

# Special Events

## 2nd Annual Bridal Show

Vendor's Needed!!!!

Saturday, March 1st, 2008

Old Baskin Building

Across from the Rusk Courthouse

517 North Street

Downtown Rusk, Texas Hours:

10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Fees for 6x6 inside or outside booth space .... \$ 45.00 (Includes ½ page size advertisement of your business located in the FREE customer brochure given away at the Bridal Show.)

Additional \$10.00 fee for electricity usage. Additional \$35.00 fee if we supply your tent.

To registrar contact the Rusk Chamber at 903-683-4242.

## East Texas Fruit and Nut Conference on

Tuesday, February 19th at

the Tyler Rose Garden Center.

Registration will begin at 8am and the first session at 8:30. This program has a \$20 fee which includes lunch.

The Texas A&M University System, U. S. Department of Agriculture, and the County Commissioners Courts of Texas Cooperating is sponsoring the event.

## STATE OF THE BLACK UNION BRINGS INFLUENTIAL THINKERS, ENTERTAINERS AND POLITICAL LEADERS TO ED- UCATE, ENLIGHTEN AND EMPOWER

UnitedHealthcare Supports This Two-Day Event and "SOBU Builds" Day of Service to Help Rebuild Parts of New Orleans Devastated by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita

**WHAT:** Some of the most influential thinkers, entertainers and political leaders gather each year to discuss the State of the Black Union during Black History Month. Presented annually in February -- Black History Month -- by Tavis Smiley Presents, the symposium was created to educate, enlighten and empower America by bringing people together and engaging them in thoughtful dialogue, leading the way to constructive action. Smiley will host a panel discussion with noted politicians, social scientists, business leaders and clergy on "Reclaiming our Democracy, Deciding our Future" on Saturday, Feb. 23 at the Ernest N. Morial Convention Center.

This year's event also includes SOBU Builds, an all-day event with volunteers working at six community-service projects simultaneously on Friday, Feb. 22, in the Upper Ninth Ward, the Lower Ninth Ward, Central City, Hollygrove, New Orleans East and Broadmoor. SOBU Builds

lead partners include Habitat for Humanity; Trinity Christian Community, Xavier University and others. To date, nearly 2,000 volunteers have signed up to participate!

UnitedHealthcare's Generations of Wellness, which serves the health needs of African Americans, is one of the sponsors of SOBU Builds, and will help to clean up the surrounding residential community of Xavier University. In addition, UnitedHealthcare will provide free health screenings during the symposium's intermission for those in attendance.

— Participation in the service project and attendance at the panel discussion is free and open to the public. Advanced free registration is required at <http://tavistalks.erban.com/sobu2008/>

**WHO:** A partial list of symposium panelists include:

- \* Rev. Al Sharpton
- \* Rev. Jesse Jackson
- \* New Orleans Mayor Ray Nagin
- \* Donna Brazile
- \* Sr. Lt. Gov. Mitch Landrieu
- \* Newark, N.J., Mayor Cory Booker
- \* Norman Francis, president of Xavier University, AND MORE

**WHEN/WHERE:**  
Friday, Feb. 22: SOBU Builds 7 a.m.-3 p.m.

\* Busing to the SOBU Builds sites to depart from Ernest N. Morial Convention Center.

Saturday, Feb. 23: Symposium 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

## Seminary Heights Black History Program to honor citizens

**Jacksonville, TX.** Seminary Heights Church of Christ would like to invite the community to the annual Black History program at 7 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 28, at the church, 1208 Arnold St., Jacksonville. This year's theme is "you've Been Spotted." The event will also honor five local couples who have been married for more than 50 years each Emerson and Mattie Brown, Clifford and Mary Holman, George and Mary Thrikill, Willie and Bobby Taylor and Berry and Ruby Robinson. A Community Impact Service Award will also be given to Sarah Robinson, Asaree Ragsdale and Tyree Wells.

Frederick McKinley Jones, a black man, devised a method to refrigerate trucks carrying perishable foods. In the 1930s he was awarded more than 60 patents for refrigeration equipment.

## *Elect*

**Mark Green**

**Constable Precinct #2**

\* 17 yrs experience

\* Certified Peace Officer

Let Mark's experience work  
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