipeline came to the world's attention when a planned fourth phase, Keystone XL, attracted growing environmental protest, became a symbol of the battle over climate change and fossil fuels, and in 2015 was rejected by United States President Barack Obama. Now, there are several hundred members from over 100 different tribes camped out in rural North Dakota facing down police officers and construction efforts, Dave Archambault, the chairman of the Standing Rock Sioux told the Los Angeles Times

Gracy Claymore, a student activist was arrested recently. She remembers the moment the message flashed across her laptop screen. On the morning of Aug. 3, a Texas company called Energy Transfer Partners sent her and all members of the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe a 48-hour construction notice on the controversial Dakota



Contested site State Highway 1806 to the construction site. The pipeline would run just a half-mile from the Standing Rock reservation, which straddles the North and South Dakota border.

Access Pipeline — a 1,170-mile oil conduit slated to run from North Dakota to Illinois.

Part of the pipeline would traverse the Sioux's sacred, ancestral lands and run under the Missouri River, the tribe's sole water source. The pipeline would run just a half-mile from the Standing Rock reservation, which straddles the North and South Dakota border.

Claymore, a 19-year-old student activist who along with dozens of her peers had protested the pipeline for months, warning against "the potential catastrophic environmental damage" an oil spill would bring for their people.

They set up human barriers to block State Highway 1806 to the construction site. More than a month later, their numbers swelled from a few dozen to thousands. Claymore and her fellow activists had apparently sparked a movement. One that went virtually unnoticed by the media.

The pipeline has evidently touched a nerve across America's Indian Country. Of the Bureau of Indian Affairs' 566 federally recognized tribes, nearly 250 tribes have stood in solidarity with the Standing Rock Sioux at Cannon Ball, North Dakota — the site of the Oceti

Sakowin Camp — with a rate of 10 tribes joining by the day, according to Dave Archambault, Chairman of the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe. U.S. District Judge James Boasberg

is expected to rule Friday on the project's status moving forward.

Meanwhile, celebrities and Civil Rights leaders are joining the protest.

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