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People In The News



DeMetris Sampson, managing partner of the Dallas office of Linberger Goggin Blair & Sampson, LLP and a well-known civic leader, has been selected by The University of Texas School of Law for induction into the Honorary Order of the Coif. Ms. Sampson is a 1980 graduate of UT Law School. She received her undergraduate degree from The University of Texas at Austin, and the Master of Laws from SMU Law School.

Order of the Coif is the oldest Common Law honor society, dating back at least to the Twelfth Century in England. Honorary membership is granted to a lawyer whose achievements bring honor to the legal profession.

In addition to her law practice, where she was the first African American woman in Dallas to become a partner in a majority firm, Ms. Sampson serves on the board of the Greater Dallas Chamber of Commerce and on the Charter Review Commission for the City of Dallas.

Ms. Sampson's past service includes appointment to the Dallas Area Rapid Transit Board, chair of the Task Force on Liquor-Related Businesses Near Schools, and chair of the Political Congress of African American Women.

Former U.S. attorney and popular New York City Mayor Rudy Giuliani is coming to Dallas Tuesday, Mar. 20, as part of a local fundraiser hosted by the Rudy W. Giuliani Presidential Exploratory Committee. Open to the public, the event will be held outdoors in Dallas' American Airlines Center Plaza.

Elected for two terms beginning in 1993, Mayor Giuliani cut the overall crime rate by 57% and the murder rate by nearly 70%. New York City - once considered the crime capital of the country - was recognized by the F.B.I. as the safest large city in America. He gained international notoriety and admiration after leading New York City through the terrorism attacks of September 11, 2001. For his efforts, he was knighted by the Queen of England and named Person of the Year by Time magazine.

The event will feature live entertainment. Giuliani is expected to speak for approximately 20-30 minutes. For information or to purchase advance tickets, please call 214-871-3029 or send an email to info@rudygiulianidallas.com by Friday, March 16. Reservations will be held at the door. Tickets may also be purchased at the door the day of the event.



A. K. Mago was recently sworn in as the new Chairman of Board of the Urban League of Greater Dallas at the Urban League Annual Meeting Luncheon.

Mago, a longtime member of the Urban League Board, is Chairman & CEO of Mago and Associates Inc., a Dallas based business and investment consulting company. He holds a MBA degree from the University of Texas at Dallas and is involved in numerous community and civic organizations. He is Chairman of the Indo-American Political Forum; member of the Salvation Army Advisory Board of Dallas County; Southern Methodist University Advisory Board of Asian Studies; Dallas Breakfast Group and the Dallas County Community College District Foundation Board. He is also a long-time member of the Urban League Board of Directors.

"Mago brings a broad portfolio of expertise in public policy issues including commerce, trade, transportation, community relations and education to this new position," said Dr. Beverly Mitchell Brooks, President and CEO "and we look forward to his leadership as the League continues to grow and fulfill its mission to move individuals and families to self sufficiency."

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Patient Conyers Hopes To Move Slavery Bill During An Obama Administration

By: Bob Cusack

After waiting nearly two decades, Rep. John Conyers Jr. (D-Mich.) is well positioned to move legislation that could lead the federal government to apologize for slavery and pay reparations.

But the Judiciary Committee chairman is willing to wait two more years, when he hopes Sen. Barack Obama (D-Ill.) will be in the White House.

In every Congress since 1989, Conyers has introduced the controversial measure that falls under the sole jurisdiction of the Judiciary panel. But the legislation was dormant in the Republican-led House and failed to move through committee when then-Rep. Jack Brooks (D-Texas) headed the Judiciary Committee before the GOP revolution of 1994.

Despite having finally arrived at the head of the powerful committee, the 77-year-old Conyers is prepared to wait yet longer and is biding his time.

Conyers noted that his bill calls for the president to appoint three members to a seven-



member commission to analyze the effects of slavery. The House Speaker would make three appointments, while the president pro tempore of the Senate would tap one member.

Even if he had the votes to make his bill law - a big if - Conyers does not want

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Reception For Dr. Robert E. Price, Sr.



The Honorable Pete Sessions and Dr. Robert E. Price

It was truly a "Special Evening" in admiration and respect for Dr. Robert E. Price, Sr., Senior Pastor at New Mount Zion Baptist Church of Dallas (NMZ), in recognition of the United States Postal Building being renamed in his honor.

Family members, NMZ Deacons, Ministers, Lay members, Pastors of other churches and personal friends, gathered at the Fairmont

Hotel, Downtown Dallas. The "Invitation Only" elegant affair featured Mr. Jess Hay, CEO of Lomas-Nettleton and a long-time personal friend of Dr. Price, as the "Special Guest Speaker". The event was Co-Hosted by The Honorable Congressman Pete Sessions and The Honorable Gary Griffith, Dallas City Councilman.

Others speaking included: The Living Legend Mr. William Blair, Founder and Senior Publisher of the Elite News, and The Honorable Gary Griffith, Dallas Councilman. Ms. Nicole Barrett was the Mistress of Ceremony.

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Congresswoman Johnson Offers Congratulations To HUD Grant Winners In District 30

Congresswoman Eddie Bernice Johnson announced today the recipients of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) Continuum of Care Homeless Assistance grant awards for the Thirtieth Congressional district as well as the Greater Metroplex area.

Continuum of Care funds are awarded to local providers to support a broad spectrum of services, including transitional housing, permanent housing, parenting assistance, and substance abuse treatment. The funds are awarded competitively by HUD each year. This year's Continuum of Care Homeless awards included nearly \$1.4 billion for 5,300 service providers nationwide.

"Service providers for the homeless can literally mean the difference between life and death for the hundreds of Dallas families that find themselves without shelter each year," Congresswoman Johnson said. "I congratulate the winners for successfully competing for this funding so that they can continue their important work."

The grant winners in the Thirtieth Congressional District include:

- Dallas Metrocare Services: \$271,702
- PWA Coalition of Dallas & AIDS Services of Dallas: \$574,390
- Housing Crisis Center: \$188,007



- Housing Crisis Center: \$182,252
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- Shared Housing Center: \$90,510
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- Interfaith Housing Coalition: \$697,772
- Community Council of

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Plano Hosts Inagural Fiesta Latinoamericana! Latin American Fiesta! In Plano On March 17

DFW International Community Alliance will present first annual Fiesta Latinoamericana! Latin American Fiesta! on Saturday, March 17 at 7 p.m. at the St. Andrew United Methodist Church, 5801 W. Plano Parkway (just east of the Tollway) in Plano. Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased in advance from the DFW International website at www.dfwinternational.org/festival/Fiesta. Sponsored by the City of Plano, the Fiesta presents Latin American dance, poetry, and live music - food for the soul with a Latin American flavor.

For the first time in North Texas, the rhythms of FIVE Latino cultures resound. Through dance, drums, live



music, and theater Fiesta Latinoamericana! presents the powerful voices of poets Garcia Lorca (Spain), Novelist Pablo Neruda (Chile), gaucho Martin Fierro (Argentina), Indian king Nezahualcoyotl (Mexico), and, Afro-Latino Nicolas Guillen (Cuba).

Garcia Katzner, Dallas/Fort Worth Centro Argentino Board of Directors and President of

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Black Seniors Need To Utilize Medicare Plans For A Healthier Pocketbook



By: Sean C. Wright
Special Contributor to Mon-The Gazette

Sons and daughters can help their parents live more comfortably in their golden years by merely guiding them through the Medicare choices and ensuring they enroll by the deadlines. This simple action will save them money and provide seniors and their loved ones with peace of mind.

A 2005 census report stated

nearly 25% of Blacks are living in poverty with an annual income of \$9800. The vast majority of the underprivileged are those aged 65 and over who cannot afford medication, eyeglasses, hearing aids and dentures. The numbers are alarming, and its equally shameful the

Black community is unaware there are resources available through the Medicare program for assistance in these areas.

Medicare Advantage Plans and Medicare Part D Medicare Advantage plans are health plan options that are part of the Medicare program. When people join these plans, they generally get all Medicare-covered health care through

Black Seniors Medicare Page 6

180th Year Black Press Vows To Keep Pleading The Cause Of Katrina Victims

By: Hazel Trice Edney - NNPA Washington Correspondent One-hundred and eighty years after the founding of America's first Black newspaper, Freedom's Journal, Black newspapers around the nation continue to carry the torch and plead the cause of the afflicted, including the thousands of victims of Hurricane Katrina, whose lives are still reeling from the storm.

"It is really important that we keep that focus on the devastation in New Orleans and the devastation to families. It cannot be said enough how the suffering was really reminiscent of what days of slavery must have meant and what



New Orleans Mayor Ray Nagin happened to the families that were displaced. Children were separated from parents.

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Dallas Chapter Of The Continental Societies, Inc., - Hosts Annual "Naw'lines Jam" Mardi Gras



Dallas Continentals, Dallas Chapter Group Members.



King and Queen - Dallas District Attorney Craig & Mrs. Watkins.



President, Gloria H. Lett and President Elect Marsha Gadsden.

On Saturday, March 10 at the Park Lane Ranch, the Dallas Chapter of the Continental Societies, Inc., hosted the organization's annual fund-raiser Mardi Gras Event "Naw'lines Jam".

The Honorary Chair was Dr. Wright L. Lassiter, Jr., Chancellor of the Dallas County

Community College District and the Celebrity King and Queen for the event was Dallas County District Attorney and Mrs. Craig Watkins.

Proceeds from the event will benefit Continental Societies scholarships and children's projects.

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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 extremely rare viewing of "Beulah" a television program from the 1950's. For more info call Tom Keener at 214-509-4911.

The Collin County Chapter of the American Business Women's Association meets the fourth Tuesday of the month at Eldorado Country Club, 2604 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 972-473-9089.

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

"EVOLVE," a social networking opportunity for women, meets from 7:30 to 9 p.m. the second and fourth Wednesday of the month at the northwest corner of Park Boulevard and Court 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 LaSalle 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.

Kumasa 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-Ankh Raza at 214-298-8858.

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. 214-922-1200, publicprograms@DAMuseumofArt.org.

Dallas Baptist University-North Leadership Empowerment Luncheon Series is from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. the first Wednesday of the month at Dallas Baptist University-North, 3211 Internet Blvd., Suite 100. For more info, call 214-333-5777 or e-mail dbunorth@dbu.edu.

The Yundrae Show taped live every Tuesday @ The Historical Rose Marine Theatre, 1440 N. Main St. Fort Worth. Doors open at 7:00pm. Tickets are \$10 pre-sale online www.TheYundraeShow.com, \$877-840-0457. Tickets are \$20 at the door.

March 16, 2007
4th Annual Weekend Festival of Black Dance "Rhythm And Soul Of A People" at Pulse Auction Naomi Bruton main stage at 8:00 p.m. For more info, call 214-743-2440 or contact Monica Ellington at

monica@cmwfinancial.com or call 972-831-8866.

March 16, 2007

National Association of Deafness and Speech Arts (NADSA) Conference. Students compete in various theatrical competitions critiqued by industry professionals. Speech and Drama programs are encouraged to also attend the conference. Black Academy of Arts and Letters, 650 S. Griffin St, 6 pm - 10 pm, 214-743-2442

Black Women Film Festival: The Healing Passage: Voices from the Water South Dallas Cultural Center, 3400 S. Fitzhugh Ave. Black Cinematheque 8 pm, 214-426-1683

Jazz Jammin' at the Center The best straight-ahead jazz jam in North Texas featuring Shelley Carroll on saxophone, Alan Green on drums, Jonathan Fisher on Bass and special guest pianist, South Side on Lamar 1409 S. Lamar St Loft 001 Midnight - 3 am FREE, 214-670-0315

March 17, 2007

Roundtable Writer's Breakfast with award winning playwright P.J. Gibson from 10:00 a.m. to noon. Event will be held at the Black Academy of Arts & Letters in room T203.

Public Enemy w/ X-Clan, The BoNed & Heat Mob 8:00 PM, Gypsy Tea Room, 2548 Elm St (Deep Ellum) Dallas, 214-747-9664

Dallas Wellness Lifestyle Expo a two day event at Plano Center, 2000 E. Spring Creek Pkwy, Plano. 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. For more info, call Adjunct Expos at 972-504-6358 or visit www.dallaswellnessexpo.com.

March 18, 2007

Dallas Black Dance Theatre's Spring Celebration Series Majestic Theatre, 1925 Elm Street in Dallas, 7:30 pm, 214-871-2376

March 19, 2007

North Texas Jazz Festival (March 29-31) Intercontinental Hotel, 15201 Dallas Parkway in Town of Addison and the University of North Texas Department of Jazz Studies, www.addisontexas.net

March 20, 2007

Hotel Rwanda: The Man Behind the Movie - Come and listen to Paul Rusesabagina, Rwanda's Genocide Survivor and inspiration for the film Hotel Rwanda, Black Academy of Arts and Letters, 650 S. Griffin St KERA, Black Academy of Arts and Letters and the World Affairs Council Dallas/Fort Worth 11:30, 214-965-8400

"My Sweet Potato Pie" runs through Sunday, 25th. Naomi Bruton Main Stage. For more info, call 214-743-2400.

March 21, 2007

Disney on Ice Princess Wishes thru Sunday, March 25th, at American Airlines Center, 2500 Victory Avenue, Dallas. For more info, call 214-373-8000.

March 22, 2007

10 Home Buying Secrets Everyone Ought To Know Orientation to Home Ownership, 8435 N. Stemmons Fwy, HomeFree USA 6:30pm to 8pm Jeusur@homefreeusa.org 214-905-4900

March 23, 2007

The Isley Brothers at 8:00 p.m. at The Nokia. To purchase tickets, contact Ticketmaster online at Ticketmaster.com or by phone at 214-373-8000, metro 972-647-5700. Tickets are also available at all Ticketmaster outlets.

Black Women Film Festival: Turning A Corner: Women in the Sex Trade, Kenya: Where Women Rule South Dallas Cultural Center, 3400 S. Fitzhugh

Black Cinematheque 8 pm, 214-

426-1683

Heart of Texas Arts and Crafts Show at Plano Center 2000 E. Spring Creek Parkway, Plano from 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and Saturday, March 24th, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Sunday, March 25th, from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. For more info, call Earline Walters at 903-217-8081 or visit www.heartoftexasshow.com.

March 24, 2007

Jazz Innovators: From Bebop, to Hard Bop, to Cool, Film and discussion sessions, led by outstanding local jazz scholar, Dr. John Murphy of UNT.

Central Library's Fine Arts Division, 4th floor, 1515 Young Street

Dallas Public Library & Music Library and the Division of Jazz Studies 2:30 pm FREE, 214-670-1671

2007 Meatout Festival, a free educational and health screening event featuring speakers, food sampling, and exhibits related to the vegetarian lifestyle, at the Center for Community Cooperation, 2900 Live Oak Street, from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. For more info, call 214-331-2812 or 972-578-0370 or visit www.bvstx.org.

5 Men On A Stool Concert at 3:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. A blend of contemporary R & B, Jazz and Spoken Word held at the Clarence Muse Café Theatre.

March 26, 2007

Town Hall Meeting on AVID College Readiness Program The Plano ISD Board of Trustees will host a town hall meeting from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. on Monday, March 26, at Williams High School, 1717 17th Street, Plano 75074. Superintendent of Schools Dr. Doug Otto and his leadership team will present information about the AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination) Program, one of the district's initiatives related to college- and career-preparatory programs pre-k through grade 12.

March 27, 2007
Retaining Your Workforce for Future Growth from 8:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. For more info, call the Plano Economic Development Board at 972-208-8300.

"Meet Your Candidates"

Town Hall Meeting and Political Forum 6:50 p.m. at the Women's Activity Center, 713 Austin Street, Garland. For more info, call 972-381-5044.

March 29, 2007

Citizen of the Year Awards Dinner at 6:00 p.m. at the Marriott Dallas/Plano Legacy Town Center. Speaker: Gary Kelly, Vice Chairman and CEO, Southwest Airlines. For more info, call 972-424-7547.

March 31

The Methodist Health System Diabetes Self-Management Education Program will host a free diabetes technology fair to share information on the latest technologies for people with diabetes. The technology fair is open to the public, and will feature vendors for all of the latest products used to manage and treat diabetes. The diabetes technology fair will be held in the Hitt auditorium of Methodist Dallas Medical Center from 1 to 3 p.m., 214-947-7289.

April 13

The Dallas Black Chamber of Commerce invites you to attend the Tenth Annual Excellence in Education Scholarship Luncheon Recognizing Outstanding Performance in Education.

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Paul Hailey

I thought my column for this week was all set.

I was going to write about the sadness, embarrassment and compassion I've felt the past couple of weeks for everyone involved in the recent story out of Watauga involving black teenagers and toddlers. I figure you've probably pushed it out of your mind by now, just like a quirky message in your email inbox: you read it, raised your eyebrows and discarded it from your memory before it did damage to your hard drive. I know that's what I tried to do.

For those of you who missed it, (which was kind of difficult given the national attention the story has received), the first storm got started when Watauga police found a videotape showing two teenagers teaching a 2-year-old and a 5-year-old how to smoke marijuana.

I was ready to write about how in the video, one of the teenagers can be seen placing a marijuana cigar into a baby's mouth, and later, a different child is shown smoking on his own. The teens, laughing on the videotape as they offer the pot to the children, call the young boys "pot-heads." I was going to write about how the teenagers were so brazen and irresponsible that they made jokes about the children having the "munchies."

I was prepared to write and comment on the remarks of Bruce Ure, director of public safety for the Watauga Police Department. Mr. Ure said, "I have never seen anything like this quite so disturbing. Our children count on us to protect them; these individuals did everything but protect these children."

Just When You Think You're Finished...

My words were going to include the fact that Mr. Ure said this is not the first time the children had been given marijuana.

"You can see that the 2-year-old, he's inhaling," he said.

I also was going to write about the comments of 17-year-old Demetris McCoy, the unemployed uncle of the two children who has been charged with injury to a child after police viewed the videotape. I was prepared to tell you how the cavalier tone of his comments made me want to light myself on fire.

"They wasn't even high," Mr. McCoy said. "They didn't even inhale it right. Some people give their kids alcohol, let them smoke ice, methamphetamine. Weed ain't going to kill them," he said.

But wait, there's more. Mr. McCoy verbally punched me in the kidney with his next comment. He thinks the media is blowing the whole thing out of proportion. "Nine times out of 10, kids are going to smoke. Kids are going to smoke," he said. "It was going to eventually happen."

I actually couldn't even think of anything clever to write in response to McCoy's statements.

I was going to write how foul it was that Demetris McCoy and his 18-year-old friend Vanswan Polty allowed the children to smoke weed while the mother (Mr. McCoy's 21 year old sister), slept in a bedroom. How, for their ridiculous efforts, McCoy and Polty could both receive up to 10 years in prison and be fined \$10,000.

I was going to write all of these things, drop a quarter in my slot, get up on my soapbox and scream. I was going to tell you how it is a travesty for all of us that a young black man feels his nephews fate has already been sealed, that "it was going to eventually happen." I wanted to write about

how his statements are an indictment of the America we now live in.

But I didn't write those words, I couldn't. I couldn't write those words because while talking about this with people, I realized something that disgusted me almost as much as the story itself.

We don't care.

Too many of us don't really care about this story or what it says about the state of black youth, young black mothers or black people in our country. Like everything else in today's world, we hear about it and then instantly discard it. We surmise: "those are just some ignorant black folks in a small town-CPS took custody of the kids, the teenagers are probably going to jail, this is just an isolated incident." We tell each other that it's not our family or our children and that we don't know anyone who would do such a thing. We distance ourselves from the story and comment about how "idiots come in all colors, these just happened to be black." We simply don't care about this story or its roots causes. We think it doesn't affect us.

Wrong.

We need to care. We need to care about the deeper issues beyond the headlines and the videos associated with this story. We need to do the hardest thing that an individual or group can ever do. We need to take a long, hard, collective look at ourselves. We need to look in the mirror and try to figure out what is wrong. We need ethnic self-examination. Only then will we be able to even start to figure out how WE produced attitudes like Demetris McCoy's.

We can't possibly think we are finished with our problems as a people, that we have finally arrived. We haven't even started.

Paul Hailey can be reached at phalley@MonTheGazette.com

Bruce Gordon And The NAACP: Mismatch

By: Ron Walters - NNPA Columnist

Quite frankly, I have been surprised by those who lament the resignation of Bruce Gordon, head of the NAACP for the last 19 months, feeling that it signals that the organization refuses to go into the 21st century by adopting a corporate style of management and a matching set of goals.

Meanwhile, what happens to the thousands of people calling, not only the national NAACP office, but local offices around the nation to intervene in situations of racism and injustice to bring about some fair resolution to their problems?

Early on, I was critical of the selection of Bruce Gordon, a retired Verizon executive, by the Board of Directors of the NAACP to be the head of the organization because of my assessment of that act as a professional student of black leadership.

The surprise selection was explained by Julian Bond, chair of the Board, which expected that he would bring both management expertise as well as fundraising to the organization. We now know that Gordon also felt the mismatch of cultures and tried to quit as early as six weeks after he was chosen, but Bond prevailed upon him to stay for nearly one year and a half thereafter. This created a false impression, accepted by myself but many others who saw his leadership close up, that he had successfully settled into the NAACP culture.

The substance of the mismatch, as Gordon explained it, had two dimensions. The first was leadership style. His career as a corporate executive fostered a leadership style of hierarchical control of the organization's many parts and a management style that placed great weight on

the authority of his personal decision-making.

Community organizations, however, especially large ones like the NAACP, work best when there is broad representation and a democratic style of governance. Thus, the 64 member Board of Directors, layers of bureaucracy and program chaos, are typical of most organizations where people are the stuff of the product, volunteers are essentially the force behind dealing with their issues and the organization's national staff has to manage it all.

So, Gordon felt that he was essentially an executive secretary to the Board, not the CEO. Then, Gordon came to understand that his view that the organization should concentrate more on services was not supported by the Board which wanted to remain focused on social justice work. This is ironic because my observation of the organization's programming at the end of Rev. Ben Hooks' administration was that it had taken on too many service projects, and therefore, looked more like the National Urban League - a fine service organization - than the NAACP.

For example, the Bank of America contracted with the NAACP to train people to access its services, at the same time it was involved in sub-prime lending that penalized Blacks. To his credit, when Julian Bond became chair of the

Board, the direction of social justice work was re-emphasized through his own aggressive style of leadership. So, the return to an emphasis on service - training contracts with banks to promote financial literacy, contracts with the federal government to push all manner of health and welfare programs and education - although critical, can be done effectively by a variety of other social organizations.

I accept Gordon's view that the

NAACP should do both advocacy work and

service and balance them accordingly. That is inevitable. But my formula would be something like 25 percent service, 75 percent social justice. Otherwise, to do both equally would challenge the character of the organization by distorting the expenditure of resources on its basic mission.

Most important, I accept his view that the organization needs administrative streamlining beyond the creation of an executive committee of the board of directors, but it should retain the principles of democratic governance and participation. The unique mission of civil rights organizations in America arose in response to the mass injustices experienced by Black Americans and unless those experiences have vanished, by what logic does the organization now essentially turn inward and abdicate the field of battle for resources, public policy and dignity. Many people agree with Gordon that the focus of social justice should now be centered on economic rights.

But, a service orientation could put the organization in bed with the very people one wants to pressure to do the right thing. We need to keep the pressure on regardless of who gets embarrassed, especially now, one of the most conservative eras in American history.

Dr. Ron Walters is the Distinguished Leadership Scholar, Director of the African-American Leadership Institute and Professor of Government and Politics at the University of Maryland College Park. His latest books are: *White Nationalism, Black Interests* (Wayne State U. Press); and *Freedom Is Not Enough* (Rowman and Littlefield Publishers).

There Is An "I" In "We," But It's Silent.

By: James Clingman - NNPA Columnist

In the Northern states, we are not slaves to individuals, not personal slaves, yet in many ways we are slaves of the community...It is more than a figure of speech to say that we are a people chained together. We are one people - one in general complexion type, one in degradation, one in popular estimation. As one rises, all must rise, and as one falls all must fall. Having now, our feet on the rock of freedom, we must drag our brethren from the slimy depths of slavery, ignorance, and ruin. Every one of us should be ashamed to consider himself free, while his brother is a slave." Frederick Douglass

One conclusion I have drawn from working in the collective economic empowerment vineyard for years is that "We" fail because "I" gets in the way. Black folks adhere the statement, "I am because we are, and because we are, therefore, I am." Oh, that we would live that statement rather than merely recite it. Frederick Douglass and other ancestors knew they were all in this thing together, and that no Black man or woman would rise without the rest of us rising. Have we come so far since his time that we no longer believe in the collective? Have we achieved so much and risen so high as individuals that we have lost sight of our brothers and sisters?

Considering that we are into words these days, I thought it appropriate to offer a change in how we perceive the word "We." Each of us should adopt the thought that there is an "I" in "We" and realize, as our forefathers and mothers did, no matter the level of anyone's individual success, he or she is still included in the "We." That way we can eliminate much of the ego that tends to separate us from one another.

The "I," when it stands alone, is dangerous. It is rife with self-

aggrandizement, self-delusion, vulnerability, and sometimes self-destruction due to its tendency to make one think his or her success was obtained without the help of anyone else. But add the "I" to the word "We" and watch what happens. The "I" is still successful, and it uplifts the "We" by its individual success.

The "We" is strong. It overflows with self-reliance, self-determination, love, trust, respect, and cooperation. The collective aspects of success, whether one person attains it or everyone in the group attains it, fills the "We" with pride and the "I" with strength to do even more. Thus, I would assert to you that there is an "I" in the word, "We" - it's just silent.

The "I" is silent, not in the sense that it never speaks out or never does anything for itself as an individual, but rather it appreciates and respects the "We" so much that it is willing to make individual sacrifices to uplift the "We". Just as Frederick Douglass said, "As one rises, all must rise..." He understood his obligation to his people and acted upon it, irrespective of the fact that he had attained tremendous success and was "accepted" in social and political circles in which his brothers and sisters were rejected. Jackie Robinson said, "We might make it as individuals, but I think we have to be concerned about the masses of [Black] people." Both men understood the inside-outside game quite well.

While Douglass was unwilling to do what Harriet Tubman and John Brown did, he knew Black people needed a spokesperson, a protest organ, and he was not afraid to tell it like it was and speak truth to power, as he did in his famous July 4th speech: "What is it to me?" he asked. Although Douglass was an "inside" man he heaped praise on outsider, Harriet Tubman, and supported her efforts to free our enslaved ancestors.

He acknowledged Harriet's strength in a written tribute to

her: "Most that I have done and suffered in the service of our cause has been in public, and I have received much encouragement at every step of the way. You on the other hand have labored in a private way. I have wrought in the day - you in the night. I have had the applause of the crowd and the satisfaction of being approved by the multitude, while the most that you have done has been witnessed by a few trembling, scarred, foot-sore bondmen and women, whom you have led out of the house of bondage."

The inside-outside strategy worked well for those two stalwarts and with many other historical figures. What about us today? Are those on the inside so comfortable, and do they think they are not vulnerable to the same treatment the outsiders are receiving? Are the outsiders so envious of the "success" of the insiders that they spend their waking hours trying to bring the insiders down?

If we understood that there is, indeed, an "I" in "We" the battles Black people are fighting in this country would have been won a long time ago. Other groups practice the "I" in "We" strategy, even to the point that now we have so-called Indians expelling Blacks from their tribe, Blacks who have every claim to the rights and privileges of that tribe, privileges like tax abatement, land, reparations, etc. If Indians are now "dissin" us, we are really at the end of our rope in this country. They used to be on the bottom but have now parlayed a collective strategy into golf courses, casinos, and hotel ownership.

Group ego beats individual ego any day. Black people must begin to look at our group with the understanding that there is an "I" in "We" but it is a small "I" - and it's silent. To remind us, when referring to Black people, maybe we should spell it "Wie."

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Report: TXU Manipulated Power Market

By: Jaime S. Jordan, Dallas Business Journal

TXU Corp. made \$19.6 million in profit in 2005 by manipulating wholesale power prices, according to an independent study commissioned by state regulators.

The Public Utility Commission of Texas and the Independent Market Monitor, a firm hired by the commission, launched an investigation into Dallas-based TXU's wholesale market pricing activities following a state of the market report released in September by Potomac Economics Ltd. that showed that TXU (NYSE:TXU) had a larger share of unutilized eco-

nomic capacity than the other suppliers in 2005.

TXU spokeswoman Kim Morgan said the utility company received a copy of the IMM report Monday and was reviewing it.

"We are obviously disappointed in the findings ... We have thoroughly reviewed our conduct during the referenced time period, and believe it is consistent with the Commission's rule and policies," Morgan said.

The IMM investigation found that TXU's bidding behavior during the peak usage hours in the summer of 2005 inflated energy prices by 15.5 percent on average, increasing costs to customers by about \$70 million

more.

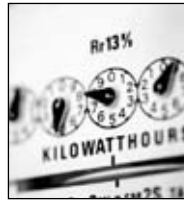
The power company made \$19.6 million more in profit during the study period than it would have made had it bid in a competitive manner.

According to the report, TXU was a responsible for 554 of the 657 price spikes between June through September 2005.

Public Utility Commission of Texas spokesman Terry Hadley said the PUC staff would review the report to determine if the PUC needs to levy penalties.

TXU can request a hearing before the State Office of Administrative Hearings to contest any violations or penalties.

"We are eager and open to discussing this matter further with



commission staff," Morgan said.

TXU, last month, agreed to be bought in a \$45 billion deal by a group led by Fort Worth-based Texas Pacific Group and New York-based Kohlberg Kravis Roberts & Co.

Web site: www.txu.com

Tax Refund For Using The Telephone

As you prepare to file your federal income taxes this year, be sure to see if you can claim a one-time tax refund for previously collected federal excise taxes on long-distance or bundled phone service. This refund is due because of a federal court decision that successfully challenged these excise taxes on long-distance calls, as well as taxes on plans that do not differentiate between long-distance and local calls. The refund is available to individuals, businesses, and nonprofit organizations that paid such taxes on landline, wireless, or Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP) phone

services. The IRS will refund the taxes paid on long-distance or bundled services for the period after February 28, 2003 and before August 1, 2006. There are two ways to request this refund:

• Individuals can base their refund requests on the actual amount of tax paid by filling out Form 8913, Credit for Federal Telephone Excise Tax Paid, and attaching it to your regular 2006 income tax returns. Of course, this means you would have to review 41 months of phone bills to figure out what you

actually paid.

• If you don't want to dig up old phone bills, the government has created a standard refund



amount you can claim, ranging from between \$30 and \$60, depending on the number of

exemptions you claim. You won't need a separate form; you will only need to fill out one additional line on your tax returns.

If you don't need to file a return, you can still claim the refund by attaching a Form 8913 to Form 1040EZ-T. By the way, don't believe people who try to convince you that the IRS will refund your entire phone bill. The refund is one-time only, and just for this specific excise tax on long-distance services.

For more information, including how businesses, nonprofits, and people who don't file income taxes can claim a telephone tax refund, go to www.irs.gov.

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Grandparents were left alone to die and so much heartbreak," says Dorothy Leavell, chair of the National Newspaper Publishers Association Foundation. "But, more than that, after the storm had subsided and people began to come back, many of our people didn't come back, couldn't come back. And we need to make sure that those who want to come back are afforded the opportunity to come. This government has the responsibility to make sure that their lives are made whole again. And without having the infrastructure to make sure that this happens, we should all be outraged."

According to Black Press historian Clint Wilson, a Howard University professor of journalism and communications, the nation's first Black newspaper, Freedom's Journal, was founded on March 16, 1827, when "a group of prominent free African-American citizens from states along the Eastern seaboard met in the New York

City home of Bostin Crummell to discuss means to communicate their views on the various social, political and economic issues that commonly confronted them and their respective communities.

"Although Black citizens utilized the church and social and fraternal organizations as a means of collective expression and dialogue, the usual channels of public media - particularly newspapers - were denied to them," Wilson writes in a special citation for NNPA's 180th Anniversary Commemorative Calendar. "Two attendees at the meeting, the Rev. Samuel Cornish and John B. Russwurm, became the paper's editors. Although well-intentioned White citizens sometimes defended the honor of African-Americans in public forums, the editors of Freedom's Journal proclaimed in the first issue, 'Too long have others spoken for us...We wish to plead our own cause.'"

That "cause" continues, says Leavell. Calling attention to the pain that continues in New Orleans

and among its predominantly Black former residents around the nation, NNPA chose the city's Mayor Ray Nagin as the 2007 recipient of its annual Newsmaker of the Year Award, to be given this week during the Newsmaker of the Year Awards Dinner, the glitzy staple event of the annual Black Press Week.

Nagin was among a string of high profile African-Americans considered for the award this year, but Leavell says highlighting him was key to sensitizing and mobilizing people around the nation, many of whom have become complacent after being given the impression that New Orleans is almost back to normal.

National Urban League President and Chief Executive Marc Morial, former mayor of New Orleans said at an NUL reception to honor NNPA, "The fact that the Black Press has been there as a beacon of truth and a beacon of hope, even today when you watch CNN, when you read the Post, the Times and USA Today, the truth is that if you want it like it is and like you feel it, you open the pages of the Black Press."

Other major highlights of Black Press Week includes a Congressional proclamation honoring the Black Press, a series of issue-oriented meetings with members of the Congressional Black Caucus, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, and top officials of the Republican National Committee and the release of a 180th Anniversary commemorative calendar, also, at Howard University, an Enshrinement ceremony was set to induct two NNPA publishers into the Black Press Hall of Fame.

Meanwhile, says Leavell, in 2007 the future of the Black Press is as important as its history, especially the work to be done for New Orleans and other crucial issues across America.

She concludes, "We want to make sure that this issue is not just swept under the rug and forgotten about. We must keep this country focused on this and we must push the buttons to make things happen to improve their lives to assure they too will be able to live out the American dream."

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President Bush's appointees to have a role on such a panel.

The Michigan lawmaker, who has strongly backed Obama for president, said he has not called on the senator to endorse his measure. "I don't want to put him on the spot," Conyers told The Hill.

Obama's campaign did not respond to requests for information about the senator's position on the bill, H.R. 40. Yet Obama's stance could be extremely important as he and Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton (D-N.Y.) vigorously court the black vote and wrap themselves in the mantle of the civil rights movement.

Both front-runners visited Selma, Ala., this month to commemorate the sacrifices of black demonstrators who were assaulted crossing the Edmund Pettus Bridge in 1965.

The Clinton campaign also did not comment on the Conyers bill.

New Mexico Gov. Bill Richardson (D), another 2008 White House hopeful, supports the Conyers measure and a formal apology for slavery. In a statement, Richardson said, "Slavery is one of the most tragic periods of our great nation, and we

continue to struggle with the legacy of slavery."

Conyers's measure recently attracted the cosponsorship of civil rights leader Rep. John Lewis (D-Ga.).

Lewis said he believes the federal government should follow Virginia's recent lead and apologize for slavery, though he opposes reparations.

The Bush administration indicated opposition to Conyers's bill in 2001, when then-National Security Adviser Condoleezza Rice said living African-Americans should not be paid for the wrongs of slavery.

Conyers countered that reparations should not be dismissed prematurely, pointing out that trust funds have been established for Holocaust survivors, World War II-era internment victims and Native Americans.

The bill instructs the commission to review whether "any form of compensation to the descendants of African slaves is warranted." The legislation adds that if the commission approves such compensation, it should determine who should be eligible for the reparations. The commission would be appropriated \$8 million.

Most of the cosponsors of the measure are black, including Reps. Charles Rangel (D-N.Y.),

Bobby Rush (D-Ill.), Carolyn Kilpatrick (D-Mich.), and Del. Eleanor Holmes Norton (D-D.C.). White members who back it include Reps. Jerrold Nadler (D-N.Y.) and John Olver (D-Mass.).

Senior leadership lawmakers, including Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-Calif.), Majority Leader Steny Hoyer (D-Md.), and Majority Whip James Clyburn (D-S.C.), have never cosponsored H.R. 40.

Freshman Rep. Steve Cohen (D-Tenn.), a white member who replaced Rep. Harold Ford (D), recently introduced a bill that calls on the U.S. to apologize for slavery. The measure has 36 cosponsors, including Conyers.

Cohen said he was aware that

Conyers wants to wait on H.R. 40, but expressed optimism that the 110th Congress would move forward on his measure.

The number of the Conyers bill, H.R. 40, was chosen by Conyers as a symbol of the 40 acres and a mule that the U.S. initially promised freed slaves. Conyers said the Judiciary Committee will likely hold a hearing on H.R. 40 this fall.

Rep. Dennis Kucinich (D-Ohio) formally backs the Cohen bill, but is not a cosponsor of the Conyers measure. The presidential campaigns of Sens. Chris Dodd (D-Conn.) and Joseph Biden (D-Del.) and former Sens. John Edwards (D-N.C.) and Mike Gravel (D-Alaska) did not comment for this article.

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Eastfield College's Career Services Office co-sponsored and hosted its Spring Job Fair (in conjunction with Career Week) from on March 8. The event was free and open to students of Eastfield College and the general public. Sponsors included Eastfield College Career Services, Eastfield College Student Programs & Resources and the US Department of Education's Job Location and

Development Program. Special employer sponsors included Adecco, Annexus Personnel and Business Services, Blockbuster, Children's Medical Center, Dallas Plumbers & Pipefitters, Employment News, ICI Paints, Lennox International, Napa Auto Parts, The Southern Cross, UPS, U. S. Army Recruiting, Vector Marketing Corporation, Volt and Whataburger of Mesquite. The

job fair attracted 62 organizations' employers and more than 500 job seekers. The sponsors' registration fees were used to fund several Career Development Scholarships and to help offset the expense of the job fair. Winner of the scholarships, which must be used within one year at Eastfield College, are Chase McCullough, Mesquite; Deanna Sanchez, Garland; and Karen Wortham, Dallas.



Christy Harris (left) gets information on jobs with Head Start of Greater Dallas, Inc., from Cynthia Moore.



Eastfield student Charles Anderson (left) and Tina Lowry talk about employment opportunities at Annexus Personnel and Business Services.

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that plan. This coverage includes:

- Medicare Health Maintenance Organization (HMOs)
- Preferred Provider Organizations (PPO)
- Private Fee-for-Service Plans
- Medicare Special Needs Plans

Medicare Advantage Plan members use a health insurance card they get from the plan to receive care. In most of these plans, there are extra benefits and lower co-payments than in standard Medicare plans.

Available since early 2006, Medicare Part D -- which is sometimes called Section D or Part D -- is a prescription drug insurance program for those aged 65 and over and disabled persons. It is a voluntary, highly subsidized plan administered by private health insurance companies and is available in two forms: 1) A standalone Prescription Drug Plan (PDP) or 2) Integrated with existing medical coverage as a Medicare Advantage Prescription Drug plan (MAPD).

Plan pros and cons

These plans are quite helpful for notable reasons. For one, they have much broader coverage, and enrollees aren't

denied coverage for certain health conditions. Another advantage is beneficiaries are not limited to cookie cutter plans they actually choose which plan suits them best for their individual needs and health conditions. Perhaps one of the most attractive features of Medicare Advantage Plans or Medicare D is that the government gives assistance to impoverished people on the plan to help them pay monthly premiums and significantly lowers co-payments. This assistance eliminates the "coverage gap" that occurs when low-income seniors or disabled persons exceed the coverage allowance in standard Medicare plans and have to pay out-of-pocket expenses.

These plans are not without problems. Members of Medicare Advantage Plans are still responsible for any deductibles and co-payments under the Medicare Health Plan if they do not qualify for low-income assistance. And restrictions on which doctors may be visited in the HMO or PPO networks still apply in these plans as they do in other health plans. The plans also do not cover expensive custodial services for its enrollees like assistance with dressing, eating and bathing.

Plan Eligibility

Eligibility for these programs is broad; people who are aged 65 and over and disabled person

who are already using Medicare or Medicaid Part A (Hospital) and B (Medical) qualify.

Knowledge Gulf

"A common occurrence among elderly people of color is to discard things they get in the mail that they do not understand," says Dallas health insurance agent Irving Gilbert, "And Black insurance agents who can spread the word about these programs in our communities are not as plentiful."

Another issue is the generational gap in accessing information. Human Resource Generalist Faye Siggers comments, "Unfortunately, the target audience for Medicare is not the savviest in using the information superhighway known as the internet." Sadly, many seniors or those with disabilities do not have the systems of support to help them get enrolled in the programs. They are in need of someone to explain how the program works, and to be reminded so they enroll in the Medicare programs by the appropriate deadlines.

But not all hope is lost. Black churches, community centers and Black-owned businesses are good forums for getting educated about these health programs. By keeping a steady supply of pamphlets, community newspapers and flyers about enrollment dates for the Medicare programs, these outlets can eas-

ily make a positive impact on how seniors receive medical assistance through Medicare.

The regular enrollment period for Medicare programs is annually from November 15th



Dallas-Ft. Worth health insurance agent Irving Gilbert has been assisting people in getting the right Medicare plans since 1994. He is passionate about elderly people of color obtaining the coverage they need to live longer, healthier lives and to be able to afford necessities like eyeglasses, hearing aids and dental wear. Mr. Gilbert can be reached at 972-517-1692 and encourages people to visit www.medicareadvantagebenefits.com.

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TV One To Premiere Trumpet Awards Honoring African American Achievement, Sunday March 18 From 8-10PM

15th annual awards show honors Michael Jordan, Toni Braxton, Hill Harper, Percy Sutton and Dionne Warwick and 1968 Olympic medalists John Carlos and Tommie Smith

March 13, 2007, Silver Spring, MD - TV One will premiere the 15th Annual Trumpet Awards, hosted by television, stage and screen actor and author Hill Harper on Sunday, March 18 from 8-10 PM, repeating from 10 PM - midnight. TV One will air the red carpet show immediately preceding the awards telecast at 7:30 PM. The 15th Annual Trumpet Awards from Las Vegas will also re-air on Saturday, March 24, from 8-10 PM, with the red carpet show airing at 7:30 PM (all times ET).

The Trumpet Awards were created in 1993 to honor African-American achievement in diverse fields such as law, religion, politics, public service, sports and entertainment. The 15th annual Trumpet Awards were presented during a gala event at the Bellagio Hotel in Las Vegas earlier this year. Honorees include basketball superstar Michael Jordan; music superstar Toni Braxton; attorney, media executive and civic and civil rights activist Percy Sutton; legendary entertainer Dionne Warwick; Minnesota Supreme Court Justice Alan C. Page; sculptor of celebratory African American art Ed Dwight, who was also the first African American astronaut trainee in the early 1960s; gospel greats Donnie McClurkin and Cece Winans,

and 1968 Olympic track and field medalists Tommie Smith and John Carlos, who earned a place in Olympic - and civil rights - history for their silent, raised-fist protest on the winners' stand in Mexico City.

Special awards will also be presented to Academy Award-winning producer and actor Clint Eastwood; Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation founder Nancy Brinker; and host Hill Harper ("CSI:NY"), who is being honored for his role as mentor to African American and Latino men in need of guidance.

Originally presented by Turner Broadcasting and now managed by the Trumpet Awards Foundation, the Trumpet Awards were created to herald the accomplishments of

sponsor.

"At TV One, our goal is to celebrate and demonstrate the breadth and depth of the African American culture, and the Trumpet Awards are a perfect fit with that mission," said TV One President and CEO Johnathan Rodgers.



Toni Braxton

"We are delighted to continue our partnership with a young and dynamic network like TV One, which so clearly shares our commitment to highlighting the tremendous contributions African-Americans make in all areas of life," said Xernona Clayton, the creator of the Trumpet Awards and president and CEO of the Trumpet Awards Foundation.

During the past fifteen years, the Trumpet Awards have honored Muhammad Ali, Nelson Mandela, Gordon Parks, Lena Horne, Benjamin Carson, Eldrick "Tiger" Woods, Bryant Gumbel, Ed Brooke, and many others.

Award-winning producer/director Will Harper is the producer of the 15th annual Trumpet Awards.



Cece Winans

Black Americans who have succeeded against immense odds. Honorees are people who are viewed not only for what they have individually achieved but also for the achievement they inspire in others. This is the third year in which TV One has served as the Trumpet Awards' televi-

Star Jones Reynolds Lands At Court TV

Star Jones Reynolds has landed her own daily talk show — and she won't have to worry about Barbara Walters this time.

Court TV said Wednesday it had hired Reynolds to run a show about criminal justice issues that intersect with the pop culture world. The show, which has no title yet, will likely start early this fall.

It's a return to her roots for Reynolds, a lawyer who began her TV career as a legal commentator on Court TV in 1991. She was an original co-host with ABC's "The View," starting in 1997, where she became acquainted with the glitz and glamour of show biz.

"This is the perfect time in our culture to see how the law, politics and entertainment come together,"

Reynolds told The Associated Press. "Some people say it has been on a collision. I say it has been connected."



Steve Koonin, Turner Entertainment Networks president, said Court TV is looking to "broaden the appeal of its daytime lineup

and this offered a good opportunity.

Reynolds, 44, left "The View" on bad terms last summer. Told her contract wasn't going to be renewed, she beat Walters to the punch in announcing her departure. That angered Walters, and Reynolds wasn't allowed on the air again.

She brushed aside any questions about whether her new gig offered any sense of vindication.

"It would not be smart to look at it as anything other than a blessing," she said. "I see only the positive. I had an amazing nine years."

She doesn't watch "The View" anymore but follows news reports about it.

"It's not my show anymore," she said. "I wish them the best and I hope they wish me the best."

KBFB 97.9 FM The Beat And Radio Pepsi Presents The 3rd Annual Custom Car Show & Concert

Radio One Inc., Dallas KBFB FM 97.9 THE Beat home of 'The Rickey Smiley Morning Show' and Pepsi present the 3rd Annual Custom Car Show & Concert—Sunday, March 18, 2007 from 12p – 6p at Fair Park in both the Automobile & Centennial Buildings. That's right...it is back, the biggest and baddest Hip Hop event of the year with some of the biggest names in the music business performing live on one stage. 97.9 The Beat & Radio Pepsi are bringing to Fair Park the sultry Ciara, Block Entertainment's Yung Joc, Houston, Texas' superstar Paul Wall, Grammy Award Winning Chamillionaire and newcomers Rich Boy, Mims and many more are being added daily.

This event will be star studded! The 97.9 The Beat Custom Car Show & Concert targets families 12-54.

In past years this event has attracted over 11,000+ people from all over the Metroplex including people as far as surrounding areas: Oklahoma, Louisiana, Texarkana, and Waco, just to name a few and we plan on doing it bigger and better this year! Thousands will watch super custom car



Mims

displays, witness the Low Rider car hopping contest, and get a chance to browse hundreds of vendor exhibits and displays. This will surely be a huge Hip Hop event that everyone will remember, host-



Ciara

ed by one of the top five most popular radio stations in the fifth biggest radio market in the country!

Who: 97.9 The Beat, KBFB Radio One, Inc., Dallas

When: Sunday, March 18, 2007 - Doors open at 11am - Event time from 12pm - 6pm What: The 97.9 The Beat 3rd Annual Custom Car Show

& Concert starring Ciara, Rich Boy, Yung Joc, Mims, Paul Wall, Chamillionaire, Lil Flip and more presented by 97.9 The Beat, Pepsi, drive-select, CitiTrends, O'Reilly Auto Parts and more sponsors to be announced.

Where: Fair Park (exact location is in the Esplanade, the Automobile & the Centennial Buildings) 1300 Robert B. Cullum Blvd. Dallas, Texas 75210

Tickets: Tickets are \$20 & on sale now at www.979thebeat.com or at all 11 Levine's locations in the DFW.

Press information: For media passes and interviews, general information and other press opportunities, contact Erykah James or Dylace "D.Lyte" Kelley in Promotions at Radio One's KBFB 97.9 The Beat at (972) 331.5418.

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Peace Activities Call For An End To The Violence On Fourth Anniversary Of The Invasion Of Iraq

A broad coalition of North Texas groups have come together to plan a weekend of peace activism for Texans around the upcoming fourth anniversary of the invasion of Iraq.

The weekend will kick off with a different sort of celebration on St. Paddy's Day. Activists will meet bright and early at 7 a.m. Saturday, March 17, in the parking lot adjacent to the Mockingbird DART rail station. They will decorate a chartered bus before being sent off to Austin for the Million Musician March. To find out more, please visit TexasMusic.org.

Energized peace demonstrators will return to the Metroplex in time to STAND FOR PEACE in Arlington. The event takes place at 4 p.m.

Sunday, March 18 at Lincoln Square, near the TGI Friday's, and on the Collins Street I-30 overpass. Participants are



encouraged to bring signs with a positive, pro-peace message. To find out more, visit ArlingtonPeace.org.

Last, but certainly not least, marchers will have the opportunity to practice their rights to free speech and assembly on Monday, March 19, the unfur-

nate fourth anniversary of the invasion of Iraq. Demonstrators will again meet in the parking lot adjacent to the Mockingbird DART rail station at 4:30 p.m.

From there, the group will march westbound on Mockingbird to the La Madeleine next to SMU, stopping to periodically engage drivers. This strip mall, located at the corner of Mockingbird and Dublin Street, is part of the proposed site for the future Bush library and think tank.

Following the demonstration, participants will head to Potomac Park, located directly behind the strip mall. Musicians, poets and speakers will perform,

and tables will be set up for artists and activists to set up their wares. For more information, please visit DallasRally.com.

According to the website icasualties.org, more than 3,000 U.S. soldiers have died and more than 45,000 have been wounded as a result of the war in Iraq. This does not include those casualties that have resulted from military action in Afghanistan. According to the latest U.N. reports, more than 34,000 Iraqis were killed in 2006 alone.

Only 28 percent of the U.S. population thinks we will win the war, according to a recent USA Today/Gallup poll. USA Today reports this to be the lowest number since the poll posed the question in September 2005. The people who know better need to know they are not alone.

Mr. Eugene H. Tinner, H. P. Civic League Parliamentarian, The Burrell Group, William Blair; Ms. Barrett and other members of his church.

work of 1,600 of the region's ethnic and internationally-focused civic, community and educational organizations. The organization promotes and links North Texas ethnic and immigrant groups through its website and cultural calendar at www.dfwinternational.org.

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Dr. Price thanked all in attendance for being there and for their prayers. Among those he especially thanked: Mrs.

Deloris Price, his spouse for over 50 years; Mr. Billy Heath, NMZ Deacon Chairman; Mr. James C. McQuirter, Sr., President of NMZ Credit

Union, The Honorable Hollis Brashear, Brother-In-Law and Dallas School Board Member; Thomas Jefferson, Hamilton Park Civic League President,

Plano Latinoamericana Page 1

the Plano International Festival, says "The Fiesta Latinoamericana links all of us with North Texas whose roots are in Latin America, sharing the dance, poetry, music, and flavors of our cultures. Through our Spanish heritage as well as the traditions of Chile, Argentina, indigenous Latinos, and Afro Latinos, we're excited to present the culture and spirit of the Latin American people. I am proud to be an Argentine representative serving on the DFW International Board of Directors. Please join us and enjoy Plano's first Latin American Fiesta!"

Participating in the lively multimedia presentation are Trio Folklorico Argentino, Danzas Folkloricas del Centro Argentino, Ayubu Kamau (West Africa), La Trulla

Boricua (Puerto Rico), Olin Tonalitzin (Indigenous Mexico), Daniel de Cordoba Bailes Espanoles., Gustavo Tolosa (Argentine pianist), Cantares (Chile), Voces y Danzas de Chile

This event is part of DFW International Month, March 6

thru April 8, which features 20+ activities across North Texas highlighting global cultures. Call 972-661-2764 or visit www.dfwinternational.org for more information.

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Proposal specifications and plans are available for a fee of \$50.00 payable to the North Texas Tollway Authority in the form of a check or money order. The plans and specifications can be purchased at the North Texas Tollway Authority, Glenleagues Office located at 5900 W. Plano Parkway, Plano, TX 75093 weekdays from 8:00 am until 5:00 pm, beginning Friday, March 9, 2007 at 8:00 am through 1:00 pm March 26, 2007. Proposers are encouraged to obtain plans and specifications at their earliest possible convenience, so that sufficient time is available to create a comprehensive proposal. Information regarding this proposal is available by contacting Reggie Sanderfer at 214-224-2152, or email at rsanderfer@ntta.org.

There will be one mandatory pre-proposal meeting on March 26, 2007 at 2:00 pm at the NTTA offices located at 5900 W. Plano Parkway, Plano, TX 75093. The NTTA reserves the right to conduct a second, pre-proposal meeting if it is deemed necessary. All interested proposers must attend the mandatory pre-proposal meeting; proposals for this project will be accepted only from those firms in attendance at this meeting.

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Church News



Sister Tarpley

Prior to 1947, most Blacks practicing medicine were either self-taught or studied under apprenticeship. Women too, practiced medicine. Obstetrics and were trained as nurses.

Mary E. Mahoney (1845-1926). Mahoney began her healthcare career as a maid in the New England Hospital for Women and Children. At the age of 33 she was admitted into the hospital's nursing program. Forty candidates began the training, but only three finished, including Mahoney, making her the first Black graduate nurse in the United States.

Her achievements are still honored today through the Mary Mahoney Medal, which is awarded by the American Nurses' Association every two years.

Recipients of the award are chosen for their pioneering efforts in 1929 to become Dean of Women at Fisk University. She died in a car accident in 1931.

Dr. Anna J. Cooper (1858-1964). At age 11, Dr. Cooper was acting as a student-teacher at St. Augustine Normal School in Raleigh, NC. In 1892, she published a well-received book on the racial problem. At the age of 65, she received a Ph.D. from the Sorbonne in Paris, and later served as president of Fehinghuysen University, a school for unemployed Blacks which she ran in her own home in Washington D.C. She died in 1964 at the age of 105.

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Women's History Month Continues

late accepted. **Juliette Derriotte (1897-1931).** Juliette was educated in the public schools and at Talley College. She was the first woman trustee of the college (appointed 1918). She was a renowned speaker, traveling across the U.S. in support of Black colleges and education. She was a delegate at the convention of the World's Student Christian Federation in 1924 and

admitted to the Capitol Press Gallery; The State Department and the White House, three important sources of news as early as 1947 and the first Black woman admitted to any. **Thomasina W. Johnson** in 1946 was named Chief, Minority Groups Section in the U.S. Employment Service. **Venice T. Sprague,** chief of the Chicago Defender's Washington Bureau, in 1947, was initiated into Theta Sigma Phi, the national professional and honorary fraternity for women in journalism, the first Black member in the 37-year history of the organization.

Charlotta A. Bass, chosen unanimously by the Progressive Party Convention in 1952 to run for the nation's second-highest political office, Vice President of the United States. **Barbara Harris,** in 1989, became the first Black woman Anglican bishop.

Shirley Graham, writer and musician, author of the biographies: "Paul Robeson, Citizen of the World," in 1946; and "There was Once a Slave," the heroic story of Frederick Douglass in 1947. She was a Rosenwald Fellow at the Yale School of Drama in 1941. **Frances W. Harper, poet (1825-1911),** Ms. Harper published her first volume of poems while still in her teens, earning commercial success in 1854.

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Picture of The Week
Friends, Mrs. Phenia Tinner and Sister Tarpley with Miss Donna Donaise Lott, and one of her many 'First Place' award medals.

1928, where she represented all American college students. She served the YWCA as the National Student Secretary, resigning in 1929 to become Dean of Women at Fisk University. She died in a car accident in 1931.

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Eddie Bernice Johnson became the first woman and the first African-American to ever represent the Dallas, Texas area in Congress when she was elected to the United States House of Representatives in 1992. She is now in her seventh term representing the citizens of the

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March 24 @ 8:30 am
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St. Paul United Methodist Church Partners With Dallas Black Dance Theatre To Present An Easter Sunrise Service

St. Paul United Methodist Church announced today its collaboration with Dallas Black Dance Theatre (DBDT) in presenting "Resurrection, Renewal and Renaissance," an Easter Sunrise Service on Sunday, April 8, 2007 at 6:30 a.m. The service will be held in the sanctuary of the 133-year-old congregation, and will be the third consecutive year where scriptures and the arts are united by these two Dallas Arts District neighbors. Sunday School will begin at 9:30 a.m., morning worship service at 10:45 a.m. Breakfast will be served immediately following the sunrise worship service. This Easter

Sunday event is free to the public. "The Soul of the Arts District," St. Paul is the oldest African American United Methodist church in Dallas and is located at 1816 Routh Street in the Arts District between Ross Avenue and Woodall Rodgers. The building is easily identified by its fascinating architectural details. Visible from the outside is the patchwork of various shades of brick and original stained-glass windows. Internally, a half-moon-shaped sanctuary includes a steep third-level balcony which includes the original hard-backed wooden chairs. One of the stated missions of this historic church is to effectively represent the connection between faith and fine arts. Because of this mission and the church's location in the Dallas Arts District, St. Paul envisions itself as "The Soul of the Arts District".

"Easter morning, and the joyous celebration of the resurrection that accompanies it, is the highlight of the Christian year," says Rev. Elzie Odom, Jr., Senior Pastor. "It is indeed a joy and a blessing for St. Paul to celebrate the resurrection with our Arts District neighbor, the Dallas Black Dance Theatre. This annual collaboration not only demonstrates the cooperative spirit that exists in the Arts District, but it is also an example

of the connection between faith and the arts. We look forward to



hosting the community in our collaborative celebration of "Resurrection, Renewal, and

Renaissance".

"This is a collaboration that DBDT looks forward to annually," states Ann Williams, Founder and Artistic Director of Dallas Black Dance Theatre. "We love sharing in this special season with the membership of St. Paul and the surrounding community that attends. It is always good when on-going partnerships are formed among residents of the Arts District. It shows our commitment to support one another and to expand the scope of audiences for all of the Arts District venues."

Dallas Black Dance Theatre celebrates its 30th Anniversary during the 2006-2007 Season. This world-travelled contemporary modern dance company employs 12 multi-ethnic professional dancers performing a mixed repertoire of modern, jazz, ethnic and spiritual works. Once renovated, DBDT's permanent home at 2700 Flora will be the artistic anchor on the East End of the Arts District. Dallas Black Dance Theatre will become the resident ballet company for the Dee and Charles Wyle Theatre at the Dallas Center for the Performing Arts when it opens in 2009. For more information, go to www.dbdt.com.

National Coalition Of Pastors' Spouses Call For Routine HIV Testing

In observance of National Women and Girls HIV/AIDS Awareness Day on March 10, 2007, Vivian Berryhill, president of the National Coalition of Pastors' Spouses, today issued the following statement urging women of all ages to be routinely tested for HIV:

"As we observe National Women and Girls HIV/AIDS Awareness Day, it is my hope that we become better educated on how HIV/AIDS is affecting women across this country. More and more women are infected each day, and we must do something to stop the spread of this devastating disease.

"The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) estimate that women account for more than one quarter of all new HIV/AIDS diagnoses.

"Additionally, minority women are most impacted by the disease. According to the CDC, in 2002 HIV/AIDS was the leading cause of death for African American women 25-34 years old and the fourth leading cause of death for Hispanic women ages 35-44.

"All women, regardless of age, ethnicity or geographic location, must be tested for HIV and should continue to be tested on a routine basis. Almost one quarter of those Americans infected with HIV are unaware of their infection.

"Early HIV/AIDS detection and diagnosis is critical in pre-

venting the spread of the disease and must become a part of routine medical care. Testing ensures that individuals infected with HIV know their status, can be provided life saving medical treatment and will be less likely to infect others.



Vivian Berryhill, president of the National Coalition of Pastors' Spouses

"In 2002, cancer and heart disease were the only diseases that caused more deaths among women than HIV/AIDS. Testing and early diagnosis is crucial to eliminating this deadly disease."

NCPS was formed in January 2001. NCPS' goal is to raise education and awareness levels in minority communities, as well as improve risk identification for diseases and social ills that detrimentally impact the minority community. NCPS is now leading the charge to educate and train faith institutional leaders regarding HIV/AIDS, as well as a myriad of other diseases now confronting the minority community.

North Dallas Community Baptist Church Gospel Music Workshop And Musical

North Dallas Community Baptist Church will hold a Church Anniversary Gospel Music Workshop and Musical on March 22nd, 23rd and 24th. The church is located at 1718 Trinity Valley Drive, Carrollton; the Pastor is Billy R. Robinson.

The featured clinician for the workshop is Chester D. T. Baldwin, Minister of Music,

Mt. Sinai Missionary Baptist Church, Austin, Texas, Music Director 1993-2004 Texas Mass Choir at Gospel Music Workshop of America. His recordings include the album Sing It On Sunday Morning 1 & 2, featuring "I Still Hear Mama Praying" and "Just Having Church".

The workshops will be held Thursday and Friday, March

22nd and 23rd, at 7:00 p.m. A free concert will be held on Saturday, March 24th, 4:00 p.m., Irving Bible Church, 2435 Kinwest Parkway, Irving, Texas, 972-560-4600. Registration can be done online at ndcbc.org. Prices are \$5.00 for High School and College Students, \$15.00 for adults if completed by March 11th, \$20.00 after March 11th.



Chester D. T. Baldwin

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Sunday Services: Sunday School @ 9:30 am • Morning Worship @ 11:00 am
Monday Services: Men's Group & Women's Group Bible Study @ 6:30 pm
Wednesday Services: Family Bible Study @ 6:30 pm

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A Place of New Beginnings... II Corinthians 5:17

Sunday Life Bible School 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Life Celebration Worship Service 10:45 a.m.
First Sunday: Ingredients for Life 11:00 a.m.
Wednesdays: Life in the Word Prayer and Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

The Inspiring Body of Christ Church
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Sunday Services 7:30 am, 10:00 am, 12:30pm
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Sunday Worship Services: 8:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
6:00 p.m. Baptist Training Union

Wednesday: 12:00 p.m. Bible Study
7:00 p.m. Prayer Hour
7:30 p.m. Bible Study

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Dr. C. Paul McBride, Pastor

Schedule of Services:

Sunday

Early Morning Worship 8:00 a.m.
Sunday School Classes 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.

Evening Worship (1st Sunday) 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday

Early Bird Bible Study 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday

Morning Bible Study 9:30 a.m.
Prayer Meeting and Evening Bible Study 7:30 p.m.

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