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A Moment with the New Miss Black America

LAS VEGAS (NNPA) Shortly after being crowned Miss Black America June 23, Elizabeth White sits in her hotel room surrounded by family and taking phone calls. Her mood settling and a sense of relief on her face, she sits eating her congratulations



cake. With a light blue dress that blends smoothly with her beautiful skin tone and the elegant smile on her face, it's very easy to see why she was crowned a new queen. She relaxes, reflecting on her journey with a soft tone in her voice.

NNPA- What's going

through your mind right now about winning?

WHITE - I think the recurring thing for me would be humbled. Just because of all the other contestants. It was just amazing to be around them and get to know so many new people. It's just

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COVER STORY

A Young College Role Model



Martha Endum Teke

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UNT Dallas Campus launches "Stars & Stripes Fund" for Fall 2008

Assistance program will 'fill the gap' until new GI Bill becomes effective in August 2009

DALLAS - The University of North Texas Dallas Campus has been awarded a grant from the Greater Texas Foundation to establish an assistance

program for military families pursuing education. The "Stars & Stripes Fund" will provide financial assistance to military spouses, children of military families, soldiers who may have exceeded their GI Bill benefits or who are not eligible for the State of Texas' Hazelwood

Exemption, and former service members whose GI Bill benefits have expired.

U.S. Congressman Pete Sessions (R.-Texas) expressed his support for the program, which will aid those who have chosen "a path of selflessness, patriotism and courage."

"The Stars and Stripes Fund will help meet the financial needs of our soldiers, which provides them with more educational opportunities. Given the rising costs of college education, I believe it is of utmost importance to help our servicemen and

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Alicia Keys Raises \$40,000 for Keep A Child Alive Online

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Stars and Scars and Stripes

By. Gary L. Flowers
NNPA Columnist

Last week, jazz singer Rene Marie replaced the words of the Star Spangled Banner (Francis Scott Key) with the words of Lift Every Voice and Sing (James and Rosamond Johnson) at the State of the City event in Denver, Colo. Not good. Both Anthems should be revered equally for their unique history.

On September 14, 1814, two years after the War of 1812 began between England and France, and nearly 40 years after the Revolutionary War which declared American independence from Britain, a young lawyer named Francis Scott Key found himself aboard a British vessel attacking the American Fort McHenry in Baltimore, MD. The words he wrote would

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UTD Engineering Partners with the Academic Bridge Program

The University of Texas at Dallas Erik Jonsson School of Engineering & Computer Science, in conjunction with the Academic Bridge Program, is pleased to conduct a Summer Engineering & Computer Science Bridge Program.

This program is a unique academic experience designed to give aspiring engineering and computer science students a preview of the quality of education at The University of Texas at Dallas. Students who are presently high school seniors are eligible to

apply. (Highly recommended Juniors can also be admitted.)

The Engineering & Computer Science Bridge Program is a week long residential program to be held on the campus of UTD. Summer, 2008 scheduled dates are

Monday, August 4th through Saturday, August 9th. Each day, students will participate in exciting engineering and computer science workshops plus pre-college seminars that include topics on financial aid, the college applica-

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Winston Johnson

WinSonic Digital Media Group, Ltd., is under the leadership and vision of Winston D. Johnson, who started in the music, computer science, and communications industries in the 1970s, and pioneered technological innovations in music, communications, computer and sound engineering such as the Winsonic Process.

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test high-speed video, data, audio, and voice operations in many U.S. markets and to build a backbone network that includes fiber routes, collocation and interconnection facilities with the Regional Bell Operating Companies, Cable Carriers, Broad Casters and other entities with in the United States of America bringing advanced technologies to empower mankind.

Winston D. Johnson's



education includes BS FAMU, additional labs, and studies include FSU, UCLA, Berkley, Stetson University, Dartmouth,

NASA, USC ETC, Nortel Networks, Cisco, SONET, STN, ATM, Star Hub, DMS 200/300, DMS 500, DSL, PPOE, PPOA, MPLS, OSPF, BGP4, VOIP, HDTV transport, e911, video switching, ss7 signaling, cable plant, catv, emergency disaster planning, satellite, voice, data, video, fiber optics, micro wave, two-way radio, management systems, and billing systems.

Cynthia Mickens Smith

Methodist Charlton Medical Center recently welcomed Cynthia Mickens-Smith as community relations liaison. Mrs. Mickens-Smith will be responsible for increasing the community's awareness of Methodist Charlton services and programs; planning and coordinating special community events and sponsorships; and connecting the surrounding communities to Methodist Charlton.

Mrs. Mickens-Smith is

a former longtime Desoto resident with an extensive background in community leadership, business management, and public and motivational speaking. Her experience includes business development; customer, employee, and community relations; and marketing. For more than 20 years, she has endeavored to serve her community as an advocate for children, women, and the underserved. She has volunteered countless hours

helping others by serving as a past board member of Girls Incorporated of Metropolitan Dallas, the American Heart Association, and The Women's Council of Dallas. Additionally she has served as Chair, City of DeSoto Arts Commission and Board Chair, Parks South YMCA. Mrs. Mickens-Smith is a 1999 Leadership Dallas alumni..

"I am very excited to have Cynthia Mickens-Smith join our team," says



Methodist Charlton President Zach Chandler.

"Her extensive business experience and community service help her bring a unique perspective to this position. Her presence is yet another example of our commitment to increasing our involvement and service to the community."

Guided by the founding principles of life, learning, and compassion, Methodist Health System (Methodist) uses some of the latest medical technology and research to bring quality health care to individuals and families

throughout North Texas. Methodist Dallas Medical Center, Methodist Charlton Medical Center, Methodist Mansfield Medical Center, Methodist Midlothian Health Center, and Methodist Family Health Centers are part of the nonprofit Methodist Health System, which is affiliated by covenant with the North Texas Conference of The United Methodist Church. Additional information is available at www.methodisthealthsystem.org.

Don O'Brannon

Don O'Bannon, DFW International Airport's vice president for Small and Emerging Business, has been named Chairman of the Airport Minority Advisory Council (AMAC). O'Bannon will lead the group over the next 24 months, while continuing his industry-leading efforts at DFW to assist Disadvantaged, Minority and Women Owned Business Enterprises (DMWBEs).

O'Bannon was elected at the annual AMAC conference in Indianapolis, Indiana held May 31 – June 3. O'Bannon had served on the AMAC board for the past year as the second vice chair and has been involved with the national organization since arriving at DFW.

"As the new Chairman of Airport Minority Advisory Council, I would like to work with the FAA to

encourage policies and procedures that address the economic realities of DMWBE's doing business in an airport environment," said O'Bannon. "The Council strives to ensure that new opportunities are made available to all business, both large and small."

O'Bannon has led the Small and Emerging Business Department at DFW for the past six years, making the program a shining example of best practices within the aviation business

"DFW has a world class Small and Emerging Business Department that has received recognition from many segments of the business community," said Jeff Fegan, DFW's CEO. "Don and his team have brought greater competition to the marketplace, for not only the Airport for but the whole DFW region. Small businesses have had



the chance at DFW to work on big projects and then leverage their success for additional work outside of the airport environment."

O'Bannon is a graduate of Dartmouth College, where he earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree, and the University of Virginia, where he attained his law degree. O'Bannon continues to maintain his law license.

O'Bannon currently serves on the Board of the African Chamber of Commerce, Greater Dallas

Asian American Chamber of Commerce Advisory Board and Airport Council International Diversity Committee. He has won numerous awards for his service to the minority and women owned business community. In 2007 O'Bannon received the Luna Award for Business Advocate of the Year from the Hispanic Contractors Association DFW, was named Public Sector Advocate of the Year by the Black Contractors Association, and received the Outstanding Diversity Executive Award from the Greater Dallas Asian American Chamber of Commerce. O'Bannon was also recognized in Minority Business News magazine as one of the most Influential African American Leaders in Texas. AMAC believes strongly that the inclusion of more minority-owned and women-owned businesses in airports makes good business sense and

reflects the communities and markets these airports serve. As the industry grows, airports continue to increase and expand, furthering the enormous

opportunity – amounting to billions of dollars annually in construction, procurement, professional services and concession contracts at our nation's airports.

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Obama Distances Himself From Blacks: Is There a Cost?

By Ron Walters
NNPA Columnist

Just back from the RainbowPush convention in Chicago sponsored by Rev. Jesse Jackson, Sr., I was struck by the fact that neither Barack nor Michelle Obama showed up and they live virtually right down the street.

The symbol of Obama's absence was made even more vivid to me because he was out making nice with Hillary Clinton to knit together a unified campaign in the fall.

I understand that, but I also understand that he could have showed up.

I know, I know, it is common knowledge now that Obama has to distance himself from his community in order to make White voters comfortable enough with him to trust him and then give him their votes. And he will probably show at the NAACP Convention. But the troubling trend which finds him absent from other venues that are the substance of Black life looks like he is taking the Black community for granted because of their thirst for his victory.

I was not too put out when Obama did not show up at the State of Black America, because Michelle

Obama was offered to Tavis Smiley and Obama was campaigning to win a touch primary in Indiana.

Jackson, however, not only was material in Obama's rise to the State Senate and the U. S. senate, he represents to most people the living legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

That is important because the Civil Rights movement is implicated in Obama's victories, since he won 99 pledged Delegates in nine Southern states during the primary elections. This performance was in states where Blacks constituted one-third or more of the Democratic party base, states where the Voting Rights Act worked to empower Black voters to make a difference.

Without those 99 delegates, Hillary Clinton would have won the pledged delegate race and the popular vote and most surely would have won the nomination.

The question this raises is whether the sophistication of Black voters in this case will eventually cost them. Blacks have a long history of voting for Whites when the potential returns were based on hope.

If we support a Black candidate for president of the United States, I think that it is fair to ask whether

we will have more or less access – at least as much access as we did to Bill Clinton – and whether he will deliver the goods for our community.

My concern here is that theory of Black politics should be to move our community from just hoping their political participation will lead to resources, to exercising tough leverage over politicians to negotiate potential returns to our community in exchange for our vote.

In fact, one of the lessons of Rev. Jackson's two previous presidential campaigns is that "Hope and Trust politics" is not as effective as the ability to trade votes for future support. The irony is however, that when a Black person runs for high profile office our leverage often disappears because we are asked to trust that the person will deliver based on their ties to the Black community.


The Black community didn't have to play the politics of leverage with Rev. Jackson because he had proved his fidelity to their needs through his history and in his presidential campaigns he spoke forcefully to their issues. I know, I know, he didn't win.

But I am driven to ask what the traditional notion of "winning" is worth

under circumstances where the level of trust is not as high, because the message is absent and the candidate is absent. In other words, how much can the Black community count on the delivery of goods and services by a Black president who presence and message does not privilege his own community.

What concerns me is that we are involved in a great celebration without checking the guidepost that determine whether or not there will be sufficient returns to our community from a Black president in the White House. The irony is that Obama is likely to win, we will have to accept him, but under circumstances where he is essentially a White candidate, so we should "bottom line" our public policy requirements now as every other community is doing.

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While you ponder that thought we would like to announce that Minority Opportunity News, Inc., formerly a Dallas based renaissance community tabloid, 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 engine to continue this growth is the airport 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 seeking 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!

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Texas Vehicle Crime Issues Emphasized in July

Every five minutes, a car is stolen in Texas, and every two minutes, a vehicle is burglarized for contents or parts. Stolen vehicles are often used to commit other crimes, including theft, drug smuggling, human trafficking, domestic/international terrorism, and countless other offenses. In addition, vehicle burglary incidents such as gas siphoning, stealing personal identification items, and theft of vehicle parts containing valuable metals are on the rise. Now, more than ever, Texas drivers must become actively involved in vehicle crime prevention by practicing "Lock, Take, Hide": lock vehicles, take

keys, hide belongings. The Texas Auto Burglary and Theft Prevention Authority (ABTPA) will highlight this philosophy throughout "Watch Your Car Month" this July.

During "Watch Your Car Month", hundreds of law enforcement task force representatives funded by ABTPA will be working in their communities reminding Texas drivers to take extra precautions when leaving their vehicles unattended. To raise awareness about the role of auto theft in secondary crimes, ABTPA personnel will heavily promote the "You Hold the Key" campaign, which is designed to

remind all owners and operators that vehicles should never be left running while unattended, and keys should not be left inside.

In 2007, approximately 94,000 vehicles were stolen in Texas resulting in financial losses well into the hundreds of millions. And in almost half of all auto theft incidents, keys were left inside, which means the vehicle owner was, in some cases, an unwitting accomplice to more heinous crimes. Recent statistics from Texas law enforcement agencies indicate the top three locations from which vehicles are stolen are: res-

idences/homes (41.6%), public parking lots/public garages (28.7%), and roadways/highways/alleys (12.2%), which proves no area is truly safe from vehicle crime activity.

"We can not stress enough to Texas drivers that they 'hold the key' to auto burglary and theft prevention," said Michelle Lanham, program manager for ABTPA's Reduce Auto Theft in Texas (RATT) task force in Arlington, Texas. "Being aware of techniques to prevent these crimes, such as utilizing visible deterrents and anti-theft devices, will help discourage thieves and make neighborhoods safer."

U. S. May Expand Security Role in Oil-Rich Nigeria

(NNPA) – Nigerian government officials are welcoming a wider U.S. role in the oil-rich Niger Delta where members of an insurgent group have attacked oil flow stations and staged kidnappings in an effort to redistribute enormous profits generated from the region's natural wealth.

Vice Pres. Goodluck Ebele Jonathan blamed "outsiders" for instigating the youths of the region. "Therefore it will be welcomed if the US government will assist Nigeria in curbing

the criminalities within the area, since the US government has its security installations in the Gulf of Guinea, protecting its investment situated there.

"It is hoped that Nigeria will also be assisted considerably, especially in the area of power and rail transport networks," he said.

Unrest in the oil-rich region has pushed some companies to close down operations. Nigeria's oil production has slipped to 1.8 million barrels per day -far below its pro-

duction capacity of about 2.8 million barrels.

Meanwhile, plans for a sell-off of shared by oil giant Chevron Corporation of California are meeting stiff opposition from workers who are worried what will happen to their compensation packages.

"Any attempt to seal up the deal and sneak away through the back door with their portfolio without settling the workers will meet disastrous consequences," the oil workers warned.

Mandela No Longer a "Terrorist Threat"



(NNPA) – In a long-overdue vote, U.S. lawmakers have erased the stigma of "terrorist" attached to former South African President Nelson Mandela.

Many were surprised last week to learn he was labeled a terrorist by the U.S. government.

As the former anti-apartheid leader was being honored in London's Hyde Park for his anti-AIDS activism, U.S. Senators unanimously passed legislation lifting the designation. The House of Representatives approved the same action on May 8.

Mandela's name was

placed on the U.S. terrorist watch list for his militancy in the African National Congress, which fought to end White minority rule in South Africa. The ANC was banned by South Africa's apartheid government in 1960.

"Passage of the bill to remove ... Nelson Mandela and others who worked tirelessly to end the oppressive, inhumane system of apartheid in South Africa is a great victory for justice," said NJ Rep. Donald Payne. "I am gratified that we were able to show our respect and high esteem for a man who is loved and admired.

16th Annual Festival de la Salud Offers Free Health Screenings in a Fiesta-Style Setting

DALLAS, TX (July 7, 2008) – The American Heart Association, in conjunction with its Latino Outreach Task Force is sponsoring the 16th Annual Festival Hispano de la Salud, a free day-long event of health screenings, cooking demonstrations and entertainment on Saturday, July 12, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Automobile Building at Fair Park in Dallas. The event is geared toward the Hispanic and Latino community in Dallas and is part of the Cultural Health Initiative component of the organization. Expected attendance this year is 20,000.

Set up in a fiesta-style atmosphere, the event was launched by the American Heart Association 16 years ago to raise awareness of heart disease and stroke among the Hispanic community in Dallas. Heart disease is the number one killer of Hispanics and stroke is the number three killer. It is estimated that one out of four Hispanic males and one out of three Hispanic females will die from cardiovascular disease this year.

Hispanics are less likely to engage in regular physical activity and are more likely to be obese or overweight and they are almost twice as likely to develop type 2 diabetes, all of which are significant risk

factors for cardiovascular disease. Since close to 50 percent of Hispanics in Texas are uninsured, many men, women and children do not receive regular medical screenings. This Festival is one way to not only increase awareness and education, but also to provide access to free health screenings. It is intended as an event for the entire family. This year, the Festival has been designated as a Super Registration Site for the Mayor's Annual Back to School Supply Drive. Not only will participants get free health screenings, but also for those who have school-aged children, they will be able to register for free school supplies.

Festival Hispano de la Salud provides critical information about heart health and overall wellness through a combination of on-hand medical services, demonstrations, literature and counseling. Thousands of Hispanics have benefited from the complimentary information and free health screenings provided at the Festival. There will be entertainment such as Salsa dancing and performances by local dance troupes as well as other activities for the children. More than 60 vendors will exhibit their products.

Thousands from Dallas' Hispanic community,

especially those who do not have medical insurance, have come to rely on the complimentary health screenings provided at the Festival. Blood pressure, glucose, cholesterol, vision, and dental screenings are just a few of the services that are provided at no cost to the participants.

The American Heart Association coordinates free risk assessments and on-site counseling by physicians. If a participant is identified as having high blood pressure, cholesterol, or glucose levels, they are referred to their physician. If the person is uninsured, they are provided with a list of clinics that they may visit to receive follow-up care by a physician. The purpose of the risk assessment and referral is to reduce the number of deaths due to cardiovascular disease and stroke and to help people control the risk factors that cause these diseases.

For more information on the free Festival Hispano de la Salud, visit the website at www.americanheart.org or call 214. 712. 1332. The Festival is made possible because of generous sponsors such as Amerigroup, All Smiles Dental, Vitas Innovative Hospice Care, Bank of America, Carter Blood Care, Univision, and Evercare



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pants. The rebate rewards residents who improve their home's landscaping while reducing water consumption. The four steps are easy and include the following: attend all four YardWise education classes, complete and submit a rebate application, sub-

mit photos of the landscape before and after the YardWise conversion; and, submit copies of receipts for plant materials used in the landscaping process.

YardWise is a simple four-class series created to help people maintain a yard with less cost, work, waste and water.

A new series of YardWise classes begins September 4 and costs \$15, if all classes are taken as a series. For a class schedule or to register online, simply visit

www.parks.planotx.org or call (972) 769-4234.

The YardWise Landscaping Beautification Rebate application is available at [\[plano.com\]\(http://plano.com\). For more information about the program, contact Erin Hoffer, Environmental Education Coordinator, City of Plano, \(972\) 769-4228.](http://www.livegreenin-</p>
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New Beginning Center Announces Trendsetters Conference

GARLAND - New Beginning Center is hosting a conference for teens from July 21, 2008 to July 25, 2008. The conference is free for all students entering their freshman year of high school through those just graduated from high school. Lunch will be provided daily and the students may also earn 33 hours of volunteer credit and receive free Trendsetters gifts

including a souvenir t-shirt and other surprises.

The conference will be held at North Garland Baptist Fellowship Church. Throughout the week the teens will be learning about leadership skills, peer counseling and how to help prevent teen dating violence. This weeklong event will include various activities centered on team building, interesting keynote speak-

ers, and a fun outing.

For more information, please contact Becky George at bgeorge@newbeginningcenter.org.

New Beginning Center fosters an environment of safety, support and respect for families affected by domestic violence and serves Garland and other cities in the east Dallas metropolitan area. Their 24-hour emergency hotline number is 972.276.0057.



COMMUNITY RECRUITMENT/EVENTS COORDINATOR

Big Brothers Big Sisters, a premier non-profit agency whose mission is providing one-to-one mentoring relationships have open opportunities for the roles of Community Recruitment Coordinator / Events Coordinator in Collin County, Texas.

Big Brothers Big Sisters is looking for a skilled, self-motivated person to serve as an AmeriCorps*VISTA member for one year. Make a difference in your community by helping kids who need a positive adult role model in their lives. Become an AmeriCorps Vista member and help Big Brothers Big Sisters (BBBS) recruit more volunteers, promote BBBS and make a big difference in our community. Develop leadership, marketing, networking, and outreach skills. This is a full-time, 12-month position beginning in Summer 2008.

AmeriCorps*VISTA member will receive an annual living allowance of approximately \$800-900 monthly, vacation & sick leave, along with extensive training, basic individual health insurance, and student loan deferment, as well as a post-service education award of \$4725 to help pay for student loans or future college courses. Work week is 32 hours with a flexible schedule.

Candidates must be self-starters, at least 18 years of age and have their own reliable transportation. They must love working with people, be highly organized and have good leadership, writing and computer skills. Some college preferred with experience with marketing, PR, or human services helpful. AmeriCorps VISTA members cannot be current students. If interested, promptly submit a resume to tbristow@bbbsbx.org or call 972-423-9559 Ext. 382 for more information.

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women reach their educational goals. Not only does this scholarship program reflect our commitment to education and our military personnel, it will help them reach their full potential and provides an essential foundation for future success in life," Sessions wrote in a letter to UNT System Chancellor Lee Jackson. John Ellis Price, vice chancellor of the UNT Dallas Campus, said the campus began developing the framework for a military education assistance fund after repeated news reports disclosed the rising costs of college in comparison to static GI Bill benefits late in 2007 and into 2008. Articles in the Boston Globe, on ABC News, and even in the Army Times have described how inflation is zapping GI Bill benefits at a faster pace than in previous generations.

But after a long congressional debate, President Bush signed H.R. 2642 on June 30, 2008. Under the terms of the bill, service

members who have served 36 months after Sept. 11, 2001, are entitled to increased benefits. The bill also contains provisions for the transfer of education benefits to family members after reenlistment. Those benefits, however, do not become effective until August 1, 2009.

"The GI Bill is one of the greatest educational programs ever developed. The government certainly has fulfilled its promises to our soldiers. But we believe that we as citizens should be contributing as well to make education more affordable for those who have sacrificed so much," Price said. "If soldiers are receiving the GI Bill and do not need assistance, we will provide assistance to family members. If soldiers or family members need money for books or fees, we will provide money for books or fees until such time as the new education benefits program begins. We want to fill the gap for the coming academic year."

To be eligible for the UNT Dallas Campus Stars & Stripes Fund, soldiers, military spouses and their children must be eligible for admission at the campus. Spouses and children of military personnel must provide proof of their family member's military service. Classes must be taken at the UNT Dallas Campus in programs offered at the campus (online courses and courses at the Denton Campus are not covered under the assistance program). Soldiers who did not opt into the GI Bill are also eligible to receive assistance with proof of service, such as Form DD-214.

When President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed the GI Bill in 1944, he noted that the landmark provision would provide veterans with up to \$500 per year for tuition assistance. The annual cost of living in 1944 was roughly \$2,000. What could be obtained for \$500 per year in 1944 may now cost the average GI \$20,000 per year for tuition

and fees alone at many universities.

The UNT Dallas Campus has one of the lowest tuition rates in the North Texas region, and avoided raising tuition for the 2008-2009 academic year. The low tuition rate coupled with the Stars & Stripes Fund could substantially lower the costs of a college education for military personnel and their family members, Price said.

"Our hope is that other Texas universities will also launch similar programs," Price said. "It is unlikely that the GI Bill will ever keep pace with college costs. These soldiers and their families have paid for freedom. We should help them pay for college."

The UNT Dallas Campus will begin accepting applications for assistance July 7. For more information about the Stars & Stripes Fund, contact the UNT Dallas Campus at 972-780-3600. Inquiries should be addressed to the Office of Financial Aid.

Richardson/Plano Guide Right Foundation Brings Scholarship Workshop To Dallas

Jessica Johnson received her first scholarship, \$20,000, as a junior in high school. By the time she entered Howard University as a freshman in 2000, the Jackson, TN native had already received more than \$40,000 in scholarships. During her time at Howard, where she received a bachelor's degree in journalism, Johnson racked up more than \$130,000 in scholarships.

The Richardson/Plano Guide Right Foundation, a 501(c) (3) entity of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity is bringing Jessica Johnson and her Minority Scholarship Quest to Dallas. Created in 2001 when she was 19 years old, she founded the scholarship workshop to assist minority students in finding scholarships for college.

"Students don't realize

college is a major sacrifice – a luxury. For a lot of students, the reality sinks in too late," says Johnson. "Students need a process."

That's where Johnson comes in. She has students complete a personal development profile to figure out what kind of scholarships they qualify for. Then Johnson maps out a week-by-week plan and helps the student find a list of scholarships based on their profile. The student is responsible for completing the applications and writing any essays. Johnson will edit the essays and provide feedback.

"High grade point averages are no longer good enough to get scholarships. A scholarship is an award for students who have gone above and beyond in some area," says Johnson. "People aren't just going to give you money. It's for something you have

excelled in."

Shawntel Hebert, 23, used Johnson's services when she applied for law school. She received a \$75,000 scholarship to attend Emory. "Jessica has a writing ability like no other, especially when it comes to essays," says Hebert, a second-year law student. "She knows what scholarship committees are looking for in applications and essays."

"Kappa Alpha Psi recognized a need to bring Jessica and her workshop here when we reviewed applications for the scholarships that we award every spring," according to Elwood Shannon, member of the Richardson/Plano Chapter. "We saw students who had the GPAs, but their essay writing skills needed improvement. This is an excellent opportunity for students to obtain (for a nominal fee of \$50) what

some scholarship tutors charge several hundred dollars to receive."

The Minority Scholarship Quest Workshop will be presented July 21 – 23 at the UNT – Dallas Campus, 7300 Houston School Road in Dallas, TX from 10am – 4pm. A major portion of the fee is being underwritten by the Kappa Foundation and the Richardson/Plano Guide Right Foundation as part of their scholarship program. Students must be in high school or college and commit to attending the three-day workshop that is limited to 25 students.

For additional information and to obtain a registration form, contact the Richardson/Plano Guide Right Foundation at www.rpalumni.com, or minority_scholarship_quest@yahoo.com or call 972.966.9701.

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Collin County Black Chamber of Commerce General Meeting is 2nd Thursday quarterly, 6:30pm - 7:30pm. McKinney Housing Authority 1200 N Tennessee St McKinney 75069 The general public is welcome. For additional information call 469-424-0120.

Collin County Black Chamber of Commerce Monthly Lunch & Learn every 3rd Thursday \$15 for members; \$20 for non-members, 11 am-1 pm, For general information and reservations call 469-424-0120.

DFW Financially Empowered Women meet monthly for lunch or dinner and a fun, informative seminar on various financial topics. For more information call 469-952-0809 or www.meetup.com/378.

Marriage Prep Class 1st Saturdays monthly 423 West Wheatland Road Suite 101, Duncanville 75116 \$10 fee for materials. For more info call Karen Duval at 972-709-1180.

No Limit Network Business Networking Lunch 1st and 3rd Thursday 11:30 am - 12:30 pm every Thursday at Texas Land & Cattle Steak House 3945 N. Central Expressway Plano 75023 Must RSVP at www.TheNoLimitNetwork.com or call Sylvia Williams at 972-898-5882.

SHARE! PISD International Exchange

Student Program is in the process of finding new host families to share their hearts and home with an exchange student for the 2008/2009 School Year. For more information on or how to become a host family, call 1-800-941-3738, or www.sharesouthwest.org.

The National Business Women Enterprise Network (NBWEN) hosts monthly lunch and learn workshop and networking event giving members and guests the opportunity to network, build relationships, present information on their business and services, and most importantly, learn different ways to improve upon and grow their business. For more information www.nbwen.org or info@nbwen.org.

Wit Women Conference Call join this weekly conference call if you need encouragement, prayer, or inspiration. Dial in Tuesdays 7 pm - 7:15pm to 218-486-1616, Code 10984 (may change each week).

SUCCESS AT LIFE: "Developing the Winning Edge Community Success Series," free life-skills and personal-development workshops for ages 10 and older, 6 to 7 p.m. Tuesdays through Aug. 26, Gale Fields Recreation Center, 1701 Dairy Road. Register at www.davidlarricksmith.com or at the center.

PARENT SUPPORT: Group to help parents deal with family problems meets 7:30 p.m. Mondays, First Presbyterian Church, 930 W. Ave. B., Garland, 214-356-3879 or www.standupp.org.

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STARGAZERS: Texas Astronomical Society sponsors free star parties with telescopes. First Saturdays on Jonandrea Lane, in Garland's SpringPark neighborhood. www.texasastro.org.

The Texas Renaissance Festival is located on FM 1774 between Magnolia and Plantersville, 45 minutes northwest of Houston. Group tours of the gardens and venues are held at 10 a.m. the first Saturday of each month, March through September. Private tours can also be pre-arranged by calling the festival office, 1-800-458-3435, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. For more information please call 1-800-458-3435, email Shelly Lee at weddings@texrenfest.com, or visit our newly renovated website at www.texrenfest.com.

July 10 Black Women Lawyers Association of Tarrant County is hosting it's 2008 "Hotter Than July" Happy Hour benefiting the BWL Scholarship Fund. Thursday, July 10, 2008 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the YWCA of Fort Worth, 512 West 4th Street, Fort Worth, Texas 76102. Tickets are \$10.00 each and may be pre-purchased. Call Maryellen Hicks at (817) 870-0182 or Kim Guy at (817) 536-5776.

July 11 Dallas Fort Worth Reggae: Island Vibe Presenting Dallas area finest reggae and hip hop artists at the Palm Beach Club, 2816 Main Street in Deep Ellum. For more information on the Palm Beach Club email info@dfwreggae.com or call 214-742-4743.

July 12 Hopwell's 80th Annual Community Church Picnic The fellowship, games, entertainment and

food will last from 12:00 Noon until 4:00 p.m. at the Juanita Craft Park and Recreation Center, 4500 Spring Avenue, Dallas 75210. For more information on this free celebration contact LaTrisa Edwards at 214-215-2654, or ledwards13@tx.rr.com.

July 18 GotMotivation Public Speaking program The class will be located at the Sheraton Hotel starting July 19 at 9:00 a.m. Register for the class by going to www.ajfosterassociates.com or call 972-248-0101.

July 19 Vino 100's Anniversary Celebration "Wine, Blues and Bar-B-Que" In celebration of its three year anniversary, Vino 100 will host "Wine, Blues and Bar-B-Que" a festive afternoon of fine wines, beer and tasty barbeque beginning at 3:00 p.m. Guests will enjoy a great afternoon of indoor or patio dining, while finger snapping and toe tapping to the live musical entertainment of a local blues band. Vino 100 is located in Uptown Dallas at 2909 McKinney Avenue, Dallas, 75204, reservations can be made by calling 214-969-9463 or by visiting www.vino100dallas.com

July Jazz in Addison at Esplande Park, 5044 Addison Circle Drive, The Jazz will keep on playing from 8:00 to 10:00 p.m. Admission to July Jazz is free and the event is open to the public. For further information email webmaster@addisontx.gov.

African Community Home Buyer Seminar Educational program located at Michelle's Homestyle Cooking Restuarant, 9203 Skillman Road #100. This informative seminar will last from 9:30 - 11:00 a.m. RSVP is required and may be directed to chuck@nenahomes.com. Call 214-228-6202 for

more information

July 21 - 25 New Beginning Center Teen Conference The conference is free for students and includes lunch, 33 hours of volunteer credit and free Trendsetters gifts including a souvenir t-shirt and other surprises. The conference will be held at North Garland Baptist Fellowship Church Placement on map is approximate 5840 North Garland Avenue, Garland 75044. The New Beginning Center fosters an environment of safety, support and respect for families affected by domestic violence and serves Garland and other cities in the east Dallas metropolitan area. Their 24-hour emergency hotline number is 972-276-0057. Throughout the week the teens will be learning about leadership skills, peer counseling and how to help prevent teen dating violence. This weeklong event will include various activities centered on team building, interesting keynote speakers, and fun activities. For more information on the New Beginning Center Teen Conference, please contact Becky George at bgeorge@newbeginning-center.org or call the New Beginning Center at 972-414-1494.

July 23 Dallas Peace Center Summer Dinner Lecture Series Colonel Ann Wright is the senior-most U.S. official to publicly resign in protest of the Iraq War. After nearly 20 years of service with the State Department, Wright resigned citing the lack of U.N. support for the Iraq invasion, the lack of effort in Israel-Palestine and North Korea, and the threat to liberties in the U.S. as reasons for her departure. She will be speaking on world peace issues at FunAsia 1210 E. Beltline Road in Richardson from 6:00 pm

- 9:00 pm. Admission is \$75 - \$1,500. For ticket information email tickets@dallaspeacecenter.org or call 214-823-7793.

July 24 Vino 100 Offers Tasting of Fine Wines and Art Recognizing Talents of Local Artists Vino 100, a chic and trendy wine bar located in Uptown Dallas, recently announced the launch of "Art of Wine," a monthly exhibition featuring the works of talented local artists, while benefiting selected local charities. The distinctive works of this month's featured artist, Dallas-native and cancer survivor, Stacy Tomlinson, will benefit The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. Ten percent of the proceeds made from the sales of this exhibit will be donated to the local chapter of The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. Vino 100 is located in Uptown Dallas at 2909 McKinney Avenue, Dallas, 75204. www.vino100dallas.com. For additional information, please call 214-969-9463 or visit www.vino100dallas.com. To learn how to become a featured artist, please call 214-635-3133.

July 25 Barack Obama Turning Red to Blue Fundraiser event located at The Black Academy of Arts and Letters Dallas Convention Center Theatre Complex 650 South Griffin Street, Dallas, 75202 from 6:00 - 11:00 p.m. For ticket or vendor information contact teresa@dfwobama.com now! For more details visit www.DFWObama.org.

Kimbell Art Museum Evening Lecture: 'A Night On The Town With Toulouse-Lautrec' Explore the modern French painter Toulouse-Lautrec at the Kimbell Art Museum, 3333 Camp Bowie Boulevard in Fort Worth at 6:00 p.m. Admission to this educational event is free! For further information please call 817-332-

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Martha Endum Teke: A Young College Role Model

By Shirley Demus Tarpley
Religious Editor

Martha Endum Teke (Martha 2) will be a 15-year-old Junior at Texas A & M University in College Station for the Fall of 2008. She will enroll on July 21, 2008 in the School of Nursing at the Medical Hospital on campus. Her ultimate goal is to be a doctor (after reading her story you will agree with me that she will be a doctor.) Because her passion is true "patient care" Martha 2 wants the experience of hands-on-personal-care with patients that a doctor would not normally do, then become a doctor.

Born September 4, 1992 in Erie, PA, Martha 2 is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Mathias Tekwe (Martha Akwa) Teke; both parents were born in Africa. Martha 2, her parents and her 4-year-old brother, Mathias Tekwe Teke II, whom she says is the best baby brother that she will miss the most while away at Texas A & M. They currently reside in Frisco, Texas.

At a younger age, Martha 2 parents moved to Texas and enrolled her at American Heritage Academy (AHA) in Carrollton where she excelled academically and

completed the third grade before being "skipped" to middle school. She mastered every test that was administered to her.

In 2001, Mr. & Mrs. Teke decided to send their daughter to an all girl Boarding School in Africa to complete middle and high school. Martha 2 was enrolled in Africa's school system because her parents had a desire for her to reach her highest potential. She registered at the Saker Baptist College in Limbe, Cameroon. (In Africa, a college education is equivalent to a high school education in the United States; and a college degree in the United States is equivalent to a university degree in Africa.)

At the age of 12 Martha 2 caught the attention of Mrs. Celine Loader, Editorial Director of ASPIRE Magazine, a magazine "For Women of Colour" worldwide, which is headquartered in England. Ms. Loader is also an alumnus of Saker Baptist College; and she featured Martha 2 in her magazine as an inspirational role model for young girls. Ms. Loader said, "All I can say is she (Martha 2) is a young African girl with big dreams...and hooray for

that!"

This summer Martha 2 attended Collin County Community College at the Preston Ridge Campus in Frisco to get some core classes behind her before enrolling into the Nursing program in College Station full time.

After graduating from Saker Baptist College, Martha 2 was offered a scholarship from the University of Texas at Dallas to study Pre Med and Bio-Tech. However, she turned the scholarship down and applied at Texas A&M University in College Station because their School of Nursing curriculum had everything that she needed and wanted on her road to become a very success doctor.

Martha 2 believes that she has experienced the better of two countries in her short life because her parents have lived in both Africa and the United States. Her paternal grandparents, Mr. & Mrs. Mesack Teke (Martha Endum) Fon and her maternal grandparents, Mr. & Mrs. Victor Akwa (Sally Ameg) Ndum still reside in Africa and she visits them from time to time. Martha 2's namesake is her paternal grandmother, Mrs. Martha Endum Fon.

Martha 2's parents and

grandparents taught her that if you appreciate the little things in life, you will appreciate the big things in life; she has tried to live by their proven wisdom.

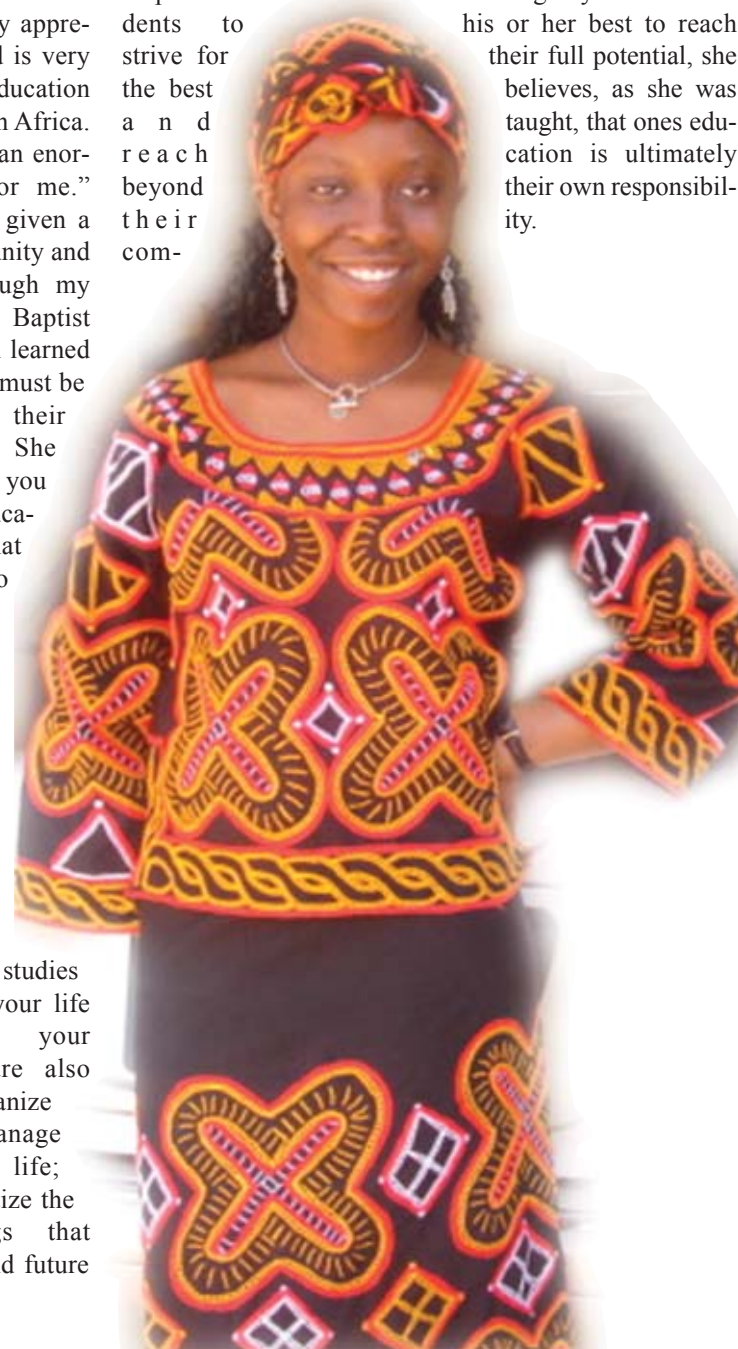
Martha 2 greatly appreciates, values, and is very grateful for the education that she received in Africa. She said, "It was an enormous blessing for me." "By Grace I was given a wonderful opportunity and was guided, through my parents, to Saker Baptist College." "I soon learned that an individual must be responsible for their own learning." She believes that what you get out of an education is equal to what you are willing to invest in it.

She said the level of discipline and respect is very important in Africa, more so than they are in the United States. In Africa you are not only taught how to succeed in your studies but how to live your life after receiving your degree. You are also taught how to organize and how to manage your time, your life; and how to prioritize the important things that affect your life and future plans.

At Saker Baptist College there is strong competition among classmates that is helpful to all students and very friendly. This strong competition helps all students to strive for the best and reach beyond their com-

fort zone.

Martha 2 is looking forward to going to Texas A & M this Fall, it's another milestone in her life. She encourages students attending any school to do his or her best to reach their full potential, she believes, as she was taught, that ones education is ultimately their own responsibility.



Grapevine Hosts Weekend of Monty Python



by
Rick Elina

If Spam-a-lot makes you think of a zany musical and not a massive amount of junk email, then you are perfectly attuned to all things Python. As in Monty Python, otherwise known as the "greatest British

comedy team of all time." If your sense of humor extends across the pond, then you might want to head over to Grapevine July 18-20. The City of Grapevine will be hosting a weekend of Python activities include among other things, a silly walk marathon and a fish-slapping contest. There is a list of events posted on their website at <http://www.british-emporium.com/index.php?tag=python2008>

The main event, theatrically speaking, is MONTY PYTHON MADNESS! Produced by Sheela Kadam and Directed by Bill

Fountain, MONTY PYTHON MADNESS is a live Monty Python Theatrical show benefiting the Joey Wilkins Foundation for Spinal Cord injuries. Performances are scheduled for two days only, and Monty Python enthusiasts, and even those who aren't, will certainly be in for a great deal of silly fun!

The Joey Wilkins Foundation was founded in 1999 as a result of an accident that left an employee of the Grapevine Convention & Visitors Bureau partially paralyzed due to a spinal cord injury. Since its inception the

Foundation has invested over \$250,000 in home remodeling and transportation to help those recently paralyzed due to spinal cord injury, continue to live a productive life of inde-

pendence. Since 1999 the Foundation has focused assistance on 12 individuals in Grapevine and the surrounding communities. The website is: joey-wilkinsfoundation.org/

Director Bill Fountain says, "Getting a chance to direct a Python Tribute show in Grapevine is really a dream come true for me. I

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Keys, Keep A Child Alive Raise \$40,000 Through Mobile Donations

"Eleven-time Grammy Award winner Alicia Keys launched one of the first text message donation campaigns in the U.S. to benefit Keep A Child Alive. During her 'As I Am' concert tour, Keys took a few moments out of each show to show a clip from her film Alicia in

Africa: Journey to the Motherland and to invite fans to donate \$5 using their mobile phones.

Thousands of fans donated on the spot, helping support the organization's crucial efforts in communities affected by AIDS in Africa.

Source: PRN



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inspirational so I'm humbled that I'm the one that got this opportunity because they would definitely be qualified to be sitting here. So that's just what I feel; and I'm going to represent them to the best of my ability.

NNPA-What was the hardest part about this pageant for you?

WHITE - The hardest part was understanding that no matter what happens, you have to be comfortable with it. And that truly is in God's hands. I am a very spiritual person and sometimes with me being a business-owner you want to accomplish things and get them down to a science. And I'm definitely a planner; and a lot of the times you just have to live in the moment. The

hardest thing for me to do is to just slow down and enjoy the process.

NNPA- If the world was sitting in front of you; what would you do to introduce yourself?

WHITE - Wow that's a good question; I'm Christian I have a lot to offer. And I know it's about to happen. So get ready, get ready, get ready, get ready. (Laughs)

NNPA- With the pageant, I know you guys have strict diets. What's your favorite meal?

WHITE - My mother is an extraordinary cook and anything she prepares I'm all about eating. But macaroni and cheese is what I love. It's not the healthiest but it's what I like.

NNPA- You have an opportunity to take Miss

Black USA to the next level so the world can know about it. What do you think is your strongest attribute and what will it take to go to the next level?

WHITE - It's about the investment of being available. And I'm definitely ready; I think it's about meeting people and networking and building relationships so there can be a return on that. And that's going to be my job. I feel I should make sure after my reign that Miss Black USA has even more exposure than it has so that it can become a household name; specifically in African-American community. We need to know that it's the leading scholarship provider for Black women. I want to make sure that we are in the light.

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Minority Business Certification Seminar & Business Expo

August 2, 2008 from 8:00am – 1:00pm, the Collin County Black Chamber of Commerce will host the 2nd Annual Certification Seminar & Business Expo aims to provide information and assistance in completing applications for minority and/or women business owners who are interested in being certified as a preliminary requirement to procure local, state, and federal business contracts.

Ms. Jennie Montgomery, Business Development

Specialist, with the U.S. Small Business Administration will be the featured speaker. During the half-day event members of the sponsoring chambers and others will be showcasing their businesses. The Business Expo is open and free to the public.

The cost for the 2nd Annual Certification Seminar is:

Advance Registration: \$25.00. Registration at the Door: \$35.00

Vendor Booth: \$75.00

(additional charge of \$25.00 for electrical if needed)

*Seating and vendor opportunities are limited, early registration is strongly recommended.

We cordially invite all members and non-members who are interested in pursuing minority business certification to register and attend this momentous

event. It will be held at the Hilton Garden Inn, 705 Central Expressway South, Allen, Texas 75013, 214-547-1700.

For more information contact: Carol Rodriquez, Collin County Hispanic Chamber at (972) 922-0806 or Francia Noble Collin County Black Chamber, (469) 424-0120 ext. 4.

Ebony Magazine Announces Winner of 'Monumental Mom' Contest Grand Prize is 2008 Chrysler Town & Country

EBONY magazine, EbonyJet.com and Chrysler, LLC are pleased to announce this year's grand prize winner of its Monumental Mom Contest. Winner Lisa Golphin, a breast cancer survivor, will receive a 2008 Chrysler Town & Country vehicle for being the subject of a touching essay written by her daughter.

Developed to honor working mothers, the contest encouraged readers to nominate deserving moms by submitting a 150-word essay.

Golphin, of Philadelphia, was nominated by her daughter, Sabrina Golphin, who chronicled her mother's strength and determination. She also wrote about how her mother bravely battled to overcome the disease.

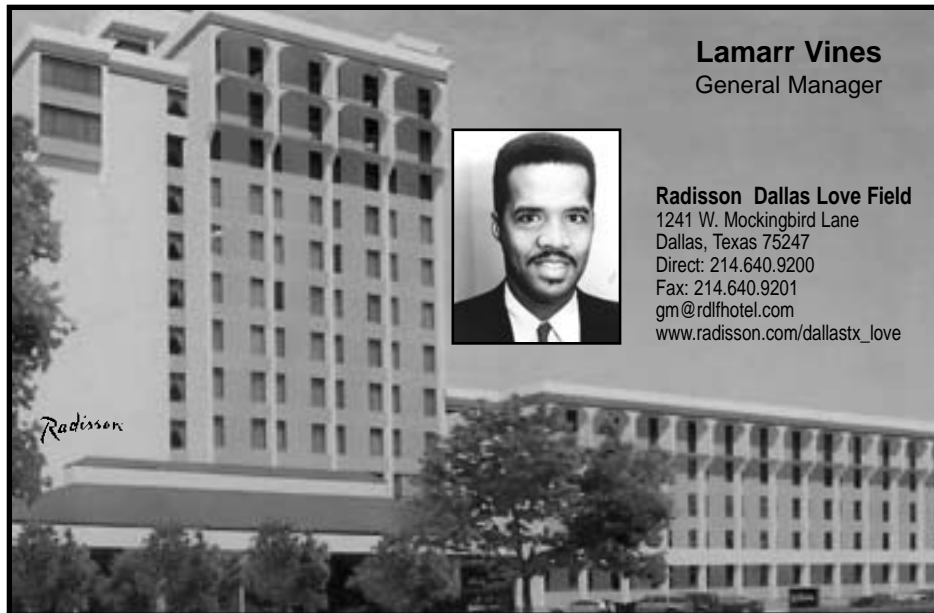
"Through it all, she finds time to keep sincerity in her laughter, hope in her speech, chocolate in her kisses and pride in her work," writes Golphin. "She's passionate, valiant, talented, ingenious. . . my mother, and I love her."

Golphin will be presented with a 2008 Chrysler Town & Country courtesy

of Gary Barbera Chrysler of Philadelphia and Chrysler LLC Tuesday July 1, 11:00 a.m. at the Gary Barbera Chrysler dealership located at 7810 Roosevelt Blvd.

"We were honored to partner with EBONY for such a worthy cause," said Barbera. "Ms. Golphin is a monumental mom and most deserving of the grand prize."

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become the United States National Anthem.

But how did he get there? One month prior to the assault on Fort McHenry, British ships invaded and captured the nation's capital, Washington, DC. During the invasion the Capitol building and the White House were burned. So much so that President James Madison and First Lady Dolley Madison fled the White House.

As the British soldiers returned to their vessels they captured a well-known Maryland physician Dr. William Beanes. Attorney Francis Scott Key was requested by the townspeople of Upper Marlboro, MD to intercede and obtain the freedom of Dr. Beanes. Colonel John Skinner, an American agent for prisoner exchange joined Key. Under a flag of truce that was commissioned by President Madison, Key and Skinner boarded the British ship TONNANT between Baltimore and Washington, and began negotiating with British General Ross and Admiral Alexander Cochrane. After negotiations failed, Dr. Beanes, Attorney Key, and Colonel Skinner were placed on the H.M.S. Surprise to wait out the battle behind the British ships. The Battle of Fort McHenry lasted 25 hours and on the morning of September 14, 1814, Francis Scott Key peered through a telescope into the smoke from eight miles away by dawn's early light.

Routinely, the 30-foot by 42-foot flag was still there and raised over the ramparts with a garrison salute at 9:00 am, signaling the Americans had withstood the bombs bursting in air. Key began to write words to the English tune of Anacreon in Heaven and the Star Spangled Banner was scripted, saluting the soldier's stamina. Equally inspired were the words of Lift Every Voice and Sing. James Weldon Johnson and his brother John

Rosamond Johnson penned the words that truncate the history Africans in America into a splendid anthem. The brothers Johnson were from Jacksonville, Flo. and shared many talents, among them songwriting, including the musicals, "The Sleeping Beauty" and "Humpty Dumpty". James Weldon was a lawyer, ambassador, historian, poet, novelist and civil rights leader who became the first Black secretary of the NAACP and a leading voice of the Harlem Renaissance. J. Rosamond was trained at the New England Conservatory in Boston, Mass. and further studied music in London, England. Though well trained, J. Rosamond rose above the oppression of Jim Crow laws and was featured in the original Broadway productions of Porgy and Bess and Cabin in the Sky.

In 1900, James Weldon Johnson wrote Lift Every Voice and Sing (and music by J. Rosamond Johnson). James Weldon had become the principal of the racially segregated Stanton School in Jacksonville, FL and directed 500 of his young students to perform the Anthem as part of a celebration of President Abraham Lincoln's birth-

day on February 12, 1900. In condensing African American history to a poignant poem, the Johnson brothers petitioned Americans (particularly Negroes circa 1900) to lift every voice and sing and march on to victory. Referencing the triumph over the brutal tragedy of enslavement felt in the days when hope, unborn, had died, posed the question: Have not we come to a place for which our fathers sighed? Lastly, James and John, as though they were biblical disciples, summoned the God of our weary years, God of our silent tears to keep us on the path we pray. Lift Every Voice and Sing is a tribute to triumph over the tragedy of treatment of African-Americans.

In fusing the sacred words of each anthem, Rene Marie confused the Stars and Stripes with the Scars and Stripes. Stamina of soldiers is valiant. Resilience to racism is honorable. The Star Spangled Banner and Lift Every Voice and Sing are singularly American, and should both be raised in respect.

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Church Happenings

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July 12, 1:30 – 3 pm

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July 19, 2008

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July 11-September 12, 7 pm
On Friday Nights

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July 13, 3 pm

Come to worship and praise God with First Independence Church, Rev. Donald Lacey is the pastor.

July 20, 4 pm

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Sister Tarpley

Tarpley: Things to Ponder for Spiritual Growth

There may be times that you think you are more than you really are. You may forget that all that you are, or all that you have, is because of God's goodness and mercy to you. That if it wasn't for God you too would be in a mess as some people we read or that we hear about on a daily basis on TV or in the newspaper.

The following was sent to me long ago:

If we could shrink the earth's population to a village of precisely 100 people, with all the existing humans' rations remaining the same, it would look something like the following:

There would be 57

Asians, 21 Europeans, 14 people from the Western Hemisphere (both north & south) and 8 Africans. 52 people would be females and 48 would be males. 70 would be non-white people and 30 would be white.

There would be 70 non-Christians and 30 would be Christians. 89 would be heterosexuals and 11 would be homosexuals. 6 people would possess 59% of the entire world's wealth and all 6 would be from the United States. 80 would live in substandard housing. 70 would be unable to read. 50 would suffer from malnutrition. One would be near death; and one would be near birth. Only one would have a college education, and only one would own a computer.

When one considers our world from such a compressed perspective, the need for acceptance, understanding and education becomes glaringly apparent.

And perhaps there would not be so much abuse or killing of people. People would be quicker to help individuals rather than hurt them. —Author Unknown

More Things to Consider: If you woke up this morning with more health than illness—you are more blessed that the million who did not survive the past weekend or who will not survive this week. If you can attend a church meeting without fear of harassment, arrest, torture, or death—you are more blessed than three billion people in this world.

If you have food in the refrigerator, clothes on your back, and a roof overhead—you are richer than 70% of this world. If you have money in the bank, in your wallet or purse and spare change in a dish someplace — you are among the top 8% of the world's wealthy.

If your parents are still alive and still married—you are very rare, even in the USA and Canada. If you are reading this column, you are more blessed than over two billion people in the world that cannot read. If you have never experienced the danger of battle, the loneliness of imprisonment, the agony of torture, or the pangs of starvation—you are ahead of 500 million people in the world. Please thank God for all of your blessings.



Picture of The Week Cleo Spann Tarpley & Spouse, Jarrell @ the Historical Marker Designating the James & Maggie Smith Baker Farm as the 1st Black Family inducted into the Texas Land Heritage Program in Limestone County

ings.

Perfection, in a Christian sense, means becoming mature enough to give ourselves to others. —Kathleen Norris. Make the habit to remember God, not only during your prayers, but at every hour and minute of the day, for He is everywhere present. —St. Theophan the Recluse, "What is the Spiritual

Life."

Wisdom is the power to see and the inclination to choose the best and highest goal, together with the surest means of attaining it. —J. I. Packer.

Remember this: Wisdom is better than might; and the fear of God is the beginning of wisdom.

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fell in love with the Python humor at about the age of eight and, like a lot of people, never stopped enjoying their imaginative and outrageous performances. It made a big impression on me."

Mr. Fountain goes on to say, "I think one of the most enduring things about the Python's legacy is that it truly gives the audience a chance to laugh at something incredibly silly. Most of the time, we don't get a

chance or the comfort level to laugh at something that is funny just because it's really funny. And let's face it, with gas prices the way they are and some of the current problems in the world, we could all use a tremendously silly laugh now and again."

Mr. Fountain is fixture in the Metroplex Theatrical Community and a Column Award winning director. (Mr. Fountain won Best Director of a Musical for

Teatro delle Muse's production of High School Musical, last year with Co-Director Sarah VC Henderson.) Mr. Fountain is known for bringing a fresh approach to his projects. He explains, "It would have been easy to simply imitate the Pythons and mimic the skits. We didn't want to do that. We wanted to capture the spirit

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Book Review

Blue Brush Media an independent children's media company has released the first book in its pioneering new "Sikulu and Harambe" adventure series, titled Sikulu and Harambe: By the Zambezi River (www.sikulu.com). Following two lovable characters, Sikulu the spi-

der and Harambe the hippo, as they travel throughout Africa, this first tale is a rich and engaging adaptation of the Parable of the Good Samaritan that illustrates and encourages children's appreciation for kindness and consideration. In this timeless adven-

ture, Sikulu and Harambe find themselves in the village of Sioma in Zambia where they encounter an old woman in need of help. While the other animals in the village create excuses to avoid helping the woman, Sikulu and Harambe step in and give aid while also helping Sikulu face his fear of water. Based on a traditional folktale, the story reinforces the beauty of kindness to strangers, while also illustrating the concept that sometimes it is necessary to overcome personal challenges to provide an act of compassion. "It is increasingly important for African American children to be exposed to culturally relevant books from an early age to establish and maintain a sense of

cultural significance and identity. The Sikulu & Harambe series is a fantastic exploration of African culture and traditions and a proponent for solid moral values," states Amina Jones Fields, Director of Education for the Urban League of Metropolitan Seattle. "In the African culture, many life lessons and moral values are passed down in the form of folktales. Living in modern America, our children are often devoid of that experience. Through this story, it is my vision that children learn and enjoy the gift of storytelling all the while learning to move outside their 'comfort zone' and aspire to be good 'neighbors' in the greater sense," declares Author Kunle Oguneje.



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