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On the Homefront:

Plano's MLK Parade will be held on Saturday, January 15 at 10am at the SE corner of Alvarado & Parker Road. The City Hall program will follow at 11am. There will also be a Health Fair, a Douglass Center Kids performance and art displayed from the MLK art contest. For details visit www.platonik.org.

The MLK All Community Choir will present "A Tribute to Our Troops" on Sunday, January 16 at 7pm. The choir comprised of a hundred plus singers from area churches will perform at Custer Road United Methodist Church, 6601 Custer Road in Plano.

CCCD's MLK Leadership Breakfast will be held at the Spring Creek Campus in the new conference center on Monday, January 17 at 7:45am. The breakfast is free and open to the public. A panel discussion including Mayor Pro Tem Evans and UTD President Dr. Franklin Jordan among others will be held. A Youth Leadership Forum will follow at 10:30am. Contact Evelyn McKnight at 972-422-5615 or email at evlyn@evlyn.com.

Hundreds of student will speak and perform during a Plano ISD MLK Tribute Event on Thursday January 20 at Plano Center, 2000 E. Spring Creek Parkway. The event will be held from 7pm to 8:15pm.

The Plano Symphony Orchestra will welcome the New Year with A Perfect 10! subscription performances concert on Saturday, January 15, at 8:15 pm. in the Eisemann Center. Advance tickets are \$9-\$60. Student and group rates are available. For information call 972-473-7262 or visit www.planosymphony.org.

The Plano City Council accepts nominations for "Volunteer of the Month" on a regular basis. The deadline is the first of every month and the final selection is made by the Mayor, Mayor Pro Tem and the Deputy Mayor Pro Tem. For more information visit the city's website www.ci.plano.tx.us.

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McKinney Disturbance



Ruby Howard, a resident of East side McKinney who is a major voice regarding discriminatory police activity in her community.

By Justin Jones
That's all Ruby Howard and residents on the East side of McKinney want the city's police department to do when it comes to dealing with the African-American community.

For months, the McKinney police department and the Black's on the East side of town have been involved in controversial arrests that still linger today. Stemming from a quadruple murder case that happened in

March, Howard said residents on the East side feel as if the local police force's increased activity, in an effort to solve the murders, has resulted in racial profiling and harassment.

"You get stopped for a tail light that's out and they search your car, and then ask you about the murders. They do that to everyone on this side," said the McKinney East side Community Association's (MECSA) event coordinator, who along with many others is serving as a strong voice for the city's Black community concerning this issue.

"The police are thinking

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Church Integration - Part 2

By James C. Clemons, NNAIC Columnist

As today's national political discussion centers on "separation of church and state," let's think about possible motivations for what has become the "separation of church and church."

The largest "mixed"

congregations are led by White ministers. While you may see Whites sitting in churches run by Black ministers, their numbers pale in comparison to those of Black people attending White-dominated churches. (As matter of fact, there was one Black church that had Whites fail to come to its service.)

So-called "rungs churches," both Black and White, have multi-million dollar budgets, and have assets in the tens of millions, all controlled by one man, a man and his wife, or a

small team of insiders who are not the least bit interested in integration, beyond that of everyone integrating their offerings in the same collection basket, of course.

Was integration planned in such great detail that Black folks will be the bigger team in American history? Were we so myopic about owning our church buildings and maintaining our church titles and status that we missed what was happening to our social, economic, political, and educational status?

Could it have been, as the Church Lady used to say, "Satan?" Or was it, as I always say, "Money"? I think I have an answer to this one. It was both Satan and money.

The "house takeover" called integration, to which we eventually succumbed, has put

black people in a very untenable position. Stable Black churches outnumber viable Black businesses, and Black churches receive more unclaimed funds than Black business.

While some churches are building businesses and creating employment, the majority of Black churches simply serve as transfer agents for Black dollars, moving billions from their coffers to those of non-Black businesses.

Many numbers of Black churches across this land only have the "pleasure" of seeing and sitting in an office built to celebrate a pastor. Many members who have their own businesses never receive business from the churches their dollars helped to build.

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Notes From The Diaspora:

The Black Presence In Asian Countries Impacted By The Tsunami

By Nasiruddin Rashid*

All of the countries in Asia impacted by the recent tsunami have Black populations. Sadly, far too many people, including many Blacks themselves, seem to forget this. Indonesia, for example, the country that seems to have suffered the worst damage, is made up of more than 13,000 islands stretching from the Asian mainland into the Pacific Ocean. Numerous of those islands have Black residents.

Of course, many of the Black people in Indonesia live in the occupied territories, most notably the Papuan of West Java (the western half of New Guinea) or what they refer to as "West Papua." These lands have been fraudulently treated by the Indonesian government, in a policy that approaches genocidal. Fortunately, the Papuans of Indonesia appear to have largely rejected the colonial world.

THAILAND AND MALAYSIA

Thailand and Malaysia, towards the northeast of Indonesia, appear to have been least in the path of the tsunami. Thailand, like Indonesia, is a country with an extremely ancient but little known Black population. Here I am referring to the least developed people called "Sakai," sometimes identified by the Portuguese term "Negrito" and probably more recently known as "Mentu."

These people live in southern Thailand in the region straddling the border with northern Malaysia. They are forest dwellers and seem to be respected by the Tsunami Page 5

DBDT Dallas Black Dance Theatre Performs at Churches in North Dallas

The Dallas Black Dance Theatre (DBDT) kicked-off its two month church preview tour this past Sunday with performances at New Life Fellowship Church of Hamilton Park, Bishop Miller E. Johnson, Jr., Senior Pastor and Hamilton Park United Methodist Church, Reverend Derrick Wright, Senior Pastor.

Bishop Miller and Mrs. Tina Johnson and the members of New Life Fellowship, welcomed DBDT and other guests by making everyone in attendance feel comfortable and excited to be with them during their morning service.

In his introduction of the DBDT, Bishop Johnson said that New Life Fellowship felt honored that the nationally renowned DBDT Ensemble was performing for them, their first North Dallas area Church.

He went on to say, "We are elephant eated, giraffe grateful, hyena happy, and proud as a peacock. Knowing the excellent and great reputation of DBDT, we were looking for a great and professional performance, and we were not disappointed."

Alicia Pegues, Angelica Salazar-Turner and Garfield DBDT Performer in N. Dallas Page 2

The Life Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. a Visionary Leader

One of the most visible advocates of nonviolence and direct action as methods of social change, Martin Luther King, Jr. was born in Atlanta on January 15, 1929. As the grandson of the Rev. A.D. Williams, pastor of Ebenezer Baptist Church, a founder of Atlanta's NAACP chapter, and the son of Martin Luther King, Sr., who succeeded Williams as Ebenezer's pastor, King's roots were in the African-American Baptist church.

After attending Morehouse College in Atlanta, King went to Boston University, then The Theological Seminary in Princeton and Boston University, where he dispensed his understanding of theological scholarship and applied Mahatma Gandhi's nonviolent strategy for social change.

King married Coretta Scott in 1953, and the following year he accepted the pastorate at Dexter Avenue Baptist Church in Montgomery, Alabama. King remained at Dexter until 1959, when he moved to Atlanta to become co-pastor of Ebenezer Baptist Church with his father.

In 1960, Black college students initiated a wave of sit-in protests led to the formation of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC). King supported the student movement and organized an attempt to register a fourth area of the SNCC. Student activists believed King had the most crucial of his non-violent leadership style and were determined to maximize their success.

As an advisor to SNCC, Ella Baker directed King's nonviolent strategy for social change. Nation that year, King resigned from Dexter and returned to Atlanta to become co-pastor of Ebenezer Baptist Church with his father.

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Nationwide Study Reveals Untapped Power Of African American Community Newspapers

Preliminary results from the first nationwide readership study of the top 110 African American newspapers uncovers the powerful role African American newspapers play in their ethnic community, announced Gemstone Communications, Inc. and its newspaper ad sales division Ethnic Print Media Group (EPMG).

According to preliminary data from Ethnic Print Media Group's nationwide audit/readership study of African American newspaper markets the unprecedented proprietary readership study of African American newspapers shows 66% of readers cite their African American newspaper as their Primary or Only source for local news and community event information; only 12% subscribe to a daily newspaper; and 72% frequently purchase products or services as seen in their local African American newspaper.

The groundbreaking, large-scale circulation audit and readership study will be completed next month. The readership study will include interviews with more than 15,000 readers of 110 African American community newspapers across the United States. Demographic and qualitative readership data will include such topics as travel plans, future purchases of cars, furniture and electronics, as well as insurance, health and financial interests.

"As a passionate business owner involved in the African American

Untapped Power Page 5

Community Spotlight

DBDT Performs at New Life Fellowship Church



Dallas Black Dance Theatre dancers Alice Pegues, Garland Lorraine and Angelia Salazar-Torres performing a partner and worship dance.

DBDT dancers Alice Pegues, Garland Lorraine and Angelia Salazar-Torres with hands raised in worship during the performance.



Bishop Miller Sister Shirley Stepp with Bishop Miller and his wife, Mrs. Tina Johnson of New Life Fellowship Church of Hamilton Park.



DBDT dancers Alice Pegues, Garland Lorraine and Angelia Salazar-Torres perform during a song by national gospel recording artist Smokie Norful.



Mrs. Tina Johnson and Bishop Miller R. Johnson of New Life Fellowship Church of Hamilton Park.

DBDT Performs at Hamilton Park UMC



Dallas Black Dance Theatre dancers, Bishop Miller, service God through dance during Sunday service at Hamilton Park UMC.



Sister Shirley Stepp, Rev. Williams, Bishop Miller Wright, Sunday Pastor of Hamilton Park UMC, and Mrs. Adrienne Wright.



Edmond Giles performs his service to Jesus.

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Lemusius praised and worshipped God through dance with grace and elegance to the music of national gospel recording artist Smokie Norful. They also demonstrated great poise and physical prowess as they moved through the sanctuary.

To show their appreciation and enjoyment of the presentation, New Life Fellowship and their guests gave the dancers a standing ovation.

A nearby Hamilton Park United Methodist Church, the Minister of Music,

Wilson Hollins, introduced DBDT and Ann Williams, Founder/Artistic Director of DBDT during the second service.

Hollins welcomed the ensemble on behalf of Reverend Wright and also relayed the background of the organization to the congregation before introducing the piece that was selected for this special performance.

Edmond Giles performed a solo to "For All We Know" by Bernard James. Giles danced with grace, poise and elegance before the altar rendering exultation in the Lord.

Hollins said that Giles interpreted the music well, and that the dance was uplifting and very moving.

He also said, "With DBDT you know that the presentations are very professional and you expect and you get quality work."

MON-The Gazette, along with the DBDT and North Dallas area churches encourages everyone to attend one or all of the upcoming scheduled performances. The performance schedule for January and February can be seen by logging on to www.monthe-gazette.com and clicking on DBDT.

Dallas Black Dance Theatre Ensemble Church Performance Schedule

JANUARY 2005

January 2005	Church	Pastor	Contact Person & No.	Church Address	Service Time
2nd Sunday 1-9-05 Youth Sunday	New Life Fellowship Church of Hamilton Park	Bishop Miller John R. Johnson	Office Manager 972-374-4107	1600 Bishop Miller Drive in N. Dallas, TX 75243	10:00 am
2nd Sunday 1-9-05 Youth Day	Bethany Park UMC in Hamilton Park	Rev. Derrick White	Office Manager 972-374-4107	1600 Bishop Miller Drive in N. Dallas, TX 75243	10:00 am
3rd Sunday 1-16-05 Youth Day	Keller Springs Baptist Church	Rev. Larry J. Sanders	Misty Sanders 972-754-4222	3227 Keller Springs Road, Carrollton, TX 75006	10:00 am
4th Sunday 1-23-05	Mt. Olive Church of Plains (MOCOP)	Rev. Sam Fenczer	Elder Lloyd Spence 972-463-1612	540 Avenue F, Suite 201, Plains, TX 75774	10:00 am

FEBRUARY 2005

February 2005	Church	Pastor	Contact Person & No.	Church Address	Service Time
1st Sunday 2-6-05	Bethany Missionary Baptist Church	Rev. Albert Haynes, Sr.	Macchia Tucker 214-452-3811	4716 Webster Avenue Dallas, TX 75209	10:00 am
2nd Sunday 2-13-05	Wesleyville Baptist Church, Lewisville	Rev. Kenneth Blake	Church Receptionist 972-221-1848	362 Wesleyville Street, Lewisville, TX 75057	11:00 am
3rd Sunday & a later date, 2nd Sunday 2-19-05 Black History Program	Saint Mark Missionary Baptist Church in McKinney	Rev. Charles E. Wimberly	Ma. Debra Murray 972-242-6178	1309 Wilson Street McKinney, TX 75069	In the afternoon, 5:30 pm
4th Sunday 2-26-05	Christian Chapel UMC Temple of Faith	De. Jerome McNeil	Rev. Linda Cherry 972-239-1220	14120 Noel Road Dallas, TX 75254	10:45 am
4th Sunday 2-27-05	Plaza West Inc. in Dallas	Dr. Curtis W. Wallace	Jackie Robinson or John Adams, Dir. of Worship 214-423-7000	1419 Washington Avenue Dallas, TX 75201	10:45 am

Around The Town

Ongoing

Eicare America urges seniors to call the Senior Eye-care Hotline: 1800-222-EYES (3937). The help-line is intended to remind the senior community about the value of sight. The free eye care program is available all year round. For more information, visit www.eyecareamerica.org.

The African Chamber of Commerce DFW chapter hosts weekly business luncheons every Wednesday from 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm, at the Farmers Market Resource Center, 1610 S. Pearl Street in Dallas. The luncheons feature guest speakers, networking, technical assistance and referrals. For more information please call 214-670-5880.

PIP Productions, distributor of the new multi-station show, The Valder Beebe Show, announces The Valder Beebe Show broadcast on "XXVI FM The Bridge Network" each Sunday, from 6 pm to 7 pm.

City of Allen Teen Book Discussion Group meets the third Thursday of each Month at the Allen Public

Library, located at 301 Century Parkway. For more information, please call 972-727-0193. Collin County emergency preparedness hotline: 972-548-4114. You can also visit the web at www.cocvtx.tx.us.

Teen Graffiti Seeks Good Students who take school seriously. Who knows— you could be Teen Graffiti's Scholar Student of the Year! For contest rules and more information visit www.teengraffiti.com, call 972-496-9457 or email info@teenreaching.org.

Jobseekers

Job seekers can attend weekly meetings held by TeamNetworking of Collin County. The non-profit group serves several chapters, group meetings from 11:30 am to 1 pm every Tuesday at Blue Mesa Grill, 8200 North Dallas Parkway in Plano. No reservations are required and more information is available online. The Plano Chamber of Commerce offers a weekly networking opportunity called "Business Interchange," every Friday.

Call 214-743-2504 for reservations and tickets. The event is hosted by First Baptist Church of Hamilton Park and Eust Vaughn.

Garland Civic Theatre's presentation of Daphne Du Maurier's famous mystery "Rebecca" opens on the 14th at 8 pm. The show will run

through January 28. All performances will be in the small theater of the Gramline Arts Center, Fifth and Austin Streets in downtown Garland. For ticket information call 972-483-8884 or go to www.garlandcivic.org.

The Dance Academy of Pathway of Life Church is registering Classes are held every Saturday from 10:15 am to 2 pm Children ages 4 to adult are welcome to learn; ballet, jazz, modern, lyrical, hip-hop and musical theater. For more information contact Cyndia Chapman at 214-275-7284 ext. 117.

January 14 - 15 Grammy Nominee Jean Carne will perform "Divas: The Voice of My Life" at the Clarence Muse Cafeteria on Friday and Saturday. The performance begins at 9 pm.

Call 214-743-2504 for reservations and tickets. The event is hosted by First Baptist Church of Hamilton Park and Eust Vaughn.

The Urban League of

Gatland Community Service Center offers limited financial assistance for utilities, rent and mortgages, for local residents. Other services offered include housing counseling focusing on reverse mortgages, default mortgages, and financial literature for first-time home buyers is available by appointment only. For more information, please contact 214-413-1739.

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The Dallas Mavericks will host Black College Alumni Night at 7:30 pm on Jan 19. This fundraiser for the DMCHAA and UNCP will include a post game party in the Platinum Club with DJ Steve Nice. A portion of the proceeds will go towards scholarships. Contact Gail O'Bannon at 214-658-7123 or via email at gail.shannon@dallasmavs.com for ticket information.

January 16 The work of artist Annie Lee will be exhibited at James E.

through January 28. All performances will be in the small theater of the Gramline Arts Center, Fifth and Austin Streets in downtown Garland. For ticket information call 972-483-8884 or go to www.garlandcivic.org.

January 15 Action Jazz of 97.9 "The Beat" will lock itself in the KBFM studio and have a live telethon for Radio One's national telethon to benefit World Hope International.

The telethon will run from 6 am to 6 pm. The goal is to raise money for Somalia, Sudan and the victims of the Tsunami disaster. Listeners can call the studio to pledge and bid on special celebrity memorabilia that will be auctioned off.

January 27 North Texas Housing Coalition (NTHC) will hold the 2005 Housing Summit, "Housing Solutions in Today's Economic Environment," from 7:30 am to 4:30 pm at the Adams Mark Hotel, 400 North Olive St. in Dallas. The Summit will bring together private and public sector leaders in workforce housing from across North Texas to discuss strategies for increasing affordable housing supply in the region. The Honorable

Reverend Dr. Floyd Flake, former member of Congress and senior pastor of the Greater Allen A.M.E. Cathedral in Jamaica, Queens New York, one of the nation's most successful community development programs, will deliver the luncheon keynote address. To register, contact the Coalition at 214-946-3500 or register online at www.nthcinc.org.

Support Groups

"Healing Matters" Grief Support Group meets the fourth Monday of every Month at 7:30pm at Medical Center of Plano classrooms. This is a Pregnancy loss support group for anyone who has lost a baby in miscarriage, ectopic pregnancy, stillbirth, newborn death or SIDS. There is also a share group for those pregnant again following a loss. For more information, call 972-519-1588.

DivorceCare meets at 7 pm each Tuesday at Fellowship Bible Church North, 850 Lexington, Plano. Call Bob Hornstein at 972-783-8800.

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Editorial

THE TRUTH CLINIC

The Price Of Being Black In America

By James W. Headless
Go to school, get an education, get a good job, work hard and play by the rules has been the mantra drilled into Black youth for ages as the pathway to achieving the American dream.

The promise behind the mantra was by achieving educational parity with their white counterparts Blacks would also achieve parity in income, wealth creation and economic security. The rise of the Black middle class over the last four decades has been heralded as evidence that this approach was valid.

But even with these encouraging signs, Thomas Siphus, in his new book *The Hidden Cost of Being African American*, argues that fundamental levels of racial inequality still persist that are directly related to asset accumulation. The book shows that without significant wealth Black families remain trapped in communities that do not permit them to move up no matter how hard they work. On the other hand White families use assets accumulated from the past generations to leverage into substantial opportunities in communities, schools and the workplace.

These are the hidden advantages of the ten times wealth disparity that Whites enjoy. Their wealth is legal now but much of it was illegally and unethically created from the unpaid labor of Blacks and government intervention to create tax-funded wealth building programs for Whites that were closed to Blacks even though they were required to pay taxes.

Shapiro addresses the question of why Blacks and other minorities hold far less wealth than Whites, a gap that is far greater than the more

common income disparity indicates. He asserts that government discrimination played a central role. Throughout U.S. history, countless specific laws, policies, rules, and court decisions have made it more difficult for minorities to build wealth and with government collusion wealth they did own was transferred to White.

While she does not care to discuss or debate the government's racial role in retaining their monopoly over this nation's wealth. Instead the vast majority of Whites choose to believe, in spite of facts to the contrary, that their wealth and privilege has been earned through hard work, ingenuity and perseverance.

The Homestead Act, passed under Abraham Lincoln's administration, provided Whites access to productive land and wealth from the 1860s to the 1930s. The federal government provided approximately 246 million acres, at nominal or no cost, for some 1.5 million homesteads. It is estimated that 46 million Americans are currently the beneficiaries of this large wealth-generating program. Almost all of these beneficiaries have been white, since only 4,000 African Americans made application under the Homestead Act.

Of the 15 million acres of land accumulated by Blacks throughout the South following the Civil War, most was systematically taken away through terrorist, tax manipulation and fraud-crimes that link today's racial wealth disparities.

Shapiro's research indicates the enormous racial wealth gap perpetuates racial inequality in America. The methods of intergenerational transfer of wealth for advantage used by Whites appear to make racial inequality a permanent American fixture.

With their greater average

National

Earl Graves: Essence Should have let Blacks Bid on the Magazine

By Malvina M. Anderson

NNPA National Correspondent

WASHINGTON (NNPA) —

Earl G. Graves, publisher of Black Enterprise, says that before selling to Time Warner, the owners of Essence magazine should have allowed Black companies to make an offer to purchase the company.

Time Warner, the largest publishing company in the world, had previously purchased a 49 percent stake in Essence Communications, the parent company of the magazine. With Time Warner moving many of its people into key positions on the business side, it was expected that it would eventually make a move to acquire total ownership of the Black women-oriented publication.

"In selling their controlling interest to Time Warner, CIO Ed Lewis and the shareholders of Essence Communications have made the best deal they feel they could make. It is unfortunate, however, that there isn't an open bidding process in which Black entrepreneurs could have made an offer for the company and possibly preserve Essence as a Black-owned business and institution. There are a number of Black entrepreneurs—whether they own and operate the large Black-owned companies, but in recent years there have been more partnerships, between Black-owned companies and general market companies to sell the brands that both sides have," says Yarick Blue-Lamb, former editor of *Hairstyle & Soul* and BET's *Wellfield* magazine.

"From everything I've heard, it has been a win-win situation for Essence and Time. Essence will be able to leverage some of Time's resources, which will ensure that it will last longer and even endure into the next millennium."

Some say that should not be the only consideration.

"It reminds me of when Bob Johnson sold BET to Viacom. You can't blame Bob for worrying about his bottom line and I don't have the right to demand of him to take losses, but I am still upset that we lost some great magazines like *BET* and *VH1* in the process. Essence has always had a clear voice for Black women and you have to be concerned that the focus of the magazine will start to shift," said Joe Hutchins, professor of journalism and Florida A & M University.

The magazine has been bought by a larger corporation—whether it's Black-owned or not because people like to see Black-owned companies. We have the time-honored tradition so much is given, much is expected, but a lot of business people are about the bottom line. At the end of the day, it has to be profitable and whatever it takes to make that happen they will do."

Hutchins is not impressed by that argument.

"It's a chance to see Essence

do well because the magazine was really about quality and maintaining its role as the defining icon of African-American culture as far as the image of Black woman was concerned," he says.

"It didn't matter what your socioeconomic status was, if you were a Black woman, you paid attention to Essence. I would much rather something that plays such a major cultural role in the African-American community be in the hands of Black people."

will be the highest bidder" who will likely be Winn, Johnson said. "It's just a question of who."

Time Warner Inc. agreed to buy the remaining 51 percent of

Essence Communications, which publishes *ESSENCE* and *Essence* magazine that it didn't already own in a non-binding agreement that would add the literary publications to its magazine portfolio. Time Inc. currently publishes *Time*, *People*, *Entertainment Weekly*, *Sports Illustrated*, *InStyle*, *Real Simple* and *Fortune* magazines, among others. Time Inc. bought the other 49 percent of Essence Communications in 2000.

"Since I'm a proponent of Black entrepreneurship, it's not that I'm

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that the Blacks on the East side have or know some information on the killers — we don't know and that's what we have been trying to get them to know."

In March, Rosa Barbour, 46, her nephew Mark Barbour, 25, and family friends Austin York, 18, and Matthew Self, 17, each died after being shot in the head, execution style.

Slightly over a month after the murders, the police department arrested three black suspects: Jecory May, 22, of McKinney, Calvin Walker, 28, of Dallas and James Jones, 33, of McKinney on four counts of capital murder, only to later have the charges dropped.

"We've had a couple of instances where the community has gathered around them (arrests). We are just trying to make it (the East side) better for all residents," McKinney Criminal Investigation Division Captain Randy Roland said.

"We've had numerous complaints from residents on the East side, we are just trying to clean up the area."

In the process, however, many East side residents feel the officers' approach is that of racial profiling and harassment.

"They are just picking up any and everybody," Howard said. "They are here to protect and to serve ... do what they are supposed to do. They are not over here to harass."

Howard said that the police harassed her 12-year-old son, who was standing in

front of a bus stop harmlessly listening to his radio; warning us go to vacation bible school, when he was eventually searched for drugs.

Apparently, the day before her son was searched, Howard said the police told her that there was another

incident that happened months ago.

After what happened to her son, along with the East side's other alleged racial profiling and harassment issue, Howard knew something needed to be done.

"Being that concerned mom, that made me work harder," she said, adding that it sparked her and others to form the McKinney East Side Community Association.

"The people who are innocent, I do try to fight hard to make sure that everything is on the up-and-up. That's basically what I'm trying to do here."

Since taking a more proactive role, Howard has been in direct contact with the local police department, as a means to bridge the gap between the officers and the city's urban community, especially on the East side.

"We have started a dialogue with community leaders to help reach (some) common goals," Roland said. "We are aware that we need to clean up the neighborhood to help (the East side) reach the goals of a better quality of life."

To help make that happen, Howard and the MESCA held a public forum, in September, to discuss and get feedback for what was going on in McKinney and on the East side.

On the forum's panel were representatives from the U.S. Justice Department (Community Relations

Service division), a former president of the Dallas NAACP, the president of Church Ministries of North Texas and many others.

Howard and the MESCA continue to have meetings such as the one she and other local leaders had with the U.S. Justice Department (Community Relations Service division) on January 8 - to come up with solutions to help the East side.

"I want everybody to know that this is the fastest growing, small country town in Texas. But it's also the racists country town in Texas that I know," said Howard, who noted that majority of the problems are coming from the younger cops.

"We pay taxes and abide by the law. I expect them to protect and serve. Not harass."

Upon working with the police, Howard said things cooled down for a while. However, that changed on New Years Eve when 19-year old Shalon Kramer was arrested while he was sitting on his grandmother's porch with relatives, his mother Rosie said. Prior to the arrest, neighbors across the street got into an alteration where one of them pulled out a knife on someone riding a bike, Rosie said. Police were then called.

"My son was sitting on the porch, all of the witnesses were telling the cop who did it, but instead of listening to them, he came up and arrested my son," she said.

"Nobody even identified him (Shalon), but they still took him to jail."

Shalon got out of jail the

next day, and again was on the porch that night with relatives when Rosie said a cop was driving by, only to stop and arrest Shalon again, this time for disorderly conduct.

"They said he gave them the middle finger. We have no lights on the street and its night time — how do they see that?" Rosie said.

"They clearly are out of order. They want a good relationship, but they can't get one doing this. It's them, especially those young cops, coming over here and messing with us."

Rosie, who was born, raised and has lived her entire life in McKinney, has seen it all. But she can't even explain what's going on with the East side and without them picking on them."

Rosie said her son found that out the first day their family moved to the East side — after getting a house built — from the West side where they lived for 1 1/2 years.

"The police never messes with us when we were on the West side," Rosie said. "The West side, that's the same night we moved over here, my son gets stopped. I see no color. It doesn't matter to me. Evidently, they see color. And they have gone overboard."

"If they want respect, they have to give respect. If they want McKinney to be a better place, then they are going about it the wrong way."



Kids in front of the house where Shalon Kramer was allegedly harassed by local McKinney police.



The house where Shalon Kramer was allegedly harassed by local McKinney police.

Submitted by local McKinney police.

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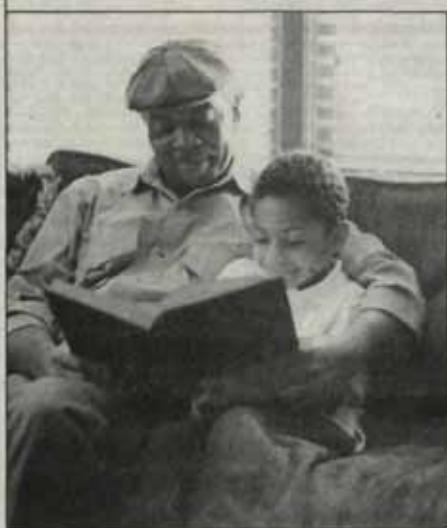
"We are not going away, and they have pushed it too far this time. We aren't going to let this go, and something needs to be done about it," Rosie said.

"Clearly they have some young cops who have been picking on the kids — everybody. You can't even ride on the East side."

"Sharon got out of jail the

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Irving Community Gets Involved in Tsunami Relief Efforts

The Islamic Center of Irving has established a fundraising drive to help tsunami victims in South Asia. According to some of the latest statistics from this horrific disaster over 120,000 people are dead and more than a million have been left homeless.

People in approximately a dozen countries in Asia, India and East Africa were affected by the tsunami. Some figures that have been obtained reveal that of the many lives that have

been lost over 80,000 were from Indonesia, over 24,743 were from Sri Lanka, over 7,300 were from India, over 2,394 were from Thailand, 1,200 from Somalia, 90 from Myanmar (Burma), 67 from the Maldives, 65 from Malaysia, 10 victims Tanzania, 3 from Seychelles, 2 from Bangladesh, 1 one from Kenya.

Unless the necessary funds are urgently mobilized and coordinated in the field many more fatalities from

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will incur.

In addition to the Muslim groups, however, the Black presence in Thailand is perhaps best manifested and most clearly demonstrated in the numerous Alfred images of the Buddha. Making the great leap between antiquity and the modern era, as far back as 1883 in his brilliantly written History of the Negro Race in America African-American scholar George Washington Williams pointed out that:

"In the temples of Siam [Thailand] we find the dark-fleshed like unto Negroes...Traces of this black race are still to be found along the Hemsatirai stage from the Indus to Indo-China, and the Malay Peninsula, and it mixed them through the southern states to Ceylon."

In Malaysia these Small Black have been referred to as orang Asli (Original Man). Potentially they are known as Semang, with the connotation of savagery. They live in the numbers of millions in Malaysia and are probably the aborigines of the land. It is tragic that the contributions of these small Black people to monumental high-cultures characterized by urbanization, metallurgy, agricultural science and script remain presently undocumented.

SRI LANKA

Someone recently asked me about African people in Sri Lanka. My response was that, "It all depends on what you mean by African." The majority Sinhalese population of Sri Lanka (formerly Ceylon) is very dark. Thus you have the Tamils from South India residing in Sri Lanka. They also are very dark people. They are Tamils with some of them being quite black. These are the Blacks currently fighting the Sinhalese Sri Lanka government for independence or at least a greater degree of autonomy.

Then you have the group of Blacks arrived more recently from Africa in 20th century. In Sri Lanka they called "Kaffirs." They are very similar to the African populations in Iraq, Iran and Kuwait, and known as Pakistanis as Shias and India as Siddis and Habibis. There seems to be only a few thousand of these Kaffirs. So I think that they represent the descendants of

enslaved Africans brought to the island within the past several hundred years. These Blacks have distinct recollections of Africa.

And certainly, not to be left out of the discussion are the descendants of probably the original people of Sri Lanka and those people are generally called "Veddals" or "Veddas" and have a strong resemblance to Aboriginal Americans. In respect to phenotype all of these populations are Black.

THE AFRICAN PRESENCE IN INDIA

Since the first modern human Homo sapiens sapiens were of African birth, the African presence globally can be demonstrated through the history of the Black populations that have inhabited the world within the span of mere humans. Not only are African people the aboriginal people of the planet, however, there is abundant evidence to show that Black people arrived and remained many of the world's earliest and most enduring civilizations. Such was the case in India.

In Greater India, many than a thousand years before the foundation of Greece and Rome, grand and industrial Black men and women known as Dravidians created a powerful civilization. We are referring here to the Indus Valley Civilization. India's varied high-cultures, with major cities spread out along the course of the Indus River. In its African Origin of Civilization, Myth of Rishis Dr. Chandra Dasgupta pointed out that:

"There are two well-defined Black races; one has a black skin and white hair; the other also has black skin, often exceptionally black, with straight hair, aquiline nose, thin lips, an acute cheekbone angle. We find a prototype of this race in India the Dravidians. It is also known that certain Negroes likewise belong to the same Negro type. Thus, it is certain, anthropologically, to do anthropological research, compare a Dravidian Negro type, and then correlate that the Negro type is absent."

The name "Dravidian" itself is apparently an Aryan corruption of "Danu."

In 1288 and again in 1293

the Venetian master Marco Polo visited the Tamil (Dravidian)

coast of South India and left a vivid description of the land and its

people in his Travels.

deadly diseases could materialize and kill thousands more people.

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people. In his Travels he

explained that:

"The darker man is sure the

most highly esteemed and

considered honor and the others

who are not so dark. Let me add that in very truth these people

portray and depict their gods and

their idols black and their deities white. For they say that God and all the saints are black and the devils are all white. That is why they portray them as I have described."

DALITS: THE BLACK UNTOUCHABLES OF INDIA

Possibly the most substantial percentage of Asia's Blacks can be identified among India's 290 million "Untouchables" or Dalits. The Dalits along South India's coastal periphery were dramatically affined by the British. The Dalits, brutally crushed underfoot by India's Hindu caste system, are documenting a rapidly expanding awareness of their lineage and their relationship to the struggle of African people throughout the world.

In April 1972, for example, the Dalit Panther Party was formed in Bombay, India. This organization is pride and inspiration directly from the Black Panther Party of the United States. The formation of the Dalit Panthers and the corresponding ideology that accompanies it is quite dramatic change in the realms of resistance, and Dalit Panther organizations have subsequently spread to other parts of India. In August 1972, the Dalit Panther announced that the 25th anniversary of Indian independence would be celebrated as a day of mourning.

In the 1987 edition of the African Presence in Early Asia anthology edited by Radhakrishna and Van Sertima, Theandien journalist V.T. Radhakrishnan stated that: "The African-Americans also must know that their liberation struggle cannot be complete as long as their own blood-brothers and sisters living in far-off Asia are suffering. They are also suffering, but just people here today are where African-Americans were two hundred years ago."

African-American leaders can give our struggle tremendous support by bringing forth knowledge of the essence of such

blackness to share them with those "Untouchable" now! demonstrating, and they laughed on the way to their hands every Monday morning, they couldn't wait to see how much money Black churchgoers had dropped into their right deposit vault.

The result of not integrating our churches along with everything else, surely contributed to our economic demise and brought even more economic resources to White people. It should have been included in the integration game, aside from the spiritual benefits that would have accrued, maybe Black construction companies would have won some of those White church-building contracts; maybe more Black banks would have stayed in business by financing some of those White churches; and maybe the Black economy would have been stronger because of all the money transferred to Black and White churches.

Maybe integration should have been an all-or-nothing agreement - a real merger, rather than an acquisition.

Whites maintained control of their church resources, never

politically and financially important."

I think it was a trick, a game that we live. Maybe if Black folks had not been so immersed with winning every resource except churches with those owned by White people, we could have played a few tricks of our own, and we could have won the game. Agree?

There is an outcry in Cincinnati from White churches about Nathaniel Jones, Roger Osborne, or what happened to 500 Black families who were put out of their homes. (Not a huge outcry from Black churches, either.)

Is there an outcry from White churches in Columbus, about Kenneth Walker's death? Hey, no integration, no obligation, Right?

As I said, I don't know all the answers to the questions I posed. Yet, I do see the results of not having done some of the things noted above.

The point is surely to get you to think and to rethink our integration strategy, if we still have one, because I agree with Lomax's assessment when he said, "Integration is slowly burying us as we became more

\$150,000 Awarded to Eastfield College Head Start Teachers Program

Eastfield College has received a \$150,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services providing comprehensive funding for the college's Head Start and Early Head Start Teachers program. The amount of the award is \$150,000.

"This grant is the second of the five-year AMALIANTTE: Advancing Degrees, Education and Letter Appreciation while Promoting Teacher Readiness Project.

The purpose of AMALIANTTE Project is to provide grants employed by Head Start and Head Start preschool teachers to complete their Associate Degree in Child Development and Bachelor's Degree in Teacher Preparation through a partnership with Texas A&M University-Galveston.

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The program has 80 participants,

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26 African American males,

11 Hispanic females,

10 Hispanic males, and 1 Asian female.

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Garcia, Project Administrator, at 401-884-5520 or Karen Thompson, Head Start Administrator, at 401-884-5520.

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Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday Celebration 2005 Events

January 14

Radio One Dallas (KDFB) and KHOZ - "84.3, K-Soul of the Town Jester in the Morning Show" and music station "97.9 FM Real" some of "The All New Steve Harvey Morning Show" are one of the sponsors of the MLK Community Center's 24th Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Radiothon. Radio One along with other sponsors will hold a Candle Lighting Ceremony at 6:30 pm at the MLK Recreation Center and Statue Area, 2801 Pennsylvania Avenue.

Joe Rogers, former Lieutenant Governor of Colorado and the fourth African American elected to a state's number two chief executive position, will be the featured speaker at "The Dream Alive Program". Hosted by The Heschbach School, The Dream Alive Program is a live commentary dedicated to the memory of Dr. Martin Luther King. It the program will take place in the Heschbach Auditorium January 11, 2005 at 12:05 pm and 2:55 pm - 3:45 pm. Call: 214-560-6356 for more information.

January 15

Plano's MLK Parade will begin at 10 am at the SE corner of

Avenue K & Parker Road. The City Hall program will follow at 11 am. There will also be a Health Fair, a Douglas Center Kids' get-together, and art displays from the MLK art contest. For details visit www.mlkparade.com.

The SANC (Garland Branch)'s 10th Annual MLK Parade will begin at 10 am in the heart North on Main Street at Beale St. to Avenue D (Total: 4.6). A commemorative program will be held immediately following the parade in the main auditorium of the Party Grille Inn (Carmel, FDU) in Austin Smalls downtown Garland. Elder Albert Baker will deliver the famous MLK "I Have a Dream" speech in addition to other presentations and performances planned. For information contact the SANC/Garland Branch at 972-181-5044.

The Radios One and other sponsors will hold a MLK Parade at 10 am from Dallas City Hall, 1500 Marilla. An awards luncheon will be held at The Fairmont Hotel downtown Dallas Saturday evening at 7:30 pm. Verda Johnson, President & Co-Founder of Footprint Marketing & Advertising Agency will be the keynote speaker and Dallas' own Don Diego will

give a special performance. For ticket information and details call 972-331-5417 or 214-670-8355.

The City of Lancaster, Lancaster Independent School Districts and the Canyon Planning committee will hold its 2nd Annual MLK Parade at 11:00 am. Parade line-up and check-in will begin at 9:00 am at the Elks Lodge, Lancaster High School located at 522 West Pleasant Run.

January 16

The MLK All Community Church will present "A Tribute to Our Brother King". The church's congregation of a hundred plus participants from area churches will perform at Castle Rock United Methodist Church, 6601 Castle Rock in Plano.

The NAACP Garland Branch continues its SMLR Celebration on Sunday with a special Steppers, Drill Team and Praise Dance Extravaganza in the main auditorium of the Party Grille Inn (Carmel, FDU) beginning at 4:00 pm.

January 17

CCDC's MLK Leadership Breakfast will be held at the Spring Creek Campus in the new conference center at 7:45 am. The Breakfast is free and open to the public. A panel discussion

legislation to Congress, which led to the passage of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

Subsequent mass demonstrations culminated in the March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom on August 28, 1963, in which more than 250,000 people participated. King's public criticism of U.S. involvement in the Vietnam War initiated strained relations with Lyndon Johnson's administration.

In late 1967, King initiated a Poor People's Campaign designed to bring attention to poverty that had not been addressed by earlier civil rights efforts. The following year, while supporting striking sanitation workers in Memphis, he delivered his final address, "We Shall Not Be Moved". The next day, April 4, 1968, King was assassinated.

To this day, King remains a controversial symbol of the African American civil rights struggle, remembered by many for his martyrdom on behalf of nonviolence and condemned by others for his militancy and militant views.

including Prince Major Pat Brown and UTSD President Dr. Franklin Bremner among others will be held. A Youth Leadership Forum will follow at 10:30 am. Contact Roslyn McKnight at 972-422-5613 or email at roslyn@mlkparade.com.

The Hill News will hold its 16th Annual Martin Luther King Jr. Parade. The parade route will begin at 10 am on Main Street in Lancaster and MLK Blvd. and end at Robert E. Lee Park.

The second largest MLK Parade in the country, it consists of 220 entries. New this year is an River Center coordinated and sponsored by the North Texas Empowerment. For North Texas high school students grades 9-12. For information on how to participate call 214-572-6500 or go to www.mlkparade.com.

The MLK Center in Denton will hold its Martin Luther King, Jr. Day "Bridging the Gaps Through Empowering People" Parade and Program beginning at 8pm (last 4 pm) from First Moon Park to the MLK Center. The program will follow at 6 pm at the MLK Center featuring music and narration. The event is being Co-organized by the Southeast Denton Memorial Alliance. For information call Harry or

California Bell at 901-392-4567 or the MLK Center at 610-449-8775.

January 20

Birthday
Hundreds of students will speak and perform during a Plano ISD MLK tribute event at Colleyville Hall at Plano Center, 7000 E

Spring Creek Parkway. The program entitled "Many Nations, One Community" will be held from 7 pm to 8:15 pm. It will include the decade of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and diversity in the church and community. This program is free and open to the public.

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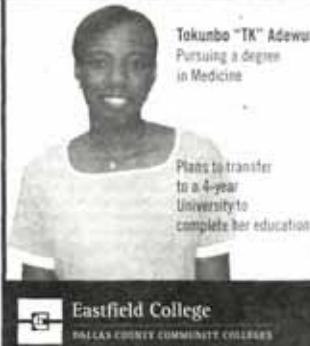
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Arts & Entertainment

Houston Welcomes 20th Annual Stellar Awards



Donnie McClurkin

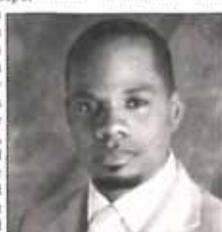
HOUSTON - The Stellar Awards, the longest running gospel music award show in broadcast television history, celebrates its 20th anniversary on Saturday, January 15, 2005. Houston's favorite daughter Yolanda Adams, along with gospel sensations Donnie McClurkin and Tonéz will co-host this year's televised awards show taping at the George R. Brown Convention Center in Houston.

This year's bronze anniversary celebration will include many special guests, performances and tributes from some of gospel music's brightest stars. Some of the presenters tapped for the 2005 awards show include legendary recording artist Roberta Flack, contemporary

artist Lalah Hathaway, Mom & Pop Winans, Shirley Caesar and actor Duke Hill of NBC's "West Wing" to name a few.

A special segment chronicling the highlights of the previous 19 years of the Stellar Gospel Music Awards is planned.

Some of the top talents from traditional and



Kirk Franklin

contemporary gospel in spiritual tandem with stars



Fred Hammond

from the world of entertainment will be on



Itaunda Adams

hand to celebrate gospel music's finest.

The all-star line-up of performers includes Kirk Franklin, CeCe Winans, Mursin Sapp, Fred Hammond, Dottie Peoples, the Hawkins Family, Bishop Paul S. Morton and Martha Munizzi who is nominated for New Artist of the Year.

In addition to the awards for excellence in gospel music covering 2004 gospel music releases, the Trailblazer Award

is presented to Donnie McClurkin for his unique talent as a performer, writer and producer of gospel music, for career record sales, concerts and as a role model for young people entering the gospel music field.

The prestigious James Cleveland Award will be presented to Richard Smallwood an artist who has made a major impact in the development and

gospel music. Fred Hammond, CeCe Winans, Bishop Paul S. Morton and Tonéz garnered five nominations each while Israel Houghton & New Breed followed with four nominations.

Stellar Awards founder and executive producer Don Jackson says of the 20th anniversary of the special awards show, "We are



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talent in gospel music history over the years of the Stellar Gospel Music Awards."

"This show is now an institution and has proven to be the barometer for excellence in the gospel field."

The Stellar Gospel Music Awards is executive-produced by Chicago-based Central City Productions' Don Jackson and produced by Barbara Wilson.

Jennifer Jackson is the executive in charge of production and Erma Gray Davis is the President and Chief Operations Officer of Central City Productions.

The 20th Annual Stellar Gospel Music Awards Show will air in national television syndication from January 22 to February 20, 2005. Please check local listings for dates and times.



Dottie Peoples

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Dr. Bobby Jones will receive the Legends Award for his enormous contributions to the gospel music industry and dedication in bringing the gospel music community together.

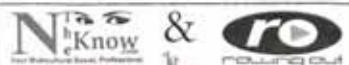
Leading the pack this year with six nominations are The Winans Brothers,



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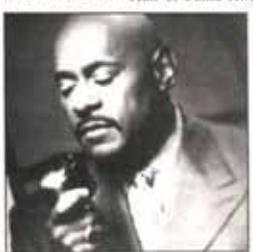
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Gospel Play Starring Patti Labelle

Heavenly Productions, Inc. and K and C Griffin Enterprises, LLC present a gospel play, "The Heavenly Bound Train" starring legendary artist and a two-time Grammy award winner, Patti LaBelle.

This play will be presented on January 14 and 15. It will be performed at The Potter's House located at 6777 W. Kiest Blvd in Dallas with three shows scheduled. Performances times are Friday evening at 8:00 pm, Saturday afternoon at 3:00 pm and Saturday evening at 8:00 pm., with doors opening one hour prior to each show start time.

The play is written and produced by Mr. LeGene Brooks of Lubbock. Mr. Brooks is CEO and founder of Heavenly Productions, Inc. He has written and produced plays that have been performed in Lubbock, Texas; Colorado



and C Griffin Enterprises, LLC of Atlanta, Georgia. Mr. Griffin is a longtime entertainer producer and

promoter in the Atlanta area. Mr. Brooks and Mr. Griffin have teamed together on other projects to bring great entertainment to cities throughout the south and southeast area.

There will be soul touching music presented by Ms. Patti LaBelle in "The Heavenly Bound Train" a contemporary comedy that is abstract and symbolic in nature. After several years, many viewers are still requesting an encore of the "Heavenly Bound Train" musical drama. It's great entertainment for the entire family to enjoy.

Tickets may be purchased through Ticketmaster at www.ticketmaster.com or by phone at 214-373-8000.

Tickets are also available at The Potter's House or by phone at 214-331-0954.

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Car Review

2005 Lincoln Town Car

By E. Dwayne Gibson Jr.

The Signature 2005 Lincoln Town Car comes with a host of advanced features: the Extended Rear Park Assist - In Reverse, the system uses both radar and ultrasonic sensors to assess and alert the driver when certain objects directly behind the vehicle are within 15 feet, with disable switch.

The Personal Safety System™ - dual-stage driver and right-front passenger airbags, front crash severity sensor, front-passenger seat occupant

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Standard safety features include the Smartlock™ Vehicle Anti-lockout and the SecuriLock® vehicle anti-theft via alarm and engine immobilizer.

The Town Car comfortably seats six. It is powered by a 4.6 Liter, V8 engine with horsepower of 239 and torque of 287. The combined fuel economy is 21 mpg and the base price is \$41,875.

energy-management safety belt retractors.

The Remote Keyless-Entry System is two key fobs with

Chronology of

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Life

1929 • Born on at noon on January 15, 1929.

• Parents: The Reverend and Mrs. Martin Luther King, Sr.; House 201 Auburn Avenue, N.E., Atlanta, Georgia.

1944 • Graduated from Morehouse T. Washington High School and was admitted to Morehouse College at the age of 15.

1945 • Graduate from Morehouse College and enters Crozer Theological Seminary.

• Ordained to the Baptist ministry, February 25, 1948, at the age 19.

1947 • Enters Boston University for graduate studies.

1948 • Marries Coretta Scott and settles in Montgomery, Alabama.

1952 • Received Doctorate of Philosophy in systematic Theology from Boston University, Boston, Massachusetts on June 5, 1955.

• Dissertation Title: A Comparison of God in the Thinking of Paul Tillich and Henry Nelson Wieman.

• Back to his home when Paul Tillich was invited to December 1. On December 6, he is elected president of the Montgomery Improvement Association, making him the official spokesman for the boycott.

1956 • On November 13, the Southern Christian Leadership Conference begins its bus segregation and achieve civil rights. On May 17, Dr. King speaks to a crowd of 15,000 in Washington, D.C.

1958 • The U.S. Congress passes the first Civil Rights Act since Reconstruction; King's first book, *Gandhi's Truth*, is published.

• On a speaking tour, Martin Luther King, Jr. is nearly killed when assassinated by an assassin in Atlanta. At 7:00 p.m. President Dwight D. Eisenhower, along with Sen. William A. Philip Randolph, and Louis Gravel on problems affecting black Americans.

1959 • Visited India to study Mahatma Gandhi's philosophy of nonviolence.

• Returns from joining the Denver Avenue Baptist Church in concentrate on civil rights full time. He moved to Atlanta to direct the activities of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference.

1960 • becomes co-pastor with his father at the Ebenezer Baptist Church in Atlanta, Georgia.

• March, organizer of an boycott in Greensboro, North Carolina. In Atlanta, King is arrested during a sit-in, waiting to be served at a restaurant. He is sentenced to four months in jail, but after intervention by John Kennedy and Robert Kennedy, he is released.

Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee founded to coordinate groups of Black Christians, Raleigh, North Carolina.

1961 • In November, the Supreme

Court of Appeals in Atlanta rules in favor of Martin Luther King, Jr. and the Freedom Riders.

• Congress of Racial Equality (CORE) begins first Freedom Ride through the South, in a Greyhound bus, after the U.S. Supreme Court issued injunctions against interstate transportation.

1962 • During the unsuccessful Albany, Georgia, movement, King is arrested on July 27 and jailed.

1963 • On Good Friday, April 12, King is arrested with Ralph Abernathy by Police Commissioner Eugene "Bull" Connor for demonstrating without a permit.

• On April 13, the Birmingham campaign is launched. This would prove to be the turning point in the war of segregation in the South.

• During the eleven days he spent in jail, MLK writes his famous *Letter from Birmingham Jail*.

• On May 10, the Birmingham agreement is announced. The stores, restaurants and schools will be desegregated, hiring of blacks implemented, and charges dropped.

• On June 25, MLK leads a march that ends in victory. This was the first time one of his events had turned violent.

• Delivered *Free Speech in the Mountaintop speech*.

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• Dr. King marches in support of sanitation workers on strike in Memphis, Tennessee.

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• There are riots and disturbances in 160 American cities. There were many burned homes.

• King's funeral on April 16 is an international event.

• Within a week of the assassination, the Open Housing Act is passed by Congress.

1964 • On November 2, a national holiday is proclaimed in King's honor.

• In 1964, the Nobel Peace Prize on December 10. Dr. King is the younger person to be awarded the Nobel Peace Prize for Peace at 35 years old.

1965 • On February 1, King is arrested in Selma, Alabama during a voting rights demonstration.

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• On April 5, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Headstone included in services package. Suggested Activities for Libraries and Schools, Library Media Centers, presented by the National Library Information Center. 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START A NEW YEAR WITH A NEW ATTITUDE

Those of us who are alive need to know that we are at the mercy of the "Lila Givin". The time that we have been given should not be spent on trying to preserve this life, but fulfilling the purpose for which we were created.

This is the start of a "New Year" you can learn from mistakes that were made last year to make positive changes in your life from this day forward. You will be happier and so will those around you, because—

Life is short no matter how long we live, so use it wisely. Life never seems to be enough no matter how long one gets to live. I have never heard anyone (in the right frame of mind) say, "Ninety years is enough living for me, so I will just die now!"

U.S.A.L.Y., people just don't speak like that when it comes to their life. Generally, everybody wants to live to that ripe old age, and if we (only) had to say in how long we should say, we would all shout, "Forever". It's true most of us love life! What do we know about this thing we hold so dear?

• It's a gift from God

• It's too early to keep it can be taken away at any time

• It can be worthless or worthless (it depends on the individual)

Picture of the Week
(L to R): Elease Jones, Vickie Evans, Annie Pearl Williams,
Ova Roberts and Elvad Dennis Avery

Knowing that we all must go the way of the flesh, should hasten our resolve (especially now, a "New Year") to put things in perspective. Some of the questions you should be asking are, "What have I done with my life? What do I want to do with the rest of my life?"

If this was your name to die, would your life be celebrated or mourned? You are the one who will say the last of your life story plays out. Will it be

WORTHWHILE

WORTHLESS, the choice is certainly yours to make.
WE MAY NOT ALWAYS REALIZE:

We may not always realize that everything we do, affects not only our lives, but also others, too!

For a little bit of thoughtfulness

that shows someone you care creates a ray of sunshine for both of you to share.

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Blackonomics
Special Part 1

Integration - Why did churches get a pass?

By James Clingspurn
NNPA Columnist

If integration was such a great thing, it was the "right thing to do," if it was good for the country, if it was such a Godly thing to do, why did we demand and fight for integration in every aspect of this society except the church? Why didn't we leave our churches, the way we left our businesses and schools, in favor of what would be "right?"

Considering that Sunday, the most segregated day in America, you would think those who believe that God wants us all to "love" would have fought for integration in the churches as well as restaurants, theaters, restaurants, and where business.

I recall a quote by Walter Lomax, who said, "The only way integration can work is if it's an integration of equals... everybody brings something to the table... everybody is important." Considering that Sunday, the most segregated day in America, you would think those who believe that God wants us all to "love" would have fought for integration in the churches as well as restaurants, theaters, restaurants, and where business.

That someone could also be named as a "little saint" according to Brother Lomax, So it makes sense that if Black folks had matched White folks, church-for-church, integration may have resulted in more progress than it has.

The irony of integration, taught by White and Blacks, is that most of those on the Black team were Biblical Christians, church-going, Christians who loved their fellow man and wanted to do what was right in the sight of God. I am sure there were lots of other religious persuasions who insisted for "equal access," right along with the Christians, they marched for equal access in everything except church.

Could this have been the epiphany that Malcolm X experienced when he visited Mecca? I don't know.

Could it be that church folks who fought for integration were not going to let the religious love of denominationalism? Could it be that they ignored the "real" Lord's Prayer to John 17, especially the part where Jesus says that we all may be "one."

Could it be that Black folks who fought for integration wanted to build on their business of control and authority and the money that flowed through those坐位? I don't know.

How could Black leaders stand by and watch as Black folks threatened our economic resources for the right to support those owned by others? How could they have acquiesced to teachers who taught Black children to grow up and go to church, that children? How could they have acquiesced to Black leaders that Sunday, the most segregated day in America, who would think those who believe that God wants us all to "love" would have fought for integration in the churches as well as restaurants, theaters, restaurants, and where business.

I say again by Walter Lomax, who said, "The only way integration can work is if it's an integration of equals... everybody brings something to the table... everybody is important." Considering that Sunday, the most segregated day in America, you would think those who believe that God wants us all to "love" would have fought for integration in the churches as well as restaurants, theaters, restaurants, and where business.

And yet, the first opportunity for African Americans to eat authority and have their own share, "Overlook" or "House Negro," was in the church. As long as he could control it, he made "allowances" for the predators, dominos, and vultures. I suppose that is why in "the church" it was easier to make up rules than to change what integration called around.

Why didn't we demand equal access to all churches, White and Black? I don't know.

And what about White people? Were they culpable in the integration process? Did they also close the door at the front door of their church buildings when they disengaged from them? Did they not get to go to church with them? Or did they see an opportunity to create their own little mini-gospel group, as Cleveland Anderson calls it?

Could they have known Blacks would not be as accomodating as all we seemed to be? "Performing" assets favored by their leaders! I don't know.

Did they know we would follow them from neighborhood to neighborhood and beat their old church buildings when they disengaged from them? Did they know that each time we looked up one of their properties, we would have to borrow their money to buy books to purchase what we wanted?

Was White willing to bring their church assets to the integration table? Were they only interested in acquisitions rather than mergers? I don't know.

Think about it. How many White ministers and congregants are under the authority of Black leadership? How many Black ministers and congregants are under the authority of White leadership?

How many Whites attend Black Christian schools versus the number of Blacks who attend White Christian schools? If any integration existed at all in church institutions, it was Black folks who added to White religious authority and dominance. In my opinion, I think church, rather than the reverse. My first one reason for the loss of Black control and separated Christian schools and why they still exist struggle so hard for financial stability.

If you're interested in reading about our response to this rule, get a book titled, *His Hand and Heals*. The birth and wisdom of Marshall Keeble, the Willie Cole, a White minister, who set under the authority and teaching of Marshall Keeble, a Black minister, during the integration process. It is a remarkable pageant in this country. Considered over just as a result of Keeble's teaching and authority.

We will explore this issue further in part two of this article. I don't know all the answers, but I sure can see the results of what has been, in my opinion, a terrible mistake by church-going Whites and Blacks. Oh, was it intentional? I don't know.

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Church Happenings

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SAINT MARK MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

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January 31 –

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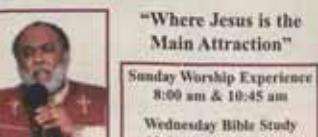
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