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Black Men Missing – The Vacant Pews Why are They M.I.A. on Sundays?

Banks of Dallas Ministries, North Dallas Gazette and the Elite News will present an open community forum discussion entitled: Black Men Missing – The Vacant Pews. The public is



invited to attend and participate in an open community discussion on the subject of Black Men missing from the local churches. Rev. F. Karl Banks of Banks of Dallas

Ministries (www.bodm.org), Johnson chapel Community Church – Sr. Pastor Dr. Karen Holliie, North Dallas Gazette and The Elite News invite the public

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Duane “Dog” Chapman Owes No Apology

By Jeff Johnson

Ok. So here we go again...Black people up in arms about a white man in the public eye calling someone the dreaded N-word. Before I comment, it is important that I say that I don't believe that the word should be used as a term of endearment. I also believe that people that have access to airwaves have to be sensitive, at



best, about how they utilize those airwaves. I have dedicated my professional career to fighting social injustice and ensuring that African Americans in particular, are not cast in a pejorative by the media. But here it is.....

Duane “Dog” Chapman goes on a rant on a voice message about N-word this and n-word that, voicing his obvious

disgust at the thought of a family member dating an N-word. He further concludes by stating that he would advise that family member to refrain from dating this person, as he did not wish to risk his career by using the N-word on TV. I am more appalled by this tirade than by the racist rants of Imus, Michael Richards, and Mel

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Democrats Refuse To Nominate A Black Person For President

By Frances Rice

Four times Democratic Party primary voters had a chance to select a black person as their party's nominee for president. Each time the Democrats turned their backs on the black presidential candidates: Shirley Chisholm who became the first black and the

first woman to run for president in 1972; Senator Carol Mosely Braun; Rev. Jesse Jackson; and Rev. Al Sharpton.

Now the Democrats have another chance. It's obvious, though, judging from recent polls, that the Democratic Party primary voters will choose yet another

white person, Senator Hillary Clinton, over black Senator Barack Obama (the son of a white American woman and a man from Kenya) to be the Democratic Party's presidential nominee. To make matters even worse, the Democrats are trying to derail Obama's candidacy by demeaning him as a

"Magic Negro," using that racist term in a Los Angeles Times article entitled: Obama the "Magic Negro".

Political pundit Robert Novak opined that the Democrats have no interest in a black man being their presidential nominee because "as an

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Douglass Community Center Girl Talk 2007 Cotillion



2007 Cotillion Committee (Lt to Rt) Dianne Dillon, Vivian York, Eleanor Evans, Stacey Green, Loretta Anderson.

Blackonomics

The Nationalist Black Leadership Coalition is Born

By: James Clingman
NNPA Columnist

"The Negroes of the United States have followed leadership slavishly, but sometimes unfortunately that of those leaders who are selected for them by the traducers of the race. The enemies of the race, for example, will find a Negro willing to do certain things they desire to have accomplished and will finance him and give him sufficient publicity to get before the world, for the few favors which he may dispense among his followers as a result of his influence and economic position will bring to him the adequate number of

Negroes for the constituency which he desires." Carter G. Woodson, The Miseducation of the Negro.

On October 11, 2007, a date we should all remember anyway because now two of our beloved brothers, Kenneth Bridges and Muhammad Nasserdeen, died on that date, the Nationalist Black Leadership Coalition (NBLC) was born in Kernersville, North Carolina. As death is always present, life continues to follow. Shortly after we got the news of Nasserdeen's transition

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Local News

The Dallas County District Attorney's Office And American Red Cross Team Up

To help community blood needs, the Dallas County District Attorney's Office will be kicking off their first Red Cross Holiday Blood Drive to help meet the needs for the Thanksgiving Holiday. The employee drive will be held next Wednesday, November 14, from 10AM to 4PM.

Statistics show that someone needs blood every two seconds in this country, and so the need for blood donations is ongoing. Here in Texas and across the United States, accident victims, cancer and leukemia patients, and people needing life-saving surgeries and trans-

fusions, require an adequate blood supply every day. Blood donations for these everyday needs are especially critical during the holidays, because donors are distracted by holiday activities and fewer people give blood.

"As prosecutors our efforts are not confined to the four walls of the courtroom, and therefore, I believe we have an obligation to be active in the community," said District Attorney Craig Watkins. "While our primary responsibility is to seek justice in criminal cases in our jurisdiction, what better way to help a victim than by partnering

with the American Red Cross in their efforts, as the donations collected during our office's blood

drive could ultimately save the life of someone who has been the victim of a violent crime, as well as those who are faced with life-threatening injuries or diseases."

While blood recipients may never be able to personally thank the person who gave them blood, they are truly grateful, says John Anukem, Director of Donor Recruitment of the American Red Cross Blood Services, Southwest Region - Texas.

"We are excited about

the Holiday drive and our partnership with the District Attorney's Office," Mr. Anukem says. "It's a great honor to work with District Attorney Craig Watkins. "We know this partnership will be making a positive difference in our community. Together, we can help save a life."

Donors must be in general good health, weigh at least 110 pounds and be at least 17 years of age or older. Volunteer blood donors must also show identification at registration - a valid driver's license with photo, a Red Cross donor card or another form of official picture identification.

Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church's 123rd Anniversary

The Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church was founded in 1884 for the "plain folks", now through a strong history Missionary Baptist has lasted almost one and one quarter of a century. Coming to the special 123rd Anniversary Worship Service on Sunday November 11, from 8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m., is world renowned gospel singer Yolanda Adams and All-American tail-

back Kelvin Bryant. Together, Adams and Bryant will help the community celebrate its 123rd year fellowship. Come together and celebrate with inspirational speakers Yolanda Adams, and Kelvin Bryant, at this year's anniversary located right in the heart of Plano at 920 East 14th Street. For further information, please contact Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church at 972-423-6695.

HBCU Basketball Spotlited at SMU this Weekend

The Southern University and Alabama State University Men's Basketball teams are heading to Dallas to join Paul Quinn College in playing 2 games in the SMU Tip-Off Classic, November 10-11. Come out and support SMU as they spotlight HBCU basketball in the DFW Metroplex.

The games are slated for this weekend at Moody Coliseum on the SMU campus:

Saturday - Alabama State vs. Paul Quinn 5:00 PM and SMU vs. Southern at 7:35 PM. On Sunday Southern will play Paul Quinn at 2:00 PM and SMU will face Alabama State at 4:35 PM.

Southern University Jaguars have the fol-

lowing gentlemen from our metroplex:

#25 Steffon Wiley, a Junior from Carter High School at the Guard position. #

55 Barry Honore, a Freshman from South Garland High School plays Forward.

Alabama State University Hornets have the following gentlemen from our metroplex: #30 30 Joel

Bosh, a Senior at Forward, he is a graduate of Dallas Lincoln High. #11 Brandon Brooks, a Junior at Guard and graduate from Eules Trinity in Dallas.

To purchase your tickets with the HBCU family, please call Bethany Tiffin, SMU Athletic Ticket Sales, at 214-768-2376 and ask for the Southern

Group Sales price. Your purchase allows you to see both games on a given day.

Bring that HBCU spirit to SMU's campus. Invite high school and middle school

youth to come out and see HBCU basketball in the DFW Metroplex. Encourage HBCU alums to come out and support 3 HBCUs on SMU's "The Hardwood".

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African-American from Illinois, Obama represents an ethnic group and a state already solidly in the Democratic column." In other words, Democrats know that they can take the black vote for granted, so why even bother pretending that they would seriously consider black Obama as a nominee for president or even vice president?

Recently, in a further display of their deep-seated disdain for black voters, the Democratic Party chose to stick to their self-generated party rules about the Democratic presidential primary calendar and disenfranchise black voters in Florida.

Black Democrat Rep. Alcee Hastings is joining in a law suit with white Democrat Senator Bill Nelson

against the Democratic Party to fight for the right of Florida to hold its binding primary on January 29, 2008. The two Florida Democrat lawmakers said that this is an issue of "voter rights versus political party rules."

The legal challenge would most likely be based on an allegation that the rights of blacks were violated by the Democratic Party under the 14th Amendment to the US Constitution. In the 1963 case of Grey vs. Sanders, the US Supreme Court ruled that separating voters into different classes violated the equal protection clause of the 14th Amendment to the US Constitution.

Well, so much for the incessant claim by Democrats that they want to "let every vote count."

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Association and may be contacted at: <http://www.nbna.info/>

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Is the sky clearest on the day it is most blue?

While you ponder that thought we would like to announce that Minority Opportunity News, Inc., formerly a Dallas based insurance community bulletin, founded in 1991, has relocated to Plano, Texas and changed our name to MON-The Gazette. In addition to moving our offices to Plano, our editorial coverage has also shifted to encompass Dallas' Northern Corridor. The Northern Corridor is clearly the fastest growing region in Texas, if not in America. MON-The Gazette believes that the region is destined for growth in the largest expansion in McKinney, which is the largest and most visible of many area opportunities. As always, and true to tradition, MON-The Gazette will be there carving a world of opportunity for those working to provide quality services. Should you dare to expand your quest for economic parity outside the southern region or just want to know what is going on up north, think of MON-The Gazette as your paper of opportunity!

The North Dallas Gazette formerly Minority Opportunity News, was founded July, 1991, by Jim Bochum and Thurman R. Jones



THE TRUTH CLINIC

It's Tough For Offenders To Pay Their Debt To Society

The criminal justice system in the United States is broken and needs to be fixed. Many of the decisions made by the courts and penal institutions may be legal according to the law but in reality are burdensome abominations.

With the possible exception of China, the United States currently imprisons more of its population than any other country on earth. The Bureau of Justice Statistics reports in excess of 2,000,000 incarcerated in 2005, up almost 60 percent since 1993 and growing.

How did a nation dedicated to the principle of freedom become the world's leading jailer? The answer has little to do with crime, but much to do with the perception of crime, and how that perception has been manipulated for political gain and financial profit.

The media, especially television, has a vested interest in perpetuating the notion that crime is out of control. Such saturation coverage has a direct impact on public perceptions and increases the fear of being victimized.

As a result, it has become impossible to run an election campaign without advocating more jails, harsher punishment, and more executions even though none of these things have worked to reduce crime. In addition to the politicians, private-prison companies, related unions, and other interests whose business success

depends on mass incarceration have also capitalized on the public's fear of crime.

Over the last 20 years, the prison population has surged in every state in the country. While the nation's population has grown by only 20 percent, the number of Americans held in local, state, and federal lockups has quadrupled. And the numbers are disproportionately African American.

Prisons are not expanding because more crimes are being committed. Since 1993, the national crime statistics have fluctuated but have dropped almost 50 percent. It's not crime that has grown out of control; it is the punishment. Huge numbers of prisoners are now receiving mandatory sentences for drug offenses and other transgressions that fill our prisons and consume outlandish sums of money for construction and operational expense.

The American taxpayer is spending approximately \$60 billion annually on prisons, an increase of 619 percent since 1982. For this amount of money taxpayers might reasonably expect a corresponding drop in crime and safer communities. A recent study by the University of Texas estimates that while the number of inmates has grown by more than 300 percent over the last 30 years that growth in incarceration is responsible for no more than 27 percent of the correspon-

ding drop in crime. Prisons are certainly not a cost efficient crime deterrent.

Convicted felons have a debt to pay to society. When a felon is sentenced, the sentence usually consists of jail time, fines and/or restitution, probation time, and other forms of post-incarceration supervision.

In fulfilling the obligations set forth by society as a prerequisite for release, the ex-felon has paid the price for the transgression committed against society. At that time, society should restore the ex-felon to full membership, which means with all of the rights and benefits to which a citizen is entitled. For the majority of ex-felons this is not the case.

The release of ex-felons back into their communities with restricted citizenship rights makes them a dependent population. The felon disenfranchisement laws or other burdensome and onerous restoration restrictions placed upon ex-felons prohibit them from functioning constructively in society thereby marginalizing their ability to be productive citizens. In many cases, the only options available to those who are ex-felons are illicit activities that will only lead to them being incarcerated again and again.

Even finding a job is difficult for a reformed ex-convict. More and more employers are conducting criminal background checks on job applicants, which can make it much more

difficult for the millions of Americans with criminal records to find employment and become self-supporting law-abiding members of society.

Policies that encourage employers to adopt sweeping exclusions such as not hiring or considering anyone with any type of criminal history locks out and eliminates many rehabilitated and qualified individuals from a source of income. This places additional financial burdens on the resources of the communities they inhabit.

An estimated 600,000 prisoners will be freed every year for the next several years and the unanswered question is where they will live and what they will do? The current prison system has a poor record for rehabilitation.

The blanket, rather than selective, restrictions placed on the majority of ex-felons are neither deterrents nor rehabilitative. They are onerous shackles placed by a fear driven vindictive society that forces those who have legitimately paid their debt to society to continue paying.

For a society that claims to want offenders to reintegrate into society the American system of weighing ex-convicts down with insurmountable post-incarceration physical and financial restrictions seems like a self-defeating way of achieving that goal.

James W. Breedlove
Comments or opinions may be sent to the writer at: www.truthclinic.com

Billions Pledged to 'Connect Africa'

(GIN) - A summit on information and communications technology saw pledges of over \$50 billion from private sector companies seeking to develop Africa's ICT sector.

The two day Connect Africa conference took place in Kigali, capital of Rwanda, from Oct. 29-30 and drew over

500 participants, including government ministers looking to substitute economic growth for foreign aid.

"For the past 50 years of African independence we have been talking about help, assistance, and we did not go anywhere with that," said Hamidou Touré, head of the UN

International Telecommunication Union. "We are well aware of one thing. No one will get rich from handouts and charity. That is why we are here: we are saying we mean business."

Africa has experienced inconsistent growth in internet capacity, but the use of

mobile phones has exploded across the continent, providing an invaluable social and business tool for hundreds of millions of people.

According to ITU, there were just 16 million cell phone subscribers in 2000, but this figure had risen to 136 million by 2005.

Investment in cell phones is expected to double to \$50 billion over the next five years to extend coverage to 90 percent of the population, including villages with agriculture-based economies as well as the upper and middle class.

"We are not going to bridge the digital

divide," Anthony Von See, the Vice President of Cisco Systems told the news agency IRIN. "We are going to leapfrog over it."

Cisco has set up networking academies across Africa to train men and women to work in the sector in an effort to reverse the so-called 'brain-drain'.

Libya to Receive Reparations from Italy

(GIN) - Libya may soon receive compensation for the brutal deportation of thousands of its countrymen by Italians during their occupation of the north African nation in 1911. A treaty is on the table to settle the compensation question, according to the Foreign Minister of Italy, Massimo D'Alema.

"We have certain

debts owed to Libya but we also have a fundamental interest in our links with this essential partner," D'Alema was quoted as saying.

The treaty would close "a sad chapter in history", he said at a recent conference on the deportations. Every year Libyans recall the deportations with a national day of mourn-

ing, cutting off all international communications and suspending bus services, planes, trains, post and telephone networks.

The compensation deal will remove any roadblocks to a 28-billion dollar investment by Italian energy giant Eni said to develop oil and natural gas production for a period of 10 years.

Major Golfers' Event Stripped of Mandela's Name

(GIN) - A South African golfing tournament lost its rights to the name "Nelson Mandela" after dealings by its co-host, Gary Player, with the brutal regime of Burma came to light.

The board of trustees of the Nelson Mandela Children's

Fund voted to withdraw its endorsement of the event to protect Mandela's image.

The controversy broke out when Archbishop Emeritus Desmond Tutu blasted Player over his ties with Burma, where he built the Pun Hlaing golf course in 2002.

Many well-known Americans have played at the Nelson Mandela Invitational Golf Tournament including Denzel Washington. Cheech Marin of Cheech and Chong is expected to play this year. The tournament takes place in Western Cape, Nov. 23.



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Lynn Flint Shaw

Dallas businesswoman Lynn Flint Shaw has been elected chair of the DART Board of Directors. Shaw, who has served on the board since 2003, succeeds chairman Mark Enoch of Rowlett. Shaw is owner of Lynn Flint Shaw, M.C.D./C.C.C. & Associates. Board members also elected Randall Chrisman vice chair, Robert W. Strauss secretary and John Danish assistant secretary. Officers serve one-year terms. A recognized expert in the field of speech language pathology and therapy, Lynn Flint Shaw has also built a reputation as one of Dallas' most tireless and effective arts patrons.

After working for the University of Texas at Dallas/Callier Center for Communication Disorders as a Speech-Language Pathologist, In 1979, Shaw founded Lynn Flint Shaw, M.C.D./C.C.C. and Associates, a company

that supervises speech pathologists, physical therapists and occupational therapists in private practice; diagnoses and treats patients; and conducts continuing education seminars and research. Over the years her expertise has led her to testify before the Senate and House



Subcommittee on Preschool Education.

Shaw has been an active patron of the arts in the Dallas community. She has served as a charter member of the Board of Directors for the Dallas Center for the Performing Arts Foundation; as a board member of the

Shakespeare Festival of Dallas, the Arts District Friends, Dallas Junior Players and Dallas Coalition for the Arts. Shaw served as chair of the 2003 Bond Campaign Strategic Advisory Committee which led to the passage of a \$30 million bond package in support of Dallas' cultural institutions. During her tenure on the Dallas Symphony Association's board of governors and executive board, Shaw began the Dallas Symphony Orchestra's African American and Hispanic Festival concerts. These free concerts highlighting the groups' contributions in symphonic music. A graduate of Xavier University, she earned a Masters of Communication Disorders from Louisiana State Univ. Medical Center, Shaw has received numerous professional awards and recognition. She is married to Rufus Shaw and has one son, Ian

Katrina Keyes

The president of President of K Strategies Group LLC. Ms. Keyes is an accomplished business and community leader with over 15 years of experience in the areas of M/WBE programs, public affairs and procurement. K Strategies Group LLC is a premier public affairs firm in North Texas providing M/WBE programs, public information programs and community relations with an expertise in the construction industry. K Strategies assist clients in maximizing the utilization of minority, women and small businesses and in developing effective public relations and community relations programs.

The firm provides services to an array of clients on major projects, including the Dallas Cowboys

Stadium, Dallas Mercantile Block, Texas A&M University System and Texas Department of Transportation.

Ms. Keyes is a committed servant leaders working with many chambers of commerce and serving on the board of directors of the Trinity River Authority and the Dallas Black Chamber of Commerce. She has received numerous honors for her business accomplishments including being ranked as one of the "Top 40 Under 40" business leader from the Dallas Business Journal, Corporate Advocate of the Year Award by the Dallas/Fort Worth Minority Business Council, Outstanding Woman in Construction by the Fort Worth Business & Professional Women, and

Regional Director's Awards by the U.S. Department of Commerce Minority Business



Development Agency. Ms. Keyes is a strong advocate for minority business because she believes entrepreneurship is the key to opportunities, economic development and building wealth in minority communities.

Gwendolyn D. Skillern, CPA

Gwendolyn D. Skillern, CPA, is President and CEO of the National Association of Black Accountants, Inc.'s (NABA) National Board of Directors. She was inducted in 2006, and has chosen "NABA: Power, Passion, Possibilities," as her leadership motto. Skillern, a National Director for three years, was previously a Western Region Vice President; President, Vice President, and Secretary of the San Francisco Chapter; and has chaired several chapter committees. She is a recipient of the National Outstanding Member Award, as well as the San Francisco Chapter's Outstanding Member and Distinguished Service awards.

Skillern is a Senior Vice President and General Auditor for CareFirst BlueCross BlueShield in Maryland,

where she is responsible for directing internal audit services, quality control activities, and special investigations for its essential operations. Before joining CareFirst, Skillern served as a Vice President and as the Controller and a Vice




President of Internal Audit for Bass Hotels & Resorts. Earlier, she was Director of Internal Audit for the Northwestern hub of Kaiser Foundation Health Plan, Inc., and an Accountant at

Deloitte, Haskins, & Sells.

In her role as NABA president, Skillern's goals include enhancing and expanding core programs such as the organization's Financial Literacy Program, and increasing membership to include the growing number of African American Certified Public Accountants (CPA)s. Skillern is also going to focus on expanding NABA's domestic and global influences through strategic alliances with its corporate partners, the American Institute of CPAs and the Association for the Advancements for Black Accountants in South Africa.

Skillern holds a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of California at Berkeley and an MBA from Stanford University.



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Education

11th Annual National Day of College Preparation

The NAACP Youth and College Division and The Princeton Review Foundation proudly present the 11th annual National Day of College Preparation; a free half-day of college preparation skills and financial aid information for high school students and parents coordinated by 10 NAACP Youth Councils and College Chapters across the country.

The National Day of College Preparation will be held from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm on Saturday, November 10th at Texas A&M University -Commerce Mesquite Metroplex Center, 2600 Motley Drive Mesquite, TX 75150. There is no fee to attend, but online registration is required. The Princeton Review

Foundation will offer a workshop on SAT score improvement strategies, and then give an SAT practice test (math and critical reading sections) to students who register and attend. The SAT's essay and writing sections will NOT be included in this practice test due to time constraints.

Princeton Review test preparation books, donated by Random House, will be given to the first 70 registered students who attend at each site. In Kansas City only, the practice test, workshop and books will be ACT instead of SAT.

The NAACP will facilitate "Paying for College" workshops for parents, which will take place from about 10 AM to noon. These workshops will explain

the benefits of continuing an education beyond high school and discuss the various types of financial aid resources available to help families prepare for the college admissions process. The NAACP will provide students with a light breakfast and lunch at all locations.

For additional information, please contact Alethea Bonello, Youth and College Division at 1-410-580-5657 or by email at, a_bonello@yahoo.com. Be sure and visit <http://events.embark.com/event/naacp/> to register! For even further information, call Dr. Joyce Miller, 972-882-7527 or contact her by email at, joyce_miller@tamu-commerce.edu. Space is limited so register today!

Train the Trainer

The city of Irving Mayor's Human Relations Advisory Council in partnership with the Greater Irving - Las Colinas Chamber of Commerce is hosting a resourceful, informational forum on "Immigration

Issues in Irving" called Train the Trainer next Monday, November 12 from 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. at The Irving Arts Center, Suite 200. This forum is particularly designed for leaders in social service, education,

and religious agencies, as well as managers and human resource representatives of local businesses. Be sure to R.S.V.P. by Friday November 9 to kheinzen@irvingchamber.com, or call 214-217-8484.

Men and Young Adult Males Against Abuse Rally

The New Beginning Center and the North Garland Baptist Fellowship will unite next Saturday November 17, with families rallying against abuse. Young men against abuse must gather on Saturday at the North Garland Baptist Fellowship Church at 5840 North Garland Ave. Garland, Texas 75044 from 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Keynote speakers of the event include an E.R. doctor, a Resource Police Officer, a Court Judge, the #10 Trendsetter, someone

from the Mexican consulate, and Director of Non-Residential at New Beginning. Admission to this rally is free, and refreshments will be served.

For any further information or to R.S.V.P. contact Selmore Haines at 972-414-1494, or by email at shaines@verizon.net. Please R.S.V.P. by November 13, 2007.

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The 12th Texas Black Sports Hall of Fame Banquet and Auction will be held Saturday, December 1, 2007 at 7 p.m. at the Hilton Anatole

Hotel, 2201 Stemmons Freeway in Dallas, Texas. From noon - 2p.m. the day of the Banquet, the African American Museum presents A Family Day and Sports Clinic, featuring current and former inductees. Children and their families meet the athletes, and can secure photos and autographs. In addition to the public recognition of these sports figures at the annual Banquet, the Hall of Fame's objectives are to collect and preserve objects documenting the history of the Texas African-

American athlete, create a permanent exhibition on the subject, and to develop educational programs that benefit both children and adults. Proceeds from the Banquet and Auction benefit the education programs and exhibitions of the African American Museum.

The Texas Black Sports Hall of Fame (TBSHOF), housed at the African American Museum, was established to chronicle the sports history contributions made by African Americans. It was established in 1996 to honor coaches and

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ARTHELLO BECK GALLERY a 3-year retrospective of the innovative photography & video program **SIGHTS & SOUNDS**. Sponsored by **PRESERVATION Link, Inc.**, a non-profit organization dedicated to bringing visual literacy to South Dallas students. The event will be ongoing through December 31st from 12 noon - 8pm Tuesdays - Fridays, and 10am to 4 pm on Saturdays at the South Dallas Cultural Center 3400 S Fitzhugh Avenue. FREE admission. For more information, please contact Vicki Meek at 214-670-0315, or by email at victoria.meek@dallascityhall.com.

The Collin County Black Chamber of Commerce Monthly Lunch & Learn a great opportunity to meet other business owners, as well as key decision makers from various organizations around the metroplex. Join us every third Thursday to gain valuable information presented by featured guest speakers to help your business grow. \$15 for members; \$20 for non-members, 11:00am-1:00pm, Ralph and Kacoos - 401 S. Central Expy, Allen. For general information and reservations call 469-424-0120.

November 8

The 7th Annual South Dallas Dance Festival kicks off with a roundtable discussion on the relevance

of Black Dance in Dallas and the US. Guest artist, Gary de Matas from Trinidad-Tobago will be on hand to add the Afro-Caribbean perspective. All dancers and dance lovers are encouraged to come out and participate in the discussion at the South Dallas Cultural Center 3400 S Fitzhugh Ave. starting at 6:00 p.m. Admission to this event is FREE. For further information, please contact Vicki Meek at 214/670-0315, or by email at victoria.meek@dallascityhall.com.

November 9

Fort Worth Community Drum Circle this recreational music-making experience is open to everyone. No experience needed! If you have a drum or percussion instrument, bring it, if not, there will be instruments on hand for anyone to use. The Drum Circle is located at Mind Body Spirit Center, 5521 Bellaire Drive South in Fort Worth from 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Admission to this event is FREE. For more info email sjanhughes@aol.com.

Live Music Sounds of Brazil band to be performed at the Brazil Brasileiro Cafe, 518 W. Arapaho in Richardson, 75080. This event is free and open to the public. The live music performance begins at 8:00 p.m.

The DFW African American Professionals Conference the 2nd Annual DFW African American Professionals Conference and Reception is to promote the importance of professional development for African American and provide opportunities for personal growth and community networking. The conference will be located at the Hilton Garden Inn, 800 North Main Street in Duncanville Cedar Valley and Tarrant County - South from 8:30a.m. - 4:00p.m. Admission to this event is \$159. For

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Songs of South Africa is a free presentation located at the Audelia Road Branch Library, 10045 Audelia Road at 2:00 p.m. Admission to this event is FREE, call 214-670-1350 with any questions.

African Drumming with Leo Hassan at the North Oak Cliff Branch Library, 302 West Tenth

Street. The fun begins at 2:30 pm, and is open to the public. Admission is FREE, for more information call 214-670-7555.

November 11

Black Man's Film Festival: The Radical Legacy of Malcolm X Featuring Revolutionary Poetry, Films, and the Malcolm X Knowledge Bowl; located at the Magnolia Lounge in Fair Park, South Dallas, 75210 starting at 8:00 p.m. Admission is \$5.00, for further information please call 214-426-1683.

November 13

Plano Chamber of Commerce Excellence in Business Luncheon Series 11:30am to 1:00pm Featuring the "State of the Community Address" with Mayor Pat Evans, City of Plano; Dr. Doug Otto, Superintendent PISD; Dr. Cary Israel, Collin County Community College District and the City of Plano's 2007 Environmental Star of Excellence Awards. Individual Tickets: \$31 for Members or \$40 for non-members; Tables of eight: \$300 for members or \$375 for non-members. For reservations or more information contact the Plano Chamber of Commerce at 972-424-7547 or www.planochamber.org

November 13-14

Scholarships Available for Grant Writing Workshop in Dallas. Partial scholarships in the amount of \$74.00 are available for nonprofit and faith based organizations, government agencies, and schools. Students are to attend a two-day grant-writing workshop presented by Zocklein and Associates from 8:30 am to 5 pm. The presentation is being held at the Holiday Inn Select, 10650 North Central Expressway, Dallas Texas. To register call Zocklein and Associates at 800 371 5703 or visit the website at www.zockgrant.com.

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Estate Planning Seminar free 90-minute program 10:00am and 7:00pm, Discover how easy it is to use a Living Trust or a Properly Drafted Will to save on Estate Taxes and Control your Assets. This educational program will be presented by Dallas Estate Planning Attorney, Richard P. Johnson, Board Certified in Estate Planning and Probate Law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization. Admissions is FREE.

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Songs of South Africa performed at the Walnut Hill Branch Library, 9495 Marsh Lane. The performance begins at 4:00 pm; admission to this event is FREE. For further information, please call 214-670-6376.

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November 17

Urban League of Greater Dallas Young Professionals MICA Conference "Impacting the Bottom Line", features keynote speaker, Donna Deberry, Vice President of Diversity at NIKE will be held at Texas Instruments Forest Lane Facility 12500 TI Boulevard Dallas, TX from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The MICA Conference targets professionals between the ages of 21 and 40 and prepares to deliver focused education within the issues, trends, and concerns in the corporate arena. For more information, visit www.ulgdp.org.

Dallas West Indies Awards Dinner and Dance at 6 pm \$35 and Children's Chorus and Youth String Orchestra Debut Concert at 7:30 pm \$10 both at The Dallas Black Academy of Arts and Letters, Dallas Convention Center Theatre Complex For tickets or additional information call 214-943-2442

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Douglass Community Center Girl Talk 2007 Cotillion

The Girl Talk Organization was founded by Dianne Dillon in July 2001 for young ladies ages 9-17 to enrich the lives of those within the Douglass

Community Center community. This community is predominantly African American with the highest Plano population of youth at risk. The program

develops social life skills through educational and leisure activities and has had a major impact on the lives of the participants.

Girl Talk provides

youth and teens with the opportunity to learn and explore things about themselves, their peers, and the community. They learn how to face and overcome

challenges, set and achieve goals.

The Girl Talk 2007 Cotillion was held recently where the twelve members of the 2007 class were presented. The ele-

gant affair included dinner and dancing, with the night closed with words of encouragement to the ladies as they go forward in their various endeavors.



Sierra Johnson

Kierra is a junior at Allen High School. She is the recipient of the 2007 Plano Community Forum Youth of the Year award, the 2006 Girl Talk Outstanding Youth Award for Commitment, Leadership, and Excellence, and the 2005 Young Ladies of Distinction Best Talent Award. Kierra is a volunteer youth counselor at the Douglass Center and a member of the Keystone leadership club and the Girl Talk leadership club. Her hobbies include

basketball, softball, track & field, and stepping. Kierra's future plans are to get a basketball scholarship for college or enlist in the Navy and major in business accounting.



Jasmine Lofton

Jasmine is a sophomore at Williams High School. Her achievements include a softball district championship, the 2006 Miss Teen award, and the "Most Dependable" school award. She is a member of the DSD All-City honor choir, the 2007-2008 Plano Youth Leadership program, Keystone Boy's & Girls Club, Smart Girls, and Girl Talk. Jasmine's future plans are to make it on the "Warrior Wall" for academic achievement and to attend Louisiana State University.



Charmyra Simmons

Charmyra is a senior at Winfrey Academy. Her awards include the honor society, a leadership award, A&B Honor Roll, and a perfect attendance award. Charmyra is involved in the GNBC Teen Group where she is the Student Council president of Youth Church for 2007-2008 and was the vice president for 2006-2007. She enjoys singing, dancing, and attending youth church at GNBC. Her future plans are to attend

Dillard University of New Orleans to major in education and become a teacher.



Latrice Revelly

Latrice is a sophomore at Williams High School. Her honors include an art award, youth of the year award, and the second place winner's title in the 2005 Ladies of Distinction pageant. Her extracurricular activities are basketball, track, cheerleading, volleyball, and Girl Talk. Her future plans are to become pharmacist and interior designer.



Madison McRoberts

Madison is a freshman at Williams High School. She is the 2nd place winner in the 2006 Young Ladies of Distinction pageant. She enjoys playing basketball in her spare time and plans to attend college to become a child psychologist.



Elvia Simmons

Elvia is a freshman at Williams High School. She is the secretary of the Greater New Birth Church youth group and the recipient of the Star Student award. Her hobbies include C&S Activities, GNBC youth group, the youth choir, dancing & singing. Elvia plans to attend college to become a doctor.



Iesha Shannon

Iesha is a junior at Plano East Senior High. She is the winner of the 2006 Young Ladies of Distinction Pageant. Her extracurricular activities include the step team and peace dancing when she is not working. Iesha plans to graduate from high school then attend college to become a doctor.



Porsha Smith

Porsha is a junior at Plano East Senior High. She is the 2nd place winner in a past YLOD pageant and has won Miss Congeniality, Perseverance, and Pride awards. Basketball, track, and volleyball are some of Porsha's hobbies. She plans to attend college to become a pediatrician.



Tiesha Taylor

Tiesha is a freshman at Williams High School where she is on the A Honor Roll. Her extracurricular activities include basketball, C&S, JHS, and the AVID club. Tiesha plans to attend Texas A & M to major in law and eventually own her own law firm.



Na'Cole Taylor

Na'Cole is in the 8th grade at Bowman Middle School where she is on the A/B Honor Roll and the recipient of a citizenship award. She plays basketball in her free time. Na'Cole plans to graduate high school then attend college.



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Penisha Vick

Penisha is a sophomore at Allen High school where she is a basketball team manager. Her hobbies are art and basketball. Penisha plans to complete high school then go on to own her own company.

Community Spotlight: The Junior Debutantes



Girls throughout the Douglass community, ages 9 - 17 are offered the opportunity to join Plano's Girl Talk organization. The members participate in community projects, as well as various workshops to help develop life and career skills. Girl Talk annually features the Debutantes, and the Junior Debutantes. The Debutantes are role models and

exemplary young ladies in the community. The Junior Debutantes of the 2007 Cotillion Ball were Tianna Revelly, Imani Coffield, Joi McRoberts, Jakayla Lofton, and Bryanna Standberry. Congratulations ladies on your accomplishments in your early lives, and continue to grow in strength through achieving your goals.

Arts & Entertainment

Dance Fusion 2007 Features West Coast Company, Local Favorites

Nationally-renowned Janice Garrett and Dancers, a San Francisco company, will be special performers at Dance Fusion 2007 at Collin College. Dance Fusion 2007 will also feature the Collin Dance Ensemble, Elledanceworks Dance Company and Muscle Memory Dance Theatre. Performances will be at 8 p.m., Friday, Nov. 9 and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 10, at the John Anthony Theatre, 2800 E. Spring Creek Parkway in Plano.

Janice Garrett had more than 20 years of experience as a dance artist and choreographer when she started Janice Garrett & Dancers in 2002 in the San Francisco Bay area. The company has performed throughout the Bay Area, Los Angeles, as well as having completed three tours to the

Midwest. The company was honored in January 2004 as one of Dance Magazine's "Twenty Five to Watch." Janice Garrett & Dancers will perform "Brink," "Fat Brass," and the "Archimedes' Revenge."

The Collin Dance Ensemble, the resident performing company for Collin College, under the direction of Tiffanee Arnold, tours throughout the Dallas/Fort Worth area performing in local concerts and festivals such as The Dallas Dance Festival, The Fort Worth Dance Festival: Up and Running, Dances at a Gathering at the Eisemann Center, The University of Texas at Dallas, Allen Dance Festival and Dallas' Dance for the Planet. The dance company attends and performs at the American College Dance Festival annually and has been selected

for the Gala Performance at that festival five times. Former residencies include Battleworks Dance Company from New York, Pilobolus Too of the Pilobolus Dance Theatre, Eisenhower Dance Ensemble from Michigan, Elledanceworks Dance Company from Dallas and Taylor 2 of Paul Taylor Dance Company. Dance auditions for Collin Dance Ensemble are held prior to the fall semester. The Collin Dance Ensemble will perform "Conspirae" and a work choreographed by Janice Garrett.

Tickets for Dance Fusion 2007 are \$8 general admission and \$5 for senior citizens and students. All tickets will be sold at the door. For more information about Dance Fusion 2007, call 972.881.5107.

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Dallas Center for the Performing Arts Names K Strategies Group as MWBE Consultant

DALLAS — The Dallas Center for the Performing Arts announced today that it has hired K Strategies to serve as its Minority and Women Owned Enterprise (MWBE) consultant. Under the leadership of president Katrina Keyes, K Strategies will aim to increase participation of minority- and women-owned businesses in the construction of the Dallas Center for the Performing Arts. The \$275 million arts and entertainment center, which includes four performance venues, a park and an underground parking garage, is currently under construction and will open in the Dallas Arts District in fall 2009.

Construction of two of the Center's signature venues, the Margot and Bill Winspear Opera House and Dee and Charles Wyly Theatre, as well as the underground parking garage, began last year. Of the \$275 million budget for

design and construction of the Center, only \$18 million, or less than 7%, will be funded with public funds. The Center has been consistently working to reach its MWBE participation goals as established by the City of Dallas.

Several minority- and women-owned businesses already have important contracts in the construction of the Dallas Center for the Performing Arts, including LopezGarcia Group, Gentzler Electrical Services, Inc., Tomas Reyes Trucking and Tin Man Enterprises.

"We have been committed to MWBE participation in this project from the earliest days of construction," said Doug Curtis, vice president of design and construction for the Dallas Center for the Performing Arts. "While we have awarded a number of contracts to minority- and women-owned businesses, we want to increase those

numbers. We are impressed with Keyes' record in directing MWBE programs, and we feel that her firm is the right resource to help us reach our MWBE goals."

Katrina Keyes has more than 15 years of experience in the areas of MWBE programs, public affairs and procurement. She is president of K Strategies Group LLC, a public affairs firm specializing in MWBE programs, public information programs and community relations for major construction and development projects. Major projects include: the new Dallas Cowboys Stadium, City of Dallas Mercantile Block project, Texas A&M University System and Texas Department of Transportation. Keyes is also involved in numerous civic organizations and has been recognized with several awards for her work, including "Small Business of the Year Award" by the

Dallas Black Chamber of Commerce and "Advocate of the Year Award" by the Dallas/Fort Worth Minority Business Council.

As MWBE consultant for the Dallas Center for the Performing Arts, K Strategies Group will work closely with the design and construction team at the Dallas Center for the Performing Arts, as well as with the two general contractors constructing the new venues, Linbeck and McCarthy, to raise awareness of the project among minority- and women-owned businesses. K Strategies Group will also represent the project at trade fairs and will report to the City of Dallas on MWBE participation in the project.

"I have been watching the progress of the Dallas Center for the Performing Arts with great interest," said Keyes. "The Center will have a great impact on our community, and I am

thrilled to have an opportunity to be a part of this project, and to help

MWBE firms have a greater role in the construction of this historic project."

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Comptroller Susan Combs Introduces Taxpayers to the Revised Texas Franchise Tax

AUSTIN — The state Comptroller's office will host 10 free seminars throughout the state to introduce taxpayers to the revised Texas franchise tax and help them learn how to calculate the tax. The seminars will benefit current franchise taxpayers and the approximately 200,000 new entities that will file franchise tax reports for the first time, beginning with reports due on or after Jan. 1, 2008. Unfortunately none are scheduled for the North Texas area, but web-based training is available.

"The revised franchise tax, sometimes called the 'margin tax,' was passed by the Legislature in 2006 and modified earlier this year," Comptroller Susan Combs said. "After so much public discussion and debate, some taxpayers may be uncertain about exactly how the law will work. These free seminars are a great opportunity to answer taxpayers' questions."

Web-based training may also take place to assist taxpayers unable to attend a seminar. For complete details about

the scheduled seminars and any additional seminars or Web-based training that may be added to the schedule, see the Comptroller's web site at www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/franchise/tour.htm

The Comptroller's free franchise tax seminars may be applied to continuing professional education requirements for certified public accountants and continuing legal education for attorneys.

The Legislature revised the franchise tax by changing the tax base and the tax rate and extending coverage to most legal entities. All taxable entities with total revenue greater than \$10 million must pay tax on their margin. Margin is the lesser of: total revenue minus cost of goods sold, total revenue minus compensation or total revenue times 70 percent. Total revenue is determined based on federal income tax reporting. Taxable entities with \$10 million or less in total revenue may choose an E-Z filing option (i.e., 0.00575 x apportioned total revenue), or they may choose to pay tax on their margin.

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we "delivered" the NBLC. Our brother died, but his work will live on via the NBLC, just as when Ken Bridges died, we convened at the Dudley Products compound in Kernersville, and committed to keep his work alive.

The NBLC is the culmination of a meeting held in Cincinnati, Ohio, on December 9, 2006. Our theme was "Bring Back Black." Now, with the birth of the NBLC, we can say, "Black is Back!" I am proud to be a part of this movement, and I invite all of you to be a part as well. No big "I's" and little "U's."

We are conscious Black brothers and sisters who are determined to serve and, thus, to lead. We are unapologetic about our love for Black people, and will not be sidetracked by the often-suggested canard of being accused of hating others. The NBLC is not about other folks; it's about Black people.

Genuine Black leadership is essential to collective Black progress. The general goal of the

NBLC is to gather true Black leaders, not "leading Blacks," as Dr. Julia Hare calls them, and build a coalition of individuals and organizations from across the country that will get busy with the several tasks at hand for Black people in America. Education, Politics, Communications, and Economics are crucial to our survival, and we must have real leadership in those broad areas in order to build and leave a viable future for our children and their children.

Our elder, Woodson, went on to say, "Negroes, however, sometimes choose their own leaders but unfortunately they are too often the wrong kind. Negroes do not readily follow persons with constructive programs."

Almost any sort of exciting appeal or trivial matter presented to them may receive immediate attention and temporarily at least liberal support. When the bubble collapses, of course, these same followers will begin to decry Negro leadership and call these

misrepresentatives of the group rascals and scoundrels. Inasmuch as they have failed to exercise foresight, however, those who have deceived them should be blamed so much as those who have liberally supported these imposters."

Brothers and sisters, we cannot continue to allow Woodson's warnings to go unheeded. We love to quote his writings, but we seldom follow his instructions. The NBLC not only reveres what Carter G. taught us, but we also hold the teaching of Marcus Garvey in high regard.

There is nothing that Black people have not accomplished in this world. We are natural leaders, but some of us have been polluted and blinded by greed, self-aggrandizement, self-delusion, and self-hate.

As occupants of this country since its inception, you must admit that we should be further along than we are in 2007. The NBLC, with your assistance and commitment, will do everything we can to reach back to the accomplishments of

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As it always is, the time is now; that's all we really have - right now. Bring whatever talent you have, bring the love you have, bring the commitment you have, and add them to the NBLC.

That way, the NBLC

will grow, rapidly, into an even stronger and more viable organization. We gave birth to the NBLC on October 11th; now it's up to all of us to provide the nourishment necessary for its strength, growth, and sustainability. As new fathers and mothers, please do your part.

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to a free community forum on Tuesday November 20th, 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m., at the Johnson Chapel Community Church located at 1400 North Hampton Road at Wintergreen in DeSoto, Texas.

Panelists for the Pvent will include a variety of community leaders, NAACP Garland Branch President, B.J. Williams, Rev. Ronald Wright - Dallas president SCLC, Jordan Blair - Publisher of the Elite News, James Branch - author of the book, The Vacant Pews, Bishop Miller E. Johnson - Sr. Pastor of new Life Fellowship Church of Rowlett, TX, Rev. Wayne L. Stafford Sr. - Sr. Pastor of Fellowship Baptist Church of Allen, TX, Aaron Michaels Community Activists and founder of the

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The mentoring program is held on Monday's and Wednesday's, from 6:30 - 7:45 pm, in the clubhouse at Indigo on Forest Apartments, 9669 Forest Lane, Dallas TX 75243

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GRACE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

November 10, 12:30 pm

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November 16 - 18, 2007

We invite you to our Fourth Anniversary Celebration Services. Friday at 7:30 pm at the Allen Civic Center, 300 N. Allen Drive in Allen, TX will be our "Joy Night Musical," this FREE event will feature Minister Ron Hadley and Worship Squad of New Orleans; Psalmist Becky McCadden of Chesapeake, Virginia; JaRa and Lineage and other groups. Saturday at 7 pm there is a Celebration Banquet @ the Southfork Hotel in

Plano with guest speaker Rev. Josef Rasheed, Founder/Pastor of CrossRoad Covenant Church in DeSoto, TX. Sunday at 4:40 pm will be the conclusion of our anniversary with Pastor Chuckie Brown of New Birth Church, Sherman, TX and his congregation. For more information contact Pastor John Wilson, III at 469-853-2380. Sanctuary of Praise Fellowship of Allen Rev. John Wilson, III, Pastor P.O. Box 633 Allen, TX 75013 469-853-2380

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF HAMILTON PARK (FIRST CHURCH)

November 11 @ 10:30 am

Our Agape Ministry proudly presents our 3rd Annual "A Salute to Our Veterans." Veterans from all branches of the Armed Forces will be recognized on this special day during Morning Worship Services at

10:30 am. This year's services will include: "Special Greetings" from Governor Rick Perry (presented by Miss Fort Worth 2007, Kristen Blair. The State of Texas House Rep., "Texas Flag Presentation," presented by Miss Dallas 2007, Corrin Harmon; and WWII Veterans that currently attend First Church will accept the flag on behalf of all Veterans. Miss Texas 2006 and the 1st Runner-Up to Miss America, Shilah Phillips, will perform the National Anthem.

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SAINT MARK BAPTIST CHURCH

November 10, 12 Noon - 2 pm

Senior Saints (ages 55 and above) please join us for lunch, bingo and prizes during the "Double Nickel Luncheon" at Newsome Homes Community Center, 230 Amcott Street, McKinney, TX 75069. FREE home delivery available to house-bound seniors within the city only. Please call 972-542-6178 no later than Friday, November 9th with your name, phone number, address, and the number of meals desired.

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Sister Tarpley



Sister Tarpley

A friend going through a trial that seems to be lasting, to her at least, a long time, was encouraged after reading my article last week, asking, "Are You A Carrot, Egg or Coffee?" She gained a little more faith, tied a knot to the end of her

due season (if you faint not); God will answer your prayers. The answer may be "No, or something different from what you want or think, but it will be for your best. Habakkuk 2 tells us that God has an appointed time to answer your prayers so that you receive just what you need at just the right time to live victoriously and happily.

Wait for God's timing to bring these things about. Believe that He is at work in your life bringing about what He knows is best for you. You may wish



Dr. Robert E., Sr. and Mrs. Deloris Price, Senior Pastor and First Lady of New Mt. Zion Baptist Church of Dallas

rope, and decided to continue trusting in God. The following item arrived in my mailbox; I will share this with her and you.

An old adage says, "God's answer to your prayer is seldom early, but it is never late!" If you trust Him, God will give you the grace you need when you're in His timing. If you keep a right attitude and not allow bitterness or resentment to take hold, then at the right time, in

to ask for patience as you faithfully await His answer. Your situation will improve, but on God's timetable, not yours!

"For the vision is yet for an appointed time, but at the end it shall speak, and not lie: though it tarry, wait for it; because it will surely come, it will not tarry." Habakkuk 2:3. -Greenville Avenue Church of Christ Bulletin.

God Really Does

Trust God's Timing

Care for You—"Casting all your care upon Him, for He careth for you." 1 Peter 5:7.

When you are facing a problem that is so big it seems downright irresponsible not to worry about it. There may not be a thing you can do about it, but you feel like you need to at least be concerned. After all, somebody needs to! Not a friend or family member seems to be volunteering for the job.

The devil will attack your mind and will tell you that no one cares about you or your problem and will try to convince you that you are alone with this problem.

Instead of giving in to those evil thoughts, get your Bible and turn to scriptures in the Word of God that guarantees you that your needs will be met. Tell God that with the help of the Holy Spirit, you won't take back your problem. This is not an easy thing to do;

but every time the problem comes to your mind, quote a scripture and praise God. A pastor once told his congregation, you can't stop temptations and evil thoughts from coming to your mind, but you don't have to let them build a nest there.

The next time you're facing a problem, give it to God. He has volunteered for the job and you can trust Him to do it well. After all, He really does care for you.

Things to Ponder

Your presence is a present to the world. You're unique and one of a kind. Your life can be what you want it to be. Take the days just one at a time.

Count your blessings, not your troubles. You'll make it through whatever comes along. Understand, have courage, be strong. Don't put limits on yourself. Remember that life's treasures are people ... together; and not things.

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Gibson (while not about black people) combined; but I am appalled at black people.

The black people calling for him to be fired; the black people calling for him to apologize; and those that would compare this to Imus appall me. Is Dwayne a racist? YES. But he admitted that during the PRIMATE phone call between him and his son, that was taped without his knowledge, and submitted to the press. These were not sentiments expressed on his show or a comedy stage. This is not another man who is using the airwaves to share racist beliefs, but one who has had a personal conversation exploited. While I completely disagree with everything the man said, I think it is slippery and dangerous slope when we begin to demonize people for their private conversations. If that is the case, there are a whole lot of white, Latino and Asian people that need to be fired for the racism they harbor in private. OH YEAH ...there will be a lot of black folks fired that day

too.

I appreciate Duane's self-awareness in saying (in so many words), "I am a racist, so stay away from me". I have more respect for an honest racist who admits their feelings, than a lying two-face that talks about tolerance and acceptance (even privately), yet can't stand anyone different than himself or herself. Black leadership needs to focus its attention on the legitimate, systemic institutional racism that continues to plague this nation from top to bottom. But that is a harder fight than targeting a lone bigot, not worth the energy. Legitimate leadership should begin to recognize that.

As a nation, we continue to miss opportunities to be honest about race. People ARE racists; and will continue to be. However, if we do not create a productive and safe space to discuss our true feelings, we will walk around acting like we all love each other in the name of political correctness, when our private lives say something very different. Duane is not the only one.

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Pastor Charles S. Wattle

Sunday
Education Ministries - 9:30 a.m. • Worship Celebration - 11:00 am.
- Nursery Facilities Available -

Wednesday Family Ministries... 7:00 p.m.

Friendly Fellowship with A Family Focus
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