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**People In
The News**

Dallas metroplex K104 FM listeners have been feeling shock at the loss of longtime morning radio staple Nanette Lee. After 15 years as a member of the Skip Murphy and Company morning team, Ms. Lee has left the show and is no longer on the air. It has yet to be confirmed whether the decision to leave was her own or if she was forced off the show. In a written statement, Ms. Lee commented on her departure. "I have truly enjoyed the past 15 years working with some great talent in the broadcast industry, as well as with my morning team members, whom I consider to be family members," she said. "I also look forward to using the wonderful skills that I have acquired, the wonderful people I've met and worked with, the relationships I've built in Dallas-Fort Worth, to move ahead with my new endeavors." The move is rumored to be part of future personnel changes at K104, which recently lost its number one Arbitron rating for the first time in years. Ms. Lee said her future plans include pursuing her successful career as a stand up comic, writing a cookbook and efforts through her company, Women's Media Network Group.

The Saint Mark Baptist Church of McKinney will feature Dr. Harry Robinson Jr. at its 10th Annual Black History Celebration and Harriet Tubman Trailblazer Awards on Sunday, February 11, 2007. The celebration and award program theme is "Understanding Our Past, Living Today, Creating Our Future." Dr. Harry Robinson, Jr. is the founder and has served as the president/CEO of the African American Museum in Dallas, Texas. Started in 1974 as a part of the Bishop College Special Collection, the Museum has operated independently since 1979. The African American Museum is the only museum in the Southwestern United States devoted solely to African American Art. "I'm so proud that this museum has been claimed by the community, and is becoming a premier regional cultural center...my original vision," said Dr. Robinson. "Since 1981, it has not only been a place that spotlights all facets of black history, but African American arts and lifestyles." The program will begin at 3:30 and will also feature a performance by The Wandering Mimes Ministry, Inc. The Saint Mark Baptist Church is located at 1308 Wilcox, McKinney, TX. Charles S. Wattley is the Sr. Pastor. For more info call 972-542-6178.

Lynn Flint Shaw today announced Monday her intent to withdraw from candidacy for Dallas City Council representing District 5. Ms. Shaw cited family health concerns as the reason for her withdrawal. The additional time associated with campaigning, she said, is not currently in the best interest of her family. "Campaigning for the District 5 City Council seat is not conducive to certain family health issues at the time," Ms. Shaw said. "I continue to have the greatest interest in our community and the City at large, and will remain as active as possible on various projects. I want what's best for Dallas, but must take care of my family first." Ms. Shaw will remain on the Boards of Directors for DART, The Dallas Symphony Association and the Dallas Center for the Performing Arts Foundation. She also serves on Senator Royce West's health advisory committee; she organized and chairs the Associated Speech-Language Pathologists and Audiologists in the Dallas area; and was a former board member for Family Gateway and the Greater Dallas Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse.

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**On A Trip Through History,
Students Join Freedom Riders**



Representative John Lewis of Georgia, who was beaten and jailed in the 1961 Freedom Rides, spoke to students on the bus trip retracing the route. By Theo Emery More times than he remembers, La'Markus Cook has traveled south on Interstate 65 from Nashville, where he attends American Baptist College, to his home outside Montgomery, Ala. But never, he said, as he did this weekend. Air brakes hissing and motors rumbling, four buses retraced segments of the 1961 Freedom Rides on Saturday and Sunday, giving students Freedom Riders Page 8

**District 1 Roundtable Offers
Discussion On Neighborhood Needs**

Plano City Councilmembers are encouraging citizens from District 1 to join them for a Neighborhood Roundtable discussion on Thursday, Feb. 1 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Plano Centre, 2000 E. Spring Creek Parkway. This ongoing outreach program features citizens asking councilmembers and City representatives questions. It is a working meeting where citizens help the City explore solutions to district concerns. Though the meeting is focused on District 1, all Plano citizens are welcome to participate. Light refreshments will be served. Citizens in the District 1 area will receive a special postcard invitation. District 1's north boundary is the City Limit; the south boundary is the City Limit; the east boundary is City Limit; and the west boundary is Alma Road. A map with all the districts is available online at www.plano.gov under Departments and District 1 Roundtable Page 9



Plano City Councilmember Harry LaRosiere Community Outreach. For more information call (972) 941-7747.

**Urban League Of Dallas Presents
HIV/AIDS Community Forum**

The Center for Disease Control Prevention says over 50% of all new infections will occur in the African American and Hispanic females between the ages of 14 and 35. In Dallas, there was a 59% increase in sexually transmitted diseases among African American females and a 64% increase among African American males from January 2006 to June 2006, according to a report from the Dallas County Health Department Medical Mobile Clinic. Wednesday, February 7, 2007 marks the seventh annual observance of National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day. The Urban League of Greater Dallas will host a free Community Forum from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Urban League Headquarters, 4315 South Lancaster Road to encourage the community to get educated, get tested, get involved and get treated. HIV testing is from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The first 25 people to be tested will receive Wal Mart or Minyard gift cards. The zip codes 75214, 75215, 75216 and 75217 have the highest infection rate in Dallas County according to Dallas County Health Department statistics. "A large population of African Americans and Hispanics that we serve live in those zip codes and this group has the largest infection rate especially females," said Dr. Beverly Mitchell Brooks, President and CEO of the Urban League. "The Urban League has been in the forefront of the fight against HIV and AIDS since 1988. That year the agency received a Minority AIDS Education grant for the general population from the U.S. Conference of Mayors and a Texas Department of Health Grant which focused on women. "We recognized early on that women would be impacted disproportionately by this disease and have been persistent in our efforts to educate women regarding the risks," said Dr. Beverly Mitchell Brooks, President and CEO of the Urban League. "Over the years HIV/AIDS Forum Page 5

**Brenda Teale To Host DCCCD
African American Read-In**

The Dallas County Community College District's eighth annual citywide African American Read-In will feature a new adventure when the event takes center stage at the Majestic Theatre in downtown Dallas on Sat., Feb. 3, 2007, from 2 to 4 p.m. C-SPAN2's Book TV Bus, a 45-foot-long mobile television production studio, will travel to Dallas for the DCCCD read-in as part of a nationwide tour promoting Book TV's unique non-fiction book programming. The Book TV Bus currently is traveling the nation and stopping at local libraries, bookstores, book festivals and events like DCCCD's read-in; Book TV's non-commercial programming airs each weekend on C-SPAN2 on Time Warner Cable channel 28. A visit inside the bus includes at tour of the state-of-the-art studio set, an interactive demonstration about Book TV programming and the opportunity to learn how a television show is produced. As the crew travels the country, they are compiling interviews with authors, readers and bookstore owners to enhance Book TV's local coverage. The bus will be parked in front of the Majestic Theatre at 1925 Elm St., and small groups of read-in participants will be able to take the free tour. African American Read-In Page 4



**Mavs, American Red
Cross, And K104 FM/KMB
Announce Blood Drive**

Event to be held Saturday, February 3rd at American Airlines Center The Dallas Mavericks, the American Red Cross, and K104 FM/KRNB have joined together to host a community blood drive on Saturday, February 3, from 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM. The blood drive will be held in parking Lot H on the North side of American Airlines Center, 2500 Victory Avenue, Dallas, TX 75219. This event is the first blood drive held in partnership with K104 FM/KRNB, the Dallas Mavericks, and the Red Cross. The event coincides with the Globetrotters game the afternoon of February 3rd, as well as the Mavs vs. Timberwolves game that same night. "Everyone that comes out to participate in this event will not only have a great time, but have the knowledge that their donation will help save lives," said Rolando Blackman, Mavs Director of Basketball Development. "In conjunction with the American Red Cross and the family of K104 FM and KRNB, we are proud to participate in this event will be a part of such a wonderful Mavs Blood Drive Page 8



**City Of Irving Adopts
Minority Procurement Policy**

By: Toni Calvin and Felecia Winfrey Irving, Texas engenders an image of one of the more successful North Texas cities in recent decades. In addition to the National Football League Dallas Cowboys, Fortune 500 companies such as Exxon Mobil, The Associates and Microsoft have their national and regional headquarters in Irving. Success such as this reflected in the tax base of the city, reportedly over \$14 billion. However, recent questions have surfaced regarding the fairness of the business practices in the city. Eyebrows were raised when it came to light that Irving has no written policies regarding the awarding of contracts to minority or women owned businesses (MWOB). The fact the city has never had such a policy, causes community leaders to suggest the Good Ole Boy system is alive and very well in Irving. On January 11, 2007 the Irving City Council accepted a minority procurement adoption to complement the city's list of contracts. The list of individuals who were instrumental in making this happen include Irving Mayor Herbert Gears, City Purchasing Manager Ed Matthews, City Treasurer David Leiniger, City Comptroller Regina Givens, and Minority and Women Business Development Procurement Policy Page 5

Garland NAACP Branch Holds Installation Officers And Jubilee Observance



NAACP Garland Branch President, B.J. Williams makes presentation to Texas State NAACP Vice President Bobby Lydia, who conducted the ceremony



President Williams presenting speaker award to Rev. Charles E. Franklin



Executive Committee member and mistress of ceremony, Ruby Pittman



Keynote Speaker Reverend Charles E. Franklin, Pastor of St. Luke A.M.E. Church



NAACP Garland Youth Council president and Jubilee program participant, Sasha Hampton



Branch presidents being installed - from left to right: Carol Montgomery (standing in for 2nd vice president Goldie Locke), Ricky McNeal, 1st vice president, and B.J. Williams, Garland branch president



2007-2008 Executive Committee members accepting installation charge



St. Luke A.M.E. Church choir participating in Jubilee Observance

The NAACP Garland Branch recently held its installation of officers and Jubilee Observance. The event was held at the Women's Activity Building in downtown Garland. The keynote speaker for the event was Reverend Charles E. Franklin, Pastor of St. Luke A.M.E. Church in Garland.



St. Luke A.M.E. Church Musicians participating in the Jubilee Observance

Triple A Book Club is dedicated to reading books by African American authors. Meeting every 3rd Saturday of the month at the Lewisville Library.

Place: 1197 West Main Street
Lewisville, TX 75067
Time: 2 pm - 3 pm
Phone: 972.219.3570

February 2007 Selection:
"The Known World" by Edward P. Jones"



2007-2008 Garland Branch NAACP Officers and Executive Committee Members **FIRST ROW** from left to right: Carol Blake (Health Committee Chairperson), Lillie Hopkins (Membership Chairperson), B.J. Williams, branch president, Annie Dixon (Silent Auction Subcommittee/Winter Ball Co-Chair), Gwendolyn Daniels (Freedom Fund Committee, MLK events, Black History Winter Ball). **SECOND ROW** from left to right: Chester Johnson (Legal Redress Committee Chairperson), Ricky McNeal (1st vice president & Political Action Chairperson), Rev. James Anthony (Armed Forces Committee Chairperson), Michael Gunn (Executive Committee), Tammy Neuman (branch secretary), Dr. Joyce Miller (Youth Council Advisor, Education Committee Co-Chair), Ruby Pittman (Executive Committee).

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Around The Town

Ongoing

The Allen Public Library will feature films with all black casts or have African-American themes will be featured each Tuesday night during February. On February 6th and 20th, guests will be treated to exciting new viewing of "Beulah" a television program from the 1950's. For more info call Tom Keener at 214-509-0911.

The Collin County Chapter of the American Business Women's Association meets the fourth Tuesday of the month at Eldorado Country Club, 2004 Country Club Drive in McKinney.

Free Tenant Legal Workshops are at 6 p.m. Tuesdays at Douglas Community Center, 1111 Ave. H in Plano. Call 972-941-7174.

Alpha Beta Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi a social service cultural sorority meets the second Monday of each month in members home in Frisco, McKinney, and the Plano area. Call 972-473-0889.

Assistance League of Greater Collin County meets the third Wednesday of each month. Visit www.assistanceleague-gcc.org

"EVOIVE", a social networking opportunity for women, meets from 7:30 to 9 p.m. the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month at the northwest corner of Park Boulevard and Coit Road, Suite 202. Call 972-267-4452.

A free legal clinic is offered for residents who meet low-income guidelines, 6:00 p.m., second Thursday of each month, First United Methodist Church, 601 S. Greenville Ave. Applicants must be Collin County residents and income eligible. Call 1-800-906-3045.

Free HIV Testing offered by the LaSima Foundation from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. every Thursday at two different locations. For locations and more information, call 214-928-9303.

The Frisco Housing

Authority is offering tenant-based rental assistance to 22 eligible families and individuals for rental housing in Frisco. Call 972-377-3031 for information.

Kumasi African Ensemble Dance Classes from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. West African dance classes held every Saturday at the South Dallas Cultural Center, 3400 S. Fitzhugh Ave. For more info call S-Ankha Rasa at 214-298-5858.

Late Night at the Dallas Museum of Art join us on the third Friday of each month at 1717 N. Harwood \$10 for adults, \$7 for senior citizens and \$5 for students with current school I.D. Call 214-922-1200, publicprograms@dallasmuseumofart.org

Dallas Baptist University-North Series is from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. the first Wednesday of the month at Dallas Baptist University-North, 3211 Innerbelt Blvd., Suite 100. Call 214-333-5777 or e-mail dbunorth@dbu.edu

The Yundrae Show the live television taping every Thursday. The doors open at 7pm and the show starts at 7:45pm. There are door prizes and giveaways each week. Tickets are \$15 at the door. Check it out at www.theyundraeshow.com

February 1, 2007

AARP Tax Help
Available weekly on Thursdays from 12:00 to 4:00 p.m. Carrollton Senior Center, 972-466-4850. Age: 55+.

Art Show
7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. every first Thursday of the month, a new featured artist will be showcased at Cafe Izmir. There will be a complimentary champagne., 214-826-7788

Piranha Feedings
Come and see how a Piranha actually eats and what they eat. An informative talk by an aquarist will follow the feeding. Dallas Aquarium at Fair Park. 214-670-8443. Time: 7:00 p.m.

Lesser North Texas Writers Group
This writers group meets every Thursday to share their passion of writing and read their current writings. Barnes & Noble Creekwalk. (Community + Club). 972-422-3372, 801 West 15th Street,

Suite E, Plano, TX 75075, 1:00-4:00 p.m.

Free Kite Lessons
Eden Kites is offering free kite flying lessons. They will teach you how to fly your stunt kites or help you adjust your kite to...Grimes Park. 972-230-3936

Parenting Class
"Emotion Coaching: Parenting Styles & Five Steps of Emotion Coaching" Parenting Class, 11:30-12:30 p.m., Community Learning Complex (CLC) Bldg. B, 1820 Pearl Street, Carrollton, TX 75006. For more info call 972-968-6500 or 972-968-6509.

Texas Black Film Festival 2007
Three full days of entertainment and workshops celebrating the African-American experience through various film formats Studio Movie Grill, 5405 Belt Line Road in Addison. 8 info@texas-blackfilmcommission.org

Estate Planning Seminar
Free 90-minute program, 10:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. For reservations call: Karen at (972) 497-1010 or email Karen@RichardJohnsonLaw.com.

Blind Lemon Blues
Hall of State at Fair Park, 3939 Grand Avenue in Dallas, 75210, 7:30 p.m. \$20. For more info contact: alan@doctors.com

Deary Departed
Starts at 8:00 p.m. Dupree Theater 3333 North MacArthur Blvd, Irving, TX 75062
\$12.00 to \$14.00 runs through February 3rd.

Jazz Concert
Presented by North Lake College. FREE. Featuring local artists at 7:30 p.m. in the college's performance hall at 5001 North MacArthur Boulevard. For more info call 972-273-3560.

February 2, 2007

Tried and True Children's Consignment Sale
Consignment sale for children- newborn to 18 years old. FREE. Friday, February 2nd from 8:00 to 5:00 p.m.; Saturday, February 3rd from 8:00 to 4:00 p.m. For more info call Melissa Metcalf @ 214.642.9170 or visit www.trueandtruesale.com

Friday Nite Live Teen Talent

Competition
Irving Arts Center, 3333 North MacArthur Blvd., Irving, TX, Carpenter Performance Hall Room at 7:00 p.m. For more info call 972-721-8090.

Blacks @ Microsoft (BAMI) Annual Minority Student Day
Where students will learn more about the IT field at Microsoft Corporation, 7100 North State Highway 161. For more info call 202-965-2810.

February 3, 2007

Dallas County Community College District African American Read-In
Majestic Theatre, 1925 Elm Street, Dallas, TX from 2 to 4 p.m. For more info call 214-880-0137.

Daddy's Little Sweetheart Dance
Plano Centre, 2000 East Spring Creek Parkway from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.
Fathers and daughters (4 - 12 years). For more info call 972-941-7250 or visit www.planoparks.org

Dallas Awakening: Resound The Alarm
Reaching out to my people for the fight against AIDS 1-3:00 p.m., Tommie Allen Recreation Center, 7071 Bonnieview Rd, Dallas, Texas.

Daddy Daughter Dance
Creekview High School, 3201 Old Denton Road, Carrollton, 7-9 p.m. For more info, call 972-466-9800 or 972-466-9810.

Harlem Globetrotters
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For decades this talented group of exhibition basketball players has been entertaining audiences the world over. Don't miss this fun filled high action exhibition. American Airlines Center, 2500 Victory Ave.

Film and discussion sessions
Central Library's Fine Arts Division, 1st floor Dallas Public Library & Music Library and the Division of Jazz Studies. For more info call tina.murdock@dallaslibrary.org

8th Annual DMCBAA Black College Alumni College Fair
High School Students grade (9-12), Counselors, etc. 8:00 a.m. American Airlines Center, 2500 Victory Avenue,

Dallas, Texas 75219. FREE. For more info call, 972-220-0477 or email: dmcbaa@yahoo.com, www.dmcbaa.com.

Trailblazing Texas: Riding the Range of Childhood and Adolescent Cancers
Will be held from 8:00 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. at Region X Service Center, 904 Abrams Road, Richardson. For more info call, 800-515-6770 or email: ncsp@texas-nurses.org.

Trick or Trout Kid Fish
8 -11:00 a.m. Frisco Commons, 8000 McKinney Road, Frisco. The City of Frisco Parks & Recreation Department is releasing 3,000 Rainbow Trout in the pond at Frisco Commons. For more info call 972-292-6500.

The Black Academy of Arts and Letters
Auditioning talented youth from the ages of 12 to 18 for its Children Chorus from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Feb. 2nd and on Feb. 3rd at 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at 650 Griffin Street. Call 214-743-2440.

February 4, 2007

African-American storyteller Toni Simmons
Shares stories at 3:00 p.m., at the Allen Public Library. St. Mark Baptist Church Choir of McKinney will provide special music. For more info call Tom Keener at 214-509-4911.

February 6, 2007

"Issues We All Got'em"
Tuesday, 6th through Sunday, 11th. Tuesday through Saturday at 8:00 p.m., Sunday at 7:30 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday at 3:00 p.m. Naomi Bruton Main Stage. For more info call, 214-743-2440.

February 7, 2007

Partner for Kids Luncheon
With special guest Ruben Studdard from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Arlington Convention Center, 1200 Ballpark Way, Arlington. For more info call 817-265-7211.

February 9, 2007

Daddy-Daughter Dance
Mesquite Convention Center, 1700 Rodeo Dr. For more info call, 972-216-6260.

February 10, 2007

Open House
Join Sportsradio 1310 from 12 noon to 1:00 p.m. and Saturday, February 10th from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Plano Center, 2000 E. Spring Creek Parkway. Over 60 vendors, NBA Hall of Fame Great Dr. J and Raps own Flavor Flav. FREE. For more info call 214-526-7400 or visit www.theticket.com

23rd Annual Quest for Success Awards Luncheon
Program that pays tribute to eight black business owners. Ballroom A of the Dallas Convention Center, 650 South Griffin St. Call 214-421-5200.

February 10, 2007

NAACP Garland Branch 7th Annual Winter Ball
"Honoring the First Ladies of Our Churches" 8:00 p.m. @ Cappella Court (Formerly The Castle at Canyon Creek), 2701 Custer Parkway, Richardson, Texas 75080. Attire: Black Tie, tickets: \$45.00. For more info, call 972-381-5044. Box #65.

The Jazz Age and Harlem as a Center of Jazz
Film and discussion sessions at Central Library's Fine Arts Division, 4th floor Dallas Public Library & Music Library and the Division of Jazz Studies: 2:30 p.m. tina.murdock@dallaslibrary.org

Building Foundations, Building Lives 2007 Gala
Benefiting Habitat for Humanity will be held from 7 p.m. to midnight at the Marriott Legacy, 7120 Dallas Parkway and Plano. For more info call 972-398-0634 or email scott@manarkarios.com or visit www.habitat-scc.org

The Black Academy of Arts and Letters
Is auditioning talented youth from the ages of 12 to 18 for the Youth String Orchestra from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. on Feb. 9 and from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Feb. 10 at 650 Griffin Street. For more info call 214-743-2440.

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Why Is It Taking So Long?

takes, to help citizens rebuild their communities and their lives," Obama said.

I'm confused about something.

Hurricane Katrina hit New Orleans 18 months ago, yet many parts of the city still remain in shambles. Why is it taking so long to rebuild New Orleans?

This week, the Senate Homeland Committee and the Congressional Black Caucus both came down on President Bush for dragging his feet on the New Orleans recovery.

In my opinion, these groups are correct in blaming the President.

A large part of the problem in the New Orleans recovery effort has been the stubborn determination of President Bush to persevere in Iraq. Bush is an inviting target, particularly given his initial sloth in evacuating and getting assistance to the people of New Orleans. His televised promises from Jackson Square nearly two years ago now ring hollow in ears of most who heard them.

"In the weeks after Katrina, an ashamed nation looked at what had been allowed to happen here and said 'Never again. Never will we turn our backs on these people. Never will we forget what happened here,'" Bush told us.

Mr. Bush then compounded the problem by moving heaven and earth to get mass amounts of dollars appropriated by Congress once his approval ratings crashed. It didn't help perception that in his recent State of the Union address, President Bush didn't mention the city of New Orleans once.

Senator Barack Obama followed up on the President's comments during his own visit to New Orleans on Monday.

"The President came down and said, 'We will do what it takes, we will stay as long as it

waiting for the city to complete the application process.

New Orleans Mayor Ray Nagin told senators Monday exactly how he thought was to blame for the delays: race, class and President Bush.

"I'm not asking for more money," Nagin told member of the Senate's Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee. "I just want the money you've already allocated to my citizens to help them."

Nagin says the state's documentation process is too cumbersome. That's not exactly the kind of statement you want to hear from the mayor of a city in dire need of rebuilding when someone is offering you free money to fix your problem. Whatever it takes, Nagin needs to make sure the money that is allocated goes where it needs to go.

Nagin blames Louisiana Governor Kathleen Babineaux Blanco (those two have not gotten along from the beginning), and Blanco blames the Federal government. Meanwhile, President Bush blames..?

Therein lies the problem. When fingers are pointed, nothing gets done. People play the blame game and no one gets helped. And we all look at the mess and ask, why is it taking so long?

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Buffoonery, Exploitation, And Taboo

By: James Clingman - NNPA Columnist

That's what BET means to me. The so-called "Black" entertainment network, owned by Viacom, is immersed in at least 20 hours per day of videos, hype, jokes, Black-folks-in-prison movies, expletives, "Beefs," gangsters, and even snake-oil selling preachers offering blessings in a bottle for just \$106 a whop. And we wonder why so many of our youth act the way they do. Admittedly, BET is not the entire problem; but it sure isn't any of the solution either. Impressionable youth are being negatively programmed everyday by this money-machine called BET, and all most of us do is complain about it.

It's true that parents should keep their children away from TV trash and teach them better; but we also have an obligation to confront the perpetrators. How do we do that? Glad you asked. Stop buying the stuff they're selling, and let those who are selling it know your feelings about the negative programming. Also, write to them and let them know your dissatisfaction.

Remember when BET at least had several programs that were informative and helpful to Black people? News, interviews with folks we respected and appreciated, Lead Story, Bev Smith, Ed Gordon, Tavis Smiley, George Curry at BET-owned Emergence magazine. At least our children could learn something of value from it. The old BET aired some ridiculous stuff too, but it wasn't as stupid as most of it is now.

Does that mean Viacom sees us as stupid, blind, conspicuous consumers who will go out and buy everything they advertise on BET? If we continue to buy the gold chains and medallions, "grills," spinners, plasma screens, cars, gym shoes, guns, athletic jerseys, champagne, liquor, and all the other things they see during the daily BET video orgy of excess and nothingness, the answer is obvious.

I think Viacom not only believes we're stupid, they believe we're stuck on stupid. They pipe in garbage, and we lap it up. They insult us and our children, especially our young

women, and we insult ourselves by participating in our own exploitation. And the monotonous beat goes on and on like the drumbeat of a new Bataan Death March.

Yes, I do remember when I was young and impetuous, and how I liked to watch things that were not necessarily in my own best interests. An honest assessment of myself would reveal many of the same vulnerabilities and excesses as the young men today. Each generation has its demons. But when we know better, we must do better - or no better for us. Many of our young people are sitting in jail right now because they followed through on something they saw on television. It was their choice, for sure, but that is no excuse for us, the adults who know better, not to speak out against things that influence their choices. My bad choices as a child do not exempt me from the responsibility of helping the younger generations make good choices.

Because this society is all about money, power, and material gain we are scraping the bottom of the garbage pit when it comes to providing our children with reasonable, attractive, and lucrative alternatives to much of the behavior we often get on their case about. Black people remain at the bottom of every economic category in this country, yet we allow our children to sit for hours watching Buffoonery, Exploitation, and Taboo, vicariously living the bling-bling life of the rich and famous.

Meanwhile, they cannot speak in complete sentences, and when they do, you can't understand what they are saying. They know nothing about their history and culture, and their Black consciousness is nonexistent. They drop out of school by the thousands, and you and I both know what awaits them after that, right? Our youth need all the help they can get - from us - and a major part of that help must be our willingness to speak out against attempts by profiteers and biased media to brainwash them. Then, we must be willing to economically punish those who use our young people as fodder for their own economic empowerment.

And you know what else we must do? Those of us who are supposed to be men and women, adults in every sense of the word, must portray the proper examples for our youth. If we tell them Buffoonery, Exploitation, and Taboo are bad, and they see us watching it, what kind of message are we sending to them?

I don't know about you, Black folks, but I am hurt and saddened by what I see in our youth, much of which emanates from media like BET. I know our young people are into a lot of other negative behaviors; I know they are running rampant in the streets and hurting one another. But I also know that, wherever and whenever I can, I must use whatever resources I have to try to save just one at a time. In order to do that, I cannot be afraid, neither can I be timid in my response to folks who strive to mislead and exploit our youth.

Does all of this sound quixotic? Maybe it is; but our young people are worth it. Just as you and I of the older generations learned in our later years, we must pass on those lessons to our young brothers and sisters so they too may "get it" in their later years, if not sooner.

The supporters of BET will tell me about all the jobs and entertainment opportunities BET has provided over the years, and that's true. But can't BET do the same thing in a more positive way? It sure used to. Ask Donnie Simpson. Stop allowing your children to be programmed by Buffoonery, Exploitation, and Taboo.

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Smith, Dundy, Obama: Breaking Through The Color Barrier

By: Marc H. Morial - NNPA
January marked at least one major first for African-Americans. For the first time in history, not one but two Blacks - the Chicago Bears' Lovie Smith and the Indianapolis Colts' Tony Dundy - led their teams to football's premier contest - the Super Bowl.

And another Black man - U.S. Sen. Barack Obama - took the first step toward throwing his hat in the ring in the ultimate political contest - the battle for the nation's highest office. He's hardly the first African-American to vie for the presidency; He stands upon the broad shoulders of the Rev. Jesse Jackson, Shirley Chisholm, the Rev. Al Sharpton, Carol Moseley Braun and others. Not since Jackson in 1988 has a Black been considered a serious contender for the Oval Office. But, unlike his predecessors, Obama probably stands the best chance of becoming the first African-American to win his party's presidential nomination in 2008 or beyond.

In a recent Zogby poll, the Illinois Democrat led the field in New Hampshire, a historic testing ground for presidential candidates, with 23 percent of voters favoring him compared to 19 percent for Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton and former senator John Edwards. Up until 1992, the candidate who won the primary usually made his way to the White House, even though Bill Clinton and George W. Bush have defied that trend in recent elections.

What a delightful coincidence that these historic developments would occur in the month that celebrates the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and that Obama would represent Chicago in the hallowed halls of the U.S. Congress.

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recorder seven Black head coaches.

In a letter to the editor to his local paper, Hal Nelson, executive director of secondary education for the Sarasota County School District, wondered if divine intervention played some role in bringing two Black coaches together in the Super Bowl to "illuminate the potential of the American experience" and underscore the importance of three key qualities exhibited by Dundy and Smith - competence, character and tenacity.

"Competence is evident when one is able to achieve the goals of the organization, despite times when others will inevitably say that one has been granted the opportunity because of being a minority, female, etc. Character is evident when, in the face of such adversity, faith and spirituality allow us to first recognize our own flaws, and then forgive the actions of others. Tenacity is evident when one decides to perform well despite unfair treatment, such as being dismissed unprofessionally or compensated unjustly. When we act as a land of opportunity, greatness grows," he wrote.

I cannot agree more and have to extend that same observation to Obama. All three men provide positive role models for future generations to aspire to. They give our children hope that the American Dream is possible for all members of society to attain.

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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 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 viable of many area opportunities. As always, and true to tradition, MON-The Gazette will be there carrying a world of opportunity for those seeking to provide quality services. Should you date to expand your quest for economic parity outside the southern region or just want to know what is going on up north...

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MLK Party Sparks Campus Uproar

Fried chicken, malt liquor, faux gang apparel at Tarleton State soiree

AP — Authorities at Tarleton State University said they plan to investigate a Martin Luther King Jr. Day party that mocked black stereotypes by featuring fried chicken, malt liquor and faux gang apparel. "I feel like there is no excuse for this type of ignorance," said Donald Ray Elder, president of

the Stephenville school's chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

Photographs posted on social networking Web site Facebook.com showed partygoers wearing Afro wigs and fake gold and silver teeth. One photo showed students "mocking how African-Americans do step shows," Elder said. In another picture, a student is dressed as Aunt Jemima and

carries a gun. "That upsets me," Elder said. "That's someone who knows nothing about Dr. King, because Dr. King was totally about nonviolence."

Wanda Mercer, the school's vice president of student life, said an investigation was planned into the Jan. 15 party. More than 400 students attended a university-sponsored forum Wednesday night that Elder described as "a shaky



baby step" in bridging a divide between black and white students on the campus, which had about 400 black students out of 7,800 overall last semester.

Elder said he sensed a racial divide at the forum, with black students sitting on one side of the room and whites on the other.

"It was civil, but it also escalated into a shouting match," he said in a telephone interview afterward.

Some of the students shown in the photos apologized, Elder said.

University President Dennis P. McCabe said the photographs were reprehensible.

"I am personally insulted by these photographs and I am disappointed that Tarleton students have demonstrated such insensitivity," he said.

Stephenville is about 60 miles southwest of Fort Worth.

Teachers Of The Year To Be Honored At May 10 Community Celebration

Plano ISD's Teacher of the Year Gala will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 10, at Plano Centre, 2000 E. Spring Creek Parkway. Nearly 1,400 educators, PTA leaders, school and city dignitaries and corporate sponsors will be on hand to celebrate.

On Thursday, May 10, at Plano Centre, Plano ISD will honor 67 Teacher of the Year nominees and 66 Beginning Teacher of the Year nominees, recently selected by their school peers. Nearly 1,400 educators, PTA leaders, school and city dignitaries and corporate sponsors will be on hand to celebrate.

Plans for the gala are underway and led by a committee of school district staff and community volunteers.

Co-chairing the event are Karla Oliver, executive director for government and community relations, and Ann Boswell, community leader and Plano ISD Council of PTAs board member.

The Teacher of the Year Gala is one of Plano ISD's most exciting and rewarding events," noted Ms. Oliver, who will join a group of district and community leaders to interview experienced Teacher of the Year nominees in early February and make selections for Plano ISD's 2007 Teachers of the Year (elementary and secondary) and several top "Excellence in Teaching" award winners who will all be announced at the May 10 gala.

The experienced teachers

who are candidates for Plano ISD's Teacher of the Year were nominated and elected by their peers at their schools. The Beginning Teachers of the Year were also nominated by their peers; however, they are not eligible for the Plano ISD Teacher of the Year.

Each teacher nominee will complete an essay question and be interviewed by a selection panel comprising administrators, teachers, parents and business and civic leaders, which will make the final selections for Plano ISD's Elementary Teacher of the Year and Secondary Teacher of the Year. The winning candidates are recommended for participation in the Texas Teacher of the Year competition.

RISD Cotton Bowl, A Winning Tradition

Some things are just a tradition, like football, New Years and the Cotton Bowl. But in the Nakhoda family, winning the Cotton Bowl Classic Art Contest is a family tradition. Trey Nakhoda, a fourth grader at Hamilton Park Pacesetter Magnet, won first place this year in the AT&T Cotton Bowl drawing contest. They competed along with nearly 6,000 other Dallas County students.

Trey was one of nine winners chosen from RISD, placing first in the third and fourth grade division. "They carried on the family tradition at Hamilton Park by being the third child in the Nakhoda family to win the contest. Trey's brother Zein, currently a senior at Lake Highlands High School, won the contest twice when he was at HPPM.

Trey's sister Maria, now a student at the Lake Highlands Freshman Center, also won the contest when she was attended

Hamilton Park. So, no pressure on little brother?

The Cotton Bowl Classic art program was created in 1997 with the goal of expanding elementary students' knowledge about the



overall college experience, and increasing their awareness in geography, teamwork, local history and tradition. Judging is based on the student's use of color theme to tie college football, New Year's Day and the AT&T Cotton Bowl Classic in their art.

The top overall winner's art from both school districts were

framed and presented on December 30th at the Big Play Luncheon to the head coaches of the universities competing in the Cotton Bowl on New Year's Day. Trey's artwork was selected from all the winners for presentation to AT&T. Winning students and their families attended the luncheon and were guests at the 71st AT&T Cotton Bowl Classic game on New Year's Day.

The 18 winning entries are on exhibit at the Dallas Museum of Art. As for the remaining 6,000 pieces of art, they also went at public display on New Year's Eve in Dallas-area hotels. These works of art were inside the rooms of arriving football fans as welcoming gifts from the AT&T Cotton Bowl.

No doubt Trey will be looking towards the 72nd AT&T Cotton Bowl Classic and another chance to tie the family record of two wins!

Student Photography Exhibited In Plano

See Texas' most scenic landscape from a student's eye view.

Collin County Community College District (Collin) photography students' work from a recent trip to Big Bend National Park in May will be on exhibit at the Plano Municipal Center and

Plano Centre. The showcase is titled "Around the Bend."

The exhibit will be at the Plano Municipal Center, 1520 Avenue K, in Plano now through Friday, March 2. The photographs will then be moved to the Plano Centre, located at 2000 E. Spring Creek Parkway from

Saturday, March 3-Friday, March 30.

The photographs will then be moved to the Plano Centre, located at 2000 E. Spring Creek Parkway from Tuesday, March 3-Friday, March 30.

A reception for the exhibit is set from 6-9 p.m., Friday,

Feb. 2 at the Plano Municipal Center.

Both venues are open 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday, and the exhibit is free and open to the public.

Under the direction of professor Lupita Murillo-Tinnen, the weeklong excursion included trips within the

entire park in order to expand their photography skills and document the beauty of the area.

For more information, contact Tinnen at 972.578.5527 or e-mail tinnen@ccccd.edu.

Collin County Community College District (Collin) serves more than 41,000

credit and continuing education students annually and offers more than 100 degree and certificate programs. The only public college in the county, Collin is a partner to business, government and industry, providing customized training and work force development.

African American Read-In Page 1

In other DCCCD African American Read-In news:

• Local businesswomen Emma Rodgers and Ashira Toshiwe, founders and owners of Black Images Book Bazaar, have been named honorary chairs for the 2007 DCCCD African American Read-In.

They are long-time sponsors for the event.

• Brenda Teele, co-host of "Good Morning Texas" on WFAA-TV (channel 8) since 1996, will serve as this year's read-in emcee. After graduating from Howard University in Washington, D.C., Teele worked as a writer and producer for six

years in Baltimore, Washington and Los Angeles. She was a weather anchor in California and in Texas; host for "Positively Texas"; and a news anchor in Fort Worth before joining WFAA-TV. Teele has received both an Emmy Award and a National Association of Black Journalists Award for her work.

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Urban Trust Bank To Open Bank Branches Inside Select Wal-Mart Supercenters



Robert L. Johnson, Chairman of The RLJ Companies, today announced execution of an agreement between Urban Trust Bank, FSB, a federally chartered sav-

ings bank, and Wal-Mart Stores, Inc. Under the agreement, Urban Trust Bank intends to lease space inside select Wal-Mart stores and open retail banking outlets.

Urban Trust Bank (UTB) retail banking outlets in Wal-Mart Supercenters will offer a full suite of banking products and services to customers during convenient hours, as well as provide access to credit and financial education. Through its branches inside Wal-Mart stores,

UTB will emphasize its focus on wealth creation for diverse communities and educational tools that improve customers' financial capabilities.

"Our banking alliance with Wal-Mart extends a philosophy that is intent upon providing additional wealth creation opportunities for Wal-Mart customers and associates. Our alliance will allow Urban Trust Bank to reach its target market, provide more convenient locations to our customers, and grow our customer

base," said Johnson. "Urban Trust Bank brings banking services to Wal-Mart customers in underserved urban and minority communities," said Lee Scott, Chief Executive Officer of Wal-Mart Stores, Inc. "I'm proud to embark upon a strategic alliance with Bob Johnson and Urban Trust Bank to bring affordable financial services to these communities."

Urban Trust Bank (UTB), formerly Metro Bank of Orlando, FL, is a federally chartered sav-

ings bank with its headquarters in Bethesda, MD. UTB is majority owned and controlled by The RLJ Companies. In 2006, UTB established its Washington, D.C. flagship branch at 1350 I Street NW, just

blocks from the White House. The new name and vision re-dedicates the institution to serving the community with excellent banking and financial services in a customer-focused environment.

Competition Intensifies For 2011 Super Bowl

North Texas now has more competition for Super Bowl 2011.

The community of Indianapolis announced Wednesday afternoon that it, too, will seek the NFL championship game.

Arizona, which will host the Super Bowl next year at The University of Phoenix Stadium in Glendale, Ariz., has already announced it will seek the game for 2011.

Also, the city of Indianapolis announced that Indianapolis Motor Speedway Chief Executive



Officer Tony George was named as a co-chair of the organization

that will work to bring the event to Indy. The announcement comes less than a week after former Dallas Cowboys quarterback and businessman Roger Staubach was named as chairman of North Texas' bid committee.

"I am looking forward to participating in the effort to bring the Super Bowl to Indianapolis in 2011," George said in a prepared state-

ment. "We are up against stiff competition, but I will do whatever I can to help get the job done."

Other committee chairmen include Indianapolis Colts owner Jim Irsay, Indiana Gov. Mitch Daniels and Indy Mayor Bart Peterson.

The North Texas committee has yet to announce its committee members, though an announcement is expected next week.

Target Settles Discrimination Case

Retail giant must pay \$775,000 to 14 black workers
Target Corp. will pay \$775,000 to 14 black workers to settle discrimination complaints filed by federal civil rights monitors.

The Minneapolis-based retail giant must also train managers and supervisors at its store in Springfield, Pa., about the company's equal employment opportunity policies, according to the settlement announced Friday by the U.S.

Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.

The commission accused Target of violating federal civil rights regulations by "creating and condoning a racially hostile work environment" for a group of black workers at the suburban Philadelphia store beginning in July 2003, according to an agency press release.

The agency said Michael Hill, then training to become a manager, and 13 other workers were "subjected to racial harassment

by a white store manager, and Hill resigned in September 2004 due to "negative health effects of the discrimination" and a lack of response to his internal complaints.

Only one of the 14 workers still works for Target, commission attorney Terrence Cook said Friday.

Target, in a statement Friday, said that allegations in Springfield were investigated promptly, but the company could not substantiate the

claims.

"While Target vigorously continues to deny the EEOC's allegations, the settlement was reached to resolve issues raised by the complaint without the time and expense of further contested litigation," the company said.

Target said its Springfield store "has a diverse management team in place," and vowed to reinforce policies and procedures there "to further prevent and report this kind of activity.

Procurement Policy Page 1

Consultant to the City of Irving, Martin Burrell.

Mr. David Leininger, Chief Financial Officer of Irving commented on the history behind the policy. "We did not have a procurement policy that picked out any category of vendor." Mr. Leininger stressed that the city made a determination to focus on ease of access and communication to the broadest base of vendors in the marketplace and to not have set aside steering contracts to a particular vendor category.

Anthony Bond, a strong proponent of the adoption, one of the founding members of the NAACP Irving branch and city activist, has been working to see the adoption enacted since its inception in 1994. Bond believes that minorities will now get a fair share of contracting dollars now that the adoption has been accepted.

Bond commented that one criterion utilized by several of the major companies when selecting Irving as a base, was

the city's diverse population and work force. Yet, while city leaders may use this as a selling point in promoting the city to the business community, it is suggested that Irving does not appear to make diversity a priority with their own procurement policies.

"The next step is to immediately put a program into place now that a policy is in place," Bond said.

Mr. Burrell believes that putting a policy in place could take between 30 to 90 days. According to Burrell, the program to incorporate the minority procurement adoption should be ready for review by February or March of 2007.

Irving was the only North Texas city with a population of over 250,000 without a formal policy in place. While city leaders had suggested that there was no need for such a program, others strenuously disagreed. Irving is one of only 19 cities in the United States to receive a bond credit rating of AAA, which qualifies the municipality for the loans from financial institutions around

the world.

Mr. Bond, and Mr. Fletcher Yates, current Vice-President of the Irving NAACP, along with key Hispanic leaders held a series of meetings on racial reconciliation in Irving. The first meeting held in October, 2005 and attended by 250 people, resulted in a recommendation to the city leaders: form a cultural advisory community board. Irving Mayor Herb Gears and the city council had agreed and the advisory board is currently in development. The meetings regarding a dialogue on racial reconciliation will continue independently with at least three more slated.

Until recently the city did not track demographic statistics on those bidding on contracts, but in December 2005 instituted changes to record this information. However, Mr. Leininger points out it will take between two - three years to capture benchmarking statistics. According to Mr. Bond, other cities with a population over 50,000 participate in the North Central Texas Regional Certification Agency with track

MWOB. When asked about Irving's lack of participation in the program, Mr. Leininger stated that without the benchmarking statistics to compare Irving's current status there is means of determining the need for the city's participation.

City projects, which the adoption could affect, are the restoration of the Texas stadium and the Las Colinas Live project. The Texas stadium restoration is estimated to cost about \$2 billion dollars over the next 15 years and the Las Colinas Live project is estimated at \$600 million and scheduled to open late 2009. Bond hopes to see the same efforts used by the city of Dallas to improve minority procurement. During the construction of the American Airlines Center in Dallas, approximately 28% of the contracts went to minority and women owned businesses.

Although it has taken 12 years and countless meetings, the City of Irving now has a minority procurement policy that will ensure equitable awarding of city contracts.

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HIV/AIDS Forum Page 1

we kept our focus on women through programs funded by the Center for Disease Control Prevention and the Texas Department of Health although regional priorities were previously focused on men having sex with other men."

We realize the magnitude of the problems we are facing," said Dr. Brooks, "but we need more than just token hand-outs; we need our educational institutions, parents and our churches to participate in this fight to save lives. Denial by our community and misinformation continue to be among our biggest challenges in our fight against HIV/AIDS."

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~ The History Of Black History ~

By: Elissa Haney
Americans have recognized black history annually since 1926, first as "Negro History Week" and later as "Black History Month." What you might not know is that black history had barely begun to be studied-or even documented-when the tradition originated. Although blacks have been in America at least as far back as colonial times, it was not until the 20th century that they gained a respectable presence in the history books.

Blacks Absent from History Books
We owe the celebration of

Patricia Harris: A Woman Of "Firsts"

Patricia Roberts Harris was born in Mattoon, Illinois on May 31, 1924. She attended elementary and high school in Chicago. In 1945, she received a B.A. degree from Howard University, graduating summa cum laude. She served as assistant director of the American Council of Human Rights in Washington and managed the agency's political action and national legislative programs. She was the first national executive of the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority.

Harris received a doctorate in jurisprudence from George Washington University Law School in 1960. In the same year, she was admitted to the District of Columbia bar and admitted to practice before the U.S. State Supreme Court. After serving as a trial attorney at the U.S. Department of Justice, she became associate dean of students and lecturer in law at Howard University. During the administration of President John F. Kennedy, she served as co-

Black History Month, and more importantly, the study of black history, to Dr. Carter G. Woodson. Born to parents who were former slaves, he spent his childhood working in the Kentucky coal mines and enrolled in high school at age twenty. He graduated within two years and later went on to earn a Ph.D. from Harvard. The scholar was disturbed to find in his history books largely ignored the black American population-and when blacks did figure into the picture, it was generally in ways that reflected the inferior social position to which they were assigned at the time.

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chairman of the National Women's Committee on Civil Rights. She was a Phi Beta Kappa and became the youngest member of the board of directors of



Georgetown University.

On August 26, 1964, Harris gave the second address for the nomination of Lyndon B. Johnson for president at the National Democratic Convention.

In 1964, Harris became the first black woman ambassador when President Lyndon Johnson named her ambassador to Luxembourg. In 1972, she was elected permanent chairman of the Democratic National

History
Woodson, always one to act on his ambitions, decided to take on the challenge of writing black Americans into the nation's history. He established the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History (now called the Association for the Study of Afro-American Life and History) in 1915, and a year later founded the widely respected Journal of Negro History. In 1926, he launched Negro History Week as an initiative to bring national attention to the contributions of black people throughout American history.

Woodson chose the second week of February for Negro

Convention. In 1977, she was appointed to President Jimmy Carter's cabinet as secretary of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). During her tenure at HUD, she created and enacted the first National Urban Policy. In 1980, she became professor of law at the George Washington National Law Center.

She achieved many firsts, among them: the first black female cabinet member, first black female ambassador, first black to serve in the United Nations, first black female on major corporate boards, first black female to chair a national political party committee, first black female to participate in a presidential nomination, first female to serve as dean of a law school, and first black, and only woman to serve in three cabinet level positions.

Patricia Harris died of cancer on March 23, 1985. A United States commemorative stamp was issued in honor as part of the Black Heritage Series.



Dr. Carter G. Woodson

History Week because it marks the birthdays of two men who greatly influenced the black American

population, Frederick Douglass and Abraham Lincoln. However, February has much more than Douglass and Lincoln to show for its significance in black American history. For example:

- February 23, 1868: W. E. B. DuBois, important civil rights leader and co-founder of the NAACP, was born.

- February 3, 1870: The 15th Amendment was passed, granting blacks the right to vote.

- February 25, 1870: The first black U.S. senator, Hiram R. Revels (1822-1901), took his oath of office.

- February 12, 1909: The National Association for the

Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) was founded by a group of concerned black and white citizens in New York City.

- February 1, 1960: In what would become a civil-rights movement milestone, a group of black students began a sit-in at a segregated Woolworth's lunch counter.

- February 21, 1965: Malcolm X, the militant leader who promoted Black Nationalism, was shot to death by three Black Muslims.

More from the Black History Timeline

Richard Greener First Black Harvard Graduate

Born on January 30, 1844 in Philadelphia, Richard Theodore Greener was raised from the age of ten in Boston. He attended the Broadway Grammar School in Cambridge, Massachusetts until he was fourteen, then dropped out of school to help support his family, working as a porter, clerk and night-watchman in an assortment of jobs. With help from two of his employers, August E. Batchelder and George Herbert Palmer, Greener attended preparatory school at Oberlin College from 1862 to 1864 and Phillips Academy at Andover from 1864 to 1865. Batchelder arranged for Greener's admission to Harvard in 1865 as an experiment in the education of African-Americans. In 1870 Greener graduated from Harvard with honors, the first African-American to do so.

After teaching for two years at the Institute for Colored Youth in Philadelphia and then serving as principal at the Preparatory

School for Colored Children in Washington, D.C. in 1873, Greener accepted the professorship of mental and moral philosophy at the University of



South Carolina in October of 1873. On September 24, 1874, Greener married Genevieve Ida Fleet. When the university was closed in June of 1877 by Wade Hampton and the newly elected Democratic regime, Greener moved to Washington, D.C., where he took a position as a clerk in the Treasury

Department and as a professor in the Howard Law School. He served as dean of the Howard Law School from 1878 to 1880 and opened a law practice. From 1885 to 1892, Greener served as secretary of the Grant Monument Association and from 1885 to 1890 as a civil service examiner in New York City. In the 1896 election he served as the head of the Colored Bureau of the National Republican Party in Chicago. In 1898, Greener was appointed as the United States Commercial Agent in Vladivostok, Russia, a position he held until 1905.

Greener left the foreign service in 1905, settling in Chicago with relatives. He held a job as an agent for an insurance company and practiced law. He occasionally lectured on his life and times for the remainder of his life. Richard Theodore Greener died of old age in Chicago on May 2, 1922.

Black Publishers Told To Keep Pleading Causes Amidst Change

By: Hazel Trice Edney - NNPA
Nearly two centuries since the founding of the first Black Newspaper, Freedom's Journal, publishers of the National Newspaper Association, the Black Press of America, kicked off their 180th anniversary year hearing exhortations to continue pleading their "own cause" even though the battles have significantly changed.

"When we look at NNPA and all of the publishers, you're our number one resource for finding out the real truth in our community and you are important to us," says Thomas W. Dortch, president of the Atlanta-based 100 Black Men of America, Inc., among a string of noted speakers at the organization's annual Winter Conference held in Phoenix, Ariz. "Unless they're shooting somebody, stabbing somebody, cutting somebody, stealing from somebody, that's the only time the other major press wants to write something about us. At least we can come to the Black Press and we can read about good things that are happening in our community...I want to say to you, Thank you. I want to also say to you, good is good but good means there's room to be better and better means you need to be best."

With that, Dortch exhorted NNPA, the nation's largest membership of Black-owned newspapers with more than 200 publishers, to resist separatism among Blacks by closing ranks, fighting against ills within the community and remembering the global struggle.

"We will trust everybody else who doesn't look like us, who doesn't sound like us, who doesn't have the historical perspective in life and the background that comes from the environment that we do. We will trust everybody else before we are

willing to trust ourselves," says Dortch.

When Samuel Cornish and John B. Russwurm founded the Freedom's Journal in New York City in 1827, Black people were still in slavery. Therefore, when its inaugural article stated, "We wish to plead our own cause," the paper was declaring its own First Amendment right to free speech.



The 100 Black Men of America is a mentoring program aimed to improve life quality and opportunities for education and employment for African-Americans. Dortch, recently re-elected after serving 10 years as president, says Black newspapers must also fight against self-destruction in the Black community.

Having perused the front-pages of many of the newspapers on display at the conference, Dortch says he was pleased to see the significant attention to the disease of AIDS, which some 1.2 million Americans are living with, half of which are African-Americans, according to the Black AIDS Institute.

"I want to commend all of the papers that I've seen and those leaders in our community who keep sounding the alarm," he says. Without Black newspapers continuing to educate on such ills within the community, more African-Americans will die, he says.

"We're going to kill ourselves. Between the violence, between the health disparities and between the neglect in our communities,

we're going to just self-destruct. And so, I challenge you to deal with the issues," he says. "We have to understand that we have a responsibility. We have to make a difference. We have to invest the time and energy. But, we also have to understand that if we don't, nobody else is going to do it."

Black issues also stretch beyond America, reminds Dortch, imploring the publishers to be sensitive toward international trade issues.

"It's you that we depend on because it's you who have that power of the press, the pen, the truth, to circulate the truth, to make sure that we are enlightened and to also understand for each and every one of us that it's not just about what's happening in our neighborhoods. It's about what's happening globally that impacts our neighborhoods." He says Africa warrants special attention.

Chicago Crusader Publisher Dorothy Leavell, chair of the NNPA Foundation, responded in closing remarks that she might be tired of marching, but felt like returning to the streets over the Kenyon coffee issue.

NNPA Chair John Smith, a member of the 100 Black Men who met Dortch 37-years ago when they served on the board of the Atlanta Branch of the NAACP, called Dortch a "quiet giant with a vision to change the world for the better for all mankind."

"I challenge you to be courageous. Write the truth even if the truth hurts. But, do it professionally, make it hard-hitting because it's you and only you that we can depend on to get the news and get it right," he says. "And the minute that you sell your soul for the all mighty dollar is the minute and the very day that you really should pack your bags, close your operations and go off and find something else to do."



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American Airlines Sponsors First Canadian Appearance For Dallas Black Dance Theatre



American Airlines has provided air travel sponsorship for Dallas Black Dance Theatre (DBDT) to attend the 19th Annual International Association of Blacks in Dance Conference, held in Toronto, Ontario, Canada and hosted by Dance Immersion. DBDT travels internationally each season, and this is the company's first trip to Canada in its 30-year history. Both performing companies, Dallas Black Dance Theatre and DBDT II, will perform and participate in workshops. Additionally, DBDT administrative and professional artistic staff will lead panel discussions, teach master classes and evaluate talent at auditions held at the conference.

For the 18th year, American

Mekhi Phifer To Produce Film, Album

Actor to produce film starring Chris Brown, album by rapper Face.

Actor Mekhi Phifer (ER, 8 Mile, Clockers,) has collaborated with writer Ronnie Warner to form two separate production companies, Facilitator Films and Facilitator Music. The film company will executive produce "This Christmas, a family movie starring Delroy Lindo, Regina King, Loretta Devine, R&B heartthrob Chris Brown and Idris Elba (Daddy's Little Girls, The Wire), which began

Airlines is the exclusive air travel sponsor for Dallas Black Dance Theatre's Touring Season. Sheena Payne of American Airlines and Dallas Black Dance Theatre Executive Board Marketing Chairperson states, "We are proud of our longstanding relationship with the Dallas Black Dance Theatre. And we are honored to play a role in sharing their art and talent with people around the world."

"Dallas Black Dance Theatre has performed on 4 continents, and we're excited about getting north of our border," explains DBDT Founder and Artistic Director, Ann Williams. "We are extremely grateful to American Airlines for sponsoring the air travel for this trip and for continuing their support of DBDT as the exclusive air travel sponsor

for our touring season." In January 2008, DBDT will host the 20th Anniversary of the International Association of Blacks in Dance Conference. This conference will attract over 1,000 visitors and dance professionals from around the world to Dallas and will be the first major event in DBDT's new Arts District facility. American Airlines is the official air carrier for IABD 2008.



directed.

In addition, Facilitator Music has teamed up with producer Todd Mushaw to release Face

(myspace), a rapper from Reston, Va., who has gained regional recognition with the mixtape Face'N The Streetz Vol. 1.

"Being able to develop projects for film, television and music has always been a passion and goal of mine so I am thrilled to be launching Facilitator," said Phifer via his publicist. "Both Ronnie and I share a creative vision and drive to create a variety of diverse projects across the entertainment spectrum."

A "spiritual outer space suspense thriller" is also in the works.

Out the Box Entertainment Announces New On Demand Channel

Eric Williams, President & CEO, of Out The Box Entertainment, and his company become the first African American TV studio in the Metroplex to sign a contract with Time Warner Cable to feature a channel in "Marketplace" on their VOD platform.

Williams said, "we are pleased at developing our winning relationship with Time Warner Cable. Their experience in marketing Video-On-Demand content combined with leading VOD solutions will contribute to this successful venture and further opens VOD opportunities in Texas for producers especially minority producers, and filmmakers." The launch of Out The Box On Demand will be backed by a 2.6 million dollar Time Warner Cable promotional campaign with 30 second spots airing on all 40 networks beginning in January 2007.

Out The Box Entertainment, has also contracted with DJ Big Bink of

97.9 FM to host one of its flagship programs, "MicCity TV" which shows undiscovered musical talent throughout Texas and the nation. MicCity TV is seeking out record labels, artist and concert promoters to be featured on our 24/7 show. Out The Box On Demand is also launching its promotional Bus and Mobile Cyber lab to promote the launch of the channel and to help educate youth interested in Media production. Interested parties can log onto http://www.miccitytv.com/imagenes/Bus_cropped.jpg

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enue model for all of our content," said Williams.

Available anytime, the 24/7 channel will feature new original programming debuting every



week, all produced in the highest quality format.

The Out The Box channel is available to all Time Warner Cable Digital subscribers and is located on Channel 1 on demand under "Marketplace."

For more information contact: Eric Williams, Out The Box Entertainment, 972-748-9533.

Smokey Has Issues With 'Dreamgirls': Motown Legend Says He's Offended By The Payola Storyline.

Motown veteran Smokey Robinson is not happy with the film adaptation of "Dreamgirls," which is based



loosely on the rise of the Supremes under the stewardship of label founder Berry Gordy Jr.

Robinson says he is particularly disturbed by the Jamie Foxx character Curtis Taylor Jr., who is supposedly based on Gordy and engages in illegal payola to get his records on the air.

"Nobody was paying us," Robinson told NPR's Elizabeth Blair on "Morning Edition." "So he (Gordy) borrowed \$800 from his family's fund and started Motown, so that we could be paid. And for him to be maligned and made out like this villainous character is very, very, very offensive to me.

"I am really kind of upset about it ("Dreamgirls") because there's a lot of false information in there, and millions of people are seeing it every day," the singer added, fearing that today's generation of R&B stars will have a diminished view of the Motown era because of the film.

"Motown is Beyonce's heritage. Motown is Jamie Foxx's heritage. Motown is Eddie Murphy's heritage. You know what I mean?" Robinson said on the radio program. "They're young black people. America should be proud of Motown because Motown made a statement all over the world that America could be proud of."

Beyoncé Picked As Top Fantasy Girlfriend

'Dreamgirls' star is at the top of AskMen.com's list of desirable women

She may have missed out on an Oscar nomination, but Beyoncé Knowles is the No. 1 fantasy girlfriend, according to AskMen.com's Top 99 Most Desirable Women of 2007.

The 25-year-old singer-actress tops the Web site's list ranking the "most alluring" female celebrities as determined by its readers and staff. Voters were asked to consider qualities beyond sex appeal and beauty,

such as "intelligence, humor, charisma and ambition," according to the site. More than 8.5 million votes were cast, the Web site says.

Knowles, currently co-starring in "Dreamgirls," was followed by screen siren Scarlett Johansson and Jessica Alba, supermodel Adriana Lima and actress Jessica Biel. Rounding out the top 10 were model Alessandra Ambrosio, singer Shakira, TV host Maria Menounos and actresses Angelina Jolie and Elisha



Wu-Tang Clan Eyeing Summer For Comeback Album



After years of false starts and delays, the Wu-Tang Clan will release a new studio album, "8 Diagram," this summer via SRC Records. According to principal member RZA, the album will include an unreleased performance from the late Ol' Dirty Bastard and a long-in-the-works tribute to the artist dubbed "Life Changes."

SRC founder Steve Rifkind has a long association with Wu-Tang dating back to its seminal 1993 debut, "Enter the 36 Chambers," released on his Loud Records label.

After years of inactivity,

the group reunited to play the Rock the Bells festival in California in 2004 (released as the CD/DVD "Disciples of the 36 Chambers") and staged a North American tour last year. Wu-Tang Clan has not released a new album since 2001's "Iron Flag."

"People want something that gives them an adrenaline rush," RZA said in a statement. "We're here to supply that fix. How could hip-hop be dead if Wu-Tang is forever? We're here to revive the spirit and the economics and bring in a wave of energy that has lately disappeared."

RZA has actually been

pushing for a return to the studio for several years, but he conceded that coordinating the members' busy schedules and meeting their financial needs were formidable obstacles.

"I know everybody has a lifestyle they have to maintain," he told Billboard.com in February 2005. "Let's just say a Wu-Tang Clan album is worth a couple million dollars. Once 10 guys get on it, it's still worth a couple hundred grand. Some guys' lifestyles require them to make five or six hundred thousand dollars a year regardless. Maybe doing Wu-Tang will make you that much money, but doing it by yourself could you make you a million, because there aren't so many hands involved. But for the legacy, I think we should be willing to make that sacrifice and get it cracking."

To tide fans over, Nature Sounds will on Feb. 6 release the collection "Wu-Tang Clan & Friends -- Unreleased." The 20-track set rounds up rare material produced by the group's DJ, Allah Mathematics, including remixes of "Wu Banga" and "Da Wu."

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"We are very excited to team up with the Mavs and the American Red Cross for this event," said Joycelyn C. Johnson, Community Relations Director for K104 and KRNB. "People should know that when they come out

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Volunteer blood donors must also show identification at registration. Please bring a Red Cross donor card, a valid driver's license, or other form of official picture identification.

A special thanks to the Harlem Globetrotters for their generous support of this event.

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aboard a front-seat view of a pivotal moment in civil rights history. On the rides 46 years ago, activists armed with only their convictions braved white mobs to defy segregation of interstate bus travel.

There have been many previous expeditions to locations where riders were beaten, bloodied and jailed, but this weekend's was probably the largest and most ambitious attempt to keep the history alive.

"I don't know that any students have ever had this opportunity before," said Raymond Arsenault, the author of the 2006 book "Freedom Riders," considered an authoritative history.

About 100 students from Vanderbilt University, Tennessee State University, Fisk University and American Baptist College accompanied veterans of the civil rights movement, some of whom came close to death in the bloody confrontations over interstate travel in the South.

The buses served as rolling classrooms, leaving Nashville early Saturday for Montgomery and arriving in Birmingham on Saturday evening. The students, along with faculty members, historians and others, returned to Nashville on Sunday.

Along the route, speakers rotated among buses to describe their experiences and answer questions. Several came from the "Nashville movement" of brash activists, many affiliated with the same colleges and universities as the students.

Among them were Representative John Lewis, Democrat of Georgia, who was beaten and jailed on the rides; John Seigenthaler, an aide to Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy during the crisis; James Lawson and C. T. Vivian, ministers who advised many of the students; and Diane Nash, who in the early 1960s led sit-in movements to desegregate lunch counters in Nashville and became one of the founders of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee.

"Maybe, just maybe," Mr. Lewis said, "this trip will help renew and inspire and encourage people to take a page from the past and apply it to your own life."

Though the Supreme Court had ruled that Jim Crow segregation in interstate travel was unconstitutional, the Justice Department had little appetite for enforcement. In 1947, an interracial "Journey of

Reconciliation" in the upper South had done little to break travel segregation, Mr. Arsenault wrote.

In 1961, the Congress of Racial Equality decided to challenge travel segregation again with nonviolent civil disobedience. When one group of interracial passengers reached Anniston, Ala., a Ku Klux Klan-organized mob firebombed the bus and beat the passengers. Passengers on another bus were badly beaten when they reached Birmingham.

Attorney General Kennedy intervened. The riders, some badly hurt, wanted to press on, but the trip was scuttled and the riders flew instead to New Orleans.

Nashville activists pledged to continue. Mr. Seigenthaler pleaded with the students, but Ms. Nash said riders had signed their wills and were prepared to die if necessary.

In Montgomery, a mob met the new wave of riders, severely beating Mr. Lewis and another rider, Jim Zwerg. In the melee, Mr. Seigenthaler was clubbed and left unconscious.

The crisis mounted with riders' imprisonment in Mississippi. Eventually, more than 400 riders would board segregated buses and trains, taxing courts throughout the South. Then, in September, the Interstate Commerce Commission prohibited all discrimination in interstate bus-

Sherrae M. Hayes, a 20-year-old junior at Tennessee State, said the trip gave the lesson new meaning. "You can definitely learn it from a textbook," Ms. Hayes said, "but I don't think it means half as much, or a quarter as much, as being there."

Outside Montgomery's old Trailways station on Saturday, riders craned to see the building's facade. A few minutes later, as rain pattered on the roof of the bus, Mr. Zwerg, 67, described the eerie quiet before the crowd set upon him 46 years ago. "I knew whether I lived or died," he said, "it was going to be all right."

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Sister Tarpley

From the monthly calendar of Full Gospel Holy Temple, Apostle Lobias Murray, Founder/Pastor: Delay not until tomorrow to be wise, for tomorrow's sun may never rise. Proverbs 3:13 & 14. To live victoriously think less of things "over you." 1 John 4:4. God always speaks loud enough to make a willing soul hear. Deuteronomy 5:27.

Death brings about total integration; all are equal. Romans 5:12. As a Christian, you should never let adversity get you down, except on your knees! Daniel 6:10. He who cannot forgive breaks the bridge over which he himself must pass! Matthew 6:13 & 14. Temptations are sure to rap at your door, but it's your fault if you let them in! 2 Peter 2:9; Matthew 6:13 & Matthew 26:41. The poor man is often happier than the rich man. Psalm 37:16. It is no secret what God can do; what He's done for others, He'll do for you. Jeremiah 32:27; Hebrews 13:8. While there is still life there is hope. Psalm 65.

Christians are like tea; it takes hot water to bring out their strength. 1 Peter 5:8-10. Patience is bitter, but its fruit is sweet. Galatians 6:9. Fear is a hindrance to all virtue. 2 Timothy 1:7. You quickly lose interest in the church if you have nothing invested. Hebrews 10:25. Christ can help me to speak the right word to the right person at the right time.

District 1 Roundtable Page 1

Neighborhood Roundtables are held quarterly and rotated through Plano's four districts to provide an opportunity for citizens and Councilmembers in the convenience of their home neighborhood.

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Proverbs 25:11. Love worketh no ill to his neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law. 1 John 4:18. Kindness is the language the deaf can hear and the blind can see. Ephesians 4:32.

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Ms. Lynn Mersberg, Full Gospel Holy Temple member is another example of God's Love at work.

worship God; we witness to men. 1 Thessalonians 5:17. If you will not have God with you now, He will not have you in eternity. Isaiah 55:6 & 7; 2 Chronicles 15:2; Psalm 116:8 To friendship, every burden is light. 1 Peter 5:7. The best inheritance a father can leave his children is a Christian example! Ephesians 6:4. It is better to forgive and forget than to resent and remember. Ephesians 4:32; Matthew 6:14. God's power can change fear and weakness into confidence and strength. Psalm 56:3. The Christian home should be earth's sweetest type of heaven. Mark 5:19; Luke 15:6.

Those who have a second birth will never experience a second death. 1 John 3:6. Those who walk the closest and work the hardest, watch for Christ's return. Luke 12:37; Hebrews 5:28. Praising the Lord in spite of trials changes burdens into blessings. 1 Thessalonians 5:18; 1 Timothy 6:6 Go to church to continue with God, not to criticize. Psalm 42:4. "I've Never Seen God." But I know how I feel. It's people like you who makes Him "So Real."

My God is no stranger, He's friendly and gay (happy) and He doesn't ask me to weep when I pray. It seems that I pass Him SO often each day; in the faces of people I meet on my way. He's the stars in the Heaven, a smile on some face; a leaf on a tree or a rose in a vase. He's winter, autumn, summer and spring. In short, God is every real, wonderful thing. I wish I might meet Him much more than I do, I would if there were more people like you. - Helen Steiner Rice. A gift sent to Eugene Tinner by his neighbors Chester & Estelle Adams.

"Black History Month;" the above exemplifies the true meaning of Black History Month. Its honor and respect for another person and his/her contribution to society.

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Church Happenings

COALITION OF CHURCHES IN PRISON MINISTRY

One-Going Mentor Program
True Lee Baptist Church, 3907 Bertrand Avenue, Dallas, TX 75210, 214-421-9435, Rev. Donald Parish, Pastor, is working with a mentor program for children of parents that are incarcerated. Come or call to find out how to get involved.
For more information, donations, and volunteering, please call Carolyn Johnson @ 972-235-6432.
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Dallas, TX 75222-5863
972-235-6432 or 214-632-6519

DENTON FULL GOSPEL HOLY TEMPLE CHURCH

March 4 - 9 @ 8 pm
Please join us for our Harvest Time Crusade; there will be a great move of God and you don't want to miss this event. For more information, please call 940-484-0963.
Denton Full Gospel Holy Temple Church
Elder F. H. Daniels, III Pastor
529 Bolivar Street
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FAITH & POWER MINISTRIES

February 10th @ 6 pm
You are invited to our Valentine Dinner; for detail information call 972-329-1358 or 214-664-9201.
Faith & Power Ministries
Apostle James Turknott, Pastor
2120 N. St. Augustine Road @ Bruton, Suite 136
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FELLOWSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH OF ALLEN

February 2007
FBCA Education Department is providing GED preparation including pre-testing and tutoring, this FREE service is provided every Wednesday @ 6 pm. If you or someone you know needs assistance, please contact the church @ 972-356-9956 for further details.
February 17th @ 5 pm
You don't want to miss our First Annual Collin County Gospel Explosion @ the Allen Civic Center Auditorium, 300 N. Allen Drive, Allen, TX 75013. Tickets are only \$15 per person and will feature FBCA Sanctuary Choir with special guests: Charles Luster, Mashondé Payne, Pastor Niya Adams, and Elder Daniel Davis.
For more info contact Sis. Gray @

214-495-0544 or Sis. Beachum @ 972-809-3533.

March 23 - 25, 2007
Please join us as our Men Empowered By Christ presents, a 2007 Transformation Conference, "Transformation Into The Likeness of Christ"; Friday the 23rd @ 7 pm, Saturday the 24th @ 8:30 am, and Sunday the 25th @ 11 am.
Topics include: Transformation Into The Likeness of Christ; Men of God—Men of Purpose, Peace, Promise and Prosperity; Transforming Into A Better Husband and A Better Father.

For more information and to register, please contact Deacon Michael Polk @ 469-667-3068.
Fellowship Baptist Church of Allen
Rev. W. L. Stafford, Sr., M. Div.
Senior Pastor
200 Belmont Drive
Allen, TX 75013
972-356-9956

FELLOWSHIP OF BELIEVERS MINISTRIES, INC. (FOBBC)

February 16th @ 7:30 pm and February 17th @ 10:30 am
You are invited to our "Hell in My House, Heaven in My Heart" Marriage Conference 2007. Theme: A match Made in Heaven @ Community Outreach Church, 526 Compton Road, Irving, TX 75061, Pastor L. Tarpley, Overseer. For more information contact Pastor Deborah Jackson @ 214-476-8188.
Fellowship of Believers Ministries
Larry Gregory Crawford
Founder and Senior Pastor
501 Wynnewood Village, #423
Dallas, TX 75224
214-372-3624

PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVERS FOR COMMUNITY EXCELLENCE (PACE)

February 11th @ 4 pm
We are sponsoring an African American Read-In. Bring the family to the Carrollton Library @ Josey Lane Ranch to hear selections being read by African American Authors; experience great stories and story tellers. Refreshments will be served.
For more information contact Rosanne Forster @ 972-416-8148.
PACE
Patricia Hempstead, President
P.O. Box 112721
Carrollton, TX 75011-2721
972-236-1337

SANCTUARY OF PRAISE FELLOWSHIP OF ALLEN

February 24th @ 11 am to 3 pm
You are invited to our "A Taste of Soul" which will feature soul food cuisine from New Orleans, Virginia, North

Carolina, Chicago, Kansas City, Mississippi and Texas. Tickets can be purchased at the event. Arts and Crafts will be available as well as African America Storytelling.
For more information contact Pastor John Wilson, III @ 469-853-2380.
Sanctuary of Praise Fellowship of Allen
Rev. John Wilson, III, Pastor
1001 E. Mail Street
Allen, TX 75002

SIXTH AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH

February 4th @ 3 pm
Bishop Davis, Sr. will be the guest speaker at the Pastor's Anniversary Service for Men of Man Baptist Church, 4409 Pioneer Road, Balch Springs, TX 75180, Rev. Eugene Orr, Pastor.

February 10th @ 6 pm
Join Bishop Davis as the keynote speaker for a Valentine Banquet for Faith Tabernacle Ministries, 804 South Street, Palestine, TX, Carlos Daniels, Pastor. The banquet will be held at the AAA Restaurant, Loop 256 in Palestine.

February 17th @ 10:30 am
We will celebrate our "Annual Men's Day" with special guest Pastor David Wilson of Love Chapel Baptist Church in Corsicana, TX.

February 18th @ 3 pm
We will celebrate "Black History Month" with special guest Pastor Larry Polk, Sr. of Second Mission Baptist Church in Corsicana, TX.
For more information about the events call 903-874-4873
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Bishop K. D. Davis, Sr.
Overseer/Pastor
Rev. H. P. Williams,
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THE NAACP GARLAND BRANCH

We will host the 7th Annual Winter Ball, "Honoring the First Ladies of Our Churches" @ the Cappella Court (formerly the Castle at Canyon Creek), 2701 Custer Parkway, Richardson, TX 75080. Attire is Black Tie. The evening includes entertainment and Buffet Dinner. Tickets are only \$45.
For more information, call 972-381-5044, Box 5.
NAACP Garland Branch
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Dallas Native Surel Scores Big With Sophomore Album "For My Good"

Twenty-four year old Dallas native Surel was the youngest daughter of a Christian family and spent her whole life involved in the church. She began singing at age three and was leading the church band by her teenage years.

With her debut album, "For My Good", Surel shows that she has matured into an emerging gospel force.

As a high schooler at DeSoto High School she began writing songs, and continued while attending the University of Houston as a communications and psychology major. After graduation, she continued her education at the University of Texas at Arlington, where she

earned her B.A. in speech communication and psychology. This course of study offered her new insights into human thought and behavior, and how to connect with the heart. Surel performed as a member of the Rance Allen Group before going out on her own as a solo performer.

Her strong Gospel voice and her physical beauty made her a noticeable newcomer, and her 2003 debut EP Window to My Soul turned quite a few heads. She continued to develop her craft and in May 2006 released her debut full album, "For My Good."

For My Good is a solid combination of Gospel messages and a modern grooves on a surprising-

ly strong batch of compositions. So quality dance tracks like "You



Can't Have It" are offset by the

beautiful ballads "My Vow To You" and "Saying Goodbye" and modern Gospel cuts like "What Is Man?" Just as enjoyable are a number of Neo-Soul cuts, the best of which are the title cut and "Beyond My Faults." And for those who stick around to the end there is a special surprise, as Tonex joins Surel for "Daddy's Little Girl," a danceable updating of the Temptations' "Papa Was A Rolling Stone."

With For My Good, Surel has jumped onto the Gospel and R&B scene as a singer/songwriter who appears to have the whole package. She's an artist to watch and, at age 24, has the potential to be a major artist in the years to come.

Friendship-West To Host Singles Unplugged Featuring Talk Show Aired Live On Streaming Faith

The Singles Community at Friendship-West Baptist Church is pleased to announce Singles Unplugged on Friday, February 9th at 7pm. The theme is, "Grown Folks Business", and all single men and women are invited to be a part of the audience. The talk show will address such issues as Sex, Cohabitation, and Adultery, so if you've ever been told to "keep out of grown folks business", you won't hear that tonight.

Singles Unplugged is the spiritual and social connection that empowers all who come through the Word, music, poetry, encouraging words, laughter, and opportunities to meet new people in a welcoming,

energetic atmosphere. The evening's activities will include



the airing of the live talk show and "The After Show", which

will include a special Valentine's Dance.

"The objective for Singles Unplugged is to be the source that single men and women come to as an alternative to clubs, bars, & non-Christian environments," said Tandra Johnson, Community Leader. "Singles are diverse and progressive, so we've designed a venue not only for men and women to make a connection spiritually and socially, but we're excited about the platform we've created for local rappers, singers, bands, musicians, comedians, and poets to showcase their talent."

Singles Unplugged takes place on 2nd Fridays from 7pm-11pm at Friendship-West Baptist Church. "Every month we will

provide exciting opportunities for singles to make a connection, to be edified and encouraged, and to experience community in a comfortable, entertaining environment," said Johnson. The event is free, open to the public, and childcare is available for single parents who attend.

For more information about this event or to send in your demo tape or CD call (972) 228-7233 or email

singles@friendshipwest.org. The Pathfinders Singles Community is committed to helping Singles who are single by choice or circumstance to develop into mature Christ followers through evangelization, edification, and socialization in the Church and the community.

"Testimonies of Faith" DVD Now Available At Wal-Mart



Wendy Wheaton
"Testimonies of Faith": Humble Journeys," a DVD

Clark Sisters Finale Concert DVD Recording Announced

The Gospel Music Channel & EMI Gospel announced yesterday they will produce the final live performance by one of the top female Gospel groups of all-time - the legendary Clark Sisters on February 28.

The farewell concert, to be an intimate show with family, friends and fans, will take place at W274 in Franklin, TN. The exclusive world premiere of the show will be presented on Gospel Music Channel on April 10.

The well-known Clark Sisters - Jacky, Twinkie, Dorinda and Karen - are widely recognized for their inimitable vocal signature "Clark Sisters Sound." They have been one of the top Gospel groups in the United States for years. The sisters have continued to expand the legacy begun by

from nationally syndicated celebrity correspondent and host Wendy Wheaton about celebrities and their individual roads to Christianity, will be available beginning Feb. 6th exclusively at Wal-Mart. The documentary features Vivica A. Fox, Al Jarreau, Michael Clarke Duncan, Della Reese, Deniece Williams, Teddy Pendergrass and more.

"It's a God inspired blessing to see this DVD come to fruition,"

their mother, Dr. Mattie Moss Clark. The immensely talented Detroit natives fashioned a suc-



cessful livelihood with eight highly successful albums, including 1979's He Gave Me Nothing To Lose, 1980's Is My Living In Vain, 1981's You Brought The Sunshine, 1982's Sincerely, 1986's Heart and Soul, 1988's Conqueror 1898's Bringing It Back Home, and 1994's Miracle.

Wheaton says, "I am moved and appreciate that these celebrities have invited me into their homes to share and reflect on their spirituality and paths to faith." Each

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