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a statewide network of marriage classes. "Many people rush into marriage, often overlooking basic necessities like housing arrangements, finances and relationship counseling."

The free marriage classes are available across the state. Couples can find classes in their area that meet the qualifications for the marriage license discount at www.twogetherintexas.com or by calling 2-1-1.

Once a couple completes the class, they will receive a certificate that they can take to their county clerk when they apply for their marriage license. The certificate is good for one year and serves as proof that the couple is eligible for the discounted marriage license fee.

The 200TH Anniversary of the abolition of the Trans-Atlantic Slave Trade in the United States of America.

From 1619 to 1808, for 189 years, black people went from indentured servitude to outright complete in

Texas State NAACP 72nd Annual Convention October 9th – 11th, 2008

~by Linda Lydia

The Texas State Conference of NAACP Units is pleased to announce that their 72nd Annual Convention will be held October 9th through 11th, 2008, at the Hilton Airport Hotel in San Antonio, Texas.

The keynote speaker will be newly appointed NAACP National President and CEO, Benjamin Todd Jealous. Other noted speakers will include Dallas County District Attorney Craig Watkins; the first African-American to hold this position and Kemba Smith of the Kemba Smith Foundation.

At the convention, NAACP will present numerous events and public seminars such as health & wellness workshops with medical professionals on-site to do diabetes checks, HIV testing, blood pressure

checks, and much more. Thursday a Community Health Fair will be held to allow access to the East Bexar County residents (the location to be announced at a later date).

Included in these public seminars will be information for Texas Veterans at the Veterans Pavilion on health, insurance, education, and pay as well as other benefits available to past, present, and future veterans. National & State Veteran Affairs administrators will be conducting these sessions. The informational workshops will be open to the convention registrants and all veterans in the San Antonio and surrounding areas.

There will also be free public/consumer seminars on predatory lending, criminal justice, financial education, state agencies & Minority vendors, Red Cross Training and

network meetings and youth & college programming. Vendors are welcome to seek information about participating or presenting their products at the convention. Events or seminars listed as "free" are open to the public and presented as a public service.

For nearly one hundred years, it has been the talent and tenacity of NAACP members that has saved lives and changed many negative aspects of American society as a champion of social justice whose mission is to ensure the political, educational, social and economic equality of all rights of all persons and to eliminate all racial hatred and racial discrimination. The NAACP was founded on February 12, 1909 in New York City, New York.

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Vice Presidential Debate
Washington University
St. Louis, Missouri

Keep Rusk Beautiful



The recently-formed Keep Rusk Beautiful organization proudly presents its first Pride Award to Walter & Carol Prebble, owners of the Rusk KOA. Since their purchase of the campground from the city of Rusk in 2006, the Prebbles have spent endless days, weeks, months and years steadily improving: updating sites, adding flowers, bushes and trees, a pool, and beautiful rustic cabins.

Keep Rusk Beautiful, under the guidance of Chairman Teresa Langley, is working with Rusk to raise public awareness on ways to improve the appearance of Rusk. The Pride Award will be presented each month to a different business or residence which helps to enhance the beauty of Rusk. Let's all join them in making Rusk BEAUTIFUL!



See me today and get the discounts
and service you deserve.



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